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Citizen committee adds 3 more rail options

New plans may aid — or delay — decision on separation of tracks from roads
by Gennady Sheyner

When Palo Alto established a new citizens committee last year to help guide the city to a decision on redesigning its rail crossings, the goal was to shrink the menu of options and arrive at a preferred alternative by this spring. Since then, the 14-member Expanded Community Advisory Committee (XCAP) has been regularly meeting to debate the merits of each option, parse traffic data and pepper consultants with technical questions. But much like the committee itself, which replaced a smaller group known as the Community Advisory Committee, the list of options has not shrunk but rather expanded.

“The city’s unpredictable and ever-evolving planning process for grade separation — the reconfiguration of rail crossings so that tracks do not intersect with streets — will return to the spotlight on Tuesday, when the City Council hears an update from the Expanded Community Advisory Committee. And much like the committee, council members will have to find a balance between two competing goals: their desire to meet the city’s deadline and their wish to find the perfect solution for what is often referred to as the largest infrastructure project in Palo Alto’s history.

Even though the council has been gradually narrowing down its grade-separation options over the past two years (the number has gone from 36 to seven), since November, XCAP has been discussing three new design alternatives for grade separation, each proposed by citizen volunteers.

On Dec. 18, the committee voted to recommend adding all three options to the council’s list of seven, which includes two concepts for Churchill Avenue (the closure of the street to traffic near the

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Families want Palo Alto schools to offer Hindi
School district says it’s complicated

A rabbi Sundararajan’s daughter, a Gunn High School freshman, travels to a Hindi school in Fremont every Sunday for a three-hour course in the language she’s been learning since kindergarten.

It’s an investment in time and money that the family, which speaks Hindi at home, has decided to make. But they shouldn’t have to, Sundararajan believes.

She’s part of a group of passionate parents who have revived a yearslong campaign to push the Palo Alto Unified School District to offer Hindi as a world language at its two high schools. Several spoke at a December school board meeting, arguing that Hindi is a global language, spoken by millions of people, that both Indian and non-Indian students should be able to learn at their public high schools.

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— Arbab Sundararajan, Palo Alto parent, on adding Hindi to school curriculum. See story on page 5.

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The opportunity to add Hindi as a world language for the next school year has passed, given the district’s requirement that new course proposals be submitted by November. (Typically individual teachers or schools, not parents, propose new courses, according to the district.) But the parents are still eager to work with the school district and have offered to serve as an informal task force that could help the district navigate potential roadblocks to offering Hindi.

The campaign to include Hindi as a language at the public schools stretches back to 2015, when a Palo Alto father whose children were attending the same Hindi school in Fremont, Madhu Bhasha Kendra, unsuccessfully pushed for a district program. Sundararajan picked his effort up again two years later, launching an online petition that gathered close to 400 signatures.

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Gunn’s language department now offers classes in French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. Palo Alto High School students can take American Sign Language, French, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish.

From the district’s perspective, adding a new language is complex, especially without a teacher to champion it. Superintendent Don Austin wrote to the parents in December that “the hurdles at this point in time are too large to consider the addition of an entire program.”

Language courses require sufficient demand be sustained over time and a reallocation of staff and students, he told the Weekly.

“A common rule of thumb is that adding languages requires at least two sections at the entry level to have a chance of sustainability in the future due to natural attrition. If an entry level course begins with one small section, the numbers only diminish over the years,” he wrote in an email to the Weekly. “This leads to level 3 and 4 courses that may not have enough students to run, creating difficult decisions about the school district’s obligation to provide a full sequence for students.”

The district would also have to hire a credentialed teacher “with no chance of filling a five-period schedule,” he said.

Austin also noted that the parent advocacy is based at Gunn, and “Paly has not weighed in on the conversation and has not expressed an interest.” He said that the district is looking at more ways to accept credit for courses offered outside the district.

The parents, however, have been undeterred by Austin’s response and are heartened that the district is engaging with them after years of minimal to no response. They are asking the district to work with them transparently and remain open to finding solutions to challenges rather than shutting the process down.

“We don’t want to just be told that it cannot be done,” Sundararajan said. “That transparency has to be there from the beginning. We don’t want a repeat of 2015 and 2017. Everybody has very limited time and energy. Generations are just going without reaping the benefit of something.”

Parent Pallavi Jagasia encouraged the district to “think outside of the box” and seize the opportunity to offer a language that most other public schools in the area don’t.

“We understand the district has standard operating processes for how courses are added,” she said. “We would like to see the district and board think like a pioneer.”

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Downtown targeted as ‘development area’
In a bid to boost development around the city’s main transit hub through state funding, the Palo Alto City Council approved designating the downtown area as its preferred location for growth on Monday. *(Posted Jan. 14, 5:09 p.m.)*

Palo Alto eases rules for ‘granny units’
Prodded by new state laws, the Palo Alto City Council voted Monday to further relax local rules pertaining to accessory dwelling units, which are starting to proliferate around the city. *(Posted Jan. 14, 2:09 p.m.)*

Acrimony breaks out on commission
A Palo Alto Human Relations Commission deliberation to select a new chair and vice chair turned acrid on Jan. 9, with two members of the commission saying they felt they were being targeted. *(Posted Jan. 13, 3:54 p.m.)*

Women arrested for Stanford thefts
Four women seen with arms full of clothing and shoes from the Macy’s department store at Stanford Shopping Center were arrested Sunday after officers found them with nearly $5,000 worth of merchandise stolen from various retailers, according to the Palo Alto Police Department. *(Posted Jan. 13, 3:54 p.m.)*

Mylar balloon causes power outage
Power went out in the Barron Park area of Palo Alto around 1 p.m. Sunday after a Mylar balloon hit utility wires. About 2,500 customers were impacted, according to a tweet from Palo Alto Utilities. *(Posted Jan. 13, 1:27 p.m.)*

Safeway hit by armed robbers
Three people stole drugs from the Safeway grocery store pharmacy in an armed robbery in Palo Alto’s Midtown neighborhood early morning on Friday, Jan. 10, according to police. On Monday, a local nonprofit offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. *(Posted Jan. 10, 7:35 a.m.)*

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Vehicle dwellers

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solution to this problem, we can’t overlook the short-term needs of those in our community,” Koritzinsky said.

The synagogue’s parking lot is about 50 yards long and half as wide, bordered by Alma on the front and houses at the back. While there are a few trees lining the front, parked cars are visible from the street.

“So far, we haven’t heard anything from our neighbors, and we plan on placing the four spaces away from the neighbors to not disturb them,” Koritzinsky said.

Schulze said that big concerns for neighbors of Peninsula Bible Church are noise and the potential for these spaces to turn into encampments. Ultimately, it is the fear of the unknown that leads to neighbors’ mixed feelings, he said.

Unlike at the synagogue, the church parking lot is hidden from sight behind the main buildings, connected to Middlefield Road by a narrow driveway. The lot is roughly 100 yards by 25 yards, with trees interspersed throughout and surrounded by tall bushes that block the view of the surrounding houses.

According to Schulze, the church will provide car campers with a safe and consistent space with access to restrooms and other church facilities.

Members of both the synagogue and church advocated for the safe parking program in front of the City Council.

Initially, the council’s Policy and Services Committee had recommended a 90-day limit on safe-parking permits, much to the dismay of program operators and congregations who cited the uncertainty as a reason for them not to participate.

“The uncertainty may prevent them from entering into contractual agreements with safe parking program operators,” a city report states. “Likewise, the uncertainty may deter congregations, or program operators may not make necessary investments to begin the program. Finally, donors and grantors may be reluctant to provide support for the operators or congregations.”

However, the council approved the pilot program for 18 months to start sometime late February or early spring, by which time it hopes the city will have secured a social services agency as a partner.

In preparation for the program, Schulze told the Weekly that the church plans on holding a neighborhood town hall meeting with other churches along Mid-town as a way to meet with neighbors and talk about the program. Among those congregations, the Highway Palo Alto Committee has pressed an interest in participating.

“I hope this is an opportunity for the community, the city and houses of worship to work and come together to resolve the issue,” Schulze said.

According to Koritzinsky, members of Etz Chayim are supportive, with upwards of two dozen people who voted in favor of the proposal. Member Lisa Ratner had advocated for the program and is hopeful that it will be successful.

Ratner is part of a social action initiative called tikkun olam, meaning “repair of the world by acting constructively and beneficially.” The group chose to focus on the vehicle-parking issue as a way to help locally.

“We’re confident by what we’ve seen with Move Mountain View that this program can provide the resources people in our community need,” Ratner said, referring to the nonprofit the city is addressing the issue in that city.

Move Mountain View partners with the Community Services Agency, which provides the support and resources to help people find permanent housing.

“We believe it’s a basic right to have a safe and decent place to live, which these people don’t,” Ratner said. “I would like to see Palo Alto and neighboring cities make a greater effort to build more affordable housing and address the underlying issue.”

The genesis of the program came from council members Tom DuBois and Lydia Kou, who proposed looking at large, city-owned sites and exploring the willingness of commercial property owners to let vehicle dwellers park on their lots.

The program approved Monday doesn’t go nearly as far as the council members’ memo recommended, however. Some members of the public on Monday urged the council to take it further.

Resident Trina Lovercheck noted that many church lots can accommodate far more than four vehicles.

“If religious institutions have to go to the expense of putting in toilets and a sink, that’s a big commitment on their part,” Lovercheck told the council. “For it to only accommodate four people seems to me to be a waste.”

Schulze said Monday that members of his congregation have expressed a preference for a four-car limit, as well as for passenger vehicles over RVs. Even so, his church looks forward to seeing how the program unfolds.

“As a congregation, we’re open to what this would look like,” Schulze said.

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tracks and a train viaduct), three for Charleston Road and Meadow Drive (a ‘tunnel at grade’ design in which the train is slightly raised and the road slightly lowered; and a ‘reverse hybrid’, in which a raised road goes over lowered train tracks); and two involving tunnels in south Palo Alto.

Expanding the list of options would come at a cost. The city previously estimated that fully analyzing and providing a video simulation for each alternative would cost $250 million in grade-separation funding from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

However, XCAP members believe that the three new ideas deserve at least some additional analysis.

One idea, proposed by Southgate neighborhood resident Mike Price, focuses on the Churchill Avenue grade crossing, which has been subject to debate among residents of Southgate, Professorville and north Old Palo Alto. It is, in some ways, a response to the fact that two of the three Churchill alternatives on the table are particularly popular. The option of closing Churchill has been heavily criticized by residents around Embarcadero Road, who argue that the closure would steer more traffic toward Embarcadero Avenue. The alternative of maintaining the current intersection at Churchill and Alma, meanwhile, has been met with resistance from residents who want to turn right onto Alma.

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Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the Palo Alto Unified School District for bid package:

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There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid conference and site visit at 10:00 a.m. on January 28, 2020 starting at the Districts Facilities office located at 25 Churchill Ave. Building D, Palo Alto, California.

Bid Submission: Proposals must be received at the District Facilities Office building D, by 10:00 a.m. on February 11, 2020. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors’ licensees: as appropriate for this scope of work. In addition, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code. Bonding required for this project is as follows: Bid Bond 10% of the total bid. Performance Bond to be 100%, Payment Bond to be 100%.

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All questions can be addressed to: Palo Alto Unified School District 25 Churchill Avenue, Building D Palo Alto, CA 94306-1099 Attn: Ron Smith Fax: 650-327-5887 Phone: (650) 329-3927
Eva Denise Cohen

Eva Denise Cohen, artist and designer, died unexpectedly from complications of pneumonia and sepsis on Dec. 31. She was 54.

Born in Michigan in 1965, her family moved to Palo Alto when her father, Dr. Albert Cohen, joined Stanford University’s music department faculty in 1973. She attended Stanford’s Lucille M. Nixon Elementary School, Terman and Wilbur junior high schools and Henry M. Gunn High School.

At the University of Oregon she studied fine art and at Parsons School of Design in New York City she studied design. She earned a master of fine arts in visual communication from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She then returned to the Bay Area living in Oakland and Berkeley and working as a graphic designer. In 2003, she joined the faculty at Diablo Valley College to teach design and typography.

She met her husband, Steve Holtzman, in 2002. Their son, Theo Holtzman of Berkeley, is close with her stepchildren, Marika Holtzman and Debbie Gilman of Berkeley; and many relatives and friends.

She hired, biked and swam. She was a relentless mover — a yogi and a triathlete. Most recently, she was a member of the Claremont Streamliners swim team.

Her father also died on Dec. 31, in the same hour.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Holtzman of Berkeley; son, Theo Holtzman of Berkeley; stepchildren, Marika Holtzman Hodge of Knoxville and Alex Holtzman of Eastlake, Ohio; mother, Betty Cohen of Stanford; brother and sister-in-law, Stefan Cohen and Debbie Gilman of Berkeley; and many relatives and friends.

Amy Chern Chih-Shang Hsi

Palo Alto resident Amy Chern Chih-Shang Hsi, 74, a heart attack on Jan. 5. She was 84.

Born on Nov. 24, 1935, in Taiwan, she attended the National Taipei Institute of Technology as one of the first cohorts of women to enter the school and majored in mining and metallurgical engineering. She then worked briefly in the mining industry before immigrating to the United States in 1961 to be with her husband, Huey Rong Hsi, a materials and metallurgical engineer for the rocket industry in Eastlake, Ohio.

The Yerba Buena Island State Park is a nature preserve that attracts visitors year-round. Hsi enjoyed water sports and spending time with her three children and five grandchildren.

John F. Coyle

John “Jack” Coyle, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, passed away in his home on January 12, 2020. Jack was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA; he attended Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

Jack enjoyed a successful career with New York Life for over 50 years and was a lifetime member of The Million Dollar Round Table.

Jack was an avid supporter of Stanford University football and basketball. He loved spending time at his country home in Rubicon Bay, being on his boat and music.

Jack is survived by second cousins Robert, Ann and Jean Shannon, Susan, Kathy (David), and Connie (Pedenzen) Grier, Lynda (Elsea), Michael, Peggy (Lepiane) and Trisha Shannon, Joan (Blynn), Jeffrey and Richard La Fleur, Leo Jr., and Marie Shannon; he is preceded by first cousins John Shannon, Mary Grier, Joseph Shannon, Lynn La Fleur and Leo Shannon.

Visitation will take place in the large chapel at Alta Mesa Memorial Park (695 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto) on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Palo Alto on January 29, 2020 at 10 a.m. with interment to immediately follow at Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

John will be laid to rest next to his beloved mother, Florence, at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, California.
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Editorial

A baby step on homelessness

But does new Palo Alto pilot program create too many obstacles to succeed?

No one in Palo Alto, our neighboring cities or throughout most of California is unaware of the disturbing rise in homelessness. It stares us in the face as we walk downtown, visit parks and, in recent years, drive on El Camino Real and many other city streets.

The latest and growing form of homelessness — people who are living out of cars and RVs and are generally employed but unable to afford housing — has garnered a great deal of attention because it creates a disconcerting sight and is raising significant community anxiety about the quality of life in our city. We need to ensure our city is safe and clean and that we are hospitable to one another.

We encourage the City Council to adopt this week as needed to ensure its success so it can be considered a long-term solution to the long-term problem of homelessness in our city. It takes courage and political leadership to design solutions to problems that might create controversy or divisiveness in the community. The faith community and social service agencies have long been leading the way on the issue of homelessness in Palo Alto, quietly taking in and feeding the homeless on a rotating basis.

But addressing this problem cannot be left to churches, and regulations must not make implementation so difficult it discourages action. We hope the City Council will quickly expand and modify the program adopted this week as needed to ensure its success so it is more than tokenism.

Save Byxbee Park

Editor.

Byxbee Park’s tranquil baylands give us stunning views, a crucial source of wildlife, accessible recreational opportunities and more.

The Weekly wrote that in 2011, “Palo Alto’s environmentalists split into two camps over whether a site near the Baylands should be used to build a waste-to-energy plant or conserve as open space.” The battle culminated in Measure E, a November election in which proponents of the plant prevailed, resulting in the city setting aside 10 acres for a possible facility — with the city now considering building a recycled-water plant at the site.

As city officials and others ponder a new ballot measure that might develop the 10 acres of previously dedicated parkland, despite Palo Alto’s growing population and the known benefits of parkland for environmental and human health, all should be asking: “Where else might a recycled-water plant go that would not be so detrimental to the long-planned development of this park?”

The 2011 campaign in favor of Measure E was crafted by anaerobic-digestion-facility proponents. Since then, their arguments have become moot, the plant was never built, and by law, the 10 acres could soon revert back to sustainable and valuable parkland.

Instead, some in the city government are seeking to use this parcel earmarked by Measure E for an anaerobic facility for a recycled-water plant, which would require a new ballot proposition. Residents should be aware that we are talking about a long-promised parkland that is being considered for this new idea, and not just a random parcel of the current sewage treatment plant site.

Byxbee Park deserves the support of residents and Palo Alto’s leaders to achieve its most sustainable and productive purpose. We encourage the City Council to re-dedicate the 10 acres to parkland.

Carol Muller and Al Henning

Beautiful lands and waters

Editor.

I have lived in or near Palo Alto for over half my life. I’ve visited the Baylands and Shoreline Park many times. On New Year’s Day, I explored the full extent of the hilly Byxbee Park in the Palo
Guest Opinion

Why not try ideas that work?

by Asher Waldfogel

E ver wondered why little progress has been made on housing in the last few years? Our Comprehensive Plan has a goal to build 300 housing units per year. That’s 3,000 housing units over the next 10 years. How do we get there?

The short answer is we need approaches that work financially and at scale. We’ll never get to 3,000 units one, two or even 10 at a time. Without proper tools to analyze costs, we’ll continue to chase enthusiasms that barely work and don’t scale.

The first housing enthusiasm I saw four years ago on the Planning and Transportation Commission was accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Promoted as a tool to create affordable housing, they’re an incredibly inefficient way to build. Why? Because even small units have a kitchen, a bath, windows, doors and site prep including expensive utility trenching.

All this adds up and is compounded by first-time developers (homeowners) with no expertise and no access to financing except home equity loans. The problem is less about city fees and more about no approach to building costs, we’ll continue to chase enthusiasms that barely work and don’t scale.

Next enthusiasm: Downtown Housing Incentives. Some people had a theory that density limits and parking standards were the problem. We increased density and reduced parking standards in the downtown district. The response from housing developers? Crickets. Why? Because the City Council removed the downtown office cap, and at $10/feet, tech office space is still more profitable than housing.

For those who believe building height is the answer, developers talk about a “U-curve” for building costs relative to height. Cost per unit goes down until a certain point and then goes up again as the building code requires more complex construction.

Our current 50-foot height limit is not at the bottom of the U-curve, but rather is 150 feet. Multi-family developers report that four floors of wood construction above a two-floor concrete podium yields the lowest cost per unit. That’s roughly 70 feet.

As for parking, it’s true that parking spaces cost money, but we need to look at our neighborhoods near Downtown and California Avenue don’t become facto parking lots for underparked buildings. Additional height for residential buildings with ground floor retail and inclusionary below-market-rate units is a direction we should explore in districts that are not adjacent to existing low-rise residential.

It’s vital that we identify prime redevelopment districts if we want to meet our Comp Plan goals. Through districts, the city can run time-consuming state-mandated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reviews just once. We can plan and pay for impacts in districts. We need to quickly to identify which districts have parcels and developers ready, willing and able to act at scale, and move aggressively to prioritize development in those districts.

The San Francisco Planning Commission reports that 75% of the city’s new housing units are in the SOMA and Downtown districts. Their big successes are large buildings on large lots and repurposed commercial and industrial districts while San Francisco’s traditional residential districts have produced very few units.

In the Palo Alto context, our opportunities are North Ventura/Fry’s, Stanford Research Park and the San Antonio corridor. Nothing will happen in Ventura until the major property owner, Sobrato, decides what it’s willing to do, and nothing will happen in the Research Park except what Stanford agrees to do. That leaves San Antonio, close to the Googleplex and the San Antonio Caltrain station, as an opportunity.

The most difficult nut to crack is transportation. Big Tech employers are spread around the region far from public transit: Oracle in Redwood City, Facebook in Menlo Park, Google in Mountain View, Apple in Cupertino, Netflix in Los Gatos and Cisco in North San Jose.

Individuals in the Bay Area have responded by owning more cars and driving more. Caltrain’s best idea to fund its service-regraded “Vision 2040” is with a regressive regional sales tax.

The bottom line is need to develop financial feasible policies to mitigate Big Tech regional impacts and make sure the businesses pay their way. Each tech company benefits from having other tech companies nearby (22% productivity gain in Silicon Valley, according to a recent National Bureau of Economic Research study authored by Enrico Moretti, a UC Berkeley economist). Local governments are left with limited tools to recover impact costs.

It’s easy for Big Tech to support regional sales taxes when their software and services are exempt from sales tax. More importantly, Big Tech needs to pay its fair share of regional growth costs, estimated to exceed $100 billion just for transportation and housing. Locally, funding for grade separation of the railroad tracks and affordable housing are urgent needs. A serious business tax is a modest step forward.

None of this addresses Bay Area construction costs that are now the highest in the country, driven by the demand for Big Tech office construction. Nor does it address Sacramento’s addiction to Big Tech income tax revenue that doesn’t return to our region.

Here’s hoping our council gets more focused on financing feasibility, less caught up in NIMBY-Shaming, and tasks the Planning and Transportation Commission and planning staff to focus on financially feasible initiatives rather than ratify enthusiasms that don’t work.

Asher Waldfogel is a Palo Alto resident, tech serial entrepreneur and former member of both the Utilities Advisory and Planning and Transportation commissions. He can be reached at asher@ideasthatwork.ai.
A great egret wades in the tide looking for water crustaceans to feed on at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve on Jan. 12.
Shorebirds take advantage of the extremely low sea level following a king tide to look for food along the mudbank at Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve on Jan. 13.

Palo Alto naturalist Corinne DeBra explains what the surrounding area would look like if the tide was low during a special guided tour at Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve focused on how king tides impact the San Francisco Bay.

A rare Ridgway’s rail pops its head out from under some pickleweed during high tide in the marsh at the Palo Alto Nature Preserve Baylands on Jan. 12. According to Palo Alto naturalist Corinne DeBra, the species is threatened because the birds do not fly well and their eggs do not camouflage well in the pickleweed marsh.

On the left: Visitors observe a 9-foot-high tide covering the bank along a path at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve during a king tide. On the right: The bay’s water level becomes extremely low after the king tide recedes, revealing a mudbank and plants on Jan. 13. “King tides” are an informal term to describe the highest and lowest tides during the year. They occur during the winter when the Earth, moon and sun are aligned and closest to one another in their orbits. Typically the moon has a larger impact on tides than the sun. This is why monthly high tides, also called “spring tides,” occur during a full or new moon, when the moon is closest to Earth. The extra gravitational force exerted by the sun when the Earth is closest to it during the winter results in an even greater tidal range, said Palo Alto naturalist Corinne DeBra.

A group of visitors walks past a higher-than-normal sea level that nearly reaches the road at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve during a king tide on Jan. 12. The tidal phenomenon pushed the tide to about 9 feet, or two feet higher than usual.
Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Karla Kane

Torvald’s ‘little skylark’ returns in ‘A Doll’s House, Part 2’

Palo Alto Players production offers Lucas Hnath’s update to Ibsen’s ‘feminist moment’

by John Orr

The final line of Henrik Ibsen’s “A Doll’s House” is a stage direction: “The sound of a door shutting is heard from below.” That informs Torvald Helmer that his wife Nora — his “little skylark, his dock” — has left him, and their three children.

The character is shocked, audiences at its premiere were shocked, and at least one prominent actress refused to perform in the play when it got to Germany because, she said, she would never leave her own children.

But performances sold out in 1879 Copenhagen for what was an “awesomely feminist moment,” as actress Gabriella Grier put it, in a recent phone interview.

“It was banned in Europe sometimes. That a woman would leave her family was too crazy and provocative at the time,” she said.

Grier is playing Nora in “A Doll’s House, Part 2,” by Lucas Hnath, which begins with Nora coming back through the door she slammed. “What she needs, I don’t want to share,” she said.

Lo loves to let his audience enjoy a play’s “revels” — those “Aha!” moments. “So, we expect something good from this play as well. In his day job, Lo is casting director at TheaterWorks Silicon Valley. “I really wanted to work on this play,” said Grier, who grew up in Palo Alto before going to Barnard College and the Juilliard School, then returned to the Peninsula, where her day job is in the advancement office at Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough.

“It’s just a fascinating exploration of reality and the fantasies about how we wish our lives could go ... we want Nora to find her own voice. Really, her family doesn’t see her as a real person. But, what is the cost? She left her children, she left her husband. “What’s interesting is you get to see Herr Torvald’s perspective. In his world, he was doing all the right things. For her to just leave, you see how devastating that was to him.”

Lo is well pleased with Grier’s work as Nora.

“She’s just a real strong, classically trained actor,” Lo said. “She auditioned with me, and I was very amazing. In rehearsal, we found her mind and mine work the same. We are kindred spirits, finding big meanings in small words.”

Good acoustics: A Q&A with Kaki King

Acclaimed composer/guitarist to offer free performance at CSMA this weekend

by Karla Kane

Kaki King is a guitarist, composer and producer known for her virtuosic and inventive acoustic guitar compositions, showcased in her multiple albums of original music, plus scores for films (including the Golden Globe-nominated score for “Into the Wild”). King will offer a free concert at the Community School of Music and Arts (30 San Antonio Circle Mountain View,) on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. In a recent phone interview with the Weekly, King discussed her musical career and upcoming show.

PAW: Your music, while obviously guitar-based, involves a lot of percussive elements. How have you developed your unique style over the years?

KK: I’ve been the only person on stage a lot of the years, so I’ve developed techniques that help fill in whatever the ear thinks is missing.

PAW: Are there any stereotypes or misconceptions you’ve had to fight against as a guitar player, composer and/or artist?

KK: Misconceptions are a result of stereotypes, and I’ve definitely had to fight that a lot. Mostly it’s when I show up with a guitar case, an acoustic guitar no less, and I’m given no respect until I start playing, and then whatever sound person or crew member I’m dealing with suddenly has my attention and takes me seriously. The problem is that I should be taken seriously no matter what. Everyone should.

PAW: Who are a few of your own musical heroes?

KK: I like Nick Drake and PJ Harvey. Anyone who is British and inscrutable gets a check in my book. I gravitate toward Russian composers — Tchai-kovsky, Prokofiev, Stravinsky, etc. These days, I listen to Lizzo really really loudly and hope my kids don’t pick up too many curse words.

PAW: When composing instruments, how does the piece serve to express your thoughts and feelings, to act as your “voice,” as it were?

KK: My songs aren’t meant to mean anything. They often come from a place of inspiration for me personally, but just as often they come from seemingly nowhere. I’m not trying to get any meaning across. I just hope that people like to listen to them and maybe the song will knock something loose in their brain that was holding them back.

PAW: What has surprised you over the course of your career thus far?

KK: It’s a miracle that people will still pay money and drive in a car to see a music show. Just think about how many choices people have now, and when they choose that, it’s really an unbelievable honor.

PAW: What can audiences at your Community School of Music and Arts show expect from that specific performance?

KK: I’ll be doing a more traditional solo guitar setup. A lot of things from my catalogue from all the way back to the 90s! But I’m going to add some interesting effects and ways of controlling those effects to see how the guitar reacts. It will sound lovely and I hope everyone has a good time.

More information is available at kakiking.com and artslab.org.

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restaurants have been coming and going at a dizzying rate the last few weeks and are closing within the Midpeninsula, not to mention the news of forthcoming eateries we’re excited about (Ethel’s Fancy in Palo Alto, Tamara going fast-casual in Mountain View, the owner of LV Mar and La Viga opening a street-food concept in Palo Alto). Catch up with our list of the latest local restaurant news.

WHAT’S OPENED

Rooh: Modern Indian food is the name of the game at Rooh, the first Peninsula restaurant for owners who run several Indian restaurants in the U.S. and New Delhi. The restaurant’s calling card is a 13-foot custom wood-fired grill, smoker and tandoori oven setup that churns out Indian restaurants in the U.S. and New York City, opened this nine-seat omakase bar in early January. The seafood comes from Toyosu Market in Tokyo. 312 Arguello St., Redwood City; sushishinredwoodcity.com.

Kakaroto Japanese Restaurant: Kakaroto recently replaced Ngi Sushi in downtown Mountain View. Beyond sushi, there’s donburi, katsu, teriyaki and other Japanese fare. 743 W. Dana St., Mountain View.

Noodle King: Handmade biang biang noodles, Taiwanese popcorn chicken, fried leek dumplings and other Chinese dishes are on the menu at Noodle King, which took over the downtown space vacated by Sweethoney Dessert. 841 Villa St., Mountain View.

Sweet Diplomacy: The owner of this gluten-free bakery uses sweet rice, almond and tapioca flours, alternative sweeteners and coconut oil to make diet-inclusive cupcakes, madeleines, cookies and other baked goods. The 500-square-foot bakery (formerly Cho’s Mandarin Dim Sum) also serves coffee, tea and hot chocolate. 209 1st St., Los Altos; sweetdiplomacy.com.

Sushi Shin: Jason Zhan, a native of China who trained at top sushi restaurants in New York City, opened this nine-seat omakase bar in early January. The seafood comes from Toyosu Market in Tokyo. 312 Arguello St., Redwood City; sushishinredwoodcity.com.

La Stanza Cucina Italiana: Piccolo Ristorante has a new name and new owners. Now La Stanza, the neighborhood Italian restaurant is run by Angelo Cucco and Miguel Prado, according to an OpenTable description. Elio D’Urzo opened Piccolo in 2012. 651 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park; lastanazacucina.com.

WHAT’S CLOSED

Pluto’s: Pluto’s has gone dark after more than 20 years of salads and sandwiches. A sign posted on the door says it is “temporarily closed for a refresh” but it’s not clear when or whether it will reopen. The owner did not respond to an interview request, the restaurant’s phone number is disconnected and its website is no longer operational. 482 University Ave., Palo Alto.

Amber Dhara: In case you missed it, Indian restaurant Amber Dhara closed in late December to make way for Sweet Maple, a San Francisco brunch favorite, opening there this summer. 150 University Ave., Palo Alto.

Sunny Bowl: Korean eatery Sunny Bowl, which served customizable bibimbap bowls since 2009, is no more. 1477 Plymouth St., Suite D, Mountain View.

Crawfish Bros: Will 2020 be the year a concept actually sticks at 124 Castro St? The space has in recent years been an oyster bar, taco eatery, a rebranded tapas restaurant, then Chop & Pab and most recently, Crawfish Bros, which closed in late 2019. 124 Castro St., Mountain View.

Krug Thai: This Thai restaurant closed for good in late 2019. Those who are missing Krug Thai’s food can visit the owners’ other restaurant, New Krung Thai Restaurant, in San Jose. 390 Showers Drive, Mountain View.

Spice Kit: It’s not closed yet, but get your last Spice Kit banh mi and rice bowls in soon. The fast-casual Asian street food eatery is closing in February, according to an employee. 340 California Ave., Palo Alto.

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By Elena Kadvany
A ‘Little Women’ weekend

Two of Hollywood’s most iconic adaptations of Louisa May Alcott’s “Little Women” will be back on the big screen at Stanford Theatre this weekend. Director George Cukor’s 1933 version, which won the Academy Award for Best Writing Adapted Screenplay, and Mervyn LeRoy’s 1949 technicolor version that won the Academy Award for Best Production Design, will run back-to-back Friday, Jan. 17, through Sunday, Jan. 19, afternoon and evening showings. Alcott’s classic 1868 novel about four sisters coming of age during the Civil War has been adapted for the stage, radio, television and film numerous times over the decades, including the feature-film by director Greta Gerwig that was released in December. Cukor’s 1933 RKO Radio Pictures production, which starred Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Jean Parker and Frances Dee as the four March sisters, was the first screen adaptation to include sound. It first played at the Stanford Theatre on Jan. 1, 1934, LeRoy’s 1949 MGM production, which starred Janet Leigh, Elizabeth Taylor (in blonde wig), Margaret O’Brien and June Allyson as the March sisters, first played at Stanford Theatre on May 22, 1949. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for seniors/youth and are available at the box office on the day of the show. The Stanford Theatre is located at 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. For a complete schedule, go to Stanford Theatre or call 650-324-3700.
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TREE PLANTING DAY OF SERVICE ... Help mark the national day of service celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day at a special event hosted by Canopy, Grassroots Ecology, and the city of East Palo Alto on Monday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. East Palo Alto Mayor Regina Wallace-Jones will plant a tree during a ceremony, and then volunteers will plant acorns, saplings and native plants along San Francisco Creek to provide habitat for wildlife and a pleasant community space. Meet at Open Door Church of God, 1108 C’Connor St., East Palo Alto; planting will take place near 103 Daphne Way, about a 1/4 mile away. All ages welcome and no experience required. For more information, contact Michael Hawkins at michael@canopy.org or visit canopy.org.

When the world of pottery collecting by his wife, Judie, who is an authority on English transferware, Judie was active in local antiques fairs and David would assist her.

A final firing, it was ready to sell. Hoexter said that the merchant’s name was placed on top of the glaze, which meant it was not sealed securely. “Often the name of the merchant is fully or partially scratched off, making research into its history more difficult.” He explained that a shop owner might have paid 10 cents per plate in 1909, which would translate to almost $3 today. “That was not an inconsequential cost for a small merchant,” he said.

Hoexter estimates that he has identified 2,600 plates and has created a database that other collectors can refer to. He is active in the Transferware Collectors Club and currently serves as its internet activities administrator.

What was the attraction of the plates to people living in rural America? “Many of these people probably did not have much in the way of worldly goods,” he said, adding, “I think people loved beautiful objects, as we do. And, they were free!”

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Matt Marzano goes in for one of his 22 points in Palo Alto’s 55-42 win over Mountain View. The Vikings play at Homestead on Friday and then visit crosstown rival Gunn on Saturday. Photo by Jenni Hickey.

PREP BASKETBALL

League rivalries on tap for locals
Paly-Gunn, Menlo-SHP, M-A-Sequoia are on the schedule

by Glenn Reeves

ivalry weekend takes over the local basketball landscape on Friday and Saturday with plenty on the line for everybody involved.

Sacred Heart Prep beat visiting Pinewood 59-38 and Menlo School topped host Eastside Prep 60-44 to set up Friday’s showdown between the last two remaining undefeated teams in West Bay Athletic League boys basketball play.

Both teams enter Friday’s 7:30 p.m. contest at Sacred Heart Prep on a four-game winning streak. Both girls teams are also unbeaten in league play. They meet at 6 p.m., also at SHP.

Matt Marzano went for 21 points, hitting 6 of 7 three pointers and making free throws to score a game-high 14 points. Gunn’s team got off to a good start. She scored 10 points in the first quarter and had 14 of Menlo’s first 20 points.

“I was getting a lot of open shots,” Lee said. “My teammates did a great job of feeding me.”

M-A tallied a game-high 20 points. Coco Layton added 12 points for Menlo on four 3-pointers.

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Girls basketball

Menlo School jumped to an early lead and never gave it up at Priory. But it was hardly an easy win.

Priory hung around within striking distance all game but couldn’t ever catch up. Menlo came out on top in the WBL game 47-43 to set up its game with SHP for sole possession of first place.

“I told the girls any road game in the WBL is tough to win,” Menlo coach John Paye said. “Priority battled until the end. It’s a credit to our team that not shooting well we still pulled it out.”

Menlo (12-1, 2-0) also avoided a letdown after its 46-43 win over Pinewood.

“That was a rather emotional game we had Saturday night,” Paye said. “It seems like just yesterday.”

Point guard Avery Lee made sure her team got off to a good start. She scored 10 points in the first quarter and had 14 of Menlo’s first 20 points.

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Malia Latu added 12 points for M-A (7-7, 3-0), who meets visiting Sequoia at 6:15 p.m. Friday. Catharine Chai had 11 points.

Denise Stine scored 14 points to lead SHP past ECP 65-41.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ana Schremp

Menlo-SHP senior Ana Schremp scored 22 points against Menlo-Atherton on Friday night. The Gators improved to 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the West Bay Athletic League.

Shoshi Gevelber

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ON THE AIR

Friday

Men’s and women’s swimming: Pro Series at Knoxville, 3:30 p.m. NBCSN

Saturday

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College men’s basketball: Stanford at Arizona, 7:30 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Sunday

College women’s basketball: Stanford at Oregon State, noon, Pac-12 Networks

NFL football: NFC Championship: Packers at 49ers, 3:30 p.m., KTUW

College women’s gymnastics: Stanford at California, 4 p.m., Pac-12 Networks
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15 Fish eggs
16 Ivy League sch.
17 Game show legend who, in his late 80s, returned to host “Let’s Make a Deal” for a week in 2010
19 Heavy weight, in France
20 Health stat that can be misleading
21 Farm grunt
22 Billboard’s Hot 100 #1 song of 2010 (originally a limited-time free download on Kesha’s MySpace page in 2009)
23 Black Widow portrayer, in tabloids
25 Forest growths
26 Neptune’s home
27 “Good Will Hunting” director Gus Van ___
28 Break down
31 Shareable PC files
34 Veteran actress who got to host “Saturday Night Live” in 2010 after a grassroots campaign
37 Red-headed Disney princess
39 Al game competitor
40 ___ Boogie (“The Nightmare Before Christmas” character)
41 A cappella group formed in 2011 that won NBC’s “The Sing-Off”
44 Part of RPI
45 Do some math
46 Elizabethan collar shape
47 Dorm leaders
49 Regrettable
51 Kind of poster
54 IBM computer that beat two humans on “Jeopardy!” in 2011
56 “___ oughta!”
57 Templeton, in “Charlotte’s Web”
59 “Cast of thousands” films
8 Predatory fish
9 Bifurcate
10 Pig in ___
11 Symbol that’s a lowercase letter split by a vertical line
12 Part of A.D.
13 1,024 bytes, briefly
18 Hair-covering garment
22 Like nanotechnology’s scale
24 It’s on the plus side
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27 Ring setting
29 Songwriter Redding
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56 “Hold up!”
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Down
1 Gyro ingredient, often
2 Smushable items
3 Gin complement
4 Crate contents in “Angry Birds”
5 Friend of Roo and Pooh
6 Brand used in pipes
7 Form of the Sanrio character Gudetama
8 Jovian moon
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