For generations, Stanford Medicine—made up of Stanford Children’s Health, Stanford School of Medicine, and Stanford Health Care—has leveraged its combined power, precision, and innovation to keep our communities safe and healthy. Thank you, Bay Area, for placing your trust in Stanford Medicine.

Today. Tomorrow. Always.

We are here for you.
250 STRATFORD PLACE, LOS ALTOS

$4,298,000 • 5 Bed • 2.5 Bath • 250stratford.com

Lynn North
650.703.6437
DRE 01490039

84 ALMA COURT, LOS ALTOS

$4,198,000 • 4 Bed • 2.5 Bath • 84almact.com

Lynn North
650.703.6437
DRE 01490039

147 WALTER HAYS DRIVE, PALO ALTO

$3,495,000 • 4 Bed • 2 Bath • 147walterhays.com

Aris Miglani
650.804.6942
DRE 01159085

415 WEST DANA ST, DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW

COMING SOON

$1,500,000 • 2 Bed • 1 Bath • torisellsrealestate.com

Tori Atwell
650.996.0123
DRE 00927794

555 BYRON STREET #306, PALO ALTO

PENDING

$1,498,000 • 3 Bed • 3 Bath • 555byron306.com

Jennifer Buenrostro
650.224.9539
DRE 01733750

928 WRIGHT AVE., #401, MOUNTAIN VIEW

Call for Price • 3 Bed • 2 Bath • thelakesmv401.com

Jack Welsh and Denise Welsh
650.823.3180 | 415.999.0727
DRE 02099304 | DRE 00939903

Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abide by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Number 01079009. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.
1629 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto
HALF ACRE PROPERTY IN NORTH PALO ALTO

Spacious Mid-Century Modern/Ranch style residence located on a large 21,671 sq ft lot with room for expansion. This single story home in the desirable Crescent Park Addition features five bedrooms, three baths and a family room, sparkling pool with large patio area framed by majestic trees. This property has an attached two car garage and verdant established landscaping. Conveniently located near Duveneck Elementary School, Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center and Eleanor Pardee Park.

AT A GLANCE

• 5 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms
• Gracious Living Room with fireplace
• Living Space: 2,735 sq ft per County Records

• Lot Size: 21,671 sq ft per County Records
• Excellent Palo Alto Schools: Duveneck Elementary, Greene Middle, Palo Alto High (buyer to verify enrollment)

Offered at $5,498,000 | www.1629Edgewood.com

Leannah Hunt & Laurel Hunt Robinson
REALTORS®
650.400.2718 | 650.269.7266
lhunt@sereno.com | laurel@sereno.com
LeannahandLaurel.com
DRE 01009791 | DRE 01747147

This information was supplied by third party sources. Sereno Associates believes this information is correct but has not verified this information and assumes no legal responsibility for its accuracy. Buyer should verify accuracy and investigate its accuracy in a buyer's own satisfaction.
Changes to single-family zoning OK’d by Newsom

Two contentious housing bills that allow more dwellings on properties designated for single-family zoning in California were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Sept. 16. Senate Bill 9 enables homeowners to construct up to four housing units, including two accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units. Senate Bill 10 allows cities to rezone transit-rich areas of town (blocks within a half-mile of a major transit stop) and parcels along “high-quality” bus routes for 10 housing units per parcel. Authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, and state Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, respectively, the two bills were boosted by California YIMBY and other pro-housing groups. They were also opposed by cities like Palo Alto, where city leaders have consistently characterized them as an attack on local control.

“Housing affordability crisis is undermining the California Dream for families across the state, and threatens our long-term growth and prosperity,” Newsom said in a statement on Sept. 16. “Making a meaningful impact on this crisis will take bold investments, strong collaboration across sectors and political courage from our leaders and communities to do the right thing and build housing for all,” Newsom said.

While many housing advocates have long called for the loosening of rules surrounding single-family zones — a step that has already been taken in cities like Berkeley and Minneapolis — prior efforts to achieve major zoning reforms in the Legislature had struggled to advance in recent years. In January (continued on page 16)

EDUCATION

Stanford welcomes largest-ever incoming class as university reopens

Fall quarter starts this week with classes resuming face to face

By Zoe Morgan

When Saga Helgason was admitted to a graduate program at Stanford University last year, she was faced with the prospect of taking classes from her home in Iceland, which would have meant a seven-hour time difference.

Helgason instead decided to try to wait out the pandemic and defer her admission until this fall. She’s now on campus, getting ready to start a one-year masters program in Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies.

“Here I am, in the same time zone and getting to meet people — that’s part of the whole Stanford experience,” Helgason said as she stood outside the campus bookstore last week. “It’s not just taking classes, it’s also meeting people and being here.” She is one of thousands of Stanford students who have arrived on campus for face-to-face classes this fall. Stanford’s fall quarter began Monday, Sept. 20. This year’s incoming undergraduate class is the largest in Stanford’s history, with 2,131 first-year students and 66 transfer students, according to the university.

Since March 2020, most of Stanford’s classes have been conducted remotely. Instruction is now resuming in person, with only a few classes offered online, university spokesperson E.J. Miranda said in an email. He declined a request for the university administrator about the reopening.

Stanford requires that all students get vaccinated against COVID-19, except those who receive a religious or medical exemption. Any unvaccinated students get vaccinated against COVID-19, except those who are fully vaccinated must still test once a week. Masks are required indoors, (continued on page 15)
VIRTUAL CELEBRATION!

outstanding honorees and even food and wine online party, please visit www.avenidas.org.

To reserve your Zoom link for this festive all from the comfort of your own home!*

Sunday, September 26, 2021

3:00-4:30pm on Zoom

2021 Honorees

Gay & Bill Krause

Betsy Gifford

Eliane & Armand Neukermans

 Tel. 650.900.7000 • 630.385.6000 • Info@deleonrealty.com

Emile Choghi

2021 Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement

Sunday, September 26, 2021

3:00-4:30pm on Zoom

Celebrate with music, good friends, outstanding honorees and even food and wine all from the comfort of your own home!

Tickets: $75

*Delicious treat boxes and wine delivered locally.

2021 Honorees

Fran Codispoti

Betsy Gifford

Gay & Bill Krause

Eliane & Armand Neukermans

Alma & Jim Phillips

Steve Player

To reserve your Zoom link for this festive online party, please visit www.avenidas.org.

For questions, please call (650) 289-5445. Your response prior to September 17th is appreciated.
HOUSING

Housing over parking? Architects propose building apartments on public lots

By Gennady Sheyner

Two local architects are pitching an idea to build housing on city parking lots.

LAND USE

Redevelopment plan chosen for Ventura neighborhood, but will it get built?

City Council favors least aggressive coordinated-area plan and rejects proposal for new commercial development

By Gennady Sheyner

FOOTHILL + DE ANZA

Your Colleges, Your Voice

Moving to Area Elections

CHANGE IS COMING

BE PART OF IT

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District is changing the way it elects members of its Board of Trustees. The district will be divided into five trustee areas and a person from each area will be elected to the board.

Community members are invited to provide information and suggestions to assist in the drawing of trustee area boundary lines.

Public hearings on communities of interest will be held Sept. 13 and Oct. 4.

The district serves the communities of Palo Alto, Stanford, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and parts of Saratoga and San Jose.

Learn more at fhda.edu/trustee-areas
Housing proposed for people with developmental disabilities

Eden Housing’s plan calls for 50 apartments near Mitchell Park

A partnership between the nonprofit Eden Housing and Santa Clara County may soon bring that rarest of commodities — affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities — to a Palo Alto site near Mitchell Park.

The proposal, which the Palo Alto City Council will discuss on Sept. 27, involves Santa Clara County-owned land at 525 E. Charleston Road. In April, after soliciting requests for proposals, the county chose Eden Housing, a developer that specializes in affordable housing, to create residences for lower-income residents with developmental disabilities.

The project will take advantage of a $40 million program that the county created in 2018 to support such housing projects at various sites throughout the county.

Supervisor Joe Simitian, whose district includes Palo Alto, strongly advocated for the larger project. In February 2020, when the county started exploring housing for the site, Simitian noted in a statement that these efforts are particularly necessary because people with severely disabling conditions often have limited incomes, which makes finding affordable housing extremely challenging. Furthermore, they normally don’t qualify for supportive housing within the county unless they become homeless.

“And given that community members with developmental disabilities are particularly at-risk of grave harm if they become homeless, it’s absolutely crucial that we find ways to keep them housed, with the services they need,” Simitian said.

The area around the project offers numerous such services. AbilityPath, a nonprofit that provides educational, therapeutic and job-training services for individuals with special needs, currently occupies 525 E. Charleston. Its current office would be demolished to make way for the new four-story building, which would then house the nonprofit on the ground floor.

The project will take advantage of the all-inclusive Magic Bridge playground, as well as Cubberley Community Center and Charleston Shopping Center are all a short stroll away from the site. So is Adá’s Café, which is next to the Mitchell Park Library and employs individuals with disabilities.

Eden’s description notes that the abundant amenities in the area surrounding the project site make it an “ideal location” for housing residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities and that it will “enable residents to lead independent lives.”

For Eden Housing, the proposal is its first Palo Alto venture since 2009, when the city approved its plan for 801 Alma St., a downtown development for low-income families. The 50-apartment project, which was completed in 2013, was the last major 100% affordable-housing development to win approval in Palo Alto until 2019, when the council gave the green light to a proposal from Alta Housing for a 58-unit apartment complex called Wilton Court in the Ventura neighborhood.

Much like the Wilton Court project, which is located at 3705 El Camino Real, the Mitchell Park development would reserve a significant share of its apartments for residents with developmental disabilities. Consistent with the goals of the county’s program, the development would designate 25 of its 50 apartments for individuals with special needs.

According to project plans, the building would consist of 39 studio apartments, six one-bedroom apartments and five two-bedroom apartments, one of which would be occupied by the building manager. The project description argues that the development would meet a “great need for deeply affordable housing that is only expected to grow in coming years.”

The apartments would be leased to households earning at or below 30% to 60% of area median income. In Santa Clara County, this amounts to between $34,800 and $69,600 for a one-person household; between $39,780 and $79,560 for a two-person household; and between $55,760 and $89,520 for a three-person household.

Studio rents would range from $870 to $1,740; one-bedroom apartments would be rented out for between $932 and $1,864; and two-bedroom apartments would go for between $1,119 and $2,238, according to the proposal submitted by Eden Housing.

The project comes at a time when the city is falling well short of its own housing goals, which call for about 300 new housing units per year, and regional mandates. Even after approving the Wilton Court project last year, the council has met only 15% of its housing allocations for both the “very low-income” and “moderate income” categories.

Drop Them Off at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station

HHW Station Location
2501 Embarcadero Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Hours
• Every Saturday
  9 – 11 AM
• First Friday of the month
  3 – 5 PM

For more information, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste
zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org
(650) 496-5910

What to do with old CFL’s and fluorescent tubes?

WONDER

GUIDELINES
• Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per visit (in no larger than 5-gallon containers)
• Must be a Palo Alto resident (bring your driver’s license or vehicle registration)
• Place broken bulbs/tubes in a sealed plastic bag or cardboard box

Drop /Them Off at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station

HHW Station Location
2501 Embarcadero Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Hours
• Every Saturday
  9 – 11 AM
• First Friday of the month
  3 – 5 PM

For more information, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste
zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org
(650) 496-5910

What to do with old CFL’s and fluorescent tubes?

WONDER

GUIDELINES
• Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per visit (in no larger than 5-gallon containers)
• Must be a Palo Alto resident (bring your driver’s license or vehicle registration)
• Place broken bulbs/tubes in a sealed plastic bag or cardboard box

Drop /Them Off at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station

HHW Station Location
2501 Embarcadero Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Hours
• Every Saturday
  9 – 11 AM
• First Friday of the month
  3 – 5 PM

For more information, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste
zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org
(650) 496-5910

What to do with old CFL’s and fluorescent tubes?

WONDER

GUIDELINES
• Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per visit (in no larger than 5-gallon containers)
• Must be a Palo Alto resident (bring your driver’s license or vehicle registration)
• Place broken bulbs/tubes in a sealed plastic bag or cardboard box

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss potential litigation relating to arbitration of employee discipline matters; and to meet with the city’s labor negotiators. The council will then hold a study session on 525 Charleston Road, a proposal by Eden Housing using funding to reserve 25 for adults with disabilities; consider two ordinances relating to the update of objective standards for reviewing developments; adopt a resolution allowing the city manager to apply for Project Homekey funding to support creation of an emergency shelter project at 1207 San Antonio Road; and consider whether the council should return to in-person meetings. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the First Tee of Silicon Valley public-private partnership proposal; discuss the Valley Water purged water project; and discuss the city’s sidewalk vendor regulation. The virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 999 3789 9745.
THANK YOU!
Runners, Sponsors & Volunteers

Palo Alto Weekly
37th Annual
Moonlight Run & Walk

Presented by
City of Palo Alto

The money you helped raise through the Moonlight Run will go directly to the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, which supports non-profits serving families and children in the Palo Alto area.

This year, perhaps more than ever, your registration fees and fundraising efforts will be critical in helping us answer the needs of the ~50 local organizations that request grant money from the Holiday Fund.

Save the Date
Friday
Sept 9
2022
The Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office’s colos-"sally phasing out office space and is also relatively unpopular among members of the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan Working Group. Galil Price, board president of the pro-housing nonprofit Palo Alto Forward and a former council member, who was the only working group member who supported Alternative 3B. Having an aspirational vi-sion, Realis said, will not result in construction of new homes, she told the council Monday.

“If it is time to be more proactive to meet our new and changing needs,” Price said.

Council member Alison Cor-

The council also favored Alternative 1 as its preferred option and directed staff and consultants — most notably a reduction in parking requirements — to en-courage new retail. The direction, which advanced by a 6-1 vote, also calls for the amortization of some office uses and retention of the city’s 50-foot height limit for new developments, with the sole excep-tion of affordable housing projects, which would be subject to various bonuses and exemptions.

The council also favored “adap-tive reuse” — rather than demo-lition — of the Fry’s building, which was constructed by Thom-as Flynn in the 1920s and which served as a cannery until 1949.

In choosing the most modest path, the council rejected argu-ments from housing advocates and some residents who supported Alternative 3B, which according to proponents of staff and con-sultants is the only option on the table that actually has a chance of coming to fruition. But while economically feasible, the option is also relatively unpopular among members of the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan Working Group. Galil Price, board president of the pro-housing nonprofit Palo Alto Forward and a former council member, who was the only working group member who supported Alternative 3B. Having an aspirational vi-sion, Realis said, will not result in construction of new homes, she told the council Monday.

“If it is time to be more proactive to meet our new and changing needs,” Price said.

Council member Alison Cor-
mance was never used to transport inmates between Elmwood and the Main Jail.

He was not secured with a seat belt and sustained major head trauma after beating his head against the wall, according to the OCLEM report. Once at the facility, despite apparent bleeding and injuries, he was left unattended and was locked in the van. When he was removed, he was unconscious, according to the report.

The OCLEM report found "no available evidence" that the Sheriff’s Office has held anyone accountable, nor has it made sig-nificant changes to remedy the problems that resulted in Hogan’s injuries. "Irregular procedures and in-complete explanations have compound-ed the initial concerns that were generated by the incident itself. This reality falls well short of the reasonable expectations for transparency and understanding that are sought by your Board and the general public," the report said.

It noted the sheriff’s "abject failure" and lack of responsi-bility to protect mentally ill inmates.

Negligence and a lack of relevant policy
The Sheriff’s Office didn’t have a policy on how to safely transport mentally ill inmates at the time of Hogan’s injury, the county coun-
tal report by the county counsel from Feb. 10, 2020, found the county had significant liability. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Aug. 17 to waive attorney-client privilege and to release the counsel’s report. The al-leys also unanimously ap-proved on Aug. 31 a vote of no confidence in Smith, an unprec-edented act that serves as sharp condemnation of her leadership of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office.

Hogan, who was in a mental health crisis, was being transport-
ed in a van from the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas to the psychiatric unit at the Main Jail in San Jose on Aug. 25, 2018. He was not secured with a seat belt and sustained major head trauma after beating his head against the wall, according to the OCLEM report. Once at the facility, despite apparent bleeding and injuries, he was left unattended and was locked in the van. When he was removed, he was unconscious, according to the report.

The OCLEM report found "no available evidence" that the Sheriff’s Office has held anyone accountable, nor has it made sig-nificant changes to remedy the problems that resulted in Hogan’s injuries. "Irregular procedures and in-complete explanations have compound-ed the initial concerns that were generated by the incident itself. This reality falls well short of the reasonable expectations for transparency and understanding that are sought by your Board and the general public," the report said.

It noted the sheriff’s "abject failure" and lack of responsi-bility to protect mentally ill inmates.

Negligence and a lack of relevant policy
The Sheriff’s Office didn’t have a policy on how to safely transport mentally ill inmates at the time of Hogan’s injury, the county counsel from Feb. 10, 2020, found the county had significant liability. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Aug. 17 to waive attorney-client privilege and to release the counsel’s report. The al-leys also unanimously ap-proved on Aug. 31 a vote of no confidence in Smith, an unprec-edented act that serves as sharp condemnation of her leadership of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office.

Hogan, who was in a mental health crisis, was being transport-
ed in a van from the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas to the psychiatric unit at the Main Jail in San Jose on Aug. 25, 2018. He was not secured with a seat belt and sustained major head trauma after beating his head against the wall, according to the OCLEM report. Once at the facility, despite apparent bleeding and injuries, he was left unattended and was locked in the van. When he was removed, he was unconscious, according to the report.

The OCLEM report found "no available evidence" that the Sheriff’s Office has held anyone accountable, nor has it made sig-nificant changes to remedy the problems that resulted in Hogan’s injuries. "Irregular procedures and in-complete explanations have compound-ed the initial concerns that were generated by the incident itself. This reality falls well short of the reasonable expectations for transparency and understanding that are sought by your Board and the general public," the report said.

It noted the sheriff’s "abject failure" and lack of responsi-bility to protect mentally ill inmates.

Negligence and a lack of relevant policy
The Sheriff’s Office didn’t have a policy on how to safely transport mentally ill inmates at the time of Hogan’s injury, the county counsel from Feb. 10, 2020, found the county had significant liability. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Aug. 17 to waive attorney-client privilege and to release the counsel’s report. The al-leys also unanimously ap-proved on Aug. 31 a vote of no confidence in Smith, an unprec-edented act that serves as sharp condemnation of her leadership of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office.

Hogan, who was in a mental health crisis, was being transport-
ed in a van from the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas to the psychiatric unit at the Main Jail in San Jose on Aug. 25, 2018. He was not secured with a seat belt and sustained major head trauma after beating his head against the wall, according to the OCLEM report. Once at the facility, despite apparent bleeding and injuries, he was left unattended and was locked in the van. When he was removed, he was unconscious, according to the report.

The OCLEM report found "no available evidence" that the Sheriff’s Office has held anyone accountable, nor has it made sig-nificant changes to remedy the problems that resulted in Hogan’s injuries. "Irregular procedures and in-complete explanations have compound-ed the initial concerns that were generated by the incident itself. This reality falls well short of the reasonable expectations for transparency and understanding that are sought by your Board and the general public," the report said.

It noted the sheriff’s "abject failure" and lack of responsi-bility to protect mentally ill inmates.
HANNA SHACHAM’S SALES
IN AUGUST 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021

1304 Pitman Ave, Palo Alto
Listed at $8,495,000
Hanna sold in September 2021
Represented seller

883 Robb Rd, Palo Alto
Listed at $16,500,000
Hanna sold in August 2021
Represented buyer

222 Hillview Ave, Los Altos
Listed at $8,495,000
Hanna sold in August 2021
Represented seller

368 Fontainbleau Terrace, Los Altos
Listed at $3,895,000
Hanna sold in August 2021
Represented seller

3776 Nathan Way, Palo Alto
Listed at $3,650,000
Hanna sold in September 2021
Represented seller

Hanna Shacham
650.207.1555
www.HannaCB.com
hshacham@cbnorcal.com
DRE# 01073658

Ranked one of the Top Agents in the Country in 2007 – 2020 per the Wall Street Journal
Top 1% in Coldwell Banker Northern California

Hanna sold over $80 Million in 2021 YTD
Eden Housing has been hosting community meetings to solicit feedback about the proposal, input that has helped to guide the project’s design, said Kate Blessing-Kawamura, project developer at Eden Housing. Residents have urged the development team to pay particular attention to traffic circulation at the site to ensure the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. Some also urge Eden to protect the privacy of nearby residents.

Blessing-Kawamura said Eden responded to the traffic concerns by having a single entry and exit point at the site to minimize potential conflicts between cars and bicyclists or pedestrians. And to boost privacy protection, Eden included trees that screen the view in front of the building and designed the windows so that they wouldn’t point directly across low” and “low” income groups as of 2020 for the period that stretches between 2015 and 2023.

“We realized there was such a huge need for affordable housing,” Matthew Indimine, communications and advocacy manager at Eden Housing, told the Weekly in an interview. “We do have another property in Palo Alto and we thought it would be a great place to continue to create homes for those that need them.”

The Mitchell Park project, which is next to the Greenmeadow neighborhood, takes some cues from the neighborhood’s Eichler aesthetic. The preliminary design shows a sloped roof and the building will include clerestory windows to bring more light into the apartments, a key Eichler objective.

Eden Housing development this month, planning staff expect to see a request for $2 million to support the project based on preliminary conversations with the applicant, according to a report from the Department of Planning and Development Services.

The report notes that the project is requesting numerous waivers and design concessions, including a request for greater height and more density than would normally be allowed in the “public facility” zone at the site. Because the project is within 150 feet of a single-family zone, it would normally be subject to a 35-foot height limit. A portion of the proposed building would reach a height of 44 feet. It is relying on density bonuses, in accordance with state law, for an extra 12,000 square feet of building area.

The staff report notes that after the council discussion, Eden Housing will determine how it wants to proceed. While there is no set date for a formal application to be submitted, the city anticipates that it will be subject to the streamlining provisions of Senate Bill 35, with limited opportunities for public input.

“If Eden Housing files an application in accordance with SB 35, the project would be processed as a ministerial application,” the staff report states.

Email Staff Writer Gennyd Seyner at gseynier@pawweekly.com.
**Views of the Western Hills**

Enjoy dramatic sunset views across Sharon Heights golf course from the deck, living room, family room and principal bedroom. Separate dining room. Kitchen with skylight and breakfast nook. One bedroom fitted with desk and bookcases arranged to enjoy the view. Lower level of lot artfully arranged for gardening, recreation, pets. An abundance of interior storage plus potential in unfinished basement.

List price $3,950,000

---

_Open House Saturday 12:30 To 4:00PM Or By Appointment_

---

**Nancy Goldcamp**
Real Estate Service That moves You®

(650) 400-5800
nancy@nancygoldcamp.com
CAL DRE# 00787581
www.nancygoldcamp.com

_Seller provided disclosure documents including pest and home inspection reports are available. All measurements, lot dimensions, floor plans, parcel maps and other information to be verified by Buyer. Seller and Agent have provided information from sources deemed reliable, but make no guarantees._
OPEN HOUSES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 2-4PM

2303 Cowper Street, Palo Alto
5 Beds | 4 Full Baths | 2 Half Baths
Home ±4,120 Square Feet
Lot: ±6,491 Square Feet
Offered at $7,500,000

1319 Tasso Street, Palo Alto
4 Beds | 3.5 Baths
Home ±3,490 Square Feet
Lot: ±5,625 Square Feet
Offered at $5,995,000

1181 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto
3 Beds | 2 Baths
Home ±1,650 Square Feet
Lot: ±3,673 Square Feet
Offered at $3,995,000

www.dreyfus.group • Each office is independently owned and operated.

THE DREYFUS GROUP
Golden Gate Sotheby’s International Realty

#1 AGENT
Michael Dreyfus, Golden Gate Sotheby’s International Realty

TOP 125 AGENT
WSJ / Real Trends

Michael Dreyfus
650.485.3476
m.dreyfus@ggsir.com
Lic. #01121795

Noelle Queen
650.427.9211
n.queen@ggsir.com
Lic. #01917593
including in classrooms, and are strongly recommended in crowded outdoor settings where 6 feet of distance can’t be maintained between people.

Freshman Kwame Ocran was glad to be on campus last week and said he felt good about the vaccine and testing requirements but added that it can sometimes be uncomfortable navigating how to socialize with other students.

“You want to stay safe,” Ocran said. “And you can’t guarantee that other people are taking the same procedures.”

Indoor student parties are officially banned until Oct. 8, although gatherings in individual dorm rooms or apartments are allowed, so long as they don’t exceed four times the regular number of occupants.

In-person classes are back

Throughout the spring, undergraduate classes were mostly remote, Miranda said, with graduate instruction “almost entirely remote.” The start of the fall quarter marks the first time since the pandemic hit that face-to-face instruction is the norm.

Some courses will remain fully remote this fall “for pedagogical reasons due to masking requirements,” according to the university’s website. That includes certain language and music classes.

One of Helgason’s classes, a language-learning course, is being held online.

“I would much prefer to have it in-person, but because of the mask mandate, it might be easier for us to learn when we can see the professor’s face,” she said.

Freshman Winnie Chen said she’s seen that some bigger lecture classes are being held online, including one of the courses she is taking. Chen and fellow freshman Kristy Chan said they don’t know what campus is normally like but are getting used to how things are operating this year.

“Overall, I’m just really excited to see where my college experience takes me,” Chen said.

Ocran said he is glad to be able to attend classes in person, especially after experiencing how “inefficient and honestly unproductive” his online classes were during high school.

Fellow freshman Biak Tha Hlawn was also happy to be able to return to in-person learning, but said she hopes the university has procedures in place to support students in case the campus has to shut down again.

“Hopefully they don’t dismiss us unexpectedly,” Hlawn said. “That’s my biggest worry.”

Transmitting COVID-19 is unlikely among masked and vaccinated people, the university has said in messages to students and staff.

“Such an environment — highly vaccinated, with mask wearing in many settings — is what we expect to have at Stanford this fall,” Associate Vice Provost of Environmental Health and Safety Russell Furr wrote in a Sept. 2 update.

If anyone who attended an in-person class tests positive for COVID-19, the full class will be notified that there was a positive test, according to the university’s protocols.

“Because face coverings are required and vaccination rates are high, students and instructors in a class are not considered high-risk exposure close contacts and will not be asked to take special measures unless they have been identified as a close contact in an additional setting outside the classroom,” according to the university’s guidance on courses this fall. “They will be encouraged to continue testing, monitor for symptoms, and stay home if feeling sick and get a COVID-19 test.”

Welcoming new students

Undergraduates moved into their dorms earlier this month during pre-scheduled one-hour move-in appointments, with two guests allowed to enter per student.

According to Ocran, the move-in process went better than he expected. Hlawn similarly said she was pleased with the process. “Everything was efficient and convenient,” Hlawn said. “It was good.”

She also praised the university for creating a welcoming environment, particularly pointing to the FLL student orientation, which is for first-generation and low-income students. Hlawn said it was unclear and made her feel supported.

One hiccup in Stanford’s return this fall has been that resident advisors were not allowed to go on strike earlier this month. The RA’s allege that the university didn’t meet demands related to compensation, COVID-19 safety protocols and a new undergraduate alcohol policy, according to the student news outlet The Stanford Daily.

The striking RA’s refused to attend meetings before the university moved residents to campus, The Stanford Daily reported. Miranda said in an email that they were a month or two looking into their housing as planned. At sophomore convocation on Sept. 19, a group of more than 150 sophomores protested the university’s new drug and alcohol policy and its response to sexual violence, including raising a banner reading “Stanford Protects Rapists,” the Stanford Daily reported. The protesters objected to an original version of the new policy, which they feared would lead students not to report sexual violence for fear of facing disciplinary measures for underage drinking or drug use. The policy has since been updated to address some of the concerns, according to The Stanford Daily.

In a statement, university spokesperson Pat Lopes Harris said that students who report experiencing sexual violence won’t face disciplinary action because of alcohol or drug use connected to the incident.

“The prevention of sexual violence is of utmost importance to the university, and nothing in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy is intended to chill victims’ willingness to seek help or report such matters,” she wrote.

University administrators and student speakers celebrated the incoming class at an opening convocation ceremony on Sept. 14. Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne spoke about rising to the challenge we are collectively facing, according to an article about convolution from the university.

“If we take anything from our experiences of the last year and a half, it should be to reengage with the world and with one another with a renewed sense of purpose and with an urgency to make the most of the opportunities in front of us,” Tessier-Lavigne said.

The university is also hosting “We Are Stanford: A Festival of Reflection and Renewal” Sept. 30 through Oct. 10 to mark the broader campus reopening this fall. The four-day inclusive concerts, yoga classes and meditation sessions.

Email Staff Writer Zoe Morgan at zmorgan@paweekly.com.

About the cover: Students walk past booths around White Plaza at Stanford University on Sept. 16. Photo by Magali Gauthier. Cover design by Douglas Young.
Grab a front row seat to local high school sports

The Playbook gives you an in-depth look at what’s going on in prep sports.

Every Monday and Thursday veteran sports writers Rick Eymer and Glenn Reeves email you exclusive insights into:

- Season and game previews that tell you what to look for and what’s at stake
- Profiles of interesting coaches and athletes
- Post-game analysis
- Entertaining features
- Local sports trends

Sign up now at paloaltoonline.com/express/sports/

UPFRONT

Housing (continued from page 5)

ary 2020, the Legislature killed Wiener’s bid to increase zoning in transit-friendly and jobs-rich areas when it voted down SB 50.

Both SB 9 and SB 10 advanced after lawmakers agreed to make several amendments to address criticisms. Among the changes, SB 9 added a requirement that the property owner live in one of the homes for three years after the lot subdivision is approved.

For SB 10, the bill was amended to address the issue of local authority. The city of Palo Alto was among those that lambasted a provision of the bill that allowed cities to use SB 10 to override existing zoning restrictions that were put in place through voter initiatives. Palo Alto’s letter of opposition argues that such legislation “echoes more of Russia than of California.”

Under the revision, cities that want to use the bill to override zoning restrictions imposed by local initiatives would need to secure a two-thirds majority from their legislative body.

Unlike SB 9, SB 10 is not a mandatory requirement of cities but an optional law on which they can rely. Those cities that do choose to use it cannot apply it to parkland or open space. Wiener said in a statement that SB 10 provides “one important approach: making it dramatically easier and faster for cities to zone for more housing.”

“It shouldn’t take five or 10 years for cities to rezone, and SB 10 gives cities a powerful new tool to get the job done quickly,” Wiener said.

In his signing message for SB 10, Newsom touted its potential to increase housing but also warned that while the benefits are promising, “certain provisions may have unintended impacts on affordable housing projects that use density bonuses, as well as possible Fair Housing implications based on how jurisdictions may choose to implement its provisions.”

He wrote that he is directing the Department of Housing and Community Development’s newly established Housing Accountability Unit to “vigilantly monitor the implementation of this bill at the local level, and if needed, work with the Legislature to proactively address any unintended consequences, should they arise.”

A report from the Terner Center for Housing Innovation at University of California, Berkeley described SB 9 in July as “the most significant housing bill coming out of California’s current legislative session,” noting its potential to “expand the supply of smaller-scaled housing, particularly in higher-resource, single-family neighborhoods.”

In analyzing a similar proposal, SB 1120, which faltered on the final day of the prior legislative session, the Terner Center estimated that about 6 million properties would be eligible for the bill’s provisions. If 5% of those parcels created new two-unit structures, that would have resulted in 597,706 new homes, according to the report.

Atkins said in a statement on Sept. 16 that SB 9 will “open up opportunities for homeowners to help ease our state’s housing shortage, while still protecting tenants from displacement,” referring to a clause that disallows redevelopment of a parcel if a tenant has lived there within the prior three years.

“And it will help our communi ties welcome new families to the neighborhood and enable more folks to set foot on the path to buying their first home,” Atkins said.

A group known as Californians for Community Planning has already launched the process to put a ballot initiative on the November 2022 ballot to reverse SB 9 and SB 10.

Email Staff Writer Gennady Sheynert at gsheynert@paweekly.com.

Theranos (continued from page 5)

results, adding that continued use of the services made her “uncomfortable as a provider.”

Holmes is charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud, based on allegedly false and misleading statements about Theranos’ blood-testing technology. If convicted, Holmes faces up to 20 years in prison and $3 million in fines.

Earlier in the day, Holmes’ defense team completed its cross-examination of Sureshia Gangakhedkar, a scientist who worked for Theranos for eight years and resigned just before the launch of the company’s blood-testing technology in Walgreens, out of concern that it was not safe to use on patients.

Defense attorney Lance Wade brought up a series of blood tests, known as assays, that Gangakhedkar and her team successfully developed in the Theranos R&D lab.

Gangakhedkar acknowledged that she was “proud of that work.”

The defense is seeking to establish, as it argued in its opening statement two weeks ago, that although Holmes ultimately failed in developing technology once viewed as visionary, “Failure is not a crime.”

Referring to the many problems she and her team had in running the blood tests on the Theranos Edison machines, Gangakhedkar agreed with defense counsel that “sometimes you have to fail before you can succeed.”

But Gangakhedkar pushed back on defense efforts to undermine her testimony that Theranos operated a secretive workplace where information was siloed.

Although emails and calendar invitations showed some sharing of information, Gangakhedkar testified that the interteam emails had only high-level information, not details.

She testified that staff were told several times in meetings not to talk about the assays they were working on.

Three days before her resignation in September 2013, Gangakhedkar received an email from Ramesh “Sunny” Balwani, Holmes’ business partner and former lover, telling Gangakhedkar’s team to “put in the hours this month to bring up all assays and work around any challenges that come our way.”

Gangakhedkar testified that the idea that her team was somehow not pulling its weight was a common theme that was unfair and deeply frustrating.

The court refused to allow defense counsel to ask whether Balwani also pressured Holmes to work harder.

Susan Nash reports for the Bay City News Foundation.
#oÛB__dTtpBs

## 2240 COWPER STREET, PALO ALTO

The perfect antidote to the hurried Silicon Valley lifestyle!

This extraordinary 7 bedroom/5 bathroom Old Palo Alto home is a classic tribute to modernism embracing simplicity, livability, and connection between interior and exterior spaces.

The home’s flowing open floor plan features elegant, generously sized rooms with uncommonly high ceilings and large carefully positioned windows allow natural light to fill the home.

The garden mirrors the home with its simple design featuring a lush lawn rimmed by shrubs and trees with dense foliage providing privacy.

Within blocks of outstanding Palo Alto schools.

---

## 1585 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, PALO ALTO

### Everything you want...and more!

Fine craftsmanship and thoughtful space-planning are the hallmarks of this extraordinary 5 bedroom/5.5 bath home.

An inviting outdoor setting - grilling/dining and lounging areas, pool/spa, lush gardens and koipond - surrounds the house.

With abundant amenities and an open floorplan, this home is a beautiful yet comfortable environment. From family living to gracious entertaining, this property is perfectly suited to fulfill its next family’s dreams.

---

## 552 KELLOGG AVENUE, PALO ALTO

### Flawless design and exceptional quality!

Striking 4 bedroom/3.5 bath Professorville home, rebuilt in 2006, features well proportioned rooms, high ceilings, handsome millwork and wood floors.

The home presents multiple work-from-home options in addition to a studio created in the detached one-car garage.

Dream Palo Alto location just blocks to Downtown, excellent schools, parks, libraries, the Palo Alto Art center, Lucie Stern Community Center and world-renowned Stanford University.

---

**Offered at $9,750,000**

Living Area: 4,382 sq. ft.* | Lot Size: 15,300 sq. ft.*

(*Per County Records, unverified) 2240Cowper.com

---

**Offered at $8,250,000**

Living Area of Main House: 4,877 Sq. Ft. * & Guest Quarters: 441.4 Sq. Ft.* | Lot Size: 26,515 Sq. Ft. ** (*Per Appraiser Kimberly Townsend, unverified; **Per county records, unverified) 1585Edgewood.com

---

**Offered at $6,495,000**

Living Area: 3,987* | Lot Size: 5,958* | 552Kellogg.com

---

**Carol Carnevale**

650.465.5958
carol.carnevale@compass.com
DRE 00946687

**Nicole Aron**

650.740.7954
nicole.aron@compass.com
DRE 00952657

**James Steele**

650.796.2523
james.steele@compass.com
DRE 01872027

Or, all of us at CarolNicoleandJames@Compass.com
Doris Miller
May 22, 1931 – July 7, 2021

Doris Carmichael Miller, age 90, passed away July 7, 2021 at her home in Palo Alto, CA.

She was born in Mesilla Park (a small town now part of Los Cruces), NM, to Thomas Cobb and Daisy Miser Carmichael. She grew up there and graduated from high school in 1949. She then attended New Mexico A&M College (now New Mexico State University) at Los Cruces, where she studied Mathematics, graduating in 1953. In college she became a member of Chi Omega sorority, and also met her future husband, John W. Miller (Jack). They were married in October 1953, after she had graduated. Dorris and Jack moved to Palo Alto, CA in the early 1960’s. Dorris worked at SRI International, from 1962 to 1999, as a Mathematician and Senior Scientific Computer Programmer. She worked in the Communications Laboratory and the Radio Physics Laboratory at SRI. Her work was highly regarded by the engineers for whom she worked.

She and Jack both loved nature. They enjoyed visiting the San Francisco Zoo, and made many trips to National Parks for hiking and camping. They were interested in other cultures, and travelled to Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. Dorris continued to travel after Jack had died, visiting Italy, Greece, Turkey, and other countries. She enjoyed Mexican food and culture.

Dorris and Jack were both active in Palo Alto’s Barron Park neighborhood of Palo Alto where they lived, in many different ways. Dorris even functioned as an “auxiliary grandmother” for one neighbor couple, and attended an Elementary School Grandparents Day with their children. She loved music, and had a contagious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. She always cared about other people, and had many close friends over the years.

Dorris is survived by her niece Bronwyn C. Meredith (Ricke), nephew Philip Carmichael, great-nephew Wes Neil (Dawn), and great-niece Kristen Graves (Andy).

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Miller, parents Thomas and Daisy Carmichael, brother Richard T. Carmichael, and half-brother John Carmichael.

Please contact Jackie Owen, (through PA Weekly) Re: future memorial services.


Daryl Reagan
April 29, 1925 – August 28, 2021

Daryl Reagan was born 1925 in Longview, WA; two years after the city’s founding. Forty years later, he was involved in planning and building the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), which was brought online in 1966. He fought in WW II in the Philippines as a radio field operator. With help from the GI Bill, he earned his Ph.D. at Stanford in Physics in 1955. His Ph.D. advisor was a young Wolfgang K.H. Panofsky, later Director of SLAC. Daryl did his thesis work in high-energy physics on the Mark II accelerator, forerunner to SLAC.

He met Gertrude (Trudy) King while she was still an undergraduate at Stanford.

He was offered his first job in the weapons program at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. But after two years of work at a lab in Oxford, England, he transferred from weapons to working in Livermore’s Astron Accelerator Lab.

He and artist Trudy King married in 1959. They soon had two sons, Jeffrey and Russell.

They moved to Palo Alto 1963. Construction of SLAC was finished in 1966, on time and under budget! In the coming years, physicists would discover traces of many new subatomic particles. Daryl worked on a series of improvements for the focusing and detection of the high-energy beam that bombarded the hard material targets that helped to produce these results.

Since he loved talking about physics and cosmology, he was a tutor for the rest of the family. Inspired by what she learned from him and other scientists, Trudy’s artworks and her recent book reflect her fascination with science.

He worked for SLAC for 30 years. He is survived by Trudy, his wife of 62 years, and sons Jeffrey and Russell.

Please contact trudy@myrrh-art.com for details. Memorial for Daryl Reagan Saturday, October 2, 3-5 pm Palo Alto Friends Meeting, 957 Colorado Palo Alto.

Donations in his name may be made to LifeMoves (Opportunity Center) https://www.classy.org/give/332343/
Minako Hirata Sano
March 28, 1929 – September 15, 2021

Born in 1929, Minako grew up in Tokyo when her country was perpetually at war, first with China and then in World War II. She and her family narrowly survived the intensive bombings of Tokyo, especially toward the end of the war. She entered Tsuda College, located in the suburbs of Tokyo, to study English a few months before Japan’s surrender in 1945. Upon graduation, she took a job as a translator-interpreter for the Allied Occupation Forces where she met Peter Sano. They were married in Tokyo and moved to California, Peter’s birthplace, in 1955. During the years when their children, Stephen and Mary, were young, Minako directed her time and energy to a great deal of PTA-related work. She then took a job as the school secretary at Addison Elementary School in Palo Alto where she enjoyed working with children, parents, teachers and the District personnel for 15 years until her retirement in 1989. She and Peter joined the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto in 1960 and were actively involved in the church’s ministry for peace and justice. She enjoyed singing in the church choir for many years. Minako greatly enjoyed reading, get-togethers of family and friends for dinner, attending concerts and plays, and listening to classical music whenever possible. She resided at Bridgepoint in Los Altos for the last two years of her life and continued to enjoy visiting with family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Stephen, daughter-in-law, Linda Ujeki, daughter, Mary, son-in-law, Bruno Colchen, and her grandchildren, Marcel Colchen and KimiAnn Sano. Memorial gifts to:
First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto https://www.fprespa.org/
Peninsula Peace and Justice Center https://peaceandjustice.org/

Eiko Yamada
Eiko Yamada passed away on August 29, 2021 in Palo Alto, California at the age of 83. She was born in Japan to Koro and Michiko Shimomura and spent most of her childhood and young adulthood in Nagoya, Japan. She graduated from Nagoya City Women’s College with her degree in economics. After graduation, she went to work for Toyota Motors until she married her husband, George Yamada, and moved to Palo Alto in 1964. She was a homemaker and raised two children, Carl and Nancy.

Eiko loved reading, flowers, gardening, stained glass craft work, knitting, and crocheting. After George’s retirement, she and George enjoyed traveling throughout the country and abroad for many years. Once they became grandparents, she and George helped raise their three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Emily Wilkinson by supporting them in their many after school activities. Her husband George predeceased her in 2019. She is survived by her son Carl, daughter Nancy, her grandchildren, Elizabeth, Mary and Emily. She is survived by her two sisters Keiko Tanaka and Kyomichi Shimomura, her niece Linda Tanaka, nephew Fred Tanaka, and nephew Brian Norimoto. She has many other nieces and nephews from her siblings living in Japan.

There will be a private memorial service for her family and close friends to be followed by interment at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Finley Sumner Still
May 30, 1989 – September 30, 2020

Finley was born in Denver, Colorado on May 30, 1989 to Elizabeth and George J. Still, Jr. At four months of age he moved to Seattle, Washington and then on to the Bay Area in California in time to celebrate his 4th birthday. Whatever his age, Finley exhibited wisdom far beyond his years: “Finley is an amazing person and the older he gets the more amazing people will realize he is.” (4th grade teacher) “Finley shows unadulterated brilliance.” (9th grade physics teacher)

“it is amazing to see you go up against the greats like Freud and be dead right.” (college professor) Much more than any brilliance, Finley demonstrated love and compassion for his fellow man. If you were homeless and hungry on the streets in Hollywood and ran across Finley, he took you out for a meal and listened to your story; if you were in an abusive relationship and needed a safe place to stay, Finley’s place was yours. If you had no money for rent and needed a home, Finley had spare room. If you were pregnant, unwed, and a recovering meth addict lucky enough to meet Finley in a Starbucks, you found a friend who would aid you through your pregnancy, hold your hand in the delivery room through-out labor and witness the birth of your first child. Finley tutored children in homeless shelters, he taught foster children how to play the guitar. Finley gave of himself to this world, but this world was a difficult place for him; creating music provided him a deep reservoir of solace, an opportunity for expression and for hope.

Finley attended Canterbury Christian School, Trinity School, Menlo School, Musician’s Institute, Santa Monica City College and California Institute of the Arts. He loved learning and studied music, computer programming, English Literature and art. He participated in the inaugural Entrepreneurship Program at Draper University and thoroughly enjoyed its mission for his fellow man. If you were in an abusive relationship and needed a safe place, Finley’s place was yours. If you were homeless and hungry on the streets in Hollywood and ran across Finley, he took you out for a meal and listened to your story; if you were in an abusive relationship and needed a safe place to stay, Finley’s place was yours. If you had no money for rent and needed a home, Finley had spare room. If you were pregnant, unwed, and a recovering meth addict lucky enough to meet Finley in a Starbucks, you found a friend who would aid you through your pregnancy, hold your hand in the delivery room through-out labor and witness the birth of your first child. Finley tutored children in homeless shelters, he taught foster children how to play the guitar. Finley gave of himself to this world, but this world was a difficult place for him; creating music provided him a deep reservoir of solace, an opportunity for expression and for hope.

Finley attended Canterbury Christian School, Trinity School, Menlo School, Musician’s Institute, Santa Monica City College and California Institute of the Arts. He loved learning and studied music, computer programming, English Literature and art. He participated in the inaugural Entrepreneurship Program at Draper University and thoroughly enjoyed it; thanking Tim Draper he wrote, ‘I find myself relating the moment to Draper Questions such as, “Why am I doing this?” “What do I want?” “What matters?”’ Among the few possessions he had at the end of his life were the following books whose titles are included here because they reveal more of Finley’s character: And What Would You Say If You Could? by Haviland N. G. Whiting, The Gallows Pole by Benjamin Myers, The Smell of Rain on Dust by Martin Prechtel, and Tao Te Ching, translated by Gia-Fu Feng and Jane English.

Finley was always original, always curious, always caring and always ready to lend a hand to a fellow human in need. He cared passionately about the rights of those oppressed here and abroad and about vulnerable children. He had no patience for hypocrisy. He wasn’t much on small talk, but if you needed the small talk or if you were ready to talk about something meaningful he was all in.

Finley had physical ailments that medicine could not effectively identify the causes for or treat. Though those symptoms grew to include mental illness, Finley bravely continued to work very hard his entire life.

Finley had a smile and laugh that were like the morning’s spreading sunlight. He had a rich sense of humor and enjoyed the comical in everyday life. He got beaten down by life, by a mood disorder and by a lack of understanding. He left us on September 30, 2020 in Los Angeles, California. He was, and is, so loved by his family: by his beloved twin, George III and George’s fiancée, Boriana Boyanova who was so kind to him; by his devoted brother John T., his treasured sister Ellie; by his mother and father Elizabeth and George Still, forever humbled by him and proud to be his parents; and by his loving maternal grandparents, Billy Ruth and Finley Van Brocklin, for whom he was named. His family rest assured Finley entered the comforting arms of God the Father and Jesus, and was welcomed to heaven by his paternal grandparents, Zenaide and George Still, MD, who delighted in him. A small outdoor service led by Frank Vanderzwan of Menlo Church was held on October 14, 2020. A retreat center for extended stays offering community, life skills lessons and various therapies including music therapy and art therapy is being established in Finley’s memory. In the meantime, if you would like to make a gift in his memory, please consider Compassion International, International Justice Mission, Musicians On Call or a charity of your choice.

International Justice Mission: IJM.org
Musicians On Call: MusiciansOnCall.org
Compassion International: Compassion.com
11665 DAWSOON DRIVE
LOS ALTOS HILLS

STUNNING RETREAT ON OVER 1.6 ACRES

Over 1.6 acres of verdant land envelops this contemporary masterpiece that exemplifies the rustic elegance synonymous with Los Altos Hills. Evoking the feel of a five-star mountainside retreat, this home offers over 3,600 square feet of luxurious interiors, a modern floorplan, and ample privacy. Beautiful hardwood floors extend throughout expansive gathering areas made for entertaining, and spectacular walls of windows stretch to the tops of soaring ceilings to fill the home with natural light. Both the living room and family room include a fireplace with a slate tile surround, the chef’s kitchen features top-of-the-line appliances, and the media room offers great space for enjoying movie nights. Four spacious bedrooms provide the accommodations, including the primary suite with a spa-inspired bathroom, and one bedroom that easily converts into office space to work from home in style. Outside, a gorgeous deck encircles the home and offers outstanding space for indoor/outdoor living while taking in the all-encompassing natural beauty of the home’s magnificent setting. Plus, the grounds of the home include a hot tub, as well as a pathway leading to the Rancho San Antonio nature trails. And though this home enjoys an incredibly private feel, you will still be just moments to downtown Los Altos, a short drive to Interstate 280, and have access to top-ranked Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.11665Dawson.com
Offered at $4,488,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 | 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
LUXURY AND PRIVACY ON OVER AN ACRE

The all-encompassing privacy that only Los Altos Hills affords offers the ideal backdrop for this stylish home nestled on over an acre of gated grounds. High, detailed ceilings create an airy ambiance throughout over 4,800 square feet of living space filled with luxurious appointments including hardwood floors, fine millwork, new carpet, and marble finishes. The expansive floorplan is highlighted by the living room anchored by a fireplace, the vast kitchen with appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero, and the family room with a fireplace and wet bar. The home’s 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms include the sizable primary suite with a spa-like bathroom, as well as a convenient guest suite, while a 2-room office suite offers great space to work from home in style and may also serve as a 5th bedroom. Outside, the backyard provides sweeping terraces adorned with tall trees and colorful plantings, while the attached 3-car garage and extended driveway ensure ample parking. This spectacular retreat-like property will have you feeling far removed from the fast pace of Silicon Valley, yet you will still be a short drive to the Los Altos Village, the Los Altos Golf & Country Club, and have easy access to Interstate 280. Plus, children may attend top-ranked Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.25680Elena.com
Offered at $4,988,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
Letters

Community engagement

Editor,
Forty years ago, a group of political activist ecologists living in an intentional community, Ecovision (aka Magic), in the Evergreen neighborhood, lobbied the city and rallied the neighborhood for a system of street barricades. One of the purposes of Magic was to solve the problem of people being minimally employed so they have time and energy to pursue projects for the community good. It took them seven years of constant effort on the part of about a dozen people to get the barricades installed.

At the time, the neighborhood was bitterly divided on the subject, with only the relentless effort on the part of these activists managing to get the project to move forward. After 30 years of living with barricades, they are unanimously loved. Every single resident supports them.

Residents on East Meadow Drive who could lose street parking are now vilifying the city for its lack of “community engagement.” Problem is, the kind of community engagement needed to move a plan forward that makes real changes is way, way beyond the scope of city staff. No matter how good your engagement, there is always going to be a core group of people who resist change with all their might.

But when it comes to residents initiating change on their own? There is always a group of people ready to help. They are all too busy for that: “The city should do it.”

Deborah Goldeen
Grocery & City, Palo Alto

Protect the power grid

Editor,
We must do more to strengthen our power grid against an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) event. Such an event can result from an attack by terrorists or by another country (e.g. China may already have the capability, which it may use in an economic crisis) or it can occur naturally. It could result in devastating loss of life. There is disagreement on this, but why take chances?

We should also have a ground-based GPS backup system, like Russia has, or we could lose the internet, at the very least, in an anti-satellite attack.

Alvin Blake
Elm Street, Palo Alto

No more leaf blowers

Editor,
Palo Alto encourages us to live a sustainable lifestyle, minimizing our impact on Earth as much as possible. Our electricity is carbon neutral, making us feel good about emitting carbon dioxide in the air. Think of hundreds of leaf blowers operating every day in Palo Alto and think of the unnecessary carbon added to the air. Palo Alto needs to get serious about banning leaf blowers and make it clear to homeowners that these things are gross insults to the Earth we love.

Steve Ettreim
Ivy Lane, Palo Alto

311 service works

Editor,
I’d like to commend the city of Palo Alto for its efficient 311 service. Earlier this year, I sent a photo of a dangerous sidewalk condition in my neighborhood to Palo Alto’s 311 service. The next day, the city had put up a barrier around the dangerous hole in the sidewalk and had notified the company that was responsible for the deteriorated concrete lid on the cable box.

On Monday, Sept. 13, I noticed graffiti on the beautiful underwater mural in the bike underpass at California Avenue. Once again, I used 311 to notify the city. They notified the Arts Department on Tuesday, and the graffiti was removed perfectly by Wednesday morning.

Arthur Keller
Corina Way, Palo Alto

We need backup power

Editor,
In 2010, Palo Alto lost electric power for 10 hours due to a plane crash. We nearly had a repeat of that scenario on Sept. 13.

Why no redundant source of power?

There is a dormant electric line into Palo Alto right by the new Adobe Creek bridge. Why not activate it before the next plane crash?

Annette Isackson
Webster Street, Palo Alto

Kudos to P.A. Players

Editor,
I just saw “Working” at Lucie Stern Community Center and must say that the cast is quite talented. It is definitely a winner and worth the hour and 40 minutes of everybody’s time.

Andrea Smith
Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto

This week on Town Square

Town Square is an online discussion forum at PaloAltoOnline.com/square

In response to ‘People paid a premium to build our homes. Will fitness clubs lure them back?’

Posted Sept. 17 at 11:11 a.m. by Jon Keeling, a resident of Community Center:
“It depends what you find valuable and if you are simply after a workout. Some people crave the social interaction of a gym/sports/dance/martial arts membership. Some people just cannot replicate the variety and quality of equipment at a fitness club. Others find the professional help to be completely worth the added expense. Others find they do just fine by themselves in their garage or running around trails, etc.

I started teaching karate classes online just prior to the official restrictions requiring gyms to shut down last March. I plan to continue them indefinitely because now I have people all over the world attending my classes remotely.

Now that we are back to in-person options, there are many more people coming to classes than when we were virtual-only. And this is due to a variety of factors but probably mostly because karate is a skill that really requires an experienced instructor to test/done live, in 3D.

Dance is similar. Many find that they can do the most basic yoga routines or weight-lifting with their existing knowledge/experience, but when you want to take your skills to the next level, you really need to have a teacher who knows what they are doing. Again, it really depends on what you are after.”

In response to ‘Palo Alto advances redevelopment plan for Ventura. Property owners have other ideas’

Posted Sept. 21 at 2:11 p.m. by Paul Brophy, a resident of Professorville:
“Kudos to the City Council for resisting the idea of allowing more office space in a community that has already imposed fiscal and transportation burdens elsewhere in the Bay Area by permitting far more jobs than housing units over the past couple of generations. At the same time, the Council wishes to impose conditions for the development of new housing that makes it totally unfeasible for that to ever occur.

City policies that guarantee no major housing projects will ever be built include demands for restricted density, developer-funded parks and other public amenities, preserving large parts of a 70-year-old industrial building (as in the case of Fry’s), and above all, the expectation that the builder of market-rate housing must also fund affordable units. To give you an idea of what this entails, the affordable-housing project at 801 Alma St., built in 2011, required subsidies equal to $600,000 per unit. At today’s costs, we’re talking north of $1 million. You don’t need to be a whiz with spreadsheets to recognize that rents or sales prices of market-rate homes have to be far higher just to cover this expense, one that is not caused by their project but rather to serve an existing community-wide need.”

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Palo Alto Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest.

What do you think about the state’s new housing bills?

Submit letters to the editor of up to 300 words to letters@paweekly.com. Submit guest opinions of 750 to 950 words to editor@paweekly.com. Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you.

We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Submitting a letter to the editor or guest opinion constitutes a granting of permission to the Palo Alto Weekly and Embarcadero Media to also publish it online, including in our online archives and as a post on Town Square.

For more information, contact Editorial Assistant Lloyd Lee at llee@paweekly.com or 650-223-6526 or Editor Jocelyn Dong at editor@paweekly.com.
147 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto

4 beds | 2 baths | 1,600± SQFT | 6,334± SQFT Lot

For more information, visit www.147WalterHays.com

Classic & Stylish!

WELCOME! Enjoy quintessential urban living in the sought after neighborhood of Green Gables. First time on the market since 1965, this lovely home situated on a tree lined street, offers an indoor-outdoor lifestyle in the heart of Silicon Valley. The wrap around yard offers the ultimate in recreation and entertaining with a large patio, lush landscaping and mature majestic tree. Newly Remodeled bathrooms and an updated kitchen is an owner’s delight. A MUST SEE!

Offered at $3,450,000

Arti Miglani
DRE #01150085
650.804.6942
www.ArtiMiglani.com
Arti@ArtiMiglani.com

Compass is the brand name used for services provided by one or more of the Compass group of subsidiary companies. Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Number 01079009. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.
Nestled in the peaceful enclave of Crescent Park, one of the most sought-after areas in all of Palo Alto, this elegant Mediterranean jewel offers luxurious living space and a floorplan perfect for a modern lifestyle. Custom-built in 2016 and offering outstanding build quality throughout, this home envelops you in a lush ambiance from the moment you step inside, with high-end appointments including floors of both marble tile and hardwood, fine millwork and moldings, and lofty ceilings that create a wonderfully open feel. Nearly 2,800 square feet of living space includes the living room with a centerpiece fireplace, the marble-appointed kitchen with high-end appliances, and the family room with a full-wall entertainment center. Find comfort in the home’s 5 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms including the expansive primary suite with a spa-like bathroom, plus multiple guest suites, and a bedroom that easily converts into an office. Outside, the backyard provides a heated deck and drought-friendly synthetic lawn, while the detached garage, carport, and extended driveway ensure ample parking. Just moments to Eleanor Pardee Park, close to University Avenue and downtown Palo Alto, and convenient to Stanford University, this home is also served by top-ranked schools Duvenec Elementary, Greene Middle, and Palo Alto High (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.1436Hamilton.com
Offered at $4,988,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
The prestige of one of Palo Alto’s most sought-after neighborhoods takes center stage in this magnificent home that exemplifies the grace and elegance synonymous with Crescent Park. Designed by the renowned architect Charles K. Sumner, this home on more than one-half acre has been thoroughly updated to meet the needs of a modern lifestyle while staying true to the charm of its rich heritage. A gated entrance opens to a vibrant garden cultivated by landscape artist Katsy Swan, famous for her work in the Bay Area. Brilliant interiors of over 4,200 square feet in the main home wrap you in style from the moment you step inside, with oak floors extending throughout expansive gathering spaces scaled for entertaining, and high-end appointments including exquisite wall coverings, imported tiles, and a magnificent La Cornue range anchoring the chef’s kitchen. The home’s 6 bedrooms offer comfortable accommodations for family and friends, while 2 guest cottages each with a kitchen provide space for an office, fitness center, or additional lodging. Outside, a meandering brick pathway leads through the private haven of the backyard that features a large terrace, lawn, fire pit, and sparkling pool and spa. Plus, a gated, extended driveway ensures ample parking is always available. Just moments to the shops and eateries along University Avenue, this home is also convenient to Stanford University, and to venture capital centers along Sand Hill Road, with access to acclaimed Palo Alto schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.1420University.com
Offered at $10,988,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 | 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
By Sheryl Nonnenberg

It might be a stretch of the imagination to correlate Pieter Bruegel the Elder’s most famous paintings, The Seasons, with Paul Graham’s large-scale photography series of the same name. A visit to Palo Alto’s Pace Gallery, where Graham’s work is on view until Oct. 16, will change your mind.

“I didn’t start out thinking, ‘Bruegel’ but, as I started the work, I thought, ‘This reminds me of those wide landscapes with the multiple scenes going on. And, it’s interesting because you are flipping 16th-century life in Northern Europe with 21st-century life in New York City - from farming to finance,’” Graham said.

Graham, who was born in rural England and is basically self-taught, became famous for three photography books created in the early 1980s. He traveled around his native country, taking pictures of people in unemployment offices and then went to Northern Ireland, where he turned his lens on the “Troubles.” Both the subject matter and technique were shocking to the British art establishment, mainly because color photography was seen as trivial and certainly not an appropriate way to portray such serious topics.

After relocating to New York in 2002, Graham took a Robert Frank-like trip around the United States to see what makes us who we are. (The Swiss-born Frank’s unflinchingly honest photographs assembled in the 1958 book “The Americans” are considered iconic in the medium.) Graham shared with me that he found most Americans to be kind and empathetic, but was surprised at the level of poverty to be found in rural areas of this country.

Graham decided to continue his observations of American life with a series that took place in the heart of our economy, the banking headquarters along New York City’s Park Avenue. Standing in the median area (“a great place to avoid getting hit by cars”), he took hundreds of pictures of ordinary New Yorkers going about their day. In order to frame the series like Bruegel, he was there during each season of the year. He described his technique as follows:

“Classic street photography: Good camera, good lens, but no tripod. Standing there and then — click!”

Graham, who says he has “no problem” with digital, still does everything in the darkroom himself. This series had to be large in scale (averaging 117 x 162 centimeters) and framed in dark black frames, as an homage to Bruegel. They are also hung low, at eye level, which gives the viewer a sense that you can walk right into the picture. And if you notice that a few are a bit crooked, that’s fine, said the artist. “Some are wonky; I leave that in and embrace it.”

‘After 500 years, there is still a cycle of life. You may start to see your own life in it.’

—Paul Graham, photographer

‘After 500 years, there is still a cycle of life. You may start to see your own life in it.’

—Paul Graham, photographer
like Lee Friedlander, Helen Levitt, Garry Winogrand and Diane Arbus all worked in black and white. Graham explained that his preference for color is because, “The ability of high-quality photography to record every detail, every color, every skin tone, every hair — and I want people to see that.”

A walk around the gallery reveals a chronology of a place in real time. The pedestrians are walking, some in groups but mostly alone. There are well-dressed executives, blue-collar workers, bicycle messengers and women with strollers. Depending on the time of year, their clothing reflects the season, just as in the Bruegel paintings. In fact, each photograph is titled like the paintings: “Early Summer: Harvesting” and “Spring: Return of the Herd.”

When asked if the prints are intended to be an historical record of how we live today, Graham replied, “There are a lot of parallels of activity. It’s fascinating to me how much has changed since I took these pictures (they were undertaken in 2018). Two of the buildings captured have been completely demolished. And of course, this was pre-pandemic, so no masks.”

Along with The Seasons, Pace is showing a series Graham created in 2005 entitled Sightless. Once again, the subjects are ordinary New Yorkers emerging onto 42nd street during a busy work day. Graham shared that he went there specifically because he loves the soft light of the late afternoon. These prints, in contrast to The Seasons, are quite small. They consist of color portraits of people with their eyes closed. Yes, you read that correctly. When I pointed out to Graham that, for most of us, these would be rejected and taken again, he laughed and said, “Yes, I love that.” He admitted that he, at first, dismissed them and then realized, “This is more interesting. There is a notion of blindness or a trance-like moment.”

Indeed, the subjects of these photographs look like they are caught in meditation or prayer, rather than just alighting from the subway and hurrying home. They are mesmerizing for their quiet simplicity and evoke questions like “are they happy, where are they going?” Graham explained that these are completely candid shots and that his presence was not at all noticed. And like The Seasons, they do reflect an earlier time period, with just one flip-phone in evidence.

Graham shared that his fascination for the idea of sightlessness stemmed from an early childhood accident, which left him blinded temporarily. He also said the series is about “people who are choosing not to see.” Both The Seasons and Sightless embrace the idea of candid street photography that captures the quotidian. Graham pointed out that, while Bruegel’s bucolic country scenes conveyed a “slightly romantic fantasy,” his work focuses on real situations. And if viewers question why these ordinary, everyday people on the streets of a large city are interesting, Graham offers this suggestion, “Be open, be curious, look around at the activities that are going on. I hope people will see the connection to Bruegel and how there is a timelessness to the activities of our life. After 500 years there is still a cycle of life. You may start to see your own life in it.”

Pace Gallery is located at 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. For more information, visit pacegallery.com/exhibitions.

Email Contributing Writer Sheryl Nonnenberg at nonnenberg@aol.com.

Photos in Paul Graham’s The Seasons series, such as “EARLY SUMMER (Haymaking), “Wells Fargo, 280 Park Avenue,” capture bustling scenes of people going about their everyday lives, a contemporary echo of Pieter Bruegel’s 16th-century paintings.
1971 MENALTO AVENUE
MENLO PARK

ABUNDANT CHARM ON AN EXPANSIVE LOT

Intrinsic charm and a great location in the sought-after Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park make this delightful 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom home an excellent choice for Silicon Valley living. Beautiful hardwood floors extend throughout most of the home's nearly 1,200 square feet of living space, with a floorplan that includes the living room with a fireplace, the dining room that opens to a patio for al fresco dining, and the kitchen with a Viking range and dishwasher. The spacious backyard offers the perfect setting to relax and unwind with patio space, a lawn, and towering shade trees, while the nearby garage is adjoined by an office to meet all of your work-from-home needs. Plus, this home rests on a sizable lot of 7,300 square feet, providing ample opportunity for expansion. Just minutes to Willow Oaks Park, this home is also a short drive away from downtown Menlo Park and Palo Alto, and offers access to acclaimed Menlo Park schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.1971Menalto.com
Listed at $1,788,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

For more information contact: Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 電話: 650.785.5822 我們精通英語和粵語
Managing Broker: Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
STYLISHLY REMODELED AND A GREAT LOCATION

On a peaceful non-through street in the sought-after Willows neighborhood rests this impeccably remodeled home offering stylish interiors, a modern floorplan, and excellent space for indoor/outdoor living. A slate pathway leads to the front door, and inside, Brazilian mahogany floors extend through open living space, and numerous windows, glass doors, and skylights fill the home with natural light, creating a fresh, inviting ambiance that permeates throughout. A cathedral ceiling crowns the living room, the dining room flows into the kitchen with appliances from Kenmore Elite and GE Profile, and the media room provides great space for enjoying movie nights. Multiple rooms, including the primary suite, open to the serene grounds of the home and its numerous slate patios perfect for al fresco enjoyment, and this home also includes a detached studio ideal for use as an office or fitness center. This incredible location is just a bike ride away from local shops, cafes, and downtown Palo Alto, a short drive to downtown Menlo Park, and convenient to Facebook. Plus, children may attend acclaimed schools including Laurel Elementary, whose upper campus is just steps away (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

www.226Oak.com
Offered at $2,388,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文咨询服务联系Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 | 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
Tucked away in complete privacy on gated grounds of over an acre, this spectacular estate offers luxurious living and a quintessential Atherton lifestyle. A stone pathway through a vibrant garden entrance leads to the front porch, and inside, high-end rustic charm evokes the feel of a mountainside retreat, with appointments that include gorgeous hardwood floors, fine millwork, and soaring beamed ceilings. Offering 5 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms, and over 8,500 square feet of space, including the guest home, this estate provides expansive spaces perfect for both entertaining and everyday living. Highlights include the living room centered by a stone fireplace, the gourmet kitchen with appliances from Viking, Thermador, and Bosch, the handsomely appointed office, and the family room with a delightful wood-burning stove. The expansive primary suite offers a spa-like bathroom, while additional bedrooms including a guest suite provide comfort and convenience for friends and family alike. Plus, the guest house features a full kitchen, bedroom suite, and an attached exercise/yoga room. And for true indoor/outdoor living, multiple points throughout the estate open to the immaculate grounds with a sprawling lawn, pool, outdoor kitchen, and fire pit, all shaded by towering trees along the perimeter.

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.327Stockbridge.com
Offered at $12,988,000

Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in Atherton
Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, in Atherton, residential properties, with no off-MLS sales included in the rankings.

2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent
Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
An expansive corner lot encircled by blooming white roses provides the setting for this newly constructed and luxurious home. Consisting of nearly 3,340 square feet of living space, this contemporary jewel presents unparalleled build quality, chic appointments, and an inviting ambiance from the moment you step inside. Excellent use of glass fills the home with natural light, and dazzling light fixtures illuminate many rooms, highlighting stylish white oak floors that extend throughout. The open floorplan unfolds with gathering areas ideally suited for both entertaining and everyday living, highlighted by the living room with a centerpiece marble fireplace, the family room with an 85” TV for enjoying movie nights, and the spectacular kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and temperature-controlled wine storage. Five bedrooms include the palatial primary suite with a balcony perfect for enjoying your morning coffee, while additional accommodations include three guest suites and a bedroom with a private outdoor entrance. Find great space to relax and unwind in the peaceful backyard with a covered patio, lush lawn, and privacy trees. Plus, this home also includes an attached garage wired for EV charging as well as a hand-set paver driveway for added parking. Find yourself just moments to Rinconada Park and Gamble Garden, a short drive from University Avenue and Stanford University, and convenient to both Caltrain and US 101. And, top public and private schools including Greene Middle and Stratford School are just blocks away.

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.900NCalifornia.com

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com

Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 | 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
Authors Luncheon
Saturday, October 16, 2021 | Cocktail Edition
Oshman Family JCC Courtyard, Palo Alto

Join us for the premier literary event on the Peninsula! Enjoy a cocktail while perusing the pop-up bookstore and meet these renowned authors:

**Julie Lythcott-Haims**
Best-Selling Author and Former Stanford Dean
*Virtual Guest Speaker*

**Kathy Wang**
Acclaimed Novelist

**Bryant Terry**
Award-Winning Chef, Publisher, and Author

**Paul O. Zelinsky**
Caldecott Medal-Winning Illustrator

Learn more at abilitypath.org/authors

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

**Platinum**
Rachel and Simon Segars
Stanley E. Hanson Foundation

**Gold**
Anonymous
Heidi Feldman and Jay McClelland
Laurie T. Jarrett
Christina Kenrick
Patty and Jim White

**Silver**
Breaking Glass Forums
Claudia Claussen
Nancy Drapkin
Goldman Sachs Gives on behalf of Tammy Kiely
Ellen Jones
John McNellis
Katie and Bryan Neider
Jenn Wagstaff Hinton and John Hinton
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation

**Bronze**
Anonymous | Thomas and Wallace Brunner | Carrie Drake
Ellen and Tom Ehrlich | Sara and Mike Hammond
David and Mary Kabakov | Alicia and Merrill Newman
Judith and David Richardson | Elizabeth Wolf

Thank you to our Media Sponsor:

[Image of Palo Alto Weekly logo]
By Sara Hayden

Pizzzone is popping up with giant Milan-style pizza at Vina Enoteca restaurant in Palo Alto. Head there the next few Sundays for a two-foot-wide pie that can “comfortably feed six adults,” or a slice, all with a crust that’s crisp on the bottom, airy in the middle and topped with fresh, flavorful ingredients.

The concept of making pizza has been a long time coming. Dario Presezzi, who recently launched the pop-up pizzeria, said he got the idea after immigrating to the Bay Area nearly a decade ago from a town outside Milan, Italy.

“Living here in the Bay Area, you miss the food from Italy a bit,” Presezzi said. He missed it so much that the week after he arrived, he went in search of a cappuccino and in the process, befriended Rocco Scordella, owner and managing partner of Vina Enoteca, and became a partner at the restaurant.

The food he missed most, however, was the pizza. Specifically, “my pizza, from where I grew up,” said Presezzi. “By ‘my pizza’ I mean it’s the one my family and friends used to get every weekend and eat together.”

The pizzeria where Presezzi and his family got their pizza is still in business in his hometown of Vimercate, Milan, Italy. “The concept of making pizza has been a passion,” Presezzi said.

Business partner Alex Guido also had been looking to get into the pizza business. Originally from the town of Aman-tea in Italy’s Calabria region, he was working at his uncle’s grocery store when he convinced a pizzaiolo to teach him how to make pizza. With the support of his “Uncle Nino,” he left home to pursue his passion.

After an intensive pizzaiolo course in Naples, Guido arrived in the Bay Area. He continued to perfect his pizza craft while working at Doppio Zero in Mountain View and then Vina Enoteca, where he met Presezzi. Guido was about to sign the lease to open his own restaurant when the COVID-19 pandemic set in, and he put his plans on hold.

Presezzi told Guido that he believed a business concept focused on Milan-style pizza held promise. Presezzi’s idea for pizza was different from the distinctive Neapolitan style that Guido had learned. Neapolitan pizzas can take days at a time to prepare and have strict ingredient and production specifications. What Presezzi had in mind for his take on Milan-style pizza was an elevated fast food, still using quality ingredients, but adapting them to what the Bay Area has to offer while capturing what Presezzi enjoyed about the pizza in Vimercate.

“After a couple tries, he loved it,” Presezzi said. The two decided to go into business together, in collaboration with Scordella at Vina Enoteca.

Together, they tested different recipes using as many local ingredients as they could, including mozzarella from Berkeley’s Belfiore Cheese Company and seasonal vegetables. After months of testing and consulting with the pizzeria in Vimercate, they determined there was no local equivalent for the tomatoes they wanted to use in their sauce, so they opted to import Antico Casale Franzese tomatoes.

“The tomatoes from Naples have some tastes that for me is very hard to reproduce,” Presezzi said. “We focused on the best brand that we believe we can get.”

Packaging also posed a challenge: They couldn’t find a pizza box big enough to contain their pies. Pizzone pies are larger than an extra-large one from Domino’s, and Pizzone’s single, triangular slices are longer than most. So the Pizzone team designed its own box. For the first iteration of the design, they’ve used a recyclable card stock. Soon, they’ll have the next iteration, made from a material that can be popped directly into the oven and then composted after.

This feature is especially important to Presezzi, who first came to the Peninsula with a mission to increase sustainability and achieve zero waste with his company, Bioforctech.

“I’m bringing this mentality of environmentalism that’s very strong,” Presezzi said. “I see how waste is managed, how the impacts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are getting pretty intense. Everything I do now has to be as sustainable as possible. It’s something I can’t ignore. It became a passion.”

Opening a new food business during the pandemic has been “very hard to do,” Guido said, and the team is continuing to strive to make progress toward their greater goal.

They’ve started with the idea of a ghost kitchen, so that customers can order the pizza they make in Vina Enoteca’s kitchen for delivery or takeout. They also have pop-up events so people can experience the pizza at the restaurant. But they ultimately want to launch in retail, freezing their pizzas and making them available to customers in stores.

They plan to introduce their pizzas at Sigona’s Farmers Market, with other locations to follow, Presezzi said. Then, Bay Area customers will be able to get a taste of flavors inspired by Presezzi’s favorite Vimercate pizzeria right in their own kitchens.

“We want to create a pizza brand that’s very light with very good ingredients that you can heat up at home, without having to go to a restaurant,” he said.

Pizzone will be popping up at Vina Enoteca in Palo Alto on Sunday Sept. 26, as well as Oct. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. Follow Pizzone on Instagram to check out hours as they’re updated.

Vina Enoteca is located at 700 Welch Road, Palo Alto: 650.666.3477.

Email Associate Digital Editor Sara Hayden at peninsulafoodies@paweb.com.

DIG INTO FOOD NEWS.
Follow the Peninsula Foodist on Instagram @peninsulalfoodist and subscribe to the newsletter at paweekly.com/expressfoodist to get insights on the latest openings and closings, learn what the Foodist is excited about eating, read exclusive interviews and keep up on the trends affecting local restaurants.
YOUR NEW HOME AWAITS

161 LUCERO WAY
PORTOLA VALLEY
$3,988,000 | 4 Bd | 3 Bth
www.161Lucero.com

60 ASHFIELD ROAD
ATHERTON
$4,488,000 | 4 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.60Ashfield.com

2415 SHARON OAKS DR
MENLO PARK
$1,988,000 | 3 Bd | 2.5 Bth
www.2415SharonOaks.com

147 PATRICIA DRIVE
ATHERTON
$18,988,000 | 5 Bd | 7 Bth
www.147Patricia.com

410 8TH AVENUE
MENLO PARK
$1,995,000 | 5 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.4108thAve.com

1466 KINGS LANE
PALO ALTO
$3,988,000 | 4 Bd | 3 Bth
www.1466Kings.com

22305 RANCHO DEEP CLIFF DR
CUPERTINO
$1,788,000 | 2 Bd | 2 Bth
www.22305RanchoDeepCliff.com

1117 HAMILTON AVENUE
PALO ALTO
$6,988,000 | 5 Bd | 5 Bth
www.1117Hamilton.com

3830 LOUIS ROAD
PALO ALTO
$1,988,000 | 3 Bd | 2 Bth
www.3830Louis.com

651 LOWELL AVENUE
PALO ALTO
$9,988,000 | 6 Bd | 5.5 Bth
www.651Lowell.com

1251 COLLEGE AVENUE
PALO ALTO
$5,498,000 | 5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.1251College.com

1018 FULTON STREET
PALO ALTO
$5,288,000 | 5 Bd | 4 Bth
www.1018FultonSt.com

327 STOCKBRIDGE AVE
ATHERTON
$12,988,000 | 5 Bd | 8 Bth
www.327Stockbridge.com

51 CRESCENT DR
PALO ALTO
$14,500,000 | 5 Bd | 8 Bth
www.51Crescent.com

1238 HOOVER STREET
MENLO PARK
$2,488,000 | 4 Bd | 3 Bth
www.1238HooverST.com

1963 ROCK STREET, #6
MOUNTAIN VIEW
$1,249,000 | 3 Bd | 3 Bth
www.1963RockSt6.com

303 ATHERTON AVE
ATHERTON
$19,988,000 | 7 Bd | 8.5 Bth
www.303AthertonAve.com

199 MAPACHE DRIVE
PORTOLA VALLEY
$14,988,000 | 5 Bd | 6.5 Bth
www.199Mapache.com

97 RIDGE VIEW DR
ATHERTON
$13,988,000 | 6 Bd | 7.5 Bth
www.97RidgeViewDr.com

96 HEATHER DRIVE
ATHERTON
$13,488,000 | 8 Bd | 12 Bth
www.96HeatherDR.com

Managing Broker: Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | DeLeon Realty, DRE #01903224
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY 9/25 & SUNDAY 9/26  1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

25680 ELENA ROAD
LOS ALTOS HILLS
$4,988,000 | 4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.25680Elena.com

1971 MENALTO AVENUE
MENLO PARK
$1,788,000 | 2 Bd | 1 Bth
www.1971Menalto.com

1436 HAMILTON AVENUE
PALO ALTO
$4,988,000 | 5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.1436Hamilton.com

11665 DAWSON DRIVE
LOS ALTOS HILLS
$4,488,000 | 4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.11665Dawson.com

1420 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PALO ALTO
$10,988,000 | 6 Bd | 7.5 Bth
www.1420University.com

226 OAK COURT
MENLO PARK
$2,388,000 | 3 Bd | 3 Bth
www.226Oak.com

1060 COLORADO PLACE
PALO ALTO
$4,488,000 | 2 Bd | 2.5 Bth
www.1060Colorado.com

4126 PARK BOULEVARD
PALO ALTO
$1,995,000 | 4 Bd | 2 Bth
www.4126Park.com

900 N CALIFORNIA AVE
PALO ALTO
$5,988,000 | 5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.900NCalifornia.com

327 STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE
ATHERTON
$12,988,000 | 5 Bd | 8 Bth
www.327Stockbridge.com

Managing Broker: Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | DeLeon Realty, DRE #01903224
WHY SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM?

Our subscribing members say it best...

“ You provide excellent news, both local and nationwide. Thank you. ”

- Audrey C.

Will you join the thousands of others supporting local journalism?

Now’s your moment to step up when we need you the most.

Subscribe now at PaloAltoOnline.com/join

You can also subscribe for one year by mailing a check for $120 ($60 for seniors and students) to us at 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto 94306.
STRIKING A CHORD

East Palo Alto educator’s new book finds harmony in Yo-Yo Ma’s music

BY SOPHIA MARKOULAKIS

I
n August 2018, acclaimed cellist and humanitarian Yo-Yo Ma set out on a global musical mission — The Bach Project — to perform Johann Sebastian Bach’s six suites for solo cello in 36 different locations and demonstrate the power that music has to connect our divides and bind us as humans.

Almost a year later, when Joanna Ho, Peninsula author and vice principal at East Palo Alto Academy, read an article about Ma’s performance in the border town of Laredo, Texas, she was immediately transported back to her youth and her memories of growing up in a large immigrant family.

“My mom loved Yo-Yo Ma, and she would blast his Bach solos on Saturday morning when my brother and I would try to sleep in,” she said with a laugh. The article also stirred thoughts of the author’s connection to her single mother who taught her to build bridges, not walls. That “aha” moment was marked with the idea to write a book about Ma’s concert, the musician’s mission of unity and his childhood that inspired his activism.


“I had an epiphany and wrote that book faster than any other book I’ve written. I had the core of it done in two days,” Ho said, referring to the book’s initial draft and her New York Times best-selling first title, “Eyes that Kiss in the Corners.”

Ho grappled with and ultimately overcame her inner voice that told her that a story revolving around the southern border wasn’t her story to tell.

“It was at the peak of child separation at the border, and I had been wrestling with the idea of writing a book about that experience. But I was conscious that that story is not exclusively mine, so I was initially hesitant,” she said. Instead, the author found a way to write it through her own lens, as the daughter of immigrants. “I was able to find a way to speak about what was happening at the border and still speak about the global dialogue surrounding immigration and refugees at borders.”

The story begins on the banks of the Rio Grande in Texas where the musician plays Bach to a Mexican and American audience straddling each side of the river: “Feet planted on the soil of one nation, facing the shores of another.”

Readers learn about Ma’s penchant to the shores of another.”

Readers learn about Ma’s penchant to Bach at the age of four, his French-Chinese-American lineage and his cherished instrument, Petunia, constructed from materials sourced from all over the world. It’s a story about all of us, made from bits and pieces of the past, held together...
Nestled on over one-half acre within the chic enclave of Crescent Park lies this impeccable Italianate estate designed by Palo Alto’s most revered architect, Birge Clark. Extensively renovated over a 3-year period, this home has been designed to provide for a modern Silicon Valley lifestyle while still offering an abundance of nearly century-old Palo Alto beauty, charm, and grace. Offering 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and 3 powder rooms, including a beautiful guest house, this estate boasts a total of over 7,200 square feet of living space, with expansive interiors brimming with elegant appointments and providing incredible venues for both entertaining and everyday living. Highlights of the estate include 7 fireplaces, including one outdoors, sizable formal rooms, the flawless chef’s kitchen with a La Cornue range, and the magnificent library with a secret passageway to the adjacent dining room. The self-contained master suite is a retreat in and of itself, with a spa-like bathroom, exercise room, laundry, and sauna. The crown jewels of the estate are the brilliant grounds cultivated with assistance from renowned landscape designer Ken Schoppef, showcasing vibrant, distinctive plantings as you enter the property with seating areas to relax and unwind. The resort-like rear grounds are reminiscent of the French Riviera, accentuated by the remarkable pool that draws inspiration from Hearst Castle and features hand-set Murano glass tiles in a deep, striking shade of blue. For added convenience, this estate also offers a 3-car garage, porte-cochère, and a motor-court with ample parking. And though this Crescent Park location affords outstanding privacy, you will still be mere moments to University Avenue, Stanford University, top tech companies, and US 101.

www.51Crescent.com
Offered at $14,500,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleondeleony.com
Alexandra Wilbur, DRE #01926475 | 650.459.3888 | alex@deleondeleony.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
147 PATRICIA DRIVE
ATHERTON

LUXURY, HOSPITALITY, AND ELEGANCE ON OVER 1 ACRE

Exemplary grounds of over an acre provide an intimate setting for this spectacular Atherton estate, custom-built in 2017 by renowned builder Lencioni Construction. Natural tones create a warm, welcoming ambiance that puts you at ease from the moment you step inside, with a quiet elegance that emanates throughout over 9,300 total square feet of interior space filled with high-end appointments and finishes. The modern floorplan offers grand-scale formal rooms made for entertaining, as well as a gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, a convenient office, family room with wet bar, theater, wine cellar, and much more. An impressive 5 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms include the detached pool house, as well as 4 en suite bedrooms in the main home highlighted by the primary suite with a spa-like bathroom and stunning walk-in closet. Enjoy true indoor/outdoor living as numerous glass doors open to impressive grounds filled with vast heated terraces, a fireplace, grilling station, and a lap pool. Plus, ample parking for family and guests is always available thanks to a gated motor court and oversized 4-car garage. Just moments to downtown Menlo Park, this estate is also within easy reach of downtown Palo Alto and Stanford University, with the venture capital firms of Sand Hill Road close at hand.

www.147Patricia.com
Offered at $18,988,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent
Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 | 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
A chord
(continued from page 37)

with notes and strings and bound by centuries of lessons and commonality.

Ho’s writing is poetic and sparse — not a simple task for big topics like these. Successful picture books require precise distillation of words inspired by both world events and everyday wonders.

“Picture books are so impactful. They can tackle complex issues and powerful emotions with only 400 words. The challenge is understanding that your audience is wide. A good picture book won’t simplify a difficult topic, but approaches it in a way so that the message is layered. I’m always very conscious about my storyline and where I can build in layers, so that if you wanted to, you could go in and dissect the text in a high school or college-level course,” Ho said. “This isn’t just a story about immigration. It’s a critique of colonization and land grabbing.”

Teresa Martinez, who provides further insight into the text, created the new title’s illustrations; and Ho said that, “Sometimes, less collaboration with an artist is better, because she provides her own layers to the narrative. It makes for a complex, rich story.”

For Ho, who has built out educational curricula and has taught English to underserved communities, the practice of distillation of words and their message comes in handy at work. When Ho speaks about her drive and passion for education, she reflects, “I’ve always been focused on fighting inequity and disrupting systems of oppression, and I’ve always been drawn to teaching. When I finally put the two together and decided on my path, I went home and sobbed.”

Ho’s work at East Palo Alto Academy contributes to the charter school’s goals of fostering inclusivity and changing the paradigm where one’s outlook and trajectory isn’t so predictable. Word is out that the message is layered. “I’m always very conscious that the message is layered. I can build in layers, so that if you wanted to, you could go in and dissect the text in a high school or college-level course,” Ho said. “This isn’t just a story about immigration. It’s a critique of colonization and land grabbing.”

Teresa Martinez, who provides further insight into the text, created the new title’s illustrations; and Ho said that, “Sometimes, less collaboration with an artist is better, because she provides her own layers to the narrative. It makes for a complex, rich story.”

For Ho, who has built out educational curricula and has taught English to underserved communities, the practice of distillation of words and their message comes in handy at work. When Ho speaks about her drive and passion for education, she reflects, “I’ve always been focused on fighting inequity and disrupting systems of oppression, and I’ve always been drawn to teaching. When I finally put the two together and decided on my path, I went home and sobbed.”

Ho’s work at East Palo Alto Academy contributes to the charter school’s goals of fostering inclusivity and changing the paradigm where one’s outlook and trajectory isn’t so predictable. Word is out that they have a New York Times best-selling author in their midst and staff and students are embracing both the craft of writing and the pleasure of reading.

“We have a teacher who’s doing a unit where students have to create a picture book, and I had some students approach me, saying that they had seen my YouTube presentation and loved my first book,” Ho said. “We’ve also overhauled our library and initiated a universal reading time where every day the whole school stops and reads for 20 minutes.”

The school year just started, and Ho shared a recent encounter with a student and the idea of initiating a book club. “I had been excited to start a book club, thinking about it all summer and the books we would read. During club day a couple of weeks ago, I saw that a student who was not always happy to see me at school had set up her own booth and was starting a book club with her own list of great titles,” she said. “And now I get to be the club’s advisor! Students are so surprising in the most beautiful ways.”

Like music, books too can build bridges. Kepler’s Literary Foundation in Menlo Park is hosting a virtual book talk with author Joanna Ho on Sept. 28. To RSVP for the event, go to keplers.org. Books will be available for pickup or delivery.

Sophia Markoulakis is a contributing writer for the Six Fifty.

Book Talk
(continued from page 37)

real-world problems. Looking at current needs instead of future existential threats, “Regeneration” presents exciting, ready, real-world solutions, including the 15-minute city, bio-regions, food localization, fire ecology, decommodification, forests as farms — and the No. 1 solution for the world: electrification. Hawken is a San Mateo native who co-founded Project Drawdown, a nonprofit that describes how global warming can be reversed. His work includes writing about impacts of commerce on living systems and consulting with corporations and governments on economic development, industrial ecology and environmental policy.

Hawken will talk about his book and climate change during a virtual presentation hosted by Kepler’s Literary Foundation at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8. To RSVP for the event, go to keplers.org.
Farooqui’s senior year was cut short by the pandemic and he missed milestones like prom and graduation. Returning to a school campus feels fantastic, Farooqui said. “The community atmosphere is back, finally,” he said.

Although some students are excited to be back, opinions do vary. According to a survey of 915 students that the college conducted in July and August, over half of students said they were somewhat unlikely or not likely to access in-person services, even if registered for online-only classes.

According to Hueg, there are some students who have no interest in coming to campus and some who want only face-to-face instruction, but “the vast majority are looking for a mixture.” “Flexibility is the key,” Pennington added.

For those who do return, Foothill has put a number of safety requirements in place, including mandatory masking both inside and outside, as well as a vaccine requirement. Students have until Oct. 1 to either provide proof of their vaccination or apply for a religious or medical exemption. As of Sept. 22, roughly 2,500 students had already uploaded vaccination documentation and about 60 applied for an exemption, Pennington said. That includes students who are partially, but not yet fully, vaccinated. The rest have until the end of the month to finish the process or they will be dropped from their face-to-face classes.

If students are dropped, the college has some remote classes starting later in the quarter into which they can switch. Beyond masking and vaccinations, Foothill is also requiring students to fill out a daily online health questionnaire and is trying to put larger courses in rooms so that students have enough space to spread out.

“We’re confident we can serve our students who are vaccinated and masked and do a very safe job in providing face-to-face instruction,” Hueg said. Engineering and physics instructor Sarah Parikh is teaching all of her classes in person this quarter and said that thus far she has seen full compliance with masking and other safety requirements. Students are doing a “wonderful job,” Parikh said, adding that she hasn’t heard any complaints.

“This is the new normal. This is what we’re going to do and we’re going to make it work,” Parikh said. “It seems like the students are really excited to be back in the classroom.”

Foothill gave instructors the option of whether to return to campus. According to Hueg, administrators didn’t feel a mandate was realistic given the uncertainty around the pandemic. “We really relied on asking faculty who wanted to come back to take the lead,” Hueg said. “It was really dependent upon faculty feeling comfortable doing it. We expect more faculty to get involved in face-to-face (teaching) again in the winter as we demonstrate that it’s happening safely and effectively.”

How many classes are currently operating on campus varies by department. Courses with more hands-on components, like STEM classes with labs, are the most likely to be back.

“That’s the area that’s as close to pre-pandemic as anywhere,” Hueg said.

Some English and math classes have also returned, as well as courses like theater and ceramics. Christy Belay is taking acting, theater scenery and design, and piano on campus this quarter. She is also taking online courses from De Anza College. Belay was originally a student at University of California at Davis but switched to community college during the pandemic because she didn’t feel it was worth the money she was paying at Davis to just be learning online.

Being back on a college campus is strange, Belay said, but she’s happy to be able to take courses in-person again. “It’s a lot better than being at home, for sure,” Belay said. “Actually getting to play on a piano was really nice.”

Email Staff Writer Zoe Morgan at zmorgan@paweekly.com.
Three arrested for robberies targeting Asian women

Earling, multiprofessional investigation involving a group that allegedly targeted and robbed victims of Asian descent has led to the arrest of four men in the San Francisco Bay Area counties has culminated with three arrests, police and prosecutors said Sept. 17.

The San Francisco County’s district attorney’s office, with assistance from the department’s covert response unit and detectives from the Hayward Police Department, concluded the investigation by initiating the arrests and eventual apprehension of the three suspects, who were arrested to continue committing robberies throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Asian females were frequently targeted, and many of them were injured in the robberies.

Anthony Michael Robinson, 24, of Stockton; Derje Diamond Blanks, 23, of San Jose; and Cameron Alonzo Moody, 27, of East Palo Alto have been arrested and charged in connection with the crimes.

More than 40 purse snatchings and robberies were recorded in the spate, which covered the cities of Campbell, Dublin, East Palo Alto, Fremont, Hayward, Milpitas, Newark, San Jose, San Leandro and San Pablo, according to the District Attorney’s Office, which has charged the men in the thefts and intimidation enhancements.

The spree started in late 2020, and in some cases, the defendants allegedly referred to the victims with ethnic slurs, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office.

City eyes utility tax hike

After facing a costly court defeat over its historic practice of trans

The City Council is currently exploring an increase in the city’s utility users tax, which is included on utility bills and which currently stands at 5% of electric, gas and water use. If the proposal advances, it would likely be available on the November 2022 ballot, along with a bond for public safety.

The intent of the utility tax increase is twofold. One purpose is to fill the hole in the general fund that was left behind when the Santa Clara County Superior Court upheld resident Miriam Green’s challenge of what city officials refer to as the “general fund equity transfer”—the city’s practice of transferring funds from municipal utilities to pay for basic city services such as police, fire, community services and libraries. Another objective is to help Palo Alto pay for new utility programs that would help the city meet its ambitious goal of slashing carbon emissions by 80% by 2030.

In the coming months, the city plans to conduct polls and revise the tax proposal, which was introduced by the council’s Finance Committee earlier this year. As part of its discussion, the committee directed city staff to create models of a gas tax rate that would fill the hole left behind by Green’s litigation, which led to a court order requiring the city to issue $12 million in refunds to utility users.

The city is challenging the ruling with the council voting in a closed session on Monday to file an appeal. At the same time, members are looking ahead at new ways to both charge utility customers and assist them with adopting programs that promote sustainability.

— Gennady Sheyner

Ambulance insurance program set to launch

The Palo Alto Fire Department’s new insurance program, which allows residents and businesses to pay a monthly fee for ambulance transfers, is nearly ready to debut after getting unanimous support from the council last week.

The program has two major goals: help the department obtain a new revenue source during a period of budget cuts and provide peace of mind to customers seeking some assurance that they will not be billed steep bills if they suffer a medical emergency and need to be taken to the hospital.

Under the terms that the Finance Committee approved on Tues-

day, residents would have the option to pay an $8 fee per month to participate in the new Financial Contingency Insurance Program. The program costs $9,265 per year, which covers the basic ambulance transfer fee described below, plus a $5 annual service fee.

The program was launched on Thursday, September 22.

— Gennady Sheyner
of parking lots, they note that they are acting as individuals and not in their capacity as board members. (They have not discussed the proposal with anyone else on the board, Baltay said.)

They are, however, preparing to go through their own vetting process to advance their concept. The first step occurred earlier this month, when they pitched the parking lot idea to the Housing Element Working Group, a citizen’s panel that is helping Palo Alto adopt its Housing Element, a state-mandated document that lists the city’s housing policies and that includes an inventory of sites that can accommodate housing.

In the Sept. 2 presentation, Baltay noted that because these lots are in commercial areas, the new development will not adversely impact the city’s existing residential communities.

“We can control the development parameters of the new buildings,” Baltay said during the presentation. “Since the city owns the land, we are able to insist on projects that reflect the physical and social character and values of our community.”

Hirsch stressed during the presentation the economic benefit that the plan could bring to the retail areas and noted that by focusing dense multi-family developments on sites around downtown and in the California Avenue area, the city could avoid significant growth in corridors that abut low-scale residential neighborhoods, including Middlefield Road, Alma Street and El Camino Real.

The trendling decline in brick-and-mortar retail activity combined with the catastrophic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated our local shopping districts,” Hirsch said. “Bringing new residents to downtown areas can help reverse this trend, creating variety, vitality in our urban district.”

The idea of building housing on city-owned lots isn’t exactly new. In 2018, as the city prepared to adopt a new Housing Work Plan, the City Council considered and rejected a policy that would make parking lots available for new housing. At that time, council members expressed concern about giving up a scarce and precious commodity, public land, before the council voted 6-3 not to include the policy in the plan.

Other cities have been more receptive to the idea. Mountain View has recently approved a project from the nonprofit Alta Housing that would bring 120 affordable-housing units to a city-owned parking lot near Castro Street. Hirsch also pointed to housing projects in Burlingame and San Mateo that are relying on parking lots to create 132 and 54 apartments, respectively.

To demonstrate what such a project would look like in Palo Alto, the two architects created a concept plan for the parking lot on Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street, which the council had previously considered as a site for a new parking garage. The illustration shows a five-story building with 83 apartments with sky-lights, clerestory windows and a roof deck. The project would also include 130 underground parking spaces.

Baltay and Hirsch said they believe that it’s time for Palo Alto to reconsider the idea of housing over parking on public lots. Rather than force it to cede control over public land, the plan allows the city to exert control and shape its own housing destiny, they argued.

“If it’s important for you to step the building down to fit a neighborhood, you can do that. You own the land; you call the shots,” Baltay said. “You wait until the state tells you what the rule is, you lost. It’s so important that the city has the opportunity to not only do these things, but to do them under Palo Alto’s standards.”

The Housing Element Working Group proposed largely receptive to the proposal, with 12 members supporting further exploration of the concept and three opposing it. For many, the support came with caveats. Arthur Keller, a former planning commissioner who serves on the working group, insisted that the projects not include “puzzle lifts” for cars as part of their parking schemes (Baltay and Hirsch confirmed that they do not). Another group member, Hamilton Hitchings, insisted that any housing projects developed on parking lots be 100% affordable housing projects, targeting residents who make no more than 80% of area median income.

“If we’re using public land, this really has to be for low-income residents. It needs to be developed by a nonprofit and it needs to receive state funding,” Hitchings said.

Kathy Jordan, who also serves on the housing group, suggested that the plans are not providing sufficient parking, given that the architects are proposing only 0.5 parking spaces for each new apartment on the public lot. She also criticized the plan for privatizing a public asset.

“We have a private party that would be profiting, earning income, over a public property and amenity,” Jordan said.

While the tentative proposal does not explicitly require the new apartments to be offered at below market rates, Baltay emphasized that the city can set that as a condition when it issues a request for proposals. Hirsch said that in the preliminary concept, 93% of apartments are studios and one-bedroom units — which means that, at the very least, they would be relatively affordable when compared to other local apartments.

Hirsch also said in an interview that while the concept has the potential to create more than 1,000 apartments, these would be developed over a long period of time. One possible path forward, he said, is to select one lot in downtown and one in the California Avenue Business District and see what proposals the city receives for housing developments.

“It’s never going to be done in one shot,” Hirsch told the Weekly. “It’s a long-term process.”

Email Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner at gsheyner@pawly.com.

EXPERIENCE A CONVENIENT LIFESTYLE

Experience secure, quiet enjoyment in this 1BR/1BA end unit condo. Smartly updated with engineered hardwood floors, updated bathroom, extra large walk-in closet. Super convenient location, close to downtown Palo Alto, Stanford, Burgess Park and more.

Listed at $798,000

21 Willow Road, #33, Menlo Park

Lynne Mercer
License #00796211
lmercerc@compass.com
www.Lmercerc.com
650.906.0162

Upfront

www.PaloAltoOnline.com • Palo Alto Weekly • September 24, 2021 • Page 43
1060 COLORADO PLACE
PALO ALTO

SPACIOUS, UPDATED TOWNHOME CLOSE TO MIDTOWN

Bright, light interiors filled with numerous updates highlight this spacious 2-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom townhome that enjoys a location close to everything Silicon Valley has to offer. Refinished hardwood floors extend throughout most of the home’s almost 1,600 square feet of living space that is tailored for both entertaining and everyday living. A fireplace centers the expansive living room/dining room combination, the updated chef’s kitchen features high-end appliances from Bosch and Electrolux, and multiple glass doors open to peaceful patios perfect for an indoor/outdoor lifestyle. Two spacious bedrooms are both served by updated bathrooms, including the primary suite with a marble-appointed en suite bathroom. Plus, this home also features a laundry area, fixtures from Restoration Hardware and Jado, LED lighting, a Nest thermostat, and a 2-car garage. Just minutes from Greer Park, this home is also blocks from the Midtown Shopping Center, offers easy access to US 101 for Bay Area commuting, and is served by acclaimed schools Palo Verde Elementary, JLS Middle, and Palo Alto High (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

www.1060Colorado.com
Offered at $1,488,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com
Alexandra Wilbur, DRE #01926475 | 650.459.3888 | alex@deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
TIMELESS EICHLER DESIGN WITH MODERN UPDATES

On a spacious corner lot just steps from Robles Park lies this beautifully updated 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom Eichler home of nearly 1,550 square feet. Timeless mid-century design elements including paneled ceilings, globe light fixtures, and stunning walls of glass craft a bright, inviting ambiance throughout, with numerous contemporary updates such as gorgeous vinyl floors with radiant heat, and a remodeled kitchen. Highlights of the home include a fireplace centering the expansive living room, stainless-steel appliances and quartz waterfall countertops in the kitchen, and the large dining room with outdoor access. The incredible backyard provides outstanding space for outdoor enjoyment and offers a large patio, lush lawn, and vibrant plantings including a delightful herb garden. Robles Park is just seconds away, and this home is also blocks from Mitchell Park, convenient to Caltrain, and a just over a mile to great shopping and dining in The Village at San Antonio Center. Plus, children may attend acclaimed schools including Briones Elementary, Fletcher Middle, and Gunn High (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
www.4126Park.com
Offered at $1,995,000

Listed by the DeLeon Team • 2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer’s Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer’s Agent

For more information contact: Alexandra Wilbur, DRE #01926475 | 650.459.3888 | alex@deleonrealty.com
Managing Broker: Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
Hogan was left by himself, acoustic door after only eight seconds and water or medical assistance. In- to talk to a doctor. I need water.”

"Mr. Hogan can be heard over the course of several unattended minutes, repeatedly yelling irrational statements with less and less vigor as he eventually lapses into unconsciousness," the report said.

Video showed that a second supervisor briefly talked to Ho- gan. Supervisor 2 told Supervisor 1 that mental health and med- ical staff needed to be on scene while they were waiting for the ambulance to help calm Hogan and to administer emergency tri- age as needed. The video footage showed that Supervisor 2 also didn’t make any attempt to secure the needed treatment.

When the ambulance arrived, paramedics waited six minutes for the jail’s emergency response team to arrive to help move Ho- gan out of the van. Advised of the medical waste situation, the ambu- lance paramedics put on protective gear. A third supervisor’s report noted when they opened the van door, they could see Ho- gan was lying immobile and face down on a bench inside the steel mesh holding cage.

Supervisor 3 advised the para- medics not to open the cage door until the emergency response team arrived in case Hogan was still hostile and combative. Super- visor 3 said Hogan’s immobility might have been a play, according to the third supervisor’s report, OCLEM noted.

When an emergency response team arrived they directed Ho- gan to exit the van, but he didn’t respond, according to the team’s report filed on the incident. The team carried him while he was unconscious from the van and he was transported to the hospital.

The OCLEM report found multiple inconsistencies in the emergency response team’s re- port compared with video foot- age. There was no evidence in the video or otherwise to suggest that Hogan was “combative” in the sense of being physically ag- gressive toward any jail, medical or mental health staff. They also found no evidence that Hogan had “refused” to get out of the transport van prior to the emer- gency response team’s arrival. Hogan was never ordered to exit the van by initial jail staff and he was nonresponsive to verbal com- mands issued by Supervisor 3.

“Mr. Hogan ‘refused’ to comply with ERT’s (emergency re- sponse team’s) orders to get out of the van because he was appar- ently unconscious when those orders were given,” the OCLEM report noted.

A failure to cooperate

The report has also faulted the Sheriff’s Office for failing to pro- vide documentation to OCLEM for its investigation. The Board of Supervisors approved an ordi- nance in 2018 to form OCLEM, which is to provide independent monitoring of county correction and law enforcement services. In 2019, the county also contracted with police auditing firm OIR Group of Playa del Rey to begin monitoring the law enforcement and correction services in Janu- ary 2020.

The sheriff has dragged out producing most of the documen- tation requested by OCLEM/ OIR, according to the report. OCLEM began making requests to the Sheriff’s Office starting in April for materials related to the Hogan incident. Initially, the firm only received two documents re- lated to inmate transport policy. After much public scrui- ty, OCLEM recently received more materials related to the in- cident itself, including summary reports, attachments, videos and photographs. Much of the material that would be most significant to OCLEM’s report to the Board of Supervisors has not yet provided to the sher- iff, according to the report.

The Sheriff’s Office began an internal affairs investigation into the Hogan incident on Sept. 25, 2018, but it ordered related matters to shut down the investigation for internal reasons. Unknown affairs will never come to light, the report notes. OCLEM’s internal affairs investigation into the Hogan threat of change was ever made.

OCLEM made four requests, but Smith “has expressly declined to provide us any information re- lating to the internal affairs investi- gation,” the OCLEM report said. Smith also declined OCLEM ac- cess to Sheriff’s Office supervi- sors who are familiar with the in- ternal affairs investigation, from whom OCLEM wanted to gain insight into internal affairs’ sub- stantive and procedural histories.

“Without this information, we cannot answer this Board’s ques- tion about whether any meaningful internal affairs investigation was conducted and/or appropriate disciplinary action taken. Accord- ingly, we plan to use our own independent authority granted by this Board to compel the Sheriff to provide the critical information,” the report said.

Email Staff Writer Sue Dreman at sdreman@paweeekly.com.
Another year of award-winning journalism.

Some of the reasons we’re the best-read news source on the Peninsula.

**PALO ALTO WEEKLY**

*General Excellence* by Palo Alto Weekly Staff

*Feature Story* "Nine days in the wilderness" by Sue Dremann

*Feature Profile* “Peninsula singing group offers ‘golden guarantee’” by Karla Kane

*Local Election Coverage* “10 for Council” by Gennady Sheyner

*Youth & Education Coverage* School reopenings package by Elena Kadvany

*Arts & Entertainment Coverage* Palo Alto Weekly Arts & Entertainment sections of Feb. 21 and 28, 2020 by Karla Kane

*Investigative Reporting* “Downtown Streets Team executives accused of sexual harassment, creating drinking culture” by Sue Dremann and Gennady Sheyner

*Land Use Reporting* “Can city’s housing stock grow by 36%?” by Gennady Sheyner

*Feature Photo* “Spreading Magic” by Magali Gauthier

**PALO ALTO ONLINE**

*Public Service Journalism* “Impact of COVID-19 on restaurant industry” by Elena Kadvany

*Feature Story* “How San Jose became America’s Vietnamese food mecca” by Elena Kadvany

*Breaking News* “As coronavirus epidemic spreads, Palo Alto recounts desperation to get out of Wuhan” by Sue Dremann

*COVID - Fallout* “Silicon Valley’s underground food movement is driven by Instagram and COVID economics” by Elena Kadvany

*Informational Graphic* "Life in Quarantine: By the numbers" by Linda Taaffe and Kevin Legnon

Awards presented by the California News Publishers Association for work published in 2020.

Are you supporting our efforts? Become a member today to support another year of award-winning journalism.

Visit PaloAltoOnline.com/join

www.PaloAltoOnline.com • Palo Alto Weekly • September 24, 2021 • Page 47
Roots in the community? You betcha.

There are locals, and then there is the local’s local – which is Brian. He was raised in Palo Alto, and in turn, is raising his family here as well. It’s a deep relationship with the area, as evidenced by Brian’s 25 years in real estate on the Peninsula and his role as an active, lifelong community volunteer. So it’s no wonder people far and wide look to him for his deep local knowledge, expertise, integrity, and network. You and Brian Chancellor; it’s an opportunity to grow together.