

Weekly

www.PaloAltoOnline.com

**Schools brace
for unusual
graduation season**

Page 5

SEEKING SMOOTHER GROUND

To make parks accessible,
open space district
clears trails of barriers

Page 7

Read up-to-the-minute news on PaloAltoOnline.com

- **Upfront** Fiber expansion plan flickers on again Page 10
- **A&E** Podcast brings Frankenstein to life Page 20
- **Eating Out** La Viga owner reflects on rollercoaster year Page 23

your doctor

will see you now



U.S. News & World Report recognizes Stanford Health Care among the top hospitals in the nation, based on quality and patient safety.

Maintaining your health is as important as ever.

Stanford Health Care is ready to care for you with convenient video visits and safe in-person appointments.

To ensure your safety, we are:

- Screening both staff and patients for COVID-19
- Requiring and providing masks for all
- Staggering visits to allow for physical distancing in common areas
- Ensuring separate screening areas for symptomatic patients
- Sanitizing exam rooms after every patient

Don't delay your care. Appointments are available at our locations across the Bay Area and remotely by video visit.

stanfordhealthcare.org/resumingcare



Endless Possibilities in Old Palo Alto



263
Churchill
Avenue

www.263Churchill.com



Located on 2 contiguous lots totaling over 16.5k sf, this 5 bedroom/3 bath home offers a myriad of possibilities, including:

- Expanding and remodeling the existing home
- Removing the existing lot line and combining the lots
- Building a second home on the adjacent lot in order to develop a compound
- Building a second home on the adjacent lot and selling it on spec
- Selling the adjacent lot without developing

Buyers are advised to confirm these details with the City of Palo Alto

Call Derk for further information, and to arrange a showing.



**DERK BRILL
& COMPANY**

REALTOR®

650. 814. 0478

Derk@DerkBrill.com

DerkBrill.com / DRE 01256035

Born and Raised Palo Altan

Wall Street Journal "Top Residential Realtors" in America



COMPASS

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.



BRACCI - ZEUS

SPECIAL OFFER

40% OFF

THROUGH END OF APRIL

Open Tuesday – Saturday 11AM to 5PM

FLEGELS *F* DESIGN

1010 El Camino Real
Suite 90, Menlo Park

650.326.9661
www.flegels.com

Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Local tech companies brace for gradual return to office

Google, SAP, Intuit look to adopt hybrid work models as they welcome back employees

By Lloyd Lee

With California set to end its color-tiered reopening system on June 15 as COVID-19 infections decrease and vaccination supplies increase, some of Silicon Valley's largest tech companies are slowly reopening their campuses.

Google is welcoming back employees to its 2-million-square-foot campus in Mountain View on a voluntary basis starting in May, a company spokesperson wrote in an email to this news organization. Facebook plans to reopen its Menlo Park headquarters at 10%

capacity starting on May 10.

SAP, which has a Palo Alto location, opened its offices this week at less than 5% daily capacity for "employees who choose to return to the office for business critical needs," a spokesperson said. Intuit also recently announced its plans to cautiously reopen.

"We intend to be deliberate and data-driven in our approach. ... We don't know all the answers yet," the Mountain View financial

software company announced in a blog post on April 20.

Tech companies were among the first to ask employees to work from home during the COVID-19 outbreak, and now their reopening plans could provide a glimpse as to what office life might look like post-pandemic.

Most local tech companies that have announced reopening plans are welcoming employees back to the office on a voluntary basis for

the remainder of 2021, and many indicated that they are looking to adopt a hybrid work model that will maintain some aspects of remote work indefinitely after the health crisis.

Google said its employees will not be required to return to the office until September, and when they do come back, the company plans to pilot a "flexible hybrid

(continued on page 35)



Courtesy Castilleja School

Castilleja School hosted its annual Fabulous Dinner Dance outdoors at the Circus Club in Menlo Park on April 24 for the school's 64 graduating seniors and their parents. The event typically is open to all seven grades, but it only included the Class of 2021 this year to honor seniors who've missed typical rites of passage due to the pandemic.

EDUCATION

No handshakes at graduation, proms without dancing or high heels

Local high schools offer pandemic-altered rites of passage for seniors

By Angela Swartz and Lloyd Lee

Planning for modified proms, graduation parties and picnics is underway at some local high schools to ensure graduating seniors enjoy at least some of the usual senior rites of passage amid a pandemic that's stretched over a year. Seniors attending Menlo-Atherton High School's "Enchanted Forest" prom will have to go without high heels, as the masked outdoor event

will take place on the Atherton school's soccer field. There won't be dancing at Los Altos High School's "Seniors Under the Stars."

Wearing well-fitting face masks, giving shorter commencement speeches and keeping 6 feet of distance between attendees are just some of the guidelines local schools will have to follow for safely conducting graduation ceremonies

this year. Even with state guidance put out in March that bans handshakes and hugs at ceremonies, this year still offers more than the class of 2020's car parade graduations and canceled proms.

Other schools are more hesitant to put on big parties. Palo Alto Unified School District officials said there won't be proms or graduation activities other than formal graduation

ceremonies at Palo Alto and Gunn high schools this spring.

Limited celebrations in Palo Alto

Although Palo Alto schools plan to host in-person graduations, prom is off the table, much to the disappointment of some students and parents.

Paly and Gunn principals emailed parents on April 23 that the schools "will not be entertaining a prom or modified prom event this year" to ensure students "remain healthy and are able to participate in their graduation ceremony."

Superintendent Don Austin said county health officials are reluctant to individually sign off on events. The health

(continued on page 34)

TRANSPORTATION

Tunnels dropped from rail redesign options

Facing flawed alternatives, Council approves work plan for grade separation

By Gennady Sheyner

As Palo Alto plods ahead in its journey to choose a new design for its rail crossings, the City Council is facing a menu of imperfect options, each unappetizing in its own way.

The popular trench alternative in south Palo Alto is projected to cost more than \$800 million — a price tag deemed by many to be prohibitively high — and would take six years to construct. A viaduct south of Oregon Expressway would cost about half as much and take two years to construct, but it has a major drawback: its size and mass.

Greg Brail, a member of the Expanded Community Advisory Panel (XCAP), a citizen panel that has been analyzing the different rail alternatives, said Monday that many residents have criticized the viaduct option for its visual impact.

"It's 20 feet in height. You'd be able to see it from many places near the track," Brail said.

"And because the viaduct travels through several neighborhoods that are single-story overlays, full of Eichlers, which have a lot of windows, residents were concerned that unless the viaduct is designed carefully, there may be an impact to their privacy."

His comment came during the council's second public hearing

(continued on page 30)



OUR TEAM IS IN MOTION FOR YOU

DELEON REALTY, INC.

Michael Repka | CEO & Managing Broker | DRE #01854880
650.900.7000 | Info@deleonrealty.com
www.deleonrealty.com | DRE #01903224

Avenidas CARE FORUM

Free Monthly Caregiving Workshops for Families

MEET OUR ELDER CARE EXPERTS



Ellen Brown, MD
www.ellenbrownmd.com



Rita Ghatak, PhD
www.aging101.org

WED
MAY
26

**PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS:
THE NEW UNIT OF CARE**
Supporting caregivers and guiding the conversation with providers.
11am-12:30pm.

NEXT
Seminar
REGISTER
TODAY!

WED., JUNE 23
Caring for Someone with Dementia & Preserving Brain Health



Avenidas
Re-Inventing Aging

Register for free by visiting
www.avenidas.org
Questions? Call Paula at (650) 289-5438

Palo Alto Weekly

450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650) 326-8210

PUBLISHER

William S. Johnson (223-6505)

EDITORIAL

Editor Jocelyn Dong (223-6514)
Associate Editor Linda Taaffe (223-6511)
Sports Editor Rick Eyrer (223-6516)
Assistant Sports Editor Glenn Reeves (223-6521)
Arts & Entertainment Editor Karla Kane (223-6517)
Home & Real Estate Editor Heather Zimmerman (223-6515)
Express & Digital Editor Jamey Padojino (223-6524)

Staff Writers Sue Dremann (223-6518),
Gennady Sheyner (223-6513)

Embarcadero Media Staff Writers Kate Bradshaw (223-6536), Kevin Forestieri (223-6535), Angela Swartz (223-6529)

Chief Visual Journalist Magali Gauthier (223-6530)

Editorial Assistant/Intern Coordinator Lloyd Lee (223-6526)

Contributors Chrissi Angeles, Mike Berry, Carol Blitzer, Peter Canavese, Edward Gerard Fike, Yoshi Kato, Chris Kenrick, Jack McKinnon, Sheryl Nonnenberg, John Orr, Monica Schreiber, Jay Thorwaldson

ADVERTISING

Vice President Sales & Marketing Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

Multimedia Advertising Sales Elaine Clark (223-6572), Connie Jo Cotton (223-6571)

Real Estate Advertising Sales Neal Fine (223-6583)

Digital Marketing Representative Rosemary Lewkowicz (223-6585)

Legal Advertising Alicia Santillan (223-6578)

ADVERTISING SERVICES

Advertising Services Manager Kevin Legarda (223-6597)

Sales & Production Coordinator Diane Martin (223-6584)

DESIGN

Design & Production Manager Kristin Brown (223-6562)

Senior Designers Linda Atilano, Paul Llewellyn
Designers Kevin Legnon, Amy Levine, Douglas Young

BUSINESS

Assistant Business Manager Gwen Fischer (223-6575)

Business Associates Nico Navarrete (223-6582), Suzanne Ogawa (223-6543)

ADMINISTRATION

Courier Ruben Espinoza

EMBARCADERO MEDIA

President William S. Johnson (223-6505)

Vice President Michael I. Naar (223-6540)

Vice President & CFO Peter Beller (223-6545)

Vice President Sales & Marketing Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

Director, Information Technology & Webmaster Frank A. Bravo (223-6551)

Director of Marketing and Audience Development Emily Freeman (223-6560)

Major Accounts Sales Manager Connie Jo Cotton (223-6571)

Circulation Assistant Alicia Santillan

Computer System Associates Chris Planessi, Mike Schmidt

The Palo Alto Weekly (ISSN 0199-1159) is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, (650) 326-8210. Periodicals postage paid at Palo Alto, CA and additional mailing offices. Adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation for Santa Clara County. The Palo Alto Weekly is delivered to homes in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley, East Palo Alto, to faculty and staff households on the Stanford campus and to portions of Los Altos Hills. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Palo Alto Weekly, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306. ©2021 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited. The Palo Alto Weekly is available on the Internet via Palo Alto Online at: www.PaloAltoOnline.com

Our email addresses are: editor@paweekly.com, letters@paweekly.com, digitalads@paweekly.com, ads@paweekly.com

Missed delivery or start/stop your paper? Email circulation@paweekly.com. You may also subscribe online at PaloAltoOnline.com. Subscriptions are \$120/yr.

SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM

Become a Paid Subscriber for as low as \$5 per month

Sign up online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com/join

Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



It's going to divide our city, literally.



— Keri Wagner, Charleston Meadows neighborhood resident, on rail redesign options. See story on page 5.

Around Town



Courtesy: Sueliana Gous

Adobe Creek was scheduled to be installed Thursday night, requiring a temporary, overnight closure of West Bayshore and southbound lanes of the freeway. Another 100-foot-long section is set to go up over **East Bayshore Road**, which is scheduled to be closed from 8 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday. The northbound lanes of Highway 101 also will be closed between San Antonio and Embarcadero roads during the installation. The city is advising the public to expect delays when traveling through the area. The installation of a third segment, which will stretch across the freeway, is expected to happen sometime in May. The segment is a "unique oversized overload, and its transport route and permitting are still under review," the city said in an April 21 announcement. The bridge section, which is coming to Palo Alto from Arizona, will receive a police escort from the **California Highway Patrol**. The new structure, estimated for completion on July 26, will replace the **Benjamin Lefkowitz underpass**, which is typically closed during the winter and part of spring due to flooding.

JUST BREATHE ... The act of breathing brought the community together at **Gunn High School** last week for "**Breathe with Me**," an international art project launched at the **United Nations Headquarters** during the 2019 **Youth Climate Action Summit**. Participants at the Gunn event were provided a paintbrush and asked to paint their breath by making a stroke on a canvas while exhaling, according to **Jen Schultz**, vice president of communications for the **Gunn PTSA**. Each participant was asked to paint two strokes in ultramarine blue. About 600 people, from preschoolers to individuals in their 90s, participated in the three-day effort that began April 22 in conjunction with Earth Day. The canvases were later lined up side by side to form an art display that stretches 350 feet around the Gunn soccer field. Student volunteers cleaned up the area ahead of the event, said sophomore **Wyatt Pederson**, service leader for Gunn's **Youth Community Service** club. "I felt more unified with the community through this project," he said. Sophomore **Katie Rueff**, outreach coordinator for Gunn's **Green Team**, said she enjoyed seeing people talk about the importance of breathing and reconnecting with the community given the challenges from the past year. The project is on display for public viewing through the end of the school year, after which time, the canvases will be removed and repurposed for Gunn and Paly art students. The event was organized by Gunn students, staff and parents, with support from **Neighbors Abroad** and the **Barron Park Neighborhood Association**.

'A GREAT HONOR' ... East Palo Alto City Clerk **Walfred Solorzano** was recognized by the **City Clerks Association of California** with the 2021 Special Award of Distinction for Communications, Organization and Administration. "Walfred has made great strides in modernizing the City Clerk's Office and helping the entire organization," City Manager **Jaime Fontes** said in an April 23 statement. "The fact that Walfred was able to perform and accomplish so many things as a new City Clerk in the middle of a pandemic makes him deserving of such a great honor." The past year has certainly been busy for Solorzano, who was credited with creating a new city website; partnering with organizations during election season, which resulted in a record turnout; overhauling the city's communications and outreach efforts; and helping San Mateo County in bringing free Wi-Fi to two parks and multiple areas of the city. He was also the driving force behind pushing out a new agenda system for the City Council and commissions and launched a digitization project that goes back to the city's 1983 incorporation. ■

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS ... After years of discussions and planning, a new bridge over **U.S. Highway 101** is inching closer to the finish line. A 100-foot-long steel section across **West Bayshore Road** near



Sean Simonson, shown here at the St. Joseph's Hill Preserve in Los Gatos, has been working with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to improve access to open space preserves for individuals with mobility impairments.

Magali Gauthier

RECREATION

In search of smoother ground

Open Space District clears its trails of barriers in push to make parks ADA accessible

By Sue Dremann

When Santa Clara County resident Sean Simonson explores trails and open spaces in the Santa Cruz Mountains, he faces accessibility challenges that other bikers and hikers take for granted. Trail impediments might be easy to hop over or maneuver around, but not so on a recumbent tricycle or in a wheelchair, he said.

Simonson, 47, an athlete and newly retired emergency services manager, sustained a mountain biking injury in 2006 that caused him to become quadriplegic. The change in his mobility hasn't gotten in the way of enjoying the outdoors, but access to open spaces — even getting through the entrance gate — has proved to be limiting. Most entrances, guarded by stiles or logs to keep vehicles out, aren't wide enough for wheelchairs and other mobility-assisted devices. Trails and roads are narrow or often too steep and surfaces can be slippery or snag a chair's wheels.

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which manages more 65,000 acres in the greater Santa Cruz Mountains region, is working to change that. Over the past three years, district crews have been widening the stiles and gates at trailheads as part of its first steps in an ambitious 15-year plan to upgrade its 26 preserves in compliance with the federal

Americans with Disabilities Act.

On April 14, staff presented the board of directors with its first progress update since the district approved its federally mandated ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan in May 2019. The ADA's 1990 law requires public agencies to provide equal access to programs, services and activities. Midpen's plan, which identified 1,075 ADA barriers at its facilities, is the district's first update in 28 years.

So far, the district has removed 208 out of 554 barriers identified for upgrades within the first five years of the Transition Plan, Susanna Chan, district ADA coordinator and assistant general manager for project planning and delivery, said during the directors meeting.

In addition to widening trailhead stiles, district crews also have upgraded restrooms at Windy Hill, Russian Ridge and Monte Bello preserves by replacing dilapidated, single-stall restrooms with new double-stall, ADA-compliant restrooms; installing an ADA-accessible parking spot; constructing accessible paths from the parking stalls to the restrooms; and adjusting door pressure at its buildings in high-usage areas. The district also purchased assisted listening devices for access to public meetings. In the

coming months, Midpen is prioritizing upgrades to restrooms, parking, signage and path access at Daniels Nature Center, Skyline Ridge and Rancho San Antonio, Chan said.

"This is a significant accomplishment amid COVID, wildland fires and other disruptions," noted an April 14 general manager's report to the board.

The first round of projects is part of the district's five-year barrier-removal work outlined in its Transition Plan. This phase is focused on widening stiles and gates at trailheads, removing logs and upgrading restrooms, drinking fountains, parking lots and trailhead signage to inform users about a trail's distance, gradient and surface.

Smaller capital improvements that cost under \$50,000 are set to be completed in one to 10 years; larger projects such as buildings, bridges and major trail building could take up to 15 years.

Lobbying for change

Since his injury, Simonson has lobbied and worked with Midpen staff to assess and repair impediments to access. He did a "walk and roll" with staff on trails to look at sections that are hazardous to hikers and those using walking aids.

"Of all the challenges, one stands out the most: the

entrance and exit to open-space areas. Even to access fire roads and trails, there are gates, bollards and fencing that were put here to prohibit motorized vehicles years ago," Simonson said.

He most frequents the El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve and Sierra Azul's Mt. Umunhum and Lime Kiln/Kennedy trails. The trails had wheelchair-impassable stiles that were 30 inches wide, but the district has replaced them with 36-inch-wide stiles he can now use. Parts of the Kennedy trail were eroded; loose rock atop hard rock made the surface slippery, he said. The district has been responsive to addressing those issues, he said.

Bob Coomber, aka "Four Wheel Bob," an avid outdoorsman and former Livermore city council member, agreed.

Complications from Type 1 diabetes caused him to use a wheelchair, but Coomber, 66, has used his upper-body strength to hike in the wilderness with his wheels.

He says he isn't your average wheelchair hiker. He's made multiple attempts to cross the Inyo Forest's 11,845-foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada and hikes in other seemingly inaccessible places. Facing impediments, he's crawled and dragged his wheelchair across boulder-strewn terrain.

Most preserve and park trails aren't that challenging. "(They're) OK, but they're not for the casual wheelchair user who wants to get out to a place that is accessible but wild," he said.

Many trails are too narrow and uneven. Anyone in a power wheelchair would fall to the side because the chairs are too heavy, he said. Sections of trails are also banked to improve water runoff during rainstorms, but that can make them hazardous or unusable for wheelchairs.

Overgrowth around lakes and waterways also makes it hard to get around, he said. Some entrances are also too steep and rutty. Even usually wide and accessible fire roads can be too narrow. Some roads and trails also have deep gravel that mires wheels.

"It's like going into quicksand," he said.

Coomber powers his way through by maneuvering his chair on two wheels — popping wheelies — but many people can't do that, he said. Wildlands and building an accessible trail are not mutually exclusive, he noted. The Independence Trail outside of Nevada City in the western Sierra Nevada — the first identified wheelchair-accessible wilderness trail in the country — offers hard-packed surfaces, bridges over the Yuba River and a nearly leveled, wide trail, he said.

He acknowledged there's a balance between making some

trails accessible and not harming the environment. "Will resolving the issue to make it accessible make a better trail or ruin it for everyone?" he said.

The value of open space access for all should not be underestimated, he said. Open space is "a comforting kind of place" to listen to the wind, enjoy the greenery of majestic trees, colorful wildflower meadows and rushing water — a great asset for people who "spend 99% of the time indoors and the other 1% in the doctor's office," he said.

Leveraging progress

Midpen currently offers 11 "easy access trails" to accommodate seniors, families with strollers and people using assistive devices such as walkers and wheelchairs. Most easy access trails are at least 4 feet wide, have an incline generally not exceeding 5% and feature fairly uniform surfaces. Several proposed extensions to the trails are being considered. Bear Creek Redwoods and La Honda Creek preserves' master plans call for additional easy access trails, for example.

The district has added to its progress by leveraging capital improvement and maintenance projects to add ADA-access improvements. As part of its 2019 Ravenswood Bay Trail Project, which resurfaced 3,200 feet of trails, the board approved a contract change that resurfaced the entire levee trail surrounding Cooley Marsh as an easy access trail. Plans for the Deer Hollow Farm White Barn Rehabilitation Project currently under construction would add a new ADA-compliant drinking fountain and accessible path, according to the general manager's report.

For Simonson, the updates indicate a recognition that inclusion is no longer an afterthought.

As improvements make the open spaces more welcoming, he hopes they'll attract more people to enjoy the outdoors.

"I would love to see more folks with disabilities using open space areas. It's everything that I do. It is my connection with nature. It is what I did before I got my injury and what I planned to do forever. It's kind of like my religion, my church. I love going out there and exploring plants and animals and the views in the fresh air," he said. ■

Email Staff Writer Sue Dremann at sdremann@pawebly.com.

About the cover: Sean Simonson, who has a mobility impairment, rides his off-road handcycle in St. Joseph's Hill Preserve in Los Gatos on April 28. Photo by Magali Gauthier. Cover design by Douglas Young.

TRANSPORTATION

With federal funding, Palo Alto looks to revamp Alma and Churchill intersection

City Council to review plan to modify traffic signal, add space for bicyclists and pedestrians

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto has big plans for the prominent intersection of Alma Street and Churchill Avenue, a multimodal mess that brings Alma drivers, Churchill bicyclists and Caltrain commuters together far too close for anyone's comfort.

As part of its long-term plans for this area, which is part of the rail corridor, the City Council is contemplating various dramatic changes that could include a train viaduct, an underpass and the closure of the Churchill rail crossing to car traffic. But while those plans have been inching along for several years and the project is at least a decade away from completion, the city is hoping to break ground next year on a different project that would bring near-term relief to the travelers: a \$4-million makeover that includes widened sidewalks, new bike lane markings, relocation of traffic signals and pedestrian emergency gates and the elimination of the existing right-turn lane from southbound Alma to westbound Churchill.

Unlike the contentious and potentially transformative proposals that the City Council has been contemplating as part of its grade separation initiative, the recently proposed improvements for Alma and Churchill are moving ahead with no community resistance and — most critically — with dedicated funding. The California Public Utility Commission identified this intersection as one that requires safety improvements, a designation that makes it eligible for federal funding from the Department of Transportation's Federal-Aid Highway Program. The city's Police Department has documented 30 collisions at the intersection of Alma and Churchill between 2016 and March 2020, according to a new report from the city's Office of Transportation.

To remedy the situation, Palo Alto's transportation staff has been working with the utility commission, the state Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which operates Caltrain, to

design and implement the improvements. Their plan received a boost on March 31, when the city's Planning Transportation Commission voted 6-0 to endorse one of the two alternatives on the table. Both included traffic signal changes, relocation of utility equipment and new amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians. The main difference was a proposal to remove the short right-turn lane on southbound Alma.

On Monday, the council will get its first chance to review the planning commission's recommendation and offer its own remarks about the proposed improvements.

During the planning commission's review, Chief Transportation Official Philip Kamhi underscored the major difference between the grade-separation effort and the near-term improvements that the city is working with other agencies to implement. One key difference, Kamhi said, is that the city is contractually required to advance the safety project at the intersection. Another is the project's scale and cost. While the potential closure



A bicyclist waits to cross the street near the busy intersection of Churchill Avenue and Alma Street in Palo Alto in 2019. The city is looking to add safety improvements to the area.

of Churchill would cost more than \$50 million and completely shake up the traffic flow in the area, the newly proposed improvements would be far less drastic.

When a representative from the Palo Alto Unified School District raised concerns at the March 31 meeting about the ability of school buses to navigate the new alignment, Kamhi stressed that the proposal on the table would not eliminate any turning options.

"The closure to Churchill Avenue would prevent any buses from going through," Kamhi said. "This is really just trying to make sure that students that are trying to get across the street can do it safely and that's really the key to this project. But ... we have also had a lot of collisions at this intersection

so we're trying to improve the safety at this intersection."

Some commissioners raised concerns about the proposed elimination of the right-turn lane, which would increase the delay for southbound drivers on Alma who would have to wait for right turns to occur from the outer through lane. An analysis by Hexagon, the city's transportation consultant, concluded however that this impact could be mitigated through improvements to traffic signals.

The main change would include reducing the green-light time on Alma and increasing it on Churchill. Hexagon concluded that the proposed improvements would significantly decrease

(continued on page 28)

Need to finance your next step? Start here.

As a Small Business Administration (SBA) National Preferred Lender, our SBA loans are a smart, efficient way to help you manage your business through times of uncertainty.

Ask about the benefits you can receive if you apply for an SBA loan by September 1, 2021:

- No payments for up to three months¹
- Guaranty fee waiver²
- Packaging fee waiver up to \$2,500³



Scan for details

Every step matters. We'll help you take the next one.

Visit eastwestbank.com/next or call 888.245.1756.

Offer valid on applicable loans approved by 9/30/2021. Other fees and charges apply. Loan products are subject to East West Bank's application, underwriting, appraisal and credit approval requirements. All rates, terms, guidelines and products are subject to change or termination without prior notice. Other limitations and restrictions may apply. Please check with your loan officer for details. 1- Limited-time offer by the Small Business Administration (SBA) applicable to loans approved by 9/30/2021, subject to the availability of funds and subject to change based on further guideline updates by the SBA. Applicable to 7(a) and 504 Loans (Certified Development Companies only). The SBA will pay up to \$9,000 of monthly principal and interest payments for up to 3 months per borrower. 2- Limited-time offer by the Small Business Administration (SBA) applicable to loans approved by 9/30/2021 and subject to the availability of funds. 7(a) Loans Guaranty Fee Waiver: The SBA Guaranty Fee is waived. 504 Loans Fee Waiver: The 0.5% third party lender participation fee and 1.5% CDC processing fee are waived. 3- Packaging fee waiver promotion available through East West Bank, only applies to SBA 7(a) term loans and will be credited at loan funding. Applications must be received by 9/1/2021 with funding no later than 10/31/2021.

NEW LISTING

903 Dover Court, Los Altos

Classic & Elegant Colonial,
Minutes to Downtown

Custom-built Colonial home with 3,405+/- sf of living space; 9-ft ceilings on first floor

Impressive flat lot of 32,987+/- sf with deep front lawn and mature landscaping

4 bedrooms, office, and 3.5 baths

Large executive office on main floor

Living room with French doors to the formal dining room

Fully equipped kitchen/family room with dining area, fireplace, and wet bar

Spacious primary suite with gas fireplace, walk-in closet, dual vanities, and oversized jetted tub

Expansive patio and pool, ideal for entertaining

Attached 3-car garage

Ideally located just minutes to the Village of Los Altos for fine dining and shopping; easy access to commute routes

Award-winning Los Altos schools

Offered at \$4,998,000

903DoverCourt.com



Both homes available to show by appointment following all county mandates.

TREMENDOUS VALUE

38 Los Altos Square, Los Altos

3 bedrooms, 2.5 remodeled baths
(including 2 suites); 1,440+/- sf

Large and light-filled living room with fireplace, wine room with wet bar, and bamboo floors

Remodeled granite-appointed kitchen

2 spacious patios plus a deck off primary suite

Main-level bedroom, perfect for office or exercise

Clubhouse with sauna, 3 heated pools

HOA dues \$640 per month*; includes some utilities

Excellent Los Altos schools

Offered at \$1,848,000 38LosAltosSquare.com



*Buyer to verify



Judy Bogard-Tanigami

DRE# 00298975

650.207.2111

judy.bogard@compass.com

RANKED AMONG TOP AGENTS
BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
FOR 9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.



Cindy Bogard-O'Gorman

DRE# 01918407

650.924.8365

cindy.ogorman@compass.com

www.ConsultantsInRealEstate.com



THE BOGARD-TANIGAMI TEAM

COMPASS

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.

Palo Alto renews push to expand fiber utility

Commission recommends growing municipal fiber network to all parts of city

By Gennady Sheyner

With more people than ever before banking on high-speed internet for their work, school and entertainment needs, Palo Alto is preparing to resuscitate a project that has stifled generations of city leaders: expansion of the city's municipal fiber network.

Palo Alto's dream for expanding the dark fiber network to every corner of the city has been flickering on and off for years, with prior councils exploring different business models that relied, to various extents, on private sector partners and that invariably ended in disappointment. Palo Alto's most promising foray into citywide fiber expansion occurred in 2009, when the council was on the brink of a deal with a consortium of companies led by the Canadian firm Axia Netmedia Corporation just as the economic downturn hit and the deal swiftly collapsed. After that, the city flirted with other partnerships, including with Google, only to inevitably end up jilted, disappointed and back at step one.

The current council, like most its predecessors, is fully on board with expanding the city's quietly successful fiber network, which premiered in 1996 and which today generates more than \$3 million in revenues from about 220 business customers. But while the dream is the same, the circumstances are dramatically different. The city is no longer banking on the private sector for help, opting instead for a do-it-alone approach that gives it greater control over its fiber destiny (albeit, with greater risk). The city's Utilities Advisory Commission strongly supports the effort, having voted unanimously last week to move ahead with a plan that would connect all neighborhoods to the expanded fiber network within five years. Utilities Department staff, which in the past has been reluctant to challenge private sector incumbents in the broadband market, is now preparing to implement a plan that would significantly expand the fiber network.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which pushed the demand for high-speed internet connection to new heights, has raised the project's political prospects, turning what was once a community

Margaret Ishiyama Raffin

December 26, 1946 – April 3, 2021

Elegant, kind, and generous, Margaret Ishiyama Raffin wrapped her arms around a universe of family, friends, and colleagues, enveloping all with love and support. She drew countless people into her sphere, where many regarded her as a confidante and kindred spirit. Her exceptional grace was inherited from her mother, Setsuko, and her clear-eyed approach to problem-solving came from her father, George. She was petite in stature but commanded an outsized influence: a keen and perceptive observer of human nature, she identified where there was need and set about filling it. She died at home, unexpectedly but peacefully, in her sleep.

Margaret, like her parents, was born in Southern California. George and Setsuko—who were incarcerated with other loyal Japanese Americans during World War II—modeled a philosophy of responding to adversity with dignity and perseverance, looking ahead and resolutely doing what was required. Their emphasis on education and civic responsibility provided guiding principles for Margaret's life.

When she was five, Margaret moved to Palo Alto with her family. She graduated from Palo Alto High School and attended Scripps College in Claremont, California, before transferring to and graduating from Stanford University.

In 1969, Margaret married fellow Stanford student Tom Raffin. Soon after, when Tom was in medical school, Margaret became a medical social worker at Stanford Hospital. She held the same position at Brigham and Women's Hospital while Tom completed his residency in Boston. There she met terrific colleagues and formed friendships that lasted more than a half-century. In both hospitals, she dealt with a challenging range of patients, beginning a lifelong commitment to mental health advocacy that motivated her to earn a masters degree in psychology and work as a therapist.

Tom and Margaret returned to Palo Alto, where their daughter, Elizabeth ("Lizzy"), was born. Lizzy was particularly close to her mother, who taught her the importance of knowing rules . . . and also when to break them. Together they had mischievous fun, cultivated and sustained a loving community of friends across generations, and moved through life with a shared set of instincts and values.

Margaret's dedication to her family was unparalleled. Over the course of her life, she cared for her grandparents and then her parents and aunt with devotion and compassion. After they passed, she continued to honor their traditions and carried on their legacy of gathering family members, often around the dining table.

On weekends and holidays, Margaret set additional places—and sometimes whole tables—to host a village of friends and extended family. She created a second

home for newcomers and welcomed back Lizzy's childhood and college friends and, eventually, their children. She was an extraordinary cook and honed her skills taking lessons from then-unknown French chef Jacques Pépin. She treated those at home to recipes from class, such as her much-loved semolina with raspberries.

Some of Margaret's closest relationships were with beloved members of the Yokouchi family on Maui. Spanning more than fifty years and four generations, her bond with the Yokouchis drew her to the island, where she was an integral part of the community. Margaret became a trustee of the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and was an ardent champion of its efforts to preserve and promote Hawaiian culture.

As president of the Ishiyama Foundation, Margaret collaborated with family members to support a broad range of causes, including education and the environment. On frequent trips to Japan, she maintained her family's strong connection to their Japanese heritage, often visiting the Yonezawa Higashi Senior High School, which her paternal grandmother had attended. There she saw firsthand the impact of the family foundation's philanthropy on students, programs, and facilities.

Another of Margaret's special interests was nurturing young leaders, which she did by empowering visionaries to develop compelling programs. Nothing demonstrated her passion for advancing leadership capacity more than her longtime relationship with the African Leadership Group. She and Lizzy traveled to visit and celebrate the African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg, where she maintained lasting friendships with students and school administrators.

Margaret served on numerous boards, committees, and councils for Stanford. She was insightful, intuitive, and strategic—an expert and greatly appreciated convener. Most notably, in 2013 she helped establish the Stanford Medicine Community Council, dedicated to community outreach, and was appointed its chair. She spent countless hours in planning and strategy meetings and is credited with single-handedly building and cementing relationships within the thirty-member group—getting together with each person individually every year—to create a productive, cohesive unit. She led by example, volunteering at the annual Health Matters event, and worked to leverage resources across the university.

Margaret was also an active and valued member of the Stanford Hospital and



Stanford Health Care boards of directors. In addition, she held positions supporting Stanford Athletics, the Haas Center for Public Service, and the School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences. She had clarity that enabled her to be a quietly effective leader in pursuing these and all her endeavors. In 2016, Margaret received the Stanford Associates Governors' Award in recognition of her long, exemplary service to the university.

Margaret lived with style and intention—and she had a lot of fun while at it. Those acquainted with the more professional Margaret delighted when her aura of reserve gave way to unselfconscious laughter at a good joke (often one she made herself). Among friends and family, her simple joys included berry picking, hiking, tennis, and working in and enjoying her lovely garden.

Summer horse pack trips in Montana's Spanish Peaks took Margaret into pristine surroundings with cherished family and friends. She was confident in the saddle, comfortable in a tent, and perhaps happiest sitting around a campfire.

She spent time flyfishing in and around Yellowstone National Park, including the family's home water on the Henry's Fork near Island Park, Idaho. This connection led her to join the board of the National Parks Conservation Association to work enthusiastically on behalf of national parks throughout the United States.

Those who loved Margaret are forever changed—and improved—for having known her.

Preceded in death by her parents George and Setsuko Ishiyama and sister Dorothea Ishiyama, Margaret is survived by daughter Elizabeth Raffin (Scott Yates and children Logan and Samantha Yates), sister Patricia Ishiyama, brother Nelson Ishiyama (Terrie McDonald), niece Julia Ishiyama (David Hoyt), and former husband Dr. Tom Raffin.

Private services have been held. A celebration of Margaret's life will take place in the future.

For those who wish to honor Margaret with a donation, please consider making a contribution to the National Parks Conservation Association (www.npca.org) or LifeMoves (www.lifemoves.org).

Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto
April 21-April 28

Violence related
Alma Street, 12/30, 9:25 a.m.; child abuse/physical.
Maddux Drive, 3/24, 3 p.m.; child abuse/physical.
Feather Lane, 4/2, 9:50 a.m.; child abuse/physical.
El Camino Real, 4/13, 2:01 p.m.; family violence.
Ash Street, 4/15, 2:30 p.m.; family violence/battery.
San Antonio Road, 4/20, 10:55 a.m.; family violence.
Emerson Street, 4/20, 11:20 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.
University Avenue, 4/21, 8:58 p.m.; child abuse/physical.
Emerson Street, 4/21, 2:55 p.m.; domestic violence.
Forest Avenue, 4/21, 12 p.m.; sex crime.
El Camino Real, 4/23, 3:20 a.m.; sex crime.
Waverley Street, 4/23, 7:01 a.m.; armed robbery.
El Camino Real, 4/23, 8:18 a.m.; robbery.
Pasteur Drive, 4/26, 4:11 p.m.; simple battery.
Edgewood Drive, 4/26, 12:20 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Theft related
Commercial burglaries 1
Fraud 1
Grand theft 2
Identity theft 3
Petty theft 3
Prowler 1
Residential burglaries 4
Shoplifting 2

Vehicle related
Auto theft 1
Bicycle theft 5

Driving w/ suspended license 1
Hit and run 2
Stolen catalytic converter 2
Theft from auto 7
Vehicle accident/minor injury 9
Vehicle accident/no injury 1
Vehicle impound 5
Vehicle tampering 1
Vehicle tow 2

Alcohol or drug related
Driving under influence 2
Drunk in public 1
Possession of drugs 2
Possession of paraphernalia 3
Under influence of drugs 1
Found property 10
Located missing person 1
Lost property 1
Outside investigation 1
Psychiatric subject 5
Suspicious circumstances 2
Warrant/other agency 6

Menlo Park
April 21-April 27

Violence related 0

Theft related
Burglary 3
Fraud 1
Petty theft 4

Vehicle related
Hit and run 1
Theft from auto 2
Vehicle accident/minor injury 2
Vehicle accident/no injury 1

Alcohol or drug related
Driving under influence 1
Possession of drugs 4

Miscellaneous
Disturbance 1
Lost property 2
Missing person 1
Vandalism 1
Warrant arrest 4



Get your COVID-19 vaccination at El Camino Health clinics

COVID-19 vaccines are free for those who live or work in Santa Clara County.

To schedule an appointment, go to: elcaminohealth.org/getvax

Vaccination appointments must be scheduled in advance.

If you need assistance scheduling an appointment online, please call 408-871-7460, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Para asistencia en Español, llame al 408-871-7460, y oprima el numero 5. Avisele al programador de citas que necesita ayuda en Español, y un intérprete le ayudará programar su cita.

如您需要協助上網安排預約，請在週一至週五上午 8 點至下午 5 點之間致電 408-871-7460。

 **El Camino Health**
elcaminohealth.org

Marketplace

1bd/1ba Apt., 700 sqft
1685 Woodland Ave
West of 101

- One year lease at \$2150 a month
- Designated sheltered private parking
- Easy access to Palo Alto and Hwy 101
- Refrigerator and stove included

For questions and/or showings
(650) 868-3530

Coldwell Banker Realty
Joshua Middel, DRE#02127162
Amelia Middel, DRE#01103989

To place an ad call
650.223.6597 or
email digitalads@pawebly.com

 **express**

Sign up today at
PaloAltoOnline.com/express

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

ELDUR STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN673634
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Eldur Studio, located at 3790 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
VERONICA PICCIAFUOCO
937 Westridge Drive
Portola Valley, CA 94028
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/1/2021.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 24, 2021, 2021.
(PAW Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021)

SAVAGE GARDENERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN674539
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Savage Gardeners, located at 590 Lambert Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YIWEI ZHENG
590 Lambert Way
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/07/2021.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 22, 2021.
(PAW Apr. 30; May 7, 14, 21, 2021)

Joseph Fowler Pickering

July 27, 1927 – March 26, 2021

Joseph Fowler Pickering, 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by family members on March 26 in Ojai, CA, where he had moved last year to be closer to family after residing in Palo Alto for 76 years. Joe successfully ran insurance businesses for 65 years and was a leader and participant in many community organizing activities in the Santa Clara Valley. He was an above average water skier and still playing tennis in his 90s.

Joe loved a good meal (any meal really), a glass of red wine, and conversation with friends. He was an immensely loving and supportive husband, a wonderful (and understanding) father, a welcoming father-in-law, and an always attentive grandfather. He was fun and funny, well read and smart, charming, courageous, loyal, exceedingly kind, and friend of countless individuals from different walks of life and spanning many generations.

Joe came to California from Illinois in 1944 to enroll at Stanford, but the war led him to enlist in the Navy in July 1945 just before his 18th birthday. He served on ships sent to Japan soon after the surrender to bring back soldiers who had been stationed there.

Back at Stanford Joe wrote that “the most important event in my life occurred” when in February 1947 he met fellow Stanford student Helen Amelia Dietz on a blind date. Joe and Helen were married Sept. 5, 1948 in Reno, not in one of Reno’s “wedding chapels” but in a Congregational Church with a big party later at the Dietz family home.

After graduation and two years at Varian, one of the first electronics companies in what was to become known as Silicon Valley, Joe began selling life insurance, a business in which he could be his own boss, have no limit on earnings, and no capital needed. It was the career he was looking for. Joe and Helen gave birth to Amelia (Mimi) in 1952, Joseph II in 1953 and Julia in 1955.

When Joe married Helen, he also married into Echo Lake, two lakes nestled in the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains at the summit above Lake Tahoe, and a community of adventurous, somewhat quirky cabin owners. From that point on, Helen spent every summer at the lake, as did Mimi, Joe and Julie from infancy until college age. Throughout the summer he would make the 4-hour drive to Echo on Fridays and then leave on Sunday evening for work on Monday.

The 1960s were a time of social, political and personal change, as well as tumult nationally, especially at Bay Area college campuses, and even at Cubberley High School where Mimi and Joe II attended.

A series of racial incidents at Cubberley High School in 1968 led to strikes by African American students, who attended through an exchange program with East Palo Alto, as well as by members of a group called the United Students Movement. Joe II’s involvement and a strong sense of justice propelled Joe into a leadership role among parents defending striking students. Tensions rose when the Palo Alto School District decided in March 1969 to terminate Ron Jones, a popular and innovative teacher, for very flimsy reasons. Joe was one of Ron’s strongest supporters, presenting polling evidence in favor of keeping the teacher to a school board hearing and making the opening remarks at a gathering of over 500 students and parents at a specially called school board meeting. Despite the show of support from students, parents and some teachers, the School



Board continued with the dismissal. Ron went on to teach at SF State and his book about his classroom experience, “The Third Wave,” was made into documentaries and television dramas.

These experiences propelled Joe into a run for the Palo Alto School Board in 1971 as the candidate endorsed by the Citizens Caucus, a group that came together to provide an organized, liberal voice in school board elections. It proved to be a very negative campaign with red baiting and personal attacks on Joe, and not surprisingly the conservative, establishment candidate won.

Clearly the most devastating development in Joe and Helen’s life was the death of son Joe in 1992 at the age of 39. An industrial worker and a radical from the time he left high school, Joe had changed course, received a Master’s degree in Education from Stanford and begun teaching at Menlo Atherton High School when he was diagnosed with soft-tissue sarcoma, no doubt due to dioxin exposure while previously working in a chemical plant.

Joe was fun loving and adventurous. His rabble rousing did not stop him from selling a lot of insurance, which qualified him for free trips to various conventions. He turned a “Million Dollar Round Table” convention in Boston in 1966 into the family’s first big vacation: seeing historic sites in Boston, Lexington & Concord; to D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg; visits with old family friends in Maine, Chicago and St. Louis; and a canoe trip on a hot and very slow-moving Comfort River in the Ozarks.

Joe loved warm waters, scuba diving, and exploring the ocean and all the wonderful creatures to be found in the tropical seas. When vacationing in Hawai’i and touring the Big Island Joe and Helen fell in love with a little A-Frame jutting into Puako Bay on the Kona Coast. For many years they enjoyed sparkling days and island adventures, rum punch evenings with Mainland guests and Island friends, and moonlight nights with the sound of waves lapping on the lava rocks.

Joseph Fowler Pickering was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Helen Amelia Dietz Pickering and son Joseph Fowler Pickering II. He is survived by daughter Amelia (Mimi) Storrs Pickering and Dee Alvin Davis; daughter Julia Helen Pickering Warner and Richard Warner; daughters-in-law Gale King Pickering and Valerie Ridge Pickering, 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Following their wishes, Joe and Helen’s ashes will be spread by family at Echo Lake and Puako Bay.

Malama ko aloha, Malama ko aloha – Keep the love, keep the love.

PAID OBITUARY

Transitions

Notable Stanford architect Bill Busse dies at 93

His designs included Tresidder Memorial, numerous campus buildings

By Lloyd Lee

Retired architect Bill Hoff Busse, known just as much for designing significant buildings at Stanford University as for lending his skills to volunteer projects throughout Palo Alto, died of natural causes at his Palo Alto home on April 19. He was 93.

Busse’s name is attributed to numerous noted buildings in the area, including the downtown Palo Alto City Library, the Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center and Stanford University’s Tresidder Memorial Union.

Busse, pronounced “BUS-ee”, joined Spencer Associates Architecture firm in Palo Alto after graduating from Stanford with a master’s degree in architecture in 1953 and briefly working at the university’s planning department. Through Spencer Associates, which was responsible for designing and renovating several million square feet of the university’s campus, Busse oversaw numerous campus building projects, including the earth sciences building, solar observatory and other science buildings.

His favorite project, he told the Palo Alto Weekly during a 2016 interview, was as lead designer of the Tresidder Memorial Union building, which for decades has served as a main campus hub for students.

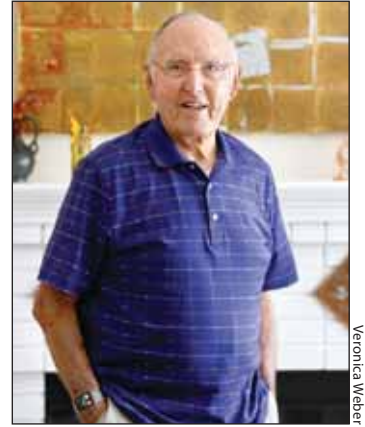
Jeanette Smith-Laws, director of operations and student unions at Stanford, said the building has remained a model for other new buildings on campus since its completion in 1962.

“(Tresidder Memorial) has served its purpose long and well,” said Jan Stypula, a former principal of Spencer Associates, where Busse served as principal before retiring in 1988.

During his storied career, Busse oversaw many projects beyond Stanford, including the Palo Alto library, which featured eight concrete columns designed to make the interior more flexible. He also incorporated wrought-iron entry gates into the design, paying tribute to early Palo Alto’s Spanish Colonial Revival-style buildings championed by local architect Birge Clarke in the 1920s. (The gates have since been removed from the library.)

“He did a lot of wonderful projects for the city of Palo Alto,” Stypula said.

After retiring, Busse continued to lend his architectural skills for small projects throughout the city, including the design and installation of sun shades at Greer Park — which he built in his basement with a crew of 30 volunteers — and the metal signpost honoring Palo Alto’s eight sister cities at King Plaza at City Hall.



Bill Busse

He also served as vice president of environmental affairs for the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, president of the Palo Alto Family YMCA board of directors and president of the Palo Alto Rotary Club. In 2016, he received the Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement Award for his public service.

In his Professorville neighborhood, Busse was known for hosting an annual ice-cream social, where he served homemade ice cream made from peaches grown in his backyard. The event grew to include most of the block and beyond.

Busse was born in Prescott, Arizona, on Dec. 15, 1927, to Frederick and Alpha Alvilda Busse. After graduating from high school in 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy and trained as a pilot for two years. He later earned the rank of officer and served in the Korean War.

He ended up settling in Palo Alto in the 1950s after stopping in the city to visit his wife’s family while headed back to the University of Southern California to finish college.

Busse said he “didn’t know Stanford from anywhere,” but decided to enroll at the university so his wife could be closer to family.

Busse is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Palo Alto; his children Curt Busse of Orlando, Florida, Jan Murphy of Menlo Park, and Matt Busse of Davis; and four grandchildren. ■

OBITUARIES

A list of local residents who died recently:

Margaret Ishiyama Raffin, 74, a Palo Alto resident and former board member of Stanford Health Care, died on April 3.

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at PaloAltoOnline.com/obituaries. ■

THE EVENT

The launch of the newly designed
HOMESOFTHPENINSULA.COM

MAY 7, 2021

THE RESULT

Simple
Streamlined
Somewhat “entertaining”

STAY TUNED


Miles McCormick

HOMESOFTHPENINSULA.COM

650 400 1001

MILESM@KW.COM | BRE 01184883

KELLERWILLIAMS
Luxury
INTERNATIONAL

*No slogan needed.



IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Celebrate outstanding local and independent businesses

GO ONLINE TO
PaloAltoOnline.com/best_of

RESTAURANTS | FOOD & DRINK | RETAIL | SERVICES | ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Vote for Us! **Lulu's** 

Comida Fresca...Salsa Caliente!

- Best Take Out
- Best Kids Menu

Lulu's at Town & Country Village
 855 El Camino Real #49
 Palo Alto
 650-327-TACO (8226)

- Best Mexican Restaurant
- Best Outdoor Dining

www.lulusmexicanfood.com



We appreciate your business
 299 CALIFORNIA AVE. STE. 115
www.calave.com  

VOTE FOR CALAVE 2021

Shady Lane

Please Vote Us Best:  Jewelry • Gifts • Boutique 

Jewelry Box by Michael Fisher | Earrings by Holly Yashi | Amethyst Geode Specimen Heart

Open Thurs-Sat: 11 am - 5 pm
 Appointments encouraged on other days!
ShadyLaneGallery.com • 650-321-1099 • ShadyLaneGifts@gmail.com

Hair INTERNATIONAL

VOTE FOR US!
Best Hair Salon



And help us on our way to recovery!

Call, text or email:
hairintlaloalto@gmail.com
www.hairintl.com

232 Stanford Shopping Center
 Palo Alto 650.324.2007

Make an Appointment



VOTE FOR US!

- Best Coffee House
- Best Breakfast
- Best Bakery/Desserts

We are a social enterprise, mission-based cafe serving up awesome, award-winning scones, coffee and more.

3700 Middlefield Rd. @ the Mitchell Park Community Center
 650-327-2327 | www.adascafe.org

PENINSULA RESTAURANT WEEK

MAY 14 - 22

Celebrate and support local restaurants with **limited-time dining deals**. Learn more at PeninsulaRestaurantWeek.com

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

This week on Town Square

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

In response to 'How small can housing go? Developer proposes microstudios'

Posted April 24 at 2 p.m. by Allen Akin, a resident of Professorville:

"As for parking, there are 15 existing spaces on-site for the offices. Those will be replaced. The 36 housing units would normally require 36 spaces, but the project requests a 30% reduction to 25 spaces. The grand total of 40 spaces will be provided by a mix of 32 spaces using triple-high stackers in an underground garage, plus eight surface spaces. It'll be interesting to see whether those stackers are actually used, or whether the residents just park in the neighborhoods nearby.

Looks like there's outdoor bike parking for maybe a dozen bikes. I don't see any interior bike parking, but I might have missed it."

In response to 'Opinion: Bike routes should be safe routes'

Posted April 23 at 8:24 p.m. by Robert Neff, a resident of Midtown:

"Palo Alto City Council can approve a significant safety improvement for the Churchill Avenue/Alma Street intersection on May 3. The recommended option has a space four times larger to wait on the northwest corner, between Alma and the tracks. If you like that, let them know.

That safety survey did not normalize for the number of bicycles. So among adults, Palo Alto is No. 2, Davis is No. 1, because these cities have the most bicyclists. For school kids, we are No. 1, Davis is No. 2. I think we can do better on safety, but this survey does not measure bicycle safety.

Speaking of safety, if cars turn in front of you, it's probably because the drivers do not see you. Which cyclists do you see best? The ones with flashing lights. I advise getting a flashing front headlight and using it even in the daytime. Also, riding out in the middle of the lane on a street like Bryant Street: You will be seen, and motorists will wait for you with your flashing light. Wave as you pass!"

In response to 'Despite progress on homework goals, majority of Paly students say they're still given too much'

Posted April 21 at 1:21 p.m. by Maris Janes, a resident of Crescent Park:

"Homework is absolutely unnecessary as one's time is better spent elsewhere.

And teachers who assign weekend homework should be fired.

Use the college model: lectures/labs, a reading list and tests (a midterm and final).

That is all that is needed."

In response to 'Palo Alto school district brings back in-person graduations'

Posted April 21 at 12 a.m. by Rebecca Eisenberg, a resident of Old Palo Alto:

"At the school board meeting, students and

parents made it clear that they are not impressed with Don Austin's (lack of) leadership, and for the first time that I can remember, the school board appeared to be listening.

People who comment that graduations and proms are trivial do not recognize the grievous, immeasurable harm of this past 1 1/2 years on our youngest generation. These events are far more than simply gatherings. They play cultural roles that mark rites of passage essential for teenagers to transition into adulthood.

The loss of these rites of passage — everything from first day of high school, to middle school graduation, to cheering for the football team, to prom — are losses that these youth never will have a chance to recover. They are memories that never had a chance to be created, which now are lost forever. In our American society, we've never before raised a generation of young people who've had no agreed-upon marker of transition from one life phase to another. What will happen when these teenagers graduate into the work world or college? Having been withheld every cultural and social milestone of previous generations, they will lack the cultural history that everyone else who commented here took for granted. You cannot possibly know how damaging this has been to our teens."

In response to 'Palo Alto looks to keep University and California avenues car-free'

Posted April 20 at 12:17 p.m. by Justin Taylor, a resident of Duvneek/St. Francis:

"This is a step in the right direction as it will accommodate comfortable strolling and afford restaurants additional dining capacities.

One consideration pertaining to California Avenue: Will the city remove the islands along with those hideous examples of sculpture (e.g. the mangled bike rack and wooden unicorn horn)?

Palo Alto has never been known for its tasteful examples of public art going back to the unsightly wooden "Friends" sculpture on Embarcadero.

In response to 'Is Palo Alto ready for rent stabilization? City explores new policies to help tenants'

Posted April 18 at 4:47 p.m. by Gertrude Reagan, a resident of Midtown:

"How can you help the unhoused if there is no place without a short waitlist to go to? RVs seem like a good solution to them. Yet, we yell about them.

I've been hearing about the jobs/housing imbalance since Robert Debs was on the city council in 1968. (We moved here in 1963.)

My caregiver/assistant is a formerly unhoused person. She's terrific! I don't have a spare bedroom, but she is willing to sleep in my garage.

We need more sharing! I'm in favor of more of us building tiny homes and granny units if we have the space.

Construction costs, they say, mean only luxury apartments can be built. How can we encourage and even subsidize community service agencies to acquire land and build?"

Letters

Monitor traffic

Editor:

I can support the temporary closing of University and California avenues to help businesses, but it is essential to evaluate the effects of the closures on all the businesses located in the area. The impact on restaurants versus retail will likely not be the same.

The city must also actively monitor the return of office workers in these cores and the combined impacts of street closures on traffic volume, patterns and parking demand in adjacent

residential neighborhoods. While our public garages remain virtually empty, including the new garage near California Avenue built with public funds, no commercial permits should be valid for any Residential Preferential Parking program (RPP) districts. All residential neighborhoods deserve quality of life protection from commercial traffic as stated in our Comp Plan.

The city must also live up to its oft-cited, but seldom followed, guiding principles of being transparent, data-driven and inclusionary.

John Guislin
225 Middlefield Road

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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



As companies reopen, should employers require COVID-19 vaccines?

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.

FROSTY THE HUBCAP FREAK





1 Thayer Road, Bonny Doon

Spectacular 150-acre retreat with ocean views, luxurious main residence, two guest homes and three barns amid a private playground of outdoor recreation.

Offered at \$20,000,000 | BonnyDoonRanch.com



THE DREYFUS GROUP

Golden Gate | Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

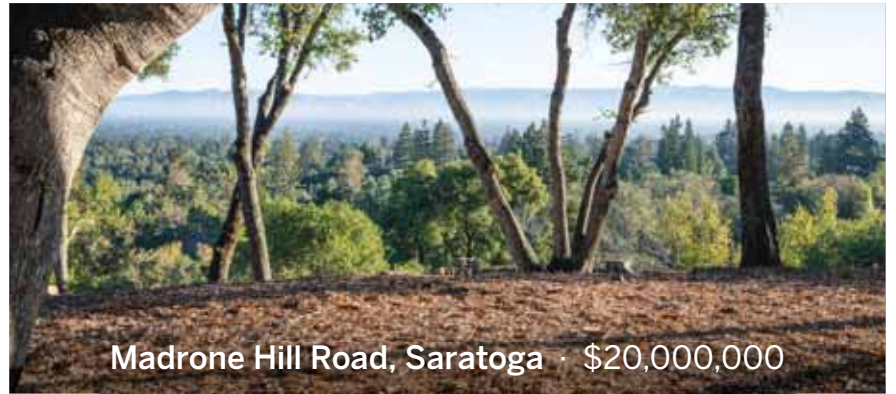
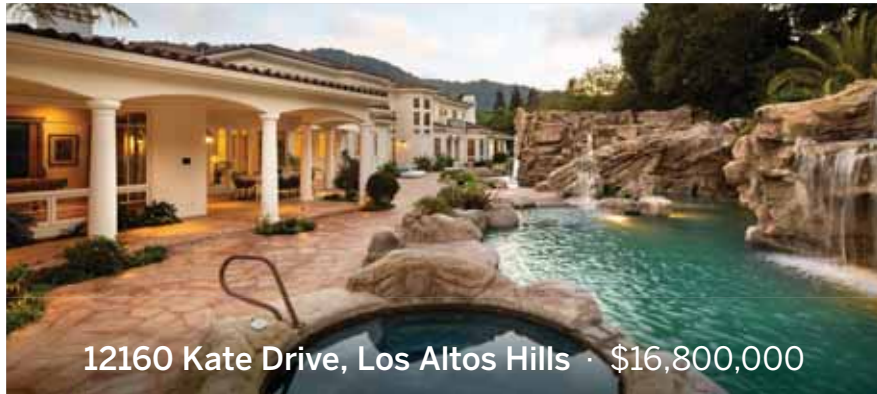
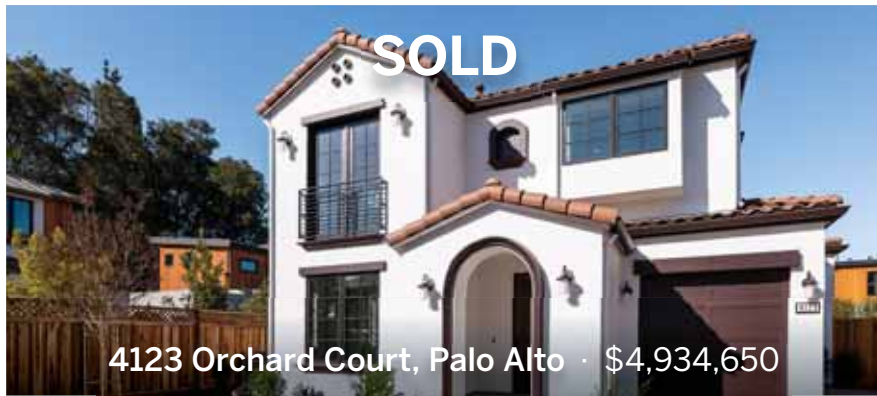
#1 AGENT

Michael Dreyfus, Golden Gate Sotheby's International Realty

TOP 125 AGENT
WSJ / Real Trends

Each office is independently owned and operated.

Current & Recent Listings



More Exclusive Listings at
www.Dreyfus.Group



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



Noelle Queen
650.427.9211
n.queen@ggsir.com
Lic. #01917593



255 OLD SPANISH TRAIL, PORTOLA VALLEY



Spectacular Views and a Peaceful Location

The peaceful feeling that only Portola Valley can provide captivates the senses from the moment you approach this inviting home nestled on over 1.2 acres. Bordered on nearly all sides by resplendent nature preserves, this home enjoys a light, breezy ambiance with cathedral ceilings and views that stretch for miles to the crystal blue waters of the San Francisco Bay. Nearly every room in this nearly 3,500-square-foot home opens to multi-level decks, taking full advantage of the tranquil setting and offering a true California indoor/outdoor lifestyle. The traditional floorplan unfolds with expansive gathering areas perfect for entertaining, including the living room with a focal-point fireplace in floor-to-ceiling stone. Four comfortable bedrooms include the generous master suite with a fireplace all its own, plus an extra-large, walk-in closet, and an outdoor hot tub. The fast-paced routine of Silicon Valley living will be the furthest thing from your mind in this relaxing location, yet you will still be just a short drive to top tech companies, Stanford University, and Interstate 280, and the iconic Roberts Market is just a few minutes away. Plus, this home is located in the sought-after Portola Valley Elementary school district.

For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.255OldSpanishTrail.com

Offered at \$2,988,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in San Mateo County

Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, in San Mateo County, 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



923 OREGON AVENUE, PALO ALTO



Beautifully Remodeled with Indoor/Outdoor Living

Completely remodeled in 2016 by renowned builders Bay Area Custom Homes, this stylish home offers high-end appointments, luxurious finishes, and a floor plan perfectly suited for a true California indoor/outdoor lifestyle. Abundant natural light pours into the home from numerous skylights and Fleetwood windows, showcasing gorgeous European white oak engineered floors that extend throughout the space. The open, modern floor plan features the expansive living room, which seamlessly flows into the marble-appointed kitchen with appliances from Wolf, Sub-Zero, and Bosch plus an island with dazzling ribbon pendant lights. Retire at the end of the night to the inviting master suite that features a spa-like bathroom with a curbless rainfall shower. And the master suite, like many other rooms throughout the home, includes glass doors opening to the incredible grounds that feature both a front and back redwood deck, a paver patio, synthetic lawn, and a delightful kids' play structure. This central location puts you mere moments to everything Palo Alto has to offer, from University Avenue and Stanford, to numerous parks, to both Caltrain and US 101. Plus, acclaimed Palo Alto schools are within approximately one mile of the home.

For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.923Oregon.com

Offered at \$2,488,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Michael Repka and Alex Wilbur of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in Palo Alto

Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, in Palo Alto, 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

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

Arts & Entertainment

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

THE SOUND OF A STORY: HOW THE DRAGON IS BRINGING 'THE CREATURE' BACK TO LIFE

THEATER COMPANY RELEASES PODCAST OF TREVOR ALLEN'S 'FRANKENSTEIN' ADAPTATION

By Karla Kane

The story is a classic: The chilling tale of a mad scientist and the grotesque “monster” he creates. But the 200-year-old “Frankenstein” narrative has been given new life with Dragon Productions Theatre Company’s “The Creature,” a serialized podcast production of Bay Area playwright Trevor Allen’s radio play.

It’s the Dragon’s first podcast, and it’s also the directorial debut of Dragon co-leader Alika Spencer-Koknar.

“It’s been quite a roller coaster ride,” Spencer-Koknar said of the long-awaited production, which was scheduled as an in-person staged show in 2020 before transitioning into a podcast last autumn, then rescheduled and revamped again for this spring.

“We decided to go back to square one and figure out how to properly produce this podcast the way we wanted to instead of rushing into it,” she said. “It’s been a really cool experience experimenting with the available technology and with what we can do with those tools on a low budget to sound like a really high-quality, fully produced audiobook.”

Key to that quality is the work of sound engineer, designer and composer Gregory Holmes, who’s created an original musical score, along with being responsible for the show’s many sound effects and ambient audio.

“This production for me has been something of an ‘alignment

of the planets,’” Holmes said. While he’d long dreamed of composing and designing sounds for such a project, he originally signed on to serve solely as sound engineer, helping with recording and tech support. But after the production was put on hold and rebooted, Holmes was again offered the chance to do the sound design and scoring.

“By doing both jobs, I could make the music fit the actors, and make the actors fit the music,” he said. “Staggering technology was available to me that was extremely cost-prohibitive just a few years earlier,” including high-quality MIDI instruments for his orchestrations (MIDI, or Musical Instrument Digital Interface, allows electronic instruments and devices to communicate with each other), and affordable binaural microphones. Binaural recording (“bi” meaning two and “aural” meaning ears) captures the way human ears and brains process sound in the real world, allowing for a lush, three-dimensional sound quality.

“If this project had come to me in 2012, it would have been entirely impossible at worst, and embarrassing at best,” he noted.

The score uses a 19-tone equal temperament system, “an alternate carving up of Western music’s divisions of the octave,” he said. This choice “complicates the music, but it gives us some truer harmonies, while allowing some complex chords that are not possible with the standard 12 notes.”

He’s also been playing with convolution reverb, which simulates the reverberation situation of different environments. In the case of “The Creature,” these environments can include the wilds of the Arctic, “the cramped quarters of a ship’s captain, or a Bavarian forest near Ingolstadt,” he said.

“For the full experience of this podcast,” Spencer-Koknar noted, “headphones are a must.”

While there have been many “Frankenstein” adaptations over the years, from musical comedies to campy melodrama, Spencer-Koknar said she’s partial to Allen’s incisive take on it because of how true it is to Mary Shelley’s 1818 novel, and how passionately it brings forth the perspective of the “monster” himself.



Each chapter of Dragon Productions’ “The Creature” podcast boasts original digital artwork by Alika Spencer-Koknar, some incorporating writing from Mary Shelley’s original manuscript. Courtesy Dragon Productions Theatre Company.

“This adaptation really makes you stop and ponder: How is our society open to people who are different — and not open to people who are different?” she said. “I’ve seen a lot of other adaptations where the point of view of the Creature is kind of lost.”

Playing the title role is Spencer-Koknar’s husband and Dragon co-leader Bora “Max” Koknar. Paul Rosenfield performs the role of the scientifically brilliant but ethically challenged Victor Frankenstein, with Filip Hofman portraying Captain Walton, and others.

When switching the production plans from stage play to podcast, it was important to Spencer-Koknar and her team not only to create a rich acoustic atmosphere, but also to maintain the chemistry and energy that comes from performers interacting with each other.

“This was a big thing at the very beginning of the pandemic: ‘How do we still do things that are “live” but not in person?’” she said. “I wanted to keep that ‘live’ kind of feeling.” To capture that energy, the cast rehearsed over Zoom and recorded those sessions, their isolated vocal tracks edited and processed after.

“Every rehearsal, we all came together,” she said. “That back and forth you have with the actors, it’s really hard to do on Zoom but it is possible.”

“The Creature” is being released as a serial in nine episodes, one per week through June 21, with the first two episodes out May 3 and 4, respectively.

“Serializing this is really quite fascinating,” Spencer-Koknar said. “It’s a really dense piece, so it’s nice to take our time in each episode instead of just plowing through, as we normally would in theater.”

Listeners can find and subscribe to the episodes directly from the Dragon’s website (dragonproductions.net/creature) on a donation basis, as well as via Spotify, Apple Music and SoundCloud, with closed-captioned versions coming out on Fridays on YouTube.

“We’re trying to keep it as accessible as possible,” she said. Each chapter also boasts original digital artwork by Spencer-Koknar, some incorporating writing from Shelley’s original manuscript. A vinyl record edition is in the works for a limited release in June, which will include the artwork in the packaging.

The Dragon’s downtown Redwood City theater space is not likely to be open for in-person activity any time soon, but hopes are high for some outdoor performances and classes in the coming months. Online programming, meanwhile, continues at a steady pace.

The company has also undergone a staffing and structural reorganization with an emphasis on serving artists, and launched a fundraising campaign with a goal of reaching \$150,000 by the end of 2021.

“We live in an age where we must approach our work not like a factory, but like a garden; an ecosystem to be supported, cared for and nurtured so that it can grow and flourish,” Spencer-Koknar said in a video announcing the company’s relaunch.

More podcast-style theater may be in the Dragon’s future. “Now that we’ve got this one under our belt, I’d love to keep finding ways to keep telling these stories,” Spencer-Koknar said.

More information is available at dragonproductions.net/creature. ■

Email Arts & Entertainment Editor Karla Kane at kkane@paweekly.com.

‘This adaptation really makes you stop and ponder: How is our society open to people who are different — and not open to people who are different?’

— Alika Spencer-Koknar,
Dragon Productions
co-leader



Considering Your Next Move?

From Palo Alto to Portola Valley, we have some great options for you!



Better Together.



3 Wintercreek, Portola Valley Offered at \$3,150,000

Living Area: 2,920 Sq Ft
Lot Size: 21,344 Sq Ft
(Per County Records, unverified)

Serenity in Portola Valley!

Designed for gracious living, this 4 bedroom/3 bath Portola Valley Ranch home is nestled into its natural surrounding.

A dramatic great room with handsome wood floors and a soaring exposed beam ceiling features 3 pairs of sliding doors that open to an inviting deck that offers peaceful outdoor living beneath the backdrop of majestic trees.

Multiple options for "working from home"!

Embrace the Portola Valley Ranch lifestyle with hiking trails, community pool, tennis courts, fitness center, vineyard/winery, community garden with raised beds, and dog park.

3Wintercreek.com



315 Homer Avenue #309, Palo Alto Offered at \$2,950,000

Living Area: 1,801 Sq Ft
(Per County Records, unverified)
Monthly Dues: \$780

Extraordinary opportunity to enjoy the best of Palo Alto at The Weatherly!

This top floor 2 bedroom/2 bath recently updated condominium features soaring ceilings, abundant natural light, and 2 balconies for outdoor enjoyment. A dramatic window "wall" in the great room opens to an inviting balcony with glimpses of Heritage Park and captivating treetop and city views.

Enjoy the simplicity of downtown living with restaurants, cafes, Whole Foods, CalTrain all within blocks. Easy access to Stanford & major Silicon Valley employers.

315Homer-unit309.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

CarolNicoleandJames.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 01866771. 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.





3198 MADDUX DRIVE, PALO ALTO



Bright, Luxurious, and Built in 2017

Fresh, inviting living spaces filled with natural light and high-end appointments give this 4-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom Midtown home an attractive ambiance from the moment you step inside. Built in 2017, this home showcases outstanding build quality throughout both luxurious levels, with over 3,000 square feet of space including the attached 1-car garage. Beautiful engineered oak floors flow through expansive gathering areas ideal for both entertaining and everyday living, including the living room with a stately fireplace flanked by custom built-ins, and the private office that may be converted into an additional bedroom. An incredible chef's kitchen is at the heart of the home and boasts marble countertops and high-end appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero, and it opens to the family room with a built-in entertainment center. The palatial master suite features 2 closets and a spa-like bathroom, while 2 additional bedroom suites provide comfort and convenience for friends and family. And when the outdoors beckon, the sizable backyard will answer the call, with a lush lawn and ample space to relax and unwind, including a magnificent veranda. Just moments to the Midtown Shopping Center, this home is also close to California Avenue, known as Palo Alto's "second downtown" thanks to great shopping and dining. Plus, numerous parks are all within a mile of the home, as is top-ranked Palo Verde Elementary.

For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.3198Maddux.com

Offered at \$4,088,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Michael Repka and Alex Wilbur of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in Palo Alto

Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, in Palo Alto, 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

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

Eating Out

The Restaurant Week Interviews: 7 questions for Manuel Martinez

La Viga owner thought 'everything would be lost' after multiple pandemic shutdowns

By Sarah Klearman

In an effort to provide diners more opportunities to support local restaurants as the Peninsula slowly reopens, Embarcadero Media's Peninsula Foodist is teaming up with Facebook to launch Peninsula Restaurant Week. From May 14-22, restaurants, bakeries and eateries of all stripes along the Peninsula will offer prix fixe deals and other menu specials available for dine-in, delivery or curbside pickup.

As part of the new weeklong dining event, the Peninsula Foodist has asked participating chefs and restaurant owners to share their stories about what the past year has been like for them and where they see the industry headed. This week's Q&A features Manuel Martinez of La Viga Culinary Inc. (La Viga Seafood & Cocina Mexicana and LV Mar Tapas in Redwood City and San Agus Cocina Urbana in Palo Alto).

For more information about Peninsula Restaurant Week, go to peninsularestaurantweek.com.

For readers who might not be familiar, tell me a little bit about you and your restaurants.

I've been in the industry for the last 25 years working as a cook, an assistant chef and then as a chef. After that, I began opening restaurants for other people and then opening places for myself. The last nine years, I've spent working for myself.

I'm currently operating three restaurants that I own here on the Peninsula — two in Redwood City and one in Palo Alto. I'm a chef by trade, but I'm also the mind behind everything here. Each restaurant has their own chef, so they do the kitchen operations, and I oversee them.

Tell me about the year behind us — what's been the trajectory of your restaurants?

The last year has been a rough year. It's nothing like I've seen before. I've opened and closed LV Mar at least four times, because we experienced some COVID-19 cases there, and the first thing we did was close and

make sure everybody was safe. Ultimately, we were shut down twice, but we closed on our own another two times during the pandemic.

With vaccinations increasing and California's daily case counts way down, does it feel like we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel?

I hope so. Although after being through all of this, I'm preparing to wait and see because anything could happen tomorrow. It could be another shutdown or changing gears and operating at 25% ... or that we're allowed to open at full capacity. It's pretty unpredictable.

Tell me about the biggest challenges you've faced as a restaurant owner as it pertains to lockdowns.

I would say it's the uncertainty — that you don't know what's coming. I hope that we're on our way to fully opening up the economy and to making our businesses stronger ... but it's not up to me, unfortunately. There are things that I can do: have good food, serve it right and grow the business. And if the government lets me do business, I will do business. But unfortunately when they shut you down, and you can't do anything other than food to-go, it's not good. That is basically tying your hands and your legs.

Are there moments or experiences you've had this year that you've drawn upon to keep you going?

Definitely my employees and my guests coming in and chipping in every day, trying to increase the volume of the business so we can bring another person back to work. Right when we closed the first time, we had like around 50 or so employees between our two restaurants. After we closed, we went down to four.

Opening the restaurants and bringing staff back — that's one of the best feelings I've ever had. I thought everything would be lost, but we've brought people back. ... And then seeing the customers come back — some customers that you haven't seen for

months, or even a year, now.

Has the pandemic forced any kind of innovation or revelation in the restaurant space you're excited about?

I think the first one would be teamwork. We work as one now. It's not anymore, "I'm a server, and I only know how to serve people," or "I'm a dishwasher." It's everyone working together to achieve our daily goals. My team has been the highlight (of this year).

I discovered some of the restaurants are better at doing food to-go than others. LV Mar is a pure service-driven restaurant; people go there because they like the space, they like what they get and they want to be served and get together. La Viga and San Agus are also service-based, but the type of food we serve there can be served to-go (pretty) well. So we've been exploring that.

What should customers know about supporting local restaurants during Peninsula Restaurant Week?

I'm a service-driven chef and owner. I mean, we're no one without our customers. All that I ask is to be able to be open so I can serve them, and we can shine again. Customers want to go out and enjoy themselves. They want to go out with their friends and drink and eat. I would ask them to be patient with us and to be ready to support local restaurants. This is a hard time for a



Courtesy Rob Watkins

Manuel Martinez owns and operates La Viga and LV Mar in Redwood City. He opened San Agus in Palo Alto in Spring 2020.

lot of people. Some restaurants thought they would survive, and they didn't; some closed for a year, and now they're trying to reopen again, and everything is so different. The business is nothing like before.

(Reopening) might be overwhelming for a lot of restaurants, either because they are short

people or resources. The industry is upside down, I think. We're looking forward to a much better year, but patience is key while restaurants get back to — well, not normal, but the new normal, whatever that is. ■

Email Writer Sarah Klearman at peninsulafoodist@embarcaderopublishing.com.



Veronica Weber

La Viga serves a wide selection of tacos, including, from left to right, carne asada with nopales salsa and red sauce; pollo with tomatillo sauce and guacamole; and cochinita with pickled onion, habanero sauce and orange slices.



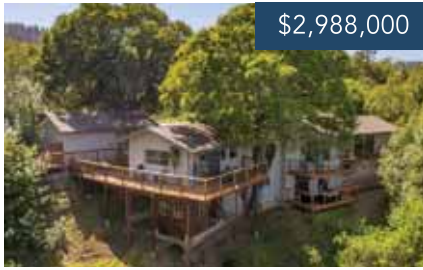
Veronica Weber

La Viga restaurant in Redwood City is one of three of Manuel Martinez's restaurants that is participating in Peninsula Restaurant Week from May 14-22.



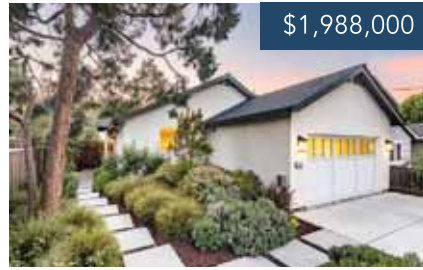
COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY

2.5% Commission Paid to Buyer's Agent • Waived if DeLeon Buyer's Agent



\$2,988,000

255 Old Spanish Trail, Portola Valley
4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.255OldSpanishTrail.com



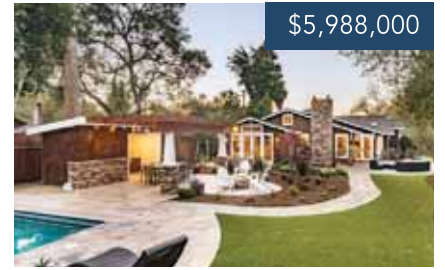
\$1,988,000

2045 Menalto Ave, Menlo Park
3 Bd | 2 Bth
www.2045Menalto.com



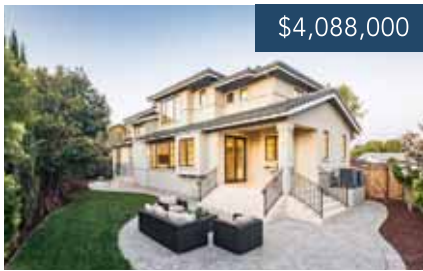
\$2,488,000

923 Oregon Ave, Palo Alto
4 Bd | 2 Bth
www.923Oregon.com



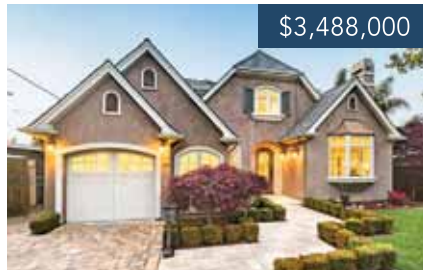
\$5,988,000

1780 Morton Avenue, Los Altos
4 Bd | 6 Bth (4 Full, 2 Half)
www.1780Morton.com



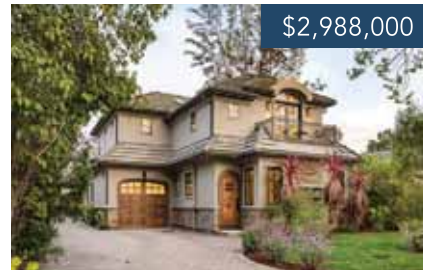
\$4,088,000

3198 Maddux Drive, Palo Alto
4 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.3198Maddux.com



\$3,488,000

631 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto
4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.631EMeadow.com



\$2,988,000

140 Tennyson Ave, Palo Alto
4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
www.140Tennyson.com



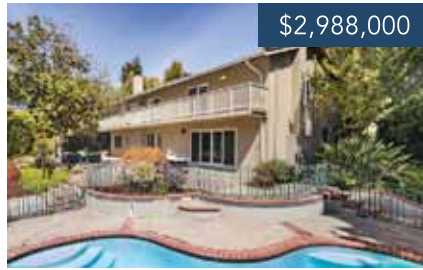
\$1,998,000

713 Saranac Drive, Sunnyvale
3 Bd | 2.5 Bth
www.713Saranac.com



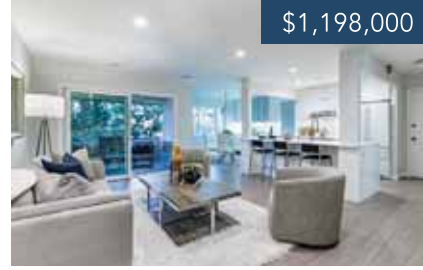
\$7,988,000

1550 Cowper Street, Palo Alto
9 Bd | 7 Bth
www.1550Cowper.com



\$2,988,000

1015 Trinity Drive, Menlo Park
5 Bd | 3 Bth
www.1015Trinity.com



\$1,198,000

461 Burgess Dr #8, Menlo Park
2 Bd | 2 Bth
www.461Burgess.com



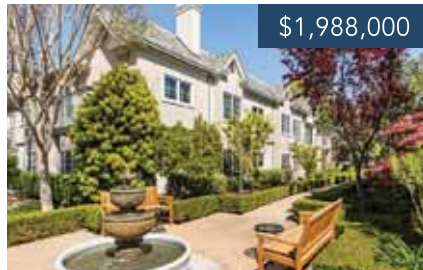
\$4,988,000

307 Walsh Road, Atherton
5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.307WalshRd.com



\$5,988,000

26946 Dezahara Way, Los Altos Hills
4 Bd | 4.5 Bth
www.26946Dezahara.com



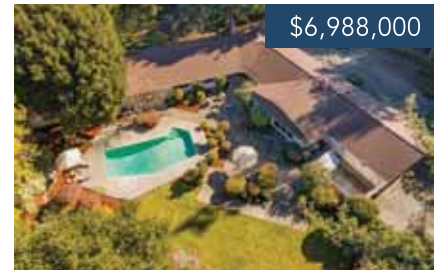
\$1,988,000

1 W. Edith Ave. #C116, Los Altos
3 Bd | 2 Bth (for residents aged 55+)
www.1WEdithC116.com



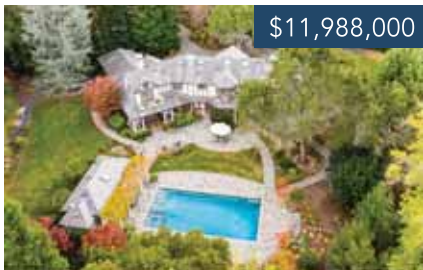
\$5,988,000

1170 May Brown Ave., Menlo Park
3 Bd | 3 Bth
www.1170MayBrown.com



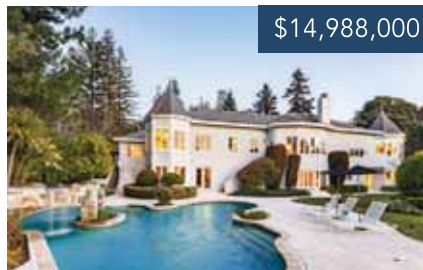
\$6,988,000

35 Edge Road, Atherton
6 Bd | 4 Bth
www.35Edge.com



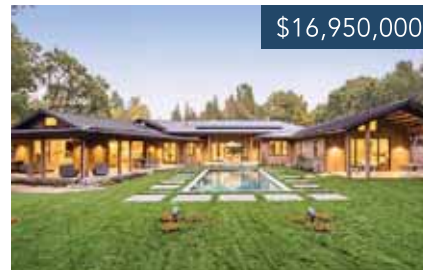
\$11,988,000

3787 Woodside Rd, Woodside
6 Bd | 5.5 Bth
www.3787Woodside.com



\$14,988,000

97 Ridge View Drive, Atherton
6 Bd | 7.5 Bth
www.97RidgeViewDr.com



\$16,950,000

199 Mapache Dr, Portola Valley
5 Bd | 6.5 Bth
www.199Mapache.com



\$39,998,000

27500 La Vida Real, Los Altos Hills
5 Bd | 12 Bth (7 full, 5 half)
www.27500LaVida.com

Michael Repka | 650.900.7000 | DRE #01854880
michael@deleonrealty.com | www.deleonrealty.com | DRE #01903224



2045 MENALTO AVENUE, MENLO PARK



Fresh and Modern in The Willows

A paver pathway through a peaceful garden entrance leads to this fresh, modern home with a coveted address in the sought-after Willows neighborhood. Built in 2015 and showcasing outstanding build quality throughout, this home enjoys an open, light-filled floorplan perfectly suited for a contemporary lifestyle. Glide across stylish hardwood floors that extend throughout the incredible great room, where a sleek linear fireplace centers the living room, and glass doors open to the peaceful backyard patio for true indoor/outdoor living. Inspire your inner chef in the granite-appointed kitchen with ample cabinetry and stainless-steel appliances. Three bedrooms include the brilliant primary suite with custom built-ins for ample storage space. An incredible location adds the finishing touch, as you will find yourself just moments to Willow Oaks Park, top-ranked schools, and downtown Menlo Park, and just a short drive to downtown Palo Alto, Stanford University, and Facebook.

For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.2045Menalto.com

Offered at \$1,988,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in Menlo Park

Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, in Menlo Park, 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




SCANDIA
 H O M E

SPRING PILLOW SALE

20% OFF ALL SCANDIA DOWN SLEEP PILLOWS
April 15th - May 8th

Scandia Home Palo Alto

Town & Country Village

650.326.8583 • paloalto@scandiahome.com

Mon-Wed: 10am-3pm • Thurs-Sat: 10am-6pm • Sun: Closed

Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 35.

D	A	T	C	F	C	M	O	N	K	S			
E	M	A	N	U	E	L	I	N	B	I	T	S	
J	A	C	U	Z	Z	I	D	U	A	L	I	P	A
A	T	T	I	C	N	I	T	S	T	R	O	N	
V	I	I	O	P	I	N	E	F	E	R	R	I	
U	S	C	G	E	C	C	E	N	T	R	I	C	S
			A	Y	N	A	N	O	D	N	L	E	
A	P	P	L	E	T	S	S	M	I	D	G	E	S
D	I	E	L	U	A	U	M	X	I				
O	N	T	I	P	P	Y	T	O	E	F	I	J	I
B	E	R	T	S	G	N	U	D	I	M	E	N	
O	O	O	H	B	R	E	T	S	C	A	N	T	
S	I	N	A	T	R	A	B	O	L	O	G	N	A
L	A	C	T	I	C	I	N	A	W	E	E	K	
S	A	S	S	E	D	O	S	D	R	E			

4	9	6	7	3	5	8	2	1
3	7	8	2	9	1	5	6	4
1	5	2	4	8	6	7	9	3
7	3	4	1	6	2	9	8	5
2	8	1	9	5	3	6	4	7
9	6	5	8	7	4	1	3	2
6	2	3	5	1	8	4	7	9
5	4	9	6	2	7	3	1	8
8	1	7	3	4	9	2	5	6



Still having trouble hearing?

You're not alone. Get educated. Get tested. Get treated with Earlens®.



Earlens improves speech recognition by **25%**



Participants in an independent study preferred the Earlens extended bandwidth **8:1**



Earlens brings listeners **16x** closer to normal hearing in the critically important high frequencies



Earlens delivers a frequency range **2.5x** broader than conventional hearing aids



There is a better solution. Learn how new technologies can help.

May is National Better Hearing Month. If you suspect hearing loss for yourself or a loved one, or already have a hearing aid but are still missing some sounds, we encourage you to speak to an audiologist. There are many new hearing solutions that may be able to help. Find out how you might benefit through a complimentary consultation.



Join us for a special Cinco de Mayo event

Receive a private consultation, personalized sound demonstration comparing Earlens to your current hearing aid, and a taco ice cream to go!

Wednesday, May 5

Earlens Hearing Center - 4055 Campbell Avenue, Menlo Park

Call (650) 417-9856 to reserve your spot or visit earlensevents.com/PAWCinco. Spaces are limited. Call now to RSVP.

Fiber

(continued from page 10)

moonshot into a practical necessity. During its recent discussion of economic recovery, several council members, including Mayor Tom DuBois, made a case for renewing the city's push toward Fiber to the Premise, a system in which nearly every home and business is connected to the municipal fiber service. DuBois, a longtime proponent, also highlighted the project last month in his State of the City speech.

"We have the opportunity to create a new city utility and deliver superior service to our residents," DuBois said.

City officials are now exploring the best way to expand the fiber network. On April 21, the city's Utilities Advisory Commission dove deep into the latest analysis of the city's fiber prospects and reached a unanimous consensus on the best path forward. The commissioners agreed that the city shouldn't just build the city-wide fiber system, it should also serve as the internet service provider. They also agreed that rather than taking a phased approach in which residents in some neighborhoods would get fiber service in the early phase of the expansion while those in other parts of the city would wait for future phases, the city should try to cover the entire city within five years.

Much of the early legwork for the expanded fiber network has already been completed. The city's consulting firm, Magellan Advisors, has designed a system that would add 44 miles of fiber to the existing municipal network. This includes a 432-count loose-tube fiber cable that would support various city departments and services (including traffic signals and broadband connection) as well as a 144-count fiber cable to support the electric utility by providing redundancy and supporting grid modernization.

"This becomes a citywide infrastructure that strengthens your ability and capability to be able to govern and empower the community," John Honker, CEO of Magellan, told the commission on April 21.

The initial expansion of the fiber network would cost between \$22 million and \$28 million, a hefty but not insurmountable sum for a municipal utility that currently has a \$30 million enterprise fund. Because this expansion focuses on municipal services rather than homes and businesses, it falls well short of Fiber to the Premise. Yet because the newly installed fiber network would stretch across all neighborhoods, it would enable the city to move ahead with a broader expansion at a future date.

The commission made it clear that it wants the expansion of fiber to go well beyond municipal

uses. It also agreed that unlike in the past, the city shouldn't depend on private companies for help. Commissioner Greg Scharff, who as a two-time mayor is well acquainted with the council's fruitless struggle to expand the fiber system, suggested that seeking out private partners (an option that was presented by Magellan) would likely be a waste of time.

"In the last 10 years that I've followed Fiber to the Premise, every time we go out and try to do some sort of public-private partnership, either people don't bid or it falls apart," Scharff said. "The more you explore it, the more there is opportunity for delay."

The commission supported Magellan's proposal to conduct a community survey, put together a risk assessment and move ahead with additional engineering work, both for the near-term expansion of the fiber network and for the ultimate build-out of Fiber to the Premise. The commission also directed staff and Magellan to accelerate their community outreach efforts and to issue a survey to gauge customers' willingness to sign up for the new utility.

The firm expects to complete its additional work, as well as the survey, by the end of March 2022. Once that's done, the commission and the council will further refine the fiber proposal and consider funding mechanisms for the broader expansion, which



Palo Alto's Utilities Advisory Commission voted unanimously last week to move ahead with a plan that would add an additional 44 miles of fiber to the city's municipal network as part of a proposal developed by its consultant, Magellan Advisors. The placement of fiber is designed to enable the city's ultimate adoption of Fiber to the Premise.

according to Magellan's report is expected to cost more than \$90 million.

Despite the high costs and potential risks, the commission enthusiastically supported advancing the fiber effort.

"We've all lived through the last year of COVID-19," Commissioner Loren Smith said. "And if anything, it has certainly highlighted

the need for very, very extreme levels of broadband services in our homes, when we ourselves at work online full-time, when our children are online full time.

"Yes, we are getting back to some degree of normalcy, but that is not happening quickly." ■

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



PALO ALTO COMMONS

A WellQuest Living Community

Schedule a Tour Today

Assisted Living · Memory Care

Discover senior living the way it was meant to be in the heart of beautiful Palo Alto. Our modern and elegant residential setting provides an environment that our residents enjoy. Palo Alto Commons offers flexible personal care options, engaging activity programs and fresh and delicious meals by a dedicated, caring staff. Call our friendly Team to schedule your personal or virtual tour today!

650-468-2798

PaloAltoCommons.com | 4075 El Camino Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306

We believe in a culture of service, innovation, healthy living and laughter.

CA RCFE License #435200706

REALTORS, DEVELOPERS, DREAM-BUILDERS

When selling your home, give us the chance
to show you the difference we can make!



YOUNG
PLATINUM
GROUP



Gloria Young DRE# 01895672
Gloria@YoungPlatinumGroup.com
650.380.9918

John Young DRE# 02036387
John@YoungPlatinumGroup.com
650.862.2122

www.YoungPlatinumGroup.com

Intersection

(continued from page 8)

delays on eastbound Churchill, where car queues are a common feature during peak morning and afternoon hours.

Bart Hechtman, chair of the Planning and Transportation Commission, was initially skeptical of the proposal to eliminate the right-turn lane on Alma, noting that it may require more Alma drivers to wait for cars in front of them to turn.

“And the longer they wait, the more aggravated they get,” Hechtman said. “And the more aggravated they get, the more likely they are to do something dumb or careless, and that increases the likelihood of putting either a pedestrian or a bicyclist or another car in harm’s way.”

He ultimately joined the rest of the commission in supporting the elimination of the turn lane, which would create more space for pedestrians and bicyclists at the intersection and reduce the crossing distance for them across Alma, according to staff. The design calls for constructing a concrete pedestrian area at the northwest corner of the intersection, widening the lanes on Alma Street north of Churchill and adding vegetation at the current location of the right-turn lane.

“Of course, both options are good and it’s just so important to make these near-term changes and improvements to safety,” Commissioner Cari Templeton said. “All signs point to everybody going back to school in the fall maybe so it’s exciting to think about improving that as quickly as possible.”

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

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to discuss proposed improvements to the Alma Street and Churchill Avenue intersection and consider funding allocations through the Community Development Block Grant process for fiscal year 2021-2022. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 3. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to review the adjusted operating plan for the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, accept a report about the status of the Stanford University Medical Fund, and begin its discussion of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 proposed operating and capital budgets. The virtual meeting will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 992 2730 7235.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board plans to hold a virtual meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 6. The agenda was not available in time for publication. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 953 0076 3839.



Join Us for



PENINSULA
RESTAURANT WEEK



MAY
14 - 22

Embarcadero Media's the *Peninsula Foodist* and Facebook have come together to **celebrate our local restaurants and give back to the community**. We understand the hardships restaurants have faced during the pandemic and we wanted to find a way to connect our communities with local restaurants who need our support.

ONE WEEK ONLY! Select from special prix fixe menus at your local favorites or try something new!

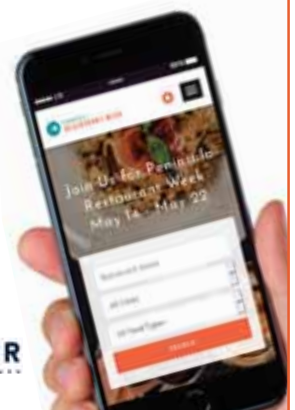
WIN PRIZES! Share your favorite meals from Peninsula Restaurant Week on social media using #PenRestaurantWeek for a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants. See complete terms and conditions.

Take-out, delivery and dine-in options available.

Learn more at PeninsulaRestaurantWeek.com

SPONSORS  FACEBOOK

Facebook supports local restaurants through Community Market Giving. Learn more at CommunityMarketGiving.com/support-local-restaurants





543 West Crescent Drive, Palo Alto

Offered at \$5,395,000 · 4BR/2.5BA · Home ±3,218 sf · Lot ±11,092 sf

Expect the unexpected! Quiet on the outside but beautiful inside, this Crescent Park home is full of surprises. A stunning double-height living room opens to the large patio and lovely back yard. The kitchen was renovated with Rutt of Los Altos cabinets and chef-quality appliances. There's a separate dining room, separate family room and private back patio off the primary suite. The attached 2-car garage provides convenience, as does the Tesla charger. Palo Alto schools complete the picture. 543WCrescent.com



Golden Gate | Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Downtown Palo Alto
728 Emerson Street, Palo Alto
650.644.3474

GoldenGateSIR.com
Each office is independently owned and operated.



Lucy Berman
650.208.8824
lucy@lucyberman.com
lucyberman.com
Lic. #01413627

Rail

(continued from page 5)

on XCAP's final report, which surveyed the various design options for grade separation — the reconfiguration of the city's rail crossings so that the tracks and streets do not intersect. While the council's first hearing on the XCAP report focused on Churchill Avenue in the Old Palo Alto and Southgate neighborhoods, Monday's conversation shifted to the two southern crossings at East Meadow Drive and Charleston Avenue.

The question of what to do about the two crossings has bedeviled both XCAP and the council for years. Even though the committee's report recommended closing Churchill to traffic, it refrained from making any recommendations on the two southern crossings.

The council similarly struggled Monday to make any major decisions about the future of the three crossings. Members, however, agreed to eliminate both tunnel alternatives: one that included a tunnel for both Caltrain and freight trains and another that put Caltrain's fleet underground while keeping freight at grade. According to the XCAP report, the two south Palo Alto tunnel alternatives came with an estimated cost between \$1.1 billion and \$1.8 billion each. Because of their high

costs and significant construction time, the committee voted unanimously to remove the tunnels from consideration.

Council member Alison Cormack happily endorsed that recommendation.

"(It's) so appealing to everyone in many respects to just put it all underground and that way we don't have to deal with it," Cormack said. "But as we have worked through this for the past couple of years, it's very clear that even attempting to do that is expensive and has many problems."

For the council, the question of what to do about the rail crossings has grown more urgent in recent years, as Caltrain has begun advancing its plans to electrify its fleet and run more trains. For the Churchill crossing, the council's current menu includes a viaduct, a partial underpass and the closure of the rail crossing. The closure, which the panel voted 6-3 to support, would be undertaken in conjunction with traffic improvements at Embarcadero Road and Oregon Expressway, as well as around the Professorville neighborhood.

On the Charleston and East Meadow crossings, the city is evaluating a trench, a viaduct, an underpass and a hybrid design in which raised tracks are combined with lowered roads.

Despite the committee's recommendation, the council stopped well short Monday of endorsing

the Churchill closure — an alternative that has polarized the surrounding neighborhoods of Southgate and Old Palo Alto — or any of the options for Charleston and East Meadow. Rather, it voted 6-1, with council member Lydia Kou dissenting, to support a work plan that defers these decisions and to direct staff to perform additional analysis about the alternatives on the table.

The Monday hearing, much like XCAP's report, underscored the fact that each of the remaining options has significant drawbacks.

The most popular alternative — the trench — also happens to be the most expensive and difficult to engineer. The trench would have to, for example, cross Baron and Adobe creeks, requiring the pumping out and rerouting of the creek water. Estimates from the city's consultant, Aecom, suggest that the trench would cost between \$800 million and \$950 million to construct and that it would take about six years to complete.

By contrast, the Charleston underpass — which would leave the tracks in their current position and lower a portion of the roadway — would cost between \$340 million and \$420 million. The hybrid option would cost between \$190 million and \$230 million. (Each of these options would take about four years to complete).

Despite the cost difference, Keith Reckdahl, a member of XCAP, argued that the trench



Rendering courtesy of Palo Alto

The Charleston Road underpass, which would keep the train tracks in their current alignment and reconfigure the roads at the rail crossing, is among the alternatives that the Palo Alto City Council is considering for grade separation.

should be studied further. He suggested that the estimate provided by the city's consultants is too high, particularly when compared with trench projects in Carlsbad and other areas in the state. (Aecom attributed the disparity to design differences between Palo Alto's trench and the one that Carlsbad is preparing to construct.)

While he acknowledged that the trench would encounter engineering challenges, he also argued that the design proposed by Aecom has substandard features that make the trench look less feasible than it really is.

"Right or wrong, these questionable design decisions give residents the impression that the trench is not being fairly evaluated," Reckdahl said.

Many residents shared his sentiment and urged the council to

keep the trench in the mix and to reject any elevated structures near their homes. Keri Wagner, a resident of Charleston Meadows, was among those who spoke out at the meeting against the raised structure.

"I don't think anybody in our neighborhood wants the viaduct," Wagner said. "It's going to divide our city, literally."

Resident Carlin Otto, who also opposes any raised alternatives, suggested that if the tracks were elevated, noise from passing trains would travel well beyond its current perimeter.

"It will affect 20 times the people it currently affects," Otto said. "You will cause our city, for at least 100 years, to be hearing that noise all over the city."

Some, however, argued that the

(continued on page 31)

JOIN US FOR:

Healthy Hearing, Healthy Brain Community Webinar

Did you know that hearing health is related to brain health? During this **free webinar**, Dr. Michelle Inserra will discuss:

- **New Research:** Learn about what researchers are discovering about the link between cognitive health and hearing
- **Advanced Technology:** See how new technologies like our novel contact hearing solution can deliver more complete sound
- **Complimentary Sound Demo:** Receive an optional complimentary consultation and sound demonstration following the webinar

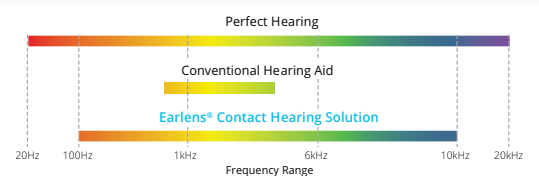


Michelle Inserra, MD is an otologist with the Earlens Hearing Center. She holds a medical degree from Stanford University and completed a fellowship in Neurotology at the California Ear Institute.

Upcoming webinar:

Healthy Hearing, Healthy Brain
May 12, 10:00 a.m. PST

Learn more and register at earlensevents.com/PAWbrain, or by calling **(650) 417-9856**.



Earlens® was recently named a top 100 Invention for 2020 by TIME Magazine and is a 2021 Best of Menlo Park Award Winner



News Digest

California loses Congressional seat

For the first time in its 171-year history, California's political voice is about to get a little quieter.

After months of delay, the U.S. Census Bureau on Monday released new population estimates for each state. The bad news for California: It loses a seat in Congress, down from 53 House districts to 52.

The worse news: Not only does that mean the state will have one fewer representative in the House, it also means one fewer vote in the Electoral College that decides the presidency and proportionately less of the \$1.5 trillion in federal money distributed by population each year.

Maybe the hardest news to take of all: While California is seeing its national stature shrink ever-so-slightly, that power is being shunted to our faster-growing rivals, Texas (which adds two seats) and Florida (which gets one). In all, seven House seats will shift among 13 states, the smallest change since 1941.

The federal government is required to conduct the census every 10 years. That data is used to dice the country up into 435 roughly equally sized congressional districts.

"It's a fixed pie, and California did not grow as fast as the rest of the nation," said Hans Johnson, a demographer at the Public Policy Institute of California, speaking Monday at a UC Riverside webinar on the new census data.

Between 2010 and 2020, the national population increased by 7.4% to 331.4 million, according to the bureau's new figures. That's the second smallest increase in the 24 decades the census has been conducted. California's population grew by even less, just 5.9%, from 37.3 million to 39.5 million residents. ■

— Ben Christopher / CalMatters

Church leader fired over nude photos allegation

Michael Bryce Jr., a worship leader at Menlo Church's Mountain View location, was fired last month after allegations emerged that he solicited nude photos online from a teenage boy while working at a church in Oklahoma several years before joining the staff of Menlo Church, according to an announcement authored by the church's Transitional Pastor John Crosby and Elder Board Chair David Kim. Bryce was terminated from his position March 19.

On April 19, Crosby and Kim released a second statement, saying a young man had been following news stories about a prominent Christian leader's sexual misconduct, which had triggered "unexplained anger," so he began working with a therapist and, through that process, he allegedly remembered receiving unwanted solicitations from Bryce.

Bryce, according to the church announcement, "confirmed the solicitations but denied knowing (the teen) was a minor at the time." The church contacted law enforcement with the information, the statement said.

From there, the Oklahoma City Police Department conducted an investigation, according to the statement. Working with the District Attorney there, charges were not filed against Bryce because authorities were unable to confirm if the solicitation had occurred within the police department's jurisdiction. There also was uncertainty about when the solicitations occurred, and it was not clear whether the young man was 16, 17 or 18 years old at the time the solicitations took place, according to the statement.

Menlo Church leaders plan to have a forensic specialist examine Bryce's work computer, they added. ■

— Kate Bradshaw

County offers seniors rides to vaccine sites

Santa Clara County, through a partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, is offering free round-trip rides to vaccine appointments for isolated seniors and those with disabilities.

The new transportation service, launched last week, is the county's latest effort to remove barriers and make vaccination easier for all residents.

Though the round-trip program focuses on isolated seniors and disabled residents, the main qualification is that one struggles with mobility and access to a vaccination site.

"If you are having a difficult time, and you don't have an easy way to get to a vaccination clinic ... we want you to call," county Supervisor Cindy Chavez said.

Those seeking to use the free round-trip transportation services must have a vaccine appointment scheduled.

Those who struggle to make a vaccination appointment can call 211 for support in multiple languages.

Residents can book an appointment at any site and at any time. The new round-trip service operates seven days a week throughout the county.

To book an appointment, call 408-809-2124. ■

— Bay City News Service

Rail

(continued from page 30)

viaduct is both more feasible and more environmentally friendly. Cedric de La Beaujardiere spoke in favor of the elevated structure and said that the trench would cause environmental damage.

"Forcing the creeks through tunnels and pumps would be drastically detrimental to the ecosystem health," de La Beaujardiere said.

The council, which has been discussing grade separation for nearly a decade but has yet to determine what exactly that should look like, is hoping to revisit the

decision over the Charleston and East Meadow alternatives in late summer, at which time it will receive additional information about the various designs. The council's new work plan also calls for revisiting the Churchill alternatives in the fall.

Mayor Tom DuBois suggested that the two southern crossings should be a higher priority than Churchill because they carry more traffic. He and Kou both strongly supported further refining the trench alternatives in south Palo Alto. Despite the council's general alignment, Kou voted against Cormack's motion to eliminate tunnels and adopt

the work plan. She instead favored a more detailed motion crafted by Vice Mayor Pat Burt, which directed staff to undertake a detailed list of studies, including a geotechnical analysis, updated traffic studies and a plan to create new pedestrian and bike underpaths.

"This is a huge project that's going to affect a lot of people in Palo Alto," Kou said. "I just have a lot of concerns about the resistance that we had heard and that I had actually seen and heard myself at meetings." ■

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



PALO ALTO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palo Alto Unified School District

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

Contract Name: Juana Briones OH Center Roof Replacement
Contract No. BOH-21

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work includes, but is not limited to:

Removal and replacement of existing single-story roof, installation of new cold process, multi-ply system, Appx. 22,000SF

Contract duration: 78 Calendar Days

Estimated Cost: \$850,000

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 10AM at the 638 Maybell Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306** – meet at the covered walkway/entrance.

Bid Submission: Proposals must be E-MAILED to the District Facilities, vmelero@pausd.org no later than **2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2021**. Bids received in a timely manner by the District will be tallied online, live at the following website:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ERjJpzAOp0IPs_ljgM9yQhsbHMB9IM7-hqWI3R3blnw/edit?usp=sharing

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s): **B, C-39** In addition, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Bonding required for this project is as follows: Bid Bond 10% of the total bid, Performance Bond to be 100%, Payment Bond is to be 100%.

1. PREVAILING WAGE LAWS: The successful Bidder and all subcontractors shall pay all workers for all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

Bidders may examine and download all Bidding Documents for free, online at:

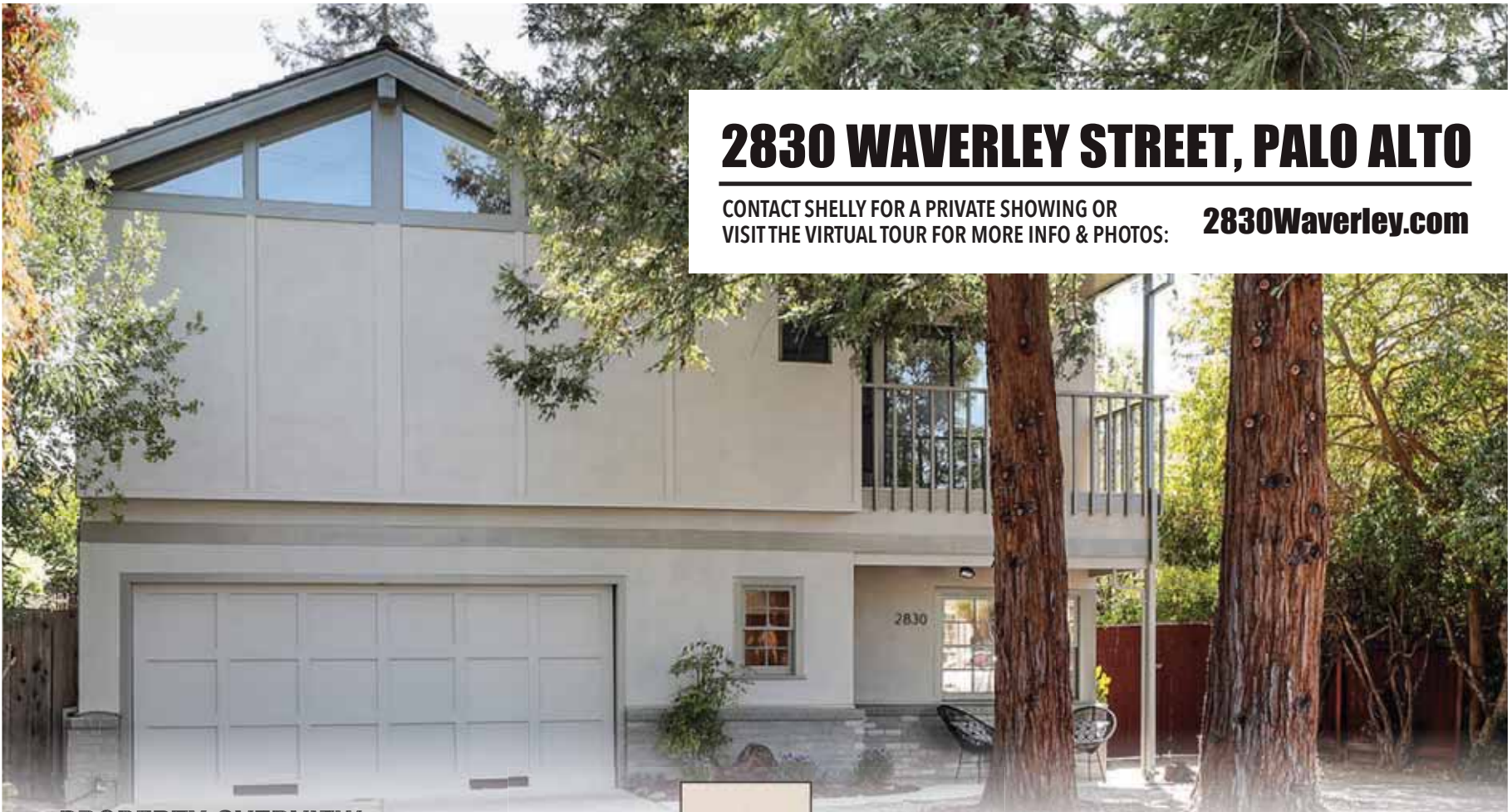
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D7fYH28Xo54UYkmr-n9v_JqjYktB1hu?usp=sharing

Bidders may also purchase copies of Plans and Specifications at **ARC Document Solutions 829 Cherry Lane San Carlos, CA 94070, Phone Number (650) 631-2310**

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid amount plus add alternate 1.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

All questions can be addressed to:
Palo Alto Unified School District
25 Churchill Avenue, Building D
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1099
Attn: Royce Rippere
Phone: (650) 329-3927
Fax: (650) 327-3588
Email: royce@fs3h.com



2830 WAVERLEY STREET, PALO ALTO

CONTACT SHELLY FOR A PRIVATE SHOWING OR
VISIT THE VIRTUAL TOUR FOR MORE INFO & PHOTOS:

2830Waverley.com

PROPERTY OVERVIEW

- 6+ Bedrooms, 3.5 Bathrooms
- House: 3,661± SF (per county records)
- Lot Size: 8,070± SF (per City of Palo Alto)
- Attached 2-Car Garage
- Versatile Floor Plan with 3 Bedrooms & Bonus/Recreation Room on Each Level; Private Rear Entrance to Upper Level
- Amenities Include: High Ceilings, French Doors, Freshly Painted, Ample Storage Space, Upper Level Laundry Room, and Radiant and Central Forced Air & AC
- Opportunity to Move-in, Remodel or Build Dream Home
- Fantastic Location in Midtown
- Top Coveted Palo Alto Schools:¹
 - El Carmelo Elementary (K-5)
 - JL Stanford Middle (6-8)

OFFERED AT \$3,898,000



Realtor® | LIC. #01143296



SHELLY ROBERSON

650.464.3797

shelly.roberson@compass.com



2830Waverley.com

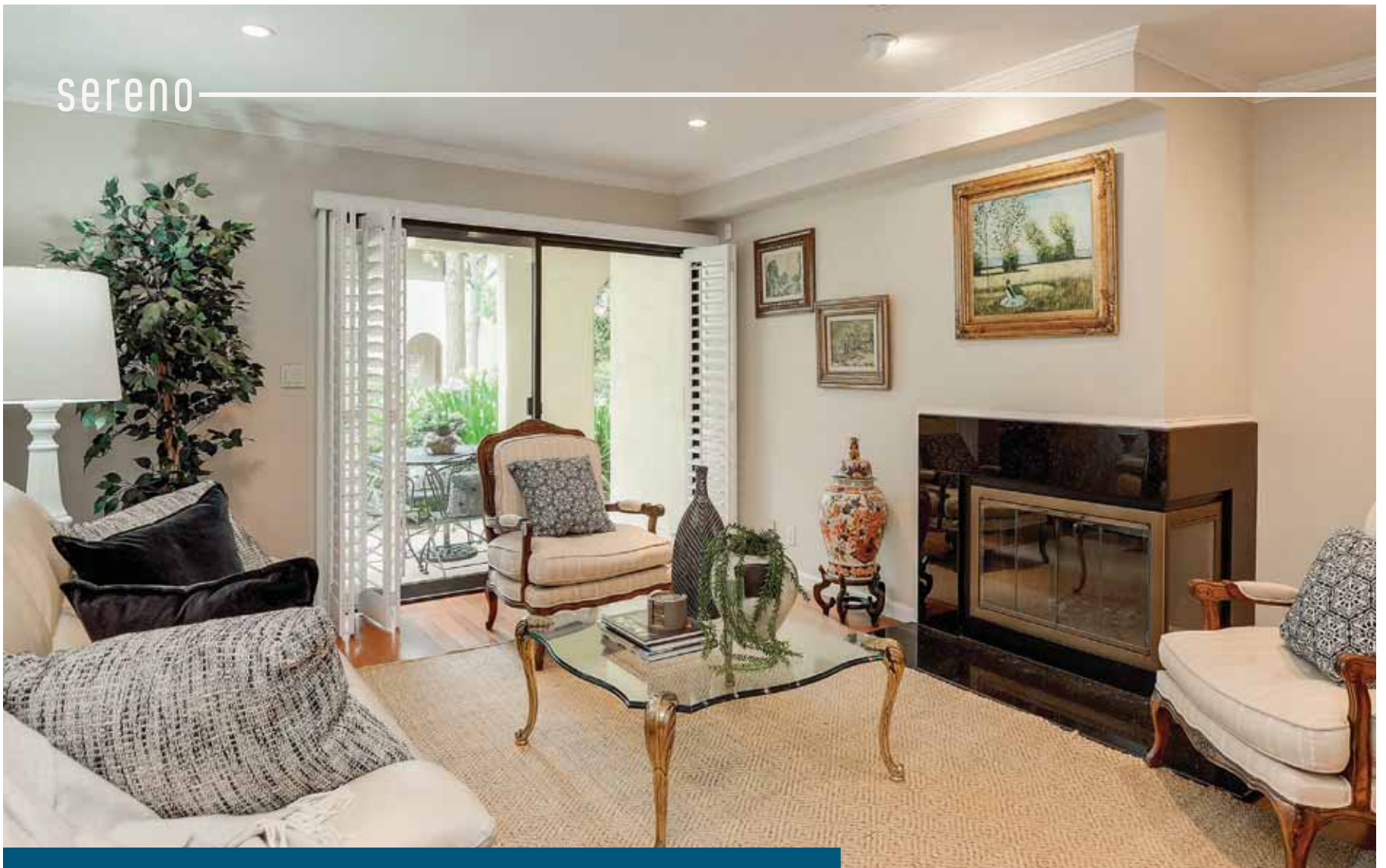


COMPASS

NOTES: 1. Square Footage per County Records. All measurements, square footages and school data are approximate. Buyer to verify to conduct their own investigation. All information herein deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

Shelly Roberson

sereno



161 CALIFORNIA AVENUE K100, PALO ALTO

BEAUTIFUL GROUND FLOOR SINGLE-LEVEL CONDO IN PRIME LOCATION

2 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 1,117 SF Living Space

Gorgeous ground floor, single-level condo in the Palo Alto Central Complex. This elegant remodeled home sits within a gated community with secure underground parking and an elevator to the ground floor. Close to California Ave. shops, restaurants, Mollie Stones Grocery Store, Caltrain, the Marguerite Shuttle to Stanford and an incredible Sunday Farmer's Market.

OFFERED AT \$1,288,000 | FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.161CALIFORNIA.COM



KATHLEEN PASIN REAL ESTATE

650.450.1912 | kathleen@kathleenpasin.com KathleenPasin.com | DRE 01396779

This information was supplied by third party sources. Sales Associate 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 to Buyer's own satisfaction.

Graduation

(continued from page 5)

department's approach so far has been to leave the decision to hold certain events to school leaders' discretion, he noted.

"They (the health department) won't even entertain the question," Austin said. "As a veteran former high school principal and former activities director, I fully understand and empathize with the desire with everyone involved to have activities at the end of the year. Unfortunately that's not our reality right now. ... We continue to prioritize in-person graduation and don't want to do anything to jeopardize that."

Some parents are trying to devise their own plans for a prom, which some students would choose to attend over a graduation ceremony, said Julie Dubrouillet, Gunn PTSA senior parent network coordinator. She hasn't been able to secure a venue for the event and noted that every venue seems to be waiting for June 15, when Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state's color-tiered reopening restrictions could be lifted.

Dubrouillet said it's not just the events that are gone, but all the little moments that come with it: a day to shop for prom dresses, "promposals," and the video reveal of the year's venue.

Gunn's PTSA Executive Council announced on April 25 that it won't be sponsoring an event because its insurance doesn't cover "communicable diseases," Dubrouillet said. Gunn seniors will graduate on the school's football field on June 2. Parents are in talks about planning it on their own without the backing of PTSA.

Gunn senior Madeline Siu, 18, recalls how there were a flurry of rumors about an "improvised senior prom" on the football field.

"It's a bummer," she said. "We got excited about it, we had our hopes up. But now I think we've all kind of reined back and sadly taken that reality check of 'things can't always be the normalcy.' At this point, I'm just really glad to have a graduation at the bare minimum."

Castilleja School, a Palo Alto private school for girls in grades 6-12, was able to hold its Fabulous Dinner Dance for students accompanied by one of their parents on April 24, said Lorraine Brown, the school's director of communications and community relations, in an email. The event typically is open to all seven grades, but only included seniors this year to limit its size because of the pandemic.

"We wanted to honor our seniors who've missed so many of their favorite traditions in the past year, so we held the (event) just for the Class of 2021," she said. The event included a dinner, slideshow of the students and a dance performance by the parents.

"While everyone was distanced and masked, they still loved the chance to dress up, be together and celebrate," she said.

Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District events

Mountain View and Los Altos high schools will use the PayPal Park stadium, home of the San Jose Earthquakes soccer team, for their ceremonies. Since the venue is large, graduates can invite more guests, who will be able to properly physically distance, according to LAHS Assistant Principal Suzanne Woolfolk.

In addition to graduation ceremonies, Mountain View and Los Altos high schools will have their own themed proms.

Los Altos High's "Seniors Under the Stars" prom on May 15

will be held on the school's football field. So far, 290 of the class' 500 seniors have signed up, Woolfolk said. The venue can hold up to 350 people. Although there won't be dancing, there will be a senior talent show. Students must stay in their assigned seats — they can choose who will sit at their table using an app — and can't mingle with other pods. Servers will bring food to tables.

"These seniors haven't had a chance to gather as a class all this year," she said. "To be able to say hello and goodbye is something that is encapsulated in this evening. ... The seniors just needed a chance to be kids one more time before they graduate."

Prom will look a little different at Mountain View High School. There won't be a dance floor for the carnival-themed event, which will take place on the campus' main quad and science quad, according to junior Dylan Leahy, a member of the dance committee and of the school's Associated Student Body. There will be carnival games, mini golf, a DJ and food trucks. Unlike Los Altos, Mountain View students will be able to move around.

Although the plan was to keep the event to seniors, organizers announced on Tuesday that juniors also can attend the modified prom event. They've sold over 200 tickets so far and aim to sell 500.

"I think that this is a great replacement," he said. "Even if we had to compromise a little bit with dancing and stuff like that. ... It's going to be a really good last send-off, and I'm excited about it."

San Mateo County graduation celebrations

Menlo-Atherton High will hold its 70th annual commencement in person this school year after hosting a car parade-style graduation in 2020.

The graduation ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on June 3 on Coach Parks Field, the school's football field, as it has in years past. Each graduate and two family members will be invited to attend in person, said Principal Simone Rick-Kennel in an email, and the ceremony will be streamed live. At 7:30 p.m. seniors will gather near M-A's gym where they will catch buses to a surprise venue for their graduation night celebration. Leading up to graduation, there will also be a senior picnic on the baseball field June 1.

Woodside High School will also have an in-person graduation ceremony. Seniors will graduate on Bradley Field as usual on the morning of June 4, said Principal Diane Burbank. It will also be livestreamed, she said.

Graduates are limited to just two guests. There will be a no-touch diploma pickup, no handshakes from the principal and no reception following the ceremony, Burbank said. To limit the spread of COVID-19, seniors will be allowed to keep their orange gown, cap and tassel at no cost, she said.

Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton is planning an in-person May 22 graduation ceremony. Similar to the Sacred Heart class of 2020's "atypical" ceremony last year, the school plans as "traditional" an event as possible, said Elizabeth Nixon, the school's associate director of communications and public relations, in an email. It will include remarks delivered by the class valedictorian and salutatorian as well as a faculty speaker, and diploma distribution.

The San Mateo County Office of Education's recent guidance declares that speakers may remove masks during their remarks as long as they are at least 6 feet away from other attendees and are advised to keep their comments

brief to limit the time they are unmasked.

M-A's prom party

Senior Maya Kennedy, 18, is part of the leadership class planning M-A's May 7 prom and is eager to host the dance. This will be the class of 2021's first prom, as their junior prom was canceled due to COVID-19. Students will be allowed to dance, but with masks on, she said.

"It definitely feels great (to be able to host the event)," she said. "I was on the prom committee last year planning that one; it was a bit of disappointment because we put a lot of time into that one. A lot of us haven't seen each other in now over a year. It will be nice to see everyone back on campus and together."

The soccer field will be decorated with vines and fairy trees for the "Enchanted Forest" theme, she said.

Charlie Smith, 17, a fellow senior at M-A, plans to wear a yellow-gold dress that looks similar to Belle's in the movie "Beauty and the Beast."

"This is probably one of the most unique proms ever," she said. "It just shows how my peers and friends have adapted to such unique circumstances; it's not every year that we get a masquerade ball as prom."

Michael Amoroso, the activities director at M-A, said he is "super grateful to honor this senior class with a prom," even if it's a scaled-down event outdoors instead of the usual glammed-up prom in San Francisco.

"It's no San Francisco, but it is a prom," he said. "Seniors have expressed their feelings that they just want to do something to get together as a class." ■

Email Staff Writer Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com and Staff Writer Lloyd Lee at llee@paweekly.com.



De MARTINI ORCHARD

66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos • 650-948-0881 • DeMartiniOrchard.com

<p>SEEDLESS WATERMELONS</p> <p>WHOLE SUGAR SWEET</p> <p>69¢ LB</p>	<p>FULL PODS FAVA BEANS</p> <p>MEATY PODS</p> <p>\$1.99 LB</p> <p>SUGAR SNAP PEAS</p> <p>\$4.99 LB</p>	<p>CALIF. GROWN ASPARAGUS</p> <p>LARGE TENDER MEATY SPEARS</p> <p>\$2.99 LB</p>	<p>HALF MOON BAY SWEET PEAS</p> <p>GREAT RAW OUT OF SHELL</p> <p>\$1.99 LB</p>
<p>POMI TOMATOES</p> <p>CHOPPED STRAINED OR FINELY CHOPPED</p> <p>\$3.49 PKG</p> <p>REG. PRICE \$4.39</p>	<p>ORGANIC SEEDLESS GOLD NUGGET MANDARINES</p> <p>VERY SWEET AND JUICY</p> <p>\$2.99 LB</p>	<p>WATSONVILLE GROWN STRAWBERRIES</p> <p>RIPE SWEET AND TASTY</p> <p>\$4.99 1# Pk</p>	<p>DIVINA KALAMATA OLIVES</p> <p>REG. \$6.99</p> <p>\$5.49 8.5 oz</p> <p>ORGANIC PITTED REG \$8.19</p> <p>\$5.99 8.5 oz</p>

OPEN DAILY 8AM-7PM • PRICES EFFECTIVE 4/28 thru 5/4

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (April 26)

Rail: The council discussed the final report from the Expanded Community Advisory Plan and voted to remove from consideration the two alternatives that called for tunnels in south Palo Alto. The council also approved staff's proposed work plan, which calls for resuming the discussion of the Charleston Road and East Meadow drive rail crossings in late summer and the Churchill Avenue rail crossing in the fall. **Yes:** Burt, Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Stone, Tanaka **No:** Kou

Parks and Recreation Commission (April 27)

Youth: The commission heard presentations from its Teen Advisory Board and the Palo Alto Youth Council. **Action:** None

Planning and Transportation Commission (April 28)

Renter protection: The commission recommended not moving ahead with a proposal to cap rent increases. **Yes:** Alcheck, Chang, Hechtman, Lauing, Roohparvar **No:** Summa, Templeton

Fair chance: The commission recommended supporting a "fair chance" policy that prohibits property owners at multi-family complexes to discriminate against potential tenants based on criminal history. Dissenting commissioners suggested that the policy should also apply to landlords in single-family residences. **Yes:** Chang, Hechtman, Lauing, Summa, Templeton **No:** Alcheck, Roohparvar

Security deposit: The commission recommended supporting a policy that would cap how much landlords can charge for security deposits at 150% of monthly rent. **Yes:** Chang, Lauing, Roohparvar, Summa, Templeton **No:** Alcheck, Hechtman



LET'S DISCUSS: Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues at Town Square at PaloAltoOnline.com/square

Reopening

(continued from page 5)

work week model,” where teams can work in the office some days and work from home on others, according to the spokesperson.

The work week entails at least three days in the office, according to a New York Times report that cited an email from Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google’s parent company, Alphabet, to staff. Capacity of Google offices will be dependent on various factors including vaccine availability and lower COVID-19 cases, a spokesperson said.

Similarly, HP expects to implement a hybrid model, “where the role of the office evolves to focus more on collaboration,” a spokesperson wrote in an email.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said last September in an interview during The Atlantic Festival that there were “some things that actually work really well virtually” and the company would not “return to the way we were,” though he didn’t provide specific details.

VMware will be offering employees the choice to permanently work from home as part of the company’s “digital-first approach,” a company spokesperson wrote in an email to this news organization. Under the program, the company will allow employees to work “from any location that accelerates their productivity and advances their personal and professional

goals during and after the pandemic,” the spokesperson said.

In a companywide survey, Intuit found that 80% of its employees prefer a “hybrid workplace model,” while only 14% of employees preferred completely remote work. As a result, the company will be implementing a hybrid work model that requires employees to work on-site only two to three days a week, according to a company blog post. Intuit announced that it plans to reopen at 40% capacity on a voluntary basis, but did not provide a reopening date.

Many companies have also indicated that they are not implementing vaccine mandates at this time. “Google is not requiring vaccinations for employees to return to the office, but we are strongly encouraging it,” according to the spokesperson.

Amazon, which has a 200,000-square-foot-office on University Avenue in East Palo Alto, announced in a company blog that it will continue to allow employees to work from home through June 30 and will not require vaccines for employees or contractors. VMware and Facebook also have indicated that they will not require employees to be vaccinated before returning to the office.

And when employees do return to their tech campuses, they can expect the office arrangement to be different.

At VMware, the workspaces will be redesigned with “reservable,

unassigned seating” for employees who will work from home and at the office, according to a company spokesperson. Google is adopting a similar approach with reservable desks for employees and outdoor spaces for larger gatherings.

Even as companies prepare to reopen, they all have signaled that their future plans remain flexible.

“When we believe conditions allow, employees will have the option to return by following safety protocols that adhere to government and public health standards,” an HP spokesperson said in an email. ■

Email Editorial Assistant
Lloyd Lee at llee@paweekly.com.



VMware recently announced that it plans to allow employees the opportunity to permanently work from home under a new digital-first approach that the company is implementing as part of its reopening strategy.

OUR TEAM IS IN MOTION FOR YOU

DELEON REALTY, INC.
 Michael Repka | CEO & Managing Broker | DRE #01854880
 650.900.7000 | Info@deleonrealty.com | www.deleonrealty.com | DRE #01903224

Across

- 1 “Dis or ___” (“You Don’t Know Jack” round)
- 4 Ozone depleter, for short
- 7 Brotherhood brothers
- 12 Obama’s first chief of staff Rahm
- 14 Fragmented
- 16 *”Feel the need to get in hot water? Ask your doctor if ___ is right for you.”
- 17 *”Are you managing your health under ‘New Rules’? Ask your doctor if ___ ...”
- 19 Our top story?
- 20 Things to pick
- 22 Film set in cyberspace
- 23 7, on a grandfather clock
- 24 Chime in
- 26 Prefix meaning “iron-containing”
- 27 Maritime patrol org.
- 29 *”Lack of unusual influences getting you down? Ask your doctor if ___ ...”
- 31 “Atlas Shrugged” novelist Rand
- 33 “And giving ___, up the chimney he rose”
- 34 Marlins’ MLB div.
- 35 In-browser programs
- 39 Tiny amounts
- 41 Conk out
- 42 Feast on the beach
- 44 Roman 1011
- 45 *”Do you need to reach higher in life? Ask your doctor if ___ ...”
- 48 Aquafina rival
- 52 Game show host Convy and Muppet ... well, we don’t get a last name
- 53 Gnocchi-like dumplings (from the Italian for “naked”)
- 55 “Who Let the Dogs Out?” group Baha ___
- 56 “You’re in trou-blille ...”
- 57 Poison lead singer Michaels
- 58 Barely enough
- 60 *”Want to feel like you did it your way? Ask your doctor if ___ ...”
- 62 *”Feel like the only way to be cured is by meat? Ask your doctor if ___ ...”

“Ask Your Doctor” — they sound like prescriptions. by Matt Jones

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
12			13					14				15	
16								17				18	
19						20	21				22		
23			24	25					26				
27			28		29				30				
			31	32			33					34	
35	36	37				38		39			40		
41				42			43		44				
45			46				47			48	49	50	51
52					53				54			55	
56					57				58	59			
60					61			62	63				
			64					65					
					66				67				68

Answers on page 26.

This week’s SUDOKU

		6			5	8		
			2	9				
1		2				7		3
	3		1					5
	8						4	
9					4		3	
6		3				4		9
				2	7			
		7	3			2		

Answers on page 26. www.sudoku.name

Down

- 1 “Done it before” feeling
- 2 Cremona violins
- 3 Gambit
- 4 Capital of the 21-Down Empire
- 5 Moroccan hat
- 6 Medical center
- 7 Age range for most high-schoolers
- 8 Heavy burden

- 9 Bucks’ org.
- 10 Out of ___ (askew)
- 11 Like some renditions
- 13 Rapa ___ (Easter Island, to locals)
- 15 Trivia quiz website that also offers pub trivia
- 18 Licorice-flavored seeds
- 21 See 4-Down
- 25 Kept inside
- 26 Former Army base in N.J.
- 28 Gadot of “Wonder Woman”
- 30 Scarfed, even more slangily
- 32 Barks sharply
- 35 Marinated Philippine dishes
- 36 Disinfectant ingredient
- 37 Kuala Lumpur’s ___ Towers skyscrapers

- 38 Provide table talk?
- 40 “What’s the ___?” (“So what?”)
- 43 ___ Reader (alternative digest)
- 46 Home of Odysseus and Penelope
- 47 Won on eBay, usually
- 49 Took an x-ray of, perhaps
- 50 Kendall or Kylie
- 51 Consumption
- 54 Cozumel y Mallorca, por ejemplo
- 57 Rite performed by a mohel
- 59 Dairy dweller
- 61 Some two-door Audi models
- 63 One of “Two Virgins” on a 1968 album cover

© 2021 Matt Jones



MENLO PARK | \$3,950,000

4br/2.5ba home on sought after, tree lined street in Menlo Park close to schools, parks & downtown. Multiple office areas, lg. bedrooms, hardwood floors, recessed lighting, plantation shutters, skylights, vaulted ceilings in great room. Kitchen w/stainless steel appliances. Master w/2 walk-in closets & window seat. Spacious, shaded back brick patio w/ verdant lawn & newly landscaped garden.

Tory Fratt

650.619.3621
tory.fratt@cbnorcal.com
CalRE #01441654



HALF MOON BAY | \$1,325,000

Newly remodeled coastal home in this sought-after Westside Miramar neighborhood, approximately 3 blocks from spectacular Miramar Beach. This classic one-level beach house features 3br/1.5ba and upgraded kitchen & baths. The property is a short distance to restaurants and an easy commute to San Francisco or Silicon Valley.

Grant Walters

650.867.0482
grant@coastside.net
CalRE #01063248

SELL IT FOR MORE. THAT SHOULD SELL YOU!

Coldwell Banker's® property spotlight marketing plan will get you the results you're looking for.

Homes using the plan receive a higher sales price, which could mean **more money in your pocket***.



*Based on Coldwell Banker Realty's property spotlight marketing plan usage data reported through May 31, 2020. On average, sellers whose agents use the plan benefit with a 1% higher sales price. With a national average sales price of \$539,682 and a 1% increase in the sales price, that equates to an additional \$5,300 in our sellers' pockets, on average.