by Elena Kadvany

Late author’s estate decided to stop publishing several books containing racist images

Michael Thompson knew his godfather as Uncle Ted.

But to many, many others, Theodor Seuss Geisel was best known by his pen name, Dr. Seuss. Thompson, who now lives in Redwood City, said he was around 3 years old when Geisel dedicated his book “If I Ran the Zoo” to him.

That book is one of the six that the Seuss estate, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, announced on March 2 that it has decided to stop selling. “These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong,” Dr. Seuss Enterprises said.

Specifically, some illustrations of Asian and Black people in those books are considered to be crude racial stereotypes. The other books that will cease to be published and licensed are “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” “McElligot’s Pool,” “On Beyond Zebra!,” “Scrambled Eggs Super!” and “The Cat’s Quizzer,” the announcement said.

The announcement has triggered an uproar. Some have decried it as an example of “cancel culture” run amok while others have argued that Seuss came from a culture that was white supremacist, and that children’s books today should not just avoid containing harmful racial stereotypes, but should better represent positive protagonists from different races.

In the meantime, some of the titles to cease publication have skyrocketed in demand and price. Amazon now lists copies of “If I Ran the Zoo” selling between $500 and $800. In an interview with this newspaper, the late author’s estate decided to stop publishing several books containing racist images.

By Kate Bradshaw

Are the kids alright? Teens speak out about the emotional toll of a year in isolation

Nine months into the global pandemic, Riley Capuano told a grid of faces on a Zoom screen why she and her peers need schools to reopen.

“I’ve never seen this many students struggling with mental health,” the Los Altos High School junior said during a virtual school board meeting on Dec. 14. “Being cooped up in your home all day is really, really tough. I’m a pretty happy kid usually, but I’ve never struggled more than I have this year because of being fully online.”

Capuano said she’d hit a low point last fall, just before Thanksgiving break. She felt lost. She stopped running, even though she loves cross country and hopes to compete in college. She was going to bed late for no reason.

“I felt like I was just tired of waiting for it to end. I lost all interest in any schoolwork. I didn’t find any of it interesting,” she said. “I was sick of just waking up, talking to my parents, doing school, being too lazy to run and then repeating (it all over again).”

Capuano didn’t feel hopeless, she said, but like there just “wasn’t anything good” on the horizon.

She is one of a vast many local teenagers who have been feeling this way in the last year since their lives have mostly shrunk to the walls of their homes and computer screens. Normally motivated students have become withdrawn and disconnected, and parents and health experts have been increasingly concerned about youth well-being as the coronavirus pandemic has kept most local schools closed for months longer than anyone anticipated. Desperate parents have called into school board meetings, describing children of all ages who are listless and disengaged. In February, one Palo Alto parent told the school board her children are “empty, zombie-like shells of what they once were.”

From April to October 2020, hospitals across the U.S. saw a 31% increase in the proportion of mental health emergency visits by youth ages 12 to 17, according to data provided by the county.

“At the beginning of the pandemic we could still tell them, ‘Hang in there. Eventually we will get out of this,’ ... but now it seems endless,” Suicide and Crisis Services Manager Lan Nguyen, who is often on the other end of the line with teens calling into the hotline, said in January. “They say, ‘When is this going to go away? When will I be able to see my friends again? When can I go back to school? When is it going to end?’ And unfortunately we can’t answer that question for them.”

While local schools are slowly starting to reopen this spring, life for teenagers is still far from normal, and many of them are still grappling with the ripple effects of sheltering in place for a year.

Turning to advocacy

As her high school’s student school board representative, Capuano has assumed the role of spokesperson for her peers. She’s consistently advocated for reopening campuses even as some of the adults in the room,
U.S. News & World Report recognizes Stanford Health Care among the top hospitals in the nation, based on quality and patient safety.

Stanford Health Care is ready to care for you, now and always. We continue to adapt and adhere to the most up-to-date safety guidelines, so you can feel confident getting the care you need.

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
Woodside
3 LEVEL ACRES | OFFERED AT $8,750,000

Woodside
PREMIER STREET | OFFERED AT $6,495,000

Menlo Park
TRANSFORMATION | OFFERED AT $2,150,000

Woodside
DOWNTOWN | OFFERED AT $4,395,000

Portola Valley
THE RANCH | OFFERED AT $4,150,000

Woodside
PRIVATE | OFFERED AT $4,750,000

Woodside
1/3+ ACRE | OFFERED AT $1,200,000

Woodside
2.49 ACRES | OFFERED AT $6,495,000

Woodside
OCEAN VIEWS | OFFERED AT $4,950,000

SCOTT DANCER
650.888.8199
scott@scottdancer.com
www.scottdancer.com
2930 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062
License # 00868362

PREMIER PROPERTIES represented by SCOTT DANCER

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 abide by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Number: 01825390. 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.
European Country Estate in Exclusive Allied Arts

240 Princeton Road, Menlo Park
Bedrooms: 5 | Bathrooms: 4.5 | Living: 4,086 sq ft | Lot: 7,500 sq ft
List Price: $5,798,000

Co-listed with:
Jennifer Alfaro | 650-888-8338
Compass
jennifer.alfaro@compass.com
DRE 01721877

Nick Granoski | 650-269-8556
Nick@GranoskiWeil.com
DRE 00994196

David Weil | 650-823-3855
David@GranoskiWeil.com
DRE 01400271

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.
A low recent COVID-19 case rate and positivity rate mean San Mateo County could advance to the less-restrictive orange tier of the state's reopening framework next week.

San Mateo County stayed in the red Tier 2 of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy this week. Based on data for the week ending Feb. 27, the county had an adjusted case rate of 3 new cases per 100,000 and a positivity rate of 1.2%. For census tracts in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index (HPI), the positivity rate was 2.3%.

These numbers meet the criteria for advancing to the orange Tier 3 following the county's required three-week stay in the red tier. Being in the orange tier would mean that amusement parks and theme parks could reopen, and bars and breweries could open outdoors only after being closed in the red tier. The orange tier also loosens capacity restrictions for restaurants, places of worship, gyms and fitness centers, some stores, movie theaters and museums.

During a presentation to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Chief of San Mateo County Health Louise Rogers encouraged people to continue wearing face coverings, social distancing and getting tested at the first sign of COVID-19 symptoms. "I want to take this opportunity to reconfirm that testing access remains important as we must continue to understand the spread of the virus in our community and be vigilant about potential increases," Rogers said.

The county continues to provide free testing at various locations. A full testing schedule is available at smcgov.org/testing.

While case rates decline, the county's vaccination numbers continue to inch forward. As of Monday, 177,967 people or 27.7% of the county's eligible population have received at least the first dose of the vaccine. Those eligible for the vaccine include health care workers, residents of long-term care facilities, individuals 65 years and older and workers in the food and agriculture, education, child care and emergency response sectors.

Rogers said the county's vaccination efforts have been focused on census tracts in the lowest HPI quartile of the county.

San Mateo County Health COVID-19 mass vaccination section chief, Dr. Anand Chabara, said the county's vaccination efforts were prioritized for county vaccination events. "I think people are finding it easier now than in the past two weeks to get scheduled — there was a lot of confusion initially around the requirements in different counties, especially if you live in one and work in another," said Edith Salvador, president of the Sequoia Union High School District's teachers union. "Members said the first weeks were like 'The Hunger Games,' stalking websites and frantically refreshing to see if appointments were available. But now that both FEMA sites (Levi's Stadium and O ak l a . n d C o l is e u m ) and all of the county sites are online, it seems to be going more smoothly.'"

The Sequoia district, which is slated to have teachers return to classrooms on April 5, has been able to offer about 55% of all staff the chance to be vaccinated through the San Mateo County Office of Education, said Interim Superintendent Crystal Leach in an email March 5. The district does not have the exact percentage of staff vaccinated available, but said it would be receiving vaccine priority access codes for staffers to use this week, she said.

Priority groups, local teacher vaccination rates

The county has prioritized vaccinations for school staff working in person with students with the greatest needs and those from households with limited financial resources, those learning English and those who are home- less or in foster care. There are about 5,000 teachers employed countywide and the state has dedicated 10% of its vaccine supply to educators.

In local school districts with in-person instruction, most teachers and staff members have already received their first shots. These teachers, who returned to classrooms in the fall, had lobbied to get priority status.

All 450 of Menlo Park City School District's staff, substitute teachers and child care workers have been offered the opportunity to receive the vaccine, or schedule an appointment, said Parke Treadway, the district's public information officer in a March 4 email. Just 18 have yet to secure vaccination appointments and were expected to do so within the next week, she said. All students stayed home for remote learning during the county's Feb. 24 vaccination clinic at the event center so that teachers would be able to attend, according to a Feb. 22 email to district families.

Some 84% of staff in the Portola Valley School District have received one or both of the doses, said Superintendent Roberta Zarea in a March 3 email.

By March 7, 94% of staff were vaccinated with either the first or second dose. By the second week of April, 94% of staff will have both vaccines, according to Zarea. "County Superintendent Nancy Magee and the superintendent of the 23 districts worked so hard to make this happen for our staff, and I could not be prouder or more relieved," said Zarea.

In the Las Lomitas Elementary School District, Superintendent

San Mateo County could move to less-restrictive orange tier next week

By Angela Swartz

San Mateo County educators are beginning to have an easier time signing up for COVID-19 vaccines since they first became eligible along with law enforcement officers and farmworkers — on Feb. 22.

At first, it was easier for teachers already in classrooms to get appointments, since they were prioritized for county vaccination events. "I think people are finding it easier now than in the past two weeks to get scheduled — there was a lot of confusion initially around the requirements in different counties, especially if you live in one and work in another," said Edith Salvador, president of the Sequoia Union High School District's teachers union. "Members said the first weeks were like 'The Hunger Games,' stalking websites and frantically refreshing to see if appointments were available. But now that both FEMA sites (Levi's Stadium and O ak l a . n d C o l is e u m ) and all of the county sites are online, it seems to be going more smoothly.'"

The Sequoia district, which is slated to have teachers return to classrooms on April 5, has been able to offer about 55% of all staff the chance to be vaccinated through the San Mateo County Office of Education, said Interim Superintendent Crystal Leach in an email March 5. The district does not have the exact percentage of staff vaccinated available, but said it would be receiving vaccine priority access codes for staffers to use this week, she said.

Priority groups, local teacher vaccination rates

The county has prioritized vaccinations for school staff working in person with students with the greatest needs and those from households with limited financial resources, those learning English and those who are home- less or in foster care. There are about 5,000 teachers employed countywide and the state has dedicated 10% of its vaccine supply to educators.

In local school districts with in-person instruction, most teachers and staff members have already received their first shots. These teachers, who returned to classrooms in the fall, had lobbied to get priority status.

All 450 of Menlo Park City School District's staff, substitute teachers and child care workers have been offered the opportunity to receive the vaccine, or schedule an appointment, said Parke Treadway, the district's public information officer in a March 4 email. Just 18 have yet to secure vaccination appointments and were expected to do so within the next week, she said. All students stayed home for remote learning during the county's Feb. 24 vaccination clinic at the event center so that teachers would be able to attend, according to a Feb. 22 email to district families.

Some 84% of staff in the Portola Valley School District have received one or both of the doses, said Superintendent Roberta Zarea in a March 3 email.

By March 7, 94% of staff were vaccinated with either the first or second dose. By the second week of April, 94% of staff will have both vaccines, according to Zarea. "County Superintendent Nancy Magee and the superintendent of the 23 districts worked so hard to make this happen for our staff, and I could not be prouder or more relieved," said Zarea.

In the Las Lomitas Elementary School District, Superintendent...
I belong to Avenidas Village...

... for the social connections!

- Sheltering in place made it a lot harder for me to connect with friends the way I used to.
- Avenidas Village helped me learn Zoom to join social activities like happy hours and conversation groups. We even have some in-person, safely distanced gatherings such as lunch in the park and walking group.
- The Village community helps me feel like I am not alone.

Attend a Free Coffee Chat and receive a free gift!
Visit www.avenidasvillage.org to learn more and sign up!
Sequoia Union High School District teachers overwhelmingly approved a plan last week to return to teaching in person on April 5.

Some 91% of the teachers union, the Sequoia District Teachers Association, voted in favor of the deal, which gives students the option of in-person learning starting next month if San Mateo County remains in the less restrictive “red tier,” said union President Edith Salvatore.

District officials reached a tentative agreement with the district’s teachers union on Feb. 23. A simple majority vote of teachers in the union was needed to make it official. Teachers voted on the agreement March 3-5.

Locally, the district operates Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools, as well as TIDE and East Palo Alto academies. The district’s classrooms have been closed for in-person learning except for small cohorts of at-risk students since March 16, 2020.

Agreement details

If the county moves back into the more restrictive “purple tier,” when virus spread is substantial, or there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at one or more school sites, teachers will return to 100% distance learning, the agreement states.

Teachers are also able to work from home on Wednesdays during so-called asynchronous learning (when students work independently) to allow for deep cleaning and sanitizing of rooms between cohorts of students, according to the agreement. Schools will close if there are more than three outbreaks in a two-week period and more than 5% of the school population has been infected.

Students would not spend time on campus for a typical Monday through Friday schedule, Interim Superintendent Crystal Leach said. The district has chosen a concurrent learning model, known as “Zoomers and roomers,” which means some students would be learning from teachers in the classrooms, while others would be home and attending via video. With social distancing requirements, classrooms can have students at 25% capacity, according to the agreement. If the county enters the “orange tier,” indicating moderate spread of the virus, classrooms can go up to 50% capacity. A sample two-week cycle of in-person learning states that a quarter of students would attend classes on Mondays, while three-fourths would attend remotely.

The district will be required to conduct monthly COVID-19 tests for staff members who interact with students.

Students rally to return, while teachers bring up concerns about equity

The district’s decision comes after a coalition of over 100 parents, students and teachers rallied at the district office on Feb. 23 to resume in-person instruction. State Sen. Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park, also called for schools to reopen once the county entered the red tier on Feb. 23.

Parents have spoken about the need for students to return to classrooms for their mental health.

Conversely, teachers have shared their fears about returning to classrooms and noted some community members are concerned about widespread COVID-19 cases in some parts of the school community. Regardless, the school board announced at a Feb. 24 board meeting the intent to reopen classrooms in April.

Email Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com

Sequoia Union High School District families and staff stand outside the district office as demand schools reopen for in-person learning when San Mateo County entered the state’s “red tier” in Redwood City on Feb. 23.

Coronavirus central: California sets aside vaccines for hardest-hit communities

Stadiums, entertainment venues and amusement parks allowed to reopen at limited capacities

San Mateo County as of Tuesday had 39,184 cumulative cases of COVID-19, with 525 deaths. There were 27 people hospitalized. Santa Clara County as of Tuesday had 112,036 cumulative COVID-19 cases and 1,830 deaths. There were 151 people hospitalized, 23 of which were new.

State shifts COVID-19 vaccines to hardest-hit communities

Seeking an “equity” approach to allocating COVID-19 vaccine doses across the state, California health officials announced Thursday that 40% of vaccine doses will be reserved for low-income and minority communities that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

The preference will roughly double the allotment to ZIP codes and census tracts with poor health outcomes and higher rates of COVID-19 cases and deaths. The state has administered 10 million doses of the vaccine to date, but just over one-third of those shots have gone to residents in wealthier, healthier communities.

Health officials say the new focus will be essential for reopening the economy and recovering from the pandemic, and its success will directly affect when counties will be able to enter the less-restrictive red, orange and yellow tiers.

“This is a key strategy to keep the pressure off of our health care delivery system,” said Dr. Mark Ghaly, California’s secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency. “As we achieve higher levels of vaccines in the hardest-hit communities, we feel more and more activities across the state can occur.”

The initial goal is to vaccine 2 million California residents who are in the lowest quartile of the state’s so-called Healthy Places Index (HPI), which maps communities based on everything from chronic diseases and air quality to income and education level. In Santa Clara County, the lowest quartile includes a dozen census tracts located in San Jose. There are no census tracts in San Mateo County in the lowest quartile.

Ghaly said the plan must go beyond an increased allotment, and that the state will lean on community clinics, public hospital systems and trusted pharmacies in the communities to act as liaisons. It also means reserving appointments for residents who are “severely impacted” by the pandemic, and a boost in funding for safety-net providers responsible for doing the outreach.

With an expected increase in supply and a third vaccine by Johnson & Johnson now approved, Ghaly said the shift in availability shouldn’t reduce the number of shots available to communities that don’t fall under the lowest HPI quartile. It will slow the increase in available shots, however. The new priorities will not affect plans to extend vaccine eligibility to people with disabilities and high-risk conditions on March 15.

Once the state hits its 2 million vaccine benchmark, the plan is to lower the threshold for counties to go from the most restrictive purple tier to the red tier. Counties will only need to reduce daily cases to 10 per 100,000 residents — rather than seven — in order to be reclassified.

Ghaly called the change a “small but meaningful step” that adjusts to a new normal, following a dark stage of the pandemic in which case counts, hospitalizations and deaths surged over the winter months. But he hesitated to say the state is rushing to reopen, and said that California will maintain some of the strongest public health restrictions in the country.

“We will keep our foot on the brake, not on the gas,” he said.

More than 200K educators, child care workers get vaccine

More than 200,000 educators and child care workers received a coronavirus vaccine dose over the last week, more than double the goal set by the state of...
The settlement, which allows all sports to operate using similar protocols to those in place for college and professional athletes, resolves a lawsuit filed last month in San Diego County by high school football players. Their attorney, Stephen C. Grebing, a managing partner of Wingert Grebing of San Diego, said the settlement allows competitions in all sports in counties with case counts below 14 per 100,000. Previously, indoor sports such as volleyball and basketball would only be permitted if a county was in the yellow tier, which indicates minimal spread of the coronavirus, with fewer than one COVID-19 case per 100,000 people. No county in the state has reached that tier yet.

San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are in the second-most restrictive red tier, which means there are fewer than seven cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents. “We are very happy with the decision and grateful for those who were willing to really look at all the data on safety of sports rather than be stuck in fear,” said Heather Buch, mother of Stella Buch, 14, a volleyball player at Menlo School and Atherton resident. “The fight for equal opportunities for kids to better themselves through sports continues now at the local levels, in particular where some sports are getting much longer seasons than others due to CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) section schedule rigidity.”

“This is great news for youth sports throughout California: (the) settlement will be to allow for indoor and outdoor sports to resume — ahead of their color tier — if they follow the same guidelines as college sports,” said Sam Singer, who represents Stella Buch.

Athletes will be required to be tested weekly for COVID-19, the same as high-contact outdoor sports in counties with case rates between seven and 14 per 100,000. Coaches, staff and players on the bench are required to wear masks, but athletes are not required to wear them while playing, Grebing said.

The ban violated equal protection because there is no medical evidence that competing in indoor team sports is safe for college and professional athletes but not safe for high school athletes, Buch said in the court filing on Feb. 26. Her lawsuit emphasized the disparate impact an indoor team sport ban has on female athletes.

On Feb. 19, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance on youth and athletic programs to resume indoor sports at the local levels, in particular where some sports are getting much longer seasons than others due to CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) section schedule rigidity.

“State settles teens’ lawsuit, allowing for indoor competitions
An Atherton student also filed suit, saying rule was unfair to high school athletes

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

California’s high school athletes are allowed to resume indoor sports competitions after the state settled a lawsuit by a group of Southern California youth athletes on March 4.

A similar lawsuit was filed by an Atherton teen represented by the same law firm in San Mateo County last month urging state and county officials to loosen prohibitions.

**OBITUARIES**

Local residents who died recently include Judith Wood, 88, whose daughter is longtime Almanac contributor Barbara Wood, on Feb. 2; John Lester Chin, 68, a Menlo Park resident and geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, on Feb. 18; Michael Collins Brown, 73, director of communications for the San Francisco Archdiocese and longtime Portola Valley resident, on Feb. 21; Barbara Brandon Varenhost, 92, former counseling psychologist at Palo Alto Unified School District and Portola Valley resident, on Feb. 23; and Therese Hamilton, 87, a longtime Atherton resident and member of the Junior League of Palo Alto, on Feb. 26.

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

---

**You don’t need magic for better hearing!**

Find out why 96% of patients were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with overall sound quality and speech understanding with Earlens. Unlike conventional hearing aids, Earlens uses a small lens to directly vibrate the eardrum – delivering the broadest frequency range available for clear, natural sound.

Join us for our special event. You’ll receive a free private consultation and sound demonstration!

March 24, 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Earlens Hearing Center
4055 Campbell Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Due to Covid, space is limited.
Call (650) 417-9856 to RSVP.
http://earlensevents.com/3c5T8Mw

Earlens® is a revolutionary new hearing solution, recently named a top 100 Invention for 2020 by TIME Magazine.
Elegantly Appointed Home with 2-Bedroom Guest House

Circa 1926 home, extensively renovated in 2001 on 1 acre
3 bedrooms, each with en suite bath, plus a powder room
2-bedroom, 1-bath guest house with kitchen

Approximately 5,395 total square feet
- Main home: 3,390 sq. ft.
- Guest house: 1,205 sq. ft.
- Detached 3-car garage: 590 sq. ft.
- Storage and Mech rooms: 210 sq. ft.

Main level: foyer, powder room, living room with fireplace, dining room, library, butler’s pantry, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, elevator
Upper level: primary bedroom suite, two bedroom suites, elevator

Lower level: wine cellar
Guest house: living room with fireplace, kitchen, two bedrooms, bath, laundry
Detached 3-car garage plus plenty of storage room and half-bath
Just over one gated acre (approximately 43,775 square feet)
Gorgeous grounds with vast stretch of lawn at the front plus rear grounds with spacious brick terraces and entertaining space with dining gazebo

For a private showing of this extraordinary property, please contact:

HUGH CORNISH
650.619.6461
hcornish@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00912143

STEPHANIE ELKINS
650.400.2933
stephanie.elkins@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#0897565

HughCornish.com
Global Luxury
Residential Brokerage

The property information herein is derived from various sources that may include, but not be limited to, county records and the Multiple Listing Service, and it may include approximations. Although the information is believed to be accurate, it is not warranted and you should not rely upon it without personal verification. Real estate agents affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage are independent contractors and are not employees of the Company. ©2021 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker Logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, LLC, CalRE#01908304.
Menlo Park: Man shot in 'Triangle' homeless encampment

Firefighters have responded to the site more than 100 times in the past few years, fire chief says

By Sue Dremann

A man who was reportedly shot in the Menlo Park "Baylands Triangle" area was taken to the hospital after being found in cardiac arrest on Monday, March 8, Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman said in a statement.

Firefighters responded at 11:38 a.m. in the Triangle, which covers about 60 acres of open nature preserve located at the edge of East Palo Alto along University Avenue, Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road near Facebook's Menlo Park headquarters. A caller told Menlo Park police dispatchers that "someone was shot" near westbound Highway 84 at University Avenue, Schapelhouman said.

Menlo Park police officers who first arrived found a man bleeding out from a gunshot to his left chest, with a tourniquet already in place and moved him from a homelessness encampment closer to an abandoned rail line.

They started chest compressions because he wasn't breathing. Capt. Scott Blandford on Menlo Engine 2 arrived with his crew at 11:42 a.m. and parked on University Avenue at the abandoned Dumbarton rail line using the elevated rail bed to travel to the patient, who was about 500 feet from the roadway. The area, also known as the Ravenswood Bikeway, is a bike path and not often hampering fire and police access, he said.

Firefighter/paramedics moved the man onto their elevated slide bed and looked for additional bullet wounds. The man had suffered significant blood loss from the single entry wound into his thigh.

Paramedics also suspected he had a broken femur. Emergency personnel worked to compensate for his massive blood loss and performed CPR and used a defibrillator and oxygen devices to save his life, Schapelhouman said.

The man was taken to Stanford Health Care's Emergency Trauma Center at 12:07 p.m., where he received emergency trauma care and was hospitalized in critical condition.

The shooter remained at large as of Monday.

Schaapelhouman has sought for years to have the city of Menlo Park and state and county agencies restrict access to the Triangle, which has been the location of multiple fires from homeless encampments and significant environmental damage. Menlo Park officials recently reported

Menlo Park water rates proposed to rise over next five years

By Kate Bradshaw

Customers of the Menlo Park Municipal Water services will soon be receiving notices that their water rates could increase over the next five years under newly proposed rate hikes.

Under the law, the city has to notify all customers 45 days before a rate increase, set to run to a staff report.

On March 9, the Menlo Park City Council took action to move the process forward by authorizing the city to notify customers of the proposed rate hikes. In addition, it decided that it favored a three-tier system for water rates, with one rate for those using less than 6 cubic feet, or 748 gallons, a second rate for those using between 6 and 12 cubic feet, and a third rate for those using more than 12 cubic feet.

They also agreed that a separate capital surcharge that customers will be required to pay be noted separately on customer bills for the sake of transparency.

The capital surcharge would be based on water use to help fund capital projects. A master plan for the water system adopted in 2018 said that the water system needs around $90 million in improvements to its infrastructure to limit water main failures, water outages and potential future liability, according to the staff report. Of that, $27 million is expected to be paid for through the city's water fund.

A rate study by the consulting firm Black and Veatch prepared for the city indicated that if the city opts to take loans to pay for some of the infrastructure improvements, as is recommended, then consumption charge rates would be increased 5% for the next five years; otherwise rate increases could rise to 12%.

Generally, a customer's bill includes a fixed meter charge, a consumption charge and a capital surcharge, according to

Reflections on racial inequities that persist in Menlo Park

Local community organizers share lessons from presentations on discrimination in the city

By Angela Swartz

On the same January day that rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol, 180 Menlo Park City School District community members gathered on Zoom to discuss how government policies and practices in Menlo Park have led to segregation.

The discussion was part of an ongoing series, started in 2019, focused on Richard Rothstein’s book “The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America.” The workshops, put together by local nonprofits Menlo Together, a group of Peninsula residents who envision a city that is integrated and diverse, multigenerational and environmentally sustainable, and Community Equity Collaborative, a group focused on education equity and early learning in Menlo Park.

The Almanac spoke with organizers of these events about reactions they’ve gotten, epiphanies they’ve witnessed and why they do this work.

During workshops, organizers have touched on issues such as redlining in the 1930s, in which banks refused home loans to people because they lived in an area deemed to be a poor financial risk, instead making loans to segregated, “racially harmo- nious” communities, according to the presenters. When assessing loans, the federal government took into account risk factors such as proximity to other homes with “freakish architect- ural design,” “nuisances” such as billboards, service stations or stables, and whether the neighbor- hood included mixed racial or social groups.

But many residents often don’t realize that there are still poli- cies in place which help perpetu- ate lack of access to housing.

Understanding this community, which is fairly liberal, yet votes against policies like affordable housing throughout the city, realize that (not supporting affordable housing) continues to contribute to segre- gation and economic inequity,” said Menlo Together member Karen Grove. “We’re helping people to connect policies to their values.”

Belle Haven resident Pam Jones said the proposed rate hikes at workshops have learned how they benefited from the redlining. For example, their family may have lived in Menlo Park since the ’50s and passed down prop- erty that’s grown in value.

“Why’s that history so im- portant? It can help us make sense of why we are where we are today,” Jones said. She said it also can help people understand why "those people over in Belle Haven are so angry.”

Shame, anger and sadness are just a few of the emotions that come up during the presentations, organizers said.

A housing covenant from the 1920s to 1940s in the Wil- liamson neighborhood, for example, restricted people of "Living, Japanese, Chinese and Mont- golian descent” from living in the area unless they were residing on a property of their white employer, according to the presentation.

In 1945, Black veterans were barred from accessing the same low-interest home loans as white veterans did as part of the GI Bill.

During an in-person work- shop by Menlo Together on the topic in 2019, Katie Hadrovic, a Menlo Park Library commis- sioner, said she thought who thought "lower and lower" as she learned about the systemic practices that created segregated communities.

"It was really powerful infor- mation that was part of the past of the city on the work that has been done to create powerful residuals,” she said.

"I don’t think anyone wants to know they still currently benefit from something they abhor,” Jones said.

Many residents come away discovering things "about your sweet little city that aren’t very nice.”

In 2006, Belle Haven residents lost their homes to foreclosure after refinancing their mortgages with subprime loans in the 1990s, when preda- tory lenders went door to door to segregated minority neigh- borhoods to promote the risky loans. A 2013 study found that "at the height of the housing boom, Black and Hispanic fami- lies making more than $200,000 a year were more likely on aver- age to be given a subprime loan than a white family making less than $30,000 a year.”

Jones said during the presen- tation in January that barriers began to physically isolate East Palo Alto and the Belle Haven neighborhood from the rest of Menlo Park. Growing up in East Palo Alto she used to easily cross the area that is now U.S. 101 (the state divided the highway in the 1950s).

"We no longer had access because of this concrete,” she said.

The NAACP called the barrier the “Concrete Curtain.”

It wasn’t until recently that a new bike and pedestrian bridge over 101 between Newell Road and Bayfront Expressway in East Palo Alto now gives the formerly iso- lated residents of the Woodland Park area easier access to the rest of the city’s services on the other side of the highway.

See INEQUITIES, page 24
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED PORTOLA VALLEY RANCH HOME

11 VALLEY OAK STREET
PORTOLA VALLEY

Offered at $3,850,000
www.11ValleyOak.com

This two-story shingled home blends the traditions of the past with a fresh, contemporary aesthetic. The spacious home enjoys a cathedral open-ceiling design, accented with wood beams; Restoration Hardware décor; and a mix of travertine and oak hardwood flooring. The house offers approximately 4,970 square feet of living space and is comprised of 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. In addition, there is a large great room/dining area, a kitchen/family room combination, recreation room/office plus a sound-proof media room and second office (which could be a 5th bedroom). An ample mud room attached to a 2-car garage completes the interiors. The exterior includes a large deck off the great room and a kitchen for outdoor entertaining. The charming oak-studded lot includes a tree swing and mature planting. This lovely home, located in the excellent Portola Valley School District, is a true treasure.

HUGH CORNISH
650.619.6461
hcornish@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00912143

STEPHANIE ELKINS
650.400.2933
stephanie.elkins@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00897565

For a private showing of this extraordinary property, please contact:

©2021 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker Logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. #30 Agent in U.S. The Wall Street Journal, 2020

The property information herein is derived from various sources that may include, but not be limited to, county records and the Multiple Listing Service, and it may include approximations. Although the information is believed to be accurate, it is not warranted and you should not rely upon it without personal verification. Real estate agents affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage are independent contractors and are not employees of the Company. ©2017 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker is a registered service mark licensed to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Equal Housing Opportunity. For residential purposes only. Coldwell Banker is a registered service mark licensed to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Equal Housing Opportunity. For residential purposes only. Coldwell Banker is a registered service mark licensed to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Equal Housing Opportunity. For residential purposes only.
Coronavirus continued from page 7

California, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday.

Last week, the state began reserving 10% of the vaccine shipments sent to local health departments and multi-house health care entities for educators and child care workers in an effort to hasten the reopening of schools across the state.

That 10% allocation will total at least 75,000 vaccine doses per week, Newsom said.

“This is welcome news for teachers, students and parents as more and more schools reopen safely across the state,” Newsom said in a statement. “We will continue working with our local partners to accelerate this effort and school staff allowed all 58 of the state’s counties to vaccinate educators throughout the week. Prior to that, 35 counties had opened vaccine eligibility to teachers and child care workers.

To date, 10.5 million vaccine doses have been administered across California, according to state officials.

State allows outdoor venues to reopen, with limits

For the first time in roughly a year, Bay Area residents will be able to attend outdoor sporting and entertainment events and amusement parks, state officials announced March 5.

The state’s new guidance for large events would allow up to 20% capacity for sports stadiums and up to 15% capacity for amusement parks once the county in which a stadium or park sits is out of the purple tier of the state’s pandemic reopening system.

Stadiums in counties that remain in the purple tier would be capped at only 100 attendees and would also be barred from selling concessions.

The new guidance, paired with last week’s announcement of the state’s planned modification of the case thresholds at which counties are moved in and out of tiers, sets the stage for fans to attend when the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants begin the Major League Baseball regular season on April 1.

Bay Area amusement parks like California’s Great America in Santa Clara and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk would also be eligible to reopen.

San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda and Santa Cruz counties are all in the red tier as of March 10.

Comprehensive COVID-19 coverage


Events

The Office of Education sent out invitations to teachers and child care workers to attend vaccination events at the San Mateo County Event Center on March 5 and 6, according to Patricia Love, executive director of strategy and communications. Kaiser Permanente also held special clinics for teachers from the priority list on those dates, she said.

So far, the Office of Education has received 500 vaccine access codes from the state, Love said.

Email Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com

Your COVID-19 vaccine questions — answered

We’ve compiled a list of who can currently get vaccinated in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, plus answers to common questions and links to resources. Access the page at tinyurl.com/COVIDvaccinequestions. Have a question? Send it to editor@paweekly.com and we’ll do our best to answer it.

Have some pie and a latte with us!

Wish hearing aids sounded better?

March 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Earlens Hearing Center
4055 Campbell Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Spots are limited.
Call (650) 417-9856 to RSVP.
http://earlensevents.com/3sAFE1Y

Have pie and latte with us! Learn about Earlens, a revolutionary alternative to acoustic hearing aids, that directly vibrates the eardrum for rich, natural, more complete sound.

During this event you’ll receive a complimentary one-on-one consultation, including a personalized sound demonstration and a free pie and latte to start your day!

Earlens® is a revolutionary new hearing solution, recently named a top 100 Invention for 2020 by TIME Magazine.

Vaccines continued from page 5

Beth Pelito said March 4 that about 80% of teachers and staff have gotten the vaccine (mostly first doses).

About 90% of Woodside Elementary School District staff members have received their first shots, said Superintendent Steve Frank.

Some 54 staff members participated in a vaccination event through the Office of Education and the county health department Feb. 24. An additional 23 staff members were vaccinated through other opportunities for educators, he said.

Earlens® Contact Hearing Solution

Perfect Hearing

Conventional Hearing Aid

Earlens® Contact Hearing Solution

Frequency Range

0Hz 100Hz 1kHz 6kHz 10kHz 20kHz
485 Whiskey Hill Road
Woodside

The most awe-inspiring compound in Silicon Valley is located on 3 knoll top level parcels totaling over 11 acres and over approximately 19,000 sq/ft indoor spaces with commanding views of the Santa Cruz Mountain range and the 272-acre Horse Park at Woodside. This compound with a rich history features two main residences, three guest homes, a tennis pavilion, a strikingly handsome barn converted to an all purpose facility, several garages, storage sheds, soccer field, tennis court and oversized pool. The centerpiece of this first ever offering is the twenty-first century version of the Bernard Maybeck original that was built on this site 100 years ago. Built in 2012, it is a craftsman design like no other. The home is a quintessential California indoor-outdoor configuration leading to multiple verandas. The second main house has over 5,100 sf, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths all overlooking Silicon Valley’s premier equestrian facility. Huge Barn, all purpose room, Tennis Court with pavilion, 2 guest houses.

3225 Pomponio Creek Road
San Gregorio

Once in a lifetime opportunity to own your own 1300 acre farm/ranch minutes away from Silicon Valley. Located in the quaint coastal community of San Gregorio, known for spacious, beautiful and uncrowded sandy beaches. It is just 15 minutes south of Half Moon Bay, 35 miles to San Francisco, 30 minutes to Silicon Valley. Made up of 7 individual parcels, this is one of the last privately-owned estate land parcels of this size in San Mateo County. The valley is surrounded by protected (POST) lands. The property consists of 3 residences, 5 housing units and Barns. The property has multiple ponds and a creek. There are magnificent views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. Currently the property is used as a cattle ranch with portions of it being dry farmed. The ranch will make an excellent estate, family or Corporate retreat or recreational property for hunting, hiking, biking, bird watching or just enjoying nature and the beauty of this majestic area.

Arthur Sharif and Associates
Silicon Valley’s longest serving Sotheby’s International Realty Agent
Presents

Arthur Sharif
650.804.4770
arthursharif@gmail.com
www.SVLuxRE.com
CaDRE: 01481340

#1 Silicon Valley Agent
Sotheby’s International Realty
Serving
Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, Los Altos
Hills & exceptional properties throughout the Peninsula

© 2021 Sotheby’s International Realty. All Rights Reserved. The Sotheby’s International Realty trademark is licensed and used with permission. Each Sotheby’s International Realty office is independently owned and operated, except those operated by Sotheby’s International Realty, Inc. The Sotheby’s International Realty network fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. This material is based upon information which we consider reliable but because it has been supplied by third parties, we cannot represent that it is accurate or complete and it should not be relied upon as such. All offerings are subject to errors, omissions, changes including price or withdrawal without notice.
An Exciting Alternative to Hearing Aids

Did you know that there is a link between hearing and brain health? Join us to learn about the connection and how Earlens can help you hear a wider range of sounds.

Earlens® is a revolutionary new hearing solution, recently named a top 100 Invention for 2020 by TIME Magazine.

For more information on our webinars, please call (650) 417-9856.

Upcoming webinar:
An Exciting Alternative to Hearing Aids
March 17, 10:00 a.m.
http://earlensevents.com/2M21IDj

Earlens
Hearing
Center

Outdoor Living: From Pizza Ovens to Pergolas
Thurs., March 18 at 7:00p.m.

201 Trends in Remodeling and Design
Sat., March 20 at 11:00a.m.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND! Harrell-Remodeling.com/Workshops

Award-winning home remodeling and design + build since 1985.
Talk with a designer today or join one of our free educational workshops:
This European-inspired home embodies a stylish urban luxury-living feel in the coveted Allied Arts neighborhood of Menlo Park. Newly built in 2017, the impressive solid walnut arched front door and alcove welcome you into the home beyond a privacy fence with pedestrian gate that wraps the landscaped property. The exceptionally light-filled interiors feature soaring ceilings, ample windows, natural stone finishes, and wide-planked engineered wood floors. The home comprises three levels and has four bedrooms, four and one-half baths, plus a downstairs family room and recreation room with 9-foot ceilings and numerous glass doors to light-well patios.

For a private showing of this extraordinary property, please contact:

**HUGH CORNISH**
650.619.6461
hcornish@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00912143

**STEPHANIE ELKINS**
650.400.2933
stephanie.elkins@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00897565

**For a private showing of this extraordinary property, please contact:**

**HUGH CORNISH**
650.619.6461
hcornish@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00912143

**STEPHANIE ELKINS**
650.400.2933
stephanie.elkins@cbnorcal.com
CalRE#00897565

**755 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE**
**MENLO PARK**

Offered at $3,695,000
www.755CambridgeAve.com

**EUROPEAN LUXURY LIVING IN ALLIED ARTS**

This special home awaits the discerning buyer seeking classic quality craftsmanship with a modern ambiance.

This home is located in the excellent Menlo Park School District and is just blocks to downtown Menlo Park’s amenities, Allied Arts Guild, and world-class shopping and dining at Stanford Shopping Center.

There are approximately 2,695 total square feet:
– First floor: 815 sq. ft.
– Second floor: 685 sq. ft.
– Lower level: 975 sq. ft.
– Garage: 220 sq. ft.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>103 Stanford Ave., Menlo Park</td>
<td>$3,498,000</td>
<td>4 Bd</td>
<td>3 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>909 Loma Verde Avenue, Palo Alto</td>
<td>$1,988,000</td>
<td>3 Bd</td>
<td>2 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4250 El Camino Real #C328, Palo Alto</td>
<td>$1,188,000</td>
<td>2 Bd</td>
<td>12 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>242 Oak Grove Ave., Atherton</td>
<td>$8,998,000</td>
<td>5 Bd</td>
<td>6.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3787 Woodside Rd, Woodside</td>
<td>$11,988,000</td>
<td>6 Bd</td>
<td>5.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>55 Irving Avenue, Atherton</td>
<td>$12,998,000</td>
<td>8 Bd</td>
<td>11 Bth (9 full, 2 half)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2797 Ross Road, Palo Alto</td>
<td>$5,788,000</td>
<td>4 Bd</td>
<td>3.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>199 Mapache Dr, Portola Valley</td>
<td>$16,950,000</td>
<td>5 Bd</td>
<td>6.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500 8th Avenue, Menlo Park</td>
<td>$2,488,000</td>
<td>4 Bd</td>
<td>3.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26946 Dezahara Way, Los Altos Hills</td>
<td>$6,988,000</td>
<td>4 Bd</td>
<td>4.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3756 Starr King Circle, Palo Alto</td>
<td>$2,488,000</td>
<td>3 Bd</td>
<td>12 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>628 Maybell Avenue, Palo Alto</td>
<td>$4,500,000</td>
<td>4 Bd</td>
<td>3.5 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3796 Park Blvd., Palo Alto</td>
<td>$2,388,000</td>
<td>6 Bd</td>
<td>4 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1100 Sharon Park Dr #9, Menlo Park</td>
<td>$1,188,000</td>
<td>2 Bd</td>
<td>12 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11691 Par Avenue, Los Altos</td>
<td>$1,988,000</td>
<td>3 Bd</td>
<td>2 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>97 Santiago Avenue, Atherton</td>
<td>$9,788,000</td>
<td>1.43 Acre Lot</td>
<td><a href="http://www.97Santiago.com">www.97Santiago.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>35 Edge Road, Atherton</td>
<td>$6,988,000</td>
<td>6 Bd</td>
<td>4 Bth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27500 La Vida Real, Los Altos Hills</td>
<td>$39,998,000</td>
<td>5 Bd</td>
<td>12 Bth (7 full, 5 half)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DeLeon Realty
We don’t get great listings.
We make great listings.
103 STANFORD AVENUE, MENLO PARK

Deleon Realty

Newly Built Luxury with a Convenient Location

High-end appointments, tremendous build quality, and a floorplan perfect for a modern lifestyle – this recently completed home, built in 2020, offers all of this and so much more, with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and over 2,650 square feet of luxury living space, all set on a corner lot of 6,000 square feet. Abundant natural light infuses the home with a fresh, bright ambiance, while beautiful engineered white oak floors extend throughout. A fireplace in floor-to-ceiling stacked stone centers the living room, the chef's kitchen includes stainless-steel JennAir appliances, and the comfortable family room opens to an outdoor patio. The master suite offers an inviting retreat, with a spa-like bathroom featuring a soaking tub and rainfall shower. This great location puts you mere moments to both downtown Menlo Park and Palo Alto, and close to Stanford University, as well as Venture Capital firms along Sand Hill Road. Plus, children may attend acclaimed Las Lomitas schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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

www.103Stanford.com
Offered at $3,498,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Audrey Sun 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

For more information contact: Audrey Sun, DRE #01933274 電話: 650.785.5822 我們精通國語和粵語
Managing Broker: Michael Repka, DRE #01854880 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
Here for you. Or over there for you.

In-person or virtual visits at Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group

genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org

TOWN OF WOODSIDE
2955 WOODSIDE ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062
PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 17, 2021 6:00 PM

This meeting is compliant with the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 4, 2020, allowing for deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. The purpose of this is to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The meeting will be held by teleconferencing. The public may participate via: Zoom meeting or by coming to Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, where a microphone and speaker will be available to allow for participation.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE: BILDNER, BRUCH, DARE, KUTAY, LONDON, AND VOELKE.

Join Zoom Meeting:
One tap mobile
+16699006833,83540628268# US (San Jose)
+12532158782,83540628268# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location
+16699006833 US (San Jose)
+12532158782 US (Tacoma)
+13462487799 US (Houston)
+1929205699 US (New York)
+13017158592 US (Washington DC)
+13126267699 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 835 4062 8268
WebLink: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83540628268

Remote Public Comments:
Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. The following email will be monitored during the meeting and public comments received will be read into the record.

Email: sharper@woodsidetown.org

1. Joanne Kagle
1. LLAJ2021-0001/GPAM2021-0001/ZOAM2021-0001
3900 Sand Hill Road Vacant Lot APN 072-380-020
Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and recommendation of approval, conditional approval, or denial, to the Town Council of a proposal for a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between two existing lots: a developed lot at 3900 Sand Hill Road (APN 072-380-010) (Lot 1) with an existing residence; and a vacant lot fronting Mountain Home Road (APN 072-380-020) (Lot 2). The Lot Line Adjustment would provide a transfer of land from Lot 1 to Lot 2; and would require a General Plan Amendment of the transferred land from Residential (R) to Residential/Environmentally Sensitive Area (RESA) and a rezoning of the transferred land from Rural Residential (RR) to Special Conservation Planning, 5-acre Minimum (SCP-5).

THE APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW BY CONTACTING PRINCIPAL PLANNER, SAGE SCHAAHN AT SSCHAAHN@WOODSIDETOWN.ORG

Dr. Seuss continued from page 1

Thompson shared his memories of the late children’s author and how he’s feeling about the Seuss estate’s decision to no longer publish the author’s book dedicated to him.

“T’m sad I can no longer wander into a bookstore and take a copy off the shelf and see my name there, but that’s OK,” he said.

‘Kind, loving and obviously immensely talented’

Thompson said he has fond memories of his godfather.

His parents were friends with Geisel and his first wife in Manhattan before the couple moved to La Jolla, and the two families maintained a long-term friendship despite the distance.

Geisel would regularly visit New York City to meet with his editors and publishers at Random House, and one evening while out at dinner, Thompson recalled Geisel criticizing the publishing house’s books for early readers. Geisel had said at the time that he believed he could come up with better stories using limited vocabularies, and that’s how Seuss’ foray into writing “Beginner Books,” which would come to include his famous “The Cat in the Hat” book, began, Thompson said.

As a child, Thompson also recalled Geisel saying his full name — Michael Gordon Tackaberry Thompson — and telling him that it “scans.” Thompson didn’t know what that meant at the time, but, he said, “I don’t think that term applies to how the stresses of each syllable are distributed — a relevant observation by someone so well known for his rhyming abilities.

His godfather encouraged him to travel — by land. As a college student, Thompson said he took a trip to California to visit friends and made a stop at the Geisels’ home. His godfather asked him how he planned to return to New York City and Thompson replied that he planned to fly.

“He said, ‘Hmm, you know, you don’t really get a sense of the United States just by flying over it. Let’s see if we can’t set up with something better,’” Thompson remembered Geisel telling him.

So Geisel called his travel agent and booked Thompson a seat on a train from Seattle to Chicago and then Thompson flew the rest of the way home.

“I’ll never forget that trip,” he said. “That was the kind of person he was. I just knew him as a kind, loving and obviously immensely talented person.”

“He’s had a big impact on my life and I’m grateful that I knew him,” he added.

‘Maybe their time is past’

While Thompson can reminisce fondly of his godfather, he can also see the point the Seuss estate is making by discontinuing to publish or license certain books.

His godfather did do propaganda work during World War II, and as was not uncommon during that time period, he said, “it was very anti-Japanese propaganda.”

One 2019 study found that only 2% of the human characters depicted in 50 Dr. Seuss children’s books were characters of color. Of those, they were all male and were “only presented in subservient, exoticized or dehumanized roles,” the study stated.

Thompson said he’s come to think about the situation as something like a #MeToo reckoning in recent years at his former boarding school. As he described it, a previously well-liked headmaster was found to not have taken appropriate measures when a teacher was rumored to have sexually abused a student. In response, the school erased the headmaster from public recognition.

“My feeling was, while it made me very sad, if by taking that action, one or more victims might feel that they had been listened to or heard, or apologized to, then it’s probably worth it.”

“If there were aspects of Ted’s books that caused offense to people today — which they probably do — then this is probably OK.”

It might be an easier attitude for him to simply say that Dr. Seuss Enterprises is overreacting, but, he said, “I don’t think that’s an honest view. We have been so insensitive to so many people for so many years, we have a long way to go before we overreact.”

“I don’t think it’s enough to say that when they did these things, there was nothing wrong with them,” he added.

Still, he said, there will be some loss, especially of the pride he used to get from being able to point out his name in a Dr. Seuss book. One time, he said, he went into Linden Tree Books in Los Altos, a local children’s bookstore, and mentioned his connection to Dr. Seuss.

“They just about swooned,” he said. “Who doesn’t take some joy and happiness from that?”

Of his godfather’s literary creations, he added, “I think they’re wonderful, and how widespread they’ve been is a testament to that. The rhyming is so amazing, and a fun aspect of the way he told the stories,” he said. “But the flip side is, if it made parents or children uncomfortable, or made them angry or hurt something, then maybe their time is past.”

Email Kate Bradshaw at kbbradshaw@almanacnews.com

The Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group is excited to announce the return of in-person and virtual visits.

In-person visits are currently available at our Peninsula location, 2955 Woodside Road, Suite 105, Woodside, CA 94062. Our team of pediatricians and specialists is dedicated to providing the highest level of care for your children.

Virtual visits are also an option for patients who prefer the convenience of seeing their provider from the comfort of their own home. Our providers are skilled in providing care via telehealth, ensuring that your child receives the same level of care as they would during an in-person visit.

To schedule an in-person or virtual visit, please contact our office at (650) 367-1234 or visit our website at genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org.

Almanac News
March 12, 2021

Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group
2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062

March 12, 2021

For questions or comments, please contact us at info@peninsulapediatrics.com or (650) 367-1234.

Visit our website at genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org for more information.

The Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group is excited to announce the return of in-person and virtual visits.

In-person visits are currently available at our Peninsula location, 2955 Woodside Road, Suite 105, Woodside, CA 94062. Our team of pediatricians and specialists is dedicated to providing the highest level of care for your children.

Virtual visits are also an option for patients who prefer the convenience of seeing their provider from the comfort of their own home. Our providers are skilled in providing care via telehealth, ensuring that your child receives the same level of care as they would during an in-person visit.

To schedule an in-person or virtual visit, please contact our office at (650) 367-1234 or visit our website at genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org.

Almanac News
March 12, 2021

For questions or comments, please contact us at info@peninsulapediatrics.com or (650) 367-1234.

Visit our website at genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org for more information.
In distress over COVID-19? There is help.

including the president of the teachers union, have taken the opposite position. When the district lacked students’ opinions on the prolonged shutdown, she and the Mountain View High School student board representative conducted their own survey on student engagement and mental health during distance learning. Of the roughly 270 students who responded, over 60% rated their motivation as lower during online school, though about 20% of students said their mental health is better now than when they’re attending school in person. Students reported both positive aspects of distance learning — waking up later, more independent work and “school from bed” — as well as the downsides, including too much screen time, difficulty paying attention and connecting with teachers, and “feeling cooped up at home.”

Gunn High School senior Andrew Kim’s personal struggles during the shutdown also spurred him to action. Kim is the vice president of Advocacy Through Art, a student-led nonprofit that uses art to raise awareness about issues like mental health and race. The group organized a webinar this month featuring health professionals and teens and is working with artist workshops in May to give students an opportunity to reach out to their peers — and distress — through art.

“We want to help lessen the stigma of youth mental health during the pandemic,” said Emily Chan, a Gunn high school sophomore and president of Advocacy Through Art. “We’ve been stuck at home with our family and we’re using Zoom eight-plus hours a day. I feel like it’s affected our outlook.”

Before the coronavirus, Kim was an outgoing teenager. Social interactions — meeting up with friends, casual conversations in the hallways between classes and at lunch — were a given in his day-to-day life. Since last March, though, socializing has required more effort than he often can summon. Eventually, he said, he started reaching out to friends and withdrew.

“That left me in a pretty dark place personally. That’s how it begins to feel pretty bad because at first I didn’t think anyone else talks about my emotions a lot,” he said. “It’s so easy to get lost in yourself.”

While the barriers to reaching out for help ordinarily can feel high, several teens described this sense that seeking help has felt insurmountable during shelter-in-place.

“They’re already here, but to actually be willing to go to them, that’s really difficult,” said Mira Devgan, a junior at Menlo School. Everybody is going through new things right now, but I think people are feeling really scared to reach out and admit it. For me, that’s definitely been hard — not only to admit to other people that I’m struggling but to admit to myself I’m not in a good place right now.”

Kim also noted that social anxiety, which he struggled to overcome before the shutdown, has made it more difficult for him to reach out to friends and connect with them.

“Right now is crazy. Each student has their own story and their own take on how they deal with the pandemic and distance learning,” she said. “I think it’s important that we hear them.”

Mobilizing support for students

Both schools and community organizations have taken steps to ensure students who may be struggling during the pandemic. In San Mateo County, mental health nonprofit StarVista started new, affordable telehealth groups.”

“Working with students, adults at the district lacked students’ opinions on the pandemic and distance learning,” said Monica Reyes Lopez, a junior at Los Altos High School.

Over the holidays, both of her parents contracted COVID-19. Her father was admitted to the hospital.

On Dec. 12, she wrote, “It’s a hard time navigating Zoom.”

Atherton High School, she had a hard time navigating Zoom. Without a computer and Wi-Fi at home, she relied on a laptop and school Wi-Fi at her father’s workplace.

When school moved online last spring, Moana Kofotua went from being a passing student to a failing one nearly overnight.

Then a sophomore at Menlo-Atherton High School, she had a hard time navigating Zoom. Without a computer and Wi-Fi at home, she relied on a laptop and hot spot from the school, but the hot spot internet was patchy. She, too, lost motivation and focus. It was hard to get out of bed, much less participate in classes.

An after-school program that was helpful pre-pandemic just wasn’t there anymore, she said.

“I couldn’t function, going online,” Kofotua said.

She didn’t feel supported by her teachers, who contacted her only when she submitted late assignments. In December, she fell ill from anemia and was hospitalized. While there, she was also diagnosed with depression.

Kofotua doesn’t feel comfortable talking about depression with her parents, both recent immigrants who don’t understand mental health, she said.

“It was my own, on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.

In February, Kofotua transferred to Redwood High School, a small continuation school where she’s been able to attend classes in person, said Miria Devgan, a junior there and has also found a support system at Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots community organization.

“Getting through it on my own,” she said.
Dr. Barbara B. (Ebright) Varenhorst, Ph.D.

June 4, 1928 - February 23, 2021

With loving family by her side, Dr. Barbara B. (Ebright) Varenhorst, Ph.D. of Portola Valley, slipped peacefully into the arms of her Lord on Tuesday evening, February 23, 2021. Barbara was born in Omaha, Nebraska on June 4, 1928 to Oak Wood and Mary Louise (Daviddson) Ebright. As the daughter of a Lutheran minister, Barbara grew up in a strong Christian family, shaping her purpose in life and desire to help others. She attended schools in Kansas and Nebraska, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1946. She conducted her undergraduate work at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, graduating in 1950. A fellowship at Syracuse University allowed her to continue her education, and ultimately earn her master’s degree in 1952. Required to read extensively about youth counseling and guidance, Barbara attributed the clear vision that she would later develop about peer counseling to her time at Syracuse University. While at Syracuse she would also meet her future husband, Vernon D. Varenhorst.

Barbara and Vern were married in 1953 in Pasadena. They moved to the Palo Alto area, where she began teaching and counseling in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). In 1964, she earned her Ph.D. from Stanford University in Counseling Psychology and returned to PAUSD as a counseling psychologist for two high schools. While there during the early 1970s, Dr. Varenhorst began to recognize that students were looking to their friends and peers, rather than the adults in their lives, when they needed help in decision making or problem solving. This was her inspiration for developing her Peer Counseling curriculum, to train and collaborate with young people to be more effective in helping their peers.

Dr. Varenhorst always felt that the most important aspect of her career was developing the Palo Alto Peer Counseling Program. In the years since, thousands of young people across the country have been trained in communication skills, human dynamics, and when to seek assistance from caring adults through Peer Helping, Peer Ministry, and other programs that came from this original work. Dr. Varenhorst has been acknowledged as the “Mother” of the peer helper movement and a founding member of the National Peer Helpers Association. Her impact has been far reaching and will continue to touch others for years to come.

In addition to her work in the Palo Alto Unified School District, Dr. Varenhorst was a visiting instructor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Stanford University, California Polytechnic State University, San Francisco State University, University of Victoria, and Johns Hopkins University. Her publications were extensive and well-regarded, including the book Real Friends: Becoming the Friend You’d Like to Have (1983). She was especially proud of her roles as Co-Founder and Past President of the National Peer Helpers Association, and held affiliations with the California Association of Peer Programs, the Board of Regents at St. Olaf College, Search Institute, and the College Board. Dr. Varenhorst was also elected to the Vesper Society Board of Directors in 1977. She served there in many leadership positions, including interim president from 1996-1999. Barbara and Vern joined Valley Presbyterian Church in the mid 90’s where Barbara served as an Elder, founded and nurtured the Adult Education program and made many strong friendships.

Barbara will be remembered not only for the impact she had on countless youth, but also as a mentor and friend. She was known for her kindness and generosity, and her beautiful, bright smile. Even after a stroke four years ago, and after her transition away from independent living, her compassion, curiosity, and kindness towards others continued unabated. Her warm smile always remained the same.

Barbara is survived by many longtime friends, who were like family, as well as her sister-in-law, Virginia Barrows, and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, all who loved their Aunt Barb dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Vern, brothers John C. Ebright and William D. Ebright, sister Dorothy Meyer, nephews David Oak Ebright, Donald Barrows, and Larry Barrows, and brother-in-law Ernest Barrows.

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to the nurses, doctors and caregivers at the Healthcare Center at The Forum for the loving care they gave Barbara these last four years. We’d also like to thank her many kind friends, who visited her regularly and sent her cards and letters with warm, caring thoughts. Because of the pandemic restrictions in place, a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date when friends and family are able to safely travel and gather together. Skylawn is in charge of her arrangements. Memories of Barbara may be shared at their website, Skylawn.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Barbara and Vernon Varenhorst Fund, Search Institute, 3001 Broadway Street NE, Suite 310, Minneapolis MN 55413 or at www.search-institute.org/donate; and Barbara Varenhorst Endowed Scholarship at St. Olaf College, either by check to St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057 or at https://wp.stolaf.edu/giving; or a charity of choice.

INCOMPATIBILITY

In 1967, the NAACP national magazine included an article about the dispute over new school district boundaries that created a mostly Black high school — Ravenswood in East Palo Alto, which barred him from getting into Menlo-Atherton High School. Ravenswood High shuttle service was bused to three high schools (one was a 45 minute bus ride away). Finally, in 2013 the Sequoia Union High School District governing board voted to allow East Palo Alto youth to attend nearby Menlo-Atherton.

Belle Haven resident Deandra Lampkin of Menlo Together said during the January workshop that her son was zoned to attend school in the Ravenswood City School District. She didn’t want him to attend his schools since they find them to be underperforming and unsafe. He was accepted into the Tinsley Volunteer Transfer Program, but he was assigned to a school in San Carlos.

The Tinsley program came about as the result of a lawsuit filed in 1976 by parents in the Ravenswood City School District and neighboring districts. The suit was settled in 1985 by requiring Peninsula school districts to transfer some minority students from the Ravenswood district into their districts each year. The Peninsula districts include Menlo Park, Los Lomitas, Woodside, Portola Valley, Palo Alto, Belmont-Redwood Shores and San Carlos.

Each district has a maximum number of Ravenswood students it must take each year. If more than the maximum apply, students are chosen by lottery. “I tried to get him into the Menlo Park City School District and wasn’t able to, so I didn’t enrol him because we didn’t want him on a one-hour bus ride every day,” Lampkin said. “Being Black, my son was born with one negative already. I couldn’t afford to pay Russian roulette with his education.”

She is glad she is able to enroll him in private school.

“In order for him to get a good education, we have to pay tuition,” she said. “Thank God I live with my grandmother.”

On the day she died, her daughter-in-law Karen Camacho said hearing Lampkin’s story put into greater context how institutions have created inequities.

“People have really tough feelings and emotions from what they hear,” Camacho said.

The summer of 2020, after Minneapolis police killed George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, in late May, showed people they need to talk explicitly about race, she said. “We’re not going to be able to address inequities until we explicitly talk about it.”

Email Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com

MANAGE VACCINATIONS

Because of the pandemic restrictions in place, Rogers said San Mateo is evaluating the agreement with Blue Shield to figure out what makes the most sense for the county.

“Our goal really is to ensure the maximum supply of vaccine to this county and to keep the pace of work moving forward without disruption of the vaccine effort locally,” Rogers said.

Since San Mateo County is not in the early phases of Blue Shield’s vaccine rollout, Rogers said they had some time to decide.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination in San Mateo County, including vaccine data and the county’s vaccination locations, visit smhealth.org/covidvaccine.

Email Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com
Maureen Louise Hammer
August 1944 – February 2021

Maureen passed away peacefully at home in Palo Alto with her husband of fifty-eight years, Richard T. Hamner, at her side. Those who knew and loved Maureen will forever cherish her memory. With her beautiful smile and warm personality, she was known for always making others feel comfortable.

Maureen was born during WWII in Japanese-occupied Manila, Philippines, the daughter of Thomas A. Campbell and Carmen Russell Campbell. Shortly after the war, Maureen’s family relocated to Westchester, CA, later moving to El Centro, CA, where she graduated at the top of her class from Central Union High School in 1962. Matriculating to SDSU, in December 1962 Maureen married her high school sweetheart, then a third year SDSU student.

In 1975 the Hamner family moved to the community of Ladera (Portola Valley) CA. Within a few years, with three grammar school age sons, Maureen was ready to go to work, part time. First working as a bookkeeper and legal secretary for the Foothill College District, her career goal was to work at Hewlett Packard (HP). In 1981 she joined HP as a secretary at HP Labs and, subsequently, at Corporate HR. In 1986 she took a leave of absence from HP to try real estate. The is rest is history. Maureen loved being a realtor and, over her twenty-two-year real estate career, she carefully developed her business, based on professional competency and integrity. An agent with Coldwell Banker in Menlo Park, Maureen frequently ranked in the top 1% of all Coldwell Banker agents internationally.

An enthusiastic thirty-four-year Ladera resident, Maureen served on the Ladera Community Association board and organized the Ladera Bridge Group. An avid tennis player, Maureen enjoyed playing tennis with her Ladera friends and traveling internationally with Women’s Amateur International Tennis (W.A.I.T.). The highlight of her tennis career was playing for the Alpine Hills Tennis Club team that won the USA League, 3.5 Senior Women, 1999 National Championships.

Diagnosed in 2008 with early-onset Alzheimer’s Disease, Maureen vowed to fight it, and did so, up until the last day of her life, retaining the inner purity, grace, and courage that defined her. Maureen is survived by her husband, Richard T. Hamner; her sons, Richard T. Hamner, M.D., wife Eleanor; Todd A. Hamner, wife Mirza; Brett M. Hamner, wife Rene; and granddaughters; and her sisters, Carmel Repp-Pearl and Patricia Enna-Carr. No memorial services are planned at this time.

Remembrances: Alzheimer’s Association, alz.org/norcal

Therese Luke Hamilton
May 25, 1933 – February 26, 2021

Therese “Terry” Luke Hamilton, - a long-time resident of Atherton, and Redwood City California - passed away peacefully on February 26th, 2021. In the comfort of her home, while surrounded by her family, Terry shed the wear of this world she loved, and stepped into her Lord’s promised, vibrant, and eternal kingdom – she was 87 years old.

Terry is survived by Ed - her husband of nearly 66 years - and by her four children: daughters Lindsay and Leslie (Jim), and sons Ian (Kim) and Doug (Dori). Terry is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Terry was born in New York, New York to Josephine Therese Buckley and Charles Wilson Luke. At the age of 10, Terry traveled by train with her sister and mother across the country to her new home in San Francisco. It was there that she met a young neighborhood boy nearly her own age, who many years later would become the love of her life, and the father of her four cherished children. After finishing her primary education at Miss Burke’s School, Terry moved across the Bay, and joined the Kappa, Kappa, Gamma sorority at UC Berkeley and graduated with a degree in History.

Terry and Ed were married in August 1955, eventually making their home in Atherton. With four kids in tow and numerous cats and dogs roaming the house, Terry’s community interests and service to others along the Peninsula, began to blossom. A member of the Junior League of Palo Alto and the Woodside - Atherton garden club for 40 years, Terry leaned into her volunteer activities with her well-known engaging and inquisitive nature. With a keen eye for residential plant life - developed over the years with her fellow garden club members - her garden pots at home were always full of vivid color the year round.

As her kids entered their teenage years, Terry earned her license as a real estate agent. She good-naturedly took a healthy dose of teasing from her family, for Terry could often be heard late at night talking to herself in the kitchen as she worked out the nuances of tricky negotiations – a habit she owned during her 25 years of faithful real estate service to the community. Terry was also very fond of traveling. She and Ed were blessed to have had quite the variety of excursions over the years. Whether crisscrossing the US in their home-away-from-home RV, visiting her sister and nieces in Italy, dear friends in Japan or walking the headlands in her adopted home of Mendocino, Terry’s thirst for local culture, history, and a good story, could hardly be contained.

But for all her travels and adventures, it was the “others” in her life that always focused her attention. Whether it was the “Save the Bay” campaign or serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at her local church, Terry was most at home when she was making phone calls to friends and family both near and far, writing letters and notes of encouragement - always planning and organizing group gatherings. She loved her grandchildren deeply. She thoughtfully and routinely wrote postcards to each one on her trips with Ed. She often could be found playing “go fish” or spoons on the floor with her “grands” over the years, never tiring of their enthusiasm and playful natures. Terry welcomed life and she welcomed people into her life.

As we gathered around her bed on the day of her passing it was noted and affirmed by all, that ultimately, “Mom loved well.” She loved her church, she loved God’s creative beauty of plants and animals and serene vistas. She loved her family with sincerity and passion. And she loved to bring wholesomeness and goodness to everything she touched.

Yes, Terry loved well. You will be missed “Grammy” – yes, you will be missed very much indeed.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider giving a donation to the St. Francis Center of Redwood City – an organization with a rich history helping the least of these in our community. Thank you!
Supreme Privacy, Timeless Luxury on 3.15 Acres in Woodside

Nestled on a verdant 3.15-acre lot in peaceful Woodside, this stunning estate presents superb privacy, timeless luxury, and incredible space for entertaining on a grand scale. Lofty ceilings craft an airy atmosphere throughout the home and tall, wide windows allow an abundance of natural light. Expansive formal rooms enjoy elegant appointments, the superb kitchen is sure to inspire your inner Top Chef, the handsome office can meet all work-from-home needs, and the lower level includes a theater for fantastic movie nights. Offering 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, and 7,168 sq. ft. of living space, including a 1-bed, 1-bath guest house, this home will have you feeling a million miles away from the frenetic pace of Silicon Valley. Extraordinary grounds that include a pool, barbecue patio, and pathways that wind their way to the serene banks of Bear Gulch Creek, and you will enjoy the convenience of being just a short drive to the amenities of the Town of Woodside, and be close to Interstate 280 for Bay Area commuting. Adding the finishing touch, children may attend the acclaimed Woodside Elementary School (buyer to verify eligibility).

For virtual open houses & more photos, please visit:
www.3787Woodside.com
Offered at $11,988,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

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

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

中文諮詢請聯繫Audrey Sun, DRE #01932724 電話: 650.785.5822 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty, Inc. | DRE #01903224
242 Oak Grove Avenue, Atherton

Grand Atherton Estate on Over 1.3 Acres

Nestled in absolute privacy on over 1.3 sweeping acres, this grand, two-level estate of nearly 5,800 square feet offers ultimate luxury and a sought-after Atherton lifestyle. High-end appointments including detailed ceilings, intricate moldings, and oak floors wrap the home in elegance from the moment you step inside. A fireplace highlights the spectacular living room, the chef’s kitchen includes appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero, and the family room features a fireplace all its own plus access to the grounds. Enjoy the convenience of 5 comfortable bedroom suites, including the master suite with a fireplace and private balcony, as well as a main-level bedroom suite ideal for office use to work from home in style. The grounds of the home offer incredible space for outdoor enjoyment, with a fireplace, kitchen, and pool, plus a lush, sizable lawn perfect for pick-up sports. Adding the finishing touch, this great location is just moments to downtown Menlo Park, and is close to top-ranked Menlo Park schools including Laurel Elementary and Menlo-Atherton High.

For virtual open houses & more photos, please visit:
www.242OakGrove.com
Offered at $8,998,000

Easy and safe access for potential buyers and Realtors®

Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in Atherton
Data from BrokerMetrics® based on MLS sales from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2020, in Atherton, residential properties, with no off-MLS sales included in the rankings.

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

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

Belle Haven residents may fill out an interest form online at is.gd/BHvax or access it through bellehavenaction.org for more information about how to register to be vaccinated.

---

**Belle Haven nonprofit calls for faith leaders to be prioritized for vaccine**

Belle Haven Action, a nonprofit focused on serving the residents of Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood, has asked the San Mateo County Health Department and the California State Vaccine Advisory Committee to give priority for the COVID-19 vaccine to faith leaders, pastors, reverends and church workers serving the community.

“Many members of the church community in Belle Haven are essential service workers in food service, agriculture, and the grocery/retail industry,” the organization said in a press statement. “During the COVID-19 pandemic, faith-based organizations and churches have distributed food, assisted with childcare, and conducted grief counseling among the families of those lost to COVID-19. These organizations also provide services to the homeless community.”

Serving those in need may have exposed these leaders to the same risks as the community they are serving have faced, the organization added.

—Kate Bradshaw

**Local community colleges to remain online**

San Mateo County Community College District — home to Canada College in Redwood City, College of San Mateo in San Mateo and Skyline College in San Bruno — will continue to hold courses online through the end of fall semester in December.

The district’s governing board ratified the decision during a Feb. 24 meeting, according to a district press release.

“Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff,” said district Chancellor Michael Claire in a statement. “Even though we all want to get back to our beautiful college campuses, we will do so in a thoughtful and deliberate way. We are optimistic that as vaccines become more widely distributed in the summer and fall we will be able to restore more in-person classes and services to students next year.”

In-person instruction will continue for certain essential infrastructure sectors — health care, emergency services and transportation fields, as well as critical STEM labs in key transfer areas, and to meet licensing requirements for career education programs — to train first responders and health care workers to address urgent community needs, according to the district. Due to criteria set by the state that includes social distancing, classroom and lab sanitizing procedures and other health precautions, the number of people on campuses will be kept to a minimum.

The district is receiving $13.3 million in federal Higher Education Emergency Relief funding, the district said. Of that, almost two-thirds will be distributed to students to assist with financial challenges and the remainder will be used to offset costs incurred by the colleges for the MD-related expenses such as technology, health and safety equipment, and training.

---

**Menlo Portal environmental documents released**

The city of Menlo Park has released the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Menlo Portal development project, a proposal to build 335 apartments, office space and child care space at 115 Independence Drive and 110 Constitution Drive.

The development, proposed by Greystar, would include a seven-story apartment building and a three-story commercial building with a total of about 35,000 square feet of office space on the top two levels and 1,600 square feet of child care space. Both structures would have above-ground parking garages incorporated into the buildings.

Under city ordinances, about 48 of the housing units would be for rent below market rate, and the developer planned to make an additional 15 units available for below-market-rate rent if permitted to build all 335 units proposed, according to the project webpage.

The draft EIR reports that the analyses conducted did not identify any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts from the proposed project.

The deadline to comment on the report is April 12. Written comments should be submitted by email to Contract Principal Planner Payal Bhagat at pbhagat@menlopark.org, or by letter to Payal Bhagat, Contract Principal Planner, Community Development, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The Planning Commission is set to hold a public hearing on the draft EIR and a study session for the proposed project via GoToWebinar or Zoom on Monday, March 22. People may provide oral comments on the draft EIR then.

---

**Woodside committee collecting COVID-19 stories**

The Woodside History Committee is creating a collection to document the lives of the town’s residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee members will be assembling an archive in the Woodside Community Museum to preserve the history of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are accepting stories about how the pandemic has impacted Woodside families, both in good ways and bad, as well as interesting experiences they have had during this period. Submissions should be 500 words or fewer. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate that in the submission.

Send stories to woodsidehistory@woodsidetown.org.

---

**New assistant principal at Las Lomitas Elementary**

John Berry is the new interim assistant principal at Las Lomitas Elementary School in Atherton this spring, according to a March 8 school newsletter. He replaces Kristen Fielding, who left in November to work in the Lake Tahoe area, said Principal Alain Camou in an email.

“Berry, a San Francisco native, has 28 years of K-12 educational experience and has worn a number of different hats in the profession as an assistant principal, executive director, high school adviser and more. He holds a bachelor’s degree in modern history from the University of California at Berkeley, a master’s degree in educational administration from Columbia University’s Teachers College, and holds both an administrative service and teaching credential from San Francisco State University.

Berry lives in Marin with his wife Paula, and daughters Alexander and Audrianna.

—Angela Swartz
Picturesque Mediterranean-Style Home in Coveted Vintage Oaks

158 Seminary Drive, Menlo Park
Bedrooms: 5  |  Bathrooms: 3.5  |  Living: 3,587 sq ft  |  Lot: .27 acre
List Price: $4,989,000

David Weil  |  650-823-3855
David@GranoskiWeil.com
DRE 01400271

Nick Granoski  |  650-269-8556
Nick@GranoskiWeil.com
DRE 00994196

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 the accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS
TOWN OF ATHERTON, CA

The Town of Atherton will accept proposal for qualified vendors for the following:

ATHERTON LIBRARY CAFÉ VENDOR

The Town of Atherton is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to operate a café at its new Town Library, which is currently under construction. The successful vendor will provide for food and beverage items in a non-cooking environment throughout the day, as well as light fare, warming accessories, coffee makers, etc. Offsite food items are allowed provided they are prepared in a facility and manner approved by the San Mateo County Health Department. It is intended that the café be a community amenity for local residents and visitors to the Town Center and Library. The Request for Proposals may be obtained at http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx at no cost. The vendor shall be responsible for any addenda that may be posted on the Town’s website.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, California 94027, until 10:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Wednesday, May 4, 2021.

Interested parties are advised that the Town of Atherton has also released a companion Request for Proposals seeking qualified vendors to provide Event Management Services at Holbrook-Palmer Park located at 150 Watkins Avenue. The companion Request for Proposals is available on the Town of Atherton website or by contacting the Town of Atherton Public Works Department.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

EQUINE EVENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 286777
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Equine Events, located at 1619 Carleton Ct., Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 620143, Woodside, CA 94062.
Registered owner(s): JOAN LORRAINE MCLAREN, 1619 Carleton Ct., Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The Almanac is adjudicated to publish in San Mateo County. Public Hearing Notices Resolutions • Bid Notices • Lien Sale Trustee’s Sale • Notices of Petition to Administer Estate Deadline is Monday at noon. Call Alicia Santillan at 650-223-6578 or email santillana@paweekly.com for assistance with your legal advertising needs.

Marketplace

Luis Vargas Gardening Services
- Mowing • Blowing • Trimming
- Edging • Yard & Hillside Clean Up
- Sprinkle Systems • Ivy & Dead Scub Removal
- Rototilling • Ground Preparation
Call Luis Vargas Today! 650-796-1954
10% Discount On Projects
To advertise here email digitalads@paweekly.com.

Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

The Texas power crisis: What happened, why it happened, and what it means for the future

GUEST OPINION

By Jeff Aalfs

L ast month, Texas experienced an extreme winter storm, with low temperatures not seen in decades. One of the unfortunate results of the storm was a widespread failure of the electric system: Millions of Texans were without power and safe drinking water, some of them for several days. Because many Texans rely on electricity to heat their homes, the situation became dire — dozens of deaths have been reported, and the final toll may top 100. The failure of the power grid was the result of multiple factors: The widespread use of electricity to heat homes led to unprecedented levels of demand; hundreds of generation sources (coal, nuclear and natural gas plants, along with hundreds of wind turbines) were hobbled by the cold; natural gas infrastructure itself was disabled as gas froze at wellheads; and because much of the gas delivery infrastructure relies on electricity, the initial failures sparked a vicious cycle of cascading blackouts before the Texas grid operator was able to stabilize the system by cutting power to millions of customers.

While this may seem like an unfortunate confluence of events, the reality is that every one of these events was foreseeable, and preventable, consequence of extreme cold. In 2011, in fact, a similar but less intense winter storm left over a million Texans in the dark due to the same cold-related failures seen last month. In the intervening decade, Texas added 1.6 million new homes, most of them heated with electricity, while doing next to nothing to address the known vulnerabilities of its electric system.

Since the Federal Power Act of 1935, Texas has gone to great lengths to isolate its electric system from neighboring states. This isolation allowed Texas to avoid nearly all federal oversight; the Texas grid is operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), overseen by the Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC). As with most Texas regulatory bodies, ERCOT and the PUC have worked to minimize regulations, including those related to safety and reliability. They have consistently favored business-friendly approaches, and cheap electricity — at a cost we only see in situations like the past month.

In evaluating grid safety, we look for scenarios that can plausibly disrupt a large fraction of generating facilities within an electric system. In California, we have seen such events resulting from extreme heat, most recently last August. The week of Aug. 14-19, California experienced several of the hottest days in its recorded history. On two days, Aug. 14 and 15, the California grid operator, CAISO, was forced to call for rolling blackouts to maintain system stability. Notably, on the hottest day, Aug. 18, CAISO was able to avoid outages despite serving the highest demand ever recorded; CAISO was able to adjust to the situation by a combination of backup capacity and temporary limits on exports of electricity. Ultimately, the California blackouts were much shorter, less widespread, and less devastating than the Texas blackouts last month.

The Texas and California experiences illustrate the importance of rigorous, thoughtful regulation. Like most electric grids, the California grid uses a capacity market, a system of requirements that keeps surplus power generators online to respond to short-term needs for generation; Texas has no such market. California is also governed by the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC), which issues guidance on the safe maintenance of power plants and other infrastructure. Finally, California’s rigorous building energy codes have curbed statewide electricity demand, while creating homes better able to withstand temperature extremes, even without power; Texas building codes are far less rigorous. All of these measures could have blunted, or even eliminated, the worst of the consequences that we saw in Texas.

In summary, regulation matters, and good regulation can avoid disasters and even save lives. California faces difficult questions as it builds the carbon-free energy grid of the future, but its robust, transparent regulatory processes are ready to take up the challenge.

Jeff Aalfs is a member of the Portola Valley Town Council and board chairman for Peninsula Clean Energy, San Mateo County’s nonprofit electricity supplier.

What’s on your mind?

From City Hall politics and the schools to transportation and other pressing issues, the Almanac aims to keep readers informed about their community. But we also want to hear from you.

Tell us what’s on your mind by sending your letters to letters@AlmanacNews.com. Or snail-mail them to: The Almanac, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

You can also submit a longer piece of 450 to 600 words for consideration to publish as a guest opinion column. Questions? Email editor@AlmanacNews.com, or call 650-223-6537.
By Maggie Mah

Sometimes, getting in touch with the past can help make sense of the present and even provide a sense of stability for the future. When we can experience the things left behind by the people who came before us, history really comes to life. With that in mind, a new cultural destination is being planned for downtown Redwood City that organizers hope will bring history alive in multiple ways and provide plenty of enjoyment in the present.

The San Mateo County Historical Association is finalizing plans for the Taube Family Carriage House Museum. Named for the project’s keystone donor, Woodside philanthropist and businessman Tad Taube, the carriage house will be the showcase for San Mateo County’s collection of historic horse-drawn vehicles and much more. The new building will include areas for revolving exhibits and public event space.

Just as the 2006 renovation of the historic domed courthouse (present home of the San Mateo County History Museum, which has a planned reopening date of March 24) and creation of the adjacent public square played a major role in changing downtown Redwood City from “Deadwood City” to the lively and attractive cultural hot spot that it is today, the carriage house will add a new dimension to the area.

The planned three-story, 14,000-square-foot building will be located at the corner of Marshall Street and Middlefield Road, adjacent to the courthouse and to the newly relocated Lathrop House. Designed by Woodside architect Adolph Rosekrans, the striking carriage house will sit on what is now a small parking area.

“It’s hard to believe we could put something like that up there,” said Taube.

Taube Family Carriage House Museum will be a major addition to downtown Redwood City.

**TAUBE FAMILY CARRIAGE HOUSE MUSEUM WILL BE A MAJOR ADDITION TO DOWNTOWN REDWOOD CITY**

Mitch Postel, president of the San Mateo County Historical Association, admires a fire hose roller from 1880 that’s currently in storage. Magali Gauthier

**A vintage carriage collection currently in storage by the San Mateo County Historical Association will be displayed in the Taube Family Carriage House.**

Magali Gauthier

**A rendering shows the exterior of the Taube Family Carriage House Museum in downtown Redwood City.**

Rendering courtesy San Mateo County Historical Association

**A rendering courtesy San Mateo County Historical Association**

**A rendering shows the exterior of the Taube Family Carriage House Museum in downtown Redwood City.**

Mitch Postel, president of the San Mateo County Historical Association, admires a fire hose roller from 1880 that’s currently in storage. Magali Gauthier

**A vintage carriage collection currently in storage by the San Mateo County Historical Association will be displayed in the Taube Family Carriage House.**

Magali Gauthier

**A rendering courtesy San Mateo County Historical Association**
“We concluded that the only way to do justice to these carriages was to create a showplace. Of course, a showplace involves money,” Taube said. “To date, the Taube Carriage House Campaign has raised over 78% of the $11.5 million price tag, all of which has come from private pledges and donations. Construction of the carriage house is expected to take approximately two years, with preliminary site improvements set to begin this spring.

With the museum fast becoming a reality, Taube said, “Anybody who has seen the carriages has to get excited about the possibility that people are going to be able to enjoy them.” Plans are well underway for what visitors will experience.

On the ground floor will be a gallery devoted to rotating exhibits featuring special display bays. Possible themes include vehicle collections from local car aficionados, historical perspectives on the electric car and other vehicles from the county’s collection, including a remarkable Standard Oil delivery wagon. Said Postel, “I would love to do a display of lowriders.”

The second-floor gallery will feature a permanent display of the county’s 10 prized Brewster carriages and a rotating display of other carriages, all of which will be shown with the museum’s collection of textiles and vintage gowns from the period. Interactive features include the opportunity to experience what it was like to drive a horse-drawn vehicle and to observe craftsmen at work restoring and maintaining carriages in the conservation area.

Plans also include an entire wall of magnificent gilded mirrors from several of the Peninsula’s great estates. The crown jewel of the carriage collection is the 17-passenger Brewster Standard Light Park Drag. With its metal frame painted a cheerful but tasteful yellow, the carriage was designed for fun: Owners and guests were seated on top for the best views of sporting and social events, while an assortment of servants rode below. Pointing to the lined and fitted compartments for bottles and glasses in the rear of the carriage, Postel chuckled, “This was the ultimate tailgating vehicle.”

The original purchase price of the Park Drag was $2,800. In today’s dollars, that would be about $82,000 or similar to the price of a new Tesla Model S. Actually, this comparison isn’t quite accurate. Despite the quality of both vehicles, the carriage by itself wouldn’t have gotten you anywhere without four fine, perfectly matched horses turned out in polished, monogrammed harnesses, an assortment of servants and grooms in matching uniforms and a clean-shaven coachman.

The carriage house’s third-floor rooftop terrace will be an open, airy space featuring a central skylight and large expanses of glass on the exterior walls. The facility, which has been designed for gatherings of up to 300 people and includes catering areas, will be available for rent to the public for post-pandemic events such as meetings, conferences and receptions.

In addition to the carriage house, a new natural history area will be created through construction of a passageway connecting the new building with the court-house. A diorama will feature the complete 14-foot cast of the skeleton of a paleoapexida — a rare aquatic mammal that inhabited the area of what is now Menlo Park in the Miocene period, approximately 12 million years ago. Murals by Burlingame artist Fred Sinclair, Jr. will depict the ancient elephants, horses, saber-toothed cats and rhinoceroses that once roamed the Peninsula.

Interactive exhibits will provide kids the opportunity to experience what it’s like to be a paleontologist or archaeologist, and an electronic map will show the area’s geologic and geographic changes over millions of years. Meanwhile, project architect Rosekrans, who will turn 90 this year, can personally attest to the power of things from the past. As an avid collector of antique farm implements, he recently accompanied San Mateo County Historical Association Curator Dana Neitzel to look at a carriage that was being offered to San Mateo County by History San José. He did not know that the errand was about to reconnect him with his childhood. Rosekrans remembered that his mother, Alma Spreckles, had owned several carriages and remembered riding in them on Runnymede, her Woodside estate, but didn’t know what had become of them. “She probably wanted them out of the way,” he said.

The carriage being offered was a Brewster Brougham (pronounced “broom”) from the late 1890s and was showing its years. Rosekrans and Neitzel went about inspecting the vehicle and, “When I put my hand on the handle, it felt very familiar,” Rosekrans said. A subsequent check of the carriage’s serial numbers determined the original owner. “It turned out to be my great-grandfather, Claus Spreckles,” he said. The handle was the very one he had gripping as a child.

The Spreckles carriage, which for now is back at Runnymede, will be the first restoration project. With the Taube Family Carriage House plans rolling along, locals can look forward to making more connections to San Mateo County’s past — and creating new memories.

More information is available at historysmc.org.

Contributing writer Maggie Mah can be emailed at maggiemah@me.com
Palo Alto JCC launches kosher food hall with Yemeni breads, sushi and more

By Elena Kadavany

A 1,600-square-foot kitchen at the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto is now home to four businesses that will bring a range of kosher food and coffee to the local community. The eateries are Holy Sushi, which serves kosher sushi; The Ma’lawah Bar, a former cottage food operation that specializes in Yemenite-Israeli breads; Caffe Mediterraneum, an Italian espresso bar with pastries and lunch fare; and Matriarch Cafe, a Jewish deli-inspired eatery.

Until now, Izzy’s Brooklyn Bagels on California Avenue was the only kosher, full-service establishment in Palo Alto, said Rabbi Joey Felsen, founder and executive director of the Jewish Study Network, who teaches classes at the JCC and brought in the vendors to fill the vacant kitchen. “The Jewish community in Palo Alto has been underserved in terms of kosher offerings relative to most other communities in the United States,” he said. “For years the community has wanted more and for us it was a natural assumption that the Jewish community center could be a place where that could be offered.”

All four businesses at 3921 Fabian Way will be open to the public. Holy Sushi and The Ma’lawah Bar are already open, and for us it was a natural assumption that the Jewish community center could be a place where that could be offered.”

Holy Sushi

Meira Academy, an all-girls private Orthodox Jewish high school located at the JCC, started Holy Sushi in 2014 to bring kosher food to the campus. (Felsen is also the founding board president of Meira Academy.)

The kosher sushi eatery closed for several years but is now back serving rolls, sashimi, nigiri and tofu karaage, made by chef Wilson He.

Holy Sushi is open Monday, Friday and Sunday but will eventually expand to six days a week.

For more information and to order, go to holysushi.org.

The Ma’lawah Bar

Owner Doreet Jehassi worked in tech for nearly two decades but always found herself reminiscing about cooking. In 2018, she decided to leave the corporate world and started a kosher cottage food operation out of her Santa Clara home. She called it The Ma’lawah Bar.

Jehassi became known for her Yemenite-Israeli breads, including malawach (the namesake dish), a flaky, layered flatbread with the texture of puff pastry, and jachnun, a sweet, rolled bread that’s baked low and slow for more than 10 hours until it’s golden brown. Both are typically served with freshly grated tomato, hard-boiled eggs and schug, a spicy condiment made from chiles, garlic, chili, cilantro, cumin and other spices.

Food has helped Jehassi reconnect to her Jewish identity, she said. She was born and raised in Long Island, New York, in a Yemenite-Israeli family.

“Growing up on Long Island, I was very different from others. I always longed to find my roots,” she said. So at 18 years old, she moved to Israel — a journey known as “making aliyah.” She lived there for 12 years. Decades later, her time in Israel and learning Yemenite recipes from her mother would influence the birth of The Ma’lawah Bar. Jehassi said she wanted to pay tribute to her heritage and demonstrate that there’s more to Jewish cuisine than matzo balls.

“With all due respect, it’s delicious food, but there’s Jewish food beyond European food. There’s Moroccan and Sephardic and Tunisian and Turkish and Yemenite and Ethiopian Jewish foods,” she said. “I wanted to show diversity. I wanted to expose that.”

Yemenite-Israeli cooking revolves around wheat, one of the few ingredients persecuted Jews had access to, Jehassi said. They made baked, fried and grilled wheat breads, dipped in hearty soups and stews and sauces like schug and hilbeh (a fengreek dip). They baked jachnun for hours in aluminum pots in underground charcoal ovens, a technique Jehassi now replicates in her 21st century kitchen using baking dishes to ensure consistency (though when she’s cooking for her family she still uses the Yemenite pot). Making jachnun from start to finish takes 18 hours, including resting the dough overnight, laminating it and the low, slow bake that caramelizes the sugars.

Jehassi also sells kubaneh, a fluffy, yeasted pull-apart bread that Jehassi describes as “the other challah.” She adds katzach, or nigella seeds, to her version, which also happens to be vegan and is the ideal vessel for soaking up soups and sauces. For dessert, she makes babousa, a semolina cake that’s soaked in syrup and topped with coconut.

Jehassi believes she’s the only Bay Area business serving Yemenite-Israeli food. All of her recipes were passed down through family members, taught by feel and taste. She’s the first in her family to write them down.

As The Ma’lawah Bar grew, it quickly took over her home kitchen, so she spent the last year searching for a kosher commercial kitchen. Her dream is to get her frozen products and condiments into March 12, 2021 || AlmanacNews.com || The Almanac || 29
651 Vista Drive, Emerald Hills - Vacant Land

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TO OWN THIS HISTORIC ESTATE PROPERTY IN PRESTIGIOUS EMERALD HILLS, REDWOOD CITY

1.1/8 acre - 51,500 SF with unobstructed SF Bay & lush Valley Views. Opportunity to Build your dream home - build up to 12,500 sf MOL - 8 car garage-separate in law unit on this gentle downslope property that will have plenty of room for play yard, pool, sport court and possible Vineyard. Southeast Sunny exposure with 360 linear feet of Frontage on Vista Drive. Just steps from Emerald Lake Country Club and close to award winning Roy Cloud school. Country living with just a short drive to bustling Downtown Redwood City and easy access to shopping, parks, HWY 280, 550 acre Edgewood Park. Water Meter, Sewer, Gas service and Electricity are at the property. A savings of over $120K in utility connection fees. Value priced at $1,649,000. Lots under 8000 SF have sold for $1M. Contact Michelle Glaubert for more information. 651 Vista Drive.

MICHIELLE GLAUBERT
650.722.1193 Cell glaubert@pacbell.net CA BRE# 00646669 WWW.GLAUBERT.COM

©2021 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker® is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Each Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Office Is Owned by a Subsidiary of NRT LLC. CA BRE License #0198304

OSHMAN
continued from page 29

retail stores, like Whole Foods. She’s heartened to see foods like schug, labneh and shakshuka sold at mainstream markets.

The Ma’lawah Bar held a soft opening last weekend for pick-ups only.

For more information, go to themalawahbar.com.

Caffe Mediterraneum

Earl Hartman will be opening his homage to Caffe Mediterraneum, the iconic Berkeley cafe, at the Oshman Family JCC this spring. Hartman worked as a barista there, as well as Le Bateau Ivre on Telegraph Avenue, in his early 20s but eventually went on to a longtime career as a Japanese-English translator.

Now at 69, Hartman is opening his first cafe, named after the Berkeley original (which closed in 2016 after nearly 50 years). He plans to serve Italian espresso drinks and coffee as well as Italian sodas, gelato, pastries, focaccia and sandwiches.

"Since I keep kosher, and since I love proper Italian espresso, I was conscious of the complete lack of a cafe where observant Jews could go and have a nice coffee and a pastry or a light meal," he said. "I wanted to open a place that not only served high-quality, traditional Italian espresso, but that was also kosher so observant Jews could have a cafe where they could order anything on the menu."

The coffee will come from Mr. Espresso in Oakland, and the food from Palo Alto kosher catering company Deja Vu.

While Hartman’s Caffe Mediterraneum will be kosher, he doesn’t “want people to think that the cafe will ‘only’ be a “Jewish cafe.”

“There’s no rule that says kosher has to mean second-rate,” he said.

He hopes to open after Passover, in early to mid-April.

Matriarch Cafe

Spencer Brodie has been cooking since he was 11 years old, growing up in Belmont. As a business student at San Jose State University, he said 'he’s worked nearly every job in the hospitality industry — server, cook, bartender — and started his own kosher catering company, Neshama Foods. He never planned to open his own cafe, but when the opportunity presented itself at the JCC, he jumped.

Brodie’s Matriarch Cafe will be his take on a Jewish deli, with dishes like a pulled brisket sandwich (made from a family recipe, with his own adaptations), shawarma sandwiches and a lamb burger with Israeli spices. Eventually he’ll serve a New York-style pastrami sandwich. And even though Matriarch Cafe will be kosher, “we’re going to be doing a lot of things that make you forget it’s kosher,” Brodie said, like serving bacon made from beef.

Brodie named the cafe in honor of the female influences in his family: his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

While Matriarch Cafe won’t be open until after Passover, the Palo Alto JCC will be a pickup location for Neshama Foods’ Passover menu, including a brisket, matzo ball soup, tzimmes, potato kugel and chocolate-coconut macaroons (a secret family recipe). Check the Neshama website at neshama-foods.com/passover for ordering information.

Email Elena Kadvany at ekadvany@paweekly.com

Spencer Brodie of Neshama Foods will open his first cafe at the Palo Alto JCC this spring.
199 Mapache Drive, Portola Valley

Spectacular Custom Estate on Over 2.5 Acres

Supreme luxury, ultimate privacy, and every conceivable modern amenity – this incredible Portola Valley estate in Westridge presents all of these qualities and so much more, set on a peaceful lot of over 2.5 sweeping acres. Just completed in 2020, and offering 5 bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms, 2 offices, and almost 9,500 square feet of living space, including a beautiful guest house, this custom estate boasts stunning architectural details, green features including solar power and well irrigation, smart home technology, custom automated window treatments, and high-end materials and finishes. Soaring ceilings craft an airy ambiance, and walls of glass open completely for true California indoor/outdoor living. Entertain guests in expansive, elegant formal rooms, and craft delicious meals in the gourmet kitchen featuring a suite of top-of-the-line appliances, including two oversized refrigerators and freezers. Enjoy the convenience of multiple offices, a home fitness center, and an extraordinary theater that provides a spectacular in-home cinematic experience with 14 leather recliner seats and a full bar. Delight in fantastic grounds that feature a sparkling pool, a wood-burning fireplace with a gas starter, and a horse barn. Topping it all off is a location close to numerous nature preserves, major commute routes, and with access to acclaimed Portola Valley schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

For virtual open houses & more photos, please visit:
www.199Mapache.com
Offered at $16,950,000

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

March 12, 2021 ▪ AlmanacNews.com ▪ The Almanac ▪ 31
1275 El Camino Real | Downtown Menlo Park
Architecture by award-winning Ken Hayes, Hayes Group Architects
3 bed, 2.5 bath condo in the heart of downtown Menlo Park perfect as a primary residence, pied-a-terre, or down-sizing | 2,155 +/- sf
Elevator | Wraparound terraces with unrivaled outdoor space
Sleek kitchen | Solar electricity | Air conditioning
www.MenloParkPenthouses.com

903 Berkeley Avenue | $6,995,000
5 bed, 5.5 baths | 4,864 +/- sf | Tuscan-inspired Menlo Oaks home
Dedicated home office | Temperature controlled wine-cellar
Private half acre+ lot
Just 2 miles from downtown Menlo Park and Palo Alto
Excellent Menlo Park schools
More info at: www.903Berkeley.com

23 Sunset Lane | $10,750,000
5 bed, 6 full baths | Fleetwood sliding retractable glass doors |
Temp-controlled wine cellar
Kitchen with large island and Miele suite of appliances |
Expansive outdoor spaces with pool, spa, BBQ terrace |
Las Lomitas schools
23SunsetLane.com

Compass is a RE broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License #01527235. 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.