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FACEBOOK
Public health orders allow non-essential stores to partially reopen, but will shoppers come?

by Sue Dremann and Lloyd Lee

Lisa Spurlin hung a sign on her Menlo Park storefront windows printed with bold, red letters, large enough for someone to read from across Santa Cruz Avenue: “OPEN CURBSIDE.” When San Mateo County’s revised public health order allowed businesses to reopen with curbside pickups on May 18, Spurlin opened just the front entrance of her store, blocked by a table with hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes, so customers could drop off their artwork and view samples of the frame designs they had chosen online. It’s a small, but essential change for “non-essential” stores like Spurlin’s Peabody Gallery, a custom-framing and fine art gallery that has been around for three decades. Spurlin said she doesn’t expect a wave of customers to rush to her store. In normal times, Peabody’s saw around one or two customers at a time. But the change does inch her toward some semblance of the hands-on service she was accustomed to providing for her longtime customers. Once Peabody re-opened, Spurlin immediately saw a whole spectrum of attitudes and behaviors towards self-protection among her customers — another reminder that there will be a new norm for how she interacts with the public. “I had a woman bring a picture from her house, and once it got onto the table, she didn’t want to touch it,” Spurlin said. “Her husband had to touch it the whole time; she wasn’t going to touch a thing.”

Then there have been the ones who find the precautions exhausting. “Some people are: ‘I can’t believe we have to do this,’” she said. “It’s just interesting to see different reactions.”

City Hall to cut 70+ positions

Budget reductions will leave a $744K surplus

by Gennady Sheyner

Facing a public outcry about recent proposals to cut funding for teen services, art programs and public safety staffing, the Palo Alto City Council on Tuesday agreed to scale back some of the cuts as it endorsed a budget that would eliminate more than 70 positions at City Hall.

The proposed budget, which the council plans to formally adopt on June 22, reverses some of the most contentious cuts that City Manager Ed Shikada had proposed in April. Responding to a council mandate to reduce costs, the budget had initially proposed closing the College Terrace Library, eliminating all Children’s Theatre productions and cutting dozens of positions in the Police Department.

Under the revised budget, the Children’s Theatre would still see major cuts, but it would now be able to have two more productions and nine minor ones. The College Terrace Library would now stay open, though under the new model it would be one of three branches (along with the Children’s and Downtown libraries) open just three days per week. And the Police Department will still see heavy cuts, though not as steep as the council envisioned two weeks ago.

Even with the revisions, the budget represents the largest contraction of city services in decades. It would eliminate 74 full-time positions from a City Hall workforce of about 1,033 employees, a 7%
We are not buying a car. We’re repossessioning a car we once owned.

– Don Austin, Palo Alto Unified School superintendent, on taking back space at Cubberley Community Center. See story on page 5.

Around Town

FRUITS OF LABOR ... What began as a conversation between Stanford University employees about how to help the community at the start of the stay-at-home order has evolved into a three-pronged fundraising effort that’s showing no signs of slowing down. Enterprise IT service desk manager Maria Gregorio said it all started on a university Slack channel, where members of different departments gathered in a chat room to brainstorm ideas. They ended up launching two separate GoFundMe pages: one to raise money to help build SD face shields and another to feed health care providers and hospital workers. The sites had raised $2,111 and $1,065, respectively, as of late Thursday morning. The “Meals For Frontliners” effort started with employees at Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford. It has since expanded to three more hospitals: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, Kaiser Permanente Fremont Medical Center and St. Rose Hospital in Hayward.

HITTING THE BOOKS ... Hundreds of Palo Alto Unified elementary and middle school students with limited access to books at home received new books for free this week, thanks to an anonymous donation to nonprofit Access Books Bay Area. With schools and public libraries closed, the nonprofit is distributing books to prevent learning loss for students in need. School district teachers are already reporting declining reading skills among students who are at increased risk for the so-called “summer slide” and a widening achievement gap, according to Access Books. The nonprofit distributes books to kids in need throughout the Peninsula and is accepting donations, which help Access Books expand to more schools. More information can be found at acessbooksbayarea.org/covid-19-response/.

A NEW LEADER ... Rise Together Education, a nonprofit that helps Palo Alto High students from low-income backgrounds prepare and complete their college education, has appointed a new leader. Dawn Billman has been named president of the organization’s board of directors, according to a May 18 press release. Her work with the nonprofit dates back to 2017, when she started out as the fundraising chairperson. Over the past three years, she has helped the organization introduce new fundraisers, including galas held over the past two years. Billman, a 20-year Palo Alto resident and mother to three Palo alumni, brings experience in managing for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in addition to working with Santa Clara County nonprofits. She has volunteered with many local groups, including the Magical Bridge Playground, Palo’s Fiery Arts program and Palo Alto Players.
A later years of planning for an improved Cubber- 
ley Community Center, the city of Palo Alto and the 
Palo Alto Unified School Dis-
trict are arranging a new deal that may force nonprofit 
groups out of the popular com-
unity center.

As part of the new agreement, which the school board approved on
Tuesday night and which the 
council has yet to fully discuss, 
the city will significantly de-
crease its footprint at Cubberley, 
a 35-acre campus at 4000 Middle-
field Road in south Palo Alto. The 
school district owns 16 acres of 
Cubberley while the city owns 8 
acres and leases the rest.

Instead of renting all of the 
district’s land, the city will now 
switch to what City Manager Ed 
Shikada called an “a la carte” 
approach in which the city rents spe-
cific portions of Cubberley. The 
city will pay the district $208,300 
per month for use of the theater, 
pavilion, gym A, gym B, rooms 
G5 and of the Pavilion and the 
fields. The rent from the 
Junior Museum and Zoo, which 
has been temporarily relocated to 
Cubberley’s auditorium while its 
Rinconada Park facility is be-
ing renovated, will be $13,790 per 
month. The rent for the “S” build-
ning, adjacent to the auditorium 
will be $5,650 per month.

Meanwhile, the district would 
take over the A, B and I buildings in the 
campus, and the “S” building behind the Pavilion and three 
rooms in the G and M wings (the latter of which is attached 
to the theater). Those spaces for 
years have been supporting the 
city’s nonprofit tenants.

The new lease is expected to 
save the city about $2.5 million 
annually at a time when it is 
facing a projected budget short-
fall of nearly $40 million in the 
coming fiscal year. The four-year 
agreement also represents a $3.3 
million decrease for the school 
district in rental expenses and 
with more land, where we can 
sell our house and move to one 
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we love about living in the City, i.e., 
restaurants, museums, galleries, 
sporting events and more, are 
simply not open now. This seems 
a good time for them to relocate 
to a place with more room. We are 

As some of the oldest tenants 
in the history of Cubberley, we 
would like to ask that the city and 
PAUSD prioritize the leases that 
we and other Cubberley-based 
organizations have in place,” Don-
aldonado wrote to the board. “We 
are part of the cultural fabric of 
Palo Alto and of the neighbor-
hood identity of south Palo Alto.”

Jon Keeling, chief instructor at 
Silicon Valley Karate, said some 
tenants, including himself, would 
be willing to pay a little bit more 
to stay at Cubberley. Keeling said 
the tenants constitute a real “com-
"We're doing our best, but it's a 
=puzzle," O'Kane said. “We're try-
ing to fit tenants where we can.”

The council did not fully dis-
cuss the new arrangement, though 
several council members asked 
staff about what will happen to 
the nonprofits on the district-
owned side of Cubberley. Vice 
Mayor Tom DuBois said he would 
like to see the city retain the abil-
ity to incrementally rent more 
space from the district if needed. 
“(This whole puzzle) is one 
community center. The only thing that’s holding back 
Cubberley is that it’s dilapidated,” 
Keeling said that he might be 
able to find another site in the area 
with similar rent. But that sense 
would be lost if the city and the district don’t 
allow the nonprofits to remain. 

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When Councilwoman Alison 
Cormack asked at the Tuesday 
meeting whether the school district will assist organi-
izations whom the city is unable to 
help, O’Kane said that this would 
be up to the school district. Su-
perintendent Don Austin, howev-
er, indicated at the school board 
meeting, which was taking place 
concurrentlly, that the district has 
no interest in being a landlord.

“Austin and school trustees em-
phasized that the terms of the new 
lease were spurred by the city’s fi-
nancial situation.

“We are not buying a car. We’re 
repossessing a car we once 
owned. We didn’t ask for the car 
back,” Austin said. “The city is in 
a position where they needed to, 
according to their finances, walk 
away from the car, in this case 
Cubberley, and we’re taking parts 
of it back.”

Outside groups that currently 

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Cormann

Spring Is a Bit Late
But It’s Here

Dear Monica: We really want to 

sell our house and move to one 

with more land, where we can 
have a garden, and yet still be 
close to our family and friends. 
We don’t know if this is a good 
time to list our house. What do 
you think? Alicia D.

Dear Alicia: Yes, it could be a very 
good time to sell your house. 
The last months of sheltering in place 
slowed the market considerably but 
it looks now like it only delayed it. Buyers still need houses 
and like you, many are looking for 
a more comfortable place to be 
with more land, if available and affordable. Many city dwellers are 
moving to the Peninsula to do this 
and also because the things they 
love about living in the City, i.e., 

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LIFE IN QUARANTINE  
BY THE NUMBERS

How the COVID-19 pandemic has changed daily life

INFORMATION COMPILED BY LINDA TAAFFE | DESIGN BY KEVIN LEGNON

Two months into the stay-at-home order nearly every sector of life along the Midpeninsula is moving ahead at a new pace: Real estate activity and consumer spending have plummeted, but so have pollution, traffic and overall crime; schools and cities are preparing for massive budget cuts while hospitals are seeing an unprecedented outpouring of donations; and unemployment has surged along with local volunteer efforts. The pandemic is changing how we live and has revealed the community at its best and worst along the way.

To show how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted daily life, the Palo Alto Weekly has woven together local and national numbers into this by-the-numbers graphic.

**HOUSING | REAL ESTATE**

### Rent & mortgage

1 in 4

- U.S. households unable to pay full rent/mortgage in April

### Local housing relief

- **Santa Clara County COVID-19 Assistance Fund**
  - $11.25M Amount raised in 14 days
  - 2 hours before fund was depleted

- **Community Services Agency**
  - 25 Monthly rental-assistance checks issued prior to pandemic
  - 120 Checks issued first 2 weeks after shutdown
  - $1.8K Average amount of each check

#### Real estate

Palo Alto's residential inventory was on pace with 2019 during January to mid-March with 133 new listings on the market compared to 134 during the same time last year. After the shutdown on March 17, market activity dropped 40%. In May, inventory surpassed last year’s numbers after open houses were reinstated.

#### New homes on market

- **Palo Alto**
  - 2020 (March 17-April 30) 2019 (March 17-April 30)
  - New inventory: 49 77
  - Homes taken off market: 23
  - Homes in contract: 36 54

### Commercial development

- Silicon Valley
  - 50% Expected decrease over the next year

### Housing permits

- Statewide: 20% Expected decrease over the next year

### New homes on market

- **Palo Alto**
  - 2% Increase after open houses reinstated (compared to same time last year May 1 - May 18)

### ECONOMY

#### Small businesses: Will you reopen?

- **18%** Definitely reopen
- **12%** Reopen, reduced service
- **11%** Likely will not reopen
- **58%** Undecided

To gauge the impact of the economic shutdown, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce surveyed local businesses in mid-April.

#### Consumer spending

- **Silicon Valley purchasing activity**
  - **25%** Restaurants
  - **59%** Retail stores
  - **97%** Hotel/lodging

- **63%** Specialty food, beverages
- **23%** Grocery sales

Compared to same time last year, week ending on April 15
### PALO ALTO CITY BUDGET

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- **Revenue losses**
  - **-43% Sales tax** $36.1M → $20.1M
  - **-44% Hotel tax** $26.6M → $15M

- **$42.2M Budget shortfall**
- **$196.6M Current General Fund**

### PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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- **Shortfall $2.7M**
- **Total Budget $256M**

- **$16K** Spent on hand sanitizer
- **$1.7M** School lunches Facility rentals
- **$1M** Distance learning Essential staff salaries

### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

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### TRAFFIC | CRIME

- **50% Fewer cars on Bay Area roads during first day of stay-at-home order**
- **40% DUIs**

### UNEMPLOYMENT

- **1 in 6 Americans out of work**
- **2022** Year employment projected to return to peak levels nationwide

- **April jobless rate**
  - U.S.: 14.3%
  - State: 15.5%
  - Santa Clara Co.: 11.7%
  - Palo Alto: 5.5%

- **Major temporary layoffs**
  - Palo Alto/East Palo Alto:
    - 263 Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley
    - 243 Fish Market Restaurants
    - 209 Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Sources:
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Lydia Kou seeks fresh term on City Council
Council’s leading proponent of ‘slow growth’ pledges to fight efforts to densify city
by Gennady Sheyner

City Councilwoman Lydia Kou, who over the past four years established herself as one of Palo Alto’s most strident opponents of dense developments and Sacramento housing mandates, plans to pursue a new term.

In a Thursday message, Kou announced her intention to seek re-election and pledged to balance what she called the city’s “unrestrained growth,” improve government transparency and fight the state Legislature’s attempt to “take away local control over zoning and other basic city decisions.”

With the announcement, Kou became the first council incumbent to announce re-election plans. Mayor Adrian Fine and Councilman Greg Tanaka, who are both affiliated with the council’s more growth-friendly faction, are also eligible to run for another term. While both are expected to do so, neither has formally announced his decision.

The May 28 announcement marks the beginning of Kou’s third council campaign. A real estate agent and a longtime neighborhood volunteer with a focus on emergency preparedness, Kou became enmeshed in the city’s land-use battles in 2013, when she emerged as one of the leaders of a coalition that opposed the council’s approval of a zone change that would have allowed the development of a 60-apartment complex for low-income seniors and 12 single-family homes on a former orchard site on Maybell Avenue. Residents overturned the zone change in a referendum that year, dooming the project.

Kou and two other opponents of the project, Tom DuBois and Eric Filseth, all ran for the council the following year. While DuBois and Filseth both won the 2014 election, Kou fell just short. She ran again in 2016 and gained a seat on the council. Since then, the Barron Park resident has been the council’s chief critic of commercial developments, even as she advocated for programs that would help low-income residents. A member of the council wing often known as “residentialists,” she supported the council’s decision in 2018 to shrink by half the citywide cap on non-residential development in the Comprehensive Plan. Even as Filseth has emerged as the council’s most centrist member and DuBois has shown a willingness to compromise and collaborate on various land-use issues, Kou has been consistent in her opposition to most new developments and to housing bills like state Senate Bill 50, which would relax local zoning standards to allow more housing development.

While Kou has supported the city’s Housing Work Plan, which aims to spur more housing production, she has argued that the city should primarily focus on below-market-rate housing. She supported the approval of the Wilton Court development, which is set to break ground later this year and which will include 59 units for low-income residents and adults with disabilities. She also joined her colleagues in voting to contribute $10 million in public funds for the project.

She and DuBois have also focused their housing efforts on renters and low-income residents. In 2017 and in 2018, they proposed capping rent increases (the council ultimately rejected the idea). Last year, they had more success in advocating for a “safe parking” program that would devote parking lots to vehicle dwellers. (The city is now moving ahead with establishing such a program at local churches.)

On the topic of housing, she has frequently clashed with Fine, who supports housing for all income levels, including market rate, and who has been Kou’s leading ideological opponent on the council. During recent budget hearings, Kou has been an advocate for restoring funding for teen programs and for reducing spending on capital projects such as the reconstruction of the fire station at Mitchell Park. In her announcement, Kou alluded to the city’s projected $40 million budget deficit and to her disagreement with some of her colleagues over capital projects. The council majority, she wrote, “is slashing city services, but not the ‘unfunded’ capital improvement projects or generous salaries for city staff, to meet this deficit.”

Kou framed the current political debate in Palo Alto as a clash between “those who say Palo Alto must become more dense” and those who want to preserve the city’s traditional character and retain what she calls “livability for residents.”

“There is a vocal faction demanding Palo Alto be a ‘world class’ city,” Kou wrote. “But what does this term mean? Does it mean having more headquarters of famous corporations, even though their biggest ‘contribution’ is their out-of-town employees clogging Page Mill, Oregon Expressway, Charleston, Arastradero, Embarcadero, and El Camino?”

Kou also criticized state legislators and regional agencies who she said are planning for “substantial population growth.”

“Lacking detailed knowledge of the city’s differences, these unelected officials have imposed unrealistic planning goals and housing targets,” Kou wrote.

In discussing her platform, Kou said she would limit zone changes that “favor individual developments at the community’s expense” and “limit exemptions to developers, businesses and employers in order to reduce parking, traffic, pollution and noise.”

She also said she would ensure that businesses and employers “pay their fair share of all city expenses, including infrastructure costs.”

“I believe Palo Alto is at a crossroads,” Kou wrote. “Do we retain our single-family residential areas, expand our community-serving businesses and retain our unique character? Our village? Or, do we change our zoning and land-use regulations to allow for severe densification and morph into a large urban center?”

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**News Digest**

**Stanford projects cuts, layoffs**

Stanford University projects a $267 million loss from the first six months of the coronavirus shutdown, is planning for program reductions, layoffs and budget cuts in the next fiscal year.

In an announcement issued Wednesday, President Marc Tessier-Lavigne said the university was hit by declining revenue and increasing costs, trends that he anticipates continuing — and worsening — well into the next fiscal year.

Housing revenue will remain low due to fewer students living on campus, and programs that generate revenue will continue to be limited by gathering and social-distancing limitations; and income from clinical, research and philanthropic work “will be challenged,” Tessier-Lavigne said, while expenses in some areas, such as student financial aid, will increase.

Stanford’s $27.7 billion endowment will continue to be affected by “market volatility,” the president added, “given the seismic disruptions occurring in the national and global economies.”

Stanford has to date taken one-time measures to address its budget shortfall, including tapping reserves; instituting a salary freeze, hiring pause and pay cuts for senior leadership; reducing departments’ discretionary spending; and pausing approvals of all new capital projects.

Looking ahead, Stanford has asked all university units to prepare budget plans based on a scenario with a 15% reduction in funding from endowment payout and a 10% reduction from general funds.

Stanford has also called for requests for allocations from the endowment and general fund by June so budgets can be finalized in July.

—Elena Kadvany

**Teachers union asks for face shields, testing**

Masks, face shields and testing, more custodians and nurses, and guaranteed pay for any teachers who are exposed to the coronavirus and must quarantine are among requests Palo Alto Unified’s teachers union is working to negotiate with the school district for the next academic year.

The district released its first proposal and a counterproposal from the Palo Alto Educators Association on working conditions for this fall, assuming secondary schools reopen with a mix of in-person and online instruction. The provisions, while still under negotiation, also paint a picture of what school might look like in the fall for middle and high school teachers and students. (Planning for the elementary schools is happening separately, with the district working to prioritize more in-person attendance as possible for younger children.)

Under the proposed memorandum of understanding, students at the middle and high schools would be divided into two groups that attend school in person on alternating days — one group on Mondays and Thursdays and the other on Tuesdays and Fridays — and learn from home the other days. In-person classes should be capped at 12 students, and the union is in negotiation.

Wednesdays would be a “blended teacher day” to give teachers time to collaborate, hold office hours and work on lesson planning. The union also is asking the district to provide personal protective equipment, including masks, disposable gloves, face shields, masks to wear over their clothes, hand sanitizer, hand-washing stations, Plexiglas shields or three-sided cubbies for work that requires people sitting closer together, as well as testing for the coronavirus or antibodies. The school district and teachers union began negotiations on May 20.

—Elena Kadvany

**Places of worship reopen in parts of state**

Places of worship and in-store retail shopping can now reopen statewide, with limitations, the California Department of Public Health announced Monday. 

Under new guidance, places of worship can hold religious services and funerals that limit attendance to 25% of a building’s capacity — or up to 100 attendees, whichever is lower.

Retail stores can reopen for in-store shopping. Both require approval by the county department of public health. 

Despite the state’s relaxation of public health restrictions, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties continue to operate under stricter stay-at-home orders, and residents of these counties must abide by the local regulations.

The new guidance for religious services and cultural ceremonies encourages institutions to continue online services and activities to protect the public “as much as possible,” but for more drastic measures of COVID-19, including older adults and people with specific medical conditions.

Organizations wanting to reopen for services and funerals must develop a detailed plan of prevention for each location.

Also under the updated state order, libraries can now offer curbside pickup of materials.

—Sue Dremann

**In a pandemic, local wildland firefighters face new challenges**

Social distancing, evacuation planning, budget restraints factor into the new paradigm

Fire. Drought. Pestilence. It’s a recipe for a big-screen apocalyptic movie. For California’s wildland firefighters, the scenario that could become all too real in the coming months in the first summer of COVID-19.

As fire season work and early start to the fire season indicate that the state — and the Bay Area — could be in for at least an average fire season, heads of local fire agencies said. Already, between Jan. 1 and May 17, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) fought 1,321 fires, roughly 25% above the five-year average, according to the agency. Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service combined have fought 1,486 fires on 2,201 acres so far.

COVID-19 will add layers of complexity to fire fighting and preparation for the deadly coronavirus will likely impact everything from evacuations during power shut off to staging for command centers seen as too crowded to mutual-aid responses when a rapidly moving blaze breaks out, local and state fire chief said.

This week, as temperatures soared along the Midpeninsula and with vegetation drying out, staff at multiple agencies said they are planning how best to manage and protect their personnel and the public with the coronavirus in the population.

Fire personnel challenges

There are new logistics to attend to: where to place and how to space out management teams in incident-command centers. To ensure teams can keep social distance, they might have to work in multiple areas, said Mike Marcucci, deputy chief of Cal Fire’s Santa Clara Unit. The same holds true for responders’ quarters.

“The issue is with base camps, where we feed and house everyone,” Marcucci said. “We may have to have multiple, smaller camps. It’s easy to do in a wide, open area, but it’s harder in Santa Clara County,” where there is less wide-open space.

California has 58 counties. Each has a separate health department that determines the rules related to:\n
- Processing of the coronavirus, adding different sets of procedures to follow and learn, he said.

- Separating front-line crews is less of a challenge.

“A 150-acre fire is the equivalent of 150 football fields, so it’s easy to social distance,” he said.

Palo Alto Fire Chief Geo Blackshire said that while protocols for fires might remain the same, other disasters, such as an active-shooter event, that are not as predictable will require different logistics that agencies are trying to strategize.

Marcucci said an important source of manpower — prayer pastor — could also be affected by COVID-19. Under U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s social-distancing guidelines, few inmates are now being housed. When a current inmate is released on parole or returns to the system, he said, guards and captains are not replacing the person.

“We may have a lack of crews. That’s constantly being evaluated as well,” he added.

Besides firefighters, the numbers of civilian engineers, dog handlers and others who take part in search-and-rescue and wildfires might also dwindle due to COVID-19, whether they are infected or not, said Harold Schapelhouman, chief of Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

“I don’t know what their comfort level is” in working amid the pandemic, he said.

By June 1, he’ll bring back all personnel who were off duty or working at home. His department is also back in rotation for the federal Urban Search and Rescue program, which means he will send crews to other states to assist after hurricanes, floods and fires.

Teams coming from other areas to offer mutual-aid are likely a concern now due to the spread of COVID-19.

“I think probably we’re coming from a hot spot. I’m not sure they will want us,” he said.

Wildlands and search-and-rescue teams have been debating for a month about how a base camp and command post will be set up in the COVID-19 age. One conclusion: “Everything will have to be bigger — everything,” Schapelhouman said.

The last thing anyone wants is an outbreak of sick firefighters on the front lines.

“You don’t want to put 70 to 80 people together. It’s a recipe for disaster,” he said.

S Chapelhouman’s crews have not gotten COVID-19, but he knows it is lurking out there. The fire district recently ran its 100th COVID-19 medical call, which now represents about 20% of the calls it receives, he said.

Despite his personnel constantly being tested for fever and decontaminating the environment, Schapelhouman was confident that at some point members of his district will contract the disease.

A large number of sick firefighters, who could be out for weeks or months, could put a strain on the department. The scenario is more than theoretical. In March, a San Jose firefighter unknowingly brought the disease into his firehouse, a place where teams live together like family during their shifts. He attended a career-development training course and spread the virus among participants. More than 20 people were later tested and infected with the disease. Some Menlo Park district firefighters were there, but fortunately they were on the other side of the room from those who were infected, Schapelhouman said.

He said the dangers of firefighting are a given, but those who contract COVID-19 could face severe symptoms and complications.

“Smoke — anything respiratory — fever, dry cough, virus, and (breathing) smoke stresses the system,” he said.

COVID-19 strains firefighters’ mental health as well, Blackshire said. The disease creates anxiety among staff who are concerned about their exposure to infected personnel. “It’s not only the disease to the disease to their families. The city’s Employee Assistance Program and fire department wellness groups have also added both physical and spiritual health resources, including a department chaplain, and peer and professional confidential counseling. The department does
not keep records of how many first responders and firefighters are using the services due to COVID-19 concerns (nor related to any other incident) due to privacy, he said.

**Protecting the public from the coronavirus**

Blackshire said that evacuating residents, whether during a wildfire or massive power outage, such as during high-wind events last year, which ignited some wildfires, is a challenge. Residents will need to follow health orders and social distancing protocols; law enforcement will need to be cognizant of how to move people during an evacuation. Before, the occupancy limit in an evacuation center was based on the size of the space. Now, accommodations for social distancing and ensuring people wear masks will be the dominant considerations, he said.

“Evacuations will now be more complicated. We need to have multiple places to put people,” he said.

Marcucci agreed.

“The thought is now that if you have to evacuate a community, you put them in open-air areas where you can put easy-ups. The short-term solution used to be if we had a mass evacuation, you put people in hotels in individual rooms instead of congregate settings such as dormitories or school gymnasiums. In group centers, they might have to add partitions, masks and air purifiers.

Evacuations might take place sooner to give people more time to move to safe areas, or they might be moved further away to accommodate social distancing requirements, he said.

**Reduced services as budgets are slashed**

COVID-19 is also affecting fire departments’ bottom lines. With lower tax revenues as a result of the economic shutdown, departments are seeing their funding being cut. The Palo Alto City Council approved a revised budget on May 26 that slashes city staffing — including five positions in the fire department as well as emergency medical technicians — to eliminate about $38.8 million from the 2020-21 budget.

As a result, Palo Alto’s fire department is planning to institute a series of “brownouts” of fire stations when employees are out sick or on vacation, which could temporarily close some stations when staffing levels are too low.

The department would also increasingly use county paramedics for emergency services. Blackshire told the council on May 12. Response times and the ability to handle multiple calls concurrently would be reduced on evenings and weekends with some calls being handled by the county. That could lengthen emergency-response times: County ambulances take twice as long as Palo Alto Fire’s to arrive at an incident, Blackshire said.

In Menlo Park, Schapelhouman said he is making plans to protect his department as much as possible. He is saving $6 million in anticipation of as much as $11 million cuts from the fire budget.

“We’re concerned about what’s coming — whether it’s going to be a double, triple or quadruple whammy,” he said.

One potential safeguard, however, is the state. Despite its own massive deficit, California is expanding its wildfire prevention program this year, and those resources will help locally. Newsom announced earlier this month that the state budget proposal adds $85.7 million to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection budget to hire 600 staff, which will help when there are multiple fires throughout the state.

In addition, the Innovation Procurement Sprint process, an executive order signed in April 2019, would add $4.4 million from the state’s general fund on top of $7.6 million to enable Cal Fire to implement new, pioneering wildfire prediction and modeling technology from last year. The wildfire-predictive software program performs hundreds of millions of simulations daily, over large geographic areas and generates predictions and wildfire forecasts based on simulated or reported ignition points throughout the state.

The state plans to add 24 new fire engines and four incident command units by July 1 and new Blackhawk helicopters.

“We’re not going to step back despite the economic headwinds,” Newsom said.

State legislation also now requires investor-owned utility companies to provide $5 billion for fire prevention, including fuel-management projects to reduce fire hazards on 550,000 acres this year. Utilities, including Pacific Gas and Electric, are also making more investments in undergrounding utility lines, vegetation management in their right-of-ways, constructing fire-weather stations and supplying more air support for fire control. The state has created a fire advisory committee and the Public Utilities Commission will have a wildfire safety division embedded in the agency, Newsom said.

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But while the changes at the desk may be subtle, getting into and working around the office might feel a little more invasive. For example, temperature screenings at the entrance and exit could be implemented to determine whether an employee can come to work. In March, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission added temperature checks as an acceptable precaution employers can take while complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the practice could last throughout the pandemic.

“The temperature checks will be pertinent as long as there is a public health crisis, according to the CDC and state and local health authorities,” Christine Nazer, a spokesperson for the Equal Employment Commission, said in an email.

Some companies are offering digital surveillance tools that help employers monitor their workers' health. Kastle Systems, a security services provider, recently developed a system that includes thermal cameras that reveal body temperatures and video surveillance that tracks personal contact between employees. With it, people can be notified through an app if they’ve been in contact with someone at work who has tested positive for COVID-19.

At a virtual town hall meeting hosted by Stanford University School of Medicine, David Studdert, professor of medicine and law, said an immunity certification program — already in use by the Chilean government and being considered by the White House — also could be an option for the private sector.

The certificates would essentially act like passports that provide proof of immunity from the coronavirus, which could be used to exempt a person from restrictions, such as the ban on social gatherings and going into work.

Studdert pointed to several legal and ethical concerns with such a program, however, including fair access for workers. Getting a certificate would require the person to have access to testing, Studdert said, and the certificate could turn into a new form of “social apartheid.”

In addition, the World Health Organization released a report last month stating there isn’t sufficient evidence that people who recover from COVID-19 will be protected from a second infection. “There is not enough evidence about the effectiveness of antibody-mediated immunity to guarantee the accuracy of an ‘immunity passport,’” the report stated. “People who assume that they are immune to a second infection because they have received a positive test result may ignore public health advice. The use of such certificates may therefore increase the risks of continued transmission.”

The office is here to stay — and that includes your home

Some firms, notably tech companies such as Google, have already embraced the home office, extending full-time work-from-home policies until next year. Facebook said it will allow employees to do so permanently. But the options put forth by Cushman & Wakefield, governments and surveillance companies tell a uniform message: Working from home is only a part-time crutch, not a full-time solution.

“I don’t see the office going away,” Cardone said. “I don’t see everybody just going to work from home from now on.”

When the spread of the virus slows down and stay-at-home restrictions are lifted, Cardone said, a gradual re-entry into the office would be the ideal option, with some employees working from home so others at the office can remain physically distanced.

Nicholas Bloom, a professor of economics at Stanford University who published a study on the benefits of telecommuting in 2015, said in an interview that many companies will have employees work from home half-time, post-COVID-19.

“The most common model is: in the office Monday, Wednesday, Friday and then work from home Tuesday, Thursday,” he said. “If it were me, what I would do is say, ‘When the lockdown ends, it’s your choice.’

In a recent study conducted by Cushman & Wakefield, which analyzed more than 40,000 responses, results showed that 73% of participants want to have that flexibility.

Productivity reached an all-time high through remote work, but social bonding and connection between employees suffered the most, with little more than half of respondents saying they feel connected to their colleagues.

Not everyone, particularly younger workers, enjoy the work-at-home experience.

“Young people or people newly into the workforce are not as experienced or necessarily skilled in the specializations of that organization,” Cardone said. “So much of their learning is done through their neighbors in the office — now they’re at home and they no longer have access to those people so conveniently.”

Younger people also struggled the most to adapt to the new work environment, the report stated, since they often live in shared spaces with housemates or their parents.

“The workplace will no longer be a single location, but an ecosystem of a variety of locations and experiences to support flexibility, functionality and employee well-being,” Brett White, executive chairman and CEO of Cushman & Wakefield, said in a press release.

“Naturally, there will be a decrease in commuters, but Bloom suggested that it’s far from the death knell for the office building. It’s the exact opposite, he said, especially for suburban cities such as Palo Alto.

As companies decide to keep employees at home half-time, Bloom believes this could usher the demand for offices outside of highly congested cities, such as downtown San Francisco, and into two- to three-story suburban office spaces near employees’ homes.

“This could potentially be a boom for Palo Alto office real estate,” Bloom said.

Beyond the physical work-space, Cardone said that the pandemic has forced companies to re-examine how they interact with employees overall. Workers’ concern for health and safety is at an all-time high, so companies will need to prove to their employees that it’s safe to come back to work.

“It’s forcing organizations to communicate with their workforce in a different way and that’s a fantastic thing,” Cardone said. “We have a much higher demand for executive communication to inspire confidence to encourage us to go back.”

“Those organizations who dropped the ball on communications in the coming months, I think will actually fail.”

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reduction. It would also eliminate 26 full-time-equivalent positions that are held by part-time workers, a move that impacts about 100 employees. Chief Financial Officer Kiely Nose told the council.

The Palo Alto Shuttle program, which runs along two routes, would be shut down entirely; park maintenance would be reduced; and the city’s footprint at Cubberley Community Center would shrink, creating uncertainty for the various nonprofit groups that have been subleasing space at the eclectic but dilapidated campus for years. (See story on page 7.)

The budget that the council approved by a 6-1 vote, with Councilman Greg Tanaka dissenting, is based on the council’s assumption that the local economy will take many months to recover from the debilitating impacts of the economic shutdown. With the city’s sales- and hotel-tax revenues plunging over the course of the shelter-at-home order that the county enacted more than two months ago, the council is expecting to see a $38.8 million drop in revenues. The budget includes about $196 million in general fund expenses, a 20% reduction from the budget that the city was considering before the pandemic.

On Tuesday, the council concluded a series of public hearings that had lasted for more than 30 hours of debate before voting on a budget that none of us was thrilled about but that nearly all deemed acceptable. “I hope there’s not going to be another year like this,” Councilwoman Liz Kniss said at the conclusion of the Tuesday meeting.

The council’s Tuesday task was made somewhat easier by the roughly $3 million that the city expects to save in the general fund from cuts to managers’ salaries. Shikada announced last Thursday that the roughly 230 employees in the city’s “managers and professionals” group, the only group not reduced by union, had agreed to concessions that represent about 15% of their compensation. He said he will be taking an additional 5% pay cut.

Shikada also indicated Tuesday that management continues to talk to other labor groups about similar concessions, which could potentially mitigate some of the cuts. The discussions, he said, are “proceeding positively.”

Tanaka voted against the budget after his colleagues rejected a series of motions that he proposed at the conclusion of the marathon meeting. He suggested that the city forgo a computer upgrade that Shikada had proposed. He also suggested that the city has too many managers and requested a “scope of control” analysis at City Hall (the council rejected both of these proposals).

While Tanaka said he hopes to see other labor groups participate in the “shared sacrifice” of balancing the budget, he and his colleagues weren’t requiring on any further concessions as they approved budget cuts for nearly every department.

The new budget restores six of the positions in the Police Department that were on the chopping block in the prior proposal. The council approved restoring positions in information management, animal services and investigations divisions. As a result of the Tuesday restorations, the council will no longer have to limit hours in the public lobby or shut down weekend service for animal control. More critically, patrol officers would not have to take up functions that have been traditionally held by civilians, Nose said.

“We really restored a lot of civilian staffing so we can make sure police officers will focus on patrol and they won’t be distracted by other collateral duties that would creep into the scope of their work with reduced civilian staffing,” Nose said.

The department, however, still stands to lose 21 positions, seven of which are currently vacant. And the Fire Department is still planning to switch to a “brownsout” model that could result in temporary closures of stations when staffing levels are too low and increased reliance on county paramedics for emergency services.

Park maintenance would now be slashed by 25%, not 50% as originally proposed. And the Lucy Evans Interpretive Center in the Baylands would be open half the time after July 1, the start of the fiscal year, rather than completely shuttered, as previously proposed.

“We are not impacts that we take lightly to bring forward, and (we) recognize the significance of the impact to the community and to our workforce, quite frankly,” Shikada said.

The cuts that the council approved Tuesday leave the city with a $744,000 surplus, which council members agreed to revisit in the fall. That fund is expected to pay for programs that are now in limbo because of the COVID-19 pandemic but that may become more viable later in the year, when public health orders are no longer in effect and when transit ridership starts returning to its pre-pandemic levels.

The council also agreed to cut $300,000 from the city’s annual allocation to the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association, a nonprofit charged with reducing solo-driver commuting and encouraging people to take transit.

With the nonprofit’s mission getting increasingly tricky in the era of social distancing, the council agreed to provide about $450,000 in funding for the Palo Alto TMA rather than the usual $750,000. The $300,000 would be used to support local businesses in recovering from the shutdown, potentially by helping to facilitate outdoor dining on commercial strips.

In approving the budget cuts, council members acknowledged that the process has been extremely unusual, both because of the magnitude of cuts and because of the deep uncertainty about what recovery will look like.

“This isn’t anything that anybody likes to do but it had to be done, and I think we got to a workable place here,” Councilman Eric Filseth said.

Some residents thought the budget cuts should go even further, singling those for the Children’s Theatre, which would see $720,000 less in funding, and the Palo Alto Art Center, which would lose about $450,000.

Alvin Hom, a Gunn High School graduate and former performer at the Children’s Theatre, was one of many residents who asked the council to retain funding for the popular facility at Lucie Stern Community Center.

“Performing on stage showed me how much I enjoy making other people laugh and smile,” Hom said, recalling his time at the theater. “It taught me the importance of enjoying life and made me want to find other ways of spreading happiness in my community.”

Others urged the council to preserve community services by making further cuts in infrastructure spending. A group of 20 residents, including former mayors (Pat Burt, Peter Dukmeier, Lane Wheeler), neighborhood leaders (Becky Sanders, Sheri Furman) and past and present members of the Parks and Recreation Commission (Ed Lauing, Keith Reckdahl, Jennifer Hetterly) and the Planning and Transportation Commission (Dan Ratcliffe, Neel Keller) submitted a letter asking the council to rethink its priorities.

“By modestly reducing the historically high investments in big capital projects, re-bidding projects, and curtailing salaries and raises, we can eliminate the most severe cuts to employees and our critical, highly valued services,” the letter states. “At the same time, the city can ensure it has an adequate reserve fund to be able to meet essential needs if the economy worsens more in the coming month.”

The council stated that some projects in the proposed plan, including public art and proposed Rinconada Park improvements, should be reconsidered to offset some of the cuts to services.

“We’ve all seen that we had a crash in TOT (transient-oriented tax), but we have not adjusted the capital plan in accordance with the funding sources that were really driving the ability to move forward on that very aggressive schedule of new problems,” Burt told the council. “A very minor, modest adjustment to that pace, corresponding to the decline in revenue dedicated to that, would allow probably full restoration of the service cuts that are being discussed.”

Despite the lobbying, however, the council approved only minor changes to the city’s capital budget for the coming year.

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Elisa Spurlin, owner of Peabody Fine Art Gallery and Framing, brings some framed pieces to customer Christine Tagadi during a scheduled pickup in Menlo Park on May 27.

GEORGE GLEIM, CEO of Art Gleim the Jewelers at Stanford Shopping Center, hasn't seen a big uptick in sales since Santa Clara County's loosened regulations went into effect on May 22, and she said it's too early to tell if it will make a meaningful impact. But Gleim said she is hopeful overall. Since the beginning of the shutdown, people have continued to walk through the shopping center to patronize food stores such as Schwab's Meats and Sigona's Farmers Market, so the store has remained visible to passersby, she said.

"We can't wait to open up fully. We miss our customers," she said.

The shopping center's website currently lists 13 stores other than restaurants that are offering curbside pickups, from Williams-Sonoma to Edwards Luggage to Macy's.

"We still can't do our regular taste experiences, I like to meander and touch things. Amazon and Zulily are getting a lot of business from me, though," she said by email.

Crescent Park resident John Guislin said he and his wife used curbside pickup early during the shutdown for groceries at The Market at Edgewood. But they are still wary of the risks and limit their exposure.

"Now that we are more 'comfortable,' 'knowledgeable' or whatever the right word is, we go to shops infrequently but very early in the day, wear masks, bring our own sanitizing wipes and spend as little time as possible in shops. I do not think we will use curbside shopping in the near term," he said in an email.

But other residents have found stores that make curbside pickup an attractive option.

Downtown North resident Neilson Buchanan said in an email that he has used curbside pickup as opposed to delivery from local businesses, which he said is too expensive.

"Ace Hardware will bring stuff to their front door to avoid customer entry. I shopped curbside at Home Depot and Best Buy. It is slick and easiest. You park in a numbered stall, phone or text the stall number, then someone shuttles the stuff to your car. The stall-and-delivery concept is probably the safest way to limit viral vectors," said Buchanan, retired CEO of El Camino Hospital.

Crescent Park resident Greg Welch has used curbside shopping and thinks it's a good idea.

"I have used three 'curbside' pick-ups: at The Market at Edgewood for full grocery orders, at the Sundance Steakhouse to pick up a 'cook at home' meal, and Taverna Sundance Steakhouse to pick up a 'cook at home' meal, and Taverna for take-out. All worked great, and even post-pandemic I think this would be a great service for them to continue if at all possible. Whenever we've done these, we've also called friends and family to see if we can pick them up anything, as long as we're out," he said.

Elisa Spurlin, owner of Peabody Fine Art Gallery and Framing, brings some framed pieces to customer Christine Tagadi during a scheduled pickup in Menlo Park on May 27.

Cheeky Monkey's Chow recognizes that, especially for business- es that sell the types of merchandise that hers does, customers too easily turn to online retailers during the pandemic.

"It really requires the customer to make that extra step and say, ‘You know what, I’m going to support my local business,’” she said.

Chow said she’s ready, when health officials are, to move into the next phases of reopening her shop. She’s in the process of changing the entire layout of her 4,000 square-feet store so that customers can practice physical distance while browsing. She’s also drawing out ideas on how to get children interested in toys without the use of product demos kids used to be able to play with. Chow’s meanwhile, is looking further ahead: Madan and the staff are strategizing for a shift in buying patterns, particularly during Christmas, the time when retail businesses make the money that pays the bills for the rest of the year.

"It’s clear retail is going to be impacted for a very long time," he said, noting that health department and state protocols and social distancing could go on for many months.

"It’s clear we have to work even harder. We’re not relying on a tradi- tional transaction model,” he said.

With new programs and services such as at-home consultations with a bookseller, Kepler’s staff — like other local retailers — are trying to reinvent the shopping experi- ence for customers in ways that will be both safe and appealing.

"It’s going to take a lot of new thinking," he said.

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Upfront

rent space from the city on property that the school district is
resuming ownership of will be evicted, Austin said.

“The city has been made aware over and over again that PAUSD is
not and will not supplement leases if any leases continue on our por-
tion of the land that we’re reclaim-
ing,” he said. “I know that sounds
cold, but our district was not de-
designed to do land management or
to supplement leases.”

The district is now eyeing Cub-
berley as a means to enable so-
cially distant learning if schools
reopen in the fall. Teachers could
give and film live lectures in larg-
er rooms with space to accommo-
date more students, Austin said.

He and district administrators
have been walking the 35-acre
campus and will soon draft plans
for use of the district’s share.

“There’s no doubt that there’s
some space there that can benefit
our district, especially in a time
when social distancing is an is-
sue,” he said.

O’Kane said staff plans to bring
the new lease to the council for
approval in mid-June. If the coun-
cil approves the lease, the district
would take possession of its share
of Cubberley on July 1.

This wasn’t something we
looked for or invited or tried to
bring about,” board President
Todd Collins said. “We would
have been happy with the prior
relationship, but the city needs to
do what the city needs to do.”

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A resident of our fair town recently posted the following rejoinder to busybodies (like me) who complain about people who refuse to wear face masks in public: “If you say I’m wearing a mask, I can confirm, dear neighbors, that the hiker in question is in good company. A very large number of our fellow citizens are also ignoring this simple public health directive. Accordingly, although I address my comments to the anonymous posters, I invite the rest of the town to listen.

To begin with, I would respectfully suggest that there are exactly the type of folks — huffing and puffing, sneezing and wheezing — who should be wearing a mask, if not for their own health, then for the rest of us. At the very least, it can be worn around the neck and raised to cover nose and mouth when, like Olympic, we encounter a stranger on the path.

If that’s too much to ask, and one finds oneself gasping for air in the foothills, here’s a quick mental exercise to try: Picture yourself — or one of your parents — gasping for air in an intensive care unit, strapped to a gurney, plugged into a ventilator, shrouded in a plastic tent, surrounded by health care workers dressed as if they have just come from outer space, as your lungs slowly (or quickly) turn into a brick and your family pays their final respects to you on Zoom.

I am mildly asthmatic and I know a bit about breathing: CO2, CO2, CO2. I cannot imagine my teen-age children seeing me in such a condition. I am hereby formally renouncing the right to help them out if we, for our neighbors, and for the health care workers, spare us the dissecting machine and an umbrella.

Perhaps our maskless hiker is thinking, “But I’m young and healthy and I’m not shedding any toxic, virus-laden droplets, so why should I inconvenience myself?” My response is simple: Nobody knows that. Period. Full stop. Even someone tested last week has no idea whether they were subsequently exposed to this deadly virus and are at risk of infecting others.

Look up the word “asymptomatic” in the dictionary. Did any of those well-documented “super-spreaders” of the virus deliberately set out to infect their fellow churchgoers, family members or teammates? Unlike.

Yes, it’s an imposition, but let’s put it in perspective. I grew up hearing stories about World War II and the ‘impositions’ my parents’ generation were asked to endure as the war raged: blackouts in London; Victory Gardens in Chicago; ration cards; donations of everything from blood plasma to scrap metal in support of the common effort.

By contrast, wearing a face mask in public doesn’t seem like too a lot to ask. Hyperbole, you say? There seems to be some misconception that, because we appear to have “flattened the curve,” the war against the coronavirus has been won. Sorry to punctuate that particular fantasy, but the point of flattening the curve is not to shorten but precisely to extend the length of the pandemic so as to negate our health care system in its early stages (as happened in New York and Milan).

It’s worth recalling, in this regard, that the Spanish flu of 1918 came in waves: the first was relatively mild and many politicians dismissed it as seasonal flu (sound familiar?). With people’s defenses down and their immune systems compromised, the second wave struck in September and went on to kill between 50 and 100 million people, depending on who you read and how you count.

It’s only May. Barring a miracle (or a presidential decree), this battle against the virus will be with us for a long time. About a thousand Americans are dying from it every day. The fake news calls it “an incalculable loss.” I agree.

Our pervasive sense of denial is abetted by the sheer unrealness of it all: gentle breezes are blowing; melodious birds are singing; fragrant flowers are blooming; the foothills beckon... and by the time this column is published, 100,000 Americans will have lost their lives and 40 million will have lost their livelihoods.

I finally begin to understand the genius of the Surrealists with their melted clocks and improbable contrasts: Lautréamont’s “chance juxtaposition of a sewing machine and an umbrella on a dissecting table” suddenly feels banal and everyday.

So please, reluctant face coverers, spare us the dissecting table (and the autopsy table) and wear the damn mask. It’s not that hard, and refusing to do so is anti-social, irresponsible and unethical.

Let’s all do it for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for the doctors, nurses, paramedics and ambulance drivers who are, literally, dying to help us out if we, or the stranger who passes us on the hiking trail, gets sick.

Barry Katz is a longtime resident of Palo Alto’s Venture district. He is a long-distance runner, a mild asthmatic and prides himself on being an asymptomatic public nuisance.

Letters

Keep the Children’s Theatre alive

Editor,

Not every child living in a suburban community is into team sports. The typical sports program alienated all three of my children from the moment they went to school. The uniforms were fun because they were like costumes, but sports weren’t who they were. They were artistically motivated children, who loved music, drawing and performance.

When they were younger, we lived near the railroad crossing where the suicides occurred; it was terrifying. They saw too much, and I kept wondering what could be done to help teens. Once Palo Alto started talking about sustainable, healthy steps to improve the mental health of youth in this town, I was heartened.

Teen Arts Council is one of the many excellent initiatives that came out of the suicide crisis. Artistically minded children and teens have a difficult time

Guest Opinion

The ‘unmasking’ of Palo Alto

by Barry Katz

in Palo Alto. I say this because I have seen it evolve, and being part of productions, whether in a technical role or a side part, creates community. Being mentored by the staff creates a whole community of truly caring witnesses to a child’s development. Palo Alto Children’s Theatre is so much more than a theater for children. It is a community!

In addition, the Children’s Theatre is a safe home for the Teen Arts Council. Both my teens have been active participants under the kind, observant and skilled leadership of the Children’s Theatre staff. I challenge anyone to find any program of its caliber and efficiency anywhere in the United States. The teens lead themselves — running concessions sales at Children’s Theatre Young Playhouse, using those funds to hold music, open mic, film and literary events, among others. Their events are created by creative, artistic teens for their peers, under the safe, instructional guidance of Children’s Theater staff. I cannot imagine my teenagers being the successful people they are now without the Children’s Theatre.

On behalf of all the parents of quirky, creative, talented, unique Palo Alto kids, I say this: The City Council must keep the Children’s Theatre open. It is a lifeline for the very teens whose mental health we must pay attention to.

Please keep the Children’s Theatre alive!

Mary Akatiff Cudahy
Center Drive, Palo Alto

District should let students weigh-in

Editor,

As the school year draws to a close and the Class of 2020 celebrates with car-parade graduations, it is becoming more and more apparent that the upcoming school year will not see things return to normal. Instead, the Palo Alto Unified School District has proposed block schedules that will have two groups of students attending school on alternating days.

While these are only preliminary plans, many of my friends are concerned and justifiably so. They want more clarity on exactly how students will be divided and whether the district will take grade level or sibling relationships into account. In addition, student clubs are a major component of student life. How will extracurricular activities be addressed?

My teachers have said that they will need to prepare multiple lesson plans (in-person and distance learning) for the upcoming school year because nothing is set in stone yet.

I know that this is an unprecedented time for all of us and every decision is a step into uncharted territory, but I hope the district will accept student and teacher input into its decision-making process.

Hannah Zhou
Greer Road, Palo Alto

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Answers on page 23.

Across
1. Cocktail “invented” in 2020 that can include vodka, gin, honey, Emergen-C, or whatever you feel like drinking
11. Items in a self-checkout station question
15. Out of uniform
16. Model Nordegren once married to Tiger Woods
17. How long USPS bulk mail takes to get across the country
18. Only
19. Tennessee team, for short
20. Part of some fire extinguisher instructions
21. Sink to the bottom
23. Yellow bloomer with a bovine name
25. Key beside Q
27. Bishop’s hat
28. Wee drink
30. Intimidating, unhelpful advice from a coach
32. “A cartoon by Robert ___” (common “SNL” credit in the ’90s)
35. Part of BCE
36. Org. in TV’s “The Rookie”
37. Hither’s counterpart
38. Sidekick and Samurai, for two
41. “Chandelier” singer
42. Some hosp. scans
44. Exceed
45. Memento accessory
47. Word before mirror or humor
49. Abbr. for some Spanish teachers
50. Hokkaido city known for its beer (and headquarters of Hokkaido Brewing Company)
51. 2001 “Lady Marmalade” contributor
52. Remove from packaging, a la YouTube videos
53. Being green, in a way
54. Output from Frida Kahlo or Mary Cassatt
55. Legendary bebop trumpeter
56. Manufacturer with a red and yellow logo
57. Halts
58. Syllable for the Swedish Chef
59. Figure not found in an appellate court
60. Kind of pay or day
61. Library penalty
62. Pleasant feeling, to reggae fans
63. Body officially demoted on August 24, 2006
64. “Vive le ___!”
65. Game, in French (the plural is heard in “Games Without Frontiers”)

Down
1. Migos rapper who received his high school diploma in 2020 (at age 29)
2. Items in a self-checkout station question
3. “I don’t want the issue of Hobbes’s reality settled by ___ manufacturer,” Bill Watterson
4. Being green, in a way
5. Output from Frida Kahlo or Mary Cassatt
6. Org. whose March Madness was cancelled in 2020
7. Namely
8. “It’s settled”
9. Society page notation
10. 12 Legend of Zelda video game
13. Bills and other legal advice
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This week’s SUDOKU

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Wonderful updated 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom traditional home in the sought-after Green Gables neighborhood. Home includes a bright LR/DR combo with fireplace, oversized windows and a door to the rear patio; a lovely eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances; a Master suite with bay window seat, walk-in closet and an elegant bathroom with frameless glass shower; and two additional bedrooms with spacious closets and large windows. Indoor laundry room, handsome engineered oak floors, and central air conditioning add to the appeal. This home of 1,427 SF (with room for expansion) + a 2-car attached garage is perfectly situated on a generous lot of 6,600 SF. The outdoor areas include a welcoming courtyard with strawberry trees and a rear yard with an expansive patio with oversize pavers, hot tub, fresh lawn, and a cozy fire pit area. Centrally located to: Main Library, Art Center, Jr. Museum & Zoo, Children’s Library & Rinconada Park. Excellent Palo Alto schools: Duveneck Elementary, Greene Middle, Palo Alto High.