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Outrage, frustration spill onto the streets

Protesters march, take a knee, block highway to show solidarity with Black Lives Matter
by Lloyd Lee, Kate Bradshaw and Sue Dremann

With fists raised and signs held high, thousands of protesters marched through Menlo Park, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto this week against police brutality and racism in the wake of the death of George Floyd, who was killed while in Minneapolis police custody last week.

For some older residents, the demonstrations recalled prior ones — events they’d hoped to leave in the past, including the turmoil and unrest set off by the Rodney King beating — while for younger residents, this week was the first time many had stepped forward to organize action against injustice.

A protest on Wednesday afternoon that started at Jack Farrell Park in East Palo Alto and ended about a mile away at Bell Street Park was the brainchild of 15-year-old Alanna Stevenson.

“I felt like God was telling me: Use your voice and use the attitude and power you have to protest for what things are right,” Stevenson said in an interview. “I don’t care if my parents said ‘no,’ all respect to them, but I was still going to protest even if I had no one behind me or if I had everyone behind me.”

By the time the Menlo-Atherton High School student asked for her parents’ permission, she had already shared — from her phone, in her room, via her Instagram account — a digital flyer that quickly went viral within her community.

Menlo-Atherton’s Black Student Union club shared the post on its own social media platforms as did Youth United for Black Lives Matter.

“Fearing looters, stores take action to protect property

Despite anticipated threats, no mass looting occurs in the Midpeninsula on first night of curfew
by Lloyd Lee

With the Midpeninsula already stirred up in recent days over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police, some local shops took precautions Tuesday as warnings spread that organized looting rings could strike their businesses.

Around 6 p.m., racing to beat a newly instituted Palo Alto curfew of 8:30 p.m., two groups of contracted workers were sawing beams of wood as they boarded up a Gap clothing store and Burberry, the luxury fashion brand, at Stanford Shopping Center.

By then, the entrances of Victoria’s Secret, Macy’s, Apple, Banana Republic and Neiman Marcus, among others, were already bolstered with thick slabs of wood. Bloomingdale’s, North Face, Tommy Bahama and Free People were among the upscale mall’s risk takers that chose not to barricade their doors Tuesday night.

Keeping watch over the shopping center, mall security guards were joined by a Palo Alto police unit. In recent days, Palo Alto police have been particularly concerned that looters might target the outdoor mall.

On May 31, police received information that looters were planning to come to the mall, and within an hour, between 50-100 cars arrived and circled the shopping center, a city press release stated.

The curfew took effect Tuesday night and prohibited residents from being out in public between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. It was intended to protect the city from organized rings of looters, whom police warned might target the Midpeninsula’s outdoor mall, among other retail areas.

But after just one night, during which the city saw no violence or property damage, Shikada announced late Wednesday afternoon that he and Police Chief Robert Jonsen would evaluate the status of the curfew on Thursday. He and Jonsen “hope to remove the curfew, if circumstances warrant, as of June 4,” the announcement stated. They followed suit with the city’s own social media platforms as did Youth United for Black Lives Matter.

Curfew dropped after backlash

City manager said the decision was prompted by apparent threats to commercial districts
by Gennady Sheyner

City Manager Ed Shikada’s sudden decision on Tuesday to impose a curfew in Palo Alto until June 11 immediately faced a backlash from residents, civil rights advocates and former City Council members, who called the move a legally dubious police “overreach” that will chill free speech.

On Thursday, Shikada issued a statement that quickly went viral within her community.

“Outrage, frustration spill onto the streets

Protesters walk by a boarded-up Apple Store in downtown Palo Alto on June 1.
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SEWING WARRIORS ... For Cathy Murphy, sewing masks for families of Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford has turned her hobby into a business. She gets to pick out the fabric for the face coverings, which she and about 15 volunteers must make sure have fun designs for the recipients, many of whom are family members of patients. “These people are in so much pain... To have something that's pretty or light-hearted is an absolute advantage,” she said. Eight weeks into the effort, the group had produced 2,575 masks as of June 5. Murphy, who chairs the Hearts and Hands volunteer group, has previously served as the point person for handmade items benefiting the facility. When the need for personal protective equipment set in and the hospital began accepting donations of masks, Murphy and her group got to work. The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health has provided about 20% of the group’s fabrics, thread and elastic (the latter of which has been hard to come by). The other 80% come through donations. The project is personal for Debbie Fowler, a volunteer and retired nurse whose own children (now adults) were born premature and hospitalized for several months. “Just to be able to do something during this whole pandemic, it’s been very rewarding, and giving you a feeling of... empowerment,” she said. Anyone interested in joining the effort can contact Murphy at MmiasPackard@gmail.com.

A FRIENDLY FACE ... Who’s the gentle, kind and furry creature ready to walk halls of Santa Clara County Superior Court? It’s Percy, a 2-year-old black Labradore from Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office has brought in to help victims of traumatic crimes as they enter various court proceedings, such as defense interviews, competency hearings and trials. “It’s truly difficult for victims, especially children,” District Attorney Jeff Rosen said in a press release. “They are scared. They are intimidated. And yet, we need them to trust us. Percy will be there to comfort and calm them.” Court facility dogs are also around in about a dozen jurisdictions in the country. The four-legged friends undergo two years of intensive training before they enter the workplace. Victim Services’ grants have funded Percy’s care and training. While few court proceedings are taking place due to the pandemic, Percy and his handlers — Victim Advocates Elvia Enriquez and Marla Lopez — are staying busy waiting in court to attend training sessions in preparation for the day when postponed hearings can resume.

MAKING HISTORY IN REAL TIME ... Your daily-to-daily routine, along with your daily activities during quarantine, may seem like nothing special, but actually, it could be something for the history books. That’s why the Los Altos History Museum recently put out a call for submissions asking Santa Clara County residents to share their experiences of what life is like under lockdown. Submissions will be compiled for the museum’s permanent collection. “We’re hoping for submissions that show a broad range of experiences, maybe something as simple as a diary entries, photos, videos — what we’re hoping is that we can preserve these things that right now exist only on our computers or on our phones. If the museum is holding on to them in some way, then that ensures that they get preserved,” said Exhibit Curator Amy Ellison. At the moment, for safety’s sake, the project is seeking only digital submissions, but will accept other types of materials whenever the museum reopening whenever stay-at-home orders are lifted, Ellison said. Submissions have included a table of contents, diaries, section of letters, everything from a link to a blog about everyday life during the pandemic to a poem about the experience. For more information on how to contribute to the collection, visit losaltoshistory.org/documented-covid-19-in-santa-clara-county.
Palo Alto’s seniors celebrate an unconventional graduation from their cars, but not without joy

Superintendent: ‘It was a high point in a year that needed a high point’

by Elena Kadvany

The city of Palo Alto showed up to celebrate its high school seniors on Wednesday evening. On the night that would have seen the Class of 2020’s traditional graduation ceremonies, Palo Alto’s sidewalks and street corners were instead full of people cheering, waving pots and pans and holding congratulatory signs as seniors and their families drove in an ebullient car parade around the city.

After a citywide “shout-out” at 5:30 p.m., graduates from Palo Alto, Gunn, Castilleja and Kehillah high schools wearing their caps and gowns piled into cars decorated with giant 2020 balloons and messages such as “just graduated” and “congrats to all SIP graduates.” They leaned out of windows and sunroofs of honking cars and took pictures of the throngs of people cheering them on.

“The fact that Palo Alto organized all of this for seniors ... I feel really grateful and it really means a lot that they’re acknowledging the sort of loss that we’ve all had,” Castilleja senior Bridget Sullivan said. “It definitely makes up for it that the community started coming together.”

In interviews, graduates were at once excited, nostalgic and somber about the current moment. They’re graduating in the midst of a global pandemic, after three months of quarantine, and with their city under curfew amid unrest stemming from the death of George Floyd in Minnesota. Many cars in the parade were also decorated with references to Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement.

“It’s a crazy time of history to live through,” Gunn graduate Tess Anderson said. “It’s definitely made my senior year more memorable.”

Anderson, barefoot but wearing her black cap and gown, stood in her driveway surrounded by family (including her older sister, who is graduating from college) and neighbors cheering loudly and using noisemakers. She’s considering taking a gap year after learning her college, the University of British Columbia, plans to offer online-only instruction in the fall. She said she’s still looking forward to all the typical changes a newly graduated senior faces: “to make some decisions about where to go in life ... to learn new things and see new places.”

In one Midtown neighborhood cul-de-sac, parents of graduating seniors organized a makeshift graduation ceremony before the car parade. Paly seniors Kailee Correll, Sophie Stier and Ivory Tang walked in a loop down their block while “Pomp and Circumstance” played. Neighbors came outside to cheer and bang pots and pans, and a young girl handed them each a bouquet of flowers.

At the end of the loop, they tossed their caps into the air. Correll is planning to attend Northeastern University in Boston in the fall. She said she’s going to miss seeing her friends every day at school and the journalism program, where she wrote for C Magazine, Palo’s arts and culture magazine.

With so much unrest and uncertainty, she said she’s trying to “just live in the moment right now.”

Tania Nanevicz’s backyard was also set up for a mini commencement ceremony on Wednesday for her two daughters, one graduating from Paly and the other from The Girls’ Middle School. A tent was strung with a “Class of 2020” banner and tables were covered in confetti.

Nanevicz said her daughter has made the most of the unexpected ending to her senior year, reminding her mother that they have their health and safety. She asked her mother not to post any graduation photos to social media on Wednesday, worrying it would detract from the George Floyd protests.

“The resilience of the kids who have had so many things canceled ... so many things that they looked forward to and not having it, and still they’re keeping their heads up,” Nanevicz said.

For Paly graduate Kayla Stitt, the parade made taking the step out of high school feel more tangible and official.

“It hasn’t really hit me yet,” Stitt said. “I feel older, but that’s about it. Maybe more independent. My dad drove me to school when I was a freshman and now I’m driving myself.”

At Paly, Stitt was captain of the lacrosse team, though due to the school closures she didn’t play a single game this semester. She’s headed to California Polytechnic State University in the fall and plans to live on campus regardless of whether there are in-person classes or not.

“I would love to be a teacher,” she said, adding that she wants to pursue a liberal studies program and minor in Spanish as a pathway...
to a bilingual teaching credential. Gunn Principal Kathie Laurence was stationed at a prominent corner outside of the school as cars poured by; she was surrounded by cheering teachers and staff. She helped organize the event just in the last week or so after Santa Clara County gave the green light for car parade graduations.

“I’m just so proud of them all and the way they handled the loss and disappointment,” she said of this year’s seniors.

Students weren’t the only ones saying goodbye to high school. Letitia Burton, who has taught living skills at Paly since 2000, stood at the corner of Embarcadero Road and El Camino Real to see her last graduation ceremony before she retires. Burton was wearing a traditional West African robe in Paly green and a graduation stole made out of Kente cloth. She waved a tambourine to passing students, some of whom reached their hands out to her or shouted “Thank you, Ms. Burton” as they turned the corner onto Embarcadero Road.

Burton said she always attends her students’ graduations.

“Graduation is like one of the big rites of passages that we have, and it’s important to our kids, the community and the family,” she said. Especially in these times, Burton added, “We need to celebrate.”

Superintendent Don Austin spent the parade standing outside the district office with senior administrators. He said the event made him unexpectedly emotional.

“It caught me part way through how much I’ve missed seeing smiling kids,” he said. “To see so many smiling kids and parents and even just people lining the streets, some of whom had no current connection to school or our students — it was the community event that I had hoped could happen.”

The school district is still planning to host an in-person graduation for the Class of 2020 in December, but the parade felt so positive there was discussion Wednesday about whether it could become a permanent, additional tradition in years to come.

“It was a high point in a year that needed a high point,” he said.

There’s more graduation coverage, including photos and profiles of six seniors, starting on page 17. Editorial Assistant Lloyd Lee contributed to this report. Staff Writer Elena Kadvany can be emailed at ekadvany@paweekly.com.

Paly graduates Sophie Stier, Ivory Tang and Kaillee Correll toss their caps in the air in front of friends and family in their Palo Alto neighborhood on June 3.

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Palo Alto could close University and California avenues to traffic four days a week to promote outdoor dining. The city also began setting up parklets this week in front of Rooth and Peninsula Creamery.

University, California avenues could close to traffic, providing relief to restaurants

Santa Clara County to allow outdoor dining starting June 5

by Elena Kadvany

Palo Alto’s two main thoroughfares, University and California avenues, could be closed to traffic four days a week to allow restaurants use of the streets to serve diners under a pilot program the city is considering.

City Manager Ed Shikada announced the plan in a May 29 message to owners of businesses on the two streets.

“We could be ready to implement street closures to support your business recovery and active customer enjoyment,” Shikada wrote.

The exact timing of the closures is a bit uncertain: When Shikada announced the program, he anticipated it could begin as early as June 4; however, after he initiated a 10-day citywide curfew on June 2 in response to threats of organized looting, plans for street closures were put on hold until the weekend of June 12.

On Thursday morning, Shikada announced that the curfew will end immediately, a week earlier than initially planned. He also told this news organization that the plan to close the two commercial thoroughfares remains a “work in progress,” with some details yet to be ironed out, but that the closures are now slated for some time next week. In the meantime, the city is working with businesses to create parklets and expand their capacity for sidewalk dining, he said. (Parklets extend the sidewalk into existing parking spaces.)

The ongoing work includes construction of parklets in front of Peninsula Creamery on Emerson and Rooth on University, he said.

Local restaurant owners up and down the Peninsula have been advocating for street closures to help sustain their businesses as they gradually reopen with restrictions. Cities including Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City, Los Altos, San Carlos and San Mateo are considering closing street's traffic to and giving restaurants more outdoor space to operate.

Palo Alto’s initial plan proposed closing University between Waverley and Emerson streets, and California between El Camino Real and Birch Street. After feedback from owners, the city extended the University closure to Cowper Street and the California Avenue closure to Park Boulevard.

The pilot closures would initially run from Thursday mornings through Sunday evenings, though some owners have said they would prefer a seven-days-a-week closure so it won’t be necessary to set up and break down tables and chairs four days a week, possibly causing confusion among customers about when streets are closed.

“There’s nothing to suggest from our initial proposal that if it were very well received that we wouldn’t expand both in terms of days of the week and duration,” Shikada said during a Zoom call this week with California Avenue business owners.

They also discussed ideas for how to handle access for customers and third-party delivery app drivers picking up takeout, including using side streets or potentially parking lots.

Some University Avenue owners, however, oppose the whole idea, worrying it will cause a drop in retail sales like when the city closed streets in 2018 for a yearlong downtown upgrade project. They’re instead pushing the city to help build parklets — quickly — outside restaurants and businesses.

Guillaume Bienaime, owner of French restaurant Zola on Bryant Street, said parklets are a better solution for the downtown area, where more restaurants are on side streets, unlike University Avenue.

“Allowing us to build parklets is both equitable and a much better solution in the long run,” he said.

The City Council allocated $300,000 on May 26 to help with “business support” efforts, including outdoor dining. Palo Alto is exploring full- and part-time street closures, expanding outdoor seating through parklets and temporary closures of parking lots and offering businesses signage so customers know they are open, according to a city blog post.

In an online survey conducted by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, local business owners — including restaurants, retail stores, hotels and professional offices — expressed support for the street closures. Of 36 University Avenue business owners who responded to the survey, 61% said they were “strongly in favor” and 39% were “somewhat in favor.” Of 20 California Avenue business owners who responded, 70% said they were “strongly in favor” and 30% were “somewhat in favor.”

The order also permits stores that have been restricted to providing curbside service since May 22 to allow customers to shop inside. It also allows dog grooming businesses to reopen.

The decision to loosen some of the restrictions that have been in effect since March 17 is based on the continued progress toward reducing the number of new COVID-19 cases, increased testing and other key metrics that officials are using to guide their response to the pandemic. The county announcement notes that hospitalization rates remain low and steady across the county and that outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities have been successfully contained. In addition, case investigation and contact tracing capacity is “steadily increasing and is staying ahead of demand,” the announcement states.

Dr. Sara Cody, the county’s health officer, said in a statement that COVID-19 has been particularly devastating to low-income communities and communities of color.

“The global pandemic is ongoing, and we must continue to protect the health and well-being of our entire community, especially those most vulnerable,” she said. “We are unable to serious illness and death from COVID-19.”

Cody said, “Public Health is about ensuring health in every sense of the word: from diseases like COVID-19, and from social and economic instability on our mental health, too. For all those reasons, we have chosen to be measured in how and when we reopen.”

The order will allow cities like Palo Alto to advance their plans to close streets to traffic and make them available for outdoor dining, subject to guidelines from the county. The specific guidance for restaurants is brief, related only to serving diners from the same households and social distancing.

Outdoor dining gives people access to food “at a relatively low risk of transmission,” an appendix in the updated order states.

“Because food service will be limited to outdoor areas, the overall volume of increased activity will be modest,” it states. In addition, interactions and activities that occur outdoors carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions and activities.

Restaurants must limit outdoor tables to six people each, all of whom must be from the same household. All tables must be placed 6 feet apart to allow for social distancing.

The county also will allow alcohol to be served with meals but not separately; bar areas must stay closed.

The county’s latest order largely followed the guidance of Gov. Gavin Newsom, who in recent weeks has been steadily loosening restrictions across the state economy to reopen.

Bay Area counties, which have largely marched in lockstep since the March stay-at-home orders, have taken slightly different approaches to reopening. San Francisco and San Mateo counties each eased restrictions for curbside retail before Santa Clara County.

On Monday, health officials from all six counties issued a joint statement saying that they will each make decisions on what to reopen and how quickly to do so “based on the data related to the specific conditions in our communities, as well as our joint assessment of broader regional trends.”

“As we open additional sectors, we are relying on businesses to consistently follow social distancing guidelines to help reduce the risk of variability in public health guidance to protect their employees and customers,” the officials stated.

Relaxed rules take effect on June 5

by Gennady Sheyner

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family and offered to help redirect the flow of traffic as people marched.

The result on Wednesday was a protest by 20-year-old Jacob Virges. Hundreds of protesters chanted “No justice, no peace” (and some others attached, “No racist police!”); a few prayers bookended the march; and a searing poem confronted a blunt truth: “They killin’ blacks so they can white out the truth and this is real/They said we trust in God on every dollar bill.”

Shawneece Stevenson, Alanna’s mom, was a little caught off guard when she found out her daughter already sent a social media blast. But she wasn’t so surprised that Alanna, who went to her first march in East Palo Alto about eight years ago, would want to organize a protest.

“In East Palo Alto, we value kids’ voices,” Shawneece said. “Someone reminded me of East Palo Alto history: It was youth who got 3M (Environmental Technologies) out of our community. It was youth who made a big difference in the community,” she said, referring to the hazardous waste management firm in East Palo Alto that was shut down after members of YUCA filed a federal civil rights complaint.

Many young people, along with adults of East Palo Alto and the greater Bay Area, turned up Wednesday at Jack Farrel Park. Even those who didn’t know who exactly organized the protest knew what they had come for.

“The color of your skin shouldn’t be a reason for you to think something bad about somebody,” said Delores Moore, a 13-year-old East Palo Alto resident.

Moore, who saw the video of Floyd’s murder, remembers her experience with racial prejudice as early as kindergarten, when her peers refused to play with her because she was black.

Even for an injustice that occurred 2,000 miles away, Saqura Ruffin, 16, of Pinole, said it was important that people marched in East Palo Alto and “get the word out everywhere.”

“I have a black brother, I have a black father and I have black friends who are males at school,” Ruffin said. “The fact that this happens means that it can happen to my brother, it could happen to my black friends — it can happen to anybody and it’s just scary to think that it could happen to anyone.”

In multiple speeches at Jack Farrel and Bell Street, the elders of the protest repeated to the younger generation of the crowd to enact change by voting.

“What you can do to stop this: vote,” Stephen Ashford, 45, shouted. “If you don’t like Trump, vote him out.”

City leaders participate, but youth lead the way

Wednesday’s demonstration was but one of a series of protests that have taken place since last week, including a Sunday silent protest held outside of Town & Country Village shopping center in Palo Alto, where many condemned Floyd’s death from the corner of El Camino Real and Embarcadero Road.

Two rallies on Monday were also led by students. At a protest in Menlo Park’s Burgess Park, a group of people knelt on the lawn in total silence for nine minutes to mark the amount of time the Minneapolis police officer knelt on Floyd’s neck on May 25, killing him. Only the sounds from Community Action (YUCA), an East Palo Alto-based youth organization focused on social justice and environmental issues, which also provided staff and other resources on the day of the protest. Even the city’s police department reached out to the Stevenson

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to hear an update from the Expanded Community Advisory Panel. It then plans to adopt an ordinance suspending the levy of assessment against businesses within the Downtown Business Improvement District; direct staff on next steps with the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan; consider establishing a pension funding policy; and discuss outdoor dining and retail. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 8.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will discuss COVID-19 updates, the proposed 2020-21 budget and a performance evaluation of law firms, among other items. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. The meeting will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 28 and midpenmedia.org. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by going to paused.zoom.us/j/97888498129 or dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6242.

POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee is scheduled to discuss the status update of the business registry audit; get an update on the audit of parking funds; and consider delaying the review of the council’s travel policy protocols. The virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 966 7491 2520.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to review the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan with a focus on whether it’s consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and discuss the economic analysis of potential changes to the city’s inclusionary Below-Market-Rate program. The virtual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10. It will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 26 and midpenmedia.org. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 966 7491 2520.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the response by the Human Services division to the COVID-19 emergency; consider avenues for the commission to respond to the death of George Floyd and ongoing racial inequities and discuss the commission’s workplan. The virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. Information for how to participate by Zoom was not immediately available but will be posted at paloaltoonline.com.
nearby birds could be heard.

The protest was organized by 16-year-old Menlo-Atherton High School student Daniel Roman, who said he was feeling frustrated.

Pulling together the demonstration was a first for him, and he was nervous, he said in an interview.

Like Stevenson, he created an online invitation to see if people would be interested in holding a small protest of 40 to 50 people. Word of the event quickly exploded after the May 29 invitation spread on social media, and by the time it began, he said, RSVPs had ballooned to 430.

There to help lead the rally were more experienced activists: Henri Shane, a junior at Kehillah Jewish High School in Palo Alto, and Erin Jinishian, a senior at Menlo-Atherton. Shane and Jinishian met while working at True Food Kitchen in Palo Alto and began attending climate strike rallies together. They said they found the activism empowering and offered their experience to Roman when they learned what he was planning.

They said they’d been worried the event could get unruly, though it didn’t.

“That’s the risk you take,” Jinishian said.”That’s part of protesting.

Both Menlo Park’s mayor, Cecilia Taylor, and police chief, Dave Bertini, offered remarks in support of the diverse group of protesters.

Taylor, the first African American woman to serve as mayor of Menlo Park, told attendees that she is the fourth generation in her family to experience racial profiling.

“That, for me, as an elected official, I want to change while I’m in office. That’s part of my duty,” she said. “I stand on the shoulders of my ancestors. But I hurt too. I fear for my stepsons’ lives. I fear for my nephews’ lives every day. ... I fear for my husband’s life. And all I can do is pray, and make change with policy and continue to connect with people who want to have comprehensive conversations about change in America, about change in our cities, about change in our communities.”

Bertini said that the police officers present were there to protect the protesters.

“We understand your anger,” he said. “We are here to keep you safe.

Before and after the nine-minute silence, people shouted chants such as “No justice! No peace! No racist police!” and “What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!”

After the silent protest, the group marched from Burgess Park to El Camino Park in Palo Alto along Alma Street, where it reconvened for speeches and remarks.

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City leaders condemn police brutality, vow to protect demonstrators

Police chief: Officers are committed to providing ‘safe space’ for peaceful protesters

by Gennady Sheyner

Responding to waves of protests against police brutality that have swept the nation, Palo Alto’s city leaders publicly on Monday condemned the killing of George Floyd while in Minneapolis police custody and offered their support to peaceful demonstrators.

Hours after protesters staged peaceful demonstrations in Menlo Park and Palo Alto, the city’s mayor, city manager and police chief all expressed support for those fighting for racial equality. City Manager Ed Shikada and Police Chief Robert Jonsen issued a joint statement with Pastor Paul Bains of Saint Samuel Church in East Palo Alto (who serves as Palo Alto police chaplain) and the Rev. Kaloma Smith, chairman of the city’s Human Relations Commission and pastor of the University AME Zion Church in Palo Alto.

Peaceful events like those that took place in the city and their necessary calls for change, “should outshine the acts of violence taking place in several communities,” Shikada, Jonsen, Bains and Smith wrote in a statement.

“We condemn the actions and inaction of the police officers in Minneapolis who do not tolerate or condone this type of behavior in Palo Alto at any level,” they stated. “Their actions have had a tremendous impact on all police officers serving communities like Palo Alto all across our great nation.”

The Monday actions followed a period in which the city has been facing its own questions about police brutality and transparency.

In December, the City Council voted unanimously to revise the agreement with the city’s independent police auditor to specifically exclude internal personnel matters from the auditor’s purview. The action followed media reports about a high-level officer using a racist slur against another officer, who is black.

A month prior to that action, the council approved a $572,500 settlement with a resident of the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park, who was forcefully arrested in front of his home and mocked by the supervising officer. Days after that settlement, the city was hit with a claim for a July 2019 incident in which a man was taken down and arrested in front of Happy Donuts — an altercation that had left him with a concussion and a broken orbital bone. The claim is seeking $3.85 million in damages from the city.

The joint statement alluded to those incidents and said that no police department is “immune from public scrutiny, nor should it be.”

“Even here in Palo Alto, the actions of a few officers in the past may have caused our community to question their commitment to the law and policy,” the four stated. “However, through mutual respect, trust and a deep regard for the Constitutional rights of all, we remain more steadfast today than ever before in our commitment to address this country’s pressing issues.”

Speaking during Monday’s council meeting, Jonsen called Floyd’s death “a tragedy that shouldn’t have happened” and tied it to the nation’s broader racial disparities.

“Our country is failing to address the core systemic problems that we’ve been facing for years,” Jonsen said. “We have made such little progress as a country in correcting the many other racial and socio-economic disparities that contribute to the divisive breaks in the community that we’re seeing now.”

As a police chief, he said, he is also saddened and deeply concerned about the “welfare of the thousands of men and women in the law enforcement profession who have always served this community with professionalism and respect and are being violently attacked defending lawful protesters and property of others, while also trying to maintain the peace throughout our country.”

Jonsen expressed appreciation for the peaceful demonstrators, whom he called “a great example for others to follow.” The department, he said, is committed to protecting all people who are exercising their right to peacefully demonstrate. He also said the department will “hold personnel accountable when necessary” and provide transparency to enhance public trust.

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How important is having Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection in Santa Clara County to you?

As our community faces serious public health challenges, it is essential that Valley Water continues to provide Safe, Clean Water & Natural Flood Protection for all. Valley Water plays a vital role as part of the greater public infrastructure system and providing reliable drinking water supplies during emergencies is one of our top priorities.

The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, a parcel tax overwhelmingly approved by 74% of voters in 2012, is putting your tax dollars to work to make sure your drinking water is safe. Projects funded by the program are also making steady progress to protect residents and businesses from flooding and sea-level rise. At the same time, we are working to repair and replace our aging dams and expand our reservoirs to ensure we have enough water even in the face of natural disasters or droughts. Through steady collaboration with our city partners and the community, we are reducing toxins, hazards and contaminants in our waterways by removing litter from encampments.

We know our community is contending with new challenges such as emergencies, natural disasters, climate change, population growth, and uncertain imported water supplies. We are seeking your input as we explore potentially updating and enhancing this program to meet Santa Clara County’s current and future needs.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District is now known as Valley Water.

Please visit www.SafeCleanWater.org, where you can learn more about the program and take two minutes to add your voice to the Community Input Survey.
Protests (continued from page 11)

from students and adults who wanted to share their thoughts. A second student-led protest around 3:30 p.m. Monday involved an estimated 100-200 people, who took their march to U.S. Highway 101 as Palo Alto police units sought to manage the traffic disruption. At about 4 p.m., protesters crossed the Oregon Expressway overpass and walked onto the freeway, blocking northbound lanes. A California Highway Patrol unit was sent to the scene, police dispatchers said.

By about 4:30 p.m., with East Palo Alto police officers blocking northbound highway lanes, the chanting crowd mostly exited the freeway near University Avenue and then headed west over the overpass and toward downtown Palo Alto.

The group of youth assembled at King Plaza outside of Palo Alto City Hall, where they got down on one knee together and raised their fists in the air. Their rally ended at about 5:40 p.m.

Procession to Facebook, Zuckerberg's house

A few of the area’s protests didn’t appear to need an organizer — or had multiple leaders — nor any particular destination.

On Monday evening, a long motorcade continuously circled the Menlo Park-East Palo Alto area, with Menlo Park police officers and San Mateo County sheriff’s deputies directing the procession by blocking off certain parts of the streets or following from behind.

Many people sat on the window sills or sunroofs of their cars, holding signs and chanting, “Black Lives Matter.” Hip-hop music was the soundtrack of the evening with rapper YG’s “FDT (F--- Donald Trump)” regularly blasting out of several cars.

East Palo Alto residents watching from street corners or the front lawns of their home said they’ve never seen and heard so many people demonstrate before in their community.

“(Protests) usually move to the larger cities,” said Ziva Delrio, 25, a 14-year East Palo Alto resident. “We’re such a small community, so we don’t get these kinds of numbers that would feel like it would make a difference. It’s really nice to see my city do it. That’s why I forced my mom to come out with me.

“I grew up here. I live among these people, people of color,” she said. “I’m a person of color, so I feel for their pain.

“It was so aggravating honestly,” Delrio said of Floyd’s death.

“There’s so many other places on the body that you can put your knee on without putting so much pain on a person and still being able to do your job properly.”

J.T. Faraji, 43, an East Palo Alto-based artist who previously led a protest against a $9.1 million donation from Facebook to help expand the Menlo Park Police Department in 2017 and helped lead Monday night’s rally with the aid of a megaphone, said the protest represents a long battle against overpolicing in his area of the city.

“This is a fight we’ve been fighting — against criminalization in our neighborhood, overpolicing in our neighborhood — and it’s all linked in with this police murder,” Faraji said. “It’s not just George Floyd. It’s all these things that have been accumulating.”

He acknowledged that some police officers feel as outraged about brutality as he does.

“One moment that made me really proud tonight was seeing several East Palo Alto police officers...
Tom Collins
October 13, 1934 – May 22, 2020

Tom Collins of Palo Alto died May 22, 2020. Tom was a terrific dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, husband, and friend. Tom was born in 1934 to Bill and Ora Collins in Danbury, Iowa. Tom started college at Creighton, but soon began work at Beneficial Finance. Tom and Marge married and had their daughter, Ann Collins (Jones), in 1955. They lived in Indiana until 1965, when they moved to Palo Alto. Tom continued to work for Beneficial in both San Francisco and the Peninsula. In 1982, Tom finished his bachelor’s in finance at the University of San Francisco. Tom retired from Beneficial but continued to work in the mortgage business. Tom and Marge made many spectacular trips and traveled frequently with Ann and her family. Tom was a dedicated photographer, and he would return from trips with hundreds of stunning images. Tom and Marge especially loved Yosemite and as “Pumpkin Productions” planned a decade-long series of Halloween parties at the Ahwahnee. Tom and Marge made annual trips to Iowa and Missouri to visit Marge’s family Bill, Ellyn, and Bob Theobald and Tom’s nephew Jim Crockdale. After Marge’s death, Tom traveled yearly to Italy with Ann. Tom gained Hilary Johns as a son-in-law in 1986; grandsons Will in 1988 and Nick in 1991; granddaughter-in-law Emily in 2017; and great-grandchildren Theobald and Tom’s nephew Jim Croxdale.

Tom loved ocean fishing and poker, and he was involved in many community activities and political campaigns. Tom and Marge loved their many Gordon Setters; in later years, Tom would faithfully walk their many good friends in Palo Alto and beyond. With good friends, a social event held at Tom’s and Marge’s house would draw a crowd of some 150 people on the third floor of their home. Tom’s family will hold both graveside services at Nishnabotna cemetery in Iowa and a reception in California. For Tom, who was able to live both well and independently until his death, at a later date, Tom’s family will hold both graveside services at Nishnabotna cemetery in Iowa and a reception in California. For those who have been in close contact with others at large gatherings are also encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 within three to five days and to watch for any symptoms of the virus. Testing facilities can be found at several settings, as Staff Writer Elena Kadvany contributed to this report. Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner can be reached at gsheyner@paweekly.com.

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### POLICE CALLS

**Palo Alto**

- **May 28-June 3**
- **Violence related**
  - Assault: 1
  - Attempted suicide: 1
  - Domestic violence: 2
  - Elder abuse: 1
- **Theft related**
  - Commercial burglaries: 4
  - Fraud: 2
  - Grand theft: 1
  - Identity theft: 1
  - Petty theft: 3
  - Pickpocket: 1
  - Residential burglary: 1
  - Shopplifting: 1
- **Vehicle related**
  - Auto theft: 3
  - Bicycle theft: 1
  - Hit and run: 1
  - Theft from auto: 1
  - Vehicle accident/prop. damage: 1
- **Alcohol or drug related**
  - Under influence of drugs or alcohol: 1
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Animal call: 1
  - Found property: 1
  - Located missing person: 1
  - Other/miscellaneous: 6
  - Outside investigation: 1
  - Psychiatric subject: 5
  - Suspicious circumstances: 1
  - Trepassing: 1
  - Vandalism: 4
  - Warrant/other agency: 2

### LOCAL OBITUARIES

**Larry Brown**

- Born May 9, 1935
- Passed away May 28, 2020
- Husband, father, grandfather
- Worked for Litton Industries
- Graduated from Archbishop Riordan High School
- Attended Stanford University
- Worked in Paris and traveled to the U.S.
- Returned to Palo Alto
- Married Norma and had two children
- Enjoyed many hobbies

**Vincent Lefebvre**

- Born 1957
- Passed away May 28, 2020
- Husband, father, grandfather
- Worked for Rose Electronics
- Graduated from ESIEA Paris
- Enjoyed horse racing, the Oakland Raiders, and the San Francisco Giants
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Answer to the week's puzzles, which can be found on page 47.
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Walking streets

Editor,

Finally, people are thinking we can have streets for walking, have restaurants with tables outside and have families walking with no worries about the safety for their children. Twenty or more years ago, I was interviewed and asked what would improve Palo Alto — one of the things I said was that we should make University Avenue into a walking street. I was told that was impossible because the merchants would never let it happen. I have lived in Sweden and in Denmark, and I have walked on walking streets. I can assure everyone there is more business on walking streets because no one has to drive around looking for a parking space. Parking is there, it is just not on the very street you are on.

I would like to find a way to make California Avenue into a walking street. It lends itself beautifully to being a street without traffic. There are plenty of parking spaces in the back of all the buildings.

I hope there won’t be hesitation from the city for another 20-25 years. It doesn’t take forever to close off streets. It happens for football games and it happens for children’s parades. Of course, I realize it would be different, but it’s still very possible.

Marie-Louise Starling-Bell
Webster Street, Palo Alto
Celebrating the Class of 2020

Becoming the people they are today hasn’t been easy, but these seniors wouldn’t have traded their experiences for the world

Story by Elena Kadvany | Photos by Magali Gauthier

Charlotte Lamm

Charlotte Lamm is a 21st-century Renaissance woman. She paints, plays bass and guitar, skateboards and is on Castilleja School’s robotics team.

Her favorite aspect about the high school experience has been the freedom to delve into so many different worlds, both inside and outside of school.

“It’s the perfect time to explore your interests,” she said.

“There’s not that much at stake, even though it feels like there is. Truly, you can try out new things.”

Lamm, who grew up in Palo Alto, went to Castilleja for both middle and high school. She said she felt free to follow her interests without any pressure from her parents or peers. All of her extracurricular activities are the ones she genuinely cares about and enjoys.

At Castilleja, there’s “a kind of culture where you don’t feel like you have to do what everyone else is doing,” she said. “There’s no expectation for what you’re supposed to or not supposed to do.”

Inspired by her step-father, who was in a band, she started taking music lessons at School of Rock and then Gryphon Stringed Instruments. She joined her own bands and performed at the Palo Alto JCC’s Battle of the Bands, which she credits with helping her find “like-minded” teen musicians who might not have otherwise met each other.

“Once we started discovering each other and finding out we all had similar interests, we started bands together,” Lamm said. “We’d all just get together and play music.”

At Castilleja, she became active in robotics, where she found a tight-knit, supportive group of girls with equal drive for self-guided learning. She recalled a memorable moment during a competition last year when the team was trying and failing to get the robot to climb onto a platform. In the last few seconds, they got it to work and erupted into cheers.

She fell into skateboarding a few years ago through Instagram, where she started following female skateboarders “icons” Rachelle Vinberg, Briana King and Lizzie Armanto. Through skateboarding four times a week—at the Burgess Park skate park in Menlo Park before the shutdown but now mostly on city streets—she found another unique community of supportive women.

“They showed me that skateboarding is all about what you make of it. You don’t even have to be able to do incredible tricks to have fun,” she said.

As a younger student, Lamm wondered if another kind of school would have been a better fit for her. But looking back on how Castilleja “has shaped me, having the experience of going to an all girls school was actually really valuable for me, especially with my interest in robotics,” she said. “I never would have joined the robotics team at Paly, I would have been too intimidated. I think it (Castilleja) really helped me step outside my comfort zone.”

Lamm said she has most valued Castilleja’s teachers, from an engaging English teacher who came to Lamm’s band’s shows to the art teacher who let her become an assistant teacher, leading lessons and projects with younger students while deepening her own arts education.

While school has been closed for the last two months, all of her teachers have been “super dedicated to making sure our needs are being met but also that we’re still learning,” she said.

Lamm will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania, where she plans to study cognitive science, a major that covers her varied interests.

The university hasn’t yet said what the fall semester will look like, and she can’t help but feel sad at the prospect of a hybrid or virtual start to her college career.

“That freshman year of college is something that every kid looks forward to,” she said. “I’m just ready for whatever comes next.”

This weekend, Lamm and other Castilleja seniors will be able to go to campus at staggered times to safely pick up their diplomas and take a photograph on the school’s oval. On Monday, June 8, seniors and families will participate in a drive-in graduation ceremony in the area from their cars.

A FINAL Q&A

We asked the six seniors for the answers to the following questions about popular culture and their hopes for the future.

• If you had to choose one emoji to represent your high school experience, what would it be?
• What song defines your senior year?
• Instagram, Snapchat or TikTok?
• What advice do you wish you would have received as a high school freshman?

If you could nominate one person for president in 2020, who would it be?

• Finish this sentence: “In 10 years, I’m going to be...”

Charlotte’s Q&A

Emoji?
High school was like a bento box — a collection of a bunch of lovely but different experiences.

Song? It’s hard to choose just one, but I think Fugazi’s “Bad Mouth” portrays the message I’ve been trying to tell myself throughout the year. Now is the time to be the person I want to be; it’s time to grow up!

Instagram, Snapchat or TikTok?
Instagram, but right now my favorite social-media platform is Strava. It’s a fun way to stay motivated to go outside and run, skate, or hike. You can track your own activities and post them along with pictures from your excursion for your friends to see. I’ve enjoyed seeing how my classmates are spending their time during quarantine.

Advice? Don’t be too serious! It’s okay to care about grades, but high school is the perfect time to explore new interests and figure out who you want to be.

President? The Kool-Aid Man! He will break down the wall.

Future? I’m going to be hopefully employed, learning how to surf, making art and enjoying life.

Castilleja School

Zoom study groups, putting on floor-length gowns for socially distanced prom pictures and emailing beloved teachers that they would have said goodbye to in person. Many participated in a citywide car parade on Wednesday evening, putting on their graduation gowns and decorated caps to wave from honking cars as they drove in a loop through the city, past cheering crowds. Neighborhoods came together for socially distanced celebrations and even mock commencement ceremonies, playing “Pomp and Circumstance” as seniors tossed their caps into the air. (See story on page 7.)

The Palo Alto Weekly interviewed six graduating seniors from Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, whose varied accomplishments are well suited to the wholly unexpected ending to their high school careers over the last two months by forming
Congratulations, Graduates!

WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT OF YOUR GRADUATION

**Priya Bakshi**
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
To our favorite Golfer, Sister in chief, forever friend, Congratulations!! You are an inspiration with your dedication and kindness and we know you will carry this forward to your journey at Amherst College. We are so very proud of the person you have become. Hope you’ll always find yourself as happy and full of big, crazy dreams as you are today! Go Mammoths!!
Love from your #1 fans: Sana, Meha, Dad and Mom

**James Bedichek**
HENRY M. GUNN HIGH SCHOOL
Congratulations to the best brother, son, and adventurer a family could wish for. We are so proud of you, and can hardly wait to see what you do next.
Much love,
Mom, Dad, Lily, Izzy, and Remi

**Nicole Berry**
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations Nicole!! We are so excited for all that lies ahead.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Michael & Rachel

For my part I know nothing with any certainty but the sight of the stars makes me dream.
– Vincent Van Gogh

Life, is a farce if a person does not serve truth.
– Hilma af Klint

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**Teddy I. Buchanan**
ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Teddy,
Your entire family is so proud of you. You are a great student, outstanding athlete and wonderful human being. Grandmother B would be overflowing with joy. All of us wish you the best of everything as you open up the next chapter of life.
Much love from everyone! N, M, K, T, D, your Mom and GPB

**Katherine Buecheler**
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Congratulations Katherine! We are so proud of all that you’ve accomplished and your commitment to making the world a better place. We’re excited for your new chapter ahead at UCLA.
Love, Mom, Dad and Maddy

**Isabella “Bella” Ramos Chang**
HENRY M. GUNN HIGH SCHOOL
To our dear Belinha, CONGRATULATIONS!!! You did it!!! You have been making us proud and blessed to be your parents since the day you were born! From inspiring us and giving us happiness and strength, to teaching us to be better people every day, you have been a guiding light in our lives. Stay true to yourself and remember that all you need is LOVE. Dream crazier and be a Teflon pan!!! And Go Bears!!!
Love you always to the sun, the moon, the stars ... and back!
Mommy and Daddy
Riley Breier

One of Riley Breier’s earliest memories of Gunn High School are of his older brothers’ graduation ceremonies. He remembers sitting in the crowd, watching them walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. He spent time on the campus as a young kid, feeling intimidated by the large campus full of teenagers. “I’m not alone anymore,” he said.

At Middle College, Breier said he started to enjoy school for the first time. He blossomed in the smaller environment with teachers who let students call them by their first names and access to a wide range of community college classes filled with people of different ages and backgrounds.

“First things they teach you at Middle College are really intense philosophical concepts about radical freedom and romanticism and the importance of self. That was exactly what I needed to hear at time because I had been so beaten down,” he said. “I came to Middle College and it’s like they’re speaking my language. I feel like I’m not alone anymore.”

He felt like he was treated more like an adult at Middle College, and the exposure to a community college campus makes the transition to college seem less daunting. He took classes like music theory and psychology.

Despite the uncertainty about what his freshman year of college will look like, he said he’s looking forward to “a different type of freedom” as a college student and exploring his passions for writing and music.

“My uncle says I haven’t met anything that I won’t like,” he said.

Breier was looking forward to returning for graduation, in part to get a sense of closure for his high school experience. (Middle College students are allowed to walk at both schools’ graduation ceremonies.) Losing that moment feels “really heavy,” he said.

“I can’t wrap my head around it,” he said of this unexpected ending to high school. “I think a lot of people my age have a really good sense of humor about it, which can seem off-putting to some adults. But it’s a coping mechanism. We’re taking this the most seriously we can, which is trying to make light of it in some ways or trying to work through these really insane feelings about the end of our high school time.”

Middle College, meanwhile, is planning a virtual graduation for late June.

But he said he felt surprisingly connected to his graduating class, even as they’re apart, watching peers post online about their losses even as they’re apart, watching peers post online about their losses.

“We all have a shared experience again,” Breier said.
Leanna Colanino
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Cheers to Leanna — our graduating 2020 PALY Viking and soon-to-be Chapman U. Panther! Your family and friends at home and across the globe sincerely congratulate YOU and YOUR incredible journey so far. We are beyond proud, and look forward to watching the promising path unwind before you. You are an inspiration and positive force in our lives! We love you very much.
– Your Familia

David Ross Ely
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
David,
Sending you our most sincere CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation and your MANY accomplishments through high school! We are some of your biggest fans and look forward to sharing the next exciting chapter of your life through college and beyond.
With MUCH love, Granmere, Maggie, Fred, Abby, Wes, David, Sara, and Will

Sophie Jacob
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Dear Sophie, the delight of my life. Every day I learn from your thoughtfulness, warmth and patience as well as our struggles. I love sharing our lives together — especially at this unique moment in time. So happy for all you have learned and accomplished, for your many deep friendships and for your hopes, dreams and memories — all the while playing Tchaik in the background. With many memories of you and dad.
Love, Mom

Karina Kadakia
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
To our dearest Karina, Congratulations boo! We are so very proud of you. You’ve grown up to be a loving and compassionate young woman who is beautiful both inside and out. We love you more than anything in this world and are going to miss you like crazy once you leave for college. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. You light up every heart you touch with your warmth, positive energy and unique sense of humor. Stay as you are, always. Wishing you all the happiness in the world sweetheart and may all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom, Dad and Akash

Lavender Ledgerwood
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Miss Lavender,
My precious only granddaughter. From the moment you were born you have been an adorable, creative, loving, ambitious, strong willed, sweet yet mischievous super star. Dream huge and in color. Stay true to your core. Super proud of you.
LYAYAYA

Jamie Cosette Lui
HENRY M. GUNN HIGH SCHOOL
To our beautiful artist and 2020 graduate. Congratulations!
We have watched you blossom from a “tuffy” toddler into a graceful and talented young lady. Your future holds so much promise and we look forward to seeing your continued growth as you discover your vast potential.
Love, Alex, Matthew, Mom and Dad, and all the furry creatures in our house
Alonso Rodriguez
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL

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Denice's Q&A

Emoji? I would choose this emoji because I found my voice as a student and as a person in high school, which I used to develop the skills I needed to be able to lead myself and others.

Song? “Lights Up,” by Harry Styles because it is a very uplifting song that prompts self-reflection. It made me think about who I am and want to become in a positive manner. That was something important to think about going forward especially with college being right around the corner.

Instagram, Snapchat or TikTok? I definitely have to go with TikTok.

Advice? I wish someone had told me that it is perfectly normal to get wrapped up in school work freshman year, but that it is important to take a step back to enjoy the other parts of your life.

President? I would nominate Harry Styles because he is one of my favorite artists who I believe is very level-headed.

Future? I’m going to be an experienced biochemist who aids students who are pursuing science.

Denise’s Q&A

Emoji?

It sometimes felt like I didn’t know where I was going and I might as well have been blind. (I do wear glasses, so I already have impaired vision.)

Song? “Pursuit of Happiness (Nightmare),” by Kid Cudi.

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Advice? As a freshman, I wish I would’ve been told that having the right tools to help yourself succeed and the will to use them is the key to high school. And to just try your best.

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Alonso Rodriguez is a sports fanatic, from soccer to basketball to skateboard- ing. He dabbled in cross country and yoga at Palo Alto High School, but soccer is his first love. A creative, strategic game that requires true teamwork.

“It’s an actual team sport. It’s necessary that they have a connection or an understanding to be able to play really well. I really like that — the whole team effort that’s needed to win,” he said.

But there have been times in his life when he couldn’t play any sports. Rodriguez has scoliosis, which required two major surgeries — once in seventh grade and again the summer before ninth grade — that left him stiff and immobile. The first surgery was to create space in the back of his neck for his brain so it wouldn’t sink into his spine and cause curvature.

“Going into surgery was easy, but coming out after surgery was the most difficult thing I’ve ever had to do,” Rodriguez wrote in an essay response to one of his University of California application prompts. “The stiffness made every movement very challenging, so I kept my head straight and upwards, and I remember not being able to look at my family and friends who came so often to see me. I remember not being able to sleep because of pain. I remember wanting to leave the hospital so bad, but never could. I remember getting frustrated going through physical therapy to get my body functions back to normal. For those weeks, school was the last thing on my mind. But when I did return, I actually felt positive about school and the education I was getting.”

Rodriguez, whose family is from Michoacan, Mexico, was raised in East Palo Alto. He attended Walter Hays Elementary School, JLS Middle School and Palo Alto High School through the district’s Voluntary Transfer Program (VTP). He’s a first-generation student headed to the University of California at Riverside in the fall, where he plans to major in Latin-American studies.

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To one of Palo Alto’s finest! You are a treasure to us and we are so proud of you and honored to be in your life. May your determination and passion continue to be blessed. We are so grateful for all the loving, supportive, community over the years — coaches, teachers, doctors, church and friends. Remember to stay humble, kind and fast! Congratulations Gilly! We love you so much, Mommy, Daddy, Stephanie (and Barry!)

Mina Murata
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Dear Mina,
We love you and wish you all the success and happiness in the world.
Love, June and Mike Klein

Viva Rose
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Though plans to celebrate your graduation were thwarted, our hopes for you were thoroughly rewarded! Your intelligence, talent, and presence of mind-ness is exceeded only by your warmth and kindness. You’ve managed to keep up your spirits, your workload and more while socially distancing behind closed doors. “No pandemic will rain on your parade!” we cried, “We love you so much and are bursting with pride!” (We know we’re your mothers, but still, it’s justified!)

Mikayla Rimsa
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Congratulations, Mikayla, on your quarantined high school graduation! We are very proud of who you are and what you have achieved these last 4 years. Your awesome personality, smarts, tenacity and craziness will take you as far as you want to go. We cannot wait to see your next adventure.
Love, Mom, Dad, Thomas and Bentley

Alexander Siegel
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
You’ve been an inspiration and we are so proud of you from playing guitar, running soccer wing, cooking schnitzel, caring for siblings, secretly feeding Ty, and bravely traveling the world. We can’t wait to see what you do next. We know it’s going to be bold and you’ll take care of people around you. Just don’t crash that motorcycle and keep running the 2 miles under 12 min. Time to celebrate!
– From your family

Charles Stephenson
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT
It is with full hearts that we celebrate the commissioning and graduation of 2nd Lt., Charles Stephenson, from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Charlie will formally graduate on June 13, 2020, and then start his post as part of the 4th Infantry unit at Fort Carson in Colorado. We are so proud of you, Charlie.
Love, your family
**Liza Kolbasov**

**GUNN HIGH SCHOOL**

If you had asked third-grade Liza Kolbasov what she wanted to be when she grew up, she would have swiftly answered: an author.

And she has become one. Kolbasov grew up to become the editor-in-chief of *The Oracle*, Gunn High School’s student newspaper, and the president of Pandora’s Box, the school’s literary magazine; and in her spare time, a poet. As a high school senior, her public service work includes an investigative series on student mental health, an editorial on lowering the voting age in Palo Alto school board elections and a poem called “Dreams.”

She feels strongly about bringing visibility to journalistic and creative writing in a community better known for its science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) pursuits.

“I think we need more opportunities for people who are interested in humanities or creative pursuits to be able to share their work with the world,” she said. “Pandora’s Box is one way we try to get artists and writers to publish their work. Encouraging (people) to submit articles, to work and what could be improved moving forward.”

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**Denise Godinez**

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“Her passion, her persistence in introducing me to our culture is what helped me a lot in accepting who I am,” Godinez said of her friend.

Godinez explored her identity struggle in her college application essay and how she came to the realization that she was Mexican rather than separate her Mexican and American selves.

At UCLA she hopes to study biochemistry and organic chemistry for a career in medicine, she said. She’s excited to go to Los Angeles, where she’ll be close to her family and friends.

“For me, working on it certainly was,” she wrote. “The mental health series ‘In the pursuit of wellness’ scrutinized how Gunn’s and the school district had responded to two student suicide clusters, whether their measures to address student well-being had worked and what could be improved moving forward.”

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Latinx Club, whose goal is to spread awareness about Hispanic culture on campus “to others who may not have had experiences with it,” he said. One of the club’s annual events is a Dia de los Muertos celebration on the quad, when the members invite students to decorate sugar skulls and learn about the significance of the holiday.

Rodriguez became vice president of the Latinx Club before quarantine; with all of their members at home and apart, they’ve been trying to figure out how to continue their mission remotely, he said.

Two of Rodriguez’s commitments outside of school — a job at Palo Alto ice cream shop Salt & Straw and volunteering at a MidPen Housing after-school program — have both stopped during the stay-at-home order. This disruption has been hard, he said, but he’s kept busy with schoolwork and physical activity.

Rodriguez won a President’s Volunteer Service Award for over 175 hours of community service. The high school senior said he’d like to continue his volunteerism and community service when he gets to Brown University.

“I consider them my closest community — I see, talk, and sometimes play with these kids on a daily basis,” he said. “I now know that kids don’t always ask for help when they need it, so I always make sure to check up on them when they look confused. I even check on them when I think they are doing well, just so I can boost their confidence. I have really enjoyed being their role model and mentor and watching them grow up. In fact, we have all grown up together.”

Rodriguez has maintained a tight-knit group of friends, some since elementary school, and said their “social bond” was what he enjoyed most about his time at Palo Alto High School.

“I will miss seeing and hanging out with them at school all the time because I don’t know the next time I’m going to see them,” he said. “I hold the memories I’ve shared with them very close.”

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Congratulations, Graduates!

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Virginia and Grace Thayer
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-Eleanor Roosevelt
The countdown to graduation

Three seniors show how they spent their final month of school while in quarantine

Story and photos by Magali Gauthier

On April 1, after students had already spent two weeks distance learning, Santa Clara County closed public schools for the remainder of the year to slow the spread of the coronavirus. For seniors everywhere, that meant giving up on a number of traditions and spending the rest of their final year of high school isolated from one another.

Three seniors, Charlotte Lamm from Castilleja School, Denice Godinez from Eastside College Preparatory School and Liza Kolbasov from Gunn High School, agreed to share a glimpse of what their last month of high school was like. Weekly visual journalist Magali Gauthier visited them on several occasions throughout May to capture the sudden changes.

They swapped sitting at classroom desks for attending Zoom classes at home, hanging out with friends for skateboarding solo down suburban streets and attending live events for online streams. Here are their stories in photos.

Denice Godinez, a graduating senior from Eastside College Preparatory School, watches the Rotary Club of Menlo Park announce scholarship awards on May 26. Godinez, who has volunteered locally through the Rotary Club for years, received the Robert J. Paroli college scholarship for her efforts.

Charlotte Lamm, a graduating senior at Castilleja School, spends the day painting on her front porch in Palo Alto on May 26.

Liza Kolbasov, a graduating senior at Gunn High School, works on an English essay in her Palo Alto bedroom on May 22.
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UCPA 2020 SCHOLARS

Elena Halsted
MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
Will attend University of California, Santa Barbara

Elena Halsted spoke and understood almost no English and had trouble with addition and subtraction in grade school, yet by high school her proficiency in English and Math allowed her to tutor other students, serve as a teaching assistant, and work at a Stanford University science lab. In her senior year she took AP English and enrolled in advanced Math classes at a local community college. She spent lunchtimes getting help from her teachers, putting in extra hours in the library, and was dedicated and persistent in her studies. Her teachers describe her as “…thoughtful and compassionate, and a motivated young woman…always willing to help her classmates.” Elena plans a career in the biotech industry.

Jennifer Sanchez-Malagon
EASTSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORARY SCHOOL
Will attend University of California, Davis

Jennifer Sanchez-Malagon has overcome many obstacles in her life. She started school knowing very little English and spent many hours with a tutor, missing vital classroom time which created a big educational deficit. She persevered and in middle school was in the advanced placement English class. She made up the deficiency in Math and Science by taking summer classes. She developed an interest in working in the medical field when she worked at The Ronald McDonald House at Stanford Hospital. She has given back to her community by working in a homeless shelter and tutoring elementary students. With an “impeccable work ethic and engagement,” Jennifer is determined to become a pediatrician.

Federico Rodriguez Garcia
EAST PALO ALTO ACADEMY
Will attend University of California, Los Angeles

Federico Rodriguez Garcia’s English teacher and advisor writes: “In my nine years at East Palo Alto Academy, I have met no student more driven and determined to achieve his goals and succeed than Federico.” While earning straight A’s, he worked 40 hours a week to help support his family, played on the school soccer team, and stepped up to help struggling classmates. Most lunch hours were spent in a vacant classroom as he sat “…with his head buried in a book or typing an essay.” Nevertheless, he found time to create a mentoring program for incoming first year students. While working as an intern at our local VA Hospital, Federico’s committed interest in helping others has stoked his dream to become a medical doctor.

Mahogany Grissom
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Will attend University of California, Merced

Mahogany Grissom, our Milton Severson Scholar, participated in the Tinsley program, which brings East Palo Alto residents to the Palo Alto School District classrooms. Mahogany’s family knows that Palo Alto Schools are recognized as excellent, and Mahogany sacrificed four hours each day with her bus ride to and from school, time that might have been used for homework or for interacting with her classmates. In order to help her family, she worked 20 hours a week during the school year, yet she still had the time and energy to serve on the Palo Site Council. One of her teachers described her as “Positive, upbeat and one who brings a wonderful positive energy to the classroom.” With her deep interest in early childhood development, Mahogany is planning to become a classroom teacher.

Isidro Zuniga Vazquez
LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL
Will attend University of Southern California

Isidro Zuniga Vazquez is “a fiercely determined, engaged and intellectual school-wide leader,” according to his English teacher. He earned a 3.74 grade average while working 20 hours a week in his parents’ apartment cleaning business. He also made time to be the lead singer in the worship band at his church. One of his teachers noted that “Isidro is someone who cares deeply about others.” He demonstrated this by initiating a program to subsidize homecoming shirts for students who could not afford them. He is highly self-motivated and one who is mature beyond his years. He was one of 23 students to win the national Spanish Exam Summer Abroad Program which allowed him to spend last summer in Spain. Isidro is set to become an immigration lawyer to help his community.

Lelani Tajimaroa-Cortez
MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL
Will attend University of California, Berkeley

Lelani Tajimaroa-Cortez is also our 2020 Carol Hughes Scholar, in recognition of her outstanding character and achievements. She knows that she wants to be a teacher. With close to a 4.0 grade average, she has started preparing herself. Under the supervision of a certified teacher, she taught Math to 7th and 8th grade students at a local school. She also taught a life skills course to another group of younger students. At the same time, one of her teachers noted that “She genuinely cares about people and has a history of contributing to her community.” Her academic prowess is demonstrated by the fact that, while taking mostly Advanced Placement classes in high school, Jennifer also completed three classes at Foothill College.
Above and top right: Godinez spends time playing soccer with her 7-year-old brother, Diego Garcia, at Kelly Park in Menlo Park on May 28. In addition to spending time outdoors with her two younger brothers, the graduating senior often helps them with their homework.

Above and left: Kolbasov has been skateboarding around Palo Alto during her spare time. She walks to a neighborhood with wide streets to practice on May 22. Right: Kolbasov tidies up the desk in her bedroom where she does her school work. The graduating senior served as editor-in-chief of the school paper, The Oracle, and oversaw its remote production.

Above: Lamm, who has been skateboarding in her free time during the last month of her senior year, practices a trick on a Palo Alto street on May 20. Below: Sitting in her Palo Alto home, Lamm chats with classmates from Castilleja School during an English class held over Zoom.
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As new coronavirus cases continue to be reported, senior care facilities have emerged as hot spots for the disease, according to data that the California Department of Public Health has been collecting since mid-April.

Skilled nursing facilities account for 1,835 of the state’s 4,286 recorded COVID-19 deaths. In Santa Clara County, long-term care facilities — including assisted and independent living centers and board-and-care homes — account for approximately 44% of its 142 recorded COVID-related deaths, according to state and county data released on June 1. Vi at Palo Alto, Palo Alto Subacute and Rehabilitation Center, Lytton Gardens and Palo Alto Commons are among the 39 facilities in Santa Clara County that have reported at least one case since the outbreak, according to the county’s public health department, which does not include deaths at individual facilities in its data. Webster House and Channing House also reported cases, according to the state health department.

Patient advocates say testing and personal protection equipment are key to curbing the spread of the virus at both skilled nursing centers and non-medical senior care facilities. While the county’s new COVID-19 testing task force rolled out recommendations on May 14, followed by an updated order from the state health department on May 22, to establish baseline testing for skilled nursing centers and congregate living facilities, there is no plan in place for how facilities will comply.

There also is no coordinated system in place to provide senior care centers with personal protective equipment, such as masks, which are included as part of the mandates outlined in the state’s new order.

“The COVID-19 pandemic shows the deficiencies that we’ve been talking about for many years in the area of senior care,” said Dr. Mehrdad Ayati, adjunct professor of medicine at Stanford University, who has been advocating for more state leadership in the purchase and distribution of protective gear for long-term care communities. “Traditionally, a skilled nursing home was not supposed to be like a hospital, taking care of very sick people, but this has happened because of the complexities of the aging population these days,” he said.

Skilled nursing homes, which are regulated by the state, as well as unlicensed facilities that aren’t set up to provide medical care, such as assisted living centers,
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were unprepared for a pandemic, Ayati said. “They didn’t have masks; they didn’t have gloves. They didn’t have the very basic material that is necessary for a medical center,” he said.

Dr. Albert Lam, chairman of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, said these facilities have been forgotten about as most attention has been focused on getting personal protective equipment to hospitals.

“It just doesn’t make sense for 1,200 nursing facilities and 7,000 assisted living centers in California to each be fend- ing for themselves,” Lam said. “None of these very important providers have been allocated (personal protective equipment) in any sort of organized way. It’s not the fault of any one community. This is really a national issue.”

Lam explained that hospitals have existing supply chains and larger budgets than most senior care facilities, which don’t typically require these items. This has made it difficult for them to secure protective equipment during the pandemic.

Rather than wait around for the government to figure out a way to get supplies to these facilities, Lam, Ayati and a coalition of local doctors from PAMF/Sutter Health and Stanford University have launched a program to fill the void.

Through Operation PPE, the group has gathered face shields, N95 masks, gowns, gloves, shoe covers and other protective equipment donated by friends, neighbors, overseas family members, medical providers and just about anywhere else they could find needed items to distribute to local senior care facilities.

Ayati said prior to the stay-at-home order, he took his personal — and limited — supply of gloves and masks, put them in the back of his car and started delivering them to various nursing centers.

“Operation PPE is really our response to a dire lack of personal protective equipment for providers of elder patients and elderly patients that are not in the hospitals,” Lam said. “We have to give people the supplies they need to be to be safe.”

Just wearing a mask can dramatically reduce the disease’s transmission, Lam emphasized.

At the end of May, the group teamed up with Avenidas senior center in Palo Alto to help with its distribution efforts. The non-profit distributed supplies to 30 facilities up and down the Peninsula this week.

Lam said before teaming up with Avenidas, Operation PPE initially was able to distribute a handful of supplies that the coalition was storing at Palo Alto’s Webster House to about 17 facilities. Retired registered nurse Pat Robinson surveyed local facilities and created a spreadsheet detailing what each needed. People were driving from as far away as Santa Cruz to pick up a box of supplies, he said.

As more supplies started coming in, however, the group realized it needed outside help and reached out to Avenidas, which has many connections in the community through its various programs that provide assistance to seniors.

“They told me, ‘We are very busy phy- sicians and we need support,’” said Paula Wolfson, manager of Avenidas Care Partners program. “You know, what better way to spend our time right now than in this process? And so everybody said ‘yes,’” and then it quickly came into play.

A van at the Avenidas building at 450 Bryant St. in downtown Palo Alto now is being used as a warehouse where about a half dozen Avenidas volunteers sort and track inventory brought to the center.

Jyllian Halliburton, Avenidas volunteer director who is working as the operational and logistics coordinator for the joint effort, emphasized.

“The COVID-19 had a very painful lesson for us, but I believe it was not only painful but was very valuable for us,” he added. “We cannot go back to the same operation that we were doing in the past. We need to change it.”

For information on how to donate personal protective equipment for senior facilities, or items like soap and hand sanitizer for local seniors, contact Avenidas at 650-289-5400. Associate Editor Linda Taaffe can be emailed at ltaaffe@paweekly.com.
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They want to be heard. We need to be heard,” Turner said. “This has been something that’s been happening for so long. It just took one more murder to take it over the top.”

The smell of burnt rubber lingered in the air on some streets. Fireworks and firecrackers regularly popped off throughout the evening.

A few agitators confronted sheriffs and police officers, nearly tipping what was largely a loud but peaceful demonstration. Around 8:45 p.m., someone tossed a firecracker toward sheriff’s deputies. It rolled underneath their squad car, which was parked in the middle of the intersection at Cooley Avenue and Donohoe Street.

One officer drew a gun while another commanded, “Get down on the ground.”

Faraji claimed that those individuals were not with the protesters. The younger protesters even stomped out the firecrackers before he could call on people to put them out, he said.

“They weren’t with us,” Faraji said. “We don’t want that — that’s not our message.”

Around 9 p.m., police learned that the crowd might be headed toward Facebook’s headquarters in Menlo Park and notified authorities, who set up a tactical command center at the social network giant’s campus.

As many as 75 vehicles took part in a caravan that stretched from O’Brien Court in Menlo Park and down Kavanaugh Avenue to Gloria Way in East Palo Alto, according to dispatchers.

About 150 demonstrators and a vehicle caravan also headed to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s home in north Palo Alto, dispatchers reported. Security personnel reported to police that the demonstrators had arrived at his home at about 10:55 p.m. The protesters stayed briefly before returning to University and Woodland avenues and heading back to East Palo Alto.

Some vandalism took place during the night. Early on, police scrambled to intercept people who were reportedly trying to break into a building in the 1200 block of Weeks Street by prying plywood off of it.

While the procession to Facebook was going on, someone broke a window at the AutoZone on University Avenue in East Palo Alto. A large group of people was seen armed with guns held in the air at Willow Road and Ivy Drive, according to police dispatch.

Fireworks hit a patrol car and a small fire ignited the vegetation at the U.S. Highway 101 cloverleaf interchange near University Avenue. A few demonstrators helped put it out, according to police dispatch.

Someone also threw fireworks on the freeway at about 11:15 p.m. People were also lighting off fireworks at the intersection of University and Donohoe, prompting police to tell people to go home or they would be arrested.

Around midnight, a group of protesters threw rocks at fire engines that were out on calls, according to a dispatch report.

More demonstrations planned this week

Protests against police brutality and racism continue along the Midpeninsula. Event organizers from the group Mountain View Voices for Peace and Justice, who sponsored a rally on Sunday, May 31, that they say attracted as many as 250 people, are planning a second one on Friday, June 5, at Castro Street and El Camino Real at 6 p.m. Organizers said in an email that it will be “non-confrontational and non-destructive.”

A rally will also be held at noon Saturday at King Plaza in front of Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Speakers will include former judge LaDoris Cordell, former Stanford University dean Julie Lythcott-Haims, East Palo Alto Mayor Regina Wallace Jones and others.

The week’s earlier events marked what appear to be the first large gatherings in the community since the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns started.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department sent out an advisory Monday to remind people to stay at a safe distance from one another.

The department “recognizes that peaceful protest in response to the pain, anger and mourning due to deeply rooted inequities and systemic racism is a fundamental right that is critical to the health of our democracy. As residents of the county exercise this right, we respectfully remind everyone that our community is still facing a health crisis as COVID-19 is still present.”

The department urges people who have been in close contact with others in large gatherings to get free COVID-19 testing within three to five days of exposure.

Find a free testing site at scgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/covid19-testing.aspx. n

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About the cover: Protesters kneel in King Plaza in front of Palo Alto City Hall on June 1. Photo by Magali Gauthier.
he said was imposed to ensure public safety. The decision to institute the curfew was driven by incidents around Stanford Shopping Center, where police reportedly observed between 50 and 100 cars circling the mall on Sunday.

The city was one of many jurisdictions around the Bay Area that had instituted curfews this week relating to protests demanding racial equality and justice after the May 25 death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police. But while other cities and counties limited its curfews to a few days (the San Mateo County curfew expired Thursday morning after two nights) or left their curfew orders open-ended (San Francisco ordered a new curfew for a few days until Wednesday night, when it announced that the curfew would be lifted Thursday), Palo Alto’s was an outlier because of its duration.

“We thought it would be better to place an end date and be conservatively long and not have to extend it,” Shikada said. “Certainly, the public reaction was the opposite.”

The Tuesday curfew order caught many community leaders off-guard, with some suggesting that the policy is not justified. LaDoris Cordell — a retired judge, former Palo Alto Police Department captain and former San Jose police auditor — said Wednesday that she doesn’t believe that the city is under a threat requiring a 10-day curfew.

“I want answers. What is the threat? What is it that we’re concerned about here in Palo Alto that we can’t be out front on our sidewalks at 8:30 in the evening, particularly when it’s so hot during the day?”

The declaration, she said, “criminalizes every person, every family, anyone who can be charged with a crime for just being outside your door.”

Police powers that are given to governors, mayors and city managers must be used with caution, she said.

“There must be a balance between the civil liberties of those who live and work here and those who have police power,” Cordell said. “I don’t see the balance anywhere and I have not heard any explanation.”

In justifying Shikada’s authority to implement the curfew, the declaration points to the section of Palo Alto’s municipal code that grants a director (in this case, the city manager) expanded powers during a state of emergency. Palo Alto has been under a local state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 12. Unlike San Mateo County, which declared a two-day curfew on Tuesday, Palo Alto did not declare a separate emergency related to potential civil unrest.

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City Council (June 1)
Newell Road: The council unanimously approved the replacement of the Newell Road bridge with a wider structure. The council also approved by a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Michael Monnin and Council Member Jan Hogaboom voting no, a new program in which bicycles and cars would share the two lanes on the bridge.

Board of Education (June 2)
Special meeting: The board held a special meeting to discuss COVID-19 updates and the district budget. Action: None

Parks and Recreation Commission (June 4)
Commissioner Mary Sliva explained why some of the June 4 meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent budget cuts on the Community Services Department. Action: None

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section 2.12.060, authorizes the director to issue rules and regulations on “matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency.” Those rules must be confirmed by the City Council “at emergency.” Those rules must be and property as affected by such related to the protection of life director to issue rules and regulations section 2.12.060, authorizes the Curfew t i v i t y  i m m i n e n t , “ t h e  c u r f e w is now “additionally burdened by risk of criminal theft and is now completely unacceptable.” “I sympathize so deeply with the businesses that have been sheltering in place for three months now,” Fine said. “To have windows smashed and goods stolen is completely unacceptable.” According to Wednesday’s update about the curfew, Palo Alto police learned that looters were planning to come to Stanford Shopping Center on Sunday, May 31. Within an hour of receiving the information in the afternoon, there were between 50 and 100 cars circling the mall with people who police believed were intent on looting. “Due to the police presence, fortunately no looting occurred,” the announcement states. Also on May 31, Menlo Park police arrested two men who were reportedly speeding through the city on route to Stanford Shopping Center, which was the destination in their GPS. They already had a stolen cash register and stolen clothing in their car, Menlo Park police reported. And following a June 2 protest in Redwood City, groups of looters were allegedly planning to target various locations throughout the Peninsula, including Stanford Shopping Center and other areas, according to the city. “Officers were prepared and thankfully this did not materialize,” the statement said. Cordell and Barron Park resident Winter Dellenbach, a longtime advocate for more transparency and accountability in the police department, both said that the recent arrest by Menlo Park police only reinforces the fact that police can deter crime through increased surveillance in commercial areas that they believe are being targeted, which makes a citywide curfew unreasonable. Some residents have come out in favor of a curfew, arguing that it’s necessary to keep Palo Alto safe during a period in which cities across the nation are seeing protests. During the council meeting on Monday, June 1, Jennifer Liu was one of several speakers who said she was concerned about the “looting, demonstration and violence around the Bay Area” and suggested that the curfews already in place elsewhere in the Bay Area will drive more people to Palo Alto. “With those cities having curfews, protesters have less places to go,” Liu said. “If Palo Alto is now open, those people will come to Palo Alto, and people are getting very worried.” Lily Huang also pointed to curfews elsewhere and suggested that the city “may be a target” because it doesn’t have one in place. “I really love this city, and I hope there’s no violence happening in our town,” Huang said. The American Civil Liberties Union North California has denounced what it called “a slew of hastily announced ‘curfews’ enacted in cities across California” that impinge on residents’ First Amendment rights to peaceably assemble. These curfews, the organization said in a statement, “lack clarity as to their scope and duration.” “This is the wrong way to handle disruptions to what have been otherwise peaceful protests, and they are far broader than necessary to address any problems that have arisen or may arise,” the ACLU stated. ACLU also submitted a letter to Shikada on Wednesday asking him to rescind the curfew order, which it argued violates the public’s constitutional rights. Protests constitute “an exercise of rights squarely protected by the First Amendment,” the letter states. Shikada said that while he respects the ACLU’s perspective, he said the city’s action was taken “in keeping with our priority of enforcing the safety of the public.” “We certainly did not take the action of implementing the curfew lightly,” Shikada said. “It was a certain difficult decision for us. We did weigh the concerns of public safety against the issue that has been raised.” While Shikada said that he had consulted the council about his decisions during the state of emergency, in the case of the curfew the consultation was “not sufficient.” “I will not claim to have taken every step perfectly,” Shikada said. “At the same time, I believe our team has really acted with the full and complete best interest of the Palo Alto community at every step along the way and will continue to do so.” He also said that he and Jon- sen had both determined that the conditions that had warranted the curfew no longer apply. “We’re both comfortable that the events have gone in the right direction and we are not having further incidents or concerns that justified the original establish- ment (of the curfew),” he said. n Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner can be emailed at gsheyner@pawekly.com.
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The allure and elegance of a traditional English manor spring to life in this fabulous home, boasting timeless appointments, a spacious floorplan, and a coveted address in Old Palo Alto. This 3-bedroom, 3.5 bath home offers 2,330 sq. ft. of living space (per floorplan) on a large corner lot of 7,920 sq. ft. (per county). Dormers, arched entryways, coved ceilings, and fine crown moldings pay homage to the home’s heritage, while spacious formal rooms, a superb chef’s kitchen, office space, and comfortable bedrooms stand ready to accommodate a modern lifestyle. Revel in alfresco enjoyment in the private backyard, perfectly suited for entertaining. Enjoy one of the Bay Area’s most sought-after neighborhoods that puts you close to everything Palo Alto and the surrounding area have to offer. And topping it all off, this home offers access to acclaimed Palo Alto schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

For video tour & more photos, please visit:
www.650SantaRita.com
Offered at $4,488,000

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FRESH FINISHES AND AN UNBEATABLE LOCATION

219 Willow Road, Menlo Park

Offered at $1,788,000

With fresh finishes, classic charm, and a location close to everything Silicon Valley has to offer, this enchanting home stands ready to meet a variety of lifestyle needs on a large lot of nearly 10,000 sq. ft. (per county). Enjoy the comfortable living room centered by a fireplace, craft delicious meals in the refreshed kitchen, and appreciate the convenience of flexible-use space ideal as an office. Light and bright, this 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home of 1,290 sq. ft. (per county) has timeless appointments including hardwood floors and detailed ceilings, while a detached 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom in-law unit of 630 sq. ft. ensures comfortable space for friends or family. Find yourself mere moments to both downtown Menlo Park and downtown Palo Alto, steps to Willow Oaks Park, close to Facebook, and near US 101 for Bay Area commuting. Plus, children may attend acclaimed schools including Encinal Elementary, Laurel School, Hillview Middle, and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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COVETED LOCATION IN PEACEFUL, LUXURIOUS 55+ COMMUNITY
1 W. Edith Avenue #B107, Los Altos

Welcome to Parc Regent, Los Altos’ most desirable community of luxury condominiums for residents aged 55 years or older. Boasting an enviable corner unit location on the ground floor, this bright, inviting home offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 1,568 sq. ft. of graceful living space (per county). Enjoy nights around the fireplace in the large living room, make fantastic meals in the updated kitchen, and enjoy al fresco dining on the patio with views of the sparkling, newly refinished community pool. Appreciate the ease of being within walking distance of everything downtown Los Altos has to offer, including shops, restaurants, banks, and the post office. This peaceful, secure complex also features a fitness center, a deeded parking space in the underground garage, and a storage room. Supreme comfort, ultimate convenience, and an unbeatable location – this home checks all the boxes for outstanding Silicon Valley living.

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BRIGHT, LUXURIOUS, AND CLOSE TO IT ALL

1330 University Drive #73, Menlo Park

Offered at $2,495,000

Bright interiors, luxurious appointments, and comfortable living space – this 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom condominium boasts all of these features and more, topped off by a location that puts you close to everything Silicon Valley has to offer. Located on the 7th floor of Menlo Towers, this wonderful home is turn-key ready to meet a variety of lifestyle needs. Enjoy the fireplace in the expansive living room, craft delicious meals in the kitchen stocked with high-end appliances, experience outdoor delights on an extended balcony accessed from multiple points in the home, and go for a swim in the complex’s sparkling pool. Just moments from downtown Menlo Park, this home is also near downtown Palo Alto, a short trip to the Facebook campus, and provides easy access to both Caltrain and U.S. 101. Adding the finishing touch, children may attend acclaimed schools including Encinal Elementary and Hillview Middle (buyer to verify eligibility).

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SPACIOUS AND BRIGHT ON NEARLY 1-ACRE LOT

24151 Dawnridge Drive, Los Altos Hills

On a peaceful lot of nearly an acre (per county), this 4-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home offers over 3,100 sq. ft. of living space (per county) in Los Altos Hills. Step inside and be greeted by a cathedral ceiling crowning the expansive living room, where a fireplace provides comfort, and a wet bar stands ready to cater gatherings of any size. Enjoy the family room with a fireplace all its own, make delicious meals in the kitchen that features a sunny eat-in area, and revel in al fresco delights in the backyard dotted with towering trees and featuring patio space plus a sparkling pool. Four bedrooms include the large, private master suite with outdoor access, plus one bedroom that easily converts into an office or study to meet all work-from-home needs. Topping it all off, this great location puts you close to the Los Altos Hills Golf and Country Club, near Interstate 280 for Bay Area commuting, and provides access to acclaimed Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

Offered at $3,488,000

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The National Association of REALTORS’ (NAR) Clear Cooperation Policy went into effect for all multiple listing services nationwide on May 1. The new NAR policy requires listing broker members of an MLS to submit their listings to the MLS within one business day of marketing the property to the public. Agents may promote a listing only within their brokerage - not with others on the MLS or outside of the brokerage. NAR adopted the policy to address the growing use of off-MLS listings, also known as “pocket listings,” because leaving listings outside of the broader marketplace excludes consumers and undermines REALTORS’ commitment to provide equal opportunity to all. “Pocket listings don’t allow everyone access to the same information about a particular property,” explained Mary Kay Groth, president of the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® (SVVAR). "Limiting access to a property does not promote cooperation in real estate because it excludes many prospective buyers." Within the MLSListings service area, which includes San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey counties, the Clear Cooperation Policy applies to one to four-unit residential properties and vacant residential lots. Commercial listings and new construction of five-plus units are exempt. Brokers/agents can still take an exclusive listing but can only promote the listing within their brokerage. If advertised to the public or to an outside agent, the listing must be added to the MLS within one business day as an Active listing. Public marketing includes, but is not limited to conveying information about a property's availability for sale on any window, sign, public facing website, social media, brokerage website, digital communications marketing, multi-brokerage or franchise listing sharing network, flyers or written material or on any application available to the public, including open houses. MLSListings has launched a communication campaign to educate brokers and agents about the new rules. At a SILVAR meeting, MLSListings Director of Compliance Robert Bustamante urged agents to communicate with their broker about the new policy. “Brokers, in turn, should counsel their agents, and agents counsel their sellers about what it means to have an ‘exclusive’ listing,” said Bustamante. If caught violating the rule, an agent must enter the listing as Active. Agents in violation will receive courtesy notices for violations with a copy sent to their broker. The fine for a violation is $500 and escalates until the property is listed, or the NAR maximum of $15,000 is reached.

Across
1 “Interstate Love Song” band, briefly
4 “Fiddler on the Roof” dance
8 Frenzied
14 Some old Chryslers
16 Former Georgian president Shevardnadze
17 “Pioneering video game company founded in 1972
18 Egyptian goddess of love
19 Like almost all restaurant orders these days
20 Plate
22 Lennon’s second wife
23 Japanese variation on a frozen dessert
28 Like old wristwatches
30 “I know! Pick me!”
32 “Where ___” (song by Beck)
34 Characteristic of Schonberg’s music
35 “Wow, cool!”
38 “It’s either hunt ___ hunted”
39 Redundant-sounding title for an
41 Publisher’s multi-digit ID
42 “I’m Gonna Git You ___” (Keenen Ivory Wayans film)
43 “Clueless” actress Donovan
44 Powerful sphere
45 “___ polloi”
46 Macaroni shapes
48 “Mr. Mojo ___” (repeated words in The Doors “L.A. Woman”)
49 Nick of “Cape Fear”
50 Dasani rival
51 Handle with skill
52 Macaroni shapes
53 Covered with green creepers
54 Traffic sign warning
55 Traffic sign warning
56 Prefix meaning “egg
57 “Lost ___ Mancha” (2002 documentary)
58 It’s seen near the hyphen
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61 It may come after long
62 It’s seen near the hyphen
63 It’s seen near the hyphen
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Down
1 “Get a move on, Mittens!”
2 “The Wizard of Oz” dog
3 Down-to-earth
4 ___ polloi
5 Sash for a kimono
6 Amazing’ magician famous for debunking
7 PC character system used for some “art”
8 Laugh from Beavis
9 “When Your Child Drives You Crazy” author LeShan
10 Partner of paste
11 Lake between two states
12 Richie Rich’s metallic, robotic maid
13 Format for Myst, back then
15 Emulate Pavlov’s dogs
21 ___ Brothers Records (longtime label for “Weird Al” Yankovic)
24 Invention of new words
25 “House Hunters” cable channel
26 Did a Cuban ballroom dance
27 Cassowary’s cousin
28 Kennel noises
29 Chef Matsuhashi who co-owns a restaurant with Robert De Niro
33 Be really mad
38 ”Boys for Pele” singer Amos
39 “It’s either hunt ___ hunted”
40 “Just joking around”
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