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Largest housing project in years proposed

Sand Hill Property Company pitches 187-unit development at Stanford Research Park

by Gennady Sheyner

Eager to spur the creation of more housing, members of the Palo Alto City Council signaled their support Monday night for one of the most ambitious projects that the city has seen in many years: a mixed-use development that would bring 187 apartments to the edge of Stanford Research Park.

The development proposed by Sand Hill Property Company would occupy 3300 El Camino Real, just south of Hansen Way and The Fish Market, which is currently a parking lot. If it wins approval, it would be the first project to advance under the city’s “planned home zone,” a designation that the council recently created to provide incentives to residential developers. Modeled after the “planned community” zone of yesteryear, the new zone allows developers to exceed land-use standards in exchange for public benefits.

But while the “planned community” zone famously left open the question of what constitutes a “public benefit,” the “planned home zone” offers a clear answer: housing. In February, the council authorized staff to use the zoning tool to bring the city closer to its elusive goal of building more than 300 units per year.

Planning Director Jonathan Lait underscored on Monday that the city remains well short of its housing target.

“We’re still not meeting the goals of the council in the Comprehensive Plan, and we’re only barely meeting our above-market-rate housing numbers that we’re expected to make in order to meet the (Senate Bill) 35 standards that

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POWER OF THE POLL ... The coronavirus pandemic is expected to significantly shake up a highly anticipated event less than four months away: Election Day. As clock ticks, government leaders are figuring out how to safely operate a general election in the midst of a health crisis. For Palo Alto High School student Tara Kapoor, the answer lies in universal vote-by-mail. She laid out her arguments in “Freedom Isn’t Free: The Price to Preserve Democracy,” her entry in The New York Times’ seventh annual Student Editorial Contest. “This is, indeed, a realistic goal — five states have successfully and repeatedly set an example with almost all ballots cast by mail for years,” the 15-year-old student argued. “It’s high time we guaranteed the option for all Americans.” She was recognized as a runner-up on June 17, when the publication released its list of winners. Kapoor contrasted the mishaps observed during Wisconsin’s primary with the success during Alaska’s primary, which canceled in-person voting and sent out ballots to eligible voters. The turnout doubled compared to the state’s 2016 primary. (Both primaries were held in April.) Kapoor acknowledged an estimated $2 billion would be spent to make universal vote-by-mail a reality, but cited a March 21 opinion in the Times that stated the amount is “a drop in the $1-trillion-plus stimulus bucket ... and it should be an essential component of any coronavirus response package.” The contest, which limited each piece to 450 words, received a total of 7,916 entries reviewed by 30 judges. Read Kapoor’s full editorial at nyti.ms/2NfibWV.

COMING TOGETHER ... Gatepath and Abilities United, two Peninsula nonprofits that merged nearly a year ago to continue their mission of serving people with disabilities, debuted a new name on June 20. The organization now will be known as Pathway, which “conveys a path to an inclusive world where people of all abilities are fully accepted,” according to a press release. The new name was announced during a virtual event on YouTube on the day when the organization was formed 100 years earlier. The organization also has debuted a new tagline, “Inspiring Inclusion,” which it paired with the new name to “express our mission and the focus of all of our services,” CEO Bryan Neider said during the livestream. Viewers of the virtual event were receptive to the rebranding, with some calling it as “wonderful,” “great” and “beautiful.” During a Q&A period at the event, Neider noted that the new name and tagline were a result of two years of research. A video of the announcement can be found at youtube.be/3y7tBo7oAw.

SPREADING KNOWLEDGE ... From imagining their dream companies to bringing down how to make a cold call, Palo Alto youth recently learned about the ABCs of entrepreneurship through the Paly Robotics Team. The club’s business team gave 10 free lessons that wrapped up late last week for students from elementary to high school. “When the quarantine started, I knew I wanted to do something to help my community... during this time of need, so I established Zoom workshops at Paly Robotics,” Paly freshman Caroline Zhang, one of the team’s members, told The Weekly in an email. “As a student, I often times felt bored during the quarantine and wanted to learn something new.” She added that the workshops allowed parents to relax while their children listened to the lessons. The first workshop challenged students to guess the company behind a series of mission statements that included Google, Nike and Hydro Flask. More advanced material was found in the fifth workshop, where the robotics club’s business team covered the do’s and don’ts of giving a pitch. In a workshop survey, 95.2 percent of participants reported they learned something new and would recommend the series to a peer. The club’s business team also plans to roll out a curriculum on art and software next month. To view the entrepreneurship videos, visit youtube.com/user/PalyRobotics.
Upfront

COMMUNITY

Police try to quash fireworks spree
Residents unnerved by bigger, louder and more frequent explosions

by Sue Dremann

Each year around July 4, the skies above East Palo Alto resident Maureen Larsson’s neighborhood fill with the colorful bursts of large fireworks and the deafening booms of mortars. The nightly sounds, which can go on for weeks before the national holiday, can be heard all over town.

“We’ve been here a long time and every year it’s the same sadly destructive predictable thing: My husband and I are disrupted and stressed by months of explosions. We see at least one fire a year and hear about others caused by fireworks and know whose property has been destroyed,” Larsson said.

“This year the fireworks problem has worsened. It’s still June and the social media posts about lost dogs and lost sleep are non-stop. Neighbors who’re grappling with COVID, financial challenges and work demands are even more frazzled and there’s no relief,” she added. “People doing fireworks... don’t care how it impacts their neighbors.”

Menlo Park residents and Palo Altans who live near East Palo Alto say they are similarly frustrated.

Beth Guislin counted 120 explosions an hour on a recent night, her husband, John, said. It upsets her sleep and their dog is terrified.

There are also three or four group homes for veterans near the Guislin’s.

“I can’t imagine it’s good for them. I feel we need to address it,” he said.

The fireworks have already ignited fires, such as a two-acre blaze in an East Palo Alto field on Friday, July 3, what threatened homes and apartments, according to Menlo Park firefighters.

Local police departments say they are responding in force. There are ongoing criminal investigations, East Palo Alto police chief Albert Pardini said by email.

“The entire patrol division is working to locate and arrest individuals in possession of illegal fireworks. There have been several investigations in progress, but I can’t reveal the details as it would tip off the suspects,” he said.

“There seems to be a pattern of behavior that people walk out of their home, discharge a device and think it’s going to go off in their home. A few minutes later, a different neighbor does the same thing, almost as if they are trying to have a competition to see who can make the loudest noise or launch the biggest airborne device,” Pardini said, noting that the activity is occurring throughout the city.

“Our biggest help has been neighbors calling dispatch or using the tip line to give us a precise location so we can get to the site more quickly,” he said.

Fireworks are also being set off in Menlo Park, and police there have seen an increase in complaints about them — 195 since March.

“It’s not just the Midpeninsula that’s being plagued with people setting off pyrotechnics — it’s happening across the country. New York has had a 426% increase in complaints about fireworks, he said, referencing news reports. The same problems are occurring in Los Angeles and other cities on the West Coast.

And why is it happening?

“It is believed that because of COVID, the fireworks shows are cancelled so people are making their own shows,” Pardini said.

Palo Alto also police think there’s a supply issue at play this year.

“Some hypothesis that we’ve heard, which seems reasonable to us, is that due to cancellations of Fourth of July fireworks shows, there may be an abundance of professional-grade fireworks available on illegal markets” Jaime de la Vega, public affairs manager for the Palo Alto Police Department, stated in an email.

“Note this is purely speculative, but it could explain the significantly louder ‘booms’ that our residents are reporting now, compared to years past,” she said.

Pardini said information suggests people are traveling to other states where it is legal to purchase fireworks. They are then illegally transporting the fireworks back.

Nevada law allows bottle rockets, sky rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, sparklers, missles, aerial spinners, display shells and other aerial items, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association.

California prohibits these and other items: Only so-called “safe and sane” fireworks such as small items used on the ground — including fountains, spinners and snap caps — are allowed in some counties. The “dangerous” fireworks, including bottle rockets and sparklers larger than 10 inches long or one-quarter inch in diameter, are banned.

Under California fireworks laws the possession or transport of illegal explosive devices is a misdemeanor subject to up to six months in county jail and a $1,000 fine. Possession of a large quantity of fireworks or explosive devices can result in up to three years in state prison and a fine up to $50,000.

Pardini said it’s hard to catch violators because of the widespread activity.

“We attempt to track the discharges as they are occurring, but ... as my patrol officers hear or see the devices in the air, it is a challenge to determine which street they originated from,” he said.

Palo Alto police haven’t been able to verify any reports of fireworks or gunshots going off in Palo Alto.

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EDUCATION

School board urges teachers to prepare for ‘robust’ distance learning

Palo Alto Unified waits for county public health guidance on reopening schools, expected by June 30

by Elena Kadvany

Several Palo Alto school board members said Tuesday that secondary schools should be prepared for remote learning in the fall, even as the district would like elementary school students to return to campus in person.

“The only certainty I think we have is that some sort of distance learning option is going to be necessary,” Board Vice President Shounak Dharap said.

Their comments came as the district pressed pause on its reopening planning and negotiations with the teachers union while it waits for the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to release guidance for reopening schools. Superintendent Don Austin said the county has stated the guidance will be issued before June 30.

The district is also hoping to get clarification from the state on how instructional minutes will be calculated in the fall, an issue that’s creating confusion in districts across California, he said.

Palo Alto Unified is aiming to release its plan for reopening schools by next Friday, July 3, Austin said. He described the reopening process, fraught with uncertainty, as choosing from a set of “imperfect options.”

“It’s pretty safe to say we’re not going to have an answer that’s going to satisfy all requests,” he said.

Board member Ken Dauber urged district staff to pursue a simplified, “achievable” plan that they’d be able to deliver on in the fall, including online-only instruction for the middle and high schools.

“Should be comfortable — not happy, but comfortable — with an online-only option for our secondary schools to start with and then understanding as quickly as possible how we can amend that with more in-person education,” he said. “I think it’s really critical that we not expect to number one, do something as good as regular school, and two, take on a challenge that’s just too big for us to actually deliver on.”

Board member Jennifer DiBrienza said the district should prioritize training all teachers on online learning this summer, especially in the event that there’s a second wave of the coronavirus this fall and schools have to close again.

But she emphasized the importance of providing in-person connection for students’ social-emotional as well as academic well-being.

“If there are any safe ways that we can be in person, I cannot stress how important it is that for our students who are feeling really isolated and stressed and depressed and just disconnected from peers — any way we can get them in some human interaction I think is better than not,” DiBrienza said.

Board member Melissa Baten Caswell said the district is “hamstrung” by government and public health guidance, and she didn’t want to weigh in further until receiving county direction.

Numerous parents and teachers spoke at the June 23 virtual board meeting, many cautioning against reopening schools given the potential health concerns.

“A few weeks ago, I would have believed we could have had a hybrid opening. I was even buying books for my classroom library, but looking at the Santa Clara County Public Health Department’s numbers today, I think that reopening plan is fantasy or madness,” said Greene Middle School English teacher Kelly Zalatimo, citing the fact that Santa Clara County on Tuesday recorded its

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Boxes of used fireworks are piled up at the corner of Bell and Lincoln streets in East Palo Alto on June 24.
Fearing a lawsuit, Palo Alto approves President Hotel project

City’s move allows conversion of 75 apartments into 100 hotel rooms

by Gennady Sheynner

Lait had also maintained last year that the proposal violates numerous city’s laws pertaining to parking and zoning.

In agreeing this week to reverse course, the council followed the lead of two attorneys: AJ Capital’s lawyer David Lanferman, who argued in numerous letters that rejecting the company’s hotel conversion would violate the state’s Ellis Act and lead to a lawsuit, and City Attorney Molly Stump, who concluded that the courts would likely affirm Lanferman’s position. Numerous council members also said that they believe the city is legally boxed in because of a combination of laws that collectively place an “undue burden” on AJ Capital in its effort to leave the rental business.

Because the Birge Clark-designed building was constructed in 1930 and is considered historical (if functioned as a hotel until 1968 before becoming an apartment building), the developer does not have the option of demolishing the building and constructing one that complies with code. Because it is a grandfathered non-complying building, it cannot switch from residential to non-residential use without the waiver created by the 2018 law. Nor can the building be converted from a rental property to a condominium complex because a local law bars such conversions unless the city’s vacancy rate goes above 3%, Stump said.

Lanferman argued in a letter that applying the new law to preclude the conversion of President Hotel would impose an “extreme and prohibitive price on the owner’s exercise of Ellis Act rights as to the Hotel President.” Stump agreed and cited the case Javidzad v. City of Santa Monica, in which a court ruled against the city’s effort to prevent a conversion of a rental property.

“There are many types of regulations that cities have adopted to preserve rental housing, which is a valuable asset, (one) that many communities over many years have been seeing as something to support and protect,” Stump said.

“We’ve seen various efforts by cities struck down as imposing an undue burden on property owners under the Ellis Act.”

She and City Manager Ed Shika- da both emphasized that the city is functioning in its quasi-judicial capacity, more as a judge than as a legislative body. As such, it “is much more limited in the choices it can make,” Stump said.

“Council is not free to simply select the best outcome that it be-lieves is in the interest of the com-munity,” Stump said.

Faced with limited options, the council accepted Stump’s guidance and approved, with reluctance, the proposed hotel conversion. Coun-cilman Eric Filseth spoke for most of his colleagues when he noted that the AJ Capital project “takes us in the wrong direction” when it comes to housing but suggested that Ellis Act makes it hard for him to oppose the project.

“That said, I do like seeing this building get restored and I do be-lieve AJ Capital will do a proper job of it and I appreciate that,” Fils-eth said. “And while the hotel envi-ronment in Palo Alto is very com-petitive, for what it’s worth, I think this one has a legitimate shot of one day being the best hotel in town. But I wouldn’t keep the housing.”

Not everyone was convinced by the legal arguments. Palo Alto Neighborhoods, an umbrella group with residents from different neighborhood organizations, submitted a letter challenging staff’s conclusions about the proj-ect and its recommendation to ap-prove it. The developer voluntarily opted to withdraw the building from the council’s agenda, despite being told by the city that a hotel project might not be legal, the letter states.

“The city has no burden what-soever to then allow it a new use that’s profitable, including that of a hotel, if such a hotel isn’t legal,” the PAN has said.

Angela Delaporta, who serves on the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan Working Group, which is trying to craft a new vision for a 60-acre section of the Ventura neighborhood, was one of many residents who pointed out that the hotel project directly contradicts the city’s housing goals.

“If you actually do care about housing as you said, then please do not grant waivers that will actually reduce housing in Palo Alto,” Del-aporta told the council Tuesday.

Frank Flynn was one of more than 50 residents who submitted letters protesting the conversion. He wrote that if the council grants President Hotel’s request it would be sending a strong and clear mes-sage to any developer that “all you need to do is threaten a lawsuit and you will get what you want and that housing and our zoning mean nothing.”

“You should not feel the pres-sure to capitulate here and you should stand for your principles and the principles of the city you represent,” Flynn wrote. “We do not need another luxury hotel; we need housing.”

Councilwoman Lydia Kou sug-gested that AJ Capital should have known that the hotel con-version may not be legal when it purchased the building in June 2018. She noted that its advisers included two former Palo Alto em-ployees, former city Planning Di-rector Steve Coleman and Richard Hackmann, a management analyst who worked in the City Manager’s Office.

Kou also questioned the city’s ability to enforce the hotel’s pro-posed transportation program that promises to reduce solo commut-ers.

Councilwoman Liz Kniss was the most enthusiastic about the hotel project, which includes seismic rehabilitation and restoration of the historic building.

“We’re dealing with a historic building in Palo Alto, a Birge Clark, and one that I think can look absolutely amazing again,” Kniss said. “It does not look amazing now.”

Acknowledging the high level of public concern about the project, the council also took the unusual step of directing Stump to prepare a presentation explaining the various legal rules that applied to the council’s decision. The memo, which was proposed by Mayor Adrian Fine, will be published on the city’s website.

Fine stressed that the council has been “extraordinarily con-sensus building on this one.”

“This has been a really sad and trying process for Palo Alto,” Fine said. •

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council is not scheduled to meet this week.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will hold twice-weekly special meetings to discuss reopening plans and hear COVID-19 updates. The virtual meetings will tentatively begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, and 9 a.m. on Friday, July 3. The meetings will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 28 and midpenmedia.org. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by going to pausd.zoom.us/97988948129 or calling 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6422.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss 2020 Sustainability, and City of Palo Alto Plan, hear a report on the Public Works Zero Waste Program and review the Cameron Park improvement project. The virtual meeting will tentatively begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 960 1906 0106.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss electric vehicle adoption, consider a recommendation to amend the city’s Carbon Neutral Plan and Electric Utility Reserves Management Practices. The virtual meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6422.

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Commissioner resigns over Foothills delay

A member of the Parks and Recreation Commission who has led the effort to open Foothills Park to non-residents announced his resignation Tuesday, a day after the City Council decided not to take up the politically charged topic until after its summer break.

In his resignation letter to Mayor Adrian Fine, Ryan McCauley criticized the council for ignoring the recommendations of both its Parks and Recreation Commission and its Human Relations Commission, which had both recommended that the council repeal a law that makes it illegal for residents outside of Palo Alto to enter the nature preserve unless they are accompanied by a resident.

The council was scheduled to consider it on Tuesday but voted on Monday to postpone its discussion until after its summer break, citing a heavy workload on its June 22 and June 23 agendas.

While the topic of Foothills Park access has been a political hot potato in Palo Alto for decades, calls to abolish the ban on non-residents have grown louder over the past few weeks, as calls for social justice and racial equality have grown both in the community and elsewhere in the nation. The city’s Human Relations Commission earlier this month urged the council to expand Foothills Park access as part of a broader strategy to promote equality.

The decision to postpone the item also drew instant rebukes from residents, including retired Judge LaDoris Cordell, a former city councilwoman who submitted a letter threatening a lawsuit if the council doesn’t immediately agree to stop enforcing its ban on non-residents.

—Gennady Sheyner

Downtown opens streets to dining

Emboldened by its recent success on California Avenue, the Palo Alto City Council moved Tuesday night to dramatically expand opportunities for outdoor dining elsewhere in the city, including on University Avenue.

In its final action before a monthlong break, the council voted unanimously to approve a package of resolutions and ordinances that collectively relax existing rules pertaining to outdoor alcohol consumption, encourage the creation of parklets and allow the conversions of parking lots into outdoor shops and dining areas. The move comes two weeks after the city closed California Avenue to traffic to facilitate outdoor dining — a decision that has received overwhelmingly positive reviews from businesses and residents.

The most dramatic proposal that the council approved calls for closing University Avenue to traffic to make room for outdoor tables. The experiment will begin this Friday morning and conclude on Sunday night. If successful, it will continue through the shutdown and potentially be expanded to closing downtown’s main commercial strip for seven days a week.

“There haven’t been very many joys in the last couple of months, but it’s been one of them,” Councilwoman Alison Cormack said.

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County on COVID ‘watchlist’

Santa Clara County had its highest number of COVID-19 cases ever recorded for a single day on Tuesday, raising concerns about the trajectory of the virus and causing the state to issue a notification that the county is on a “watchlist” because of the increase.

The county had its second-highest single-day count — 122 — recorded on Tuesday, county Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody told the county Board of Supervisors on June 23.

The rise in cases is part of a trend that the Public Health Department has seen over two weeks. New hospitalizations also appear to be trending upward, Cody added.

Seventy-two people were hospitalized as of Thursday; over the past month, that number has ranged from 38 to 75 patients, according to the county.

Cody received word during the board meeting that the county is now on the state’s “watchlist,” dashed hope for the time being that the county can petition the state to allow additional reopening.

“It’s a worrisome sign. It reflects widespread testing but also an increase in cases because the virus continues to spread,” she said.

She said health experts don’t have a way to measure the percentage attributable to increased testing versus the increase in actual cases. The county has run pop-up testing clinics over the past several weeks and opened new testing facilities in the southern part of the county.

“If hospitalizations rise and stay consistently up, that’s an indication that rise in reported cases represents rise in actual incidence, not just in (testing),” she said in an email to this news organization.

—Sue Dremann

Free COVID-19 testing funded by the El Camino Healthcare District is now available for those who live, work or go to school within the District.

Call 650-940-7022 and select Option #4 to schedule your free test.

For more information on testing and locations, go to elcaminohealth.org/covid19testing

*The District’s cities include most of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills; a large portion of Sunnyvale, and small sections of Cupertino, Santa Clara and Palo Alto.
Palo Alto to cut more than 70 city jobs
City sees biggest budget reduction in decades
by Gennady Sheyner

“This is a tough budget; there’s no question about it,” Vice Mayor Tom DuBois said. “I think we defended every department this year. ... It’s not something any of us wanted to do.”

That said, the city’s public safety departments won’t see most of their cuts just yet. Even though the budget reduces the staffing levels in the police and fire departments by a total of 32 positions, some of these cuts won’t kick in until the end of 2020 because of the concessions that Palo Alto’s police and fire unions had agreed to accept. All sworn personnel will forego the 3% cost-of-living adjustments allowed in their contracts. There will also be a special overtime rate for police dispatchers that will reduce costs, as well as a flexible staffing model in the Fire Department.

These cost reductions will allow the Police and Fire departments to defer the budget cuts until September and the end of 2020, respectively. They create what staff is calling an “attrition ramp” by allowing the two departments to proactively encourage veterans to retire rather than lay off recently recruited staff members. The city’s financial officers had far less success in its dealings with the roughly 600 employees represented by Service Employees International Union, Local 521. The two sides failed to reach a deal for cost reductions, which means the union will suffer the bulk of the layoff’s but will retain the 3% raises that its workers are set to receive in December under its contract.

Margaret Adkins, SEIU chapter chair, said the union had offered $3 million in savings but the city did not specify on Monday night how the money was to be saved but lamented the lack of a compromise. The city’s failure to get concessions from the SEIU employees also cut into management’s negotiation with the roughly 200 employees in the “management and professionals” group, the only labor group that is not represented by a union. Normally, these employees receive salary adjustments similar to those negotiated by the SEIU. Now, with the SEIU negotiations failing to bear fruit, the management group is backing off its earlier offer to accept 15% in salary cuts, which would have been realized by 26 days of furloughs. This will now be reduced to 13 days, according to Kiely Nose, the city’s chief financial officer.

“We're in support of agreement with our largest labor workforce, implementing something like that seemed impractical and infeasible,” Nose said.

The council voted 5-2, with council members Lydia Kou and Greg Tanaka dissenting, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2021, which begins on July 1. Kou and Tanaka have complained about the cuts to community services and argued throughout the budget process that the city should save money by delaying major capital projects, such as the proposed bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101 and the reconstruction of the Mitchell Park fire station.

The council voted against an exercise that City Manager Ed Shikada described as managing “a multi-point balancing act of bad choices.” This includes reducing productions at the Children’s Theatre and exhibitions at the Palo Alto Art Center, cutting hours at libraries, paring back on park maintenance and decreasing capital spending.

Some residents argued that the city should find further savings in the Police Department. Rohin Ghosh criticized the council for making only “delicate” cuts to the police and said the city should do more to address “police militarization.”

“There are places we can find funding for programs that actually benefit the community,” Ghosh said.

Others suggested that the city reduce its capital budget to preserve community services. Jeremy Ernert noted that the city is budgeting $400,000 to replace the seats in the Lucie Stern Theatre even as it plans to cut $700,000 in the Children’s Theatre budget. The seats are still functional, he said, and they’ve been getting much less use than expected in recent months because of social-distancing mandates.

But after more than a month of public hearings over more than 30 hours, the council refrained from making any last-minute changes to the budget.

Tanaka reiterated on Monday that especially given the city has too many managers and too many employees devoted to areas like public relations and recruiting. He also lamented the city’s failure to negotiate salary reductions with its largest labor union.

“We’re giving raises. It’s just mind-boggling,” Tanaka said.

The council also left open the possibility of restoring some of the positions that are being cut later in the year. The budget includes a $744,000 fund for COVID-19 related expenditures, money that the city can tap into to restore shuttle services, boost funding for recreation programs and pay for any unexpected services associated with the pandemic or the economic recovery.

Mayor Adrian Fine was one of several council members who thanked the city’s labor force, particularly those workers who are facing layoffs.

“None of us wanted to see this happen, but we’re dealing with some really hard situations,” Fine said.

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their skin. Johnsson said many of his Black friends ended up leaving the Palo Alto school district due to mistreatment.

“Parents choose to move here, to Palo Alto, because of the schools. ... And yet they watch as their kids are told both directly and indirectly that they aren’t smart enough for higher-level classes, (that) they can’t challenge themselves — they shouldn’t challenge themselves,” Johnsson said. “They came to Palo Alto because of the schools and they end up leaving the district because of the schools.

“Because in these schools,” he said, “Black students can’t breathe. I can’t breathe.”

Miller, president of Paly’s Black Scholars United, said the club was both a blessing and a curse. It helped her find her place on campus and taught her she “was capable of doing so much more than the bare minimum.” But it also highlighted prejudice and discrimination at Paly, she said.

“For too long I thought this was the norm,” Miller said. “I always thought that being Black in a school full of white was the problem but it’s deeper than that. It’s the disproportionate amount of privilege that allows for those with it to follow the straight path that was paved for them by those without it.”

Several speakers emphasized education as key to reform, including teaching the significance of holidays like Juneteenth and other events related to the history of slavery in America.

“We need to demand that education works for us,” Johnsson said. “A school can change its flags — or its name, like Palo Alto Unified did after Johnsson, then a 13-year-old seventh-grader, wrote a book report about David Starr Jordan’s advocacy of eugenics — “but if you don’t change the curriculum, if you don’t change the teachers and the books, it’s the same,” Michael Harrison said.

Harrison, a lifelong Palo Alto resident who graduated from Paly in 1991, read from a report he wrote as an Addison Elementary School fifth-grader titled “My Heritage in Slavery.” He recalled the first time he was called a racial slur as a young boy. He described not being let into a party in high school because of his race — and the anguish of returning to the same house years later as an adult with his son trick-or-treating on Halloween. He recalled being pulled over by a police officer after leaving Greene Middle School, where he coached basketball.

“I’ve been pulled out of my car literally because I fit the description of a hit-and-run (suspect) — put up against a tree, hands behind my head as people stared. What people don’t understand ... it’s not the brutality,” he said. “It’s the indignity that you suffer.”

He and his brother Jamal said they had mixed feelings about speaking at the rally, which was organized by a group of Palo Alto community members. The groundswell of support for the Black Lives Matter movement feels “trendy” and “hollow,” they said.

“I cannot say that I’m hopeful because history has shown me something different,” Harrison said.

Several speakers urged the crowd to take concrete action to address police violence, including registering to vote and writing to their state senators to end qualified immunity, which protects police officers from civil lawsuits. An impromptu speaker recommended people watch “13th,” the 2016 documentary that traces the history of racial inequality in the United States from slavery to mass incarceration, and “When They See Us,” a TV series about five Black teenagers falsely accused of and imprisoned for rape in 1989.

Lettie McGuire said her family was one of the few Black families in Palo Alto when they moved to the city. Their daughter Cleo Goodwin leads a chant alongside 500 demonstrators marching through downtown Palo Alto during a Juneteenth event on June 19.

Demonstrators walk past a couple dining at Rooh in downtown Palo Alto on June 19.
Why they protest

What this movement means to people who attended a Juneteenth rally in Palo Alto

by Lloyd Lee

Hundreds of people turned out for a Juneteenth rally at King Plaza in downtown Palo Alto, one of many such protests that have taken place in recent weeks. In their own words, here’s why they felt it was important to show up.

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“That is the answer — to have diverse neighborhoods, to make Palo Alto a diverse neighborhood,” she said. “My answer is: Hire a Black person today. I’m talking about hiring someone and paying them the money that you are making so they can buy a house in Palo Alto.”

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While the council has yet to de-
fine the exact parameters of the new zoning district — including the affordable-housing require-
ments that qualifying projects must meet — members were mostly receptive to Sand Hill’s tentative plan.

The proposed development would consist of a two-story of-
ice building just south of a five-
story residential complex. Twenty percent of the housing units would be set aside for low-income tenants, and another 20% would be for moderate-income tenants.

“Sand Hill Property Company is seeking to develop this mixed-use development that will include 187 apartments and an office building (far left) near Stanford Research Park.”

Residents who spoke at the meeting or who submitted letters opposed the development, with one saying, “The Sand Hill’s preliminary plans. Palo Alto does not need another office building.”

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## Housing

**Upfront**

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- Intero RE: $52,890
- DeLeon Realty: $48,643

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**Palo Alto**  
**$5,495,000**  
Bright, spacious and a cul-de-sac location in prime Leland Manor neighborhood. The home offers 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3500 sq ft of living space on a 11,221 sq ft lot.

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**Sold**  
Represented the buyer. A charming home located in the heart of Crescent Park. Situated on a 11,500 sq ft lot, the home offers 3413 sq ft of living space with 4 bedrooms and 4 baths.

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**Palo Alto**  
**$5,475,000**  
Beautiful Mediterranean-inspired villa with 5 beds/4 baths situated in North Palo Alto’s popular Community Center neighborhood. Gorgeous yard!

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**Palo Alto**  
**CALL FOR PRICE**  
Sold  
Conveniently located Palo Alto home featuring a flexible 2-level floor plan includes 5 bedrooms, 3 with private bath, plus an office. Ideal for your busy life!

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Theodore Terzian  
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**Menlo Park**  
**$4,495,000**  
Located in desirable Leland Manor neighborhood in North Palo Alto. Home offers 4 beds, 3 baths, 2900 sq ft on a 10,800 sq ft lot. Shows very well.

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**Palo Alto**  
**$5,200,000**  
Located in desirable Leland Manor neighborhood in North Palo Alto. Gorgeous yard!

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Nicole Aron  
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**Palo Alto**  
**$4,250,000**  
Commercial office zoned CDN-P. Prime downtown Palo Alto location with good visibility and offers many possibilities including using the existing structures or developing the property.

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**MENLO PARK**  
**$4,495,000**  
Move right into this beautiful 4 bed, 3.5 ba. home in Central Menlo Park.

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**Palo Alto**  
**$4,290,000**  
Sold  
 Positioned at the corner of Addison Avenue and Emerson Street with expansive frontage on both, this exceptional oversized lot in the heart of downtown presented an incredible development opportunity!

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Michele Harkov  
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**Palo Alto**  
**$4,250,000**  
Commercial office zoned CDN-P. Prime downtown Palo Alto location with good visibility and offers many possibilities including using the existing structures or developing the property.

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Conveniently located Palo Alto home featuring a flexible 2-level floor plan includes 5 bedrooms, 3 with private bath, plus an office. Ideal for your busy life!

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Saratoga $4,198,000
Rare gem in Saratoga with nearly 1.15 acres of flat land, entertainer’s paradise. Pool, tennis/sports court, picnic area, and more.

Palo Alto CALL FOR PRICE
Coming Soon South Palo Alto elegant home, minutes to everything. 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, house +/- 2795 sq.ft. lot +/- 8360 sq.ft.

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Burlingame $3,900,000
Sold Located in the heart of Burlingame’s Easton Addition, this impressive 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath home, reminiscent of the Arts & Crafts architectural style, offers a well designed traditional floor plan plus a beautiful garden patio for outdoor entertaining. Represented Buyer.

Palo Alto $3,900,000

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Stanford $3,750,000
Available only to qualified Stanford faculty. Extensively renovated 5 bd/4 ba designer’s dream home nestled in a peaceful Stanford campus enclave. Spacious floor plan offers expanses of glass framing vistas of the western hills, clean lines and high end finishes.

Palo Alto $3,700,000
Coming Soon Commercial conversion near Cal Ave., easy train access, bakeries and fine dining await! Oversized spaces where art and architecture meet! Five bedroom, four and a half baths, sleek office, top of the line kitchen, dining and theater room! A real modern masterpiece! Call for private showings.

Kathleen Wilson
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Los Altos $3,700,000
Sold Beautiful Cape Cod home with exquisite craftsmanship and details.

Palo Alto $3,698,000
Old-world charm in prime Community Center neighborhood. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

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Los Altos $3,700,000

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Los Altos $3,700,000

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**Redwood City**

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**Sold**

- **Palo Alto**
  - Very nice home in the heart of the neighborhood. 4BD/2.5BA, 2 garages. Family room opens to private back garden.

- **Mountain View**
  - Coming Soon: Tucked away on a quiet cul-de-sac, beautiful 4bd, 2.5ba home. Family room opens to private spacious back garden & pool. Perfect for indoor/outdoor entertaining!

- **Palo Alto**

- **Palo Alto**
  - Sold: Representing a strong buyer during the first 2 weeks of SJP, got a good price with a preemptive offer. Call Julie. We have more motivated buyers.

- **Palo Alto**
  - Sold: Beautiful light filled home with amazing gardens. Large living room with raised ceilings and walls of windows looking out to tranquil grounds. Stunning chef’s kitchen with dining area leading into the back patio. Very quiet tree-lined street and close to schools, parks, shopping etc.

- **Palo Alto**
  - Sold: Beautiful 3bd, 2.5ba plus office, 3,610+/- sf on a 11,200+/- sf level lot in prime Edgewood Park neighborhood on a coveted street!!

- **Mountain View**
  - This charming home located in the desirable Crescent Park addition neighborhood offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1400 sq ft of living space all on one level.

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Wonderful large 3 acre lot with great mountain and bay views. Level building pad. MFA 5,000 Sq.Ft. & MDA 7,500 Sq.Ft. Call agent for more details.

Coming Soon Incredible opportunity- lovely quiet location. 3/2 + 1/1 over 2 car garage. Lot over 8,000 sq ft.

Sold Represented Buyer. Gorgeous Emerald Hills home. Sunny, spacious and private.

Sold Build your dream home in this excellent North Los Altos location. Just moments to Santa Rita Elementary and Egan Junior High School. Planning approval has be obtained for a new two story 5,231 Sq.Ft. home with full basement.

Sold Spectacular Mid-Century Modern 3 bedroom / 2 bath home with remarkable San Francisco Bay views, yet with the benefit of a closed-in, private location, plus an adjacent 1/3rd+ acre vacant lot!

Built in 2018, elegant 2 story home offers dramatic living room, great family room kitchen, 4 bedroom, 4.5 bathroom with 1 suite on ground floor. Quiet street yet easy access to 84 and commute routes. Excellent neighborhood, bordering Atherton.

Located on one of Barron Park's premier tree-lined streets, 3 bd/3 ba main home has been refreshed and is ready to enjoy as-is, remodel, or potentially build new, plus separate cottage.
**Sold**: Remodeled home near Midtown. Representing sellers, transaction challenges during COVID-19, closed successfully during SIP, 3 offers.

**Located in**: PALO ALTO

**Price**: $2,777,000

**Agent**: Julie Tsai Law

**Contact**: 650.799.8888, julie@julietsailaw.com

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**Coming Soon**: 1955 Cuesta Park 4 bed, 3 bath completely remodeled home. 2 Master Suites, Great Room addition, high-end kitchen & beautifully landscaped yard.

**Located in**: MOUNTAIN VIEW

**Price**: CALL FOR PRICE

**Agent**: Arti Miglani

**Contact**: 650.804.6942, Arti@ArtiMiglani.com

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**Sold**: Quintessential country living with indoor-outdoor lifestyle in the heart of Silicon Valley. The home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms on a half acre lot. This home boasts expansive views of the creek, a tree studded lot, with numerous spaces for entertaining, and privacy galore.

**Located in**: PORTOLA VALLEY

**Price**: CALL FOR PRICE

**Agent**: Ted Paulin

**Contact**: 650.766.6325, ted.paulin@compass.com

**License Number**: DRE # 01435455

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**Sold**: Stylishly remodeled 3 bed, 2 bath home w/ chef’s kitchen, dual pane windows & hardwood floors. Ideally located in desirable Midtown neighborhood close to schools, parks and shopping.

**Located in**: PALO ALTO

**Price**: CALL FOR PRICE

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**Sold**: Blossom Valley Charmer. We stood firm for our clients to advocate for the home during the low season and sellers finally got what they wanted.

**Located in**: MOUNTAIN VIEW

**Price**: $2,680,000

**Agent**: Denise Simons

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**License Number**: DRE # 01376733

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**Coming Soon**: Mission San Jose grand luxury residence, 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, house +/- 3821 sq.ft., lot +/- 12859 sq.ft.

**Located in**: FREMONT

**Price**: CALL FOR PRICE

**Agent**: Julie Tsai Law

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**Sold**: 4-plex with excellent Cupertino schools and Homestead High. Desirable neighborhood, quiet street. Ideal unit mix for both owner occupied and investment. All units have been completely updated, great upside potential on rent. Short drive to Apple.

**Located in**: SUNNYVALE

**Price**: $2,625,000

**Agent**: Sophie Tsang

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**License Number**: DRE # 01399145

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**Coming Soon**: Mission San Jose grand luxury residence.

**Located in**: FREMONT

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Sold Representing strong buyers during SIP. Call Julie. We have more motivated and qualified buyers.

Yamina Wu
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DRE # 01989174
This well-maintained investment property consists of eight fully occupied 2/1ba units, most with updated kitchens and baths. Approx 8200 sq ft lot. This will sell fast!!

Carolyn Aarts Keddington
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carolyn.keddington@compass.com
DRE # 01490400
Sold Stylish Cape Cod home in the heart of the Willows.

Valerie Lo
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DRE # 01816959
Sold Traditional 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch house. Located in a convenient location in desirable Midtown area. 7,300 sq ft corner lot. Sold 20% over the listed price!

Ted Paulin
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DRE # 01435455
Sold Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom Eichler home on a 8,716 SF lot, on a cul-de-sac, in highly sought after Greenmeadow neighborhood of Palo Alto.

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Sold Call for Price

San Jose
SAN JOSE $2,580,000
Stylishly remodeled 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom 2,452+/- sq.ft. home in Happy Valley neighborhood. Excellent schools!

Lynne Mercer
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Lynne.Mercer@compass.com
DRE # 00796211
Sold Unique custom home featuring spacious rooms, hardwood floors and completely upgraded throughout. Almost 9000sf lot has a pretty swimming pool and loads of room for gardening.

Pat Kalish
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DRE # 00702818
Sold

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Sold Stunning remodeled home in the highly sought-after Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park. 3 beds/2 baths, ±2459 sq ft home on a ±7400 sq ft lot. The ample lot is 6,692 square feet.

Sold Beautifully appointed and built by award winning Ponderosa Builders, this bright and airy home, is located in the family-friendly Selby neighborhood. Situated on a 6,098 sq. ft. lot the home offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 car garage with 2,120 sq. ft. of living space.

Sold Presenting strong buyers during SIP. Call Julie. We have more motivated and qualified buyers.

Sold Adorable home sparkles with natural light from abundant windows, added skylights. 3BR plus family room. Great neighborhood, close to everything!

Sold Fantastic Cupertino duplex. Close to all the conveniences and Apple campuses. Excellent Cupertino Schools. Each unit offers 2 bd/1 ba, updated kitchen, bright living room, private yard, 1 car attached garage.

Sold Represented Buyer. Enjoy this spacious four bedroom home in the coveted St. Frances Acres neighborhood with top Los Altos schools. Tucked on a beautiful street within one of Mountain View’s prettiest and most convenient neighborhoods.

Sold Nestled on a friendly, quiet cul-de-sac location in the Shoreline West neighborhood, this 3bd, 2ba home was extensively remodeled in 2015. Close to Downtown with outstanding schools.
Sold Charming, well-maintained 3 bed, 2 bath home in the desirable Cuesta Park neighborhood. Ideally located close to Bubb Elementary School and local parks.

Sold Condo at Altaire Walk community. Representing sellers, closed successfully during SIP, 8 offers, highest 3 bedrooms unit sale in the community.


Coming Soon Light and bright condo in the best location of Midtown! 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, +/-1480 sq.ft.

Lavishly remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in a desirable Menlo Park neighborhood. Excellent value for the land. Existing home nestled on a 0.8 lot. Good location with a easy stroll to Hidden Villa and Foothill parks.

Amazing Almaden Valley Home! Spacious 5bd/2.5ba home boasts lot of natural light & great living spaces. Formal dining room w/replace, remodeled kitchen. Family room opens to the pool, garden & patio. Don’t miss out!

Sold with multiple offers and represented seller. Clean modern lines on this totally remodeled home! Total 1,525 Sq.Ft. includes Main house: 1,125 SF w/3 beds, 2 baths+ Detached ADU that is 400 Sq.Ft. w/1 bed, 1 bath.

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Coming Soon
1924 Mediterranean Style 3 bed, 1.5 bath home in Mount Carmel, Redwood City. Double panes, Oak Hardwood, renovated kitchen on a 8,255 SF lot.

REDWOOD CITY CALL FOR PRICE

Elegance, character and tree-top views highlight this quiet, 3 bed/3 bath, ~1,800 square foot unit. It’s an amazing value at one of the finest complexes of its kind.

PALO ALTO $1,595,000

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Sold
Beautiful 2 bed/2 bath sold with 5 offers over asking.

PALO ALTO $1,500,000

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Sold
Tasman Square, 5 years new home. Representing sellers during the end of year low season. Got an excellent price of what the sellers hoped for.

SUNNYVALE CALL FOR PRICE

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Sold
Tasman Square, 5 years new home. Representing sellers for an off-market sale, multiple offers, tenant-occupied situation, negotiated rent-back.

SUNNYVALE CALL FOR PRICE

Julie Rossi Rideau
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Coming Soon
Charming 4 bed, 2.5 bath home with updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors and dual pane windows. Close to great schools, parks and shopping.

BELMONT CALL FOR PRICE

Hidden gem, behind the gates, this chic 2 bed condo is an end unit on a single level with a corner balcony and views. Turnkey, “a 10!” One of the most sought after communities in Sharon Heights, Menlo Park. This unit is perfect for a pied-a-terre, a starter home, or for a downsizer! Please see video.

MENLO PARK $1,348,000

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Sold Original Eichler home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms. Represented buyer.

Jean-Luc Laminette
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Coming Soon Desirable 5 bed & 3 bath home with 1,700+ sft on a 5,000 sft lot, close to Nvidia. Walk to the park, civic center and Triton Museum of Art.

Anna Park
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Sold Represented Buyer. Rare on Market Cul-de-Sac Home in California Rosecrest. Desirable Floorplan w/ 1 Full Bath & 1 Bedroom on 1st Floor; Large Living Room w/ Big Windows; Family Room Offers Cozy Fireplace w/ Gas Starter. This delightful 4 bed 3 bath house will make you feel right at home.

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Sold Represented Buyer. Completely remodeled condo with an open floor plan for easy and comfortable living. Formal entry with coat closet, plank floors, sunlit living room with fireplace. Large master suite with a wall of closets and large windows to ensure natural lighting.

Michele Harkov
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Coming Soon Adorable extra large 960 sf. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Conveniently located within blocks of downtown San Carlos and public transportation.

Colleen Foraker
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DRE # 01349099

Sold Stylish Palo Alto Redwoods 2 bedroom / 2 bath condominium, well designed with high ceilings and an open floor plan plus a wonderful oversized patio that opens to a serene green belt. Represented Buyer

Tasneem Fatima
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DRE # 00916894

Sold Gorgeous 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit completely remodeled, beautiful hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen.
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED WITH A GREAT LOCATION

188 Elliott Drive, Menlo Park

Boasting a great location close to everything Silicon Valley has to offer, this beautifully remodeled home of over 1,800 square feet, including a brand-new addition of nearly 500 square feet, offers 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, all set on a well-proportioned lot of over 9,800 square feet. Light, bright, and spacious, the home’s open and flowing floorplan is ideal for a modern lifestyle, from the family room with a wood-burning fireplace, to the quartz-appointed kitchen with a sunny dining area. Four bedrooms provide comfort for the entire family, including one which can easily be converted to office space for all work-from-home needs. Plus, you will be close to multiple parks, moments from the exciting amenities of University Avenue, and a short trip to US 101 for Bay Area commuting, while children may attend acclaimed schools including Encinal Elementary, Laurel School, Hillview Middle, and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

Offered at $2,488,000

Easy access for potential buyers and Realtors® only, walk-up appointments between 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Saturday (6/27) and Sunday (6/28).

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

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The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Explores Supporting Expansion of Pacheco Reservoir in Southern Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is currently developing one of our biggest projects in decades, the proposed expansion of Pacheco Reservoir, located 60 miles southeast of San Jose. The proposed project would increase Pacheco's capacity from 5,500 up to 140,000 acre-feet—enough water for up to 1.4 million people for one year in an emergency. The project could reduce the frequency and severity of water shortages during droughts, protect our drinking water supply and infrastructure, and improve habitat for fish.

Valley Water is exploring the opportunity to include this important project under an updated and enhanced Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, which was overwhelmingly approved by 74% of voters in 2012. Currently, projects funded by the program ensure our drinking water is safe and reliable, while protecting our water quality by reducing toxins and contaminants in our waterways. In addition to efforts that repair and replace our aging dams, these projects protect residents and businesses from flooding and sea level rise. Including the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion as a potential program update would contribute to ensuring that our county also has a secure water supply for the future.

What matters most to you?

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 the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program to meet Santa Clara County’s current and future needs.

Take our two-minute survey at www.SafeCleanWater.org and let us know what matters most to you!

Learn more at SafeCleanWater.org

John Michael Jakubiak
September 23, 1934 – June 14, 2020

John Michael Jakubiak, 85, a 50-year resident of Palo Alto, died June 14, 2020. He was born Sept. 23, 1934 in New Kensington, PA. John had no biological children but was an amazing stepfather. After graduating with a Masters degree in philosophy from the University of Munich, Germany, he spent several years exploring Europe before making his home in Palo Alto, where he eventually met the love of his life Shirley Powers. He was a brilliant and multi-faceted craftsman, artist, writer, builder and opera singer. He made and sold stunning jewelry, created sculpture out of stone, wood and gems, and took gorgeous photographs of nature in all of the places he loved to hike and kayak with his one true love. He wrote powerful poetry with an emphasis on understanding the deepest questions in life. In addition he could build anything from bookshelves to entire rooms from scratch. Irreverent and charming he never failed to amuse people with his sense of humor and stories, which were always told with a twinkle in his lake-blue eyes. He was an incredible grandfather who was always filled with love, hugs and smiles. Becoming a “Papa” brought out the child in him and he and his grandson, Ryan, had many adventures building their own bows and arrows, constructing tree-houses and lemonade stands, and even a mini-golf course in the backyard. As the years went by their relationship changed as Ryan became his tech guru and chauffeur. John was a much beloved man who will be forever missed.

He is survived by his life partner of 42 years, Shirley Powers of Palo Alto, Calif.; his daughter, Erin Powers of Menlo Park; his grandson Ryan Gruschka-Powers also of Menlo Park; and four siblings.

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Robert Stevens Elliott
May 26, 1929 – June 20, 2020

Robert Stevens Elliott passed away peacefully on June 20th at Webster House in Palo Alto. He was born on May 26, 1929 in Melrose, MA. The eldest of three children, Bob was raised in nearby Middleton, RI, the location of St. George’s School, where his father was a science teacher. Bob was graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon Preparatory School in Massachusetts before receiving his collegiate degree from Trinity College in 1951.

After college Bob served in the U.S. Army for four years, worked at W.R. Grace in New York City, and then moved to Toledo, Ohio where he took a job with Owens Corning. Following an executive training program in sales and management, Bob was assigned to San Francisco where his work with Owens Corning focused on the development and sale of reinforced plastics. He later formed his own business, Rowell, with two other partners, which distributed reinforced plastic materials throughout California. He retired at age 60.

Bob married Rosemma (“Fredi”) Brundage in 1960. They have one son, Timothy Scott Elliott, who resides in Menlo Park, CA. Throughout his lifetime Bob pursued a wide variety of outside activities. As a member of the Audubon Society, Bob was always thrilled to make a bird sighting during a nature walk. A longtime volunteer for Environmental Volunteers, Bob taught grade school students about environmental issues, and took them on field trips to local parks and preserves. Using his expertise from Rowell, he also took pleasure in teaching elementary school children in science classes how to put plastic materials together to make a small cup.

Bob enjoyed travel, and particularly the trips that included his love of the outdoors. He took several golf vacations in Scotland, and Alaska was a favorite destination for his backpacking trips with son Tim. For a number of years Bob and Fredi owned a home in Arizona where they enjoyed the desert flora and fauna, and collected Native American art and artifacts.

Closer to home Bob enjoyed tennis and golf which he played with a regular group of friends. Pursuing his interest in sports, he served as a Red Coat at Stanford to usher fans to their seats. He and Fredi also volunteered at rummage sales for the benefit of the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. For twenty-six years Bob delivered food for Meals on Wheels, always taking the time to engage in conversation, and often replacing a light bulb or turning on the furnace for a needy client.

Having a keen interest in the culinary arts and through his friendship with Shirley Sarvis, a well-known food writer and wine expert, he helped to organize special evenings of food and wine pairings.

Bob is survived by his son Tim, wife Fredi, and a sister Barbara Elliott Fargo of Massachusetts. His younger brother William predeceased him.

A memorial service was held on June 13th at Green Valley Mortuary in Rescue, and the burial was held on June 16th at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.

Bryce Perry
January 27, 1946 – June 2, 2020

Bryce Perry passed away on June 2, 2020. He was 74 years old.

Bryce was born on January 27, 1946 in Duxbury, Massachusetts. His family moved to Albany NY, and Lewiston/Auburn ME before settling in Arlington MA. While in high school, Bryce was active in the chess club, did stop-motion photography, and published a newspaper called the Spectator.

At Antioch College in Ohio, Bryce was involved in the student-run fire department, including serving as engineer, responsible for two trucks and an ambulance. While at college, he married Frances Hamaker from Palo Alto, CA. After graduation, they served in the Peace Corps, stationed in the town of Labasa in the Fiji Islands where they taught science and math at Sangam High School. After some travel, they settled in Palo Alto. Bryce worked at SRI in the Molecular Physics lab, at Spectra Physics as a product manager, and at ILC Technologies, managing space station lighting. While at SRI, Bryce earned an MSEE degree at Stanford University.

In the ’80s Bryce was active in the Palo Alto chess club and organized large chess tournaments. He was also active in the Boy Scouts, serving as Scout Master. After early retirement, he worked in IT, as a photographer, mentored a chess club at Gunn High School, square danced, and was learning to teach and take square dancing. Starting in 1999, he also enjoyed going to the Burning Man arts festival in Nevada more than a dozen times. Bryce was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto. Bryce served on the board of trustees and as president of the board. He founded and led men’s groups. Bryce was preceded in death by his parents, John E. and Helen K. Perry of Arlington MA, his brother Fred Perry of MA and his sister Jana Born (James) of NH. He leaves his wife, Fran, two sons John (Julie) of San Diego and Michael of Palo Alto and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on June 10th at Rockwood Presbyterian Church, and graveside service will be held on June 16th at Menlo Park Cemetery.
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Hope in the midst of isolation

Short Story Contest authors reflect on finding beauty and solace during unconventional times

With the pandemic creating a newfangled reality around the globe, it’s not surprising that the first-place winners of this year’s Palo Alto Weekly Short Story Contest submitted pieces that reflect on the struggles, beauty and humor of those living in isolation.

Whether examining changes in their own daily routines or contemplating the impacts of social isolation on older adults or those living in impoverished neighborhoods, each story offers hope: from the father who ultimately finds sanctuary in life’s typically uneventful details after suddenly finding himself shuttered at home; to an ill girl who finds solace in playing music from her apartment balcony after encountering an elderly neighborhood musician; to the angry, closed-off teen who brings attention to his forgotten neighborhood in an unexpected way.

Each of the writers drew upon their personal experiences and those of people around them to breathe life into their works and to shed light on the beauty that can be found in the most unconventional places.

The Palo Alto Weekly thanks all of the writers who submitted stories for this year’s contest; the judges for the Adult and Young Adult categories, Tom Parker, Nancy Packer and Debbie Duncan; and the Teen category judges Caryn Huberman Yacowitz, Marjorie Sayer and Nancy Etchemendy.

Lastly, the Weekly extends its gratitude to the contest co-sponsors, Bell’s Books of Palo Alto, Kepler’s Books of Menlo Park and Linden Tree Children’s Books of Los Altos.

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Debbie Duncan

Debbie Duncan has been reviewing children’s books for the Palo Alto Weekly since 1997. She is the author of the Benjamin Franklin Award-winning picture book “When Molly Was in the Hospital,” as well as a book for parents, “Joy of Reading.” She also contributes to the Perspectives series of commentaries on KQED radio. When she isn’t reading books to find the best to share with Weekly readers, she’s writing her own middle-grade novel or hanging out on Twitter, @debbieduncan.

Nancy Packer

Nancy Packer is professor emerita of English at Stanford University, where she taught in the Creative Writing Program. Her short stories have appeared in such journals as Harper’s, Yale Review and Sewanee Review and been included in several “O. Henry Prize Stories” collections and “The Best American Short Stories.” Sixty of her stories have been collected and published in five volumes; “Old Ladies” is her most recent collection.

Tom Parker

A well-known, local fiction-writing teacher and coach, memoirist, co-author and developmental editor, Tom Parker is an O. Henry Prize-winning short-story writer and author of the novels “Anna, Ann, Annie” and “Small Business.” His work has appeared in Harper’s and has been reviewed in The New Yorker. He has taught at Stanford, the University of California, Berkeley, and Foothill and Calfada community colleges. His website is tomparkerwrites.com.

Caryn Huberman Yacowitz


Judges for the Teen category

Nancy Etchemendy

Nancy Etchemendy’s novels, short fiction and poetry have appeared regularly for the past 40 years, both in the U.S. and abroad. Her work has earned a number of awards, including three Bram Stoker Awards and an International Horror Guild Award. “Cat in Glass and Other Tales of the Unnatural,” her collection of short dark fantasy, was named an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. She lives and works in Palo Alto, where she leads a somewhat schizophrenic life, alternating between unkempt, introverted writer and gracious (she prays) wife of a Stanford University professor.

Marjorie Sayer

Marjorie Sayer writes books with a multicultural and interdisciplinary perspective. Her middle-grade novel, “The Girl Mechanic of Wanzhou,” is a winner of the Scholastic Asia Book Award. Her nonfiction for adults has appeared in O’Reilly Media, and her recreational math books have been used in clubs throughout the country. She enjoys bicycle travel, her family and the friendship of her cats. She blogs about her interests at marjoriesayer.com.

Caryn Huberman Yacowitz


Cover Story
**Love, and a Vaccine**
by David Woodbury

**DAY ONE: Shelter-in-Place Diary**

March 17, 2020 — Palo Alto, California

So far, so good. Tuesday morn-
ing, and it felt odd, after coffee, not to hurry off to the office. Then I realized I have a job. Things are shaping up nicely.

I felt a little giggly knowing that none of my neighbors will come to the door today. Or ever. Mid-morning I had a sudden shelter-in-place epiphany: anti-social dis-
tancing and social distancing are indistinguishable from each other. I’m free to be myself. I spent the afternoon writing letters to the governor and other elected re-
presentatives, imploring them to extend the shelter-in-place order for several more weeks.

9:00 p.m. brings the first sign of trouble — we’re out of snacks already. Is it ethical to send my teenager to the market for already. Is it ethical to send my teenage son to the market for more salty, crunchy comestibles, and will the virus police consider that an “essential” trip?

9:15 to 9:45 p.m. — browsed available snack products online.

All in all, a good day.

**DAY TWO**

Dear Diary:

In the morning, I rise. The sun also rises. Oatmeal for break-
fast. As a child, I liked to read the cereal box while shoveling in processed grains. Now, with the internet, I Google the Quaker Oats Company on my phone and discover some disturbing truths. For one, there does not appear to have been any actual members of the Society of Friends involved in this operation. What a surprise that these erstwhile Quakers also pro-
mote a cereal with a fake “Cap’n” — the three stripes on his sleeve rank him lower than that. The oat-
meal was good, but breakfast left me disillusioned.

During my midday repast, I tried to calm my mind. Still no symptoms, thankfully, but I can’t shake a sense of foreboding that my kids will ask me to play a board game from the 1980s.

The dog is unfazed by the pub-
lic health crisis. Sheltering in place is her specialty. She studies us one by one, braying ever trying to gauge the weakest among us, the first to curl from the herd. I dis-
creetly ply her with treats in the hopes she’ll spare me for last.

After supper, I commenced re-
search on infectious disease out-
breaks, hoping to turn the tables on this virus. The revelations are coming fast now. First up, “The Omega Man,” last seen when I was in seventh grade, before I’d ever heard of the NRA. Had no idea it was, in fact, the second ad-
aptation — after Vincent Price’s, “The Last Man on Earth” — of Richard Matheson’s novel, “I Am Legend.” If only COVID-19 car-
ierics recoiled from bright lights, this would be a piece of cake.

Dear Diary:

This morning I dreamt of the coro-
navirus — wet, amorphous, and sinister, like evil Dr. Huxtable’s Jell-O pudding — sliding across the floor as I stood frozen. It washed over my toes, moist and cold as death. Way too moist. Turns out it was just the dog licking my foot, and I awoke to a new day symptom-free, and clean-heeled.

Scanning the day’s headlines was reassuring. All the news was bad, even catastrophic, and of-
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tinuity. What is a pandemic, but the cherry on top of a delicious dystopia years in the making. It’s almost poetic, like a Richard Brautigan poem. But the paucity of snacks is really getting under my skin.

Day three of the shelter-in-place order, and fully 48 hours since the last of the SkinnyPop Popcorn was consumed (even the little bits and unpopped kernels). This was a serious miscalculation. In a day or two, I’ll be chewing on stale Saltines, like pioneers on the Oregon Trail, or Quakers taming the Dylan wilderness of “Penn’s Woods,” if Quakers ate crackers.

This evening the governor told 39 million Californians to go home and stay home. Does he even know how many Mad Max extras have put down roots here? They’re not going to take this ly-
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**DAY FOUR**

Dear Diary:

So far, so good. Though I was neither fit, nor full. It wasn’t dreams of malevolent pudding that dis-
turbed my rest, and for that I am thankful. Rather, it was nervous anticipation that kept me toss-

**DAY FIVE**

Dear Diary:

I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by the virus, starving hysterical naked, Uber-

ing themselves through the Sili-

con Valley streets at dawn looking for a salty snack ...

Outside, it was 63 degrees, a typically pleasant, Midpeninsula spring day. Birdsong and the fra-

**Judge’s Comments**

“Love, and a Vaccine” is the story you knew was coming. All you didn’t know was the guise it would assume. Graving? Madcap? Imbued with sadness and loss? Ter-
rifying? No, to all four. Instead, think witty, wry, acerbic, self-deprecating, in-
sightful, droll. Sheltering in place never sounded so hami-

**Cover Story**

by David Woodbury

First place, Adult category

David Woodbury and his wife, Anne, moved to Cali-

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pensions toward under-staffed clinics and essential coffee shops. My milk run was uneventful,

though it was my first time in Safeway outfitted like a dental hy-

gienist prepping for oral surgery. In a cruel blow, the snack and paper product aisles lay in ruins like Richmond after the war, but I was able to pick up everything else, including, perchance, a com-

municable disease. Only time will

(continued on page 37)
You wanted to see me, Signor Moro. Carlo had thought he didn’t much of it when he’d turned in his assignment to the school counselor. He’d thought the prompt was stupid in the beginning, but as he worked on it he found himself... not enjoying it, but glad that he was doing it, he hated to admit. And he grinned to himself picturing Signor Moro expecting a full essay on Carlo’s “issues,” but finding 20 pages of poems about the reality of living in a neighborhood like Bari Vecchia—a neighborhood on the outskirts of society, ruled by crime and corruption. Although technically, he did answer the question: “What makes me angry?”

But when Signor Moro requested to see him earlier than their usual bi-weekly meetings, Carlo was worried. He knew it to be about the assignment, but he couldn’t think of anything other than Moro telling him he had to redo it.

“Hi, Carlo. Why don’t you take a seat.” He gestured to the chair in front of his desk, then folded his hands on his desk. “How’s Andrea doing??” This was always how he started their meetings; Andrea had also seen Signor Moro, but even though he didn’t go to school anymore, Signore was always concerned for Carlo’s best friend.

Out of all the stories Carlo’d ever heard, Andrea Modugno’s was the most tragic. But maybe that was what attracted Carlo to him in the first place. Maybe he’d recognized that look in his eye — someone who saw things like he did. And like him, Andrea was considered an oddball, borderline creepy to those who didn’t know him. He used to take pictures with his camera — not typical pictures, but of things that seemed ordinary to everyone but him, who knew they were unique: old women folding orecchiette in the blazing sun. An abandoned building. A girl he liked when she wasn’t looking. At least he used to take these pictures until his camera was stolen. Then he started to paint them.

With no mother since he was only a few months old, Andrea left school that year so he could start paying the bills. Things were starting to get expensive now that his father’s illness was progressing, so instead of accompanying Carlo to his piano lessons, he’d turned off a block earlier to the shoemaker’s store, assisting customers when there were any and learning the craft when there weren’t.

Despite most of their days spent apart, Andrea and Carlo remained tight, like brothers. Their families were close too — the Modugnos and Mobicris were each a broken half that formed a somewhat fractured whole.

Signor Moro pulled out a stack of papers and slapped them on his desk — it was time to get down to business. Carlo braced himself for the worst.

“Carlo...” he started. “Carlo, these are very good. Better than good.” Carlo raised his eyebrow at the man. “Scuse me?”

“Carlo, do you remember why you first came here?”

“Yeah.” The question surprised him, though of course he knew the answer. “Cuz my mom thinks I have anger issues.” He remembered it well.

“Your mother was concerned with your recent behaviour. Do you remember why?”

Carlo shrugged. “Guess so.”

“I see.” He placed his hands on his desk. “How’s Andrea doing?”

“Okay... This certainly wasn’t what he was expecting. He’d come in here ready for punishment, not praise. The only reason he wrote the poems because they were fast, unlike an essay. They just flew from his pencil, without much thought. He hadn’t taken the assignment seriously at all... or had he?

“Carlo...” The number of times Moro was saying his name was unnerving to Carlo. “I hope you don’t mind — I sent these to a friend of mine who’s a publisher.”

“Okay.”

“Hold on. Just to read. But she wanted to feature them in the paper, if you were okay with it.”

“... I... I don’t know, Signore Moro.”

“It’s your decision, and what you choose, I’m very proud of you, and you should be too. But in keep in mind that she works for La Repubblica. Hundreds of thousands of people would be reading it.”

“... Or doing something?”

“Sure.” Of course he could. There was an endless string of wrongdoings for people to hear about — if not things he witnessed himself, then things he heard from other people or on the news. Or just the general state of things.

“Aight. You can go home now. And be sure to get started on those poems. Grazia wants a selection of at least 50 to start out, and hopes to publish one a week for now.”

But Carlo was hardly listening anymore. The only thing going through his mind was: We have a voice. A voice, a voice, a voice.

Carlo remembered well the day Andrea came to his bedroom, hugging him and sobbing about his stolen Peronis. It was last year, when he was still in school. A Friday. He wished he didn’t have to... he never wanted to remember...
Those years ago.

They were, in reality, quite hidden from being lived in for decades. They were, in reality, quite hidden from being lived in for decades. Sighing, I opened the window while Ma was making dinner.

I grabbed my violin and went to my balcony as the sound of an accordion filled the air. Gazing across the alley, I saw him standing on his balcony hunched over, the instrument pressed tightly against his chest. His typically nimble fingers were lingering on the keys, mindless drawing out random notes as if he didn’t want to move onto the next one. It was strange to see him so distracted while playing music, for he used to always have a jovial grin on his face while performing ... but this time, it never came.

Neither did the flourish he always made with his cap before he started a piece, nor the neighbors and their usual greetings of “Ah, Frédéric, it’s you!” or “I was waiting all afternoon to hear you play!”

That evening, the air was eerily quiet as the last notes faded into the distant murmur of the nearby streets. I could feel that something was off, and my fingers twitched on the fingerboard of my violin, itching to make a sound. But as Frédéric lifted his accordion and tilted his head to his side him either.

That was one of the last few times Frédéric played on the balcony. I would still go out every evening before dusk, hoping to hear the cheerful drizzle of his accordion, and sometimes I was lucky. But a few years ago, either because the neighbors asked him to not play disheartening pieces or because of his own reasons, Frédéric stopped performing on his balcony. Then I forgot about sunsets all together.

I was met with the curt shouts of customers and the metallic clings of carts as I walked into Safeway. The shelves were so full of people rushing about, clamoring to grab the last few available items. I watched as they pushed and shoved, as voices were raised and heavy bottles of cleaning supplies were knocked from the shelves. It was its own cacophonous symphony, but distant sounds made me feel at ease. As long as it wasn’t completely silent it was tolerable.

I pulled out the list of groceries Ma had stuck to our refrigerator. 醋 (vinegar), 蒜 (garlic), 蔬菜 (vegetables), 肉 (meat), 买 (buy).

I read it, knocking it out of my hands. The flimsy paper fluttered just out of reach as my fingers snatched for it, grabbing at the air. But before I could catch it, something flashed in front of me and crushed my list. I looked up to see a stranger about my age towering over me, his pale face eclipsed by the harsh fluorescent lights overhead.

“Watch where you’re going,” he growled, and as he saw my face he added, “I don’t want you bringing your stupid Chinese virus to the United States. Let it stay where it is.”

“It’s called the novel coronavi- rus,” I retorted between gritted teeth. “Give me back my list!”

The corners of his lips curled upward into a sneer as he took the paper from under his shoe. “Oh, Miss Know-It-All, this was a list? Sorry, I couldn’t tell because of the huge stain on it. Oh wait, that’s because I stepped on it. What a shame. “He held it to his face, his eyes narrowing as he tried to read it. From the back of the paper, the curve of his patchy shoe print almost looked like a deep scowl, glaring down at me.

“Give it back!”

To my surprise, he dropped it. “Ew, this probably has coronavirus, too. Fine, have it. But go back to where you came from. No one wants your virus, and no one cares about your dumb list.”

With that, he turned the corner and was gone.

I didn’t get to see him leave. In the midst of my rage, the world began flickering in and out of focus as my lungs suddenly refused to take in air. It felt like they were filling up with water, as if there was something heavy sitting on my chest. My arms flailed desperately in the darkness for something to lean on, and it found the ledge of a shelf as I pressed my hand against my mask and began coughing violently into it. Breathe, just breathe.

Somehow above the raucous I was making, I could still hear murmuring and the shuffling of feet. They think I have it, don’t they? I could tell people were trying to get away from me as I looked up, mothers ushered their children away while younger shoppers frowned at me. A worker, who was putting up new bottles of hand sanitizer, hastened her pace before scurrying away. The entire aisle was deserted by the time my breathing returned to normal, and it was blotted from my tears as I blinked over and over. My coughing was one thing, but the fact that all of them assumed I had the coronavirus, without even caring to know I had been dealing cystic fibrosis all my life.

Ma’s list faded in and out of focus. 醋 ... 蒜 ... 蔬菜 ... 肉 ... right, I was here to buy groceries.

“Where is it?” he repeated under his breath as he shuffled toward them. “I wish Elise was here. She would know where things were ...”

He stopped and stared at the boxes on the floor, his breath coming out in short gasps.

I explained the situation to him and Ma, and he promised to send something — most likely his glasses — as he patted down his pockets, that only led to him dropping the two boxes of cereal he was holding. They ended up sliding across the tiled floor before stopping near my feet.

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vel. In the nascent Pandemic Era, one can discern different classes of shoppers — some simply continent, some number did not get the social-dis- tancing memo (the clueless), or as- sumed they were exempt (budding Darwin Award nominees).

Back in the lot I sought the ref- uge of my Ford Fiesta, a model name that always felt like a stretch in comparison to his plagues- besieged warzone, just sounds ridiculous. All around, serious looking Rams and Titans and Outback/QX200 model no- port inhuman amounts of Char- min to enclaves in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

DAY SIX

Dear Diary:

Sunday, Wednesday, Tuesday — one is as another now. Some hold Sunday above all other days of the week, even when there’s no football on television. Now every day is Sunday, and a “week” holds no significance, whether our own seven-day Babylonian version, or the eight-day Beatles variety, or even a 10-day Buddhist one. Today is one more precious day in the shelter, and I thank the Egyptian gods for that.

I mark the passage of sheltered time not like the Birdman of Alca- traz, to serve out a sentence, but as a celebration, an acknowledgment of each new gift, each new rota- tion of the globe on its axis, which none other than we are, and none of us is owed.

Went for a walk this morning, practicing extreme avoidance, even more than we had been perfecting for many years, and which I now employ as second nature. But even the most skillful introvert has a blind spot. Hardly a block from home, my 6-foot Virus Buf- fer Zone was flagrantly violated by a displaced treadmill enthu- siast. He quickly understood that I was the progressively forward move- ment attendant to street running. Is it too tight activewear that some people just can’t wear? All the rest is a lie, or illusion. Robert Stroud wasn’t even allowed to have birds at Alcatraz. That was at least self-consciousness.

I never pictured myself dying in a pandemic. Who does? Like most people in this town, I just as- pected to keep my spirits up. Maybe, we are the only real things. All the dance, all the- renions of impaired parishioners contracted the dis- ease en masse? These are the life- events that will be adapted for the Netflix Original.

DAY SEVEN

Dear Diary:

When it comes to riding out disasters, assuming you’re not hospitalized, you can’t beat CO- VID-19 for comfort. I learned to keep my spirits up. Maybe, we are the only real things. All the- renions of impaired parishioners contracted the dis- ease en masse? These are the life- events that will be adapted for the Netflix Original.

Historians will have different tales to tell. Go to the books, my children. The remanduated tones of unpaid chroniclers, preserved in yard sales and Friends of the Library fundraisers, will cut to the heart of the matter.

Is it a cult of nearly supernat- ural incompetence that brought an empire to its knees. Chapter One may docu- ment the development of a disease away from the attention of the na- tion’s last remaining wealth and resources into the coffers of Carn- ival Cruise Lines, and favored indicia that the appendixes for expansive lists of bailouts, to include Florida’s illustrious Sea- To-Lake golf resort, the Winter Adven- "What’s a paperboy?" asked the boys. “A male child,” I said. “To sell newspapers, that’s all!”

How will youngsters today re- count the viral invasion of 2020 to succeeding generations? Will they open their mouths to en- lessly streaming video, and the Spring Break That Never Ended? Will or their memories be laced with terror, the all-consuming fear of invisible pathogens cata- pulted in droplets from the noses and mouths of friends and strang- ers, or, perhaps, staring into the soul- steps, where contaminated Ama- zone packages were stolen in the night. Will they speak in hushed tones as they recall the endless deni- tions of impaired parishioners contracted the dis- ease en masse? These are the life- events that will be adapted for the Netflix Original.

Well, why do you stop?” a voice called.

"Frédéric!" The old man grinned as he lift- ed his accordion. “It’s been too long, my friend. Let’s make tonight worthwhile.” He patted the bread and began to play, and the world disappeared from view as I closed my eyes and lost myself within the melody of “Czardas.” Everything that had happened today flooded back to me as the notes left off the vi- brating strings, echoing through the grocery store, the tidy, the boy. My coughing. Frédéric. The thoughts overwhelmed me at first, and I felt the urge to remove a piece of my bow, allowing them to float off into the alley. My mind be- came as free as I simply let myself forget.

Wasn’t that why I enjoyed mu- sic so much anyway? Because it could help me escape, even if it was just for a fleeting moment? Similarly, I could recall the rich, organ-like tone of his accordion accompanying my violin as the music soared through the air. I could remember the neighbors opening their windows, their excited voices beaconing others to join us; I could recol- lect watching the sun as it painted stunning hues of color into the air; but perhaps, the best memory was the group of children ran through the street carrying tambourines. Their feet tapped and skinned as they foraged for the shiny, tasseled ends, their hands tapping to the rhythm of our music. Frédéric smiled as he watched them, and he stopped playing, taking the kinderchief from his shirt pocket.

“Are you okay?” I called.

"Don’t worry about it," he re- peated. "I’ve always hated my eyes. I was just thinking of them." I’m sure Elise would’ve liked this, I thought to myself as I watched the children pass by and disappear into the evening sun.
Andrea how he was that night. The wild, frantic look in his eyes — a burning feeling desperate to escape.

Carlo’s first instinct was to scold Andrea for being so stupid, which made Andrea frown. Why do you always have to be like this? Why can’t you just act your age for once? Let me have my fun — I don’t need to forget for once.” He popped the lid off and took a swig. “I never get to forget.” And another. This was not like Andrea. Not like him. Not like Andrea.

Instead of vomiting up cheap cafeteria food, Andrea vomited up words that night. He said things he’d never admitted before: That he wished his father would die so it would just be over. That the new girl at school was hot. That he no longer believed in God. Eventually he collapsed into mumbled ti voglio bener, repeating it dozens of times before his eyes fluttered closed and he fell back on Carlo’s bed, snoring loudly.

“Ti voglio bene. Ti vogli bene.” He whispered after tossing a blanket over him and going down to sleep in the cold. Carlo thought of it because that was how Andrea looked now. He had the same desperate look in his eyes — only this time his hands were empty.

He’d jumped upon discovering Andrea crosscriss on his bed when he came back from school. He was about to ask what he was doing off of work so early until he noticed the look on his face.

“My father’s going to die,” was the first thing he said. “It’s incurable now. He’s going to die.”

Carlo was surprised that there was no need to cry. While he was the one who always held it together and put on a stone face, Andrea was the emotional one, never afraid to cry on the shoulder of one of the Mobicrini family. And Andrea had always been so hopeful, always trying to replace “ifs” with “whens.” But now... Carlo didn’t know what to do, if there even was anything he could do for his friend.

“Tell me something, Carlo.” Carlo was surprised at the request. “I don’t want to think about this anymore. Tell me something beautiful. How’s school? Does AnnaLisa still go there? Is she still as pretty?”

Carlo didn’t know what he could tell his friend. Then he remembered his conversation with the counselor.

“Actually... I think I’m starting a project. One that might be able to tell the whole country that’s we’re here. And I think you can help me.”

The following morning, 52 poems in the newspaper, and a book combining them all later, Carlo sat at his desk with his pencil hovering over his paper. This was always how he started out — typing too fast artificial. Plus, he didn’t want to make Andrea with the clacking noise the keys made.

The book was called “Poesia dalla Periferia,” and came out last week. Thousands of copies had been sold already, and not just in Italy. He could now afford a future for himself and his family, and had made something of himself, like he’d always wanted.

A copy lay on his desk. He picked it up. Inside Andrea’s watercolors were scattered. Every few poems had a painting where Carlo thought his words weren’t sufficient. Even though Andrea always told him they were, he painted Bari anyway, both with beauty and darkness. Both realities. He wanted him to have some money, for when... Well, for when this happened.

Andrea’s father had died a few days ago. Now the boy was asleep on Carlo’s bed. He didn’t want to be in that house alone. Carlo’s mother was more than willing to offer her son’s best friend a warm bed and hot meals until the distant uncle he had never met came to Bari to sell the house, sort the finances and snatch Andrea away.

The familiar itch in his hand wasn’t there yet, so Carlo laid down his pencil, kneed by Andrea, and wiped away the tears in the corner of his eyes with his thumb. He knew it wouldn’t make a difference — as soon as Andrea woke up he would remember and the tears would fall again — but for now they could be dry, even if it was only Carlo who’d know it.

He headed back to his desk and touched the tip of his lead to the corner of his eyes with his thumb. He was sure it would only be a matter of time before another car bomb went off and killed children like him or another attempt for justice would be thwarted, whether it was miles away or in his own backyard.

But for now he would enjoy the quiet in his mind. He would take his sister out for a gelato, then walk his elderly neighbor’s dog. Maybe he would witness something even in the short walk to the gelateria, but until then, he would be without the burden of caring so much. He savored the brief state of inner peace that — he realized — his poetry had brought him, after years of torment in his mind.

He wanted to cry. He felt tears well up in his eyes, tears of relief this time, not sadness or anger. But he was so damn sick of crying, so sick of it. No more tears, none. So he did what he did with his poetry; turned something negative into something positive.

He went outside, kicking a stray stone as he walked down the street — I need to forget for once.” No danger of cars — few ever came this way. He shivered as a cool gust of salty sea air blew through. When he arrived at the docks, he realized how truly magnificent the shimmering, turquoise Adriatic was for the first time in his life. He turned around and looked upon his entire city, hundreds of white plater houses with orange tile roofs, each one unique because of its imperfection... Bari was beautiful.

And he laughed.
Within hours of the June 17 announcement that indoor dining could resume in San Mateo County, Bistro Vida was serving dinners inside the Menlo Park French restaurant for the first time in three months.

Owner Ali Elsafy said about 20 people dined inside that night, some of whom explicitly asked to eat indoors. He said it was awkward at first, as waiters and customers navigated social distancing requirements, but he was eager to reopen the Parisian bistro-style dining room. For him, takeout and eating outside just aren't the same experiences.

"The whole ambiance of the restaurant is inside," Elsafy said. "Our bread and butter is the inside."

The San Mateo County June 17 health order gave the green light for many businesses to reopen under certain restrictions, including dine-in restaurants, hair salons and gyms. The announcement came less than two weeks after the county allowed outdoor dining to resume.

"We are moving away from opening businesses according to certain categories and instead focusing on behaviors and practices," San Mateo County Health Officer Scott Morrow said in a press release. "As we ease restrictions, the power to control the spread of the virus lies with individuals and communities. Collective behavior will determine our destiny. If enough people, businesses, or organizations in the community do not follow the protective recommendations, the virus may spread with abandon."

The ease in dining restrictions was met with a mix of excitement and apprehension by San Mateo County restaurant owners. Some were eager to reopen after months of temporary closures, including the Dutch Goose in Menlo Park, which announced excitedly on social media that it was "throwing open our doors" for indoor dining on June 18.

Manuel Martinez, chef-owner of La Viga and LV Mar in Redwood City, said he plans to gradually reopen both restaurants' dining rooms, starting first with tables by windows.

"This is what we've been waiting for (for a) long time!" he wrote in an email.

Other owners, however, said they are in no rush to start serving customers indoors. Many are still getting their arms around outdoor dining protocols.

"Absolutely not," said Jesse Cool, owner of the Flea St. Cafe in Menlo Park, when asked if she's ready to open the longtime restaurant's dining room. "We don't quite trust that this is over."

Flea St. is taking a hyper-conservative approach to outdoor dining. There are no plates, silverware, paper menus or traditional wait service. Instead, when diners sit down outside they get a bag with placemats, napkins, glass mason jars for water and compostable plates. Servers bring out the food (which has already been paid for online) and put it on stands next to tables. Customers then put it on their tables themselves. The water jars are sanitized outside before being brought into the kitchen to be washed.

When customers go inside to use the restroom, they must wear a mask and a staff member also checks their temperature. Cool said her primary concern is keeping her staff safe and healthy.

Flea St., which before the pandemic had never offered takeout in its 40-year history, now relies on a thriving to-go business. Cool urged diners to continue to order takeout from restaurants even as dining restrictions loosen. With four socially distanced tables outside, Flea St. can only offer one seating in a single night.

"I would say to everybody: Enjoy dining out if you're comfortable, but all the restaurants need the to-go business to ensure survival," Cool said. "It is what's keeping us alive. It's not the table service."

Greg Kuzia-Carmel, chef-partner at Camper in Menlo Park, also said they’re taking their time to figure out indoor dining, including rehiring and training staff. They only recently opened Camper’s outdoor patio on Santa Cruz Avenue. They’re logging employees’

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Local food business owners participating in the virtual panel discussion are (from left to right): Lisa Spencer, Max Fennell and Claire Mack.

Virtual event to be held on race and the food business

A panel discussion, “Black Food Matters: Race and Local Food Entrepreneurs”, with some of the food entrepreneurs featured as last week’s cover story will be held on July 1, 6-7 p.m., on Zoom.

Elena Kadavy, author of the Peninsula Foodist newsletter, will moderate the conversation about the Black Lives Matter movement and the experience of Black food business owners in Silicon Valley. Joining her will be Claire Mack, owner of Claire’s Crunch Cake in San Mateo and first African American mayor of San Mateo; Lisa Spencer, owner of Savor Seasonings Blends in East Palo Alto, and Max Fennell, owner of Fenn Coffee in Menlo Park.

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Classic Charm and Modern Amenities

This is your Menlo Park Opportunity! with quintessential living, in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood. Welcome to this STUNNING, IMMACULATE, UPDATED, home that has been designed with an eye towards blending the interior with the surroundings. The home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, with 2 ensuite bedrooms, large living room, updated kitchen with large island, inside laundry, 3 fireplaces and a one car garage. The ensuite bedroom on the main floor, used by the seller as a TV room. Bright and airy spaces with large picture windows overlooking the wrap around yard makes it ideal for indoor/outdoor living. A MUST SEE!
Peaceful, Private Retreat in Los Altos Hills

Towering trees populate the grounds of this delightful 6-bedroom, 4-bath home, offering privacy and tranquility on a 1.25-acre lot (per county) in sought-after Los Altos Hills. Spectacular use of glass gives this home a bright, light ambiance and the feel of indoor/outdoor living. Offering 4,602 sq. ft. (per county) plus an amazing sunroom, this home features comfortable living spaces, a remodeled kitchen, and an office, while the downstairs level offers separate living space with an additional kitchen. Enjoy the serenity of the home's verdant surroundings on grounds that include a large deck, two ponds, and a playground, while zip lines built into the shade trees crisscross above. Adding the finishing touch is a wonderful location just moments to nature preserves, close to Highway 280 for Bay Area commuting, and with access to acclaimed schools including Nixon Elementary, Fletcher Middle, and Gunn High (buyer to verify eligibility).

For virtual open houses & more photos, please visit:
www.12374MelodyLn.com
Offered at $3,950,000

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**RENOVATED CONDOMINIUM IN CENTRAL LOCATION**

150 Alma Street #200, Menlo Park

Offered at $1,298,000

Boasting a desirable end-unit location on the second floor of this modern complex, this newly renovated 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom condominium of over 1,500 sq. ft. offers style, comfort, and an ultra-convenient location. Brand-new carpet, window coverings, and designer-selected paint colors create a fresh, vibrant atmosphere. The living room features an instant fireplace, the kitchen includes new quartz countertops, and a private balcony provides great space for al fresco enjoyment. Additional amenities include in-unit laundry, a community pool, and underground parking. From this great location, you will be within walking distance of University Avenue, Stanford Shopping Center, and historic El Palo Alto Park, while children may attend acclaimed schools including Encinal Elementary and Hillview Middle (buyer to verify eligibility).

Easy access for potential buyers and Realtors® only, walk-up appointments between 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Saturday (6/27) and Sunday (6/28).

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NEWLY RENOVATED AND TURN-KEY READY

391 Belmont Avenue, Redwood City

Offering 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and a convenient floorplan, this beautifully renovated home is turn-key ready to meet the needs of a modern family. New hardwood floors, new carpet, and designer-selected paint colors give this home a fresh, invigorating energy that carries throughout nearly 2,000 square feet of living space. Entertain guests in the living room centered by a fireplace, craft delicious meals in the kitchen with new quartz countertops, and find great space for outdoor enjoyment in the peaceful, private backyard. All four bedrooms are conveniently located on the upstairs level, including the large master suite. Plus, enjoy a location that puts you just a short trip to both downtown Redwood City and Menlo Park, and is convenient to both US 101 and Interstate 280 for Bay Area commuting.

Offered at $1,888,000

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9-CAR GARAGE, SPECTACULAR BACKYARD ON NEARLY 1 ACRE

12227 Colina Drive, Los Altos Hills

Offered at $3,488,000

Set on a well-proportioned lot of nearly 1 acre, this home is an excellent choice for the discerning automobile enthusiast, with an incredible 9-car garage ready to house your personal collection. You will also find a spectacular setting for outdoor entertaining in the backyard, with a sparkling pool and spa, ample patio space, and a gentleman’s orchard with 8 different varieties of producing fruit trees. Offering 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and 2 half-baths, including a 1-bed, 1-bath apartment, this home features expansive formal rooms, a kitchen with high-end appliances from Miele and Wolf, and over 2,800 sq. ft. of bright, airy living space. Plus, you will enjoy a peaceful location that puts you just a short trip to downtown Los Altos, Rancho Shopping Center, and the Los Altos Hills Golf & Country Club, and is convenient to Interstate 280 for Bay Area commuting. Adding the finishing touch, children may attend acclaimed Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit: www.12227Colina.com
CLASSIC CLIFF MAY RANCH ON OVER 1 ACRE

11275 Summit Wood Road, Los Altos Hills

Offered at $3,988,000

Set amongst the verdant beauty of Los Altos Hills, this 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home built by renowned architect Cliff May presents classic California ranch charm and is ready to meet a variety of lifestyle needs. Peaceful and private, this home rests on a lot of over one acre, and is highlighted by an incredible backyard with ample patio space, a pool and spa, and beautiful plantings that create a seamless connection to nature. Walls of glass and lofty ceilings craft a bright, airy atmosphere that carries throughout the home, and numerous glass doors open to the grounds for true indoor/outdoor living. Enjoy over 3,000 square feet of living space, which includes an expansive living room, a well-designed kitchen with appliances from Bosch and Sub-Zero, and a bedroom that easily converts into an office to meet all work-from-home needs. Topping it all off, the Allos Ridge Trailhead is within walking distance, Interstate 280 is a short trip away, and children may attend acclaimed Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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CREEKSIDE SETTING ON NEARLY AN ACRE

1760 Lantis Lane, Los Altos

A tranquil creek winds its way through the property totaling nearly an acre (per county), providing a glittering backdrop for this 5-bedroom, 3-bath home on a delightful cul-de-sac in sought-after South Los Altos. Bright, inviting spaces populate this 2,854 sq. ft. floorplan (per county), including the living room and family room both featuring a fireplace, as well as the chef’s kitchen with high-end appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero. Superb privacy awaits in the expansive master suite, while the home’s four additional bedrooms provide comfort and convenience for the entire family. Enjoy al fresco delights in the large backyard, as well as the adjoining lot which leads to the nearby Stevens Creek, providing a picturesque setting to sit and relax while the soothing sounds of nature captivate the senses. Adding the finishing touch, this wonderful location is just moments to Grant Park, near Highway 85, and offers access to acclaimed Cupertino schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

Offered at $3,688,000

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FRENCH NORMANDY ELEGANCE WITH MODERN CONVENIENCES

2020 Ashton Avenue, Menlo Park

Offered at $3,488,000

The romantic elegance of the French countryside springs to life in this 5-bedroom, 4-bathroom home set on a peaceful 6,000 sq. ft. lot (per county) in West Menlo. With over 3,600 sq. ft. (per county) of living space, this two-level home offers comfort, convenience, and stands ready to meet the lifestyle needs of a modern family. Enjoy luxurious finishes such as crown moldings and hardwood floors, and bask in the light, airy atmosphere this bright home presents. Find plenty of space for guests to gather in the fireplace-warmed living room and family room, and inspire your inner chef in the superb kitchen. The home’s personal accommodations include two master suites, each with supreme privacy and comfort, while the backyard offers ample space for entertaining or play. Topping it all off, this great location is just moments to both downtown Menlo Park and Palo Alto, close to Bay Area commute routes, and offers access to acclaimed Los Altos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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45 Lynx cousin
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49 Part of DOS or GPS
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52 One of 30, for short?
54 ___ cum laude
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Petaluma | $2,700,000
Modern 3br/4ba farmhouse style home w/fire-pit, outdoor kitchen and veggie gardens. Enjoy approx. 2 acres set on a private vineyard and private lane.

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Palo Alto | $2,098,000
Bright home features a separate family and living room w/fireplace, a kitchen w/stainless steel appliances and island and spacious master suite.

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Menlo Park | $2,695,000
Wonderful 4br/3.5ba home w/gas fireplace, soaring ceilings and bonus room in La Lomitas school district.

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East Palo Alto | $1,175,000
Corner lot home featuring 3 bedrooms & 1 bath. Updated kitchen & laminate flooring. Separate guest house.

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Big Sur | $6,250,000
This home is complete with 3br/3ba including the guest house as well as an attached garage. The main house has a gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, a large island, stainless steel appliances and ample cabinets. This world-class property offers extraordinary views of the Pacific Ocean and Big Sur coastline with a design and structure that are inseparable from the natural beauty.

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Los Altos Hills | $5,495,000
This stunningly remodeled home is located in the Pink Horse Ranch area of Los Altos Hills, with easy access to Highway 280 and downtown Los Altos. Masterfully designed, the home is crafted with five spacious bedrooms, three and one-half baths and over 5,000 square feet of light-filled spaces.

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Palo Alto | $3,188,000
www.3228Ross.com -- Beautiful updated 4br/2.5ba with deck and spa. Hardwood floors, recessed lights, double-pane throughout, A/C - wired - security - A 10++!

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