Council defers decision on Castilleja’s redevelopment project

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No decision yet on Castilleja expansion

Council rejects staff’s code interpretation on proposed garage, defers decision on project
by Gennady Sheyner

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astilleja School’s contentious plan to modernize its campus faced a fresh complication on Monday when the Palo Alto City Council rejected city staff’s justification for the school’s proposed underground garage, throwing the fate of the parking facility into doubt.

Over a marathon discussion that stretched until well past midnight, the council attempted to navigate a thicket of thorny zoning questions pertaining to the garage, the school’s planned transportation programs, its tree-removal plan and the adequacy of the environmental analysis for the project.

It struggled, however, to reach a decision on a project and deferred to March 29 key decisions on the school’s Environmental Impact Report, its request for a variance and a new conditional-use permit (CUP) that would allow it to gradually expand student enrollment.

No topic has generated more debate — both within the council and in the greater community — than the underground garage, a facility that would normally not be allowed in the city’s single-family residential zones. But because the zoning code only applies this restriction to residential lots, the city’s planning staff had determined that the parking facility could be classified as a “basement” — a designation that benefits Castilleja in two ways: Unlike garages, basements are allowed in single-family neighborhoods, and their square footage is not counted in calculations of floor area.

On Monday, the council roundly rejected staff’s logic and concluded that the garage is, in fact, a garage.

Council member Greer Stone spoke for the majority when he likened his view on the garage to Superior Court Justice Potter Stewart’s threshold test for obscenity. “I know it when I see it,” Stone said. “We may not have a clear definition for what is considered an underground parking facility in an R-1 neighborhood, but I know a parking garage when I see it and it’s clearly a parking garage, not a basement.”

Vice Mayor Pat Burt concurred and suggested that staff’s decision to “rationalize it as a basement” was a “bad path to follow.” “I hope we won’t do things that make it look to the public like we’re putting our thumb on the scale,” Burt said.

But while the council agreed that the facility should be classified as a garage, members could not reach a consensus on what to do about that finding. Because a garage typically counts toward floor area calculations — and Castilleja has vowed not to increase its building area as part of the campus reconstruction — the designation of the parking facility as “garage” would require the school to dramatically scale back its building plans and reduce its academic space to maintain existing square footage.

The council also has the option of approving a zoning text amendment that would classify the facility as a garage and yet preclude it from counting toward square footage. Such an option would effectively reject the staff’s interpretation while still allowing Castilleja to construct the facility. Ultimately, the council voted 4-3, with council members Alison Cormack, Eric Filseth and Greg Tanaka dissenting, to accept a motion from Burt that officially designates that facility as a garage and directs staff to return with a text amendment.

Mirroring the sentiments of the wider community, which has been deeply polarized on Castilleja’s project, several council members favored a more restrictive approach. Mayor Tom DuBois recommended counting the garage toward the school’s floor area calculation, a determination that would require the plans to undergo a significant redesign.

Council member Lydia Kou suggested scrapping the garage from the design altogether and argued that such a facility does not belong in an R-1 zone.

“I really believe that we have to be really careful about developing such intensity and density within the R-1 districts,” Kou said.

Aside from its somewhat inconclusive ruling on the garage, the council deferred any further decisions on the project that has been moving through the city’s review process since 2016 and that continues to generate strong feelings both for and against. In recent months, the council has received hundreds of emails and oral comments about the proposal, which includes the reconstruction of numerous campus buildings, the relocation of a swimming pool from an aboveground location to underground and the construction of a garage.

Nanci Kaufman, head of Castilleja, maintained at prior hearings, as well as at a virtual town hall last week, that the school included the underground garage in its plans at the behest of neighbors who requested such a structure early on. While she said that the vast majority of Castilleja students who come from other cities rely on trains, shuttles and other alternatives to driving, the parking structure is required to accommodate school faculty.

“Most of our teachers cannot live in Palo Alto. They commute, and we’re required by the code to have sufficient parking for them,” Kaufman said. “It’ll either be a parking lot above ground or a parking lot below ground.”

As part of the plan, the school also hopes to secure the city’s permission to gradually increase enrollment from its current level of 426 to 540. Under the conditions

TRANSPORTATION

Report recommends closing Churchill Avenue at Caltrain tracks
Citizen advisory group also calls for dropping tunnels in south Palo Alto from consideration
by Gennady Sheyner

A
fter numerous detours, Palo Alto is preparing to advance its most complex, expensive and potentially divisive public infrastructure project in decades: a reconfiguration of the city’s rail corridor so that the tracks no longer intersect with streets.

The effort, which the City Council is preparing to discuss next week, hit a major milestone earlier this month when a specially appointed citizens committee released a 171-page report evaluating possible design alternatives for the rail crossings at Churchill Avenue, East Meadow Drive and Charleston Road. After exploring dozens of options over several years, the Expanded Community Advisory Committee recommended closing Churchill to traffic and eliminating the possibility of tunnels in south Palo Alto.

The committee’s recommendations for the rail corridor, which the council would need to approve, would cost roughly $60 million to implement. In closing the Churchill vehicle crossing, a tunnel would be constructed for bicyclists and pedestrians underneath the tracks and Alma Street.

Concurrently, the city would proceed with a wide range of traffic improvements at Embarcadero Road and Oregon Expressway — modifications designed to keep traffic at these busy arteries from getting worse once the Churchill crossing is closed.

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of approval that the Planning and Transportation Commission recommended in November, the school would only be allowed to increase its enrollment if it succeeds in maintaining traffic at 2020 levels.

Another subject that generated significant debate on Monday was trees. At the March 8 council meeting, former City Arborist Dave Docketer contended that the environmental analysis for Castilleja has wrongly used a flawed interpretation to justify the removal of two protected oaks. He argued that staff used a code provision that is intended for vacant lots and incorrectly applied it to Castilleja so that it could remove the two trees.

Staff’s interpretation, Docketer argued, “would allow any development application to remove any protected tree in the buildable area... with no other reasoning than the development desires the space where a tree lives.”

While planning staff and current City Arborist Walter Passmore pushed back against Docketer’s interpretation, several council members cited Docketer’s testimony and wondered why the city is allowing Castilleja to advance its plan for tree removal. Stone said he is particularly concerned about what he sees as the city’s selective application of the tree ordinance to “justify removal of protected trees, when the spirit of the tree ordinance should be to protect trees, and not to remove them.”

“It seems like we’re bending over backwards to find ways within the code to justify the removal of these protected trees,” Stone said.

DuBois also questioned whether the environmental analysis for the project accurately considered tree impacts and suggested that he will pay particular attention to the school’s proposed traffic mitigation, a hot topic throughout the lengthy approval process. Echoing comments from other critics of the Castilleja project, DuBois cited its history of exceeding the enrollment cap in its existing permit — a transgression that prompted the city to issue a $265,000 fine in Castilleja in 2013.

“Given the history of the school’s violation of the existing CUP both for enrollment and events, I’m just concerned. It’s a very complicated (transportation-demand-management) plan and I’m concerned about the city’s ability to enforce it,” DuBois said.

DuBois suggested that he may have a better handle on the school’s enrollment and demographic data than members who believe that the school should settle for a smaller enrollment increase and only seek further growth after it proves to the community that it can accommodate more students without further disturbing Castilleja’s tree canopy. Fisheflii also acknowledged that it could be helpful to Castilleja’s plan, including its garage, which he suggested may be preferable from a design perspective. But like DuBois and Kou, he argued that the school should be required to address all of its traffic, noise and aesthetic impacts.

“In this case, we have a 100-year institution with a rich legacy in a current location, and I don’t partake in that mentality to tell Castilleja they need to leave,” Fisheflii said. “But the reality is that Castilleja is running into these constraints that other destination schools in residential neighborhoods hit too... Mitigating all these impacts is difficult and expensive, and it’s not right to ask the neighborhood to shoulder all these costs.”

Burt suggested that the school could reduce some of the environmental impacts of the underground garage by reducing the size of the structure. And to cut down the need for driving, Burt suggested that the school’s percentage of students from Palo Alto from its current level of about 25% to about 30% or 40% — a change that could also be construed as a “public benefit.” He and Stone also supported increasing the number of spots offered to individuals from socially and economically disadvantaged communities as part of the growth plan.

DuBois, meanwhile, suggested that Castilleja may simply be asking for too much and that its modernized campus — with an underground garage — may not fit into the residential neighborhood around the school.

“We rarely have projects that generate this amount of public scrutiny and sustained concern over years,” DuBois said. “And just the sheer volume of activity around this project should signal to all of us that we may be forcing a very large square peg into a round hole.”

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Castilleja

CityView

City Council (March 15)
Fire services: The council approved the staff response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury report, “Why aren’t there more female firefighters in Santa Clara County?” Yes: Unanimous

San Mateo moves into orange tier
For the first time in months, San Mateo County is moving to the less restrictive orange tier on the state’s COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, health and county officials said Tuesday. The county is the first in the Bay Area to reopen to the orange tier since last November. (Postioned March 17, 9:45 a.m.)

Three Palo Alto schools to get new principals
Three Palo Alto Unified elementary schools — Barron Park, Nixon and El Carmelo — will have new principals next school year, the district has announced. (Postioned March 15, 9:55 a.m.)

Amazon leaving East Palo Alto
Amazon Web Services, one of the largest tenants in East Palo Alto’s University Circle office complex, is leaving the city by July

Online This Week
These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news.

Police chiefs unite against hate crimes
Fifteen Silicon Valley law enforcement leaders, including the Palo Alto Police Department and Santa Clara County Police Chiefs’ Association, have united in a March 17 statement against the rising incidents of hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. (Postioned March 17, 5:22 p.m.)

Interest picks up for Dumbarton rail project
Among residents and transportation professionals on both sides of the San Francisco Bay, interest is picking up in the Dumbarton Rail Corridor project, a potential 18-mile public transit route that would connect Union City to Redwood City, with stops along the way in cities including East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. At a virtual meeting on Monday night, project staff and consultants presented the progress made to date on the project. (Postioned March 17, 9:45 a.m.)

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intersection is reconfigured. In voting 6-3 to support the clo-
sure of 41 rail crossings, the panel concluded that option over two other alter-
atives: a viaduct for trains and what's known as a "partial under-
pass" that would send eastbound cars under the tracks and to a new T-intersection at Alma.

At the same time, the panel hit a stalemate when it came to decid-
ing the best design options for the two south Palo Alto crossings — East Meadow and Charleston — until November, when it could be able to then continue to

Churchill and adding a pedestrian/ bike tunnel along with various traf-
ic improvement projects on Embarcadero and Oregon would cost between $50 million and $65 million, ac-
cording to the report. A partial un-
derpass would cost $100 million and $200 million, while the viaduct comes with a price tag of between $300 million and $400 million.

The panel is also recommend-
ing a list of mitigations to improve traffic flow around Embarcadero and Oregon, including: constructing the Alma overpass at Embarcadero and adding a right-
turn lane from eastbound Embar-
cadero to Oregon Expressway as a left-turn lane from southbound Alma to Kingsley. New traffic sig-
nals would be installed at the Alma overpass at Embarcadero and at Kingsley.

The menu of traffic improve-
ments proposed by the city’s traffic consultants includes a hyperbolic curve signal at the Alma Street ramps on Oregon Expressway, as well as a northbound right-turn lane from Oregon to El Camino Real.

A key element in the plan is the Churchill tunnel, which would allow pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross the tracks and Alma Street without stopping. The panel preferred a longer tun-
nel, which crosses under Alma Street, over a separate alternative, which called for a shorter tunnel that would require pedestrians and bicyclists to wait for a green light to cross Alma.

Not everyone, however, is thrilled about the potential of Churchill closing. The proposal to close the street to traffic has polarized the Southside Neighbor-
hood, which lies across Churchill from Palo Alto High School. Some residents have argued that shutting off Churchill would eliminate a critical access point for their part of the neighborhood. At the same time, residents of Professorville, which lies north of Embarcadero, have charged that the move would drive more traffic to the historically congested Embarcadero.

While some residents, particu-
larly those who live farther from the rail corridor, favored designs that keep Churchill open, the panel concluded that the viaduct would pose construction challenges (in-cluding a list of mitigations for "shoo-fly" tracks) and create an eyesore. The panel also decided that additional expenditure to study the Churchill option is not justified and that it is "unlikely to be improved with additional de-
sign iteration."

Despite the recommendation, some members of XCAP remained concerned about the traffic im-
pacts of the Churchill closure. The panel voted unanimously to re-
commending, with the dissenting members all supporting conduct-
ing further analysis and gathering additional information before con-
cluding to this option. Nadia Naik, chair of XCAP, said she and two

of her colleagues — Keith Reck-
dahl and Phil Burton — wanted more analysis and ad-
ditional evaluation of the partial underpass. They also wanted the city to consider retrofitting the trunk railroad alignment and ra-
roadway, which dates back to 1936 and which could be redesigned to facilitate smoother traffic flow and minimize noise and vibration.

Naik noted, however, that the changes proposed in this alter-
native to ease traffic — including the removal of the track at Oregon Expressway and new turn lanes on Oregon and Embarcadero — would be worth pursuing even if Churchill were not eliminated.

"One thing we really agree on is that a lot of mitigations Accen proposed — if they did them to-
more, they would significantly improve the city," Naik said in a recent interview.

"Larry Klein, a former Palo Alto

Toys approved in 2016, allocates about $700 million to Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale for grade separations, though the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority has yet to determine how to distribute these funds.

Concurrently, both the Califor-
nia High-Speed Rail Authority and Caltrain are advancing their own plans for, respectively, introducing new lines and exploring new rail corridor. Caltrain is also pre-
paring to launch a grade separation study that considers all 41 of its at-
grade rail crossings between San Francisco and San Jose.

Adding to the complexity is Caltrain's rail corridor use policy, which states that grade separation alternatives must not preclude the agency from installing a four-track segment somewhere between north Palo Alto and Mountain View sometime in the future.

Given the various limitations and the high costs of all the other engineering alternatives, the panel concluded that the closure of Churchill is the most viable op-
ion, notwithstanding concerns from neighboring residents about traffic on traffic. Compared to the under-
pass and the viaduct, the closure would be the “least disruptive al-
ternative,” Naik said, noting that it would have only minor noise impacts during the construction period, which is expected to last about two years.

Costs were a major factor in XCAP's decision. Closing

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to appoint a member to the Planning and Transportation Commission to fill an unfilled term; consider a request from the City Manager to restructure the city’s management; consider a request for a 1% increase in the hotel room tax; and adopt a resolution for the receipt of a grant for the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles

CITY COUNCIL ... The council will hold a study session to discuss the report from the Expanded Community Advisory Committee pertaining to grade separations at Churchill Avenue, East Meadow Drive and Charleston Road. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23. Those wishing to participate via Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

CITY COUNCIL ... The commission plans to continue its work on a letter to the community regarding its support for the installation of bike and pedestrian improvements at grade separations.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to continue its work on a letter to the community regarding its support for the installation of bike and pedestrian improvements at grade separations.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will discuss summer school, full-year distance learning for the 2021-22 school year, early literacy and an attendance report, among other items. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23. The meeting will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 28 and midpenmedia.org. Those wishing to participate by Zoom must do so by going to pausd.zoom.us/j/9788458129 or dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6242.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD ... The virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 25, has been canceled.

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Murray and Kay died of complications due to Covid, both aged 94. Murray was a partner with Associated Anesthesiologists since 1957 and practiced for over 30 years at Stanford Hospital. Kay was an accomplished artist and early member of Gallery House.

Both were born in Canada and married in 1947; Murray finished Northwestern Medical School in 1949, then moved to Tacoma, Washington for his anesthesia residency. Drafted into the army, the family traveled to Germany in 1952, then to Palo Alto.

Murray volunteered with Dr. Don Laub's Interplast program — piloting his own aircraft to Mexico to support one of Interplast's first teams that brought free life-changing plastic surgery to indigent populations. He also helped Dr. Norman Shamwany's first heart transplant team practice on animals prior to humans; later he became a clinical instructor in anesthesia for Stanford. Known for his sense of humor, Murray was described as more bark than bite — occasionally gruff but always fair, and an excellent anesthetist especially when it came to giving Epituralis. Workmates had a chance to strike back during his retirement roast with some hilarious memories at his expense. He particularly enjoyed his parting gift: a wind-up toy gorilla that would stomp and roar harmlessly.

Some may think of Kay as just her husband's “side-kick” because she followed Murray to play golf, get a pilot’s license, and become a card-carrying scuba-diver. But they would not be looking at the whole picture: Kay was a passionate and dedicated professional artist throughout her life, working mainly in acrylics and watercolor as well as sculpture and printmaking. She studied with other notable Bay Area painters Ken Washburn and Richard Bowman and was a member and exhibitor at the Palo Alto Art Club and one of the earliest members of Gallery House in Ladera. Kay disliked constraining a painting with a name, believing her audience should find their own meaning in her abstractions — free of labels. In addition, Kay also volunteered throughout the 1970s to design sets for Menlo Theatre Guild.

Both were long-term members of Stanford and Pasatiempo golf clubs — Kay had an excellent short game, and Murray was thrilled to break 80 on Stanford. When frustrated by Stanford's course Kay would say: “They really should install meditation huts here.” Murray’s second love was Bridge. He learned the game from his mother who asked the 6-year-old to fill-in during breaks with a warning: “Do not lose my hand!”

Kay’s creative energy drove her curiosity about the world around her and opened her to all life had to offer. We are grateful for her artistic outpouring: Kay’s paintings continue to show us in tangible, lasting ways the joy of looking more deeply at the beauty in the world around us. Her works remain, reminding us that her creative spirit is always with us and within us.

In his later years, Murray outwitted many age-related obstacles through perseverance, humor, and his “wily ways.” His family continues to be inspired by the memories of his love and unfailing devotion to his wife Kay who suffered from Alzheimer’s for 10 years. He is survived by 3 children — Chris, Kathy and Jim, 6 grandkids — Paolo, Andrea, Yvonne, Joelene, Kate, and Jane, and 10 great-grandkids. See online obituary for more details.
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Living 6 feet apart
Here’s what Midpeninsula residents are taking away from a year of life in a pandemic

We’ve been through a lot this past year. Our collective life-and-death battle against a threat we can’t see has challenged us in ways previously unimaginable. But the tide seems to have turned in our favor in this war none of us wanted to fight, and talk of vaccines has replaced our nonstop worrying about the effects of the pandemic. But we’re different people now. During the past 12 months, we’ve had to defend ourselves and each other using unconventional weapons: awkward conversations with loved ones about what is and isn’t safe, carefully arranged but vaguely furtive gatherings, strategic runs to the grocery store and stripped-down living.

We lost track of time but found there were things we valued more than the busy pace of our pre-COVID-19 lives: family, health, friendships, the great outdoors, resilience.

We used to have no problem filling our schedules with activities — always going, going, going — and yet under a seemingly endless stay-at-home order, we sometimes had to urge ourselves to keep on going. This, too, shall pass.

One year in, we asked our readers to tell us about their experiences during this time of living 6 feet apart. They responded with personal tales of what they’ve learned, felt, been challenged by and continue to face. It’s been a mixed bag of boredom, loneliness, anxiety and hardships, but also gratitude, charity toward strangers, opportunity, deepened relationships and determined hope.

We also asked them for their takeaways from this unprecedented, and hopefully not-to-be-repeated, year. Readers who responded include mental health professionals, educators, parents and retirees from along the Midpeninsula. Here are some of their stories.

— Jocelyn Dong

‘We are building a bridge to the other side of this.’

Which subject do you think is the hardest to teach online? All of them? That is correct, but in my opinion it is music, specifically choir.

Last March, just a week before schools in Mountain View shut down, I jumped on a Zoom call with choral colleagues from across California. We were all experiencing extreme anxiety because we knew that if school went online, our classes would be impossible to teach. So, we began sharing ideas. This is one thing I love about the choral community: They give freely! We tried out singing on Zoom (it didn’t and still doesn’t work due to latency). We tested out online platforms like FlipGrid and SoundTrap and Noteflight, and generally plan-icked (Plan-icked = planning while panicking). It’s a real thing. Every teacher has done it.

So, when we started teaching on Zoom the following week, we were ... not ready, but we at least had some idea of what to do. And we helped our colleagues in other subject areas catch up by sharing our resources. I am now known at my school for being “good at tech,” which was not a title I ever expected to earn.

Choir on Zoom is like this: I am singing. I hope my students are singing with me. I can hear me, but I cannot hear them. I have them frequently record themselves singing in a program called SoundTrap so that I can give them feedback. It takes approximately 30x as long as it used to for me to give them feedback on their singing, but it’s OK because it is something. Most of my students are now comfortable with recording themselves. Some still are not.

It’s an imperfect process, but we make it work!

To boost morale and to make it seem like we are singing “together,” I take these recordings and edit them together in Logic Pro. I also sometimes edit videos of them singing in Final Cut Pro. These are two programs I never wanted to learn how to use, but here we are. The process of creating a virtual choir takes hours and hours. And hours. But it is worth every hour to hear the sound of the choir singing together in harmony.

Here is what I tell the choir: I miss you. I miss singing with you. I can’t wait to hear your recording! Your voice matters and I hope you will add your recording to the virtual choir! Thank you for participating and creating something that we can be proud of. Keep singing, if it makes you happy!

Here is what I tell myself (and my colleagues): This is not forever. It is not the new normal. We are building a bridge to the other side of this. Yes, distance teaching is hard and we sucked at it at first, but we got better! Hybrid teaching is even harder, and we will suck at it, at first, but we will get better, just like we did before.

Here is what I will say to you, my community: Keep wearing your masks. Keep doing your part to bring the COVID-19 numbers down. When this is all over, sign your kids up for a choir (or any music class) because we will all need the incredible healing that music provides.

I can’t wait till we can sing together, again.

Jenni Gaderlund, choir director at Graham Middle School, Mountain View

Cover Story

After months of a lonely lockdown, Sue Crane is able to venture out of her home at The Sequoias in Portola Valley. Read her story on page 24. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

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I’m a psychiatrist, an associate dean at Stanford University School of Medicine, and on the front-lines in the hospital. I’m an Asian woman who experienced discrimination and then became temporarily disabled in the middle of the pandemic. I’m a mother, wife and daughter-in-law, and I have two different nursing homes. But the worst — and best — experience of this pandemic was when my 90-year-old father got COVID-19. Against the odds, he survived.

I’d encouraged my parents to move to this area so I could help out, and when my father had a stroke, a neighbor called me, and I rushed him to the hospital in time to save his life. Right before lockdown, my mother couldn’t any longer handle his needs and transferred him to a higher acuity facility where he didn’t know anyone. Before the pandemic, I’d have dinner with them every weekend, and in between, my husband and I would help with shopping and errands and grocery visits. Now we couldn’t see them, and they couldn’t see each other, so my dad’s mental status deteriorated quickly. English is his second language, and he doesn’t speak Chinese, so he was confused and frightened.

Working on the front-lines and trying to keep people from getting COVID-19 or giving it to my family, I was managing as best as possible in the pandemic until August. Then the rain and lightning storm that sparked those awful wildfires caused a dog-walking accident in which I fell down slippery stairs and broke three vertebrae in five places (and a rib). I was still recovering when, in December, my father developed COVID-19. His doctor at Stanford got him on the list for the monoclonal antibodies that had just been granted an emergency-use authorization. His nursing home wouldn’t transport him to the hospital for treatment, however, so my husband and I donned yellow gowns, gloves, masks and goggles and transported him ourselves.

He was coughing in our faces with every breath and fighting us because I was barely responsive and we thought he might die, but on Christmas Day the nursing home FaceTimed us and he was awake, eating and drinking and recognized us and the Christmas carols we sang to him. It was the best Christmas gift ever. I could talk about being undersigned as a health care worker and about being furious when people won’t wear masks or socially distance, I could talk about 12- to 16-hour days in the hospital, and then hearing people doubt the reality of the illness. I could talk about being mistaken for a patient when I’m not in my white coat, and I could talk for a long time about people fearing me because I’m Asian.

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Rona J. Hu, MD, Palo Alto

Dr. Rona Hu, an associate dean at Stanford University School of Medicine, holds a photo of her 90-year-old father, who survived COVID-19.

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When the going gets tough, create Happiness Bubbles

Here’s the story about how we started a neighborhood singalong that we affectionately call “Sun Mor Singers” and a public Facebook page called “Happiness Bubbles,” where we share videos of our singalongs, our gratitude for health care and essential workers, and just positivity with others.

Our family of five (plus two dogs) lives on Sun Mor Avenue in Mountain View. A few days after the shelter-in-place order on March 16, 2020, we discovered a Facebook group called “Quarantine Singalong” that was started by Ilana Minkoff in San Francisco. We joined that group on March 21, and every night at 7 p.m. we would stand outside to applaud the health care workers and sing a song. We invited our neighbors to join, and the three neighbors adjacent to us would come outside almost daily to join us. We continued to do that every night, posted a video of our song, and started to spend a few minutes chatting with our neighbors (standing across the street from each other) after each singalong, which turned into the best part of our day. We did this for 70 nights straight until May 29. (The last official night of Quarantine Singalong ended with an epic version of Bohemian Rhapsody.)

But after that larger group stopped, we didn’t want to stop connecting with our neighbors, so we decided to continue on ourselves and meet outside three nights a week. And that led to starting our own Facebook group called “Happiness Bubbles” so we could post those videos of our neighborhood singalongs. (My neighbors then and haven’t stopped yet! We are now on our 180th neighborhood singalong this week. It has definitely been a silver lining for us during this past year of the pandemic. It has helped us to have something fun and positive to look forward to sometimes we have costumes or themes, and it has helped us reconnect with our neighbors and get to know them better. We even started sharing grocery runs and other things as a result of the relationships we have developed. This has been an emotional blessing since we don’t have any family members who live close by. And it has helped us remember to have a moment of gratitude each day, even on the days that we don’t feel very positive. I have also made new friends from the original Quarantine Singalong, and we keep in touch over Facebook.

We often have neighbors drive or walk by while we are doing our singalongs, and they have also commented that seeing our family singing or dancing in the street has brightened their day. It has really helped us to try and spread positivity during this difficult year.
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As Nova Jimenez takes center stage behind a microphone and portable amp set up in a parking stall behind Stanford Health Care on a recent Wednesday afternoon, her voice tenderly cuts through the back-up bells of nearby construction and the hum of traffic along El Camino Real. "E schiudi l’uso al tuo cantar!" (Open the door to your cantor!)," the trained soprano sings in Italian as she serenades a dozen or so masked health care workers who are spread out across the back of the Menlo Park Office about 20 feet away. For the next 30 minutes, the daily realities of working on the front line seem to fade away with every note she delivers. There's no discussion of vaccines, sickness or death — just singing, swaying, clapping and unbridled joy. Impromptu concerts at unlikely venues have become routine for Jimenez, a private voice teacher and lecturer at Stanford University who has been performing what she calls "sidewalk serenades" for front-line and essential workers and isolated seniors around the Bay Area nearly every weekend since May. She's performed in front-yard lawns, asphalt parking lots and on a sidewalk 11 stories below her audience. "I think the work I'm doing right now, it's my most important purpose in life," said Jimenez, who began singing professionally since she was a child. "We're living in all these restrictions and to be able to do one little thing without endangering people, it is freeing."

And that's what happened last spring when the pandemic hit. She went into her studio and started singing for hours with something she hadn't done in recent years while busy raising her two school-aged sons. "I know, maybe someone needs a lift. Maybe I can share some of the healing that I feel with others." And so it kind of went from there," she said.

Jimenez bought a portable amp and a microphone and went outside to sing for her Stanford neighbors. "It was so fun," she said. "You know, it was like, just the way to kind of get people out of their houses. It was the greatest feeling." Jimenez wanted to share that experience beyond her immediate neighborhood, so she placed an ad on the Nextdoor website offering free sidewalk serenades to essential workers or anyone isolated due to the pandemic who needed a lift. The response has been incredible, said Jimenez, who has performed close to 70 sidewalk serenades. She's been invited to perform outside the homes of teachers, doctors, her mail carrier, seniors at Channing House in Palo Alto and even a blind musician in her 90s whose daughter reached out after hearing Jimenez perform on the radio. Jimenez admits her outdoor concerts are not the greatest acoustically. She can't hear herself through her little portable amp, but she's learned that it's not about how beautiful she sounds. "This is about sending music out to whomever wants to hear it," she said. "I can't see people's faces when I'm singing, but I get this energy from them, and it radiates. I think we all need to realize the power of music and singing and how it can heal...especially at a time like this during the pandemic."

During her sidewalk serenades, Jimenez performs a variety of music from Italian opera to classical musicals to pop. She typically starts with Italian opera composer Ruggero Leoncavallo's "Mattinata" and likes to end with a singalong of "A Brand New Day" from the musical The Wiz. Jimenez said she's the first time in her career as a performer that she has had the freedom to select the music she wants to sing. "I can sing any genre I want," said Jimenez, a professional singer, performs for health care workers in Menlo Park on March 3.

"I feel like (these serenades) were just absolutely meant to be. .. My years of training, my experience, everything sort of pointed in this direction. This is why I'm singing." Jimenez said she's always turned to singing during difficult times. "When I'm challenged, my first response and my reaction is to sing," said she. "When I was a child, I would go in my room and sing for hours. It's how I healed myself. I got to be creative, and I got an opportunity to really sort of scream away my troubles."

"It's been absolutely liberating for me." — Nova Jimenez

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For my family, this year of relative isolation hasn't been completely unexpected; I started my hibernation nine months earlier when I moved myself and my son from our home in Oakland to my parents' house in Palo Alto. It was a necessary move for many reasons, but not an easy one. It involved walking away from teaching, a job I had done with love for almost 25 years. My son left his friends and neighbors and the home he'd grown up in. I moved back into the home I grew up in and tried not to regress to my teenage years. There were enormous adjustments for all of us in terms of privacy, expectations, habits formed over decades. There were crises large and small. And all of this came months before COVID-19. As I made my introverted way through the first months of my move, I got a job working from home, which was great until California's gig worker bill took effect in January 2020. I tried to navigate the intergenerational challenges of my new situation. "Sandwich generation" sometimes felt more like "rock and a hard place" generation. When the shutdown first began, my focus had more to do with my son's schooling. On Friday, March 13, it was announced that schools would close "for a few weeks" until after spring break, and then resume. I picked him up, he collected all his belongings, and we went home without what seemed to be a final goodbye to in-person fifth grade. I suspected the closures were going to last longer than predicted. At first, I had believed the people who opined that the illness would burn out quickly, but it soon became clear that we were in a major crisis and that our country's leadership was not going to take appropriate action. I abandoned hope of stable schooling and tried to keep him entertained and somewhat educated at home. He was extremely anxious about COVID-19 and would bare-ly leave the house. It took some time for my parents to realize just how curtailed their usually busy lives would have to become, and it was awkward when I had to put my foot down on the side of safety versus their freedom to visit friends or work at their volunteer jobs. Suddenly they seemed so very fragile in their mortality. Suddenly I was the adult telling the teenagers there was a curfew. It was uncomfortable for all of us.

My contract work, which had already been spotty since the gig law, dried up. I threw myself even more into gardening, taking out my frustrations by eradicating the invasive bamboo and rejoicing with each seedling I coax from the ground. I started a daily gratitude writing practice. I wrote a speculative "worst case scenario"... like, there are these memories that would have never happened if this didn't happen the way it did. "So I really believe that in all of this darkness, there is some light. And all I want to do is just kind of share some of that joy and light and be a reminder that our lives will one day return back to normal, and no one's alone." Listen to Nova Jimenez sing at paloaltoonline.com. Associate Editor Linda Taaffe can be emailed at ltaaffe@pawweekly.com

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‘Given these cracks in society ... there is lots of work to be done.’

Eric Goldman, Mountain View

I am exhausted. I work all of the time. There is no meaningful division between my work life and my home life, and I haven’t had a vacation day in over a year.

I am eager to get back into my office — my real workspace — and to be able to travel again so that I can more easily create non-work times and spaces in my life.

Eric Goldman is an associate dean and professor at Santa Clara University.

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Diagnosed with leukemia four months before the pandemic

At the age of 5, my daughter Hadley, now 7, was diagnosed with leukemia, four months before the pandemicic closed everything down. We went from the gut-wrenching experience of learning how to navigate childhood cancer while feeling wrapped in love with an amazing amount of support, to feeling shunned by our community—often a reaction from the place order started. Suddenly nobody wanted to be near us, when what we need most is our connections with our friends.

This past year has been the most painful time in our lives, not because of fearing the virus but because of how all the restrictions have negatively impacted our family. Losing all in-person support during a time when our kids who are still reeling from a traumatic diagnosis has only made a terrible situation even worse. Hadley only got to attend a few months of kindergarten before being hospitalized, and she was just starting to get ready to return to the classroom when school went virtual. Distance learning doesn’t work for her, so we’ve struggled this past year and will be pulling her out of the district to officially home-school instead, where she’ll have more flexibility.

I worry that by next fall schools will be able to open, and I’m not comfortable sending her anywhere that I’m not allowed to be on campus, which is what I fear will be the case. She has to wear a mask more than most people and has been doing so since she was diagnosed in November 2019, and we have no desire to put her in school where she’d need to wear a mask all day.

Navigating the world of childhood cancer can be hard; it affects our whole family while also dealing with a pandemic is truly a horrible experience. Still, despite the hardships of this year, there have been some wonderful moments thanks to those who continue to try supporting us in whatever way is possible. Friends have bought us groceries, lent us a car to take Hadley to her chemo appointments, sent thoughtful gifts to both of our children, and I encourage our friends to donate blood in Hadley’s honor, since she’s needed many blood transfusions. You can see more of her story at tinyurl.com/hadleystory.

I was warned that friendships have a tendency to fade away when your child is diagnosed with cancer, and I doubted that would happen since we had so much support and everyone seemed like they wanted to help us through such a trying time. Unfortunately the pandemic caused everyone to experience their own trying times, and it’s harder to find the helpers when everybody is struggling.

The collective grief we are all feeling after a year of hardship is magnified for me, and carrying that weight seems impossible at times without being able to share the burden, but how can I ask those I love for help when they need help as well? It’s just a lose-lose situation, and each day I hope we are one day closer to a return to normal.

Katy Crain, Mountain View

‘I don’t know how we are going to properly grieve.’

I am a clinical psychologist at Stanford.

I am grateful that under shelter in place I am no longer rising at 5:30 a.m. daily and spending eight-plus hours of my life every week trapped in the gridlock on the Dumbarton Bridge to get to work on campus.

But... I miss my mom, whom I pushed into early retirement to Taiwan last March — bidding her good-bye at an airport where I was still reeling from a traumatic diagnosis. A few months later, I had to stop watching the news. I felt claustrophobic and suffocated, and each day I was daring to hug her. She has been happy, safe and free in Taiwan while COVID-19 ravaged the U.S. So I am glad we made the decision for her to go, but I’m sad that she abruptly left 42 years as a Californian behind like a COVID-19 refugee.

And... short bursts of artistic creation. My mom became too anxious to sleep in his room and has been in mine for the past year. I set up an outdoor desk around in, and enough to eat. We

Beth Baugh (continued from page 18)

As a clinician who specializes in grief work, I am exhausted beyond articulation and filled with dread about the years ahead. We are living with a scale of loss impossible to comprehend yet. Starting a year ago, I started to meet with therapy clients, students who are mourning the COVID-19 deaths of family members, young people sobbing, grieving on Zoom memorials, sharing via telehealth therapy and grief-support meetings.

It’s a privilege to hold people’s stories, beautiful, loving stories of uncles cooking favorite dishes, of smell had disappeared several years ago and he couldn’t smell the smoke in the air. I was certain the hills would spontaneously combust and he would die. My mother held me as I wept out my accumulated months of fear and frustration.

Of course he returned unscathed, but I could feel myself unraveling. Everything seemed filtered through a haze of ashes and virus. And of course there was the political situation, which raised my usual low blood pressure until I had to stop watching the news, I woke up empty in swing seats and donned my mask to join a march in support of Black Lives Matter, but I kept feeling like I wasn’t doing enough. The sigh of relief I breathed on Jan. 20 seemed to remove a hundred-pound weight off my shoulders.

My partner, who lives in San Francisco, has saved my sanity in so many ways, by taking me away on hikes and kayaking journeys, by engaging my son in construction projects and Nerf battles, and in the fall, by converting a garden shed into my “sanity shed” — a tiny office in which I sit right now, away from the storm and drag of the other parts of the sandwich, the tightrope I walk between the rock and the hard place.

My son has begun spending more time outside, and the next crop of vegetables and wildflowers is about to sprout. All in all, my family has been lucky. We still have our health, a yard to run around in, and enough to eat. We share our gratitude each night at dinner and are thankful that we have each other to talk with, to offer support to, to embrace.

My parents just received their first vaccines, which will begin to allay my anxieties about their health. We have survived for this long and learned that we have the skills to do so, despite the emotional toll this year has taken. We mourn those who have not been so fortunate and we make plans for how to rejoice the world and continue to work to make it a safer, kinder place.

Beth Baugh, Palo Alto

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I never envisioned I would write every single day for a year. I just set out to have something to do when we got locked down. You know, what are you going to do with the time? And so I set out with this little goal to write something every day, and I took photos of local flora and fauna. Then I got to the point of doing quotations to enhance what I was writing about, and then I shared this with a lot of different people.

I posted this every day on Facebook and I have a distribution list of about 55 people. My goal was to try to inspire myself in the process, and so I got to the point of doing quota- tions to try to inspire myself in the process of inspiring others.

As much as I gave to others in the writing project that she’s kept up every single day for a year. I learned is that I get by giving. And to me the things interesting every day, I got to the point of doing quota- tions to try to inspire myself in the process of inspiring others.

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I really have had the time to stop and smell the roses — and photograph them. And I’ve learned: learned about my community, learned about the flora, the fauna; what time of the year they bloom.

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(See Sharlene Carlson’s daily writing project at facebook.com/sharlene.carlson.3.)

Sharlene Carlson, Palo Alto

Hugs are everything. We hugged our fami- ly, friends and co-work- ers. Did we ever think of a time when we could or would not hug? Not only was it unimagi- nable, we never thought of the hug and all its significance. A hug shows love, it shows sym- pathy, it shows respect and most of all it feels good.

Hugs are one of the things that can feel good for all par- ties. We have hugs for two or hugs for a group. We have big bear hugs, strong breath-take-away hugs and gentle, kind hugs.

Would we have ever imag- ined not having any kind of hug or not giving any hugs? A year into the COVID-19 pandemic and our shelter-in- place requirements mean lots of things are not fun. We have lost jobs and sources of income. We are in jeopardy of losing our homes, too.

Nothing could compare to losing a family member or friend to this horrible disease. It’s a miracle that in one year a vaccine can mitigate this virus and help us all look forward to a more normal lifestyle.

I feel so grateful that my family is safe and so far I have survived all of this. My grand- children and I have invented pretend hugs when we see each other outside, masked up and socially distanced. It is some- thing but really not enough.

I know I, for one, will never take a hug for granted again.

Geraldine MacDonald, Los Altos

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A weak army fighting an all-out war

I n digging deep this past year into the world of aerosol COVID-19 transmission (small airborne particles that travel more than six feet and linger in the air for hours), I am flabbergasted. The failure of our leaders to understand aerosol transmission is astounding. We’re in an all-out war with COVID-19, spending trillions, but we’re uneducated, disorganized and divided.

Throughout the U.S., deadly health orders prioritize (extremely rare) surface transmission and fail to mention aerosol transmission. Pre-COVID, I played gatekeeper frisbee at Greer Park with my buddy Frank Vigil. We both had sports and professional interests in COVID-19. We both wanted to get safely back on the grass at Greer, but the climate has changed. Frank comes from an Intel cleanroom background and is an investor on the leading edge of indoor air safety. My work serves COVID-19-vulnerable populations. Frank contributes to the COVID-19 transmission knowledge ladder. We were able to access national and local experts (Professors Michael Osterholm, Shelly Miller, Jose-Luis Jimenez and Erin Bromage; ASHRAE; American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers; a scrupulous local HVAC professional; four commercial property managers managing 8 million square feet; public transit safety staff).

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Steve Raney, Palo Alto

Cover Story

Evie Preston (continued from page 22) said my son, suddenly a tough-as-nails editor. “No one can proofread their own work.” Following his lead to “spiff up my copy,” my clever daughter-in-law morphed into artist and layout director as well as professional publisher. My grand-daughter contributed the cover.

We all stayed in our own corners, meeting by phone or via computer, and my other children added positive input. Far from any “publish or perish” mindset, becoming an in-house joint venture made all the difference. We turned our editorial and spiritual spine on our self-published, nonprofit, from-the-heart adventure.

Who knew my adult children were readers? Or that a housemate bought a word processor? Or that 300-year-old potato soup recipe can be found on our self-published, nonprofit, from-the-heart adventure.

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The world is in a pandemic feels more like existing than living. Can’t stand the way people cross the street to avoid you, or not recognizing if someone on the other side of the street is a neighbor or not.

Evelyn (Evie) Preston, Palo Alto

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B eing really good, I am used to being home during the day, working out with friends at the gym, and generally having lots of freedom. Overall, there are a half-dozen events that most impacted me in 2020:

1. Having my roommate home good for me, bad for her. Her 9-to-5 job at a swim school was considered non-essential. She also was not able to teach her dance classes at gyms, which were all closed.

2. I found myself getting annoyed with perfect strangers.

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Cover Story

With vaccination, The Sequoias resident looks forward to freedom

Sue Crane, 88, says she’s been proud, and surprised, by her own resilience by Angela Swartz

Jan. 15 marked a day of joy and relief for Portola Valley resident Sue Crane. It was the day she finally received her first of two Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Crane, 88, has mostly been confined to her apartment in The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley since the pandemic sparked San Mateo County to institute its shelter-in-place order.

Before she moved into The Sequoias, Crane, a former Portola Valley mayor who’s lived in town for 57 years, had heard stories about the difficulties of norovirus outbreaks in 2006 and 2011.

“I thought, ‘Oh, thank goodness I don’t have to go through something like that happened,’” she said. “So when something like this happens — that, ‘Tomorrow you will not go to the dining room,’ that’s the first way you hear about it — you think, ‘It’s going to be a day or so.’ You have your two a.m. tea that you might not be able to have over Zoom. But it goes on and it goes on and things get canceled.”

Since the pandemic began, six of The Sequoias’ 315 residents and 34 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, said Rob Hays, executive director of The Sequoias, in a March 1 email. Of those cases, one person was hospitalized and there have been no deaths.

The pandemic was a particular shock given that the year had started off completely normally. In March 2020, Crane organized a group of volunteers to visit Ridge Winery in Cupertino, which she co-founded — before selling it to a more successful Hiew, in the 1950s. The group planned to taste wines, including her favorites: cabernets. But the excursion never happened.

Instead, residents of The Sequoias faced restrictions. They were not able to gather, although they were allowed to walk together outside, 6 feet apart. Residents received COVID-19 tests at their doors. Meals and were also delivered to their doors.

Crane, who moved into the community six years ago for social interaction, considers taking meals by herself to be the most difficult part of the restrictions at The Sequoias.

“I have become a much stronger person.”

Sue Crane

“Every day I hate eating alone,” she said. “I just don’t like it.”

Weekends feel particularly lonely for Crane, a time when she has few meetings scheduled.

“If I’m lonesome, I usually don’t call someone and say I’m lonesome,” she said. “I stay away from people... Now, I might, a few days later... I can talk about it — but I did not help myself. I did not help myself when I was lonely. And I find a lot of people do this.”

Still, Crane is happy to be at The Sequoias during the pandemic. She fears she would feel lonelier living in her own home.

“I really value being part of the apartment and I bump into people,” she said. “You’re never alone.”

She added that as she’s been from family this past year, she’s also come to rely on them in new ways.

Her son Daniel, who lives in the Portola Valley house she called home with her sons and Hiew for many years, drops off groceries and chocolate bars. Daniel’s parents were very self-sufficient, so it’s actually easier for them to take care of his mother recently.

Daniel’s partner, Harriet Bell, said that after almost a year they really know what Sue likes. Graham crackers or dark chocolate almonds are on Sue’s list of favorites.

“I know she likes this cheese more than that cheese,” Bell said.

“The relationship is different than it was. There’s a different level of intimacy. Other than not being able to actually see her, it feels like we talk quite often.”

On Thanksgiving, Crane made the decision to spend the holiday with Daniel, his daughter (who took a COVID-19 test before attending the gathering) and Bell.

“With the door, I forgot about the pandemic,” Crane said. “I must have kept my mask on for a while. I didn’t realize I was safe. Once I left, I did hug somebody, my granddaughter. I was in a familiar place. I felt wonderful.”

Bell said Sue took note of some new photos on the wall.

“It makes you realize how long it had been since she had been in the house,” Bell noted.

Keeping busy and silver linings

The pandemic has not come without its share of silver linings. It’s helped Crane to grow in ways.

“Looking back, she’s proud of the resilience she’s displayed,” Daniel said.

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There’s much that we took for granted before COVID-19 — for example, working together in an office. Job interviews over Zoom this year felt like blind dates: One by one, I met people with no opportunity to really get a sense of what it might be like to work with them.

When I landed a consulting job at a group of Sequoias residents to form an order. At a job interview once, I was asked by someone I met several years earlier.

I was not as independent,” she said.

Keeping busy and silver linings

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How the pandemic has fueled Silicon Valley’s economic divide

A year into the pandemic, Silicon Valley has experienced historic losses and unprecedented gains as the virus has disproportionately impacted the area’s poorest residents. Unemployment among the region’s lowest earners reached nearly double the rate of the highest earners. And while the in-person jobs sector shrank, the tech industry experienced a banner year. Families facing housing insecurity reached an all-time high, while a hot real estate market outpaced pre-pandemic numbers.

To show how the pandemic has accelerated the region’s economic divide, the Palo Alto Weekly has woven together data based on Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s State of the Valley report into a by-the-numbers graphic.
**Basic needs**

Food insecurity

30% Families

Food costs

17% Increase

(February – December 2020)

**Who can’t afford rent?**

1 in 4 Silicon Valley Households

(Household Pulse & Community Resilience Estimates, 2021)

Who’s facing eviction?

50% Black households

40% Hispanic households

**Health**

Uninsured due to pandemic job losses

12K

(Santa Clara & San Mateo counties)

People who say they’re experiencing depression

16% National Average

18% Bay Area

(U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, January 2021)

**Labor market**

"We don’t have the technological education to navigate this kind of thing. That’s the barriers that we are facing … not having a job — (and) risking our health when we do."

—Laura Rubio

service worker & East Palo Alto community activist

**Real Estate Market**

Home prices increase

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Based on Santa Clara County sales

**Tech boom**

"The Tech economy has not missed a step. Silicon Valley and its (technology) have been central to the nation and the world in our ability to cope with this tragedy."

—Russell Hancock

president & CEO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley

**Job losses**

Total 151,000

All jobs

150,000

In-person jobs sector

Santa Clara/San Mateo counties (April–June 2020)

**Funding, deals & growth**

$1.35TRILLION

Cumulative economic output of the region’s top 15 tech firms in 2020

**Silicon Valley Jobless rate**

1.9% March 2020

12% April 2020

5.9% February 2021

**Unemployment claims**

Q4 2020 (Mar. – Jun.)

Hispanic 2X higher

Black 11X higher

White

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Hispanic

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**Silicon Valley & San Francisco**

108 megadeals (+ $100M)

$24.6B venture capital funding

2X 2020
**Distinguished Authors Series**

**The Santa Clara County Library District is launching a four-part, virtual author series in April featuring authors who have sparked new thoughts and discussions in the areas of the biology of stress and related diseases, immigration, and the technologies of today and the future.**

- **The Distinguished Author Series kicks off on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. with Stanford University professor Dr. Robert Sapolsky, whose work includes “Why Zebras Don’t Get Ulcers” and the bestseller “Behold the Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst.”**

On Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m., **Jaron Lanier, a computer scientist, composer, visual artist and author who has been at the forefront of technical innovation, will talk about the social impact of technology. His books include the bestseller “You Are Not a Gadget.”** He was recently featured in the Netflix documentary “The Social Dilemma.”

Award-winning novelist, poet and essayist **Joyce Carol Oates** will speak on Saturday, May 8, at 3 p.m. Oates has penned bestselling novels, critically acclaimed collections of short fiction, essays and the memoir, “The Falls.”

The series will wrap on Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m. with Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Jhumpa Lahiri.** Her writing explores issues of identity among immigrants and cultural transplants, as well as the perplexities of the immigrant experience. Lahiri’s work includes “Interpreter of Maladies.” Each event will be a moderated opportunity to facilitate conversation with the author. There will also be time for questions at the end of each discussion. For more information, visit scocl.org/author-series.

**How to Be an Adult**

- *New York Times bestselling author Julie Lythcott-Haims* will join author and millennial success coach **Linda Taaffe** at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, to talk about her memoir, “How to Be an Adult.”

**Late author’s estate decided to stop publishing several books containing racial stereotypes**

Dr. Seuss’ godson weighs in on the ‘culture wars’ uproar

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Michael Thompson holds a copy of “If I Ran the Zoo” by Dr. Seuss in his Redwood City home on March 8. The late author, Theodore Seuss Geisel, was Thompson’s godfather. Photo by Magali Gauthier

**by Kate Bradshaw**

Michael Thompson knew his godfather as Uncle Ted.

But to many, many others, Theodore Seuss Geisel was best known by his pen name, Dr. Seuss.

Thompson, who now lives in Redwood City, said he was around 3 years old when Geisel dedicated his book “If I Ran the Zoo” to him.

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

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

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

In the meantime, some of the titles to cease publication have skyrocketed in demand and price. Amazon now lists copies of “If I Ran the Zoo” selling between $500 and $800.

In an interview with this publication, Thompson shared his memories of the late children’s author and how he’s feeling about the Seuss estate’s decision to no longer publish the author’s book dedicated to him.

“I’m sad I can no longer wander into a bookstore and take a copy off the shelf and see my name there, but that’s OK,” he said.

A loving ‘doctor’

Thompson said he has fond memories of his godfather.

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

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

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

His godfather encouraged him to travel — by land. As a college student, Thompson said he took a trip to California to visit friends and made a stop at the Geisel’s home. His godfather asked him how he planned to return to New York City and Thompson replied that he planned to fly. “He said, ‘Hmmm, you know, you don’t really get a sense of the United States just by flying over it. Let’s see if we can’t set you up with something better,’” Thompson remembered Geisel telling him.

So Geisel called his travel agent and booked Thompson a seat on the train from Seattle to Chicago, and then Thompson flew the rest of the way home. “I’ll never forget that trip,” he said. “That was the kind of person he was. I just knew him as a kind, loving and obviously immensely talented person.”

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

‘Maybe their time is past’

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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