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Santa Clara County health leaders prepare for emergency-use authorization to inoculate kids 5 to 11 years old
By Sue Dremann

COVID-19 vaccines could be available for 5- to 11-year-olds as soon as Nov. 3 if all goes well with the approval process, Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, Santa Clara County’s vaccine control officer, said on Wednesday.

A U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended emergency authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech’s pediatric vaccine on Oct. 26, which is one-third of the adult dose. Adult doses aren’t authorized to be split and used for children as they have a different formulation, he said.

If the FDA adopts the recommendation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would then decide whether to give its approval for the emergency use as soon as mid-week. The county’s Department of Public Health expects to have 55,000 doses of the child-formulated Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines when they first roll out. Those doses would put an initial shot in the arm of about one-third of the county’s total population of 167,000 children who are 5- to 11-years-old, he said.

Fenstersheib said the county doesn’t anticipate any shortages and expects there will be enough pediatric vaccines. Additional supplies also would be available in the following weeks.

To be fully vaccinated, children must receive two doses, which are supposed to be administered 21 days apart. They would attain full immunity after two weeks of receiving the second dose. The Pfizer pediatric vaccine has been shown to be 90% effective against COVID-19 blues.

Vaxxing kids for COVID could start next week
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Your guide to Halloween events on the Midpeninsula
Local happenings include costume contests, spooky movie screenings and trick-or-treating
By Sue Dremann

There’s plenty to do this year in the days before, during and after Halloween as people look to shake off those COVID-19 blues.

Here’s a list of some of the many fun events on the Midpeninsula for a howl of a good time. Remember, though, to check each event in advance for COVID-19 protocols. Some venues require a vaccination card or proof of a negative test result within 72 hours.

Los Altos

Trick-Car-Treat drive-thru event: Decorated cars on display. Costumed volunteers will hand out treats and toys to the parade of cars at this free annual event hosted by Bridges Community Church. Participants are invited to wear costumes and are encouraged to wear face coverings.

When: Oct. 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Bridges Community Church, 625 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos
Cost: Free.
Info: connectbcc.org

Los Altos Hills

Guess the Pumpkin’s Weight: Los Altos Hills Town Hall invites visitors to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin. The closest three guesses receive Los Altos Hills prizes.

When: Through Nov. 1
Where: 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills
Cost: Free.
Info: losaltoshills.ca.gov

Movie Night at Purissima

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Foothill College president ousted
President Thuy Nguyen placed on paid administrative leave
By Zoe Morgan

Foothill College President Thuy Nguyen is out of a job, with the community college district’s board of trustees voting unanimously Monday night, Oct. 25, not to renew her contract.

The decision comes amid internal strife at the college; Foothill’s academic senate took a vote of no confidence in Nguyen at a meeting earlier on Monday.

Nguyen, who has led Foothill since 2016, will be put on paid administrative leave effective Nov. 1. Her current contract runs through June 2022 and her annual base salary is $262,038.12.

District board President Peter Landsberger said at Monday’s meeting that not renewing Nguyen’s contract was “needed to allow the college to move beyond the current state of conflict.”

The board’s vote came in a closed session Monday evening.

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The number of young people on the Midpeninsula is shrinking, even as the overall population grows, mirroring a trend throughout California, recently released data from the 2020 U.S. Census shows. The children and teens are also becoming increasingly non-white, although many towns remain far more racially homogeneous than the region overall.

Santa Clara County saw the number of people under 18 drop by 5.4% between 2010 and 2020 (from 429,545 to 406,542), even as the total population increased by 8.7%. In San Mateo County, there are now 3.5% fewer children than a decade ago, decreasing from 159,772 to 154,206, despite a 6.4% increase in the overall number of people living in the county.

The region isn’t alone in seeing a smaller number of young people, even as the broader population swells. Statewide, the total number of children has dropped 6.3% over the past 10 years, even as the overall population has grown 6.1%.

With the overall population increasing and number of young people decreasing, the share of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties residents who are under 18 has dropped. In 2010, 24.1% of Santa Clara County residents and 22.2% of San Mateo County residents were under 18. Today, those shares are 21% and 20.2%, respectively. Statewide, the share of young people has dropped from 25% to 22%.

A few local towns — notably Mountain View — did manage to see an uptick in their number of young residents, but those increases were generally overshadowed by larger jumps in the overall population within those areas. Among the children and teens living on the Midpeninsula, the share identifying as Asian increased substantially, as did those selecting more than one racial group. The portion of white youth dropped, as, to a lesser extent, did the share of Hispanic young people.

The census is conducted every 10 years and collects data on the U.S. population that is used for geographic areas, as well as the overall population has grown 6.1%.

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The number of young people has dropped slightly in Palo Alto, even as the overall population has increased.

City by city, proportion of youth is shrinking

With few exceptions, Midpeninsula cities grew in the last decade, but none saw their share of young people keep up. A few cities have managed to eke out increases in the number of people under 18, but without exception, these cities saw a larger increase in their overall population.

Mountain View had the most notable increase in its youth population, with an 8.7% jump, but the city’s total population jumped 11.2%, which was one of the largest increases on the Midpeninsula. That meant the portion of the overall population that’s under 18 still dropped slightly, from 19.7% to 19.3%.

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MENTAL HEALTH

A helping hand for youth, by youth

Peer-led mental health program Youth Connect lets students know they’re not alone — and that help is available

By Zoe Morgan

When Emily Yao first joined Youth Connect during her sophomore year at Palo Alto High School, she thought it would be a good way to complete the community service hours required to graduate, but what she didn’t realize at first was the personal impact that the organization would ultimately have on her.

Now a senior, Yao is still involved in the program, which focuses on youth mental health, and said the experience has given her the tools to support her peers, provided clarity on her own mental health and made her realize she wants to pursue mental health advocacy as part of her eventual career path.

“It just felt like the students’ voices were really valued in a way that I had never felt before,” Yao said.

Youth Connect is run through the Palo Alto-based nonprofit Youth Community Service and focuses on youth leadership and community building as a way to address the mental health issues that many young people face.

“What we’re trying to tap into is the power of just feeling a sense of belonging, having an understanding that your existence makes sense and that you belong somewhere,” said Jennifer Lee-Thursson, Youth Connect’s program manager.

Students from various local high schools come together through Youth Connect to work as peer leaders on a diverse array of projects, all in some way tied to mental health. The students have done everything from set up expert panels on suicide prevention to create social media posts about resources for survivors of sexual violence.

The program currently has two cohorts of students, one based in Palo Alto and the other in the Sequoia Union High School District.

The idea for Youth Connect originally stemmed from a 2016 report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the youth suicide clusters in Palo Alto, which identified risk factors as well as described the positive impact that preventative measures can have on reducing suicides.

“From its inception, a hallmark of Youth Connect has been its focus on student leadership and giving the teens the ability to decide the program’s direction. “Young people are so often in the position where they’re being told what to do or how to do something,” Yee-Mazama said. “They have a lot of ideas and capability. We just need to give them the space to experience that and to practice those skills.”

When Rein Vaska joined Youth Connect, he said it was the “first really student-run organization” that he’d seen, allowing students the freedom to pick the projects they want to focus on. Growing up in Palo Alto, Vaska said mental health issues like anxiety, depression and eating disorders were “overwhelmingly common” among his peers. As part of Youth Connect, Vaska was able to tackle some of these issues directly, creating videos about testing anxiety and spreading awareness about body positivity and body dysmorphia.

“Students really know the student population better than anybody else,” said Vaska, who was part of Youth Connect until he graduated from Palo Alto High this spring. “They’re going to be the best at coming up with accessible ways that people would be interested in to learn more about mental health and get help.”

The projects Youth Connect works on are often tied to issues that are currently impacting the community. At the beginning of (continued on page 12)
The two housing proposals that the Palo Alto City Council reviewed on Monday night reflect in many ways the city’s recent success in encouraging new applications to build residential developments — even ones that fail to conform to local zoning laws.

But they’re also engendering opposition from nearby property owners who argue that these projects will degrade neighborhood character and worsen the traffic and parking conditions on their blocks.

The tension between the city’s desire to add housing and residents’ wishes to see local zoning laws respected was fully evident during the council’s review of 660 University Ave., a blocklong, four-story development that would include 70 apartments and 9,115 square feet of office space, and 1033 Amarillo Ave., a proposed underground garage with 2,500 square feet of office space.

The biggest selling point for the council when it came to 660 University Ave. was its location. The city’s attempts to lure residential developers to downtown — most notably through the creation of a “housing incentive program” that loosens development standards and increases density limits — have thus far been fruitless. Vice Mayor Pat Burt and Council member Alison Cormack both pointed to its location as a major positive.

“We’ve had very little progress in the two downtowns to date, and yet as we’re seeing this transformation in the retail environment, we recognize that not only do we need to provide housing in a place where we have transit and services but we also need to support our existing businesses and residents in that area,” Burt said.

“In principle, I support a project roughly along these lines.”

The project would entail the demolition of two one-story office buildings, including the medical office that houses Palo Alto Dental, which has plans to relocate to another location within the city.

One change that Burt and some of his colleagues said they want to see is more affordable housing. Smith Development has proposed designating 14 of the 70 apartments in the development as affordable housing, though four of these would fall into the highest category of affordability, “workforce housing,” which applies to those who make up to 120% of area median income. The city’s only “workforce housing” development, the recently completed AltaLocale complex at the corner of El Camino Real and Page Mill Road, is charging between $3,368 and $4,858 to rent its small studios and one-bedroom apartments. For critics of the Smith project, having those units count as “affordable” makes a mockery of the term.

Council member Greer Stone was among those who encouraged Smith to provide more below-market-rate units. He noted that the project is advancing under the zoning called “planned home,” a designation that allows the city to negotiate zoning concessions with residential developers that provide affordable housing.

“I do think the project is requesting several variances and exceptions for the city, which under ‘planned-home zoning’ we have allowed for affordable housing as a community benefit,” Stone said.

“If we’re going to provide those variances, I think the community benefit should be real and not illusory.”

Neighbors similarly posited that the developer is requesting too much and offering too little. That was the argument advanced by residents from The Hamilton, a condominium community at 511 Byron St. Several of them addressed the council on Monday and submitted letters of opposition to the project. Leigh Prince, an attorney with the firm Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel, which is representing the residents, noted that the developer is requesting to build at a density that is roughly seven times what the underlying zoning typically allows.

“Respectful of the city’s need for housing, I think seven times the maximum permitted number of units on this site is unreasonable,” Prince wrote.

“The Hamilton community will experience this unprecedented density daily in significantly increased traffic and congestion, raising concerns for senior safety as well as a loss of peace in their golden years. This level of density and intensity in this location burdens, not benefits, the community and should not be encouraged to proceed.”

Chris Ream, president of The Hamilton Homeowners Association, also addressed the council and expressed concerns about the project’s potential traffic problems, particularly given the proposed underground garage with

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Facing an unexpected revenue boost, the Palo Alto City Council began to pivot on Monday from a protracted period of budget pain and reductions in services to restoration and recovery.

With its budget staff reporting an uptick in sales- and hotel-tax revenues, the city is projecting that its budget reserve will be about $3.7 million above the city’s prior estimations. In addition, the city has received a federal grant of $3.66 million to restore five firefighting positions that were eliminated as part of the council’s 2021 effort to cut the budget by $40 million.

While the council has yet to formulate a plan for restoring services, it took a small step in that direction on Monday, when it approved City Manager Ed Shikada’s request for four new positions: two assistants in the city manager’s office, an administrative associate to staff the Development Services Center and assist customers seeking building and planning permits, and a public safety communication officer to manage police dispatch staff and operations.

The council also approved spending $250,000 for consultants and legal counsel relating to its plan to place a business tax on spending $250,000 for consulting services.

"I don't think we need to poll lots of people, hire a bunch of campaign consultants and figure out how to engineer the language just right so that people will vote for it," Tanaka said.

Others supported the staff’s plan for budget adjustments, which include raising the salary of the utility safety officer position from $138,528 to $154,586. The move is intended to address the city’s struggles to recruit and retain employees, according to staff. Chief Financial Officer Kiely Nose said the city currently has about 100 vacancies, which constitute about 10% of the approved staffing levels.

Despite the challenges on the staffing front, the council welcomed the latest revenue numbers, which suggest that the budget crisis that began in March 2020 may be coming to an end.

“This is good news,” Council member Eric Filseth said. “We are getting back to a state of normalcy and out of emergency operations. As we do that, we’ve got to, go back to the places where we’ve been stretching and fill that back in.”

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N early a decade after Palo Alto embarked on a journey to redesign the street crossings, the city is preparing to answer a critical and divisive question: Should the city close Churchill Avenue to traffic near Alma during the morning commute to complete the gateway at the crossing, which is expected to be particularly stressful on the neighborhood, with Churchill Avenue to traffic near Alma. The traffic impacts on Churchill Avenue are expected to be particularly severe. A study commissioned by the city in 2019 indicated that once the viaduct is constructed, complete, gates at the crossing will be down about 15% of the time and it would take between 10 and 12 minutes for cars heading north on Alma during the morning commute to complete a left turn onto Churchill Avenue. The queue of cars lining up to make that turn would stretch all the way to El Camino Real.

Redwood City is narrowing down grade-separation alternatives for Whipple Avenue and the city’s other rail crossings, while Sunnyvale is evaluating underpass options for its two crossings, at Mary and Sunnyvale avenues.

The main driver of these projects is Caltrain, which is moving ahead with electrifying its tracks and expanding its train fleet. The long-awaited improvement to the rail system will, however, entail more gate-down time and longer car queues at some of the existing rail crossings.

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But while the Palo Alto council agrees that this is unacceptable, members have struggled over the years to reach a consensus on an alternative. In both 2018 and 2019, the council had set a goal of selecting its preferred design for the three crossings by the end of that year, only to see the deadlines pass with no resolution.

During a recent discussion, which took place on Aug. 23, members considered possible options for the East Meadow Drive and El Camino Real road crossings and agreed to eliminate the viaduct from further consideration, leaving them with three options: a trench, an underpass and a “hybrid” design.

While the council broadly supports moving ahead with grade separation, members have acknowledged that all design alternatives are flawed and each is subject to new circumstances. Old Palo Alto residents who live near the tracks have vociferously objected to having a viaduct just outside their doors. Interests in Professorville have warned that closing Churchill Avenue will steer cars to other key east-west routes, most notably Embarcadero Road.

The closure also has stirred opposition in Southgate, a neighborhod just south of Churchill Avenue and just west of the tracks, where many residents have criticized the option because it would cut off their primary route across the tracks.

For Churchill resident Mohamed Hadiid, who supports closure, the choice is easy. The underpass alternative, Hadiid told the council during an April discussion, remains unrefined and unacceptable in its current form. The viaduct, meanwhile, is undesirable because of its visual impact.

A stark choice here is between two alternatives: number one, inflicting a concrete monstrosity on the neighborhood, which will indebly change its face; or number two, a trench, a hybrid, which would be less objectionable.

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East Bayshore Road, 8/3, 8:33 a.m.; animal cruelty.

College Avenue, 9/3, 12 p.m.; dependent adult sexual abuse.

Arasstradero Road, 10/7, 12 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Barron Avenue, 10/9, 12 p.m.; sex crime.

Center Drive, 10/10, 9:21 a.m.; sex crime/indecent exposure.

Pasteur Drive, 10/13, 8:42 a.m.; simple battery.

Emerson Street, 10/20, 12:41 a.m.; simple battery.

El Camino Real, 10/21, 5:34 p.m.; simple battery.

Hamilton Avenue, 10/21, 9:34 a.m.; battery/peace officer.

Rickeys Way, 10/23, 11:07 p.m.; family violence.

Oregon Expressway/Middlefield Road, 10/25, 8:52 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Emerson Street, 10/25, 8:10 p.m.; family violence.

**Theft related**

Commercial burglaries .......... 3

Grand theft ...... 6

Identity theft ...... 6

Petty theft .............. 4

Residential burglary attempt .......... 1

Shoplifting ................... 4

Vehicular related .............. 4

Auto recovery .......... 1

Auto theft .......... 2

Bicycle theft .......... 2

Driving w/ suspended license .......... 4

Hit and run .......... 6

Lost/stolen plates .......... 1

Misc. traffic .......... 1

Stolen catalytic converter .......... 1

Theft from auto .......... 6

Theft from auto attempt .......... 1

Vehicle accident/Minor injury .......... 6

Vehicle accident/Prop damage .......... 6

Vehicle theft .......... 4

Alcohol or drug related .............. 1

Driving under influence .......... 3

Drunk in public .............. 1

Possession of drugs .......... 1

Possession of paraphernalia .......... 1

Miscellaneous .............. 3

Found property .......... 3

Info. case .......... 3

Located missing person .......... 1

Mental evaluation .......... 4

Other/misc. .......... 2

Outside agency assist .......... 4

Possession of stolen property .......... 1

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A list of local residents who died recently:

Don Gary Miller, 83, a former Palo Alto resident, died on Oct. 16. To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at PaloAltoOnline.com/obituaries.
By Lloyd Lee

During her 48 hours alone somewhere in the Sierra National Forest, Jolly Bose faced temperatures so low her breath crystalized as soon as it left her mouth. The battery in her headlamp weakened against the cold. And what little water she had left since getting lost — about 10 ounces — froze.

One fleece sweater, a base layer, a tangerine down jacket and another red shell jacket on top were not enough to keep her warm during nightfall. Bose had to curl up in an upright fetal position, with hands under her armpits, to preserve what little warmth she had.

Yet, even in frigid conditions, she never lost her composure.

“The main thing the search and rescue team had said worried for me was that I was calm and I was not panicking,” Bose told the Weekly on Oct. 22 from her Palo Alto home in good and healthy spirits.

Oct. 17, a Sunday, was supposed to be a day-hike up Mount Givens with Bose’s two friends Ken Toyama and Dmitry Medvedev.

Northeast of Huntington Lake in Fresno County, Mount Givens sits at an elevation of about 10,643 feet, which is just about 2 miles above sea level. For the inexperienced, an elevation that takes a summit at an elevation of about 14,500 feet high — a “14er” as her group of hiking enthusiasts call it. “During COVID, I think I (hiked) at least 20, 30 times,” the Barron Park neighborhood resident said.

Still, even with all of her and her friends’ experience, Bose now recalls several missteps they made before and during their ascent.

As usual, Bose downloaded a map of Mount Givens on her phone anticipating that she would lose service. In addition to her typical gear, which includes a Camelbak backpack and trekking poles, among other essentials, Bose always packs a portable battery for her phone.

But on that day, following a late Saturday night of celebrating a traditional Hindu festival, a less alert Bose realized she had left the battery at home. She decided not to turn back, as the group was already going to reach their destination later than planned around 1 p.m. Mistake one, she said.

The next error came when the hikers deviated from the original plan.

According to the county sheriff’s search and rescue website, one of the first “things to consider when recreating in the mountains” is to establish an itinerary and never stray away from it. (A member of the search and rescue team from the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office was not available for comment at the time of publication.)

As they finished Mount Givens before sunset, the group, in their ambition, decided to climb Mount Ian Campbell on the same day — another summit that Bose and advanced peakbaggers consider an “insignificant peak.” No big deal, the group thought.

For Bose, her third mistake was when she did not turn back with Medvedev, who felt winded and returned to the trailhead.

“I became a little over-ambitious,” she said.

Instead of turning around, Bose decided to follow Toyama, who wanted to finish the second climb and was already a half-mile ahead.

As she continued toward Mount Ian Campbell, Bose realized she could no longer see her friend. Perhaps, she was going up the wrong path, she thought to herself. The mountain has no clearly marked trails and “you can go in all directions,” Bose said.

At one point, Bose stopped to blow her whistle and called out to Toyama, hoping she would hear his voice and get a better sense of direction. No response. She decided to follow a cross-country trail, thinking it might lead back to herself. The mountain has no clearly marked trails and “you can go in all directions,” Bose said.

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to the off-highway-vehicle trail her group took near Mount Giov-
sen. But, the path felt strangely longer than usual, and soon she
came across a lake and creeks she didn’t recognize.
Without cellphone service, the hiker couldn’t check her location or
download a map of Mount Ian Campbell. Her phone ran out of
battery’s performance. The weather was affecting the
light dimmed because the pitch-black of the night. How-
ethered on a headlamp to make the environment around Bose
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Jolly Bose stands next to a description of herself on a white board that told Fresno County search and rescue team members who to look for.

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—Jolly Bose, reflecting on her wilderness ordeal

"Look for the blue structure" and stuck it in the branch of a tree.
Bose spent the rest of the Monday morning in and out of the shelter as she heard multiple planes fly right over her head. By around noon, she realized that the trees were too dense and the search and rescue team could never find her in her current position.

“So then I thought, ‘OK, let me figure out how I can find open space,’” she said.

"The pain of starvation didn’t strike Bose hard during her two

First, Bose estimated that she walked about 6 miles in the wrong direc-
tion that night. She could turn around, Bose thought, but in the dark and with a dying headlamp, her

Needing to be seen
Bose found another bathroom near an exposed area about the size of a tennis court. For food, the hiker
luckily had one frozen tangerine
in her backpack from a previous
break, then you’ll make it. If you think that you’ll break, then you’ll break."

What she thought about while in the wilderness
Three things were on her mind as she waited to be rescued. The first was her daughter, Diya, now 15
years old.
If she made it out alive, Bose thought, then the first thing she would do is plan a backpack-
ing trip in Europe with Diya for the day of the rescue saying how she thought her mom was the strongest woman she ever met. It’s also a bit gratifying for Bose to know that the woman who once feared heights and
avoided San Francisco because of its

Second, Bose hoped that her friends and family were not panicking too much, thinking she was either severely injured or, worse, dead. And the third thought was that she was hoping nobody in the media would know that this happened to her, Bose laughed.

Around 2:30 p.m., a helicopter spotted Bose waving her red flag. When a rescuer dropped down to her location, Bose finally burst into tears.

“Ah, my God, my perseverance and determination paid off; finally they spotted me,” she thought at the time.

"My brother is ex-Army so he’s tough ... he didn’t cry,” she laughed.

Bose had not yet seen her two hiking friends at the time of her interview with the Weekly, but they were rescued over email and planned to see them Sunday. She imagines that they feel very guilty for what happened.

Getting lost also hasn’t discouraged Bose from peakbag-
gging, though next time she’ll be taking with her a two-way satellite communication device, an emergency blanket and more food, she said.

As an adult, as a believer in paying acts of kindness forward, Bose said she wants to volunteer for the search and rescue team. She’s also been taking wilderness training classes with the hopes of educating others on safety in the wild.

In a press release, the sheriff’s office wrote that Bose stayed about 4 1/2 miles from the point where she was separated from her group. Going back to her phone, Bose saw that she was about 20 miles away from the original trailhead.

Bose received a text from Diya on the day of the rescue saying how she thought her mom was the strongest woman she ever met. It’s also a bit gratifying for Bose to know that the woman who once feared heights and avoided San Francisco because of its

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"My second biggest comfort and confidence came from the shelter. I passed the coldest night and was able to stay warm and not become hypothe rmic, so that gave me a lot of confidence.”

Around 4 a.m., Bose heard a plane overhead. She attempted to call out to the plane and fol-

around, Bose walked a mile and a half to leave fresh footmarks that led to the bathroom.
If the plane couldn’t catch her, Bose thought, then perhaps someone driving by would. She also had a couple of cards in her fanny pack from a previous activity with her students at East Palo Alto Charter School. Bose used one to write “Jolly was here” and even the wet socks were helpful to keep my feet warmer.
Taking from her yoga and meditation exercises, Bose took deep breaths to reduce shiv-
ering and stay calm. She was exhausted for the night, but not panicked.

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“Moments later, the first rescue helicopter came by. I thought, ‘Alright, they spotted me,’” she thought.

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Dear Friends,

As we move into our 20th month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud of the fact that our 316-person workforce is now fully vaccinated and we continue to offer both in-person and remote services for patients. We, as one, achieved the deadline for all healthcare workers to be vaccinated. We achieved this victory thanks to our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jaime Chavarria, educating and updating staff on COVID-19. It was also in part due to staff participating in our mass vaccine clinics for our community for the last nine months and witnessing the importance of getting vaccinated. Even the remaining few staff who were uncertain about the vaccine joined in getting vaccinated.

Like many healthcare organizations, we are in a new and challenging environment. In addition to the infection control and safety adjustments we have made to our workflows, our staff have also made changes to their lives—to work closer to home to reduce their commute, leave the health care field, stay home with their children, or leave the area to be closer to relatives. Filling vacant positions has become more challenging. Certain positions for dental assisting, behavioral health counseling, social work, and accounting have become more difficult to fill, if at all.

To address this challenge, we are looking to train our own. Our Chief Dental Officer, Dr. Yogita Thakur, created a six-month Dental Assistant job training program that is paid, which will be piloted this quarter. As we could not find a Lactation Consultant, we are paying for one of our experienced Women’s Health Medical Assistant to be trained in the position. Additionally, our Clinical Director of Behavioral Health, Dr. Sandra Escobar, is working with PhD Psychology programs to have at least one Psychology Intern and one Post Doctorate candidate to expand our counseling access for our patients.

We hired additional Baccalaureate graduates for one-year fellowships to give them experience and fill our ranks. In addition to our Stanford Community Impact Fellows, we now also have University of California graduates assisting us with vaccine clinics, helping patients enroll in our patient portal, and supporting executives as program assistants. Ravenswood Family Health Network is committed to bringing on culturally and linguistically diverse interns and residents learning to become doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, medical scribes, and other health care positions who value community health and want to work with the underserved.

We are creative, resilient, dedicated to process improvement, and compassionate. We believe in public health, and strive to always meet every challenge with human centered design and thoughtful innovations. We are grateful for your continued financial and political support along our 20-year journey to becoming Ravenswood Family Health Network. Your belief in us is powerful and foundational.

Wishing you peace, joy, and comfort this Holiday Season,

Together in Health,
Luisa Buada, RN, BSN, MPH, Chief Executive Officer
OUR MISSION
To improve the health of the community by providing culturally sensitive, integrated primary and preventative health care to all, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status, and collaborating with community partners to address the social determinants of health.

Cristopher’s Story
Cristopher (Cris) Mendoza’s first visit to Ravenswood was the most memorable for his mother, Maria. When Cris was 5, Maria noticed soft, round bumps in his mouth. Having heard positive feedback about Ravenswood, she registered Cris as a patient and received an appointment the next day.

At his appointment, Cris’ pediatrician at the time, checked his mouth and diagnosed him with a common bacterial infection. He was prescribed an antibiotic ointment to pick up at Ravenswood’s in-house pharmacy. After a week, the infection improved and Cris was feeling better!

When Maria felt overwhelmed about Cris’ asthma, Ravenswood was there to help too! Cris was diagnosed with asthma as an infant, and over time his asthma became more severe. Maria was desperate to feel more secure with Cris’ condition, and said “talking to the nurses at Ravenswood helped me understand the steps I must take to support his health.” Maria first gives Cris his inhaler, puts VapoRub on his body, and then helps direct him through breathing. When he feels sick, they bring him to Ravenswood for asthma treatment. If his asthma worsens, they use the emergency room as a last resort.

Maria is so grateful for Cris’ stable health. Now, both of her children, Cris of 10 years and Stacy of 7 years, are seen by the same pediatrician, Dr. Davis. Stacy says, “I like that [Dr. Davis] explains why I’m sick to my mom.” Dr. Davis takes care of Cris and Stacy’s routine check-ups, is attentive of their allergies, and is on-call to prescribe medication as needed. Cris enjoys the relationship he has built with his doctor too and says, “Dr. Davis is not only my doctor, but my friend too.”

Having such a great experience at the start of Cris’ health journey encouraged his mother to enroll the rest of her family as Ravenswood patients as well! The Mendoza Family have been patients of Ravenswood since 2015. Maria, her husband, Cris, and Stacy, have received pediatric, family medicine, dental, optometry, and pharmacy services at Ravenswood.

To Maria, there is no other clinic that she and her entire family would utilize. “It is a blessing that the clinic is here,” she says. “There is no other clinic that attends [to us] like them here.”

Provider Spotlight: Dr. Davis
Dr. Jeremiah Davis, Associate Medical Director of Pediatrics, has been providing care at Ravenswood for over three years. He is devoted to working in underserved communities and addressing the healthcare needs of pediatric patients.

As a pediatrician, he is most passionate about understanding the science behind what is going on in the immune system of a child. “When someone asks me why, that’s my favorite question,” said Dr. Davis. He loves having the opportunity to connect with families and inform them of the options they have for better health. Dr. Davis stated, “A patient should have more ownership of what’s healthy for them.”

After just a year at Ravenswood, Dr. Davis became the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Provider Lead. While still providing care to pediatric patients, he supported providers through Ravenswood’s EHR transition from NextGen to Epic and worked with the EHR Core Team to make sure the transition came together as planned. Dr. Davis said, “Changing our EHR system was a huge shift in culture.” One of his proudest moments was completing the EHR transition in July 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Soon after the EHR transition was completed, Dr. Davis also became the Associate Medical Director of Pediatrics in September 2020. In this role he is dedicated to ensuring that the pediatric department provides the best care possible. He supports his team by making sure all the necessary tools and resources are available to provide high-quality care. He teaches his team about different clinical topics, provides guidance for trainees, and works closely with different departments throughout the clinic to ensure holistic, patient-centered care for pediatric patients.

Dr. Davis takes the time to listen, understand, and provide a solution in every role—whether that is with his patients, pediatric team, or EHR operations work. He wants to be able to make an impact on the health of his patients beyond Ravenswood’s clinic walls. One personal goal Dr. Davis has for his future is to write a novel.
OUR VISION
Our patients will become educated, engaged and empowered to actively manage their health and become advocates for healthy living within their family and the community, inspiring others to value good health as true wealth.

20 Years Of Health Care!
In 2001, Ravenswood set out on a mission to improve the health of the community by providing culturally sensitive, integrated primary and preventative health care to all. This year, we celebrate 20 years of great service to the community. The opening of our services was one of the biggest steps taken as an organization to addressing the need for high quality health care in underserved communities. After opening our doors to provide health services to San Mateo County residents, we are proud to have the support to reach further communities in need. In April 2020, Ravenswood acquired MayView Community Health Centers and expanded to serving Santa Clara County residents. Congratulations Ravenswood Family Health Network for twenty impeccable years and cheers to many more!

Welcome In!
Renovating MayView Palo Alto Clinic
Thanks to funding from The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and our supporters, we were able to make remarkable alterations and renovations to our MayView Palo Alto clinic that will enhance and expand services for our patients in Santa Clara County.

Renovations have created a more pleasant and COVID-safe environment for our patients, doctors, nurses, and clinic staff. Three additional exam rooms were created. Two exam rooms can now be devoted to optometry services for our MayView patients, starting in 2022. “Up until now, our patients living in Santa Clara County have had to pay out of pocket to see an optometrist, preventing many from getting a routine eye exam and prescription glasses,” says Dr. Menchavez, Director of our Optometry Department. Dr. Menchavez hopes on-site optometry will help patients access glasses for work or school, and ultimately prevent needless vision loss.

Our waiting room was expanded to fit more chairs and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Cabinets were replaced to ensure that medical supplies are stored securely. Nine handwashing sinks were added throughout the clinic. A handicap accessible bathroom with a lab specimen pass through cabinet was built. Additionally, clinic staff have two large team rooms with improved social distancing and ergonomic equipment.

We also added electrical outlets throughout the clinic. Many rooms had outlets on the floor, a tripping hazard, which we moved to the walls. Now, each exam room has enough outlets and power for HEPA filters, ultrasound machines, digital vital sign monitors, computers, and printers. Lastly, we added signage to the waiting room, exam rooms, laboratory, and restrooms to enhance navigation for our patients.

Another critical component of our vaccine and testing outreach was our plan to utilize a new mobile clinic that was being constructed out of state for this purpose. Due to many manufacturing back orders, the mobile clinic delivery was delayed (explained in further detail in question 3). Nonetheless, we have been eagerly preparing for its arrival in order to utilize it for testing and vaccine services as quickly as possible. We hired a Mobile Clinic Services Manager and are recruiting to hire the additional mobile clinic staff now.

Patient Advisory Day
This year we held our fourth annual Patient Advisory Day (spans two Saturdays–English session on October 16 and Spanish session on October 23). Patient Advisory Day is an annual event we hold for our patients to share feedback about the care they receive—from the moment they are screened, to seeing the doctor, to picking up their prescription from the in-house pharmacy. Patients have the opportunity to speak directly to our managers, Executive Leaders, and Board of Directors through a virtual meeting. Christina, Ravenswood’s Patient Experience Manager, says, “[this year’s participants] informed us that we are doing a great job in giving great services, and have also shown us where there is room to grow.” We use patient feedback to review processes, make necessary changes, and identify gaps. We are excited for our fifth annual Patient Advisory Day next year and hope that we can hold it in-person as we did prior to the pandemic!

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Primary Medical Care
• Prenatal Care
• Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine
• Adult Medicine
• Women’s Health
• Optometry & Optical Services
• Screenings & Immunizations
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• Ultrasound
• Mammography
• Chiropractic Care
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• Social Service Referrals
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• Domestic Violence Counseling

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Continuing Care Through The Pandemic

Our experience with COVID testing positioned us to quickly roll out vaccine clinics with the help of our local health departments. As of May 2021, we have seen less demand for COVID testing due to vaccination rates being high in our community.

With ever-changing curveballs throughout the pandemic, we are doing what is necessary to protect our community. The most safe and effective way to protect everyone is through vaccinations. As of October 1, we have administered 23,778 vaccines. Along with weekly vaccine clinics at our Ravenswood and MayView health centers, we offer targeted vaccine clinics as needed. Given that the vaccine was made available to teens in May, we have also held teen-only vaccine clinics.

We have also started to offer third dose booster shots for Ravenswood patients who are immunocompromised and have a referral from their primary care doctor in September. As soon as the eligibility requirements change, we will be holding larger booster shot clinics too. The first week of November we expect to begin vaccines for our 5 to 11-year-old patients once the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California Department of Public Health approve them.

Our health network has found multiple ways to provide COVID prevention and vaccine education to our patients. We continue screening patients, encourage social distancing, and implement sanitation protocols across all our sites. From offering telehealth appointments to setting up drive-through dental check-ups for pediatric patients in 2020 to moving our support groups for expectant and new mothers to a virtual format, our staff has found creative, effective ways to continue providing care safely. When our health coaches have an appointment with a patient to discuss diabetes, hypertension management, or gaps in their care, providing care safely. When our health coaches have an appointment with a patient to discuss diabetes, hypertension management, or gaps in their care, providing care safely.

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Soon, we will be providing COVID services in Santa Clara County through our new mobile clinic. We are working with local community partners, such as apartment complex owners, businesses, nonprofits, churches, and schools to find sites to set up the mobile clinic for testing and vaccinations. Ravenswood personnel will be administering vaccines and tests directly outside of the mobile clinic to limit indoor interactions and chances of spreading COVID.

Mental Health Tips From Ravenswood

All Ravenswood patients have access to counseling services via telehealth or in-person with our Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Team. Our IBHS Team is dedicated to providing mental, emotional, and behavioral health services. During the pandemic, the team collaborated with other departments to share emergency resources around addressing social determinants of health—financial relief, food security, rental assistance, employment, and housing support.

Ravenswood wants to help you take care of you. Here are some tips from our IBHS Team:

- Set and maintain a routine at home.
- Focus on things that you can control.
- Practice pausing. Focus your thoughts on the present—things you enjoy and are grateful for today.
- Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.
- Take some time to journal your thoughts.
- Listen to music, read books, or do another activity you enjoy.
- Maintain social connections with your loved ones. Reach out to them to talk about your concerns and feelings.
- Accept that you might need additional help. Consider seeing a professional counselor.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news. Staying informed is helpful, but try to not overwhelm yourself with information.
- Take care of your body.

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- $2,000 pays for one year of care for a diabetic patient
- $5,000 pays for one mother’s prenatal care
- Other

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By Sheryl Nonnenberg

To celebrate her 10 years as the Burton and Deedee McMurtry Curator at the Cantor Arts Center, Elizabeth Mitchell decided to organize a large-scale exhibition that would highlight some of the works on paper that the museum had acquired during her tenure. “Paper Chase: Ten Years of Collecting Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Cantor” was planned for the spring of 2020, but with the museum closed due to the pandemic, the show was postponed. There is a silver lining because the exhibition, which runs until Jan. 30, is now even more expansive than its original iteration.

First, an explanation of the show’s name. Mitchell said, “On one hand, it describes a bureaucratic waste of time — completing endless forms instead of achieving tangible results. But, for a curator, that phrase also describes the thrill of pursuing images.”

According to Mitchell, there are some 24,000 prints in the Cantor’s collection. The last decade has seen “unprecedented growth” in this area, with 9,000 objects gifted to the museum (some from such prestigious sources as the Andy Warhol and Richard Diebenkorn foundations) and 2,000 purchased acquisitions. With such a wealth of objects, how did she select the 118 works that are on display in the Freidenich Family and Ruth Levison Halperin galleries?

“I looked for gems that we have not shown before, or that our audience might be surprised to see that we have. I wanted to highlight important gifts and show how we thoughtfully spend acquisition funds. Most importantly, I looked for the interesting conversations and patterns that rose to the fore with these objects,” she said.

Entering the Halperin Gallery, one cannot help but be impressed by the breadth of works in this small space. For photography fans, there are prints by such masters as Lee Friedlander, Brett Weston, O. Winston Link and Ralph Eugene Meatyard. If you think you know the work of Ansel Adams by his majestic images of Yosemite, you might be surprised at the somber contrast of the beauty of his subject of “Cemetery Statue and Oil Derricks, Long Beach” from 1939. There is high drama in the contrast of the beautifully sculpted white angel against the dark and gloom of the background, a sea of oil derricks.

Other works in this space include three hand-ground etchings by Martin Puryear (usually known for his sculptural pieces), entitled “Beijing: End, From Above, Side.” They are good examples of the vivid contrasts that can be achieved by this process, resulting in the black circular forms, much like a necklace, that jump out from the ivory background.

There is also an entire wall devoted to an important series by Jasper Johns, who is now being celebrated with two concurrent shows in New York and Philadelphia. His “Black Numeral Series” from 1968 is a throwback to the pop art fascination with seriality in art. These large-scale lithographs depict numbers from 0 to 9 in various permutations. Some are clear and decipherable while others are obscured by squiggles and hatch marks. “Figure 7” includes, inexplicably, a rendition of the “Mona Lisa.” It looks like the artist was having fun with the process.

The larger space, the Freidenich Family Gallery, has been organized around three main themes: representations of science and nature, images investigating identity and social conflict and different approaches to history. While these themes are helpful from a curatorial viewpoint, most visitors will simply be impressed by the wide range of print media executed by artists of many nationalities.

From the simple but expressive lithographs by Diego Rivera (“Nude With Beads” and “Self-Portrait”) to the haunting digital pigment prints by Iranian artist Shirin Neshat (“Ghada” and “Sayed”) there is something for every taste here. Wesaam Al-Badry’s 2018 pigment prints, “Chanel #VII” and “Hermes #5” are large, colorful and question our assumptions about women who wear niqabs (here, in the form of designer scarves).

Bay Area artist Beth Van Hoesen’s work is represented by a lovingly rendered portrait of iconic photographer Imogen Cunningham, executed via drypoint etching. Cunningham is looking directly at the viewer, and the phrase “paper chase” also describes the thrill of pursuing images.

“For a curator, the phrase “paper chase” also describes the thrill of pursuing images.”

—Elizabeth Mitchell, curator

Above: Lee Friedlander’s 1968 gelatin silver print, “Provincetown, Massachusetts” is among the works by well-known photographers highlighted in “Paper Chase.” Courtesy Cantor Arts Center. Top: “Cassette Grid No. 10,” a 2009 cyanotype by Christian Marclay is featured in the Cantor’s “Paper Chase” exhibit. Photograph by Will Lytch/courtesy Graphicstudio, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, and Paula Cooper Gallery, New York.
viewer, her aged face a model of calm wisdom. Close by are two colorful portraits by Mickalene Thomas. Both subjects, Condoleezza Rice and Oprah Winfrey, are portrayed via silkscreen, but it is the hand-applied rhinestones that really make these fun images pop.

There are examples of more traditional techniques, as seen in Henri Rivière’s color lithograph from 1888, which features workers building the Eiffel Tower. A bucolic country scene, appropriately titled “Picturesque Landscape” made in 1789 by William Gilpin, was undertaken using a wash with brush and ink.

The last room in the gallery has been reserved for large-scale works like “Happy Hour-Tequila Sunrise” by German artist Christiane Baumgartner. This bright and lively print, made in 2018, is a good example of a contemporary artist using an age-old technique — in this case woodcut — and putting her own spin on it. The gallery label describes how the artist used a bitmapping program to translate photo-based images into her woodcut designs. She also carved into the plywood with knives, achieving a strong sense of texture.

There is the impression of the sunrise on the horizon but also, enigmatically, a ghostly figure in the foreground of this orange and raspberry-red dreamscape.

If enjoying all these prints makes you consider collecting yourself, Mitchell would be the first to encourage you. “Start with prints because they are so much fun you won’t want to stop. So much is possible with print collecting that you can really make it your own. Print collectors can develop a broad view of artists, movements, or subject types and themes, or focus their collecting very narrowly. A thoughtful collection can be built with a modest budget over time, and the pursuit of rare objects can take days or years. The hunt is part of the fun!”

“Paper Chase: Ten Years of Collecting Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Cantor” is on view through Jan. 30.

For more information, visit museum.stanford.edu. Email Contributing Writer Sheryl Nonnenberg at nonnenberg@aol.com.

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Eating Out

Not for tourists: 10 Silicon Valley hotel restaurants locals love

By Sara Hayden

Looking for a staycation? Whether you’re staying overnight or popping in for a drink or a meal, there are plenty of delicious hotel restaurant getaways throughout the Peninsula. Here’s a mix of brand new establishments, recent renovations of old favorites and a lineup of new chefs.

AC Hotel Palo Alto and Hotel Citrine

In the summer, Hotel Citrine opened at the AC Hotel Palo Alto campus near San Antonio Road and Middlefield Road, joining rewards program Marriott Bonvoy’s roster of boutique Tribute Property hotels.

Hotel Citrine’s Wild Onion Bistro & Bar rounds out the campus’ dining options with a farm-to-table inspired menu and full bar. Stop by for breakfast or dinner, and enjoy plant-based options, comfort food, local wines, craft beer and handmade cocktails.

This month, executive chef Ray Garrow joins the team. Garrow’s 30-year career in the hospitality industry includes culinary leadership roles across the country, including with Davidson Hotels and Resorts, Marriot, Sheraton Hotels, Wydham Hotels and Radisson Hotels. In a statement, Garrow said he aims to create a “wow factor in the presentation that brings surprise and delight.”

At lunch, crunch on crispy oysters or Buffalo cauliflower, or try a Nicoise salad with seared ahi and Dijon mustard and tarragon vinaigrette, steak fries with herb garlic butter or mushroom eggplant bolognese with fresh ricotta, mint and black walnuts.

Hotel Citrine, 750 San Antonio Road; 650-424-8991, theamesswellhotel.com.

Ameswell Hotel

Roger that. The Ameswell Hotel opened in the summer and takes inspiration from its proximity to Moffett Airfield and NASA Ames Research Center, its full-service Roger restaurant included. Roger offers an airplane wing-shaped bar, and the hotel is the first to test out the self-driving, R2-D2-like Servi robot for delivery purposes.

For all its emphasis on tech and innovation, Roger’s menu offerings are decidedly earthly, featuring regional partnerships with farms, ranches and dairies including The Midwife and The Baker, Mary’s Chicken and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program. With his team, executive chef Christian McCallion, previously of Larkspur Restaurant & Events, offers dishes like roasted salmon with saffron, sweet pepper and dill yogurt, as well as sandwiches, salads and flatbreads.

Ready for takeoff? Try the Pineapple Boozer cocktail, made with NFF, Hall of Famer Jerry Rice’s G.O.A.T. Fuel energy drink. James Beard winner Shelley Lindgren and her husband Greg curate the beverage program that includes unique cocktails, as well as wines from small producers, local craft beers and in-house kegged cocktails.

Stop by The Flyby Cafe for quick and casual coffee, tea, sandwiches and bowl dishes, or head to the outdoor Airstream Bar for snacks.

The Ameswell Hotel, 800 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View; 650-880-1000, theamesswellhotel.com.

The Clement Palo Alto

Enjoy seasonal “California fresh” cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner at this all-inclusive Palo Alto destination, with offerings like fresh smoothies, frittatas, poke nachos, diver scallops, roasted cauliflower “steak,” beef tenderloin and pan-seared gnocchi.

For dessert, there are house-made treats, as well as local favorites like It’s-It Ice Cream sandwiches and Tin Pot Creamery ice cream.

Head to the dining room to see culinary artists at their craft in front of an open kitchen. If you’re feeling cozy, dine by the warmth of the outdoor fire pit.


Dinah’s Garden Hotel

With lush gardens, water features and cozy details like trains chugging around themed suites, this boutique hotel feels a world away from boxier lodging options. For a great escape, Dinah’s Poolside Restaurant offers locally inspired fare.

There are shareable starters like chicken wings with chile, lime and sesame and baby back ribs with barbecue sauce, mango relish and benne seeds. There are also sandwiches, salads and fish and chips.

Dinah’s Poolside Restaurant in Dinah’s Garden Hotel in Palo Alto serves up locally inspired fare and an assortment of cocktails.

The Wild Onion Bistro & Bar at Hotel Citrine, on the AC Hotel Palo Alto campus, has a farm-to-table inspired menu and a full bar.

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chips, as well as a breakfast menu of hearty dishes like omelettes, benedicts, pancakes, French toast and more.


Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley at East Palo Alto
In 2018, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman stayed at this Four Seasons outpost in East Palo Alto while meeting with tech leaders and investors. Dine like royalty and make a reservation at Quattro for rustic Italian fare. From chef Martin Morelli’s team, enjoy housemade pastas, pizza and flatbread doughs, charcuterie and cured meats and more, or get a drink and small plates to share at the bar. There’s a children’s menu too, with rigatoni, pizza, burger and chicken tender options.

Another option is [esc]: Yes, this eatery’s name reads like the “escape” key on a computer keyboard. It might offer just that with its all-day menu after a long day of travel. The Four Seasons website touts that [esc] is the place to go for curated quick bites, like hot coffee, fresh-pressed juices, granola parfaits, fruit plates, salads and sandwiches. But there’s more to the menu than that — braised short ribs, spaghetti bolognese, marinated short ribs, spaghetti bolognese, marinated...
Census

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Cities like Palo Alto and Los Altos saw an essentially flat number of young people, even as their overall populations jumped. Palo Alto saw a 0.8% drop in the number of youth, while the overall population increased 6.5%. Los Altos overall increased 9.1%, while the number of youth rose just 0.19%.

Many cities saw more substantial drops in the number of children and teens. In East Palo Alto, the change was dramatic, with the number of youth plummeting 15%, even as the overall population grew 6.7%.

Redwood City grew by 9.7% but saw a 5.6% drop in its number of youth. Atherton grew 4% but by 2020 had 11.7% fewer youth. Woodside’s population stayed roughly flat, with a 0.42% increase, while the number of young people dropped 12.9%.

North Fair Oaks, an unincorporated area near Redwood City was one of the only places on the Midpeninsula to see its overall population drop, with a decrease of 4.5%, but its youth population plunged far further, dropping 17.6%.

Racial breakdown, city by city

Although Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties overall are racially diverse, many individual cities and areas in the Midpeninsula remain far more racially homogenous.

In cities like Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside, over 60% of those under 18 are white, which is far higher than the 27.9% of that age group that’s white in San Mateo County overall. Places like East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks, on the other hand, have a population that is nearly 80% Hispanic.

In Santa Clara County, 33% of youth are Hispanic, yet Palo Alto (10.1%), Los Altos (6.3%) and Los Altos Hills (5.9%) all have far smaller shares of Hispanic young people. They each have a substantially higher share of white youth than the county overall.

A few cities have a racial composition of young people that’s more in line with its county. That includes Mountain View, where 23.9% of those under 18 are Hispanic, 52% are white, 29.8% are Asian and 12.3% are multiracial.

Note: The census delineates data by “places,” which generally follow city boundaries but also include other areas, such as unincorporated communities like North Fair Oaks.

Census data processed by Angeliki Kastanis of the Associated Press and provided by the 2020 Census Co-op.

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Racial composition of under 18 population in Midpeninsula cities

A comparison of 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census data

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Source: U.S. Census 2020 • Note: People who identified as Hispanic or Latino are listed as a single category. All other categories are made up only of those who selected “not Hispanic or Latino.”

Young people as a portion of the population by city

A comparison of 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census data

The percent of people in a given area who were under 18 in 2010 versus 2020

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Source: U.S. Census 2020
This spacious home of over 4,000 square feet exemplifies the rustic charm of its sought-after location in Woodside Hills. Nestled on over 1.1 acres of peaceful, verdant land at the end of a cul-de-sac, this home enjoys a warm, welcoming ambiance that permeates expansive gathering areas perfect for both entertaining and daily living. Highlights include a fireplace in both the living room and family room, the bright kitchen, and the dining room opening to the front deck for al fresco enjoyment. Multiple bedrooms, including the primary suite, lead to private balconies overlooking the home’s magnificent grounds, while another bedroom leads to bonus space. Experience true indoor/outdoor living as numerous rooms open to decks on both sides of the home, including a refreshed rear redwood deck with beautiful views. Plus, this home includes office space, and an attached 2-car garage with an extended driveway for ample parking. Just moments to parks and nature preserves, you will also be convenient to downtown Redwood City, and have easy access to Interstate 280.

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Halloween events

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Park: A screening of the “The Addams Family” animated film for the family, popcorn included. Guests should bring blankets, lawn chairs and flashlights and are invited to wear Halloween attire. RSVP required.
When: Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m.
Where: Purissima Park, 27500 Purissima Road, Los Altos Hills.
Cost: Free.
Info: losaltoshills.ca.gov/

Menlo Park

Trick or Treat Walk Thru: Menlo Church hosts trick-or-treat stations, an inflatable slide and an open-air bounce house.
When: Oct. 30, 5-7 p.m.
Where: 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.
Cost: Free.
Info: menschurch.churchcenter.com/registrations

Mountain View

Fright Night at The Amoswell Hotel: Spooky-themed movie, cocktails and games on the hotel’s lawn. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket. Event is dog friendly.
When: Oct. 30, 4-9 p.m.
Where: The Amoswell Hotel, 800 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View.
Cost: $10.
Info: theamoswellhotel.com

Halloween in Downtown Mountain View: Halloween on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View is sure to be an attractive Halloween haunt for family ghosts and goblins this year when businesses open their doors to offer treats and other goodies. Decorated storefronts, candy and treats for trick-or-treaters and discounts for Legos. Costumes are encouraged for anyone who come in costume. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Association Mountain View and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce. Businesses will be adhering to COVID-19 safety precautions.
When: Sunday, Oct. 31, noon-6 p.m.
Where: Downtown Mountain View.
Cost: Free.
Info: Trick-or-treat map and activities; no reservations needed.

Mountain View Monster Bash: Fall festival features a twisty maze, Halloween-themed games, music, stick walkers, a bubble show and a roaming magician.
When: Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View.
Cost: Free.
Info: mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/halloween.asp

Palo Alto

Jack-O-Jaunt: Pumpkin carving competition and display hosted by the city of Palo Alto. Participants can carve pumpkins at home or during a carving workshop.
When: Oct. 29, 6-8:30 p.m. (workshop takes place Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m.)
Where: Lyon Plaza, University Avenue and Emerson Street, Palo Alto.
Cost: Free.
Info: cityofpaloalto.org/

Spooktacular Movie Night: Midpen Media will be hosting a one-night-only virtual free screening of “Dementia 13,” a 1960s suspense/horror film about a recently widowed woman trying to inherit her ex-husband’s family’s money. Includes complimentary popcorn and sweets. Costumes are encouraged. Voice-chattering hosted on Discord, and text chat will be open for those who prefer to keep their mics off. The film will be available to view on Midpen Media’s Facebook page and local cable Channel 30.
When: Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
Where: Midpen Media Center, 800 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Movie can also be viewed online at facebook.com/MidpenMediaCenter.
Cost: Free.
Info: midpenmedia.org/

Blossom’s Halloween Party: Blossom Birth and Family kicks off Halloween weekend with a “spooktacular” picnic at Mitchell Park. Features music, games, refreshments and jugglers. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume. Adults and older children are asked to wear a face covering as a precaution. This is a bring-your-own-food picnic. Limited light refreshments are offered.
When: Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, community bowl.
Cost: Free.
Info: blossombirthandfamily.org/

Dead Music in the Park: Special Halloween show of live music, with treats and games in the park. “Un-dead” callers will lead a costume parade.
When: Oct. 30, noon to 3 p.m.
Where: Mitchell Park, 600 E Meadow Drive, Palo Alto.
Cost: Free.
Info: facebook.com/events/610639903634509

El Camino Reelers Halloween Picnic and Dance: Three of the Reelers’ liveliest “un-dead” callers will lead celebratory square dances. Picnic at 1:30 p.m.; dancing from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free. Bring proof of COVID-19 vaccination or email a copy to vax@reelers.org. Masks are optional, costumes encouraged.
When: Oct. 30, 1:30-4 p.m.
Where: Robles Park, 4116 Park Blvd., Palo Alto.
Cost: Free.
Info: reelers.org/Dances/Dances.html

Trunk or Treat: Walk-through event of car trunks and tailgates decorated for the Halloween holiday. Attendees invited to participate in a visual scavenger hunt through rows of cars. Dress in family-friendly costumes and take a picture at the photo booth.
When: Oct. 30, 3-5 p.m.
Where: Peninsula Bible Church, 3505 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
Cost: Free.
Info: pbcc.org/children

Halloween Brav Parade: Barron Park donkeys Perry and Buddy will lead Halloween revelers on a parade that starts at Bob Park. The parade will travel along Laguna Avenue, go up Paradise Way, continue on the bike path and end at the donkey pasture. All ages and costumes are welcome. Face coverings are recommended as a safety precaution. The event is sponsored by the Barron Park Association and the Barron Park Donkey Project. All donkeys will be in costume.
When: Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m.
Where: Bob Park, 3590 Laguna Ave., Palo Alto.
Cost: Free.
Info: barronparkdonkeys.org

Spooky Haunted House Lego Workshop: BrickTech event where participants build a spooky haunted house out of Legos. Costumes are encouraged but not required to participate. Costumes with face coverings or accessories containing weapons will not be allowed. Classes will conform to state and county mask guidelines for youth programs.
When: Oct. 31, 2 p.m.
Where: Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
Cost: $60.
Info: tinyurl.com/uz65yah

Portola Valley

Webb Ranch Pumpkin Patch: Fresh pumpkins for sale from Webb Ranch’s organic patch, a haunted house, bounce houses and obstacle course. Hay rides, petting and reptile zoos on the weekends. Reservations are required to take part in weekend activities; no reservations needed for pumpkin purchases or for weekday visits.
When: Daily through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Where: 2718 Alpine Road, Portola Valley.
Cost: Tickets $5 per activity; All-day ticket, $23.
Info: webbranchinc.com

Stanford

War of the Worlds at Stanford Live: A drama inspired by Orson Welles’ 1938 radio adaptation of H.G. Wells’ sci-fi novel “The War of the Worlds” about a Martian invasion presented by Rhum and Clay Theatre Company. All patrons must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or receive a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to arrival on-site. All patrons are required to wear a mask at the performance.
When: Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lussean St., Stanford.
Cost: $15, $32 and $64.
Info: live.stanford.edu

Stanford Symphony Halloween Concert: The Stanford Symphony Orchestra and the Stanford Wind Symphony’s annual Halloween concert with music from film and TV, including “Pirates of the Caribbean,” “Jurassic Park” and “Star Trek,” ending with a costume competition. The winner serves as guest conductor for the encore.
When: Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lussean Drive, Stanford.
Cost: General $18-$33 in advance; $23-$38 day of performance.
Info: events.stanford.edu

Queer Horror Gravest Hits: Carla Rossi, “Portland’s premier drag clown,” hosts an evening of international horror short films. The films are drawn from the Queer Horror movie nights hosted by Rossi at Portland’s historic Hollywood Theatre.
When: Nov. 5, 9 p.m.
Where: Bing Studio, 327 Lussean St., Stanford.
Cost: $23.
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an exit on Middlefield Road. He suggested that this would create a dangerous situation and cause traffic backups on Middlefield. He also told the council Monday that the development would exacerbate the neighborhood’s existing parking problems.

“Downtown parking has been a problem for years in Palo Alto, and this project is going to make it much, much worse,” Ream said.

Others argued that the project would, by and large, benefit the downtown area and observed that The Hamilton was itself approved under a “planned community” zone, which is used for projects that exceed zoning requirements. Cormack also cautioned against increasing the affordable-housing requirement for the developer, noting that this may jeopardize the entire project.

“We get this or we get nothing,” Cormack said. “If we want these 70 homes and we want 14 of them to work for the people who work downtown and have to drive from far away — this is what it’s going to take.

“I think this is a thoughtful proposal. I think it’s in the right place. It fits in with the other four-story multi-family buildings that are nearby and it does represent some change.”

Could subdivision of eight homes grow to 16?

But even as the council welcomed change on University, it showed little appetite for the subdivision proposal pitched by APIC Amarillo LLC for a single-family lot in Midtown. The project calls for demolishing a cluster of four cottages that today serve as rental units, splitting the lot into four parcels and constructing four single-family homes and four accessory dwelling units.

Much like 660 University, the Amarillo project galvanized opposition from close neighbors, with numerous residents petitioning the council not to advance the project. Brad Stripling, who lives next to the property, argued that the block doesn’t have enough parking to accommodate the project.

“Often there are cars blocking my driveway entrance, and even parked in my driveway. This is unacceptable at this time, and significantly adding to the vehicular load next door compounds the problem enormously,” Stripling wrote to the council. “This street of only a few blocks, bounded by a community park at one end and an elementary school at the other, is becoming choked, and adding to this becomes a hazard and safety issue.”

Others suggested that by demolishing the four existing cottages, the project would create more problems than it would solve.

“When it comes to affordable housing, I’m of the view that we first must do no harm,” said Sarah Longstreth, an Amarillo Avenue resident. “There’s so little affordable housing in our community; we cannot allow what little there is to be razed for yet more high-value homes.”

Curt Silver, who also lives on Amarillo Avenue, said that she believes her block can accommodate more building density by noting that the proposal on the table would replace existing rental units to make space for four multi-million-dollar homes. For Palo Alto, this would be a step backwards.

“What concerns us most about this project is that it does nothing to replace the four affordable rental units and so nothing to ensure that the four ADUs will actually be rented to low-income households,” Silver said.

Ted O’Hanlon, the project consultant representing APIC, told the council that the project was designed to offer a variety of price points, with accessory-dwelling units replacing the relatively affordable cottages at the site today.

“This is an opportunity to work closely and implement local control, and do it in the way Palo Alto would like to do it, if Palo Alto would have the opportunity and appetite to do so,” O’Hanlon said.

Council members indicated that they do not, in fact, have the appetite. Part of this has to do with recent state laws, most notably Senate Bill 9, which allows property owners to split lots and build up to four units: two main houses and two accessory dwelling units.

While the law wouldn’t be immediately applicable to the Amarillo project (it cannot be used for projects that eliminate existing rental units), its implications for the future of 1033 Amarillo may be significant. Planning staff warned that if the city allows the splitting of the property into four lots, and the owners of each of these lots later rely on the provision of SB 9 to further divide their properties, the property could ultimately have as many as 16 dwellings.

Given the recent changes in housing laws, council members were reluctant to provide additional concessions. Mayor Tom DuBois suggested that the developer return with a zone-compliant project.

By Gennady Sheyner

Filseth both urged the developer to offer below-market-rate residences.

“Affordable housing is what we’re missing most in this town,” Filseth said. “Nine percent of our housing stock in town is deed-restricted affordable housing, which is high for the county, but we’re still well short of what the demand is. If there’s some way that some of this kind of stuff could produce affordable housing, that would be a good thing.”

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Causing symptomatic disease in children from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19, he said.

Side effects from the pediatric vaccines have also proven to be relatively mild, with some pain in the arm, sometimes headaches and sometimes fatigue and some muscle aches, he said.

The county plans to set up vaccine clinics in schools and will have more information regarding those locations available next week. Vaccines will also be available at many pharmacies, through private physicians and at community vaccination clinics. About 11,000 of the initial 55,000 doses will be available through retail pharmacies, he said.

Health leaders anticipate there will be hesitancy among some parents to have their children vaccinated, but Fenstersheib noted that “the risk of infection is real” and cannot be avoided. Nationally, 1.9 million children have been infected by the virus; more than

8,300 have been hospitalized and one-third of those hospitalizations resulted in children being in the intensive-care unit.

More than 2,500 children have developed multisystem inflammatory syndrome, a serious complication that can cause fever, rash and inflammation of body organs. Contrary to the idea that only children with underlying medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and obesity develop complications, most of the hospitalized children had no underlying health conditions, he added.

In addition, the number of cases of “long COVID,” a constellation of symptoms that can last for months or years, isn’t known among the 5- to 11 age group, but the risk can be significant. No one knows what impacts long-term COVID symptoms will have on the brain, lungs, heart, cognition and other factors over time, experts from Stanford Hospital and UCSF said on Tuesday during a special meeting of the county’s Health and Hospital Committee.

“It definitely a benefit to get the vaccination for the children because the risks of the disease are much worse than the vaccine’s side effects,” Fenstersheib added.

Currently, 73% of the county’s total population has been vaccinated. To reach 80%, the goal at which the county would relax the indoor mask ordinance, 55% of the children ages 5 to 11 would need to be vaccinated, Fenstersheib said.

He urged parents who are hesitant to have their children vaccinated to discuss their concerns with their health care provider.

Getting the vaccines won’t immediately lead to children taking their masks off in schools, however, he said.

“Just because we’re getting these kids vaccinated doesn’t mean they’re all going to take off their masks at this point. This is just another layer of safety,” he said.

Although the number of COVID-19 cases has declined in recent weeks, the curve is now flattening, he noted. It’s too soon to predict if there will be another winter surge of infections as people spend more time indoors and gather for holidays.

The key to keeping a surge at bay continues to be vigilance, practicing social distancing and good sanitation, wearing masks and getting vaccinated, he said.

The more people who are vaccinated, the better the chances will be of keeping a winter surge down, he added.

“Everyone do their part and get your kids vaccinated,” he said.

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Churchill

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character for the worse, and number two, a potential minor increase in traffic at some intersections and a slight inconvenience for some Southgate residents,” Hadidi said.

Southgate resident Steve Carlson strongly disagreed and suggested at the April hearing that Churchill’s closure would worsen traffic conditions in various areas of the city. Barbara Hazlett, who lives in Profess-

orville, called the grade-separation effort “one of the most transformative and po-
tentially destructive matters of this town and the Peninsula” and suggested that the city’s proposed traffic improvements would not sufficiently mitigate the impacts of the closure.

“One neighborhood’s gain should not come from another’s loss,” Hazlett said.

The Expanded Community Advisory Panel (XCAP), a specially appointed citizen commission that was charged with helping the city pick its grade-separation alterna- tive, voted in April to select Churchill’s closure, coupled with a list of road improvements, as its preferred alternative. The majority noted that the closure is “by far the lowest cost option.” Other alternatives cost between $50 million and $65 million, according to XCAP’s final report, which was released in March. (The partial underpass has an esti-
ated cost of $60 million to $70 million, while the viaduct would be between $300 million and $400 million.)

On Monday, it will be the City Council’s turn to weigh in. It will consider two ques-
tions: Should the city eliminate any of the remaining alternatives for Churchill Av-

enue? And if not, what other information does it need to make a decision? A new report from the Office of Trans-

portation suggests that gathering additional information for all three rail crossings won’t be easy or cheap. One of the questions that XCAP had flagged was the need to explore the potential that Caltrain and high-speed rail would create a four-track segment in Palo Alto, an option that is included in the “high growth” scenario of Caltrain’s busi-

dess plan. But evaluating how a four-track alignment would mesh with the existing alternatives would require the city to spend between $90,000 and $100,000, according to the city’s report.

Upfront

Foothill

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ic comments before the board went into closed session included faculty speaking out against Nguyen. Attached to the meet-

ing were two pages of written testi-

mony weighing in on Nguyen’s leadership at Foothill. Some called for her ouster, arguing that she ignores faculty input and lacks leader-

ship skills, while others contended that her re-
movals would be a reflec-

tion of institutional bias and a lack of willingness to address inequity at the college.

Sara Cooper, an asso-
ciate professor of biology, wrote the board that faculty lacks confidence in Nguyen but fears reacting more if they speak up, adding that the governance process at Foothill is in “tatters.”

“President Nguyen’s relationship with faculty is broken. Nguyen should step down,” Cooper wrote.

“There is no collaborative or collegial con-

sideration about anything.”

Others wrote to support Nguyen, includ-

ing Asian and Latino Alliances (ALA) Faculty Direc-

tor Richard Konda, who told the board that addressing injustice and systemic rac-

ism is necessary, especially at higher educa-

tion institutions like Foothill.

“Instead of engaging in the difficult but necessary dialogue, it may seem more com-

to her, and the commu-

ny also outlined achievements the college has made during her tenure, in particular pointing to Foot-

hill’s work on racial equity. “I have put my best efforts into this task, even to the very end, of advancing Foothill College’s commitment to racial equity,” Nguyen wrote.

Nguyen is the first Vietnamese American college president in the country, according to her biography on Foothill’s website. She and her family fled Vietnam when she was 3 years old and ultimately settled in Ohio. Landsberger said at Monday’s meeting that the board prioritizes equity and stu-
dent success but believes its decision not to renew Nguyen’s contract was not to as ensure administrators, faculty, staff and students can work collaboratively.

“Nothing in this action should be inter-

preted as a retreat from Foothill’s campus agenda,” said Landsberger. “Foothill-De Anza has a long history of advancing equity and inclusion, and this work will continue uninterrupted.”

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Appeal

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ing units than it otherwise would have been assigned without these measures,” the city’s appeal states.

Palo Alto Planning Director Jonathan Lait and City Council member Eric Filseth reiterated these points during the Oct. 22 hearing. Filseth told the ABAG commit-

tee that the city has effectively stopped the growth in jobs even as other parts of the region are still approving job-generating commercial developments.

The appeal proved futile. ABAG staff noted that discrepancies associated with particular parcels do not impact the city’s overall housing obligation.

Committee members quickly agreed to deny the city’s appeal. Hudson, who has long criticized Santa Clara County for exacerbating the region’s housing crisis through massive jobs growth and meager housing production, suggested that Palo Alto can find ways to build many more housing units if it only makes the effort. Several housing advocates urged the com-

mittee to reject Palo Alto’s appeal. Kelsey Banes, a Palo Alto resident who is the re-

gional director for the Peninsula and south bay for the group YIMBY Action, called the city to task.

“The reality is that Palo Alto turned its nose up at hundreds of apartments this year, saying they are too tall, too dense, or have not enough parking,” Banes said.

The biggest criticism came from East Palo Alto Mayor Carlos Romero, an ABAG executive board member who observed that Palo Alto had already seen its initial allo-

cation of more than 10,000 units reduced by more than 4,000 before ABAG finalized its methodology. The city’s arguments that it cannot meet its housing targets is belied by its success over the past three decades in attracting commercial development and creating jobs. He called Palo Alto “one of the wealthiest communities around, with a lot of wherewithal.”

“For you to come before us and say that the past is forgotted and that now we must have other folks who have not had that type of generous jobs development carry the burden that has been created by your fabu-

los economic development, I do believe is disrespectful of the counties and neighbors around you,” Romero said.

The ABAG vote means that the city will have to accelerate its housing production or else it will find its powers to reject hous-

ing projects significantly curtailed thanks to recent state laws such as Senate Bill 35, which creates a streamlined approval pro-

cess for housing developments in areas that fall short of their housing targets.

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