

An Old House Goes, But Story Lives On

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Something of a love story surrounded the old house.

Mostly uncared for, it stood boarded up and vacant at the corner of May Avenue and Hubbard Street for as long as anyone in the neighborhood could remember.

"For Sale" and "No Trespassing" signs were its only adornment.

Today, it's gone, after a visit from a bulldozer. Neat stakes and strings mark the earth for a set of four-plexes to bring people back again some day soon.

Almost everyone in the neighborhood knows parts of the story. Only a few know the facts through deeds, records, or personal history.

The story is that Santa Cruz butcher Pete Sonognini built the house for his pretty wife, Margaret, at least a half-century ago. He built well, as the decades showed. Fifty years or more since, the pine wood floors were firm, and the concrete foundation withstood the building inspector's scathing glance.

Some in the neighborhood said the couple never lived there. That's not true. They did move in, probably for about s-e-v-e-n months.

"Oh, they had antique furniture and some nice things in there before kids or somebody broke in a few years ago and stole them or broke

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