

**Subject:** Re: Annalise  
**From:** Mark Cao <mark.cao@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 7/5/2023, 1:31 PM  
**To:** Hanh Cao Yu <hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org>

I would text him starting with "Hi Dad, it's Hanh" just in case you're not in his contacts list. Hopefully that attracts his attention.

Then about five days before your visit, I'd text him again, followed by a couple of call attempts. I think there is no point in leaving a voicemail.

It is very hit and miss. It seems he doesn't pay attention to phone notifications. But if he hears the phone ring, he probably tries to check out who called.

If you do not reach him, just visit anyway. Let him know you tried to reach him but couldn't. Once you're there, take him out for a Vietnamese meal, which is what he likes doing.

So as I mentioned, I am there every weekend.

There are lots of tasks to do, and lots of tips for interacting with him (and with Annalise if she's tagging along). If you are staying for more than one day, the place is livable now so you can be there overnight if you want to save on hotel. The bad stink is gone (there's a lingering odor, probably Jeff the smoker). Just let me know what your plan is and how long you'll be there, and I can give you more info then.

Thanks,  
Huy

On Tue, Jul 4, 2023 at 5:08 PM Hanh Cao Yu <[hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org)> wrote:

Dad's not easy to communicate with, so suggestions welcomed on how to contact him to get a response.

On Tue, Jul 4, 2023, 4:14 PM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

You can visit anytime at all. Just try to give that advance notice to Dad. Driving now, I will give you more details later

On Tue, Jul 4, 2023, 11:08 AM Hanh Cao Yu <[hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org)> wrote:

Are you there with Dad full time, Huy?

I can visit Dad and help with whatever is needed 7/27-7/28 and 9/30-10/1.

Will that work for Dad and you?

H.

On Sat, Jul 1, 2023 at 10:36 AM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

Best thing you can do for starters is to visit him every couple months. I think he's lonely and that's one of the reasons he keeps annalise around. There's zero effectiveness helping him either financially or long distance.

On Thu, Jun 29, 2023, 8:00 PM Hanh Cao Yu <[hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org)> wrote:

Thanks for the updates, Huy. I'm just getting through an intensive period of wrapping up my job and will leave at the end of the month. What help do you need?

H.

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 10:36 AM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

The Chipper house is nearly ready for rental to a family (four bedrooms, two baths; Dad will keep two bedrooms, two baths and a kitchenette). Ken is out and Jeff is currently being court evicted. The two biggest remaining problems for Dad are:

1. He keeps driving. In fact, he caused a minor accident just yesterday.
2. Annalise. Or more precisely, she is easy to get out of the house, but Dad has been undecided about her fate. Therefore she keeps getting permitted back in the house.

I think I can convince Annalise to move out in the August timeframe. By September 1st, there should be a new rental lease starting. Starting in September, hopefully Dad will have assisted-living help and can be weened off his cars.

Huy

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