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People head for the Hills for Pathways Run



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The 20th annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk Saturday drew more than 500 resident athletes, shown below negotiating the hilly terrain of Byrne Preserve. The event featured 5K, 10K and 1-mile options. Above left, Natalie Kim prepares to run. At right, Rhodes Walton gives a thumbs-up after winning the 5K race with a time of 21:21.



Abortion aftermath: Local leaders pledge to fight erosion of civil rights

By Eliza Ridgeway
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When the nation removes rights from some citizens, all people are at risk – that was among the warnings issued Friday as 18 locally elected women and Mountain View Mayor Lucas Ramirez gathered to condemn the draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Council members from Campbell, Los Gatos, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Santa Clara and Saratoga stood beside Mountain View Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga in the Mountain View Civic Center Plaza as she described the “appalling” thought that the nation’s highest court would disrespect women’s judgment and assault their rights by removing constitutional protection for privacy and women’s ability to determine their own medical care.

“An assault on women’s rights is an assault on human rights,” Abe-Koga said.

“Now is the time for us to

stand up for our daughters and fight this fight for them. I refuse to go backwards,” said Fiona Walter, Mountain View Los Altos High School District trustee.

“Never before has this happened in our country – a right was taken away,” said U.S. Rep. Anna G. Eshoo.

Eshoo scathingly condemned Supreme Court Judge Samuel Alito’s claim of constitutional interpretation in the draft opinion, in which he argues that neither privacy nor abortion should be protected. She noted that women were excluded from the Constitution (and, sweepingly, from human rights) at the time the Constitution was written and described the harsh past to which American women do not wish to return.

“As many as 100,000 illegal abortions were performed in California each year, and abortion was the single-most common cause of maternal death in California prior to 1973,” Eshoo said, contrasting that to the present, when access to safe,

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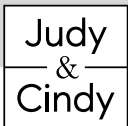
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Latest Happenings



First Friday revelers explored a new art installation in the paseo outside Akane restaurant in Los Altos last week. “Inflorescence” is on display for one year courtesy of Arts Los Altos.

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Election mail

If you previously signed up for BallotTrax notifications, you may have already heard by email or text that your vote-by-mail ballot is en route to your mailbox. Every voter in Santa Clara County will be receiving a postal ballot this year, though those who prefer to vote in person can visit vote centers during the lead-up to the June 7 primary as well as on Election Day.

To register to track the journey of your own ballot on its way to you, and back to the registrar, visit california.ballottrax.net.

Cold but dry

It's not your imagination – this week started off cold, barely reaching the 60s Monday, when a year ago it was 80 (and the average high, historically, is approximately 74 degrees for the region). Los Altos may see a swoop up to 80 on Saturday just in time for the Los Altos Kiwanis Pet Parade, but the 10-day forecast as of press deadline predicted a drop back into the 70s after that.

After a last, much-welcomed burst of April rain, the region's rainy season has likely wrapped up for the year – and the ongoing drought has definitively extended into a third year. As of Monday, California's year-to-date water accumulation was at 74% of average, but that doesn't reflect the full scope of the ongoing drought, as its effects accrue over time in reduced snowpack and reservoirs. California's drought action report listed snowpack at 38% of average April 1.

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Mtn. View fire kills 1, injures 5

A fire at an apartment complex at 333 Escuela Ave. in Mountain View May 4 killed one, injured five and temporarily displaced more than 40 residents.

Mountain View Communications received the first reports of the fire at 1 p.m. and arrived on scene at 1:04 p.m. Emergency responders located the fire in the kitchen of a second-floor apartment and “quickly initiated a fire attack with pre-connected fire attack lines and extinguished the flames before they could spread into the other apartments,” according to a statement from the fire department.

After a second alarm was issued, “firefighters from the Palo Alto Fire Department, the San Jose Fire Department, and the Santa Clara County Fire Department joined Mountain View firefighters in an exhaustive search of the complex for victims,” the statement continued. Firefighters rescued several residents from the building, with five confirmed injured and one, who was found unconscious, dying of injuries after being transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Several dogs also were rescued from the building and reunited with their owners. One dog received CPR and survived, the fire department reported.

The fire rendered 18 of the 142 units in the apartment complex uninhabitable, Mountain View Fire Chief Juan Diaz wrote in a Facebook post addressing the community. By Monday, all but one of the 41 displaced residents had returned to the building.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, their neighbors and the entire City of Mountain View community and family,” Diaz said in his post.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

— *Katherine Simpson*

LAHS grad gets probation in drug death of friend

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Matthew Ming Carpenter, the Los Altos High graduate who sold Stanford University student Eitan Weiner the fentanyl-laced Percocet that led to his overdose death two years ago, was sentenced Friday to two years of probation, 12 days in county jail and 100 hours of community service.

Carpenter, 21, pleaded no contest to the felony charge against him. He has already served six days in county jail and completed his mandated 100 hours of community service with Habitat for Humanity.

The emotional sentencing hearing included four victim impact statements made

by Weiner’s father Amir, mother Julie and sister Ya’el, as well as his college friend Mia Bahr. Weiner’s family and friends urged Judge Jose Franco to consider a harsher sentence for Carpenter, who the family alleged showed little remorse and whose light sentence will not be a deterrent to drug dealers involved in perpetuating the opioid epidemic. Carpenter did not make a statement to the court.

According to the Weiner family, Carpenter and Eitan Weiner had been close friends from the time they were 5 years old up until Weiner’s death. Amir Weiner said it was only “dumb luck” that the counterfeit drugs Carpenter sold did not end up killing more people.

“This deal is a slap on the wrist for Mat-

thew Ming Carpenter, but a slap in the face for me and my family,” Julie Wiener said in her statement.

Before announcing Carpenter’s fate, Franco said he recognized the pain of the Weiner family, but referenced a personal belief that people in the throes of addiction have the ability to turn their lives around and make amends for things they have done in the past.

“My hope is that the person in your shoes carries (this pain) with you forever in how they approach life and what they do with it,” Franco said directly to Carpenter. “It’s up to you if and how you wish to honor your friend’s life.”

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legal reproductive services is associated with not just a decrease in women’s deaths, but also a constellation of related healthcare outcomes, ranging from a woman’s ability to escape intimate partner abuse to decreased household poverty.

“This draft opinion is also a dangerous blueprint for privacy and could have devastating impacts beyond the issue of choice. Any right grounded in personal privacy – gay marriage, contraception, interracial marriage – is at risk because of the Alito draft, affecting our entire society.”

‘Confidence can turn to chaos’

Eshoo and U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren pointed to the urgency of the Women’s Health Protection Act being sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate, which would codify a woman’s right to abortion access in law.

Although 70% of Americans say they support the rights secured by Roe, that sentiment is not reflected by a majority of elected officials in the U.S. or, evidently, on the Supreme Court.

“I think when there’s a cleavage between the highest court of the land and the people, that confidence can turn to chaos,” Eshoo said.

“If you think that the states are going to be able to protect



ELIZA RIDGEWAY/TOWN CRIER

U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren, at the podium, leads a press conference Friday with other local city council members, including those from Mountain View, denouncing the U.S. Supreme Court’s draft ruling, leaked last week, overturning Roe v. Wade.

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women, think again,” Lofgren said. “If the Republicans are able to take control of the House and the Senate, they will be able to pass a bill outlawing abortion in every state of this country. Elections have consequences, and American women are about to suffer those consequences. So, we need to wake up, get

busy and organize to stop this.”

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez reported that the county put forward an initiative May 3 to invest \$3 million in Planned Parenthood to allow for facility expansion, noting that the organization was not just providing health care to out-of-state patients, but also may have to address medical training for providers, given that large swaths of the nation’s medical schools may no longer train doctors in reproductive health services.

Planned Parenthood representative Lauren Babb said the organization had been preparing for this scenario and working with local officials to plan for growing need.

“Since July of 2021 we’ve seen 80 patients from out of state,” she said. “Folks are coming here because they know that they can get the care that they need, and we will not back down. ... Abortion bans are oppressive. Abortion bans do not stop abortion, they stop access to safe medical procedures.”



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Duncan MacMillan, left, member of Friends of the Library of Los Altos, and Bryant Bao, acting community librarian at the Los Altos main library, stand in Friends' future working area.

Problem solved: Friends of Library gets permanent space at main branch

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It wasn't that long ago that the Los Altos City Council and the nonprofit Friends of the Library of Los Altos were at loggerheads over Friends' continued use of facilities space at the Los Altos Civic Center. The nonprofit faced the prospect of discontinuing its work after more than 45 years of collecting, sorting and selling used books to benefit the local libraries.

"If the city's goal is to destroy us, they are being very successful," one member said in a moment of despair.

This was after the council last August denied Friends' request for a 10-year license agreement to use the civic center, and encouraged the group to find a location off-site. For some, that could have spelled the end of the all-volunteer group that was generating more than \$100,000 in annual revenue to support the local libraries. Some members pointed out they needed to do their work in one place, and no other alternative location was a suitable solution.

Enter Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland. He helped bring all involved parties together to work on a solution, in-

cluding the Santa Clara County Library District, which runs the Los Altos main library and Woodland Branch.

"This problem with the Friends has been festering for about three or four years," said Elayne Dauber, a former Los Altos Hills City Council member and acting president of the Friends group. "Our new city manager came in and made it clear to library administration that the city needed them to deal with the problem. The library did not want to lose us."

So, library officials found space for Friends' work – approximately 730 square feet in a little-used area in the southeast part of the main library. Plans are underway to separate the Friends space from the rest of the library by walling off the area.

Friends will use the new space for sorting books that come in. The group has two sheds elsewhere at the civic center for book storage that members will retain.

"Gabe brought clarity and decisiveness to the situation, and things have been moving forward ever since," Dauber said. "I hope everyone in Los Altos realizes how fortunate we are to have Gabe Engeland as our city manager."

A win-win solution

The sorting space is smaller than the 900-plus square feet the Friends group used to have back when it used space in the old Hillview Community Center. Hillview was demolished in 2019 to make way for the new Los Altos Community Center.

"Friends will end up with less square footage than we currently have, but we are very excited about being together once again, and in the library," Dauber said. "We will adapt to make it work."

Friends will vacate another small portion of the library the group is currently using, which will be restored for regular library users. Dauber expects work to begin by June.

Bryant Bao, acting community librarian, said the new area comprises "approximately four rows of shelving that can easily be repurposed."

Bao said the library district is responsible for all interior updates in the library, and the district will cover the costs. He added that the timeline for work will depend on the availability of contractors.

"With this relocation of the Friends of the Library from the area at the city hall-facing entrance to the southeast area, the Los Altos library will be able to

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Local Roe v. Wade supporters not surprised by draft SCOTUS ruling

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The leak of the draft ruling revealing the U.S. Supreme Court's intention to overturn Roe v. Wade sent shockwaves across the country – including in Los Altos – last week.

Final approval of the draft, expected late next month, would

end the decades-long federal right to seek an abortion, a reality that Planned Parenthood Mar Monte spokesperson Andrew Adams said the organization has been preparing for long before the leak.

“Let’s be real,” Adams said, “in November 2016, that’s when we knew the right to an abortion would no longer be secure.”

Because former President Donald Trump appointed three justices to the court – Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett – his election ultimately created a supermajority on the nine-member court with justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas that could support a conservative ruling even if the sometimes-swing-vote Chief

Justice John Roberts breaks ranks.

Vicki Reeder, longtime Los Altos resident and member of the American Association of University Women, agreed that the potential end of Roe v. Wade, though devastating, was not unexpected. The Los Altos-Mountain View chapter of the AAUW has held events supporting the Roe ruling since the 1990s, and Reeder has been involved in the organization since the 1970s.

“I hoped by the time that I’d marched for 50 years that I’d be done,” Reeder told the Town Crier.

Reeder and Adams both expressed concern for the specific language Alito used in drafting the majority opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* case. If the court’s majority holds, it would rule in favor of Mississippi in its attempt to outlaw most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

“The thing that’s really ominous to me is that this decision by Alito is questioning all of the privacy rights that we have,” Reeder said. “It’s questioning gay marriage, it’s questioning birth control.”

Adams called Alito’s words in the draft opinion “dehumanizing” both for women who seek abortions and for the medical professionals who provide abortion services.

“We do anticipate seeing an influx of patients from out of state come to California (to seek abortions),” Adams said, “but the reality is that we’ve actually already experienced this.”

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, which operates clinics as far south as Bakersfield and as far north as Yuba City – including one in Mountain View – saw double the number of out-of-state patients between last July and April 15 of this year. According to Adams, Planned Parenthood is working to add more clinics and better service near airports and other transportation hubs.

Regardless of which state a patient comes from, Adams said that “it’s really important to understand that Planned Parenthood Mar Monte will provide the care that patients need.”

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a one-time expense of \$3 million to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte the day after the May 2 leak. The funds will primarily be directed to a facility on Tully Road and the Blossom Hill Health Center in San Jose.

In addition to the county’s investment in Planned Parenthood, a package of a dozen abortion rights bills is making its way through the California State Legislature. Among the measures under consideration are providing funding for travel to help women from out of state seek abortions in California, developing a state-wide-clearinghouse website for information on how to locate an abortion clinic and passing legislation that would allow independent nurse practitioners to provide abortion services as a “reproductive health service corps.”

Potential fallout

With more than 20 states set to institute abortion bans if the draft opinion becomes final, according to analysis from NBC News, California is likely to become a destination for women from other states seeking abortions.

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repurpose the entrance area to offer more seating for public use,” Bao said, indicating a win-win for both the Friends group and the library.

Bao praised the partnership between the city of Los Altos and Friends of the Library.

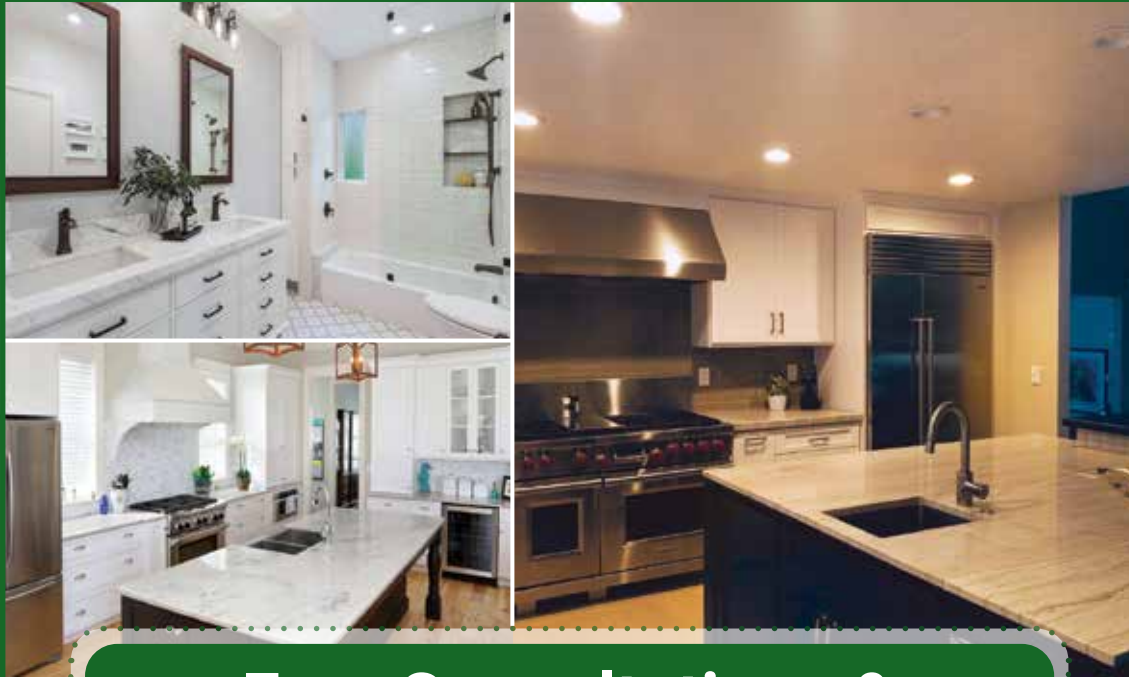
“We worked in close collaboration with both groups to find the best solution to support the Friends’ continued operations,” he said.

Tentative plans call for Friends members to begin moving out of their temporary space after their next used-book sale, scheduled May 20-22. They will use the Los Altos Youth Center for an interim period prior to relocating to the new library space.

The library will create a new magazine-newspaper reading area in the space vacated by Friends – an area known as the Corral.

“We hope to be able to move (to the new space) in early July,” Dauber said. “That’s the ideal.”

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City manager talks problems, solutions at webinar about Los Altos budget

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Los Altos' budget problems were so deep-rooted, based on past years of head-scratching accounting, the city may need a few years of budget cycles to right the ship.

That was the read of City Manager Gabriel Engeland, who offered a frank assessment of the city's financial picture at an April 27 online forum hosted by the grassroots group Los Altos Residents.

Engeland, the former Sierra Madre city manager hired last year for his financial acumen, said the city has been making progress in correcting bad habits – habits that included budgeting for projects that weren't implemented and not seeking reimbursements for grant funding, which forced the city to cover with the general budget.

He pointed to an unimplemented streetscape project for First Street that had a \$270,000 budget for it every year since 2016-2017, but no work to show for it. He also cited \$1 million in park in-lieu funds – funds usually collected from developers to go toward park-related work – with no projects assigned. Another \$211,000 was budgeted for streets and roadways, but no project was attached.

In other cases, the city underbudgeted for needs, such as replacing old playground equipment that was only budgeted last year at 15.4% of a projected \$4 million-plus cost.

"We haven't adequately planned for the future," Engeland added. "We adopted a budget last year that was balanced, but it was balanced using maybe a little bit of government magic."

Engeland offered examples of the city deferring items – he referenced an emergency generator purchased from the last century – and noted that some budget issues were more a lack of prioritization than a lack of money.

He displayed an image of two men pushing a truck stuck in the mud. However, the men were pushing from the bed of the truck instead of on the ground directly behind the truck.

"It doesn't matter how hard you work if you're not focused on the right things," Engeland said.

Much of the problem could be attributed to turnover and the lack of personnel. According to Engeland, a new finance director, John Furtado, was only recently hired, and only one employee in the finance department has been with the city longer than nine months.

Signs of progress

Hope is on the horizon, however. In a midyear budget update last month, city officials reported better-than-expected revenues and elimination or reduction of previously budgeted items among the city's prioritized capital improvement projects.

"We started the year with a \$2 million deficit, unknown and unaccounted for," Engeland said. "Council took a lot of actions at midyear to address this. They made some tough decisions."

Engeland and Furtado are expected to lead discussion of a new draft budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year next month.

Engeland also highlighted some shifting council priorities and the recent adoption of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – an ambitious undertaking

that will demand the hiring of additional staff.

That's been a problem for the city. According to Engeland, a recent management position the city advertised drew only two responses. He noted 51% of the staff had been on board less than five years.

"The environment we work in is constant turnover," he said, with "very little institutional knowledge of our organization."

He said the city compared its compensation and benefits packages with that of other nearby communities and discovered that while Los Altos paid at or above market rates, other benefits "weren't even close."

A newly adopted "compensation philosophy" is an attempt to address such shortcomings, Engeland said.

The city manager has adopted a "zero-based budget" practice in which funding precisely reflects the need assigned it.

"You try to find areas that are over-resourced and move them to areas of need," he said.

Later on, he promised: "Moving forward, there won't be a penny in the budget not attached to a project or person."

Engeland sees signs of progress.

"We have a lot of great employees, and some we haven't supported enough," he said. "We talk of employees running their organizations with autonomy. I'm happy to report we are beginning to see quite a bit of progress."

Freddie Wheeler, a member of the resident advocacy group hosting the webinar, thanked Engeland for his participation.

"Your candor and can-do attitude are really inspiring," she said.

In a statement of advisement and hope to other families in the Weiners' position, Ya'el Weiner said not to give up when pursuing justice.

"Even though our family was not able to see the justice that was deserved or hoped for or expected, we hope that this can be a roadmap for families who are waiting for their own justice in these cases," she said. "Be annoying, be a nuisance, ask for a meeting with the DA. Families are the lifeline of these cases."

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"I think we were very clear in our statements that we think the deal that was reached was anemic and not the decision in order to deter drug dealers like Matthew Carpenter and curb the opioid epidemic," Ya'el Weiner said. "This isn't a discussion the Los Altos community is done having, considering the recent overdose death of a student. We're not going to solve this problem or save more lives unless justice is served."

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Although the Weiner family believes that justice was not served, they hope their case will spark discussion on the opioid epidemic in the Los Altos community. They also want their pursuit of justice seen as the blueprint for families in a similar situation seeking justice against drug dealers.

A Los Altos High student died last month of possible fen-

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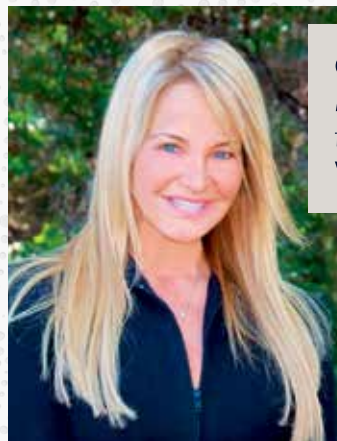
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Editorial

Rosen for district attorney

It's tempting to say incumbent Jeff Rosen should keep his position as Santa Clara County district attorney by default. His two challengers – Sajid Khan and Daniel Chung – represent polar-opposite extremes on the crime-fighting spectrum. Chung, a former prosecutor fired by Rosen last year, believes more people should be prosecuted – a lot more. Khan, a public defender, focuses on crime prevention and everything other than charging suspects with crimes, it seems.

With Khan as DA, we get the impression we not only would not need a new county jail, we wouldn't need the current one. With Chung, we may need to build an additional jail.

All the more reason to go with Rosen and his proven, moderate approach that balances appropriate prosecution with reform programs that offer criminals opportunities to turn their lives around if they so choose. But Rosen should be your option in the June 7 primary election, not because the other two candidates are under-qualified, but because the 12-year DA (and Los Altos resident) has a solid track record.

Among his accomplishments the past four years, Rosen has:

- Created a crime strategies unit that has solved numerous burglaries, robberies and murders. The unit also busted rings involved in a series of smash-and-grabs and catalytic converter thefts.
- Formed a victim service unit in response to mass shootings at the Gilroy Garlic Festival and at the Valley Transportation Authority.
- Responded to an increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans by promoting public awareness and boosting the number of prosecutions of such cases.

He has support from both reform-minded groups and police officers associations. His “hard power and soft power” approach accounts for that support.

It seems to be working. A 2021 report by County Health Rankings – a program of the University of Wisconsin – showed Santa Clara County had one of the lowest violent crime rates of large counties in California and in the U.S. at 264 violent offenses per 100,000 people.

That speaks well for the job Rosen is doing. He gets our endorsement and deserves your vote.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Purissima School students pose for their class picture in the 1930s. Local families in Los Altos Hills organized the community's first school in 1901. The total cost for the purchase of the 2-acre site and the construction of the school building, a well, a horse shed and an outhouse was \$1,415. The school closed in 1953. Today, St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills on Duval Way occupies the site of the original school building.

Letters to the Editor

Condos do not make downtown 'vibrant'

I'm a resident of southwest Palo Alto, and for years have done all my shopping and errands, used the library, etc., in Los Altos (much closer and nicer than in Palo Alto). In fact, I've wanted to move to Los Altos for several years. However, the aspects that originally attracted me seem to be vanishing: the village feel; simple ranch houses; light and courteous traffic; a relaxed, friendly feeling.

This is especially evident on First Street, on both sides of Main Street. How will fewer stores, small businesses and restaurants in exchange for more condos make Los Altos more “vibrant”? What used to be called “the Village” is turning into the home of giant monoliths. I'm sad to see this, and I'd bet many Los Altos residents feel the same.

Meredith Phillips
Palo Alto

Does public art need donation amount?

I read about three First Friday May art experiences in the Town Crier's “Local Arts Roundup” May 4, and was intrigued by the photo of the glowing benches.

Finding myself at Walgreens one afternoon last week, I decided to walk over to Akane to see the “immersive art installation” during the day.

I was surprised by two things

– the benches look nothing like the photo and, more concerning, each bench has a label with the name of the donors and the dollar amount donated.

With all the new construction in downtown Los Altos, is everything going to be for sale, labeled with people's names and their donation attached?

Grace Chan
Los Altos

Los Altos losing its small-town charm

Like many other residents, I am horrified at what is happening to the feel of our downtown area with the construction of the canyon of housing on First Street. This really is an atrocity.

But, now that we have plowed into the state mandate of creating more housing, I'm curious if the state has also mandated that we will immediately have more water to accommodate these additional housing units, if the local schools are prepared to assimilate these new students and if the highways have expanded to accommodate these new commuters.

Since it seems to work to just write a law or send out a mandate, then I would like to request the following be legislated or mandated immediately:

- Global warming to stop no later than the end of 2022.
- Political conflict and conten-

tion to also stop no later than the end of 2022.

- The global pandemic to stop immediately!

These seem like some good starting points. Clearly the government has immense power to create broad-spectrum change without a plan.

And the cute little downtown in Los Altos is losing that small-town charm. I'm jealous that Campbell managed to retain it, and Los Gatos. But maybe we can lead them into the current trend of “bigger, uglier and greedier is better”!

Teri Berwick
Los Altos

Cody should lose job over COVID policies

I agree with the protesters demonstrating against Dr. Sara Cody, Santa Clara County's public health director, and her draconian restrictions. She refused to admit that her excessive zeal to shut down the economy was worse than the virus itself.

I completely disagree with Myra Orta's May 4 letter to the editor (“Why oppose sincere efforts to serve public?”). Cody should lose her job and should be forced to reimburse the people who were bankrupted by her restrictive policies, which did nothing to stop COVID-19.

Bill Hough
Los Altos

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Kiwanis Pet Parade exhibition on display at History Museum

Town Crier Report

The first Kiwanis Club Pet Parade strolled, rolled and pranced down Main and State streets in 1947. To commemorate the event's 75th anniversary, the Los Altos History Museum is bringing back decades of parade memories in its latest exhibition, "Kiwanis Pet Parade: Celebrating 75 Years of Community," on display in the gallery of the J. Gilbert Smith House Thursday through July 10.

The exhibition presents a dual history of the Pet Parade and the Los Altos Kiwanis Club and its accomplishments. The annual tradition predates the local branch – it began with the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View, which wanted a safe route for children and pets to walk. They settled on downtown Los Altos. The success of that first parade inspired local business leaders to form the Los Altos chapter of the Kiwanis Club.

Elisabeth Ward, the museum's executive director, serves as the local Kiwanis Club's president this year.

"The museum is delighted to collaborate with the Kiwanis Club of Los Altos and its long-



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Los Altos residents and their pets stroll along Main Street during the 1949 Kiwanis Pet Parade. The Los Altos History Museum's latest exhibition showcases the annual event.

term members, pulling on their collective wisdom of this very important tradition," she said. "Founded before the establishment of the city of Los Altos, the parade is one of the cornerstone events for setting the tone of our local culture, which is very friendly and down-to-earth."

The exhibition draws heavily on the museum's collection of photographs of past Pet Parades. With several decades featured, visitors are likely to recognize

someone in the photos. Also included are what exhibition organizers called "fun and surprising elements meant to capture the humor of the parade."

"The Pet Parade was always meant to be fun and oriented toward kids. The exhibit is trying to convey that spirit," Ward said. "These kinds of volunteer-driven community events are the heart and soul of why Los Altos is such a special city."

The museum's main building

is closed during construction of the new Permanent Exhibition, but the J. Gilbert Smith House remains open at 51 S. San Antonio Road noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Docents are available to lead tours of the historical farmhouse, and a boutique is open for business inside. A portion of the "Kiwanis Pet Parade" exhibition will be viewable on the porch daily.

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/petparade.

75th event set for this Saturday

The Los Altos Kiwanis Club is scheduled to host its 75th annual Pet Parade 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday on Main and State streets in downtown Los Altos.

This year's parade is the first held in person since the onset of the pandemic two years ago.

Pre-registered groups include many local elementary schools, two marching bands and other community organizations.

Spectators may line the parade route from First Street down Main and up State. Parking will be limited on State and Main beginning 7 a.m. on parade day.

Dignitaries in the parade will include Los Altos Mayor Anita Enander and Los Altos Hills Mayor George Tyson; the Kiwanis governor of the California, Nevada and Hawaii clubs; and the grand marshal, Los Altos Police Chief Andy Galea.

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Volunteers give a thumbs-up after receiving donations of produce.

Bountiful harvests leveraged for a cause in Mtn. View

By Katherine Simpson
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

Mountain View resident and gardener Kim Merry saw a presentation by Nancy Grove at a garden group, though she can't quite remember which one. In the meeting, she heard the call to donate excess produce from home gardens.

"If you drive around anywhere, you can see all these fruit trees that are just bursting through the ground," Merry said, describing the potential for donating fresh produce. "Nobody's eating it."

Grove co-founded Harvest for Neighbors, an organization that helps connect garden clubs with churches and charitable organizations across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties so they can donate produce to local food pantries. Merry, along with her Cuesta Park neighbors Silvia Eckert, Lin Urborg and others, reached out to other gardeners in the neighborhood to get their own local Harvest for Neighbors group going. They made a subgroup of Cuesta Park's groups for gardeners and asked who was interested in donating their excess produce.

Eventually, they settled on Sunnyvale-based Reach Potential Movement as their distributor and donated their first produce last June. The women rotate collecting the donated produce in their driveways on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, then drop the goods off at Graham Middle School, where they are distributed to approximately 200 families. At their previous distribution point, Castro Elementary School, they served more than 500 families.

Malia Pires, executive director of Reach Potential Movement, said one in four kids in Santa

Clara County faces food insecurity, making their distributions to sites across Mountain View, including at the city's Safe Parking lot for RVs, critical.

A Stanford University study of families who picked up food discovered that fresh fruits and vegetables are among the most popular items. When the families were asked which items they would want to receive out of five images – dairy, vegetables, fruit, meat and processed items – Pires said, "every interview I sat in on, the families chose fresh fruits and veggies."

According to Pires, any type of chilis (jalapeño, serrano, etc.) are also popular with the families. This year Eckert started an informal "jalapeño project," growing the peppers from seeds and donating seedlings so that the people picking up groceries from Graham can take a plant home themselves.

Members of the Cuesta Park Harvest for Neighbors group hope to expand by organizing donation groups throughout Mountain View. Merry said that at the group's outreach meeting May 1, a resident in Los Altos' Grant Park area expressed interest in launching a similar effort in her neighborhood.

"We don't want to be the drop-off point for all of Mountain View because our cars are only so big, and we have had instances where we're packed – like persimmon time or orange harvesting time," Merry said.

To volunteer and for more information on Harvest for Neighbors' Cuesta Park chapter, email harvestforneighborsmv@gmail.com.

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AAUW program earns recognition

The Los Altos/Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women received the Branch Activity of the Year Award for 2022 at the state AAUW annual convention, held online this year April 30.

The award honored the branch's Jan. 22 program, "Step Up for Pro-Choice," which marked the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision with a panel of speakers, audience participation and follow-up activities.

Claire Noonan, co-president of the local branch, presented a summary of the program and received the award certificate on behalf of the branch.

For more information, visit lamv-ca.aauw.net.

Books4Schools opens for used-book sale

Friends of the Library of Los Altos is offering its Books4Schools program during its used-book sale May 20-22.

Books4Schools allows teachers from any K-12 school public to select free books for their classrooms. Teachers shop for books like other customers, but when checking out, they give their registration number instead of cash. Payment for the books is then taken from the donor-funded B4S Fund.

The sale is scheduled at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, and in the Orchard Room of the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Hours are 6:30-9 p.m. May 20 (Members Only Night), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21 (open to all) and noon to 3 p.m. May 22 (Bag Day – fill a bag with books for \$5).

Teachers can register for Books4Schools through May 18 by sending an email to info@losaltoslibraryfriends.org with their name, grade, school and principal.

Teachers who have registered at previous sales will receive notice of the May sale, but they must re-register for each sale they wish to attend. Teachers who want to shop May 20, Members Only Night, must be

members of the Friends of the Library of Los Altos.

To donate to Books4Schools and for more information, visit losaltoslibraryfriends.org.

Bike rodeo scheduled May 22

The Los Altos Police Department is scheduled to co-host a bike rodeo for kids 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22 at Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave.

Participants can practice safe cycling by learning about traffic signs, signals, and more. The event also will include bike inspections and helmet fittings. Loaner bikes are available for kids 10 years and older, but all are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets. Parents must be present with their children at the rodeo.

Co-hosts of the event include the city of Los Altos, the Rotary Club of Los Altos and the bicycle safety organization Safe Moves. The event is being conducted by Safe Moves in association with the police department.

Artists hold open houses this weekend

Artists in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View are scheduled to showcase their work this weekend as part of the annual Silicon Valley Open Studios.

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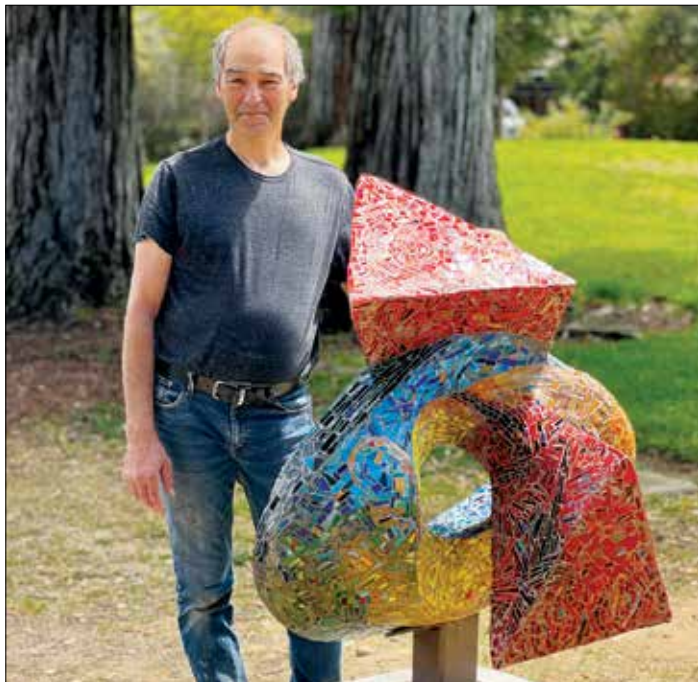
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New art in Los Altos



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Two new public art sculptures were installed at Los Altos parks last month. "Henry," top, by Michael Eckerman, was placed at Grant Park (behind the recreation buildings along Grant Park Lane) April 18, while "Wave," by Norman Moore, pictured above with his work, was installed at Heritage Oaks Park along Portland Avenue. They are the third and fourth sculptures installed as part of the Art Without Walls program this year, and will be on loan to the city for two years. Los Altos has approximately 30 sculptures currently on display throughout the city, an estimated 10 of them on loan.

Los Altos History Museum continues programming during partial closure

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos History Museum closed its main building and gallery Monday as construction begins on the new, technology-driven Permanent Exhibition, slated to open in early 2023.

Until the reopening, the museum operations have moved to the adjacent J. Gilbert Smith House, mounting a series of exhibitions and setting up a gift shop. History Docents, alongside newly trained Teen Docents, will be on hand to offer visitors tours of the historical home during open hours, noon

to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

The outdoor agricultural exhibition will remain open.

The museum also will offer a series of family events in the courtyard, tied to the Permanent Exhibition's theme of stories from the land. They include:

- Rancho Day: Horsemanship in the Hills, May 28
- Apricot STEM Fair: A Tale of Two Valleys, July 16
- Train Day: Making a Town, Sept. 10
- Creek Fest: Playing with Water, Oct. 22

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org.

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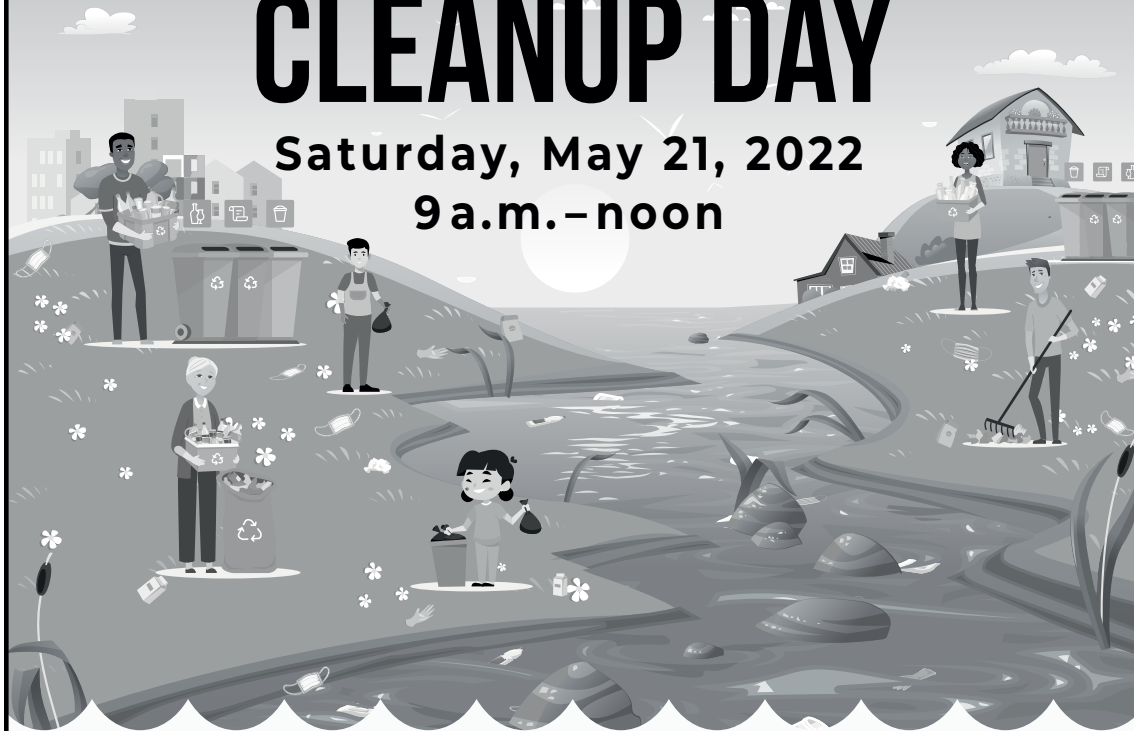
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Noteworthy

Los Altos resident and local artist **Karen Druker** recently hosted two dinner-party fundraisers to benefit Ukraine. The first, held April 8, was sponsored by Congregation Beth Am's women's group to support twin congregations in Poltava and Odessa. The second took place April 30 as a Rotary International fundraiser, with funds going to the Los Altos Rotary Endow-

ment Fund (LAREF). There are 52 Rotary International groups in Ukraine.

"I made all the Ukrainian food from cherished family recipes, as my beloved late husband's ancestors were from Ukraine, and my mother-in-law had passed down recipes for stuffed cabbage, strudels, beet and eggplant dishes, Ukrainian desserts, pâté and a fresh pea soup with mint," Druker said. "Fresh sunflower bouquets graced tables and every open space in my home for the

party. Door prizes were Ukrainian products like chocolates, pickles and Khor Vodka."

Druker and her artist friends also donated 10 original paintings of sunflowers and one of Ukrainian birds for an auction, with proceeds going to LAREF for Rotary International's charities that support Ukraine. The paintings will be offered to Rotarians at a silent auction at a club cheese and wine event at the home of realtor Royce Cablayan May 20.

Engagement

Katie Love and Lucas Peterson

Katie Love and Lucas Peterson have announced their engagement.

Their wedding is scheduled in July 2023.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Holly and John Love of Los Altos.

She graduated from Los Altos High School and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, with degrees in anthropology and geography.

She is currently a graduate student at the University of Washington.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mike and Lisa Peterson of Redmond, Wash.

He graduated from Bear Creek High School and the University of Washington, with a degree in structural engineering.

He is employed as a business analyst at CBRE.



Lucas Peterson and Katie Love

The couple enjoy the outdoors, including hiking, skiing and mountaineering, and plan to live in Seattle.

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Scouting News

9 local Scouts earn Eagle rank

Troop 30 of Los Altos honored nine Scouts April 2 for achieving their Eagle rank.

The promotion to Eagle rank followed years of work on leadership, community service and personal development. Since the inception of the Eagle rank in 1911, only 4% of Scouts have earned the designation.

Reaching the Eagle rank requires a substantial final project, completed with help from other Scouts and the community. Consistent with the Scout principle "to help other people at all times," the project must benefit the community.

The new Eagle Scouts and their projects:

- **Archer Date** designed and created an armoire-esque lost-and-found as well as three mo-

bile lending libraries for an elementary school in Menlo Park. The libraries featured themes of firehouse, school and police station, and provided an alternative educational activity for students on the playground. He also collected four boxes of books to fill the libraries.

- **James Hatch** completed a project for San Jose Taiko, a Bay Area Japanese drum ensemble. He designed and constructed a set of bamboo shoe cubbies made with a Japanese aesthetic for the drummers to store their personal belongings as they practice and perform. Hatch has studied with San Jose Taiko the past 10 years.

- **Cian Kondo** designed and built vertical playgrounds for cats at the Pets In Need animal shelter. They included wooden platforms, a tunnel, a ramp, cubby holes and a bridge. The

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Submit announcements of special occasions

Submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements to Bruce Barton at the Town Crier, 138 Main St., Los Altos 94022. To request an announcement form, call 948-9000, ext. 301, or email bruceb@latc.com. Completed forms and photos may also be sent via email.

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playgrounds provide the cats an interesting experience, while visitors wishing to adopt a cat can see them in a comfortable, natural and playful state that shows their personalities.

• **Dhanush Manjunath** completed a project for German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California and six other animal shelters, helping dogs with megaesophagus, a debilitating disorder in which food is regurgitated before reaching the stomach. He custom built adjustable “Bailey’s chairs,” which help dogs keep their front legs up so that gravity can properly move food and drink.

• **Evan Mow** completed a project for Animal Assisted Happiness. He designed and constructed two interaction modules where people with disabilities can spend emotional support time with a rabbit in a safe way. He set up two large, shaded pergolas and an enclosed base lined with grassy turf ma-

terial, helping keep the space clean and easy to maintain.

• **William Muliawan** completed a project that helped unhoused people in Mountain View. He gathered the materials for, packaged and distributed more than 200 hygiene kits and tarps. He also created a step-by-step playbook for the project, so the work can be repeated to continue to help unhoused people in the future, in Mountain View or any other area.

• **Aman Shah** completed a project for Animal Assisted Happiness. He designed and constructed a 30-foot-diameter horse corral as an exercise area for mini horses and alpacas. He leveled the land, installed a metal corral and filled it with 11 tons of sand to serve as footing when the horses use the corral. He also painted the corral to match the bright themes of the farm.

• **Matthew Sokol** completed a project for patrons of Hope’s Corner, a nonprofit organization that provides free meals and other services to low-income people in Mountain View. He helped clients during the pandemic



COURTESY OF RICARDO RODRIGUEZ

Troop 30’s newest Eagle Scouts include, from left, Archer Date, Cian Kondo, Matthew Sokol, Evan Mow, James Hatch, William Muliawan, Colin Vu, Aman Shah and Dhanush Manjunath.

by sewing 180 face masks and providing 200 bottles of hand sanitizer. The masks were cotton and three layers, providing protection and reusability.

• **Colin Vu** revitalized the aged, worn outdoor seating that

serves the Foothill Covenant Church community and the on-site preschool. He replaced the old wood, using new and stained long-lasting redwood. He also de-rusted and repainted the existing metal supports and added

reinforcement to the undersides with additional metal support beams.

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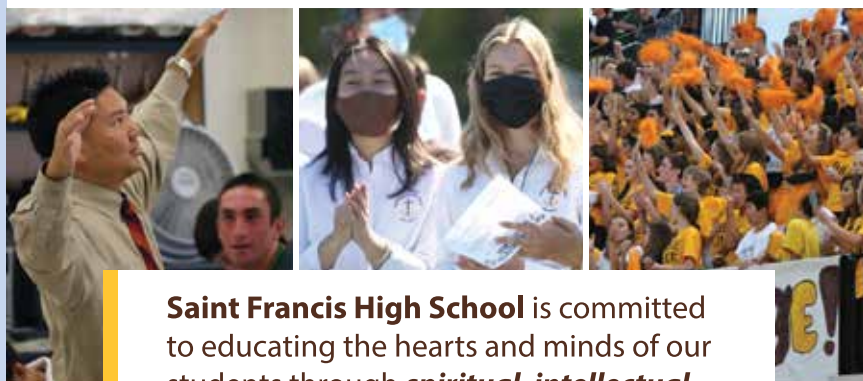
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Sports

Sports on the Side

Hills native named golfer of the week

Carleton College junior **James Berger** of Los Altos Hills last month earned Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Golf Athlete of the Week honors. The Gunn High graduate shot a 3-under-par 68 at the Wartburg Spring Invitational, surpassing his previous career-low score by four strokes. Berger tied for first at the 88-player event. This marked his first conference weekly honor and made him the first Carleton men's golfer to win the award since September 2019.

MV Sports Boosters offer scholarships

The Mountain View High School Sports Boosters are accepting applications for the pair of \$1,500 scholarships they plan to award to a college-bound male and female athlete next month. To be eligible, an applicant must be a Mountain View High senior who has participated in two or more seasons of a sport and has a GPA of at least 2.5. The application requires a recommendation from a coach and writing an essay. Scholarships may go toward a two- or four-year college, a trade school or a qualifying continuing education program. The application deadline is 6 p.m. May 27. For an application, visit mvhssportsboosters.org/scholarships. For more information, email Sports-BoostersMVHS@gmail.com.

Celebration of life for Long Saturday

The **Leo E. Long** Celebration of Life luncheon to honor the longtime Los Altos High track and field coach is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Lincoln. All LAHS track and field athletes and their families, along with teachers, coaches and friends of Mr. Long, are welcome. The school's track is named after Mr. Long, who guided the Eagles to multiple Central

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Locals run, jump & throw their way to CCS semifinals

By **Pete Borello**
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Having already won the 400-meter dash by more than a second and the 200 by nearly half a second, Mountain View High's Hannah Rutherford saved her best performance for last at Friday's SCVAL championships.

Anchoring the Spartans' 4x400 relay team in the final girls race of the night, Rutherford turned bronze into gold with a stirring comeback.

"Hannah got the baton about 35 meters back or so, in third place, and caught the two teams ahead of her," Mountain View sprints coach Mark Rutner said. "Very fun chase down!"

The freshman surpassed the anchors from Saratoga and then Los Altos on the way to the finish line, giving the Spartans a winning time of 4 minutes, 10.17 seconds. The rival Eagles took second at 4:10.61.

Maya Narang, Mackenzie Lee and Natalie Mark were the other members of the victorious relay team, which is bound for Saturday's CCS semifinals at Gilroy High.

Rutherford also will compete in the 400 and 200, races, which she won in 57.67 and 25.33 seconds, respectively, Friday night at Santa Clara High.

Mark, a junior, made the CCS semis in the 800 by placing fifth (2:24.58), and Narang qualified in the 300 hurdles (fifth, 50.09).

In addition, Spartan senior Julia Gentin advanced in the 3,200 run with a sixth-place time of 11:25.20.

Los Altos junior Lauren Soobrian won the 3,200 in 11:04.82 and also took top honors in the 1,600 run (4:56.24). She will have familiar company in both races at the semis: teammates Ella Fadil (11:09.30) and Fiona Bodkin (11:12.24) placed second and third, respectively, in the 3,200, while Riley Capuano (5:07.37) and Emily Soobrian (5:07.81) finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 1,600. Emily, a freshman, is Lauren's sister. Capuano also qualified in the 800 run (sixth, 2:25.48).

Los Altos junior Megan MacKenzie won the triple jump with an effort of 36 feet, 5.25 inches. That mark was more than 2 feet farther than the runner-up.

LA boys tennis advances; MV boys volleyball lands 2nd seed in Open

By **Pete Borello**
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Even without four starters, the Los Altos High boys tennis team beat visiting Palo Alto in Friday's second round of the Central Coast Section playoffs – just as Eagles coach Hung Nguyen expected.

It was Monday's quarterfinal match, played after the Town Crier's press deadline, that made Nguyen nervous.

"I didn't want to be the eighth seed," he said last week, "because that means we have to play Menlo next."

Top seed and defending champion Menlo entered the match with a 21-1 record; visiting Los Altos came in at 13-9. Adding to the already-daunting challenge: Nguyen wasn't sure he would have his full complement of players.

"We're good," he said, "but we don't have the depth of some of the top teams."

That didn't matter against Paly (15-3). The Eagles won 5-2, despite the absence of



SIMRAN GUPTA/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos High's Daniel Sagatelian serves in Friday's match against Palo Alto.

top player Jayanth Mallampati, who was in Southern California for a national tournament, and three other starters.

"So proud of my team for picking up the



COURTESY OF ERIK MARK

Mountain View High's girls 4x400 relay team – Maya Narang, from left, Mackenzie Lee, Hannah Rutherford and Natalie Mark – placed first at Friday's SCVAL championship meet.

Other individual qualifiers for the CCS semis (top-six finishers) include sprinters Jenna Houdek and Paige Kasso, hurdler Tessa Player, 800 runners Maddy Randall and Jasleen Sidhu, thrower Trinity Bang and long jumper Sofija Dimitrijevic.

The Los Altos boys are send-

ing a slew of competitors to the semis. Senior Shawn Toney set personal records in winning the 110 (14.36) and 300 hurdles (38.10). Zach Fagin captured the 100 dash in what Eagles coach Steph MacKenzie called a "stunning PR" of 11 seconds. The

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slack," Nguyen said.

Rohan Panchal played No. 1 singles and cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Naveen Mukherjee won in straight sets at No. 2, and Dan Bitap pulled out a three-set win at No. 4.

In doubles, the Eagles' top team of Akshaan Ahuja and Ashwin Mukherjee prevailed 6-2, 6-1, and the No. 2 duo of Jason Pan and Sidharth Dharmasanam won in three sets.

The winner of Monday's match faces No. 4 Homestead (12-7) or No. 5 Gunn (11-9) at 1 p.m. today in the semifinals at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

Boys volleyball

Mountain View didn't land the top seed in the CCS Open Division playoffs – that went to St. Francis – but coach Katie Johnson is OK with being No. 2.

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Coast Section and state titles during his 21 years as coach. He died in 2020 at the age of 88. The free luncheon will be held at Meridians Restaurant in the Orchard Creek Lodge. To register and for more information, email **Chuck Smart** at casmart@msn.com.

Local high schools in need of coaches

Los Altos High seeks varsity coaches for football, boys basketball and wrestling, along with junior varsity coaches for girls basketball and wrestling. If interested, email athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at michelle.noeth@mvla.net. Mountain View High needs a varsity cross-country coach and JV girls soccer coach. If interested, email athletic director **Tim Lugo** at tim.lugo@mvla.net.

NFHS puts out call for sports officials

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TC invites readers to submit story ideas

If you have an idea for a local sports story or would like to comment on the section, email sports editor **Pete Borello** at peteb@latc.com.

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"We were anticipating tough match-ups regardless of the side of the bracket we ended up on," she said. "So, we aren't worried too much about getting the second or first seed. Both sides of the bracket look challenging this year."

Mountain View, which went undefeated in the SCVAL De Anza Division, split its two matches against West Catholic Athletic League champ St. Francis this season. The Spartans (29-1 overall) lost to the Lancers (32-2) early in the season without standout Patrick Kane, but swept them to win the Justin Ebner Memorial Tournament at Bellarmine last month.

The Spartans were slated to open the playoffs against visiting No. 7 Mitty (19-14) Tuesday, after the Town Crier's press deadline; the winner faces No. 3 Bellarmine (21-9) or No. 6 Christopher (21-4) in Thursday's semifinals at the home of the higher seed (time to be announced).

St. Francis was set to host No. 8 Branham (22-6) Tuesday; the winner takes on No. 4 Lynbrook (20-7) or No. 5 Cupertino (22-7) in Thursday's semis. Saturday's Open final will be at St. Francis.

Baseball

Bouncing back from a pair of lopsided losses to Palo Alto, host Los Altos squeaked past Sequoia

9-8 in non-league play Saturday.

Trailing 8-5 in the bottom of the seventh, the Eagles tied the game on Jackson O'Reilly's three-run homer. After Adam Kamin singled and stole second, Nick Teng hit a hard one-hopper toward first with two away. The first baseman struggled to recover the ball, according to Los Altos coach Gabe Stewart, allowing Teng to make it safely to first as Kamin raced home. Kamin beat the late throw home, giving Los Altos the walk-off win.

Teng and Jack Burcell each recorded three hits for the Eagles (8-18 overall). Cole Rafferty earned the win and also hit a double.

St. Francis wrapped up the WCAL's regular-season crown with a 14-7 win over Mitty Thursday. Wyatt King drove in eight runs for the Lancers, half of them coming on a grand slam. Blake Rogers picked up the win.

St. Francis (12-2 league, 23-4 overall) is the top seed in this week's WCAL playoffs. The Lancers were scheduled to host No. 8 Riordan in Tuesday's opening round.

Softball

Jessica Oakland slugged her 17th homer of the year as St. Francis defeated host Valley Christian 2-0 Friday in league play.

Kate Munnerlyn pitched the shutout, striking out nine batters along the way.

The Lancers have won 10



JUSTIN YANG/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Mountain View High's Logan Muir, left, and Adrian Heath go for the block in a recent volleyball match against Homestead.

games in a row. They are 23-2 overall and 8-0 in the WCAL.

Swimming & diving

Led by Abby Wickersham, the St. Francis girls placed second at last weekend's CCS championship meet. The senior won the

50-yard freestyle in 23.31 seconds and claimed the 100 free in 50.10 Saturday at the Santa Clara International Swim Center.

The Lancers' 400 free relay also finished first at the meet.

On the boys side, St. Francis placed fourth at the meet.

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Local prep sports schedule for May 11-17

Baseball

Today
SCVAL De Anza Division second-round games at TBA, 4 p.m.
West Catholic Athletic League semifinals at homes of higher seeds, 4 p.m.

Thursday

SCVAL De Anza Division final at home of higher seed, 4 p.m.
WCAL final, TBA

Softball

Today
Milpitas at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Friday

Los Altos at Homestead, 4 p.m.
Mountain View at Los Gatos, 4 p.m.
St. Francis at St. Ignatius, 4 p.m.

Track & field

Saturday
Central Coast Section semifinals at Gilroy, 10 a.m.

Boys lacrosse

Today
First round of CCS playoffs at homes of higher seeds, TBA

Saturday

CCS quarterfinals at homes of higher seeds, TBA

Girls lacrosse

Today
First round of CCS playoffs at homes of higher seeds, TBA

Saturday

CCS quarterfinals at homes of higher seeds, TBA

Boys volleyball

Thursday
CCS semifinals at homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

Saturday

CCS finals at St. Francis, 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Northern California quarterfinals at homes of higher seeds, 6 p.m.

Boys tennis

Today
CCS team semifinals at Bay Club Courtside (Los Gatos), 1 p.m.

Friday

CCS team final at Bay Club Courtside (Los Gatos), 1 p.m.

Tuesday

First and second rounds of CCS individual playoffs at Imperial Courts (Aptos), 10 a.m.

Swimming & diving

Thursday

CIF state diving finals at Clovis West, 9:30 a.m. (girls) and 2:30 p.m. (boys)

Friday

CIF state swimming preliminaries at Clovis West, 1 p.m.

Saturday

CIF state swimming finals at Clovis West, 10:30 a.m.

Gymnastics

Today

SCVAL finals at Los Altos, 5 p.m.

Boys golf

Tuesday

CCS finals at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch (Monterey), 7:30 a.m.

Badminton

Saturday

CCS individual championships at Independence, 9 a.m.

TBA: To be announced

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junior also won the high jump (6-0), placed second in the long jump (21-5) and was on the Eagles' victorious 4x100 relay team (season-best 42.91).

Braden Harrison, another member of the relay, won the 200 in 22.45. Joshua Kung finished first in the triple jump (41-0.650). He also advanced in the long jump, 200 and as part of the 4x100 relay.

Other individual qualifiers for CCS included sprinters Jake Howmiller and Reece Enthoven, along with long jumper Jacob Kung.

Los Altos' 4x400 relay moved on as well, placing second to Los Gatos with a 3:26.69.

The Mountain View boys are sending 1,600 runner Nicholas Trepanier (fourth, 4:26.16) and 3,200 runner Emmanuel Leblond (fourth, 9:33.92) to CCS.

As for the team competition, the Los Altos boys won the meet and Mountain View was sixth. On the girls' side, the Eagles came in second and the Spartans sixth.

SF girls win WCAL meet

The St. Francis girls won Saturday's West Catholic Athletic League championship meet for the second year in a row. Seven Lancers won an event at the meet, which their school hosted.

"Many of our point-scorers are underclassmen, so we are set up really well for future years as well," coach Phil Pompei said.

Layla McGee won the shot put (32-8.25) and discus (110-7), while fellow sophomore Jamie Wade was first in the high jump (5-0).

Lilly Kaelber, another sophomore, came in first in the 400 (personal-record 57.966), was second in the 800 (2:16.064) and anchored the 4x400 relay team, which won in a CCS-best time of 4:03.962.

Freshman Sabrina Zanetto claimed the 800 (personal-best 2:13.114) and ran the third leg of the 4x400.

The St. Francis boys placed sixth at the meet and qualified only one athlete for the CCS semis: Vincent Nguyen. The junior placed second in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 21-1.50.

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Stepping Out

'Ruthless' runs its course Sunday

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Stage Company's production of "Ruthless! The Musical Comedy" is scheduled to run through Sunday at Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave.

Based on the book by Joel Paley and featuring music and lyrics by Marvin Laird, "Ruthless!" spoofs classic musicals and campy films – from "Gypsy" to "The Bad Seed." Eight-year-old Tina Denmark knows she was born to play Pippi Longstocking – and she'll do anything to win the part in her school musical.

Gary Ferguson serves as director and choreographer of the production; Randall Watts provides musical direction. The cast includes Darlene Batchelder, Nathan Anthony Belera, Penelope DaSilva, Sara Kuenstler, Clara Walker and Milan Whitfield.

"Ruthless!" is recommended for mature audiences.

Performances are set for 8 p.m. today through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

For tickets and more information, call the box office at (650) 941-0551 or visit losaltosstage.org/ruthless.



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Clara Walker, left, and Penelope DaSilva star in Los Altos Stage Company's "Ruthless! The Musical Comedy."

Smuin's 'Dance Series' coming to MV

Town Crier Report

Smuin Contemporary Ballet wraps up its 28th season with "Dance Series 2: P.S. Forever Smuin," with performances slated May 19-22 in downtown Mountain View.

The program features acclaimed dancemaker Val Caniparoli's "Confessions," along with Amy Seiwert's "Renaissance." Premiering new works, Smuin artists Tessa Barbour and Brennan Wall also will expand their dances presented in the 2021 Choreography Showcase and in last spring's "Smuin al Fresco" program.

Set to a soundtrack by American contemporary classical composer Nico Muhly and Faroese singer/songwriter Teitur, Caniparoli's "Confessions," originally titled "If I Were a Sushi Roll," is a nine-part dance commissioned by Smuin artistic director Celia Fushille. Muhly and Teitur feature selections from their 2016 album "Confessions," in which they collaborated with Dutch ensemble Holland Baroque.

Loosely inspired by the 385-mile "Women's Wall" protest in India to create awareness of gender equality, Seiwert's "Renaissance" is set to a soundtrack by Oakland's Kitka Women's Vo-

cal Ensemble. The ensemble has earned recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts, Chorus America and the American Choral Directors' Association and specializes in traditional and contemporary Balkan, Slavic and Caucasian vocal styling.

Two artists have been invited to expand works created last season. Barbour's duet, set to Tchaikovsky, was first performed outdoors in last spring's "Smuin al Fresco" series and has now been expanded into a work for three couples. Also featured is Wall's "Untwine," a contemporary pas de deux featuring Cassidy Isaacson partnered with Brandon Alexander. The work was first presented in Smuin's 2021 Choreography showcase and has been expanded to include four couples.

"Dance Series 2" also will be offered as a virtual on-demand streaming option beginning in late May and running for several weeks.

Live performances are set for 7:30 p.m. May 19-21, in addition to 2 p.m. May 21 and 22, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Tickets are \$25-\$79.

For tickets and more information call (650) 903-6000 or visit smuinballet.org.

PYT's 'Fiddler' closing Sunday in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

Peninsula Youth Theatre's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" is slated to close Sunday in Mountain View.

Set in the little village of Anatevka, "Fiddler" is the story of Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With help from a tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to marry off his daughters and instill in them a sense of tradition in the face of growing anti-Semitism in Czarist Russia.

The musical runs 75 minutes and is appropriate for all ages.

Standard performances are scheduled 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, with student shows set for 9:30 a.m. and noon Friday, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

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Schools

Meet the new MVLA leaders: Glazer at MVHS, Woolfolk at Alta Vista

By Jennah Pendleton
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The Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees approved the hiring of two new leaders May 2: Kip Glazer, Ed.D., as principal of Mountain View High and Suzanne Woolfolk as principal and director of alternative programs at Alta Vista.

Glazer and Woolfolk replace the retiring Mike Jimenez and Bill Pierce, respectively, and will take the reins at their new schools July 1.

Immersive, holistic approach

Glazer, who currently serves as principal of San Marcos High in Santa Barbara, has held many teaching and administrative roles at schools around Southern California in her nearly 20 years as an educator. In the coming months, Glazer will make



Glazer

her way to Mountain View from Santa Barbara, the first U.S. city she lived in after moving from Seoul, South Korea, at 23 years old.

Glazer began her career as a social studies and English language development teacher in Santa Maria with no plans to become an administrator, until the late William Sandoval – principal at her school and career mentor – convinced her to consider pursuing a leadership position, telling her that she was

“too bossy not to be a boss.”

She didn’t take his advice right away, opting to wait until her own kids graduated from high school and instead pursuing a doctorate in education. After earning her doctorate in learning technologies from Pepperdine University in 2015 and winning the county teacher of the year award, Glazer followed Sandoval’s advice.

As Glazer advanced through administrative ranks at various Southern California schools, she adopted a hands-on, caring method of school leadership, like her mentor. She sees herself as a mother figure to her student body, dedicating herself to the needs of her students and faithfully attending as many student events as she can, including every football game of the season.

“I am out in the quad all of the time, and one of the best compliments I ever received was when a young lady said some-



Woolfolk

thing to a teacher, who started laughing and she said, ‘You have got to tell Dr. Glazer what you just told me,’” Glazer recounted. “And she said, ‘I never knew you had an office, because you’re always outside with us.’”

Although she said leaving her current school is bittersweet, Glazer aims to bring her same method of leadership to Mountain View High next year. She plans to meet with “every single staff member, from the administrators to the food ser-

vice workers.”

“It’s super important that everybody on campus know that they can come and talk to me and that we all share the concern to take care of the future generation of learners,” she said. “It’s a big job, so nobody can do it alone.”

Beyond getting to know the community in her first few months, Glazer has a long-term focus on providing wellness support for students and promoting a holistic approach to education.

“I believe that the purpose of public education is to create an educated populace for the protection of democracy,” she said. “And I believe that in order for us to do that, we have to really think about the changes in society and technology that are being thrown at us, and still hold that value of school being the heart of a community.”

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Homestead High sophomore raises more than \$34K for pancreatic cancer programs in honor of godmother

Town Crier Report

Madeleine Bakken, a Los Altos resident and sophomore at Homestead High School, helped organize a team of more than 60 family and friends to walk in honor of her late godmother, Dr. Fidelia Butt, at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network’s PurpleStride walk April 30 in San Jose.

PanCAN’s PurpleStride is a year-round national movement that funds programs and services to accelerate progress for pancreatic cancer patients.

Butt died of pancreatic cancer April 11. She was a Bay Area native who most recently worked at Kaiser Santa Clara Medical Center, where she was the primary oncologic surgeon. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a master’s from George Washington Medical School, then completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Chicago and a residency in otolaryngology at UC Davis.

The goal of Bakken’s Team AACSN was to raise \$10,000 to fight pancreatic cancer on all fronts – through research, clinical initiatives, patient services, advocacy and nationwide volunteer support. Butt was an advocate for supporting cancer patients, and Asian-American cancer patients in particular. Bakken worked with Butt’s family and friends to further support the physician’s lifelong advocacy.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MAY BAKKEN

Madeleine Bakken and Team AACSN raised more than \$34,000 in honor of Dr. Fidelia Butt at the PanCAN PurpleStride walk April 30 in San Jose.

Team AACSN exceeded its original fundraising goal, and to date has raised more than \$34,500, coming in third place for fundraising by a PanCAN team in Silicon Valley. Out of 60 events nationwide, Silicon Valley teams have raised more than \$500,000 to support PanCAN.

Bakken encourages people to donate to one of the organizations in which Butt actively participated. Butt co-founded the

Asian American Cancer Support Network, an all-volunteer organization that serves as a community resource network for Asian Americans affected by cancer in the Bay Area through social programs and fundraising.

To donate to PanCAN, visit tinyurl.com/eusc3864.

To donate to AACSN, visit aacs.org/support.

Schools Briefs

Observatory hosts lunar eclipse viewing

The Foothill College Observatory, in partnership with the Peninsula Astronomical Society, is scheduled to host a free lunar eclipse viewing event 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday at the facility, 4100 Perimeter Road, Los Altos Hills.

The full moon will pass directly into Earth’s shadow cast by the sun, illuminating the moon a brilliant red.

The observatory is set to resume its biweekly public programs 9-11 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

For more information on the observatory, visit foothill.edu/astronomy/observatory.html.

Teenagers can pre-register to vote

Californians must register to vote by May 23 to be eligible to vote in the June 7 primary election.

State residents ages 16 and 17 can pre-register to vote, which will automatically register them to vote on their 18th birthday.

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Schools

MVLA Scholars awards first-generation college students scholarships

Town Crier Staff Report

MVLA Scholars recently awarded 31 multiyear college scholarships and 13 one-time honoraria to graduating seniors from Los Altos High and Mountain View High.

Scholarship recipients are all first-generation college students. Awardees were notified of their scholarships April 1.

Recipients of multiyear scholarships also will receive college mentoring and assistance with resume preparation, finding internships and applying for jobs related to their career goals.

“Providing ongoing support to our scholars is key to the program, helping them navigate college and then go on to successful careers,” said Dee Gibson, co-chairperson of MVLA Scholars.

“We have found that all of the support we provide, well beyond just financial assistance, is what allows our students to graduate from college with little to no debt and move into professional positions. We can’t save the world, but we can make a difference in the life of each scholar, their family and our community.”

This year’s scholarship recipients maintained strong academic records despite the challenges of distance learning during their junior year of high school – a critical year for college preparation and college admissions, according to MVLA Scholars officials. Many recipients took on additional family responsibilities during the pandemic, including caring for younger siblings or working part-time.

Scholarship recipients were involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including varsity sports, tutoring peers or young children, starting a small business and participating in community-based programs sponsored by local government agencies.

Each of this year’s scholarship recipients participated in Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a four-year course at each high school that prepares students for college success. AVID courses include lessons in time management and study skills, support for students enrolled in Honors and AP courses and assistance in the college search and application process. Many students cited the AVID program as a significant contributing factor to their high school ac-

complishments in their college scholarship applications.

Scholarship recipients all applied to colleges in the UC and CSU systems, while the 13 honaria awardees applied to private universities or out-of-state public universities.

MVLA Scholars, a program of Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, serves low-income, first-generation college students who graduated from Los Altos High and Mountain View High. Scholarships are funded through charitable contributions. Local volunteers manage the organization, provide mentoring and select scholarship recipients.

For more information on MVLA Scholars, visit mvlasclear.org.

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Skills and passion to serve

Woolfolk has held various administrative positions in education over the past 15 years, including eight years in her current job as assistant principal at Los Altos High. She expressed excitement at taking on a lead-

ership role at Alta Vista, one that enables her to interact more closely with students.

“To work really in-depth with families and students can be something that is rare in principalship,” Woolfolk said. “And that was a huge reason why I was interested in this role in serving the district: because I will get to be in students’ lives and work with them and their families individually.”

Woolfolk earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Stanford University and began her career teaching Spanish and English language development at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo. Being a part of a teacher leadership pool, she said, allowed her to consider other avenues in education beyond teaching. However, she still spends time in the classroom teaching the student government class at

Los Altos High.

When considering her next move, Woolfolk said her decision to apply for Alta Vista principal was driven not as much by a desire to advance her career as by considering where she could best serve the district.

“I thought to myself, ‘Where is the need?’” she said. “And I really felt like this was a position that I held the skills and the passion for.”

As someone who attended a high school with only a 50% graduation rate, Woolfolk said she deeply wishes her district had alternative education options like MVLA’s Alta Vista, Freestyle Academy of Communication Arts & Technology and Foothill Middle College. Although she has gone on to have a successful career in education, she recognizes the impact access to such programs could have made in her and her peers’ lives.

Woolfolk recognized the accomplishments of her predecessor, Pierce, who has served as Alta Vista principal for 25 years, and hopes to build on the foundation he and the staff have laid. In the short term, her goal is to establish relationships with staff, students and families, and her long-range plans include creating more opportunities for students to get involved in extracurricular activities, student advocacy and leadership.

She also wants to take a more active role in supporting students as they decide what is best for their future – helping them understand their choices when determining whether or not they should continue at Alta Vista through graduation and then figuring out their next moves after graduation.

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Schools

Challenge Team breakfast resumes with salute to retiring local leaders

Town Crier Report

The Mountain View-Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Challenge Team's 35th annual Champions for Youth fundraising breakfast is scheduled 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday at Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.

The MVLA Challenge Team brings together leaders from school districts, city and county services, parent and student groups, and other nonprofit organizations to serve youth and strengthen the community.

The in-person event – the first since the pandemic – will recognize Jeff Baier, retiring Los Altos School District superintendent, as the Adult Champion. Sydney Fung, a senior at Mountain View High School who

promotes inclusivity through endeavors such as spearheading Mental Health Awareness Week, is this year's Youth Champion.

Los Altos Police Chief Andy Galea and retiring Alta Vista High School principal Bill Pierce, who are both retiring, also will be recognized at the event.

Aria Rani Sindledecker will serve as keynote speaker. An eighth-grader at Graham Middle School, she is an advocate and activist for mental health and founder and president of the Empathizers, a school club that destigmatizes mental health and promotes the youth voice in mental health conversations.

She is also a documentarian who has created two award-winning short films, "Stigma-Free Nation: Pathway to Parity" and "Power to Save a Life," that spotlight issues surrounding

mental health.

Coordinated by event chairperson Gay Krause, the MVLA Challenge Team began in 1987 as a response to the challenge presented to California's communities by the state Attorney General's Office.

"After attending a conference sponsored by the attorney general, our local team was inspired to support and create programs to help our youth make positive decisions and live healthy lives," Krause said. "The MVLA Challenge Team builds meaningful community partnerships to support the success of children, youth and families in the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills."

For tickets to the breakfast and more information, visit challengeteam.org.

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For more information on how to register and pre-register, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

MidPen seeks summer interns

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District seeks two interns interested in learning open-space conservation and

planning for ecologically sensitive recreation.

The internships include opportunities for field work and on-the-job training in data collection techniques and tools. The expected start date for interns is on or after July 5. Internships are open to current college students or recent graduates.

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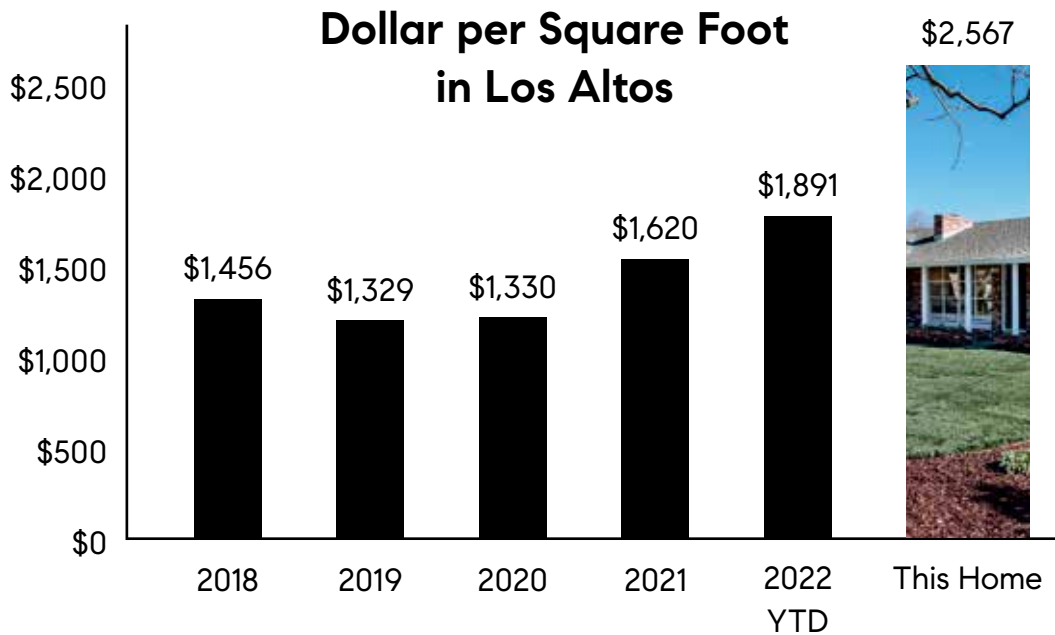


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Tea and sweets serve Eid al-Fitr traditions to a celebratory crowd

By Eliza Ridgeway
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Los Altos residents like Shireen Zia and her family celebrated Eid al-Fitr last week with feasting, time together in community and, at Zia's house, outbursts of song.

For families with Pakistani roots like Zia's, the celebration marking Ramadan's conclusion began as the moon rose the evening of May 1 with Chand Raat, the moon sighting or night of the moon, with songs of celebration learned decades ago in Pakistan. May 2 continued with prayers and gatherings throughout the day. Zia's children diligently spent school hours in the classroom, but afterward the celebration began anew.

Young people celebrate with bounce houses, face painting, goody bags and piles of sweets. For the grownups, the treat is gathering together and revisiting family versions of special dishes like sheer khurma, a more elaborate variation on familiar seviyan pudding. The Kashmiri pink tea and sweet, creamy pud-

ding that decorated Zia's table celebrate the specifics of her heritage – the special tea leaves and unusual technique for the drink require extra effort, but the time spent at the stove grows lighter in a kitchen full of women gathered to celebrate. And her household's special modifications to the milky vermicelli pudding express Zia's mother's style and her own personal preferences. Although she commits to the hours of tea-wrangling, Zia adopts a shortcut seviyan, skipping some of the rounds of sautéing and toasting for separate ingredients and adding a fistful of semolina (suji) for its toothsome texture. Almonds or pistachios can vary based on whim, but she always ends with a crunchy garnish of melon seeds.

The Islamic world celebrates two particularly enormous Eid events each year – the word "Eid" means "celebration" – starting with Eid al-Fitr, which broke the monthlong Ramadan fast last week with special foods as well as a day of prayer and

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHIREEN ZIA

Stirring for hours becomes more fun with company – the Chand Raat celebration for Shireen Zia, above left, gathers women to sing, sip and remember childhood traditions.



It's only natural French wine-making practice catches California's interest

By Christine Moore

Even if you haven't heard of natural wines yet, you've most likely seen them on local wine shelves and drink menus.

Silicon Sips

The trend, which originated in France, has been growing in popularity around the wine-producing world, with several California winemakers getting into the act. Natural wines are equal parts poetry, ecological stewardship, rock-and-roll and wine making.

The concept is simple: nothing added, nothing altered. Which means that natural wines employ biodynamic farming practices, use native yeasts in their fermentation process and avoid the use of filtration or additives. Detractors say they lack consistency. Advocates praise them for this exact reason – claiming that much like seeing

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10 ways to enjoy sweet cherries

By Debra Morris

Cherry season is here and the season is short for farm-fresh, just-picked sweet cherries at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market.

There will be many varieties to choose from as the season progresses, from Bing to Rainier, Brooks, Lamberts, Tulare, and more. Each has its own distinctive color and flavor, and many of the varieties can only be found at local farmers' markets.

California is home to more than 600 cherry growers, farming 26,000-plus acres from the fertile Santa Clara and San Joaquin valleys, which provide nutrient-rich soil, sunny days and mild nights. The state grows mostly sweet cherries as opposed to tart varieties, and

In Season

small farmers provide that wide variety to your farmers' market. They arrive from farms in Brentwood, Lodi, Stockton, Linden, Gilroy, Hollister and other Northern California valleys.

Cherries are very susceptible to damage from rain as they near harvest. For this reason, the volume of each year's crop can vary depending on spring weather in California growing areas.

Fresh cherries have an extremely short shelf life and must be handled carefully to reduce bruising, so use your cherries as soon as you can. Once you bring your prized cherries

home, try some of these delicious ways to use them:

- **Fresh.** Eat cherries fresh. For sweet cherries, this is the most popular way, unadulterated and complete in and of itself.
- **Jams.** Make cherry jam or preserves so you can enjoy the flavors later.
- **Dehydrated.** Dry cherries in a dehydrator or in the oven. Remove the pits, cut in halves and dry until most of the moisture is removed. Eat as a snack or use in baked goods.
- **Pie or crisp.** Make a sweet cherry pie or crisp/cobbler. Because the cherries are sweet to begin with, you won't need as much sugar.
- **Quick bread.** Take your favorite basic quick bread



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Cherries are appearing for a short but sweet season – act fast.

- recipe and add a cup of pitted, chopped cherries to the mix.
- **Ice cream.** Make cherry ice cream in your ice cream maker.

- **Popsicles.** Run frozen pitted cherries through the blender

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gatherings. Eid al-Adha, which will fall July 9 and 10 this year, brings a return of shared sweets (as well as many pious religious elements), and because the holiday marks Ibrahim's ritual slaughter of a lamb, meat plays a major part in many families' celebrations.

Those celebrating the holidays in the Los Altos area have an increasing abundance of local places to gather for prayers and sermons – Zia's family goes to the West Valley Muslim Association in Saratoga, but the Muslim Community Association is also nearby, as are other masjids – and last week's holiday, one of the most important in the year, offers a chance to revisit regional traditions as

well as the foundations of faith.

"I think most of the things we do to give our kids the feeling that this is what our culture is, this is what the religion says," Zia said of the gifts, sweets and songs that mingle with more spiritual aspects of the day. "I want my kids to feel the joy that we used to feel when our elders gave us money, the joy of celebrating with your cousins – here we don't have cousins, but we have so many different friends, and are meeting so many different cultures who are celebrating the way we celebrate. As we are far, far away from home and away from family, it brings us back to memory lane to sing songs, and the kids say that moms go crazy with their loud voices."

Tea and sweets

Zia only breaks out her pink



COURTESY OF SHIREEN ZIA

Pink chai, left, and sheer khurma decorate the Eid table in Los Altos resident Shireen Zia's house.

chai for special occasions because the recipe is so time-consuming. Her family hails from Kashmir, and she finds the special kehwa tea leaves at local shops like Mountain View's Rose Market or New India Bazar in Sunnyvale.

The leaves look an innocent

greenish brown when you buy them – the "pink" name comes from the alchemy of a multi-step process distinct from other South Asian masala chais.

The tea leaves go into a pot with water, cardamom and star anise and come to a simmer, making the kehwa (also often transliterated as kahwa). Then, over the next two to three hours, intermittent additions of icy chilled water transform the regular ruddy tea color into a soft pink. Zia has found that holding back a cinnamon stick (which might typically join the cardamom and star anise) preserves the color – she steeps it separately in milk, to combine at the last minute with the tea and sugar to taste.

Zia's sheer khurma includes some tweaks to the flavoring. The delicate milk pudding typically uses rose water or kewra water – she drops both. In Pakistan, she was familiar with kewra in many applications, from biryanis to savory khurmas as well as desserts, but like other seasonings such as MSG familiar from childhood, she's found that going without is a doable preference.

"It is very strong – you just need a drop of it – and it's a chemical base," Zia said. "Why should you bother to have it? Add extra cardamom and you have the flavor."

Kashmiri Chai (Pink Tea), speeded up

For kehwa:

- 4 cups water
- 4 teaspoons Kashmiri tea leaves
- 1 star anise
- 2-3 cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed cardamom seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups ice water

For milk:

- 2 cups milk
- 4-inch cinnamon stick

- Sugar to taste (optional)
- 1/2 tablespoon crushed almonds
- 1/2 tablespoon crushed pistachios

In pot, combine water, Kashmiri tea leaves, star anise, cloves, cardamom seeds, salt and baking soda and bring to boil. Simmer 20-30 minutes, until it reduces by half.

Add chilled water, mix well 8-10 minutes and simmer 10 minutes.

Strain and set aside – at this stage, kehwa can be refrigerated up to four to five days.

To finish: In pot, combine milk with cinnamon stick and (optional) sugar and bring to simmer. Add kehwa and simmer a few minutes.

When you pour tea in cups, top with almonds and pistachios.

Sheer Khurma

- 1 cup crushed vermicelli (Southeast Asian sev noodles – not the Italian variety)
- 1 quart whole milk
- 1/4 cup whipped cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed cardamom seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon cantaloupe seeds
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds

In pot, combine milk, sugar and cardamom seeds, mix well and bring to boil. Simmer until milk is 1/4 reduced – stir constantly so milk doesn't stick to base of pot.

Dry-fry vermicelli until it begins to color, then add to milk pot, mix well and cook on low flame 3-4 minutes. Add slivered almonds and simmer 8-10 minutes. Remove from heat – can be served hot or cold.

In frying pan, dry roast cantaloupe seeds 1 minute and let cool. Use, with more slivered almonds, as garnish for extra crunch.

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Food & Wine

WINE

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a band perform live, you get both what you love and something new every time.

The sometimes-polarizing world of natural wines is not as much new as it is a return to ancient winemaking practices. Before Louis Pasteur brought us an understanding of fermentation, wine was made relying on the yeast in the air at the winery and on the fruit itself. But with knowledge came a revolution of making wines. Producers were able to create more stable and consistent vintages. The skill involved in what we now think of as traditional winemaking is a gift to the world. That said, why not add some natural wines to your drinking repertoire? They are interesting, fresh and fun. I am especially excited about the range of natural sparkling wines, or pét-nats, on the market. Slang for pétillant-naturel, pét-nats are wines that are “naturally sparkling.”

Sparkling wine is made in two ways: in the traditional method (méthode champenoise) such as Champagne, where still wines undergo a secondary fermentation in the bottle with the addition of sugar and yeast, or in the tank method, which makes wines like Prosecco, where the secondary fermentation takes place in tanks before bottling. In both cases, the carbon dioxide byproduct of the fermentation process is captured to create the beloved final product.

Pét-nats are not quite as fizzy as traditional sparkling wines in part because they do not go through a secondary fermentation. Instead, the wines are bottled while still undergoing initial fermentation and capped with a crown cap, thereby capturing the carbon dioxide byproduct. In truth, this method predates the making of Champagne. The results are wines that are slightly still, slightly bubbly, low in alcohol and perfect for spring and summer sipping. There are lovely versions from France, but if you are going to seek out wines that are focused on environmental protection, why not drink local?

Local favorites

Emmett Welch, wine steward at Draeger’s Market in Los Altos, is highly knowledgeable on pét-nats. He currently has two California versions on his shelves: a 2020 The Hilt Pétillant Naturel of Pinot Noir (\$37.99) – winemakers describe this wine as shockingly pink, with aromas of yuzu and watermelon – and a 2020 Birichino Santa Clara Valley Pétillant Natural Rosé (\$23.99) that is a beautiful blush tone with notes of thyme, nectarine and sea air.



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French natural wine labels use cheeky graphics.

Birichino isn’t only producing natural sparkling wines. I recently visited its Santa Cruz tasting room and was wowed by its 2019 Mr. Natural Old Vine Grenache. This wine is an ideal introduction to natural wines. Even the cheeky label aligns with the trend in French natural winemaking to create tongue-in-cheek graphics on the bottles. An exhilarating nose of tea leaf, black olives, red currants and pencil shavings comes alive with a swirl of the glass. On the palate, the wine thrills with dark berries and balanced acidity and lush texture.

Not able to make the drive to Santa Cruz? Visit K&L in Redwood City. The store carries several of Birichino’s varietals, along with a few other natural wines worth investigating, though they are mostly from Slovenia and France.

The crossroads of winemaking and environmental stewardship is certainly an interesting place. When vintners and winemakers work in partnership with nature, the results are exciting both for consumers and the earth itself. Natural wines may not be on your everyday list of preferred bottles, but experimenting in the realm of these passionately produced wines may surprise and delight you.

Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident and sommelier. To read her blog, visit sheepishsommelier.blogspot.com.

CHERRIES

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with lime juice and pour into popsicle molds.

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• **Salsa.** Yes, cherry salsa is an unexpected and delicious way to use cherries. Pit and chop cherries, add chopped jalapeño pepper, chopped green onion, lemon juice, fresh cilantro and minced garlic, and you’re ready to dip.

Cherries are a veritable feast for the eyes – and stomachs. We wish the season were longer, but that’s the way nature rolls. At the Downtown Los Altos Farmers’ Market, you’ll find

them from Gotelli Farms out of Stockton, Allard Farms from Westley, J&J Ramos Farms from Hughson and Castellanos Farms from Kingsburg.

Debra Morris works for the Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association, which operates the Downtown Los Altos Farmers’ Market. The seasonal market is scheduled 4-8 p.m. Thursdays on State Street, with a new, expanded footprint extending into part of a parking plaza.

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Cooking up something good

Santa Clara County to expand permits for home kitchen businesses

By Katherine Simpson
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

Since the onset of the pandemic, companies and employees have learned more and more types of work can be completed online. With a new measure passed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors last week, the home kitchen could soon become a home office.

The measure allows residents in all of the county's 15 cities to apply for licenses to operate "home-based mini-restaurants." Previously, the county had instituted a "cottage food operations" license that permitted residents to make and sell "low risk" foods such as baked goods, jams and candies at home. With the new measure, business owners can prepare and sell up to 30 meals per day or 60 meals per week, with a limit of \$50,000 in revenue per year.

Mountain View resident Yvette Castro, who operates a "cottage food" operation, said the county's move to expand the list of ingredients and types of food people can make and sell in their kitchen is a good one. She started her business, Sugary Face Cookies, as a hobby after baking and decorating cookies for her son's first birthday. At first, Castro said she sold cookies to friends and family as a favor, until she was stuck at home for six weeks in 2020 while her husband quarantined before and after a surgery.

Castro used some of that time to bake and post pictures of her cookies.

"It's always been a creative outlet," she said.

People began asking to purchase cookies, Castro added, and she's been running a small business ever since.

"It helps pay for my kids' extracurricular activities," the



PHOTOS COURTESY OF YVETTE CASTRO

Yvette Castro, above, uses her home kitchen to bake cookies, right, that she sells. With a new measure adopted by the county, home cooks could use their serve meals for profit.

mother of two said.

Castro said she's unlikely to expand her offerings or switch to baking full time under the new rules; however, the option to have control over her livelihood



is a net positive. During the county's hearing on the matter, at least five public commenters said they would apply for a business license if given the opportunity.

According to the county health department's report to the board, the program will likely take "an enormous amount of time" to get up and running. See HOME COOKING, Page 34

So, what's really going on in today's real estate market?

By Owen Halliday

The most commonly asked question whenever someone starts a conversation about real estate: "What is going on in today's market?"

The interesting aspect of real estate is that it is always changing, and no two buyers, sellers or transactions are alike. However, our local market has been a bit like an old record with a skip in it: low inventory, strong buyer demand, low interest rates, price escalation. We had this skip, with a few minor exceptions since February 2012, when the post-Great Recession rebound began in the area.

It feels like we might be getting ready to leave that skip behind, as the winds of change may be coming.

Q: What is driving the possibility of change?

A: A number of factors have contributed:

- Interest rates have been rising and will probably continue to do so. This doesn't impact the higher-end markets as much, but it does have a slowing effect. As interest rates rise, buyers can't borrow as much, so they are able to offer less.

- While the stock market has been growing, it also has been rather volatile.

On the Market

Stock portfolios do have a fairly dramatic impact on the amount a buyer is able or willing to spend on buying a house. Volatility means uncertainty, which brings retraction. Some stocks (like Facebook) are down substantially, reducing the amount an employee might be willing to invest.

- Buyer demand is down a bit. In our area, spring is the main buying season, and many buyers have already found their house and are no longer competing for the few listings available.

- Buyer fatigue. Many buyers have lost out in multiple-offer situations and are tired of losing. They may decide to step out of the market and rent for another year or so.

- Affordability. Home prices have gone up so much that there are fewer and fewer people who can actually afford to buy.

Q: Do you see prices headed down?

A: Probably not. What I do expect is there will be fewer multiple-offer situations and prices will probably end up closer to the asking price. My read is that

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26 Fourth Street No. 3, Gannon Charitable Trust to A. Lasboo for \$1,700,000

827 Mora Drive, Bennett Trust to M. Zamani for \$5,600,000

1659 Morton Avenue, Schwartz Trust to R. & A. Gupta for \$3,500,000

1945 Newcastle Drive, Marlon Trust to A. & S. Bhargava for \$3,600,000

481 Patrick Way, Yi-Ben Trust to A. & M. Mannermaa for \$4,815,000

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600 Springer Terrace, R. Wang to Green Trust for \$6,000,000

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Mountain View

184 Ada Avenue Unit A, Hoskins-Owden Trust to Z. Wen for \$1,752,000

137 Azalea Drive, C. & P. Lin to M. & J. Zhou for \$2,150,000

1419 Bonita Avenue, A. & N. Chang to M. & S. Pittman for \$4,200,000

1558 Canna Court, Devadas Trust to K. & A. Calvo for \$1,350,000

218 Central Avenue, M. Gafny to N. & K. Zia for \$1,850,000

508 Chesley Avenue, S. Hoyt to A. & P. Leong for \$3,805,000

1734 W. El Camino Real No. 9, Gerstle Trust to K. & G. Cullen for \$1,220,000

123 Fair Oaks Avenue, 127 Fair Oaks LLC to N. & M. Rezvani for \$2,260,000

2040 W. Middlefield Road No. 9, Y. Dutt-Singh to G. Chen for \$1,200,000

201 Monroe Drive, J. Chu to M. & Y. Wang for \$3,550,000

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home prices will stabilize and not head up much more.

Q: What are sellers expecting these days?

A: There is an old expression: “Sellers think their houses are built with nails of gold.” When a neighbor’s house down the street sells, a seller will say, “Oh, my house is so much better than that house, so it is worth much more.” The other factor is that sellers look at what has sold look-

ing backward. Buyers look at where the market is heading, not necessarily where it has been.

Q: What should buyers do?

A: Be patient and don’t agonize that a particular house doesn’t have every “must-have” feature. A decent house in a great neighborhood is usually far better than a decent neighborhood. You can always change your house later – it’s hard to change a neighborhood. Also, look for houses that didn’t sell the first or second week. They might have ugly carpet or be a bit overpriced and your agent might be able to have you

swoop in and actually buy below the list price.

Final thought: It feels like we are headed toward a more balanced market that favors neither buyers nor sellers. That will benefit everyone.

Owen Halliday, a longtime Los Altos resident, is a realtor who manages the Sereno office in Los Altos. Call him at (650) 492-0062 or email Owen@Sereno.com.



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County staff estimates it will take more than a year to identify costs and funding, gather feedback from cities and residents, and finalize fees.

Of the 10 California cities that have instituted a permitting process for such microenterprises, fewer than 220 total permits have been issued to date. The vast majority of the permits are in the Southern California city of Riverside, which began its program in May 2019.

State reaches \$141 million settlement with Intuit

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California Attorney General Rob Bonta last week announced a \$141 million settlement against Intuit, resolving allegations that the Mountain View-based company deceptively advertised its “free” online TurboTax products.

Although 70% of taxpayers qualify for the IRS Free File Program – operated by Intuit and others – fewer than 3% of them used it to file returns in 2020, according to a press release issued by the California Department of Justice May 4. That is due in part to tricks and tactics used by Intuit to steer taxpayers away from the free program, the release noted, and toward the

company’s paid commercial products.

The settlement includes \$11.4 million in direct restitution for approximately 370,000 Californians and substantial injunctive terms to prevent future misconduct. The settlement resolves multistate investigations into Intuit’s conduct, as well as lawsuits filed by the Los Angeles city attorney and the Santa Clara County counsel.

“Every year, millions of hardworking Californians put their trust in online tax filing services like TurboTax, following their step-by-step guides that promise to find taxpayers the best deals for little-to-no cost,” Bonta said in a statement. “Our investigation found that Intuit repeatedly and deliberately broke that promise.”

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees for the LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County ("District"), will receive sealed proposals up to but not later than 3:00 p.m. PST on May 31, 2022 ("Deadline") for the District's Request for Proposals for Upgraded Phone System for the procurement and installation of the following:

Avaya IP Office Telephone System

Persons or companies interested in submitting a proposal may obtain a copy of the complete RFP and specifications through the following link: www.lasdschools.org or by contacting Randy Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services, at (650) 947-1164 or rkenyon@lasdschools.org.

Proposals must be submitted as described in the RFP. It is the sole responsibility of the person submitting a proposal to ensure that the proposal is delivered on time. The District will not be responsible for, nor accept as a valid excuse for a late proposal delivery, any delay in mail service or other method of delivery. Any proposal submitted after the Deadline may be rejected by the District.

Please refer to the complete RFP and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Randy Kenyon
Assistant Superintendent
Los Altos School District, Santa Clara County, State of California
(05-11,18-22)

MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: Michael Mathiesen, Associate Superintendent Business Services
Published: 5/11/22
(05-11-22)

APPLIED HEAT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684858

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) APPLIED HEAT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, (2) APPLIED HEAT, (3) APPLIED HEAT RADIANT SYSTEMS, 4546 El Camino Real, B10 #413, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): JS Hydraulics, Inc., 1942 Lockwood Ave., Fremont, CA, 94539. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Michael L. Obermayr / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/04/2022. (05-11,18,25-22,06-01-22)

LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF FILING OF REPORT OF SEWER CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR TAX YEAR 2022-23 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO SAID REPORT

Notice is hereby given that a report of sewer charges to be collected on the Santa Clara County Tax Roll for Tax Year 2022-23 was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Los Altos pursuant to Section 5473 of the California Health & Safety Code on May 2, 2022. The report is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. For an appointment to view the report or additional information please call 650-947-2610 or email arodriguez@losaltosca.gov.

On June 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to the report.

The City Council public hearing will be held via tele/videoconference at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Members of the public may participate via computer at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1496338494>

Agenda, reports, and additional public participation details will be posted June 6, 2022, please visit <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-154>

Angel Rodriguez
Los Altos Interim City Clerk

Publication Twice: Town Crier
May 11, 2022
May 18, 2022
(05-11,18-22)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022-2023 Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget

The governing board of Mountain View Los Altos High School District will conduct a public hearing on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, in accordance with Education Code Sections 42103, 42127, 52061, and 52062 prior to final adoption. Any interested party may inspect the LCAP and budget prior to final adoption and speak at the public hearing. The public hearing will be held on June 2, 2022, at 7 PM. at: District Office Board Room 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040

The public is advised to participate virtually at: www.mvla.net. Any interested party may inspect the Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget prior to the public hearing: May 27, 2022, during the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, at: District Office Board Room 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040. Inspection is also available at: www.mvla.net 5/11/22. CNS-3579626# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-11-22)

LOS ALTOS FAMILY SMILES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684458

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOS ALTOS FAMILY SMILES, 646 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sheena Vaswani DDS Inc, 153 El Pinar, Los Gatos, CA, 95032. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Sheena Vaswani / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/22/2022. (05-04,11,18,25-22)

Nurture and Grow Counseling FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684225

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Nurture and Grow Counseling, 1885 The Alameda Suite 130, San Jose, CA, 95126, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Aliyah Kirby, 1505 De Rose Way, San Jose, CA, 95126. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Aliyah Kirby / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/18/2022. (05-04,11,18,25-22)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-898097-BF Order No.: FIN-22000782 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/10/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): William S Choate, a single man Recorded: 5/19/2010 as Instrument No. 20715582 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California; Date of Sale: 5/25/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Gated North Market Street Entrance to the Santa Clara County Superior Courthouse. 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$176,528.58 The purported property address is: 2025 CALIFORNIA ST 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040-1970 Assessor's Parcel No.: 154-42-001 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy

to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-898097-BF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-898097-BF to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-22-898097-BF IDSPub #0178084 5/4/2022 5/11/2022 5/18/2022 (05-04,11,18-22)

HUNG YUAN ADVERTISING AGENCY AND PRINTING SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN683698

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HUNG YUAN ADVERTISING AGENCY AND PRINTING SERVICE, 719 Josina Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yao Yu Liu, 719 Josina Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/20/2003. /S/ Yao Yu Liu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/30/2022. (04-27-22,05-04,11,18-22)

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Empowered Body Pilates FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684190

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Empowered Body Pilates, 394 State Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Empowered Body Pilates LLC, 926 Douglass Street, San Francisco, CA, 94114. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/15/2022. /S/ Nicole Kennedy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/15/2022. (04-27-22,05-04,11,18-22)

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SAKSHEE SERVICES LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684148

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SAKSHEE SERVICES LLC, 1404 Oak Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SAN BRUNO CROSS ROADS INVESTMENTS LLC, 1404 Oak Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2022. /S/ Samir Patel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2022. (04-27-22,05-04,11,18-22)

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BLUE ROSE VIBES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN683810

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BLUE ROSE VIBES, 685 Drucilla Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company.

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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BLUE ROSE METAPHYSICS LLC, 685 Drucilla Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tiffney Helgerson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/04/2022. (04-27-22,05-04,11,18-22)

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LIQUOR AND FOOD MART FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN683560

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LIQUOR AND FOOD MART, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): RIVER N FIELD INC, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tai Jung Hsu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/25/2022. (04-20,27-22,05-04,11-22)

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T4 ALMADEN VALLEY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684076

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: T4 ALMADEN VALLEY, 6950 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA, 95120, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BAY BREEZE INC., 6950 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA, 95120. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Luying Jin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/12/2022. (04-20,27-22,05-04,11-22)

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VERITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN684036

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VERITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., 569 Clyde Ave Ste 570, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): VERITY PROPERTIES, INC, 569 Clyde Ave Ste 570, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ William L Pataky / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/11/2022. (04-20,27-22,05-04,11-22)

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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. PETITS POIS GARDENS, 4531 Elmhurst Drive, San Jose, CA 95129 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 10/03/2013 Under File No. FBN583464 Full Name of Registrant(s): Heidi Hegel Witkowski, 4531 Elmhurst Drive, San Jose, CA 95129 This business was conducted by: An Individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on April 11, 2022. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN684003 (04-20,27-22,05-04,11-22)

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EVENTS

Friends of the Los Altos Library's used book sale. Thousands of books in many categories for adults, children and teens, including fiction, literature, mysteries, cookbooks, hobbies, history, business and media. 6:30-9 p.m. May 20 (members' night; join at the door for \$10); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21; noon to 3 p.m. May 22 (books sold by the bag for \$5). Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road. Masks required. Proceeds benefit Los Altos libraries. losaltoslibraryfriends.org.

EXHIBITS

Works by six young students of artist Yuming Tseng of the NPO Zhaoyu Cultural Foundation. Through May 29. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road. Booksandme.org.

"An Artist's Journey." Fine art exhibit featuring local artist Pat Ley. March through September. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Art walk and talk: 2-4 p.m. June 24. (650) 941-7222; patley.com; losaltoshills.ca.gov.

AUDITIONS

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale. Sing varied repertoire with the symphony. Most rehearsals Tuesdays. Auditions for all sections ongoing by appointment. chorale@symphonysiliconvalley.org.

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Seeks French horn players for its performance season. conductor@fswinds.org.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Jazzercise Dance Mixx and Body Sculpting. Live on Zoom seven days a week. Free trial class. First 10 consecutive classes \$39. Full-time members also have free access to Jazzercise Live on-demand. (408) 505-2048; Nisaleone@sbcglobal.net.

Adult Ballet Class. Led by Leslie Friedman over Zoom. 4 p.m. Tuesdays. \$48 for four classes; \$15 drop-in. livelyfoundation@sbcglobal.net.

Square Dance. Led by Bows & Beaus Square Dance Club. Open to adults singles and couples. 7-9 p.m. Mondays. Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave. (408) 219-4239;

bowsandbeaus.org.

Garden Club of Los Altos. Garden or floral expert speaks at each meeting. 1:20 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December). Virtual meeting on Zoom. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte. Guests \$5. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

Gym Ventures. Parent-child classes. Offerings include youth sports, swim lessons and more. El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. 969-9622.

Fitness Boot Camp. Sixty sessions of exercise. 6-7 a.m. weekdays or just Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Shower facilities available. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Less than \$4 per class. Registration: foothill.augusoft.net.

Morning Flow Yoga. Led by Duanni Hurd. 7-8 a.m. Saturdays. Yoga of Los Altos, 377 First St. \$13.50-\$18; Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. (650) 600-8108.

Retreats. Weekend of reflection, prayer and discernment. The Jesuit Retreat Center, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos. \$280/weekend. jrclosaltos.org.

Parent-Child Gym, Swimming, Drama, Sports, Art, etc. YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula El Camino Branch, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. (650) 969-9622.

CLUBS/GROUPS

Chess. New group. 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Free. (650) 400-0353; bengk@att.net.

Meditation group. Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Kornfield. Susan Murphy at somurphy@earthlink.net for Zoom login. Free.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch 35. Active mature men who meet for lunch to socialize, enjoy food and listen to speakers. Third Wednesday of each month. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. (408) 313-6852; pschutz3@comcast.net; sirinc2.org/branch35.

Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Helps new residents become better acquainted with their neighbors and new community. Activities include programs, luncheons, hiking, bridge and book clubs. (650) 948-3421; losaltosnewcomers.com.

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Worship 6:30 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Drive to the back of the campus. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Duplicate Bridge Club. All levels of play. Classes and lectures available; lunch included. Bring a partner or be placed with one. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday; noon Saturday. 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. First time free; \$15 afterward. (650) 940-1824; paloaltobridge.org.

Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area. Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. (650) 961-3539; ffsfba.org.

Assistance League of Los Altos. Non-profit volunteer group that develops and runs programs benefiting children and others in need in nearby communities of Santa Clara County. Year-round volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. 169 State St., Los Altos. (650) 941-2410; losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

Glass and Decorative Arts Club. Speakers and light lunch. 11:45 a.m., fourth Monday of the month, October through May. Foothills Congregational Church Parish Hall, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Free for newcomers. gbcrystal@sbcglobal.net.

Young Adults Bible Study. For those ages 18 and up who want to grow spiritually. Read the Bible and be part of a small community. jameshugmd@gmail.com.

Sons in Retirement, Southern Peninsula Branch 5. Devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. Small group of men who get together each month to socialize, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (650) 299-9479; sirinc2.org/branch5.

Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Open to women 18 and up, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. The chapter promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. It focuses on supporting active-duty military and veterans, awarding students in the American History essay contest and providing scholarships to Foothill College students. Meets monthly (September-May) and virtually. (650) 796-9165; losaltosdar@gmail.com.

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Percussionists and other musicians welcome. Rehearsals Wednesday nights, Blach Intermediate School, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. conductor@fswinds.org.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. Non-profit mixed choir of local citizens who enjoy singing a cappella. Outdoor rehearsals 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays. Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, 858 University Ave. peninsulaharmony.org.

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women residing in Los Altos Hills. Activities include luncheons, social events, book groups, bridge, card games and a travel-interest group. (650) 917-9221; pamelajtaft@gmail.com.

Sons In Retirement, Mid-Peninsula Branch 51. Open to retired men who want to make friends and participate in activities such as golf, hiking, biking, bowling and travel. Monthly lunch meetings with guest speakers. 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of the month. Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place, Los Altos Hills. (650) 930-0510; SIR51.org.

Los Altos Library Great Books Group. Meets 7-9 p.m. every third Tuesday. Los Altos Library, 13. S. San Antonio Road. (650) 961-7380; MVD1131@aol.com.

Mothers Uniting Mothers (MUMS). For mothers of young children interested in getting to know other moms. 9:30-11:30 a.m. every other Wednesday. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Childcare provided. bayareamums@yahoo.com; mums.laumc.org.

Girl Scouts. Make friends, participate in outdoor activities, develop new skills and learn to be a leader. Open to girls entering grades K-12. judyzellars@gmail.com.

Peninsula Clef Hangers. Women's choral group seeks singers for fall and spring concerts for seniors and other groups. Rehearsals 7 p.m. Thursdays. Lytton Garden, 437 Webster St., Palo Alto. (650) 947-3322.

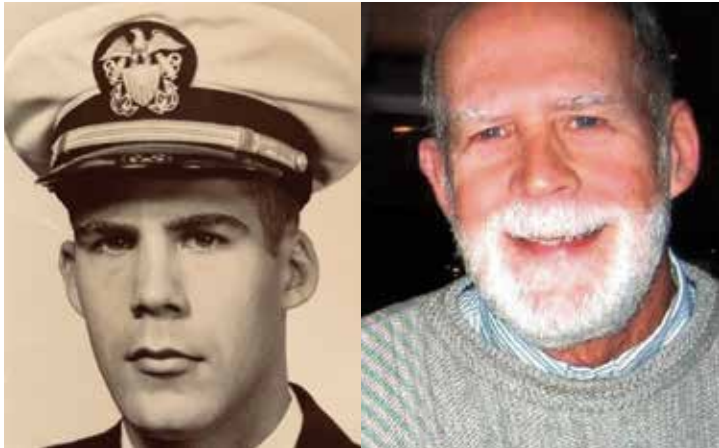
Rotary Club of Los Altos Sunset. 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 4320 El Camino Real, Los Altos. 325 Main St., Los Altos. (408) 807-0575.

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. 383-7540.

Book Club Beyond. For students in grades 7-9. (650) 948-7683; sneeri@library.sccgov.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

PAUL ANDERSON



October 17, 1933 – March 25, 2022

Paul Nerland Anderson, loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather, sailed his last—outward bound on an ebbing tide—on March 25th, 2022, at the age of 88.

Paul was born in Seattle, Washington, to Katharine and Andrew Anderson. He grew up with his younger brother Rolf in both Washington state (Vashon Island) and Washington D.C., where his father finished his career as Regional Fisheries Attaché for Europe, US State Department. Paul graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School—a valued member of the varsity track team—and then attended Bucknell University. Later he attended and graduated from the University of Utah where he met his first wife, Elaine, who passed in 2000. He graduated from the university with Elaine, they were married, and then Paul received his Naval commission, all in the same week in 1956. Paul married Barbara (Bobbi) Callison in 2006 and they lived in Los Altos.

Paul served as a radio officer on the USS Midway, patrolling the South Pacific in between the Korean and Vietnam wars. Upon finishing his service, Paul and Elaine moved to Oakland, California and started a family. Later they moved to the Peninsula, first to Cupertino and then Los Altos Hills, where they raised three boys. Their home in Los Altos Hills was built before the 280-freeway existed and their neighborhood was considered rural at the time. They had a large vegetable garden, and the twenty-five apricot trees on their property produced dried apricots, apricot jam and apricot liqueur every summer, which Paul's family shared for many years with relatives every Christmas.

Paul worked for GTE Sylvania Government Systems in Mountain View for thirty-three years, managing proposals for Top Secret communications technology that helped to win the Cold War. He also attended Santa Clara University in the early 1980s where he earned his MBA. His real passion, however, was sailing, which manifested first by joining the San Jose Sailing Club (SJSC) in 1970, and where he was later voted as a

delegate to the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) in 1993.

Paul served as SJSC Commodore in 1994. In 2019 Paul received PICYA's Silver Star for his commitment, dedication, and valuable service to Northern California's recreational boating community. Paul also joined the Golden Gate Yacht Club in 1993, which sponsored Larry Ellison's America's Cup team and brought the Cup to Northern California in 2010. In the early 2000s Paul restored a 1938 Chris Craft cabin cruiser, Klondike, which he showed with his wife Bobbi at various International Boat Shows throughout the United States and Canada, and which won two Best of Show awards in 2014 and 2015.

Paul and Elaine—and then Paul and Bobbi—were avid travelers, visiting many different countries, and five continents. Paul and Bobbi climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in 2001, shortly after they first met. In 2007, he and eight family members backpacked the Chilcoot Trail, which the miners used during the Alaskan Gold Rush in the 1890s to get to the Klondike gold mines. Paul's grandfather hiked the trail in 1898, and Paul's father Andrew was born in Dawson City in 1901.

Paul is survived by his wife Barbara Callison, together twenty-one years, his three children, Michael Anderson (Lori Gordon), Eric Anderson (Lillian Llacer), and Ken Anderson (April Dedini), all of Nevada City; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his sister-in-law from his first marriage, Barbara Petersen in Salt Lake City, and her two children; and his brother, Rolf Anderson in Alvadore, Oregon, and his three children. He is also survived by his wife Bobbi's family who he loved as his own, sons Jeff Callison (Debbie), Sue Callison (Dave), Chris Callison (Mariah), and Bobbi's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial for Paul at the Foothills Congregational Church in Los Altos on May 21st, from 1 pm to 4 pm. The address is 461 Orange Avenue, and all who wish to remember Paul are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Paul's name to either the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PIYA)

Scholarship Fund, C/O Treasurer, 805 Seal Pointe Drive, Redwood City, CA 94965, or Hospice of the Valley, 4850 Union Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124.



ROY ROBERT CRAMBLIT



October 3, 1929 – November 17, 2021

Roy Robert Cramblit died peacefully Nov. 17, 2021, due to complications of late stage Parkinson's. He was born October 3, 1929, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Howard and Lucy Cramblit. He grew up on a farm in Ohio and graduated M&M High School in McConnelville, Ohio, and joined the US Navy serving in the Korean War.

Roy Cramblit graduated from The Ohio State University with bachelor and MBA degrees. He was president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity two years and was assistant Dean of Men, and remained a lifelong Buckeye's fan.

He married Helen Dolores Cramblit in 1957, and moved to Silicon Valley in the late 50's.

He was a trailblazer as personnel director for Palo Alto Medical Clinic for 18 years, and worked in leadership positions at both Roseville and Hollister Hospitals. He worked for the VA in Menlo Park for the latter part of his career, assisting veterans with job placement.

In his personal life he was a published poet, landscaper, painter, carpenter and musician, devoted husband, wonderful father (and grandfather), loved by all who knew him. He enjoyed the outdoors and travel. With his personal mantra "Life is good," he made life for those around him good as well. A kind, intelligent hardworking old school gentleman, he will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his spouse Dee Cramblit, brother Ron and spouse Sandy Cramblit, his children Deanna and Rodney Cramblit, and daughter-in-law and grandchildren Mitsuko, Ryan and Brandon Cramblit.

The family appreciates the professional care provided by Sutterhealth, Palo Alto Veteran's

Administration, ComForCare, Hospice of the Valley (San Jose), Good Samaritan Hospital (San Jose).



SCOTT LAPPE



March 26, 1987 – April 9, 2022

Scott Lappe, loving son, brother, nephew, cousin and grandson, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2022.

Born March 26, 1987, Scott grew up in Portola Valley and moved to Los Altos in 2000 where he attended Los Altos High School and Foothill College.

In his short time on this earth, Scott's journey was defined by his ever-present smile and instantaneous wit, generosity of spirit and constant concern for all those around him. Scott's random-good-deed-doer stories included always stopping to rescue stranded cyclists with roadside mechanical assistance, providing anonymous lawn mowing service to neighbors in-need and always offering help and support to those who needed it.

Scott's interests reflected his adventurous spirit including many sports. During his childhood he excelled at baseball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse.

In high school Scott enjoyed playing on the varsity golf team resulting in a lifelong love of the game. Over the last several years, he enjoyed playing as a member of the Los Altos "Flatlanders" softball team.

Scott worked for many years as a skilled bicycle mechanic, and he loved all kinds of bicycling including mountain biking with family and friends and competing in cyclocross events across California.

"I love life, as long as it's on two wheels". Backing up his claim he was a skilled motorcycle stunt rider, rode dirt bikes and was a member of local motorcycle clubs.

Always the social guy, Scott enjoyed a wide group of friends he had bonded with over the years.

Working for several years at Squaw Valley, he celebrated snowboarding and skiing in the beautiful mountains that he loved and shared it all with

amazing companions, cohorts and colleagues.

As a self-professed legendary fisherman, Scott spent many, many hours with his special fishing buddies at beautiful locations all over California, often with meager results. It was there that he fully understood and championed his favorite phrase, "There is a reason why they call it fishing and not catching".

Most recently Scott found a new passion for disc golf and meeting fellow enthusiasts. Often playing at Villa Maria, Scott would meet up with strangers at the first tee box who had become his friends by the 9th hole. As a member of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf association, Scott embraced the game, reaching #117 on Silicon Valley players list last year. Immersing himself in artistic disc design, Scott and his girlfriend spent many hours creating incredible disc art pieces.

A natural born entertainer, accomplished storyteller (BS'er), acclaimed tapas maker, and fabled Jeopardy player, Scott was happiest when in his canoe or in the company of family, friends, and laughter.

Scott is survived by his sister, Jessica Lappe, his mother Katherine Loughridge, his father Alexander Lappe, his grandmother Nancy Loughridge and many loving cousins, aunts, uncles, and critters.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 1-4 at Los Altos Community Center for family and close friends.

Donations can be made to this organization which works to support bicycle safety and provides adaptive bicycles for those with disabilities, which is a group that Scott enjoyed supporting. California Bicycle Coalition www.calbike.org



OBITUARY NOTICE

IRMGARD CHU



*April 14, 1935 –
April 30, 2022*

Irmgard (Suetterlin) Chu passed away just two weeks after her 87th birthday on April 30, 2022, after suffering a stroke. She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Tao-Zeun "T.Z." Chu, and survived by her daughter Andrea (Chu) Adelmann, son-in-law Andrew Adelmann, grandchildren Olivia and Kyle Adelmann, and two sisters and one brother in Switzerland. Irmgard is remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, and a devoted friend to many locally and abroad.

Born and raised in Allschwil, Switzerland, Irmgard was an accomplished linguist and excellent skier. She and T.Z. met when he hired her as his Executive Assistant at the Basel office of the American company for which he was the General Manager. They married in Switzerland in 1963 and soon thereafter moved to Berkeley where T.Z. had attended university. In 1970 they settled in Los Altos Hills, where Irmgard became involved in the community. She was a long-time volunteer at Filoli Historic House and Gardens, El Camino Hospital and St. Nicholas Church. She took art history and art appreciation courses at Foothill College and private lessons in Italian and Spanish. Irmgard loved gardening and took pride in her expansive yard and knowledge of flowers. She and T.Z. enjoyed playing tennis at Fremont Hills Country Club and skiing and hiking in Lake Tahoe, where they owned a second home. She loved classical music and the arts, frequenting museums around the world and attending the San Francisco Opera and ACT Theater for over 50 years. She and T.Z. traveled extensively visiting nearly every continent and enjoyed spending summers in Switzerland with their daughter. Throughout her life, Irmgard was very active, running, skiing into her 70's and walking to church and downtown Los Altos from her home.

Irmgard was very proud of her Swiss heritage and the relationships she maintained with lifelong friends abroad. She will be missed by many around the world.

A private burial for family will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. The memorial mass will be Tuesday, May 17 at 10:30am at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 473 Lincoln Avenue, Los Altos followed by a reception. In the interest of safety, we ask that only fully vaccinated and boosted individuals attend the service and reception. Additionally, the family kindly requests guests take a rapid at-home COVID test on the morning of the 17th to ensure they are COVID negative. Masks are optional.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Irmgard's name to Compass High School (www.compasshigh.org), a non-profit school in San Mateo co-founded by Irmgard's daughter Andrea, supporting students with learning differences, like Irmgard's granddaughter, Olivia.



BETTY FARRELL



*December 7, 1930 –
March 23, 2022*

A resident of Los Altos for over 58 years, Betty was born to John Franklin and June Louise Jessee in Manteca, California. Graduating from California State University San Jose in 1952, with a degree in Education, she taught kindergarten in the Portola Valley School District for seven years.

After retiring from teaching, Betty devoted her time to raising her three sons, managing her family rental properties in Manteca, participating as an active member of the American Association of University Woman (AAUW) and volunteering at the Bechtel Center at Stanford University. She made lifelong friends worldwide while volunteering at the Bechtel Center. These friends have hosted Betty and Pat their homes in their native countries of South Korea, Japan, Columbia, Germany and Peru, and many returned for a stay at their home.

Betty was predeceased by her mother, father and her brother, Donald Jessee. Betty leaves behind her husband Patrick, sons Stephen (Cheri), Scott (Carol), and Jeffrey (Dana), grandchildren, Kayla Monk (husband Patrick), Anna Farrell,

Brandon Farrell, Mathilda Farrell, Bryce Farrell, Tyler Farrell and two great-granddaughters, Charlotte and Eleanor. She is also survived by her brother's children Gail Perry, Ann Leonardo, Gary Jessee and Dane Jessee.



VINCENT TIMOTHY MURPHY, MD



*April 20, 1923 –
April 17, 2022*

Vincent Timothy Murphy passed away on Easter Sunday, April 17, three days short of his 99th birthday. He was a long time resident of Los Altos also spending several years of retirement in Carmel Valley. He had a medical practice in Los Altos for forty years, delivering 6765 children in his career.

Vincent was born in Brooklyn N.Y. to Mary and Timothy Murphy, the second of four children. He was raised on Long Island. He attended Brooklyn Prep, University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown Medical School. He enlisted in the Navy and served duty at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

He married Dorothy Janet Mimeau from Burlington Vermont in 1949. Their marriage lasted 64 years until Dorothy's passing in 2013. They had 7 children; Kathy Kimose (Randy), Sharon Nelson, (Paul), Tim Murphy (deceased 2014) (Josie), Deirdre Durose, Maureen Dinallo (Ray), Colleen Parks (Dan), Christina Ficovich (Steve). 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Vincent was an avid golfer playing Los Altos Country Club and Carmel Valley Ranch. He was an armchair quarterback for all his favorite sport teams. He would complain to whoever would listen about the coaching of his Notre Dame Football team. He also loved sailing and playing cards with Dorothy.

We will miss this Irishman's sense of humor and ability to tell a great joke. Humor was Vin's gift. Vincent and Dorothy will be reunited in a scattering of their ashes privately with their family.



STEVE GRUBER



*October 1944 –
April 2, 2022*

Long time Los Altos attorney, Steve Gruber, dies April 2 2022.

After suffering a stroke on Feb 16 Steve Gruber, a lawyer, journalist, and avid bicyclist, finally succumbed on April 2. He passed peacefully with wife Alice and son Grant by his side. He was 77.

Steve was born in southern California in 1944 and graduated from Huntington Beach High in June 1962. He entered Stanford University that September, majoring in sociology. He was a writer and editor on the staff of the Stanford Daily, and in 1966 served as editor of the Stanford Summer Weekly before graduating in 1967. During his college years he joined Navy Reserves in June 1964 and served until 1971.

The Stanford Daily experience introduced him to first career – journalism. He joined the staff of the San Jose Mercury News in summer of 1967 and spent a year covering San Jose City Hall. Then a new interest in a career in law took him to Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon where, as a member of the Class of 1971, he earned a PhD Jurisprudence. He was admitted to California bar in January 1972 but he returned to journalism. As a reporter in the North County bureau of the San Jose Mercury Steve covered Stanford hospital's pioneering work in heart transplant, among other stories.

After a 10-year writing career Steve opened his law practice in Los Altos in Oct 1982. He was later certified in his Legal Specialty: Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law (State Bar of California). Over his 30 years of practice He had an interest in mentoring new lawyers in his Legal Specialty and in offering information to the public at large about his specialty through his website "Living Trusts for California Residents". He was one of the first attorneys to offer such a website in 1998 which he created and maintained by himself. This was the first of several websites that he created and maintained. He was self taught in web development with the help of classes at Foothill College.

He married his wife Alice in Feb 1980 and their son Grant Gruber of Concord, CA was born in 1982.

Steve joined Los Altos Rotary in 1983 and was a member until 2013 when he retired from his law practice. His many services to the club including editor of the Rotator, club web master were acknowledged when he was awarded Rotarian of the Year for 1992-1993.

He was an active bicyclist in the Almaden Cycling Club and other local clubs.

He is survived by wife Alice, son Grant, sisters Chris Greve and Mary Gruber and many nephews and cousins and a grand niece.

In addition to the stroke, in his last years, Steve was also challenged by Parkinson's disease which had been diagnosed 5 years before.

Steve had a positive attitude towards the challenges of Parkinson's disease. He attended exercise classes for PD patients and older people with balance problems 5 days a week at the El Camino and Palo Alto YMCA's. Steve appreciated the support of the Parkinson's community.

Alice was greatly helped by and Steve benefited from the Stanford Parkinson's Disease Caregivers Support Group Program,

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable contributions in memory of Steve Gruber be made to this program by making checks payable to Stanford University with "GHDZF" in the memo line. Mail to:

Medical Center Development
Stanford University
Attn: Gift Processing
485 Broadway, U465
Redwood City, CA 94063

Celebration of Life is May 21, 3:30 pm at Los Altos United Methodist church. Masks are required in the sanctuary.



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STREET ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	BLDG SQFT	LOT SIZE	AGE	YEAR BUILT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	LISTING DATE	SALE DATE	CLOSE DATE	DOM	DELTA	PRICE/SQFT	PCT
1567 Arbor Avenue	5	7	5,656	13,056	1	2021	\$7,495,000	\$7,495,000	1/19/22	2/6/22	2/17/22	18	\$0	\$1,325	100%
600 Springer Terrace	5	4.5	3,190	10,357	0	2022	\$5,498,000	\$6,153,846	2/10/22	2/17/22	3/29/22	7	\$655,846	\$1,929	112%
827 Mora Drive	3	3	2,694	23,236	66	1956	\$3,998,000	\$5,600,000	2/17/22	2/23/22	4/1/22	6	\$1,602,000	\$2,079	140%
1400 Mckenzie Avenue	4	3	2,891	17,416	70	1952	\$3,998,000	\$5,311,000	1/19/22	1/26/22	2/11/22	7	\$1,313,000	\$1,837	133%
835 Madonna Way	5	3.5	2,478	13,663	58	1964	\$3,998,000	\$4,800,000	2/23/22	3/2/22	3/25/22	7	\$802,000	\$1,937	120%
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1235 S Springer Rd	4	2.5	2,402	9,360	71	1951	\$3,988,000	\$4,300,000	2/15/22	2/21/22	3/31/22	6	\$312,000	\$1,790	108%
1284 Paula Court	4	4	2,768	12,686	102	1920	\$3,498,000	\$4,058,800	1/20/22	2/1/22	2/14/22	12	\$560,800	\$1,466	116%
10510 Creston Drive	3	2	1,326	14,457	67	1955	\$2,399,950	\$3,520,000	1/27/22	2/3/22	3/4/22	7	\$1,120,050	\$2,655	147%
11730 Par Avenue	3	1	936	8,495	72	1950	\$2,150,000	\$2,560,000	2/17/22	2/25/22	3/17/22	8	\$410,000	\$2,735	119%
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