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'Four-legged firefighters' graze their way through Los Altos Hills

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Any wildfires ignited this year near Los Altos Hills' Byrne Preserve will have less vegetation to fuel their fury, thanks to an army of voracious visitors that recently descended on the dry golden grasses there.

On May 17, herders released approximately 400 goats in and around the preserve, which borders Altamont Road and includes Westwind Community Barn. They departed for a new job in San Carlos last week and will tackle open spaces near Belmont soon afterward.

The annual "running of the goats" is always a welcome spectacle in Los Altos Hills, said J. Logan, general manager of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, which organizes the work as part of a suite of district Integrated Hazardous Fuel Reduction programs.

"The goats are quite 'professional' and travel to various venues throughout the goat grazing season and are always hungry," Logan wrote in an email she sent to the Town Crier last week.

Since 2006, the fire district has relied on the services of goats to clear fire hazards such as grass, brush and low tree limbs from Los Altos Hills open spaces, thereby safeguarding nearby homes. This year, the operation will cost \$19,556, a tab funded through



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Goats munch away at fire-prone weeds recently at Byrne Preserve in Los Altos Hills.

property taxes allocated to the fire district by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Ecosystem Concepts Inc. is the district's longtime contract provider. Owners of the Dixon-based company affectionately refer to the members of their herd as "four-legged firefighters."

"The people love it," said Robert McGrew, a rancher and former firefighter who co-founded the business circa 1991. "They love bringing agriculture to the cities. I mean,

we have schools that bring all the kids down, and we walk 'em through all the goats, and it's been a big success. People call: 'When are they coming? When are they coming?'"

McGrew's crew consists of hybrids, a cross between Spanish "meat" goats from Texas and Boer goats herding from South Africa. Herders from Peru stay on-site at all times, sleeping in a trailer at night, and their dogs, Akbash-Great Pyrenees mixes,

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Emotions run high as council passes resolution in Lee Eng-Moos flap

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The Los Altos City Council passed a resolution in the early hours of May 26 aimed at mending a gaping political wound dividing the community over a dispute between an Asian-American council member and a local Black activist.

In an epic council meeting lasting past 2 a.m., replete with approximately 80 speakers, another 17 written comments, complaints of out-of-town interference and an emotional statement by Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng, the council voted 3-2 to "directly address this situation and the impact on the community."

Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg and Mayor Neysa

Fligor, who drafted the resolution, and Councilmember Sally Meadows voted to approve it after some edits. Lee Eng and Councilmember Anita Enander participated in the editing, but in the end, both opposed the resolution.

Council members sought to have the resolution state a sequence of facts to set the record straight, referencing the Nov. 24, council meeting from which the controversy stemmed. The resolution stated that its purpose was to respond to residents' requests for "some form of closure on this issue."

According to the resolution, Kenan Moos had texted Lee Eng

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Caught ADU fever? Los Altos meeting raises temperatures, presents cautions as cure

By Megan V. Winslow
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Minutes after a trio of Bay Area-based accessory dwelling unit developers introduced their firms to prospective clients last week, an architect who designs ADUs offered some candid words of warning meant "to scare people away."

"I'm seeing at a minimum \$220,000 for a 400-square-foot ADU," said Jessica Resmini,

CEO of Palo Alto-based ADU Collective.

Many endeavors, Resmini continued, consist of upgrades that can skyrocket the final cost of adding a secondary home to a residential lot into the \$627,000 range.

The Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance, a group of local volunteers who support strategic residential growth, hosted the May 26 virtual event,

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We switched to a new architecture for our site last week, with redesigned pages and more tools the community has asked for, including a free community calendar where you can post events of local interest.

As we add features and work out the kinks of our new service, please keep the feedback coming – email online editor Eliza Ridgeway at elizar@latc.com.

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Town Crier freelance photographer S.M. Lieu captured the eclipsed moon early May 26 from the Covington School field in Los Altos. An unusual celestial event combined the supermoon (when a new or full moon is at its closest approach to Earth) and a lunar eclipse (when the Earth's shadow blocks the sun's light). If you want to catch a glimpse of other moments from around town as they happen, follow us at Facebook.com/LosAltosTownCrier.

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Ice cream lures donors to LAHS blood drive

Working with Stanford Blood Center, Los Altos High School's Student Community Leaders class hosted a blood drive May 26 on campus in honor of Los Altos High teacher Jessica Hayes' son, who was diagnosed with leukemia. Nearly 50 students and community members donated blood – including Los Altos High student Lauren Yih, pictured – with each of them receiving a free pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream in appreciation for their contribution. Stanford Blood Center also sent blood to local hospitals in preparation for treating the victims of the mass shooting in San Jose that day, according to Student Community Leaders member Leo Jacques. Monica Doleshel, Stanford Blood Center account manager, confirmed the donation in an email and added that the drive resulted in 34 productive units of blood that “will impact the lives of 102 patients.”

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Senator's online forum highlights California's ongoing water crisis

By Megan V. Winslow
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Godzilla made a cameo appearance at California State Sen. Josh Becker's forum on water resiliency last week. In a slide presented by panelist Felicia Marcus, the bipedal lizard lurked behind San Francisco skyscrapers swathed in the orange haze of Sept. 9, 2020, the day Bay Area wildfire smoke obscured the sun.

To Marcus, the William C. Landreth Visiting Fellow at Stanford University, the monster represents both the abrupt “wake-up call” of the 2011-2014 California drought as well as the uncertainty of what the current fire season has in store for residents.

“The only question is which Godzilla of wildfires are we going to get?” she asked. “How big is it going to be?”

While part of Thursday's hourlong forum highlighted potential relief to come, including Bay Area water recycling projects in progress and a \$5.1 billion drought response package proposed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, panelists shared sobering statistics and commentary about the state's ongoing water crisis.

The Bay Area is dependent on water from the Sierra Nevada snowpack and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, both of which are threatened resources due to diminishing precipitation

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RESOLUTION

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after she asked about the cost of a police reform item at the November meeting. Moos, co-founder of the social justice group Justice Vanguard, texted Lee Eng, “Your name will be all over the papers.” Lee Eng read Moos' text and reacted by publicly stating that she was receiving “racist texts from Justice Vanguard” and expressed concern for her and her family's safety. Lee Eng's response to Moos' texts drew outrage from his supporters, who said the council member had criminalized Moos, a Los Altos resident. Moos further texted Lee Eng after her statement that he was not threatening her.

“This is me expressing my disappointment” (with her vote), he wrote.

Moos' supporters have spoken at every council meeting since, calling for Lee Eng to apologize or even resign. Lee Eng's backers said the council member was being bullied and was a victim of “cancel culture.”

The issue made national and international headlines last week with stories on the Daily Mail and Fox News websites focusing on Lee Eng's perspective. The stories triggered social media attacks, and Moos said he has received death threats.

“No one deserves the threat of violence – not Councilmember Lee Eng and not me,” Moos said. “The results of the interviews given to the Daily Mail and Fox News are not good for me, they are not good for Councilmember Lee Eng and they are not good for the Los Altos community.”

A large number of the speakers at the meeting, which began the night of May 25, expressed support for the council resolution, even as Lee Eng's backers railed against the proposed wording. Supporters included a group of former council members, including Jeannie Bruins and Jan Pepper, who were at the Nov. 24 meeting.

Fligor emphasized that the resolution was neither taking sides nor criticizing anyone. But Lee Eng said it was biased against her by stating some facts and omitting others. Enander noted, for example, that Lee Eng did not identify the sender of the texts and did not read the text messages aloud. Lee Eng objected to the draft resolution's “all caps” statement that Moos “DID NOT physically threaten Councilmember Lee Eng,” as an example. The council agreed to make changes.

Lee Eng speaks out

Toward the 1 a.m. hour, a clearly frustrated Lee Eng made a statement. She started by saying that she had suffered a stroke years ago and had spent a “tremendous amount of time in rehabilitation learning how to speak again. I realize that I have trouble at times processing and articulating what I am trying to say. If everyone could be a little bit more courteous and patient, it would be a big help.”

Lee Eng complained of being cut off from speaking at council meetings and said comments made against her over the past six months “have made me feel alienated. ... I have been continually marginalized by council members. ... Why am I being treated differently? The only difference I can see is that I am an



Lee Eng



Fligor

Asian female minority.”

Lee Eng explained the events of Nov. 24 this way: “The fear I experienced compounded with the difficulty of expressing myself may have led to a misunderstanding when I tried to convey the anxiety I felt after reading those texts from Kenan Moos.”

She centered much of her criticism directly on Fligor, whom she accused of siding with Moos and “dismissing me, canceling me. ... I'm shocked that someone who claims to stand against racism apparently only stands against racism directed at your race. Neither you nor the other council members know what it is like to walk in my shoes.”

Fligor countered that she wasn't judging and that she respected how Lee Eng felt.

“I dispute any notion that I only care about one race,” Fligor said to Lee Eng. “I have rallied against (Asian American and Pacific Islander) hate, and I mean it to the core, that it is wrong and unacceptable. ... I think deep down you know me and you know that I do care, and I stand for all our communities.”

The mayor had expressed hope in

achieving a unanimous vote in favor of the resolution to show common ground. But Enander and Lee Eng indicated early on their support was unlikely.

“Like everyone here, I want to see this matter resolved,” Enander said. “I have no assurance, however, that this document will achieve that. ... I tried to figure out what we could do differently to avoid such problems in the future. ... That's what leaders do. That's what I want us to do here.”

Enander said the council should make clear that texts and other communications outside public comment during council meetings is contrary to council “norms” and could lead to violations of the Brown Act, the state's open-meetings law. She added that such disruptions should be “dealt with right away,” in consultation with the city attorney – something that did not occur Nov. 24.

“In the end, what matters is whether Mr. Moos and Ms. Lee Eng can achieve some understanding of why each acted as they did, some understanding of how this whole thing went sideways and perhaps ... some forgiveness,” Enander said. “Only the two parties know how to bring this to a resolution.”

Moos, however, supported the resolution.

“I did not ask for a resolution, but I did ask for a solution,” he said. “This resolution appears to be the only solution that will clear my name.”

To view a copy of the revised resolution, see the online version of this story at losaltosonline.com.

News

Los Altos council OKs \$40K for expertise to determine future of Halsey House

By Bruce Barton
Town Crier Staff Writer

The long-vacated – and debated – Halsey House will undergo a more than \$40,000 consultants' review following action last week by the Los Altos City Council.

The council at its May 25 meeting approved a staff recommendation to engage three consulting firms that could offer the best guidance on what to do with the historical structure in the Redwood Grove preserve on University Avenue. The allocation involves appropriating \$40,480 in park in-lieu funds for a feasibility study involving Architectural Resource Group for \$18,890, a contract with David J. Powers & Associates for \$8,340 and another contract with Page & Turnbull for \$13,250.

The goal is finding answers to questions council members posed at their March 23 meeting as they consider four options for the dilapidated Halsey House: full rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the building; full demolition of the building; partial demolition/major alteration; and mothballing the building, meaning basic upkeep with an eye on use in the future.

Specific information the council seeks includes factors triggering a "delisting process" from Halsey House's historical status; the process for pursuing demolition; the step-by-step process for each of the four options; legal obligations/risks for each option; impact on Redwood Grove with each option; California Environmental Quality Act requirements and Americans with Disabilities Act access costs for each option.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

The historical Halsey House in Redwood Grove, above, has been shuttered for years.

Next step in the process

The decaying 1920s-era Halsey House, once home to an early-Los Altos family and more recently home to city-sponsored nature programs, has been out of commission since 2008. The structure has been the subject of ongoing vigorous debate, with some lobbying for restoration of the building and the return of nature programs, and others seeking demolition of a building they see as beyond repair.

That debate was especially prominent at the city's Feb. 10 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, when two commissioners offered separate presentations advocating for and against preservation.

Purchased by the city in 1974, the house was deemed a local historical resource in 1981 by the city council. Emma Halsey was credited with planting the redwoods that would come to define the 6-plus-acre preserve.

Architectural Resource Group will provide a historical structure report on Halsey

House. David J. Powers and Associates will respond to the council's CEQA-related questions. Page & Turnbull will prepare a historical resource evaluation.

The city will schedule a council study session after receiving the requested information from the consultants. Dave Brees, special projects manager, told the council it would take eight to 10 weeks for the consultants to finish their work.

"This is the next step in the process," Brees said. "We're trying to get this project moving and keep it moving from where it's been stalled in the past, and there hasn't been an opportunity to have a direction given."

"I would be remiss if I didn't point out to the council the irony that, by spending an additional \$40,000 on paper studies, ... the council will have spent more money on paper studies than on work to stabilize the building and make the necessary repairs," said former Planning Commissioner Jon Baer.

GOATS

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protect the goats from predators such as mountain lions and coyotes. A low-powered, battery-operated fence keeps would-be escape artists confined.

Munching through approximately an acre or two each day – depending on slope and the condition of the vegetation – the goats nibble the grass down to just a couple of inches.

Logan noted the goats effectively "mow" the landscape, but

they don't disturb roots, which provide soil stabilization.

More so than sheep and cattle, goats are gentle browsers capable of separating fuel ladders like drooping canopy growth from the ground, McGrew said.

"It's a popular way to do it," he said. "There's less noise, there are less pollutants – everything using animals naturally that used to be here years ago. There used to be herds and herds of antelope and deer that used to keep these fields down, and it's

not here anymore."

For more information on the fire district and the goat grazing program, visit lahcfd.org.

Los Altos Hills residents desiring tips about hardening their homes against wild-fire may tune in 7 p.m. June 16 for a free Zoom presentation courtesy of the Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee. For more information, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=2529.

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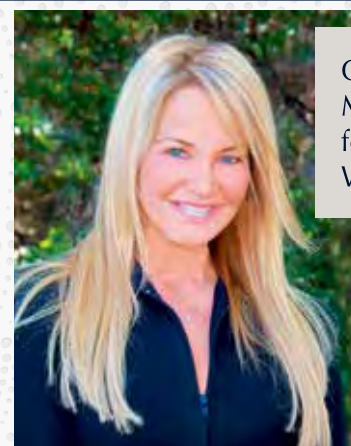
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Marching for George Floyd



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Members of the local activist group Justice Vanguard took to the streets May 25, marching to commemorate the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. The infamous incident, in which Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes, sparked outrage and demonstrations across the country. Participants at the march, which started at Los Altos High School and ended at the San Antonio Road-El Camino Real intersection, chanted "I can't breathe," reflecting Floyd's last words.

WATER

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and rising demand.

As of Thursday, the National Drought Mitigation Center classified the entire state as experiencing some degree of drought, measured on a scale from "abnormally dry" to "exceptional." The center described conditions within 73.3% of California, including along the Bay Area Peninsula, as "extreme," a designation signifying the persistence of a year-round fire season and an insufficient supply of water to support agriculture, wildlife and urban needs.

Currently, endangered fish populations are threatened, wells are running dry and fields are going fallow, Marcus said in summary.

Panelist Gary Kremen, Santa Clara Valley Water District Board vice chairman, offered a local perspective.

While 30% of Santa Clara County's water is sourced from groundwater aquifers and reservoirs, 50% is imported, and there are obstructions blocking retrieval, including the depleted snowpack, historically low upstream reservoirs and state and federal regulations that reserve water for protecting wildlife, according to his presentation.

Recycled water, 5% of the

county bucket, requires an initial water source to start with, Kremen said, and conservation, 15%, is contingent on the behaviors of residents and businesses.

The district traces the majority of local water consumption to homes with an even split of 27.5% drained for both indoor and outdoor activity, Kremen said. He further broke down indoor demand: toilets, 24%; showers, 20%; faucets, 19%; clothes washers, 17%; leaks, 12%; and "other," 8%.

"Most of it, 55%, is used by residential, and that's good because that's something we can control," he said, addressing the virtual attendees. "You, personally, can do something about it."

Panelist Newsha Ajami, director of Urban Water Policy with Stanford University's Water in the West program, emphasized a needed transition to reliance on groundwater basins for storage rather than snowpack.

Californians can't simply assume another wet year around the corner will offer relief, Ajami said.

For more information on water conservation, visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District website at valleywater.org. To alert water district officials to water wasting, call (408) 630-2000 or email waterwise@valleywater.org.

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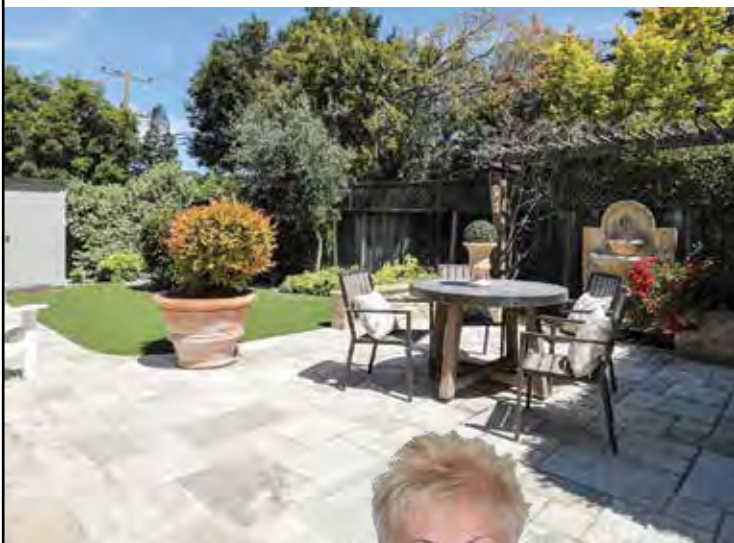


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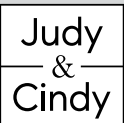
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“What’s New with ADUs?” In addition to developers and architects, the 50 or so participants heard from city planners and from residents who recently completed their own ADU projects.

A confluence of factors have established ADUs as the topic du jour for California local governments and residents alike. Cities and counties are motivated to encourage construction of the structures so as to meet state mandates requiring they plan for housing needs across all income levels; adding a miniature home to a backyard or side yard could theoretically help affluent communities like Los Altos meet their Department of Housing and Community Development-imposed goals across “moderate,” “low” and “very low” income tiers should renting one prove affordable to individuals with applicable earnings.

The Los Altos City Council adopted the city’s ADU ordinance in November. It describes rules and the approval process

SB 9 advances to Assembly

The California State Senate last week approved the controversial Senate Bill 9, which allows for a split of a single-family home lot. As many as four units – a smaller home and an accessory dwelling unit on each side, per one scenario – would be permitted under a set of fixed standards. The Los Altos and Los Altos Hills City Councils have both expressed opposition to the legislation. The bill now heads to the Assembly.

for developing both ADUs and JADUs (junior accessory dwelling units), additions of no more than 500 square feet contained within the walls of an existing residential structure.

To California homeowners, ADUs represent boosting the value of their existing homes as well as the potential for housing family members or for earning supplemental income through rent.

Los Altos projects, more often than not, are intended to support grown children who couldn’t otherwise afford to live in the area or elderly parents unable to safely live on their own, said Steve Golden, a senior planner for the city.

“I usually don’t get people proposing or saying this is going

to be a rental unit,” Golden said. “You saw the cost, and so I think given the climate of the cost, to really get the income back on this, it would take a very long time.”

ADU veterans share experiences

The COVID-19 pandemic has likely compounded demand as Californians working from home have the ability to supervise projects. In 2019, the city of Los Altos approved 18 ADU projects. Last year, the city approved 62.

“I’m literally fielding one or two ADU-related questions every day,” said Guido Persicone, Los Altos city planning services manager. “There’s a huge, huge interest in building them.”

The permit for Jennifer Till’s ADU was among those green-lighted last year. Till grew up in Los Altos and desired to return to her childhood home after living in Oakland with housemates. Her parents reside in Arizona, but they own their Los Altos home outright and agreed to share the cost of building a secondary unit within the 15,000-square-foot lot’s side yard. They signed a contract with a builder in June 2020, weathered loan and pandemic-related delays in the winter, and Till moved in approximately a month ago.

“From my perspective, it was easy, on time, on budget,” Till said. “It didn’t bother anybody.”

ADU projects can take anywhere from 30 days to nearly a year to complete, the developers told meeting participants, but obstacles such as tree protections, required tree replacements, additional sewer connections and geotechnical reports can increase both timelines and budgets.

Los Altos resident Tony Miley, who relocated his elderly parents from San Francisco to his backyard, described a hang-

up related to his project’s distance from a fire hydrant; as a safety precaution, he had to install special sprinklers able to reach the ADU.

“Fight it and spend weeks going through the permit approval process or just pay it and do it,” Miley said. “Not disparaging the city. It is what it is, but these things do come up, and you’ve just got to figure (them) out quickly.”

The city of Los Altos is still in the infancy stage of streamlining its ADU permitting process, Persicone said. His goal, in the next few months, is to create more forms and handouts informing residents of what an expansion might entail.

Persicone acknowledged the current excitement surrounding secondary dwellings but echoed the panelists’ cautions.

“You really are building, like, a mini house, so it is relatively involving,” he said.

For additional resources on ADU construction and to view a video recording of last week’s meeting, visit losaltosaffordablehousing.org.



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Understanding the resolution and growing together as a community

By Neysa Fligor

There have been many news stories, articles, social media posts and communications related to the Los Altos City Council's "Resolution Taking a Leadership Role on an Issue Negatively Impacting the Los Altos Community." The city council adopted the Leadership Resolution, by majority vote, to address the issue involving a text message from a resident to a council member, which was referenced at the Nov. 24 council meeting. I will not attempt to correct all the misinformation, misstatements and misunderstandings regarding the Leadership Resolution, but I do want to clarify what the resolution is and what it is not. I also invite everyone to read the final Leadership Resolution adopted May 25 and draw their own conclusion.

At the Nov. 24 council meeting, a text message was referenced and reacted to, and there were assumptions made about the text message, but the content

From the Mayor's Desk

of the text message was not disclosed on the public record. The Leadership Resolution, which is now part of the city council's record, provides the content of the referenced text message and gives a timeline of relevant facts that led to the adoption of the Leadership Resolution. The resolution also incorporates feedback from all five council members and from community members. Having the Leadership Resolution as part of the public record helps to provide the full picture of the situation.

The Leadership Resolution, however, does not ask anyone to apologize or resign; it does not defend the actions or statements of anyone or any group; it does not question how someone may have felt or what they thought when they read or sent the text message; it has nothing

to do with the School Resource Officer program or someone's vote related to that program; it does not seek to discipline, punish or embarrass anyone, or take any sides; and there are no ulterior motives to passing the resolution.

Like many residents, I hoped that this issue would have been resolved over the past couple months without the need for formal council action. I also understand that some residents believe this matter should be resolved privately, and I agree that even with the Leadership Resolution, the council member and resident should participate in some private discussion, whenever they are ready to do so. There are also residents who do not support the Leadership Resolution, and I do not expect to change their minds with this column.

But I do ask that even if you do not agree with the Leadership Resolution, let's all be thoughtful in our actions and statements going forward with the goal of

not escalating or increasing the divisiveness in our community. Some of the language and rhetoric I have seen over the past few days do not represent Los Altos, and that language is hurtful, divisive, embarrassing and disappointing. In Los Altos, we celebrate our diversity and stand with our Black, Brown and Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. We support things that unite us, not divide us. We have built a beautiful community here, so let's not tear it down with our words or actions, and we should definitely not have people who don't know our community define us. Instead, let's take this as an opportunity to learn and grow together as a community.

Thanks to everyone for your patience, engagement and support over the past six months. I have seen firsthand how we supported each other through a global pandemic, and I have no doubt we will get through this as well.

Neysa Fligor is mayor of Los Altos.

Letters to the Editor

Change the culture around mental health

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. By urging my public officials to prioritize suicide prevention, mental health and crisis care, I am hoping to influence collective change to support #MentalHealth4All.

Right now, individuals in crisis are able to call (800) 273-8255 to reach the National Suicide

Prevention Lifeline. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress and those who care for them. Soon, it will be much easier to remember how to reach the Lifeline as the number will be changing to 988 nationwide by July 2022.

Knowing this, it is critically important that states pass legislation now to reliably fund 988

Letters to the editor

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and their state's crisis response system, just as we fund 911 and emergency services – through small fees on our phone bills. Reliable funding will help to ensure all 988 callers can reach a counselor in their own state who is familiar with and can connect them with local resources. Culturally competent support and local connections can better help all callers through their crisis and in their recovery.

My daughter passed away to suicide in January. She suffered from depression, which was only supported outside of the school. School did not offer mental health support when she was a middle school student and is not offering any support to her sister, the suicide survivor, other than referring her to support organizations.

It is very important to increase budgets for school wellness centers that will provide

Peek into the Past



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Prunes dry on wooden trays on the Marvin Adams Ranch in 1906.

mental assistance for all students, and to bring mental illness awareness to all. This is not something people should feel ashamed of. They should be able to discuss it openly and get the support they need!

Join me this month in urging your public officials to fund 988. We all play a role in changing the culture around mental health. Together, we can ensure #MentalHealth4All.

**Michelle Reuven
Sunnyvale**

With trash overflowing, buy a bigger bin

Now that I have a dog, we walk. This morning we passed

three 32-gallon trash cans that had been filled over the top so that the lids were open and the crows had gotten into them, leaving trash on the pavement around them. Pretty disgusting, especially the dog waste that had gotten smeared into the pavement, and the incidental litter it creates with the wind picking up lighter pieces.

A 32-gallon can costs \$166 every three months; a 64-gallon bin is double at \$233 every three months. Please do yourselves and your neighbors a favor and call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 473-1400.

**Betty Byrne
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Community

Panel tackles Silicon Valley inequities in LACF 'Conversation'

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

There are visible and not-so-visible sides to Silicon Valley. The visible side is all about high-tech success breeding an ever-increasing population of multimillionaires and billionaires. The less visible side includes those without access to tech success who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

"The pandemic exacerbated the inequities that were already existing in Silicon Valley," said Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei.

Kamei served on a panel of local experts participating in a "Community Conversation" webinar titled "What Does a K-Shaped Recovery Mean for Our Community?" – a May 25 event sponsored by Los Altos Community Foundation. Moderated by LACF executive director Adin Miller, the event also featured insights from Catherine Crystal Foster, CEO and co-founder of the nonprofit Magnify Community, and Maria Marroquin, executive director of the Day Worker Center of Mountain View.

"In a K-shaped recovery, what you're



SCREENSHOTS FROM THE EVENT

Catherine Crystal Foster, from left, Ellen Kamei and Maria Marroquin participate in a Los Altos Community Foundation "Community Conversation" last week.

seeing is a divergence – the economy overall improves, but the parts of the economy that are improving are not necessarily uniform for everybody," Miller said in framing the discussion. "You actually end up seeing inequity accelerating due to the pandemic, and then you see recovery affecting two different ways – you see an uptick in one arm and you see a downtick in the other arm."

Those on the uptick, Miller noted, include homeowners, college graduates and men; those impacted by the downtick in-

clude renters, hospitality and retail business workers, noncollege graduates and women.

"Members of our community that faced hard and difficult circumstances before the pandemic – those situations haven't disappeared for them," Miller said, pointing to the area's high cost of living and lack of affordable housing.

"One of the problems of this K-shape is that folks, maybe at that top branch, don't necessarily even know that they're at a top branch and there is this lower

downward-trending one," said Foster, whose Magnify Community focuses on empowering "high capacity" philanthropists to give locally.

Foster offered some sobering statistics: In Santa Clara County, 28,000 households are behind on rent, and the low-income tenants owe \$58 million in back rent. The current housing eviction moratorium established under the pandemic expires next month. She reported that food banks such as Second Harvest are serving 500,000 people a month, double the number before the pandemic. Furthermore, Foster said the poor are burdened by "vaccine inequity, COVID disparities" – Latinos in the county account for 25% of the population but 50% of the COVID cases.

When she started her nonprofit three years ago, Foster said there were 76,000 millionaires and billionaires in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties – today, there are 148,000.

"So there is a huge opportunity there for philanthropy," Foster said.


The wealth is growing – but not necessarily the giving.

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The city of Mountain View, in collaboration with the nonprofit LifeMoves and the state, now has 100 units of interim housing for the area's homeless.

RECOVERY

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"For the most part, folks are not rushing to give it all away," she said, nor are they giving in proportion to their increase in wealth.

Pooling resources

Kamei observed a reliance on local government at the height of the pandemic last year, and highlighted the fact that cities, counties and the state are collaborating well and "trying to be flexible, especially for those on the frontline."

She pointed to offering drop-in COVID testing, followed by drop-in vaccines. In addition, Kamei noted the city of Mountain View improved its communications, offering translations in four languages and "meeting people where they are."

Last year, Mountain View worked with LACF to raise funds to help struggling small businesses and provide rent relief.

Marroquin took note of the heavy impact COVID has had on the local Latino community, comprising the lion's share of dayworkers. She said many dayworkers she comes in contact with are struggling financially, and their lack of access to technology and remote learning is additionally burdensome. However, she said the surrounding community stepped up and the Day Worker Center raised nearly \$300,000 for distribution to the workers.

"And that is remarkable," Marroquin said.

Miller asked the panel what will happen with the expiration of the eviction moratorium.

"It's going to be very difficult to handle — people without housing," Marroquin said, citing

the number of people living out of their vehicles near the Day Worker Center on Escuela Avenue.

According to Foster, the nonprofit community will need to further step up to help where local government cannot.

"What we are going to see is what we have been seeing, and that is a number of people slipping through the cracks," she said.

Kamei said the city of Mountain View has been doing plenty to prevent displacement, which is one of its strategic goals. The city contributed more than \$5 million during the pandemic to help residents in need of food and shelter. Mountain View has provided a "safe parking" program for 120 vehicle dwellers, according to Kamei, and engaged in a Project Homekey collaboration that resulted in modular, interim housing for 100 homeless residents.

The city, Kamei added, is looking at starting a universal basic income program with a monthly stipend, a plan the city council was set to discuss last week.

"It's an all-hands-on-deck, multipronged approach," she said. "It's not going to be one of us, it's going to be all of us to make an impact."

Wealthy donors can help as well — they just need to be aware, Foster said. She founded her nonprofit in 2018, she said, when more than 90% of donor giving went to causes and organizations other than community nonprofits. But she discovered many donors were not cognizant of the need.

"When donors learn about what's happening locally, donors give locally," she said.

For more information on Los Altos Community Foundation and its "Community Conversations," visit losaltoscf.org.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- Council Minutes:** Approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting (A. Chelemengos)
- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (AVASA) Program:** Adopt Resolution No. 2021-25 to continue participation in the Santa Clara County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (AVASA) Program. (A. Galea)
- Contract Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement dated September 13, 2018 with IMPEC Group to extend the agreement for an additional one-year term coving fiscal year 21/22 for janitorial services in the amount of \$376,366 on behalf of the City. (M. Hernandez)
- Contract Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager to execute a second amendment in the amount not to exceed \$234,147 to the original agreement with Contract Sweeping Services for the total agreement amount of \$571,176.35 for the original agreement and the two extensions to provide regular street sweeping services through fiscal year 21/22 and 22/23 for the City of Los Altos. (M. Hernandez)
- Resolution No. 2021-26: Debt Management Policy Revisions:** Adopt a resolution revising the Debt Management Policy. (H. Lei)
- Resolution No 2021-27: Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) Road Repair and Accountability Act:** Adopt Resolution No. 2021-27 to incorporate a list of projects planned for funding with the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues created by Senate Bill 1 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. (G. Watanabe)
- Removal of Youth Commissioner:** Remove Youth Commissioner Shay Manor from the Los Altos Youth Commission; declare a vacancy on the Youth Commission; and direct the Youth Commission Interview Committee to bring forth a recommendation to fill the vacancy.

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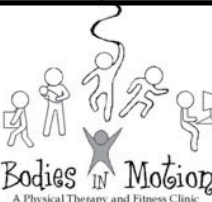
- Resolution No. 2021-28: Sewer Service Charges for FY 2021/22:** Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution No. 2021-28 approving the Report of Sewer Charges for Fiscal Year 2021/22 and directing the Filing of Charges for Collection by the County Tax Collector. (A. Fairman)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Emergency Measures for Addressing COVID-19:** Receive an update from the Deputy City Manager and provide direction on additional potential measures to address COVID-19 (J. Magnot)
- Housing Element Update Consultant Agreement and Budget Amendment:** Add the Housing Element Update to the list of CIP projects, allocate \$600,228 to the project from the unallocated funds account and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC) in an amount not to exceed \$600,228 for the Housing Element Update and amend the budget for the Community Development Department as needed. (G. Persicone)
- Lehigh Hansen and Stevens Creek Quarry:** Provide direction to the Environmental Commission and staff regarding Lehigh Hansen and Stevens Creek Quarry (Council Initiated)
- Council Legislative Subcommittee Update And Potential Council Action:** Receive update from the City Council Legislative Subcommittee; discuss pending legislation including, but not limited to: AB 14, AB 68, SB 215, AB 339, AB 473, AB 682, AB 989, AB 1401, AB 1322; SB 4, SB 6, SB 9, SB 10, SB 15, SB 16, SB 278, SB 477, SB 478, SB 556, SB 612, SB 640, SB 785. (Vice Mayor Enander, Council Member Weinberg)

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A cut above: Mtn. View's Hope's Corner offers free 'Spa Day' for the homeless

Town Crier Report

The nonprofit Hope's Corner recently offered free haircuts to the homeless.

The service was the brainchild of local realtor Matt McCormick, who arranged for stylists to visit Hope's Corner's weekly lunch to cut hair April 28 as part of what he called a "Spa Day." Twenty-one homeless men and women received haircuts.

Three stylists from Lisa's Perfect Cuts in Sunnyvale volunteered their time and talents for the event, held in the parking lot next to the Mountain View campus of Los Altos United Methodist Church. A crowd was already on hand, as Hope's Corner operates a free Wednesday lunch that attracts homeless, low-income and vulnerable people.

McCormick came up with the idea to provide free haircuts prior to the pandemic. He was inspired by Joshua Coombes, author and founder of the "Do Something for Nothing" movement, which started by giving free haircuts to the homeless in London.

"Being in the real estate industry, there's a trend happening that I don't like seeing," McCormick said. "We've got the haves and the have-nots, and many are seeking shelter. This 'Spa Day'



COURTESY OF MIKE HACKER

A stylist, right, works on a Hope's Corner client during "Spa Day."

is a way to bring the community together and show support to our brothers and sisters."

Although COVID-19 caused McCormick to put his idea on hold for more than a year, his persistence and interest in letting people know that they are loved kept his haircutting idea alive.

The result – broad smiles and tidier appearances among the appreciative homeless individuals who participated.

Fred, a regular guest at Hope's Corner's breakfasts and lunches, was the second guest to get a haircut.

"I'm going to have her do it all – my beard and a haircut," he said.

Afterward, Fred was thankful and upbeat.

"I feel good," he said. "I hadn't had a haircut in six months."

McCormick partnered on the event with longtime friend Lynel Gardner, an activist, author, actor and playwright, who shares his passion for helping underserved communities. Both come from well-known athletic families. McCormick is the son of former San Francisco Giants pitcher Mike McCormick. Gardner, who attended Mountain View High School, is the grandson of former heavyweight champion Sonny Liston.

Although McCormick expects to hold haircutting events at Hope's Corner quarterly, he also has bigger plans. Ultimately, he's looking to attract sponsors to help launch expanded "Spa Days," which would offer pedicures, facials and massages as well as haircuts to the homeless. He said he dreams of creating a template for replicating the program and having "Spa Days" go viral.

"If we get it right," McCormick said, "we want to make 'Spa Days' something that can be done around the world."

For more information on Hope's Corner services, visit hopes-corner.org.

Community Briefs

LA sewing group supports nonprofit

When members of the South Los Altos Sewing group were limited by COVID protocols, they and other volunteers at Sunnyvale Community Services continued to support the organization.

At the onset of the lockdown in March 2020, the nonprofit social services agency made significant changes in the way it delivered services to local low-income families.

The agency had to furlough volunteers who sorted and packed food and holiday gifts for distribution, offered free supply-stuffed backpacks to young students and performed numerous other tasks.

SCS volunteers found ways

to support the agency from the safety of their homes: The South Los Altos Sewing Group handcrafted face masks for SCS clients; the Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association made and sold branded face masks and donated 100% of the proceeds to SCS; and NVIDIA Corp. directed its onsite food-service vendor, Bon Appetit, to pack 500 bags of groceries per week for distribution to SCS clients.

"All our volunteers and backers are as generous as they are creative," said SCS executive director Marie Bernard. "They have given more than \$1 million to support our COVID-19 relief efforts, and we are using every penny to help our neighbors remain housed and fed as the critical need continues for those hardest-hit by pandemic shutdowns."

For more information, visit svcommunityservices.org.

Los Altos Hills author's memoir wins award

Los Altos Hills author Rachel Michelberg's memoir, "Crash: How I Became a Reluctant Caregiver," won the 2021 Next Generation Indie Book Award for Memoir in the Personal Struggle/Health Issues category.

Published by She Writes Press April 27, "Crash" tackles the moral conflicts and societal expectations involved in caregiving for a disabled or cognitively impaired family member.

Kirkus Reviews said the book is "an engaging exploration of duty, guilt and self-preservation. Michelberg is a frank writer ... continually willing to unpack her guilt while also exploring options for her own emotional survival."

For more information, visit rachelmichelbergauthor.com.

Community

'Band Jam' to serenade downtown Los Altos First Friday

Town Crier Report

This month's First Friday event is being promoted as "Band Jam – 12 Bands, 3 Hours." The festivities are set to run 6-9 p.m. Friday in the downtown triangle along First, Main and State streets.

"These fabulous community musicians come out to play for the sheer joy of playing music in their community," said First Friday co-organizer Carol Garsten, owner of Nature Gallery on State Street.

Musical styles cover a wide variety of genres: rock 'n' roll, jazz, country, folk and even oompah.

"There's music for everyone from teenagers to octogenarians," Garsten said.

First Friday is a monthly event aimed at attracting more business downtown. The evenings feature extended hours at stores, special promotions and live entertainment.

For more information, visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.



COURTESY OF CAROL GARSTEN

Big Mike & the HartBeats perform at a recent First Friday.

'Confronting Domestic Violence' online

Due to space constraints, part 3 of the three-part "Confronting Domestic Violence" series on covert domestic abuse will run only on the Town Crier's website (losaltosonline.com) this week. The author, Ruthven Darlene, is founder and director of the nonprofit WomenSV, which provides services for women – and some men – experiencing domestic violence. For more information, call 996-2200, email info@womensv.org or visit womensv.org.

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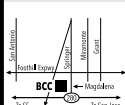
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Sports

Sports on the Side

SFHS grad Bramlett takes 7th at pro event

PGA golfer and St. Francis High graduate **Joseph Bramlett** tied for seventh by shooting a 19-under-par 269 at the AT&T Byron Nelson, held May 13-16 at TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. It marked the first top-10 finish of the year for Bramlett, who won \$263,250.

MVLA Strong 5K set for this weekend

The sports boosters clubs at Los Altos and Mountain View high schools are once again joining forces for the MVLA Strong virtual 5K walk/run. Scheduled Friday through Sunday, the community event raises money for Community Services Agency. Last spring's inaugural 5K raised more than \$3,000 for Mountain View-based CSA. Registration is \$10. To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/9azme2mc.

Mountain View High seeks coaches

Mountain View High needs a head coach for varsity girls water polo and a defensive coordinator for frosh-soph football. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Shelley Smith** at 940-4600, ext. 1421, or shelley.smith@mvla.net.

Free online courses aid parents, coaches

The National Federation for State High School Associations offers several free online courses for parents and coaches. Positive Sport Parenting provides information on the importance of proper behavior by parents in school sports and the role they should play to ensure their children have a positive sports experience. NCAA Eligibility is designed to educate high school coaches, administrators and parents about the NCAA's initial-eligibility requirements. Social Media aims to assist parents and coaches in setting clear boundaries and guidelines for

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Los Altos High honors college-bound seniors



ABBEY LIAO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos High recently celebrated seven seniors who have committed to play a sport in college. The student-athletes' families and friends attended last month's ceremony, held on the turf field. Pictured, from left: Aaron Parker (baseball, UC Santa Barbara), Gia Cimring (women's soccer, UC Santa Barbara), Eliza Morgan (track and field, Swarthmore College), Jamie Baum (basketball, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology), Cedric Smith (football, University of Guelph), Charles Atkins (track and field, Kenyon College) and Elana Eisenberg (field hockey, UC Berkeley).

Pinewood's Courtni Thompson follows through on a shot in a recent game. The senior scored a game-high 25 points in the undefeated Panthers' 74-63 win at Lynbrook last week, the regular-season finale for the local team.

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Pinewood not satisfied with win to cap undefeated regular season

Panthers acknowledge defense must improve in section playoffs

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Most basketball teams would probably walk away from a double-digit road win over another ranked opponent feeling pretty good about themselves.

Not the Pinewood School girls – at least not on this day.

The Panthers weren't exactly celebrating last week's 74-63 non-league victory at Lynbrook, which guaranteed them a perfect regular season (14-0). Pinewood players and coaches acknowledged that the team would need to defend better to make a run in the Central Coast Section playoffs that tip off this weekend.

"Our defense definitely dropped down

from a few of our past games," senior point guard Annika Decker said. "We had a few key moments where our defense was really on it, but we did have a lot of lapses, which just can't happen."

The Panthers built a 20-point lead in the third quarter, only to see the Vikings (12-2) slice that deficit to eight with just more than three minutes to play.

"We need to be better moving forward, because we were just despicable on defense," Pinewood coach Doc Scheppler said. "It was just not our normal defensive game. We gave them too much penetration, we didn't talk on ball screens and we gave up easy baskets on putbacks because we were just not pursuing the ball or screening out."

Lynbrook, small but feisty, played the Panthers closer than any team has all year.

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Eagles avenge loss to Spartans in softball

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

The Los Altos High softball team hadn't forgotten its season-opening loss to rival Mountain View – the lone blemish on the Eagles' record – and ace Shelby White wasn't going to let an AP test prevent her from pitching in the rematch.

Arriving 10 minutes before Thursday's game because of the exam, according to coach Robert Herrera, White played a pivotal role at the plate and on the mound in Los Altos' 5-3 road win.

Batting fourth in the first frame, the senior hit the first pitch she saw for a two-out single that scored Lauren Han, who had just tripled. White soon scored on Emeline Gaunce's double, putting the Eagles up 2-0.

Still needing time to warm up in the bullpen, White didn't take the mound until Mountain View had scored a run and had runners on base in the bottom of the first. Mountain View scored two more runs before the inning was over, but White dominated them the rest of the way and finished with 10 strikeouts.

White also drove in two more runs in the fourth, when Los Altos scored three times to pull ahead for good.

Herrera said the Eagles also received "outstanding defensive plays" from Gaunce, Franchesca Baker and Taylor Athens in the regular-season finale.

"It was a total team effort," said the coach, whose team finished atop the SCVAL De Anza Division at 11-1.

The loss dropped Mountain View to 7-5 in

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Prep Sports
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Sports

Local Prep Sports Schedule for June 2-8

Boys basketball

Friday
Central Coast Section Open
Division quarterfinals at homes of
higher seeds, 7 p.m.
CCS Divisions I-V first round at
homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

Saturday
CCS Divisions I-V second round at
homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
CCS Divisions I-V quarterfinals at
homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Friday
CCS Open Division quarterfinals
at homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.
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Baseball

Today
West Catholic Athletic League
semifinals at homes of higher
seeds, 4 p.m.

Thursday
WCAL final at home of higher
seed, 4 p.m.

Softball

Monday & Tuesday
CCS quarterfinals at homes of
higher seeds, 4 p.m.

Boys volleyball

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

Saturday
CCS finals at homes of higher
seeds, TBA

Boys golf

Tuesday
CCS championships at Laguna Seca
Golf Ranch in Monterey, 7:30 a.m.

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the De Anza, good enough for fourth place.

In other local softball action last week, host St. Francis rallied to beat Presentation 3-1 May 26. Chloe Cummings recorded 10 strikeouts for the undefeated Lancers (21-0); Jessica Oakland had two hits and an RBI.

Baseball

Shaking off an 8-4 home loss to Homestead to begin the week, Los Altos defeated Santa Clara by the same score May 26 in another De Anza Division game.

Aaron Parker notched three hits for the visiting Eagles, including a two-run homer in the first. Colby Cook added a homer in the fourth, pushing Los Altos' lead to 4-0. That advantage ballooned to 8-0 in the sixth, thanks

to Jared Maeyama's two-run double. He finished with three RBIs.

Rowan Sims threw six shutout innings and struck out four batters. Two Eagle errors in the seventh helped the Bruins load the bases, however, and they cleared them with a double that made it an 8-3 game. That's when Aidan Brenner came on in relief. After giving up a bases-loaded walk, Brenner got the ensuing batter to fly out and struck out the next one to secure the victory.

Los Altos improved to 5-8 in league and 11-11 overall.

Wrestling

Mountain View concluded its season with a 50-12 win over Saratoga May 24.

The Spartans (5-1) won seven matches at the meet, five of them via pin. Senior Tai Nguyen (145 pounds) prevailed 23-6 to finish the season undefeated.

Boys basketball

Mountain View remained in the hunt to finish first in the De Anza Division with its 58-47 win at Palo Alto May 26.

The Spartans entered Friday's finale against Paly, played after the Town Crier's deadline, tied with Santa Clara for first at 9-2.

Girls basketball

Jamie Baum and Abby Lu scored 12 points each to lead Los Altos to a 48-30 win at Wilcox May 25.

The Eagles, who outscored the Chargers in every quarter, improved to 8-3 in the De Anza Division.

Boys volleyball

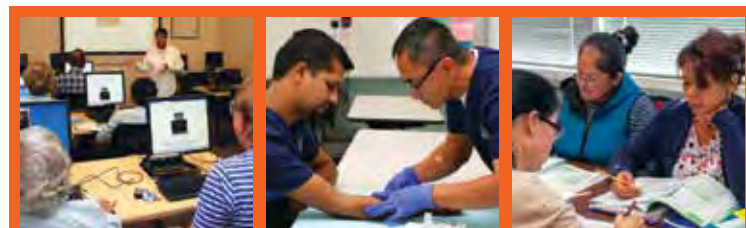
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Guard Annika Decker, Pinewood's assist leader, is headed to Tufts University.

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Prior to the May 26 contest, Pinewood had not allowed more than 51 points in a game and won all of them by at least 20.

"They don't give up — their mindset is always hustle for all balls," Decker said of the Vikings, the top team in the SCVAL De Anza Division. "They definitely beat us to loose balls, and they were just the more aggressive, tougher team today."

While the Panthers will almost certainly need a better effort to beat nemesis Mitty in the CCS Open Division playoffs — the defending champion Monarchs (11-1) are expected to land the top seed, with Pinewood No. 2 — they still made enough winning plays down the stretch to fend off Lynbrook.

Guard Courtnei Thompson drilled a top-of-the-key 3, set up by a nice pass from Decker, to push the Panthers' edge to 70-59 with 2:50 left in the fourth. After the Vikings' Sara Ho hit two free throws, Pinewood center Maia Garcia made a putback to get the lead back to 11 with 51 seconds to go. Thirty-nine seconds later, Thompson extended the advantage by draining two foul shots to finish with a game-high 25 points.

"Courtnei had a nice game," Scheppeler said. "She's the type of player that you can't take off the floor."

Thompson scored 11 of her points in the opening quarter — connecting on a trio of treys and a breakaway layup. Decker got going in the second stanza, burying two 3s and a free throw. She finished the game with 10 points and 10 assists.

The Panthers, who never trailed, were up 42-26 at halftime. That lead grew to 59-39 on guard Jade Ramirez's 3 with 2:45 remaining in the third.

Lynbrook scored the next 11 points, however, to make it a single-digit game with 6:26 left in the fourth. Thompson responded with a 3, coming off an inbound pass, and Decker nailed one as well after Ho hit a long 2.

"Our defense wasn't great, but we still pushed our offense ahead in those key moments," said the Tufts University-bound Decker.

Midway through the quarter, guard Una Jovanovic scored inside — the last of her 13 points — to put Pinewood up 11, and Thompson delivered the clutch 3 about a minute later. She shot 7-of-11 from distance, and the Panthers as a team made 15 of their 38 3-point tries.

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Schools

CUSD board confronts sobering budget numbers

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

The failure of a May 4 parcel tax has Cupertino Union School District officials looking under every proverbial rock for funding as the district faces long-term declining enrollment and the possibility of school closures.

The board received an update on the 2021-2022 budget's status at a May 26 informational meeting, as well as a five-year projection through the 2025-2026 year. The board is set to hold a public hearing Thursday and consider budget adoption.

In discussing the coming year's budget last week, Jeff Bowman, the district's chief operations officer, took note of the state's prosperous budget for this year – a \$100 billion surplus – that promises more funding for CUSD than anticipated.

"Certainly, the budget looks a lot better," Bowman said, considering last year's projected \$54 million state budget deficit.

He also noted possible benefits from a "mega" cost-of-living adjustment ("mega" meaning last year's and this year's revenues combined because the district did not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in the 2020-2021 year), grants and one-time federal and state funds. On the other hand, the district stands to lose funding through state un-

employment insurance, pension funds and the additional costs that come with reopening the campuses.

"There's great money coming in, but there's also money going out," Bowman said.

In the red

District officials reviewed some sobering spreadsheets. The district faces a \$1.4 million deficit for the 2021-2022 year. The current parcel tax, providing \$8.5 million annually, is set to expire after the 2022-2023 year. The numbers drop even more in the red when factoring in a 2% salary increase for teachers – an action board members appear to favor to retain quality instructors.

Also concerning to the board were district reserves dropping as low as 7% beginning in 2023-2024 – best practices call for reserves between 10% and 15%.

"I would rather make cuts in other areas in order to generate the funds to be able to at least maintain 8% over these five years," said district board member Phyllis Vogel.

The board discussed a "revenue enhancements" category that projected \$4.7 million in 2021-2022, raised through facilities leases and other uses of district assets. Included in the discussion was a question about generating revenue from

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Los Altos High hosts vaccination clinic



MARIE GODDERIS/TOWN CRIER

Students and community members inquire about getting vaccinated against COVID-19 last week at Los Altos High School. Working with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the school hosted a pop-up vaccine clinic on campus.

By Marie Godderis
Town Crier Editorial Intern

With vaccines approved for youth ages 12-15 and many clinics no longer requiring appointments, Los Altos High School hosted a pop-up vaccination clinic May 25 on behalf of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

The clinic welcomed both community members and students from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

"We came to Los Altos High

School to target the 12 and up age range specifically and to make sure everyone has an opportunity to get vaccinated and make it easy to them," said Aida Sanchez, nonclinical manager with the county health department.

Sanchez added that the on-campus pop-up clinic had the capability to vaccinate 325 people with the Pfizer vaccine and 50 with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Representatives from Teaspoon in Los Altos were also onsite, offering free boba tea to those who got vaccinated.

Los Altos High sophomore Anika Sikka was glad to receive her vaccine on campus.

"It was a really great experience, mainly because of its convenience," she said. "I just went to the site right after school and gave them my forms. It was all really organized, so the process took less than 30 minutes. It's awesome that vaccines are being administered on campus because it gives kids an easy, accessible opportunity to get the vaccine, especially if they're busy or their parents can't drive them."

Los Altos High graduate spends gap year working with AmeriCorps

By Madhavi Karthik
Town Crier Editorial Intern

In lieu of starting college via remote learning, Los Altos High School graduate Bryce Capuano has spent his gap year participating in service projects as a member of AmeriCorps, a government-supported service organization that works with nonprofit organizations.

Capuano applied in May 2020 and flew to Colorado in November for two weeks of training that consisted of team-building exercises. After that, members were split into groups of 8-12 to collaborate with one another to complete their projects. Each round, teams work on a project from one to three months.

"Our first round (my team was) at a science educational ranch in rural Ari-

zona," Capuano said. "It was a little bit rundown, and we were basically doing infrastructure repair."

During Capuano's second round, members of his team alternated each week by working with Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing and volunteering at a local food pantry in Columbia, Mo.

"The most impactful things I learned just by talking to people who are coming through (the food pantry)," he said. "A lot of families look like they're perfectly financially stable on the outside and are struggling to make ends meet. I think just hearing stories about the people who have lost their jobs has really put things into perspective for me and how lucky I am."

Capuano and his team are currently

helping with vaccine distribution by managing lines and assisting others with appointment registration in Brooklyn for their final round.

Capuano, who has lived in Los Altos since age 5, said he was initially interested in working with AmeriCorps to pursue his interest in traveling while also making a difference in the world.

"(By) meeting and living with other people who grew up in such vastly different areas than you, I think you learn about how you grew up, and how diverse this country is in every way," he said.

Capuano is scheduled to graduate from AmeriCorps July 29 and plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis in the fall.

For more information on AmeriCorps, visit americorps.gov.



COURTESY OF BRYCE CAPUANO

Los Altos High School graduate Bryce Capuano is spending his gap year serving with AmeriCorps.

Schools

LAYT offers youth theater camp

By Sophia Smith
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Youth Theatre's "Starlight Express," a five-week, in-person youth theater camp centered on Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical of the same name, is scheduled to debut Monday.

Open to ages 10-19, the camp is part of LAYT's Bring Your Own Wheels program, which includes differently abled people using wheelchairs, walkers and crutches working alongside youth using skates, scooters and skateboards. Auditions were held May 15.

"Starlight Express" is LAYT's first in-person camp since the quarantine began. Although the company plans to have a few smaller productions beforehand, such as "Hands-On Musical," about American Sign Language, this will be the first mainstage camp with a production – final presentations are set for July 9-11.

Director and choreographer Gary Ferguson said he planned the camp production around physical diversity and increased access.

"I just thought, 'What better way to incorporate all the gifts that our physically disabled performers in the area have than to meet them where they are and utilize their wheelchairs, walkers and prosthetics as a train?'" he said. "We're going to turn our entire theater into this roller-skating-able rink, and then we'll livestream it."

Ferguson called the "Starlight Express" camp "kind of (his) baby." Wanting to provide a program that opened accessibility, Ferguson said he initially wasn't sure how to do so. By reaching out to friends and co-workers in the area, he met Christine Burke, Ms. Wheelchair California. Ferguson



Ferguson

ally love or hate.

"I mean, with 'Cats,' you either love it or hate it. 'Starlight Express' seems to be even more so. And I love to take musicals and kind of change people's minds," he said.

Ferguson pointed out that some people don't understand why the concept of "being a train," is important to the characters in the musical. To change this, he decided to broaden access to people with different abilities.

"If you're a boy or a girl in a wheelchair, to me, it would seem very simple to want to be a train, a type of speed train going 130 miles per hour. Why wouldn't a kid want to be a train?" he added.

As choreographer, Ferguson said he has been developing special routines and motion exercises that campers of all abilities can participate in. There are six types of choreography for campers with different physical limitations.

"We're really excited," he said. "The rendering of the set looks amazing. The team we're putting together is amazing. ... I'm just excited to see it all come together."

For more information on the camp, visit losaltosstage.org/starlight-express.

said she advised him on how he could make the space more accessible for differently abled performers. He's been working for approximately nine months to set up the program.

Ferguson said he chose "Starlight Express" because Webber's musicals are the kind people usu-

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the sale of the Montebello School property in the Cupertino foothills, annexed into the district in 2009.

Board President Jerry Liu also suggested the district talk with real estate professionals and others outside school circles about maximizing income from properties in the heart of Silicon Valley.

The sprawling district, which extends from Los Altos to San Jose, has consistently ranked among the lowest funded per student. Officials anticipate that a transition to basic aid status next year will allow the district to begin taking advantage of the high property-tax revenues of the area to bolster the budget and its reserves.

Officials in the district, which has approximately 600 students from Los Altos, hoped a \$398 annual parcel tax, Measure A, would have addressed the district's fiscal concerns. But while the measure received support from a majority of voters, it fell far short of the two-thirds approval required to pass.

CUSD projects a loss of more than 2,100 students over five years, forcing district officials to face the eventual question of school closures. It costs the district roughly \$500,000 annually to operate a campus.

CUSD's declining enrollment reflects a statewide trend. The state lost 160,000 K-12 students in 2020-2021.

Schools Brief

Siblings from Bullis Charter fundraise for local organizations

Mckayla Kao, an eighth-grader at Bullis Charter School, and her brother Marcus Kao, a fifth-grader at the school, are raising money for two charities by selling products with their own original designs online.

The siblings are selling T-shirts, water bottles, laptop sleeves and other items that feature their own art, including drawings of a sleepy sloth, an elephant with a basketball and a pig eating ice cream.

Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula and Pets In Need, which is the contract provider of animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

To view the items for sale, visit redbubble.com/people/moomookao.

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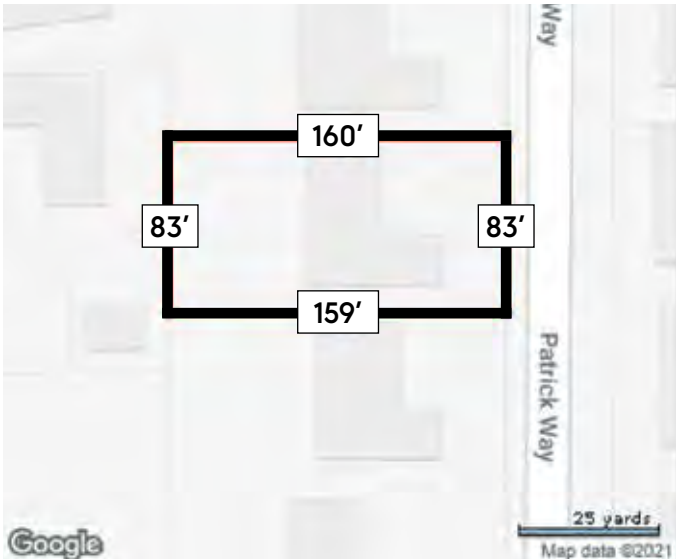
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Ford Bronco offers style & substance

Company's new SUV outshines competitors

By Mike Hagerty

There is some serious strategic thinking going on these days at Ford. I covered one example of that in my March review of the 2021 Mustang Mach-E. Now comes the 2021 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks 4X4.

Ford has built up enormous demand for the Bronco – a larger competitor to the Jeep Wrangler. Traditionally, Ford (and most automakers) would have introduced that vehicle first and then followed with the smaller spinoff. But by leading with the Bronco Sport, Ford has tapped into Bronco fever with an SUV that shares the Bronco name but makes its own strong impression.

The 2021 Bronco Sport is possible because it shares the platform of the already-extant Ford Escape. That includes the Escape's standard engine, a 1.5-liter EcoBoost three-cylinder.

Yes, three. And it's not alone in the market. The Buick Encore, the Fiat 500X and the Jeep Renegade are all equipped with standard three-cylinder engines.

Ford's is arguably better. Noise, vibration and harshness are at extremely low levels. And thanks to the turbocharging and the Bronco Sport's relatively small size and relatively low weight, the 181 horsepower and 190 pounds per foot of torque are more than adequate for handling mountain roads.



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The 2021 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks is equipped with a 1.5-liter EcoBoost three-cylinder engine that offers 181 horsepower and 190 pounds per foot of torque. The SUV's sticker price is approximately \$36,000.

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to-dimming rearview mirror, dual-zone climate control, leather-trimmed heated power front seats, 18-inch machined-face aluminum ebony black-painted wheels, remote start system, Shadow Black roof, heated and leather-wrapped steering wheel, dual USB ports and terrain man-

agement system with five GOAT (Goes Over Any Terrain) modes.

Our tester also had extra-cost options. Because it was an early build with no prices on the window sticker, I'm basing the prices on Ford's online build tool: \$1,595 for the Outer Banks Package, which adds a 10-speaker plus subwoofer B&O audio system, power moonroof and wireless charging; and \$795 for Ford's

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Taking suspense out of suspension problem

By Matt Pataky

Last month a customer brought in a 2013 Audi S7 with three problems: The automatic suspension system and automatic radar control headlights were not working properly, and he was also having an intermittent problem with his start-stop switch.

When the car arrived, we could see that the rear automatic shocks were not working correctly and the back of the car was sitting low to the ground. When we drove the car into the shop, the instrument cluster looked like a Christmas tree. There were warning lights on for automatic suspension and adaptive headlight controls.

Because the rear suspension was deflated, there was no reason to test-drive the car until we

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communicated with all of the control modules via the scanner. Once we had the car connected to the factory tool (Odis), we pulled several codes across multiple control units.

From the automatic height control module, we pulled codes 34 (level control), 677384 (ride height system plausibility error), 677385 C1046 (ride height system plausibility error), 403200 C10C8 (function shut off active) and fault P178E 00 115968 (function limitation due to excessive temperature). From the headlight range module,

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Standard equipment on the Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks includes dual-zone climate control, leather-trimmed heated power front seats, remote start system and leather-wrapped steering wheel.

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Co-Pilot 360 Assist suite of active safety features. With \$1,495 destination charges, the as-tested price comes out to \$36,785.

That price is right in the zone of well-equipped Honda CR-Vs and Toyota RAV4s – and the Bronco Sport has a style those vehicles lack. By having the little brother come first, Ford has allowed the Bronco Sport to shine.

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we pulled code 120589 (function restriction due to faults started in other modules). There were no codes in the start-stop module. There were also a few power control codes in other modules, but they were not active.

We focused on the automatic height control system first.

The purpose of the automatic suspension system is to control the car's ride height and the damping of the suspension automatically. The car has position sensors on the suspension that measure the height of the car. The position sensors then send information back to the suspension computer. The suspension computer also gathers information on the car's speed, yaw rate and braking. The suspension computer then takes all that information to adjust the ride height to the car's environmental condition.

Generally, there are two control types of automatic suspension systems. One uses hydraulic pressure and the other uses air pressure. The Audi that we were working on uses air pressure.

Diagnosing the problem

The first thing we did was clear all codes in the height control system and try to reset the ride height. As soon as we cleared the codes, they returned right away. With the scanner connected, we then tried to activate the air suspension. We could not control the suspension from the scanner and saw that the air compressor was overheating; it was at 111 C (nearly 232 F). We then gained access to the air suspension compressor and found the compressor wire and connector were melted. It got so hot that it melted the car's body harness as well.

We had found out why the air suspension was not working, but we did not know what had

caused it to overheat. We then inspected the air suspension power control relay and found no damage to the relay. In the process of ordering the air compressor, I found that we were to replace the air compressor relay at the same time. It is possible that the new relays have been updated. Sometimes relays can stick open and let current flow to a component unmettered. If that happens, the uncontrolled current flow can burn up motors and wiring harnesses.

Once we installed the new air compressor and new relay – and repaired the wire harness – everything worked great. We were able to run and adjust the ride height. As soon as we repaired the suspension, the headlight aiming system also came back online.

We then checked the headlight adaptation and test-drove the car. The headlight system actually never had a problem, but it was being affected by the car's ride height. These systems work in tandem so that the headlights will stay in the optimum position as the car moves down the road.

We were never able to reproduce any problems with the start-stop switch, and there were no codes in the start-stop control module. If we find something in the future repairs, I will make sure to write about it.

It is really amazing to think how many control modules are dependent on one another. As we become more accustomed to all of this technology, it makes me wonder how we used to drive cars without computer controls.

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On the Road

Is the cycle track a recipe for disaster?

By Chris Hoeber

I have written before about the proposed two-way “cycle track” planned for the north side of Almond Avenue – the Los Altos High School side – surmising that it was perhaps the least-bad alternative to providing a safe route for students. However, Jennifer Granath’s letter to the editor in the April 28 Town Crier has caused me to rethink that.

Los Altos has put a process in place that is trying to improve both the experience and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. These are musts for Los Altos if we are going to preserve the country charm that attracted many of us to the city in the first place.

Unlike Jennifer, I have not sat at the corner of Almond and Gordon Way in the morning, though I know the corner well; it was where I found myself when my parents drove me here from Illinois in 1960.

I can picture the chaos Jennifer describes, with students crossing in one direction to get to Los Altos High and potentially with grade-school students crossing the other way to get from the new cycle track to Almond School.

I don’t know if anyone involved in the planning has intimate knowledge of the local situation in the morning and, though I recently checked out the lane reserved for the track, it is not possible to see what it looks like with pre-COVID traffic. The cycle-track concept is simply not well-suited for two-way, high-volume traffic, and I imagine that it will be a crush of one-way traffic going to school in the morning and traffic leaving school in the afternoon.

Let’s make it one-way then – functioning as a normal bike lane except in the morning, when cyclists will be asked to ride in the opposite direction. That way, cyclists riding the “wrong way” at that time won’t have to deal with oncoming traffic on both sides. With one-way traffic, a student will have some latitude if a car sticks its nose out of the driveway or if a car traveling in the opposite direction stops so that a passenger can open its door in the middle

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of the street and jump out.

Don’t laugh – this has happened to me twice in one morning commute on Arastradero Road in Palo Alto, next to what is now Ellen Fletcher Middle School, where I fortunately had an available escape route.

One-way bicycle traffic also would reduce the pressure on a grade schooler headed for Almond stuck in a crush of high schoolers.

Regardless of the details, a lone adult cyclist commuter traveling the other direction in the morning will have no choice but to “take the lane” and travel in the traffic lane adjacent to the track. That is fine and proper, but I hope that doesn’t upset the impatient driver behind him.

Implementing the vision

Cycle tracks are a proven tool in the cycling infrastructure planner’s tool box, and a quick internet search will show you many different designs adapted to many different situations.

The situation that is being addressed here only exists for a couple of hours in the morning. I think before a construction company is chosen to build the cycle track, the detailed design needs a close look by people who are familiar with both cycling and the specific local issues.

I am sure it is possible to build a safe track there, but is it possible within budget and within the current roadway constraints?

If it is built and has to be rebuilt a year later, it will be a significant setback to the Los Altos Bike Network Planning. It is one thing to approve a concept, it is another to approve the actual implementation plan; we don’t want anyone to have to say, “That is not what I envisioned!”

Personally, I would vote for Plan B, which I know was also considered before the cycle-track approach was chosen. It, too, would have problems. I think it would be labor-intensive,

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Turning a new Leaf

Nissan's 2021 model has a lot of pluses

By Mike Hagerty

Eleven years ago – when to most people Tesla was just the name of a rock band or the guy whom Edison ripped off – Nissan took a big leap with one of the earliest mass-produced electric vehicles of the modern age: the 2010 Leaf.

I reviewed a 2011 model. It drove me crazy with not enough range (an Environmental Protection Agency-estimated 73 miles per charge) and not accurate enough estimates of remaining range as I drove it.

Two years ago, just before succeeding Gary and Genie Anderson as the Town Crier's auto reviewer, I weighed in on the second-generation Leaf. It was a major improvement on all counts.

However, 150 miles these days is not impressive range, especially against cars such as the Ford Mustang Mach-E (reviewed in the March 2021 On the Road section), the Chevrolet Bolt, the Jaguar I-Pace and the Kia Niro EV – all of which

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offer at least 220 miles of driving on a single charge.

Nissan's answer is the Leaf Plus. It doesn't quite match the range of the others, but at 215 miles per charge, it's at least in the ballpark.

And I discovered that, in my week of city streets and urban freeways, the range estimates were conservative – largely through regenerative braking – so I found myself at the end of a trip with more charge and thus more range than I expected to end up with.

Plus, charging is easy and quick (it accepts DC fast charging). If I had access to charging at home or work, I'd never worry.

As it was, a couple of times during the week, I spent a few idle minutes at a DC fast-charging station near home just to give myself an extra margin. It wasn't necessary, really, but I tend to be overcau-



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The new Nissan Leaf Plus gets 215 miles per charge and accepts DC fast charging.

tious about this and was still learning the Leaf's limits.

The 2021 Nissan Leaf Plus comes in

two trim levels – S and SL. Ours was the SL, which has a base price of \$43,920.

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Among the standard equipment highlights at that price are Nissan's Safety Shield 360 suite, heated front seats, navigation and 17-inch wheels.

Extra-cost options on our tester were limited to splash guards (\$200), two-tone paint (\$695) and carpeted floor and cargo mats (\$190).

Add the \$925 destination charges for an as-tested price of \$45,390. There's a potential \$7,550 in federal tax credits available as well, which would make the real-world price \$37,840.

Given that \$38,723 is the average price of a new car this year, that puts the 2021 Nissan Leaf SL Plus in a sweet spot. Even more so when you factor in the gas you won't be buying and the maintenance costs that simply don't exist with EVs.

If you're looking for an electric road-trip car, you may need to shop around. A 40-minute



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Heated front seats and navigation come standard on the Leaf Plus.

recharge every 200 miles or so could get tedious. But on a day-in/day-out, occasional-jaunt-out-of-town basis, the Nissan Leaf Plus has a lot going for it.

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requiring morning and afternoon crossing guards, and I think also portable traffic lights, and a place for cyclists to queue waiting for the light to turn.

If you ask five cycling advocates a question about cycling infrastructure, you will get five different opinions, but I think this is a large enough decision that before construction begins, it should be necessary to address the implementation plan

(not the concept drawing) and demonstrate to knowledgeable local residents and cyclists that the concerns expressed by Jennifer and in this column have been addressed. This will be time well spent if the experience gained can be used to inform other local projects that are in the planning stage.

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Stepping Out

TheatreWorks to livestream benefit reading of 'Fragments'

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley is slated to livestream a benefit reading of Jeffrey Lo's "Writing Fragments Home" Saturday and offer streaming on-demand Sunday through Tuesday.

Co-presented by more than 40 theaters and arts organizations, the reading of the comedic play will raise funds for the Bay Area's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community through Compassion in Oakland.

"Fragments" tells the story of Jay, a playwright who is forced to move in with his Filipino immigrant mom after his girlfriend leaves him and he loses his job. Struggling with writer's block and stuck sleeping on the couch, Jay must finally come face-to-face with the pressures and dreams of his parents while finding the bravery to fight for his voice as a young artist of color in America.

"One of the big themes in 'Writing Fragments Home' is loneliness and how sharing stories is a way for us to cure loneliness and build empathy in our world,"



Lo

said Lo, a Filipino American playwright who serves as TheatreWorks' director of community



Kuroda

partnerships/casting. "When I think about the tragic rise in hate crimes against the AAPI community, I can't help but think about how scared, anxious and alone our community feels right now."

Developed in a 2020 reading at TheatreWorks, "Fragments" was a finalist for the Bay Area Playwrights Festival and a semifinalist for the O'Neill Playwright's Conference.

Victor Malana Maog directs a cast that features Bay Area theater veteran Jomar Tagatac as Jay and "Gilmore Girls" actor and theater vet Emily Kuroda as Jay's mother, Mary Gwen. Will Dao, Kausar Mohammed and Moses Villarama round out the cast; Jenny Nguyen Nelson reads the stage directions.

The livestream reading is set for 7 p.m. Saturday; on-demand access will be offered the next day and through 7 p.m. Tuesday. Donation levels are \$10-\$100.

For tickets and more information, visit theatreworks.org.

Foothill's virtual reading of 'Devil' begins Friday

Town Crier Report

The Foothill Theatre Arts Department's virtual production of "Deal with the Devil" is scheduled this weekend.

Livestream performances of the 30-minute play are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday via Zoom. Access is free.

Written by Pat Moran and Adolfo Mejia, "Devil" is a political satire originally produced by the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

When the president is found murdered, the new president struggles to carve his way through the backroom dealings and corporate pressures, trying to stay true to his positions to preserve the environment. Along the way, The

Devil arrives with a fresh set of temptations and potential deals.

Directed by Tom Gough, the cast comprises Rebekah Carey (Narrator), Arturo Dirzo (Walker/Demon), Emma Rose Le (Phillips/Demon), Tina Marzell (52b/Singing Demon), Vanessa Melendrez (Frolkis), Abhiraj Muhar (The Aide), Divya Pillai (Devil), Michael Rhone (President), Dan Schwager (Chairman) and Jaime Wolf (Senator).

To request access, email theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu and include your name and the date you want to see the show (prior to 5 p.m. of the desired date). A reply will contain instructions.

For more information, visit foothill.edu/theatre.

Business & Real Estate



Decamping

REI leaving Mountain View for Sunnyvale

By Marie Godderis
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain View's REI plans to relocate to Sunnyvale in the fall in an effort to offer a larger assortment of gear and expertise for the South Bay, according to REI marketing and public relations specialist Courtney Rose.

REI is moving to 130 E. El Camino Real – the former home

of Toys R Us. The building is nearly 7,000 square feet larger than its current location on Charleston Road in Mountain View, which opened in 2006.

The new site, which totals 37,000 square feet, will include additional features such as a community room and expanded bike, ski and snowboard shops, an REI press release stated. The store will continue to offer virtual workshops, in-person

guided outdoor programs and a large selection of outdoor rental equipment. To accommodate the larger store size, REI officials said the store plans to hire more employees in addition to moving current Mountain View workers to Sunnyvale.

"Our store team is incredibly excited about the relocation and

eager to get more involved with the Sunnyvale community," said Kirk Peterson, REI's regional director for Northern California.

"The Sunnyvale location will provide more than 1.4 million lifetime REI members in Northern California with the gear and resources to enjoy the outdoors in the South Bay. We are looking forward to welcoming the com-

munity into the new space and have the opportunity to connect, inspire and enable a life outside for even more people."

REI's new location housed Toys R Us for nearly 50 years. The toy store closed in the spring of 2018 when the retail chain filed for bankruptcy.

For more information on REI, visit rei.com.

Yes, it's too good to be true; rental car deal is really a con

By Steve McFarland

A rental car shortage is causing prices to skyrocket, and scammers have found a clever way to cash in.

The Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker is receiving reports of con artists impersonating rental car company representatives. They claim to be able to get you a deal on your rental, but it's really a way to trick you into paying hundreds of dollars for a car that doesn't exist.

How the scam works

You search for a rental car company online and dial the phone number that appears at the top of the results. A "customer service representative" answers and explains that you are in luck. The company is offering a special promotion. If

BBB Scam Alert

you pay for your rental up front using a gift card or prepaid debit card, you can get a significant discount.

It seems odd, but the representative insists that the "deal" is a partnership with the gift or prepaid debit card provider. You purchase the cards and share the PIN with the representative. In several reports, the scammer insists that the money didn't transfer, and you need to purchase another card. But no matter how many cards you buy, the outcome will be the same. The "special offer" is a scam, and the rental car doesn't even exist.

Protecting yourself

Never make payments with prepaid debit cards or gift cards.

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468 Chesley Avenue, Scholz Trust to S. & S. Rajput for \$3,300,000
148 College Avenue, G. Yamasaki to H. & Y. Hu for \$1,750,000
505 Cypress Point Drive No. 45, Maahs Trust to H. Shin for \$569,000
505 Cypress Point Drive No. 52, Hu Trust to J. Lee for \$600,000
505 Cypress Point Drive No. 59, J. Jimenez to J. & S. Bi for \$599,000
1852 Doane Avenue, Mohazzab Trust to J. & K. Braunschweig for \$3,100,000
1142 Fordham Way, M. & D. Posey to S. & F. Han for \$3,550,000
405 Hedgerow Court, L. & B. Holroyd to J. & A. Jancarikova for \$3,450,000
146 Kittoe Drive Unit A, Bunch Trust to 146 Kittoe Drive LLC for \$2,100,000
69 Mercy Street, M. Greaves to Y. & H.

Li for \$2,350,000
2228 Mora Place, Lennar Homes to N. & D. Jeng for \$1,890,000
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1591 Morgan Street, Foronda Trust to C. Guo for \$1,580,000
462 Mountain Laurel Court, V. Alsina to J. & K. Skiden for \$1,715,000
1921 Newbury Drive, J. & J. Jung to X. Wang for \$1,375,000
550 Ortega Avenue Unit A405, Shin Trust to E. & T. Koh for \$755,000
76 Paul Avenue, Hirano Trust to J. & H. Yoon for \$2,100,000
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285 Stierlin Road, Balakrishnan Trust to Laser Trust for \$3,250,000
9 Sutter Creek Lane, I. Christopher to Q. & Y. Chen for \$3,540,000
737 Tiana Lane, O. Phu to Shah-Sheth Family Trust for \$2,031,000
357 Tyrella Avenue Unit D, L. Bamberger to M. Zhang for \$660,000
1831 Van Buren Circle, M. Hamilton to L. & H. Yan for \$3,500,000
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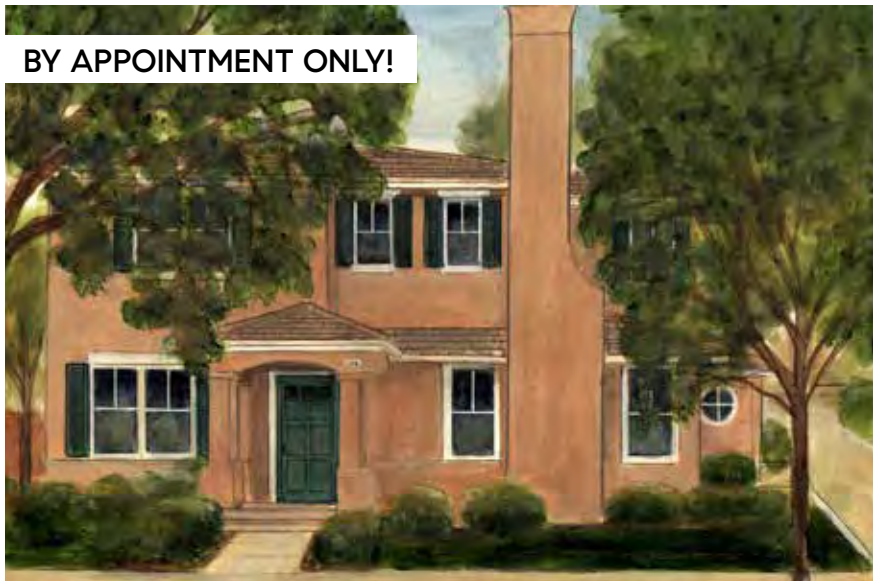
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SCAM

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Datebook

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EXHIBITS

"Distant Lands." Photography exhibit featuring Jim Colton's newest works. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. 941-7222; jimcoltonphotography.com.

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum. Memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models connected with the former Naval airbase. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, Mountain View. \$3-\$8; free children under 12 and active military. Photo ID required for adults. 964-4024; moffettfieldmuseum.org.

AUDITIONS

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Seeks percussionists for its performance season. conductor@fswinds.org.

Schola Cantorum. Choral group invites talented adult singers of all musical and cultural backgrounds to audition. Previous college choral experience preferred. Rehearsals 7:15-10 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. 254-1700; info@scholacantorum.org.

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Guided Meditation. Thirty-minute guided meditation session with instructor Manisha Kumar to inspire regular meditation. 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683.

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 adult 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. 391-4654; thegarden-

cluboflosaltos.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. 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. 969-9622.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

Los Altos Library's Monthly Writing Group. Casual writing space offering motivation, such as optional prompts, for a community of writers. 7 p.m. second Wednesday of each month. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683; sccl.org/losaltos.

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. 948-3421; losaltosnewcomers.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. 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. 961-3539; ffsba.org.

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Obituary Notice

**BETTY
FREEDMAN OSTRUS
APRIL 7, 1928 - MAY 4, 2021**



In the early morning of May 4th, Paul, Carrie and Tim, along with their step-dad, Don, sat quietly around their dear mother as she gracefully, and peacefully, transitioned from this place to the next. The emptiness that has followed has been most acutely felt by Betty's three children, her kind and loving husband, Don, his daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Richard; her eight dynamic grandchildren: Annie, Emily, Haley, Christopher, Lara Mei, Andrew, Molly, and Maxwell; her son-in-law, Bob, and daughter-in-law, Natalie; her brother, Fred, and his dear wife, Sharon; her step-grandkids, Josh, Gabe, Jordan, and Connor, and an impossibly long list of friends and extended family from California and Minnesota, to Illinois and beyond. Betty was born and raised in Two Harbors, Minnesota, a small town on the north shore of Lake Superior. After climbing over one too many snow drifts, she decided to move to California where she met and married Don Freedman, a young journalist. They eventually settled in Los Altos where they raised their three children. Betty taught kindergarten and began building a social network of precious friends that would nourish her for the rest of her days. A uniquely talented artist, she mastered numerous crafts including woodworking and antique furniture refinishing and restoration. She was a vigorous and active member of the Los Altos Community, supporting local causes and events and, for many years, sang in the choir at Los Lutheran Church. She and Don travelled the world, from Tahiti to Europe, to China and all over the U.S. After 52 memorable years together, Don passed away in 2005. In 2008, she married a wonderful man, Don Ostrus, a neighbor (and our family dentist). The next 13 years were some of the happiest of her life, filled with travel, laughter and countless gatherings with her newly expanded family. She finally learned to—if not love—at least appreciate, sports. Betty treasured her friends more than anything. She loved Lake Tahoe and Carmel, lunches at Filoli, a good piece of wood and a sharp tool, waterskiing, working in her splendid garden, a BLT, a good garage sale, Holbeck-Freedman reunions, writing letters, reading books, a glass of wine, a

bike ride, springtime, Christmas, and anything her grand-children cared to share with her. She was a force, never bored, and always eager to bring people together. To honor her vibrant life and make her inner schoolteacher proud, memorials may be made to Friends of the Library of Los Altos. Friends of the Library, PO Box 212 Los Altos, CA 94023-0212, or Los Altos Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held for family on June 17th, at 3pm PST. Please contact pcfreed@att.net for Zoom details if you would like to join us virtually.

MARJORIE SMITH



Marjorie Ayers Smith (Marge), 83, died at El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos, CA on March 31, 2021, surrounded by her three children. Born in Tampa, FL on June 27, 1937, Marge was the youngest of three children born to Harry Porter Ayers and Grace Lucille Howard.

Marge attended Tampa Business College for a two year degree to become a secretary. But she longed to expand her horizons and seek adventure. At age 21, she signed on as an overseas secretary for the American Red Cross (ARC)—2 years in Japan and 3 years in Stuttgart, Germany. Her excellent reputation as a secretary meant she was assigned to ARC HQ where she supported her future father-in-law, Thomas B Smith, in charge of disaster recovery in the "European Theater." After being courted by Mr. Smith's son, she and Tom eventually wed on November 6, 1965 in Burlingame, CA. They settled in Los Altos, CA in 1968 where they lived until they both passed, just four months apart.

Marge's life was a constant whirlwind of learning and creativity. She attended De Anza college to earn an AA degree in photography, and ultimately earned her BA from the University of San Francisco at age 50. Her interest in technology was lifelong, but her longest career was at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, CA, as a Jane of All Technological Trades—from modernizing the computer installations to administering databases.

An artist like her big sister, she explored many different art forms, from silk screening, making fantastic Halloween costumes for her and Tom, B&W photography (with her own darkroom for developing film),

decorating gourds, homemade children's books for her kids, directing and producing an 8 mm silent film of The 3 Little Pigs with the neighborhood kids, or using Photoshop to create beautiful interpretations of nature. As late as the last week of her life, she was filming documentary clips of Lucy the Maltipoo in her valiant fight against the backyard squirrels.

Marge was always willing to serve. Many friends and friends-to-be passed through the front room of the Smith house, and her regular meetings supporting friends in need carried on right up to the last weekend of her life. We will miss her stoic strength in the face of adversity, creativity, unprejudiced acceptance, stubborn independence, determination to do the right thing, and her enthusiasm for opera, strong movie heroines, and the latest Apple gadgets.

Marge was preceded in death by her loving husband Thomas Woodward Smith and her siblings, Hap Ayers and Jennie Dee. She is survived by her daughters Kathy Heilmann and Jennie Morton, her son Mark Smith, and by the fond memories of countless friends and loved ones. The Smith kids will be hosting a joint celebration of life for both Marge and Tom this summer. In lieu of flowers, you can donate to Tom & Marge's favorite charity, Truck of Love, run by their dear friends from Los Altos at <http://www.truckoflove.org>.

**MARILYN
TINDALL PECK**



Marilyn Tindall Peck, age 72 of Los Altos, passed away April 22, 2021 with family by her side. Born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 26, 1948, Marilyn moved with her family in 1954 to the Bay Area. A graduate from Menlo Atherton High and Fresno State, Marilyn earned her BA in History and her teaching credential, commencing a 35-year career in the classroom. Teaching in private and public schools was Marilyn's passion, and she established exceptionally strong connections with children, parents and other educators which would last throughout her life.

Marilyn will be remembered for her generosity and caring nature towards others. She adored her home, keeping it meticulous, including her beautiful garden. She enjoyed the San Francisco Sym-

phony, traveling, and visiting with friends and family.

She is survived by her husband Steve, daughter Laura Whitmore (James), grandson Caleb Whitmore, and sister Shirley Volkmar (Steve). Marilyn will be laid to rest during a private family gathering to join her mother and father in the Wellsville Cemetery, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Palo Alto Partners in Education, PO Box 1557, Palo Alto, CA 94302.



InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged, 10 a.m. to noon, the second Saturday of each month. Mantra: With God, there is hope. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Assistance League of Los Altos. Nonprofit 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. 941-2410; losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

MVLA Adult Orchestra. Musicians sought; all orchestral instrumentalists welcome. Full 60-member orchestra is sponsored by Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education. (408) 421-5193.

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. 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. 796-9165; losaltosdar@gmail.com.

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Public Notices

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, State of California, has set after the hour of **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021** in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California as the time and place for the public hearing on the following:

Resolution to Adopt FY 21/22 Fee Schedule Adoption of a resolution to update the Town's Planning and Building Fee Schedule. (Staff: Zachary Dahl/Steve Padovan)

If adopted, the FY 21/22 Planning and Building Fee Schedule are set to go into effect on August 23, 2021. Additional information is available at the Office of the City Clerk at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California and may be reviewed upon request. A copy of the City Council agenda and related staff report and related information will be available to the public on the Town's website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at said time and place. Written communications should be filed prior to the date of the hearing. If you challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written, faxed or email correspondence delivered to the Town at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further details may be obtained from the Planning Department at (650) 947-2507 or zdahl@losaltoshills.ca.gov.

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCED MEETING

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (dated March 17, 2020), Cities may hold meetings via teleconference. Teleconference locations are not open to the public pursuant to California Governor Executive Order N-29-20. For this meeting, there will be no physical location from which members of the public may observe/comment. This meeting will be broadcast via live-stream service at <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov>. Members of the Public may participate and provide public comments to teleconference meetings as follows: 1. If you wish to submit a public comment on agenda items in advance of the meeting, please send an email to City Clerk Deborah Padovan at dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov. Emails received prior to the meeting will be included in the public record. The City Clerk will read aloud public comments at the City Council meeting, not to exceed two minutes (approximately 200 words). 2. If you wish to submit a public comment during the meeting, please use the following information. Before speaking, please identify yourself by name and where you reside. <http://bit.ly/June17CCMeetingLAH> Webinar ID: 870 9264 4424 P a s s c o d e : 9 4 0 2 2 P h o n e : 6 6 9 9 0 0 6 8 3 3 Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only provide verbal comments during times allotted for public comments.

/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk
Published: June 2, 2021
(06-02-21)

083-T

CITY OF LOS ALTOS PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing to consider the following project:

1. **CUP21-0001 – California Water Service – 887 Highlands Circle** Request for a conditional use permit to allow the renovation of a pre-existing community facility, an existing potable water pump station, by replacing an existing hydro-pneumatic tank with a new and similar sized hydro-pneumatic tank at 887 Highlands Circle (APN: 342-11-217). No other improvements are proposed for the site. Project Planner: Gallegos

The Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Thursday June 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM via a conference call. Please go to the following links to identify the conference call number: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-planning-commission-meetings> <https://www.losaltosca.gov/planningcommission/page/planning-commission-59>

Plans and detailed information are available for review at <https://www.losaltosca.gov/community-development/page/887-highlands-circle-cup21-0001>. Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750 or sent via email to planning@losaltosca.gov.

Emails: legals@latc.com
alishap@latc.com

Yvonne Dupont, Executive Assistant
PUBLISH ONCE: Wednesday, June 2, 2021
(06-02-21)

082-T

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS amending Article 1 of CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 2 (Meetings) OF THE LOS ALTOS HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO Confirm THAT CITY COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION requirements related to public meetings

WHEREAS, public meetings are governed by California Government Code Section 54950, et seq. (Ralph M. Brown Act); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Altos Hills complies with public meeting procedures and noticing rules required under the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to update the Town of Los Altos Hills Municipal Code Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 (Meetings) to be consistent with its practice and the statutory language of the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, the Los Altos Hills City Council held a duly noticed public meeting to provide an opportunity for all interested

parties to be heard, to consider all public comments and consider the proposed amendments; and **NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I. AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Sections of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code are amended as follows. Sections and texts not amended are not shown, and shall remain in full force and effect.

1. Section 2-1.101 in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 (Meetings) is hereby amended as follows:

2-1.101 Regular meetings.

(a) Time—Place. Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California, or in such other place within the Town limits to which the meeting may be adjourned. In the event that there are no closed session items on the agenda, the City Council meeting shall begin at 6:00 p.m. If by reason of emergency it shall be unsafe to meet in the Town Hall, meetings may be held at such other place within the Town limits as is designated in the special meeting notice. (b) Holidays. When the day for any regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, no meeting shall be held on such holiday, but a meeting shall be held at the same hour on the following business day unless the meeting has been either cancelled or rescheduled to another day by the City Council. (c) Meetings to be Public. All regular meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and shall comply with all requirements of California Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (d) Order of Business. Council business shall normally proceed in the following order. Roll call and closed session shall convene at 5:30 p.m. The City Council will conclude the closed session by 6:00 p.m. or continue the closed session at a later point in the meeting. Public hearings will commence at approximately 7:00 p.m.

2. Section 2-1.102 in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 (Meetings) is hereby amended as follows:

2-1.102 Special meetings.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Mayor, or by three (3) members of the Council, and shall be noticed pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956. All special meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and shall comply with all requirements of California Government Code Section 54950 et seq. 3. Section 2-1.103 in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 (Meetings) is hereby amended as follows:

2-1.103 Closed sessions.

The Council may hold closed sessions during a regular or special meeting, from which the public may be excluded, consistent with and for the purpose of considering the matters referred to in the Ralph M. Brown Act and state law. Disclosure of any confidential information that has been acquired by being present in a closed session is prohibited in accordance with Government Code Section 54963.

4. Section 2-1.104 in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 (Meetings) is hereby amended as follows:

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All reports, communications, ordinances, resolutions, contract documents, and other matters to be submitted to the Council at a regular meeting shall be delivered to the City Clerk not later than 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting. The City Clerk shall prepare the agenda of all such matters under the direction of the City Manager. The agenda shall be available to Council members not later than 3:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Thursday Council meeting to which the agenda pertains, and it shall be made available to the public pursuant to the agenda posting requirements under California Government Code Section 54954.2.

Matters to be considered at any special meeting shall be delivered to the City Clerk at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

The City Manager may place on the agenda for any regular or special meeting any item which he or she deems of interest to the Council. Any member of the City Council may place an item under the "Council Initiated Items" section of an agenda, during which the City Council may consider the item and whether further action or consideration would occur.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional the remainder of this ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of its final passage. Within fifteen days after the passage of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance or a summary thereof to be published once, with the names of those City Councilmembers voting for or against it in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Los Altos Hills, as required by law.

INTRODUCED: April 15, 2021
PASSED: May 20, 2021
AYES: Mayor Tankha, Vice Mayor Tyson, Councilmember Mok, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Swan

NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:
/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
/s/ Mayor Kavita Tankha

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Steve Mattas, City Attorney
Publish Date: June 2, 2021
(06-02-21)

081-T

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 593

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS AMENDING SECTION 12-1.04 OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, PARKS, PRESERVES AND PUBLIC AREAS

WHEREAS, Byrne Preserve pastures ten riding school horses, is home to wildlife, and many citizens recreate in the Open Space; and

WHEARAS, Powered model vehicles are not suitable for use in Byrne Preserve as they pose a public safety concern; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of powered model vehicles in Byrne Preserve should be prohibited in the interest of public safety unless authorized by the City Manager or designee and

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills does **ORDAIN** as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENTS

Section 12-1.04 ("Powered Model Vehicles Prohibited") of Title 12, Chapter 1 ("Parks, Preserves and Public Areas") of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: **12-1.04 Powered model vehicles prohibited.**

(a) Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to drive, propel, or otherwise operate any powered model vehicle in the following locations within the Town unless authorized by the City Manager or designee: (1) Purissima Park Riding Arena; (2) Westwind Community Barn. (3) Byrne Preserve (b) Powered Model Vehicle Defined. For the purpose of this section, **powered model vehicle** shall mean any self-propelled airborne, waterborne, or land borne plane, vessel, or vehicle, which is not designed to carry persons, including, but not limited to, any model aircraft, boat, car, truck, drone, or rocket. **2. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

3. Effective Date; Publication. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. Within fifteen days after the passage of this ordinance the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance or a summary thereof to be published once, with the names of those City Councilmembers voting for or against it in a newspaper of

general circulation in the Town of Los Altos Hills, as required by law.

INTRODUCED: April 15, 2021
PASSED: May 20, 2021
AYES: Mayor Tankha, Vice Mayor Tyson, Councilmember Mok, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Swan

NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None
ATTEST:
/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
/s/ Mayor Kavita Tankha

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Steve Mattas, City Attorney
Publish Date: June 2, 2021
(06-02-21)

080-T

Town of Los Altos Hills NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, State of California, has set after the hour of 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 17, 2021** in the Council Chambers at Town Hall Offices, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California as the time and place for a public hearing on the following:

Adopting the Proposed FY 2021-22 Operating and FY 2022-26 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget and Gann Limit for the Town of Los Altos Hills

The budget document will be available at the Office of the City Clerk at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California and may be reviewed at that location upon request.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at said time and place. Written communications should be filed prior to the date of hearing. Comments may also be faxed to (650) 941-3160 or may be emailed to dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov. If you challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written, faxed or emailed correspondence delivered to the Town at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further details may be obtained from the City Clerk at 650-941-7222. For accessible meeting information please call (650) 941-7222.

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ca.gov. Emails received prior to the meeting will be included in the public record. The City Clerk will read aloud public comments at the City Council meeting, not to exceed two minutes (approximately 200 words). 2. If you wish to submit a public comment during the meeting, please use the following information. Before speaking, please identify yourself by name and where you reside. <http://bit.ly/June17CCMeetingLAH> Webinar ID: 870 9264 4424 P a s s c o d e : 9 4 0 2 2 P h o n e : 6 6 9 9 0 0 6 8 3 3

Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only provide verbal comments during times allotted for public comments.

/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk
Published: June 2, 2021
(06-02-21)

079-T

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PETITION OF EDWARD DE JESUS CRUZ
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
21CV382179**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1 . P e t i t i o n e r : filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: P r e s e n t N a m e : EDWARD DE JESUS CRUZ

P r o p o s e d N a m e : EDWARD DE JESUS GREGOR

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/27/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 5/20/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

078-T

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
No. 21-305-SCL: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 7, 2020. 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.**

On JUNE 16, 2021 at 10:00 am, at the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, Ca.

Public Notices

95113, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as the Substituted Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 2713 Ramos Court, Mountain View, Ca. 94040 APN: 197-25-057 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. **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 (408) 374-7204 or visit this internet website www.foreclosureco.com using the file number assigned to this case 21-305-SCL. 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 (408) 374-7204 or visit this internet website www.foreclosureco.com using the file number 21-305-SCL assigned to this case 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. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Shoushan P. Tashjian, Trustee under the Tashjian Trust Agreement dated September 10, 1996, as Trustor, Recorded on February 7, 2020 as Instrument Number 24399611 in Book n/a at Page n/a of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$820,563.83. To verify the opening bid call (408) 374-7204, before the sale date. The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060 By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer Date: May 19, 2021 This office is assisting the Beneficiary in collecting a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose whether received verbally or in writing. NPP0374064 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 05/26/2021, 06/02/2021, 06/09/2021 (05-26,06-02,09-21)

077-T

JR Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674862

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: JR Construction, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Jorge Dominguez, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/20/2018. (05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PLANS CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE – LOS ALTOS DISTRICT

California Water Code (CWC) sections 10610 through 10656, known as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act" (Act), require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or sup-

ply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) at least once every five years. UWMPs support a water supplier's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands under defined conditions. The UWMP must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The UWMP must also address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management. Further, Section 10632 of the CWC requires that every urban water supplier shall prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as part of its plan (UWMP). Section 10632.2 provides that, "An urban water supplier shall follow, where feasible and appropriate, the prescribed procedures and implement determined shortage response actions in its water shortage contingency plan...or reasonable alternative actions, provided that descriptions of the alternative actions are submitted with the annual water shortage assessment report pursuant to Section 10632.1." The WSCP will be incorporated as an appendix of the UWMP. One of Cal Water's service areas is the Los Altos District, which serves Los Altos and portions of Cupertino, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale, in Santa Clara County. As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its UWMP that will address the water service conditions in the Mid-Peninsula District. It is Cal Water's intent to adopt that UWMP, and the incorporated WSCP, and file that plan as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county within which Cal Water provides service no later than 30 days after adoption. Schedule of upcoming actions: On or about May 24, 2021, an electronic copy of the Draft 2020 UWMP and WSCP will be available for review. After a public review period, a public meeting to receive comments on the Draft UWMP and WSCP Plan for the Mid-Peninsula District will be held online on June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The electronic copy of the UWMP, WSCP, and additional information on the public meeting, including a link to participate, is available at the following internet address: <https://www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp-review/> If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP or WSCP, you may send your comments via email to PlanningInfo@calwater.com. Cal Water will receive comments on the Draft 2021 UWMP and WSCP from May 24 through June 9, 2021. Please share this notice with others that may have interest in this matter.

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STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL & INFANT CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674905

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL & INFANT CARE, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a Corporation, KJM, INC, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/02/1997. (05-19,26,06-02,09-21)

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Gelatt Partners FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674958

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Gelatt Partners, 738 Leona Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Carol Gelatt, 738 Leona Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/01/2001. (05-19,26,06-02,09-21)

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Be Merry LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN673272

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Be Merry LLC, 221 Hope Street #156, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company, Be Merry, 1182 Nilda Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (05-12,19,26-21, 06-02-21)

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Q CLEANER AND ALTERATIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674298

The following person(persons)

is(are) doing business as: Q CLEANER AND ALTERATIONS, 2061 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Ngoc Hoai Nguyen, 1135 Peidmont Road, San Jose, CA, 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (05-12,19,26,06-02-21)

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Tuesday Toppers. Women's nine-hole golf club with local members. 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pruneridge Golf Club, 400 N. Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara. \$22-\$27 per round. pruneridgegolfclub.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. Nonprofit choir organization featuring mainly Los Altos and Los Altos Hills senior citizens who enjoy singing, especially a cappella. Rehearsals 7:15-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 948-7683; sneeri@library.sccgov.org.

SPAUG. Personal-computer group that discusses problems, solutions, software and hardware, and listens to featured speakers. Meets 7:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Elks Lodge, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. pa-spaug.org.



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