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Class of 2022 makes it through



Traditional graduations back after untraditional year of high school

By Jennah Pendleton
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Seniors walked in their respective graduation ceremonies at Los Altos High and Mountain View High

Friday, marking the culmination of an especially challenging experience for the Class of 2022.

Following more than a year of unprecedented changes to the operation of schools amid the pandemic, Mountain View Los Altos High School District

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Los Altos High graduates, above, make their way to the bleachers during Friday's commencement. Above and below, Mountain View High seniors celebrate their milestone.



Skepticism over new plan for Cuesta speed humps

By Bruce Barton
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Jackson Aldrich claimed his vehicle was damaged going over a Cuesta Drive speed hump at 3 mph. Dan Cohen cited legal and safety issues with Cuesta's five traffic "tables" installed in 2020, which start at 4.25 inches high but have been measured in places topping 6 inches.

"They're unsafe for the fire department and too difficult for cars to go over," Viviane Wildmann said.

While some Cuesta residents point out that the tables have achieved their traffic-calming purpose, others believe the speed tables, between El Monte Avenue and Springer Road, should be replaced. City staff agrees, but for a different reason: The current humps are out of compliance with the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Cuesta is considered an emergency and evacuation route.

What will replace them, however, is sparking as much debate as the original tables themselves.

That much was evident at the May 25 Complete Streets Commission meeting, when city staff offered preliminary plans for new speed humps.

Currently proposed are rubberized "lane-split" speed tables, no more than 3 inches high, recommended by the county fire

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ELECTION 2022

To track the latest results from Tuesday's primary election, visit the Town Crier's website at losaltosonline.com/elections.

Chinese-language leadership academy creates ambassadors for Mountain View

By Katherine Simpson
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The city of Mountain View is holding its foreign-language leadership academy in Mandarin for the first time this year.

The Civic Leadership Academy, which began with a Spanish-language class in 2017, comprises a series of seminars and one-on-one support aimed at helping a cohort of residents learn more about and become more involved in the civic life of Mountain View.

Nancy Ducos, multilingual community outreach program coordinator for the city, said the main goal of the eight-week academy is to help participants "get to know the local government," and added that it can help create a pipeline for people who might be interested in serving on a city board or commission.

Offering such opportunities is critical, as only approximately 50% of Mountain View's

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Around Town



History took an athletic and colorful bent May 28 at the Los Altos History Museum's Rancho Day, five hours of activities and performances that explored the region's heritage of cattle wrangling and horsemanship, much of it led by Latino vaqueros. In addition to piñata making and an hojalata embossed tin art workshop, participants got to study and practice lassoing, gallop a race and take in Ballet Folklórico from Raíces de México.



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June 1, 5:53 p.m.: Intersection of West Dana Street and Bryant Street, Mountain View

June 3, 5:31 p.m.: 700 block of Continental Circle, Mountain View

June 4, 10:45 a.m.: 300 block of Pioneer Way, Mountain View

June 5, 3:10 a.m.: 500 block of Chiquita Avenue, Mountain View

June 5, 9:59 p.m.: 2600 block of El Camino Real, Mountain View

Battery

June 4, 12:31 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

June 5, 4:49 p.m.: Intersection of West El Camino Real and Castro Street, Mountain View

Elder abuse

June 3, 8:32 a.m.: 300 block of Oaktree Drive, Mountain View

Grand theft

June 4, 1:11 a.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 5, 4:52 p.m.: 600 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

Residential burglary

June 4, 5:24 p.m.: 1000 block of Dalehurst Avenue, Los Altos

June 5, 7:12 p.m.: 2200 block of Latham Street, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

June 4, 4:54 p.m.: 4000 block of El Camino Real, Los Altos

Trespass

June 2, 5:53 a.m.: 2600 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 4, 7:16 p.m.: 200 block of San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

Vandalism

June 2, 11:08 a.m.: 5000 block of El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 3, 10:08 a.m.: 400 block of University Avenue, Los Altos

— Katherine Simpson

Incumbent LAH council members announce re-election plans

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos Hills Mayor George Tyson and Councilmember Kavita Tankha – last year’s mayor – have declared their intent to seek re-election to the city council in the Nov. 8 election.

Tyson and Tankha, first elected in 2018, are running as a slate.

“We have enjoyed our time on the city council, navigated some interesting times, and made a lot of progress, and running together on a slate seemed the right and natural thing to do,” Tankha said.

Added Tyson in a separate email to the Town Crier: “I have found that Kavita and I work very well together over the past four years, and often bounce ideas off of each other, so the slate seemed like a natural step. This is in the context of a city council and

town staff that overall work very well together and are making good decisions, day after day, to support the town and its residents. I truly feel that the important work is incomplete, and that we have forward momentum I’d like to help keep going.”

Tyson and Tankha made their intentions official in a letter to residents last week, listing a wide array of accomplishments during their terms on the council, including:

- Keeping town business running smoothly during the pandemic.
- Enhancing public safety by approving the installation of automatic license plate readers.
- Hiring a new city manager and other key staff members.
- Passing an emergency ordinance to maintain town control over growth, in the wake of State Senate Bill 9.
- Funding and completing design for a



Tankha



Tyson

utility undergrounding project centered on the El Monte Fire Station.

- Renegotiating the GreenWaste garbage contract, “returning millions of dollars to our residents.”
- Retaining control and successfully protesting the takeover of the Los

Altos Hills County Fire District.

- Setting up a hybrid meeting model for council meetings to encourage more residents to participate.
- Working with Los Altos Hills Community Fiber to improve internet access.
- Hosting the town’s first wildfire forum.

“We are so proud of all that we have accomplished together, but there is so much more to do, improving our infrastructure, increasing transparency in all spheres of government, and protecting and preserving the semi-rural character of our town,” Tankha and Tyson wrote in their letter to residents.

Galea bids farewell after long law enforcement career

Town Crier Staff Report

Friends, family and colleagues of retiring Los Altos Police Chief Andy Galea gathered May 25 at the Los Altos Community Center to recognize his 46-year career in law enforcement.

That career includes 13 years in Los Altos, the last five as chief. He is leaving at the end of the month.

Galea was praised for his calm leadership and approachability.

“He projects this sense of trustworthiness,” said Chief Phan Ngo of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. “You get this sense that if you’re with him, everything is going to be OK.”

Ngo noted that during his time as a lieutenant with the San Jose Police Department, Galea was in charge of averting Y2K issues.

“We were going to be OK with Andy in charge,” he said. “Twenty-two years (later), we’re here, and I think Andy can take credit for it.”

Ngo’s playful comment met with laughter.

Galea’s tenure in Los Altos drew accolades as well.

“We all appreciated how much you did for the commu-



Chief Phan Ngo of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, above left, offers words of praise – along with some playful ribbing – as retiring Los Altos Police Chief Andy Galea looks on. Galea, above right, was honored for his work May 25. Galea’s family attended the event, below.



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nity,” Councilmember Neysa Fligor said. “We’re really sorry to see you go.”

Galea said he was touched by the turnout and the kind words. He mused on the changes in law enforcement from when he first started as an officer in Menlo Park.

He credited “wonderful mentors” and acknowledged his wife, Candy, and his four sons.

“One career, one family. ... Looking back, I’d do it all again,” he concluded.



News



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residents speak English at home; 19% speak Asian and Pacific Islander languages and 14.6% speak Spanish at home, representing a sizable minority of residents who face a language barrier when engaging with city government.

The academy is more than a networking opportunity like Chamber of Commerce leadership training programs across the country, because it helps build organic in-roads into foreign-language-speaking communities.

“They become ambassadors when they graduate,” Ducos said of program participants. “They are able to go to places that I cannot go myself.”

Engaging diverse communities

Ducos said city’s the housing element process has revealed the success of her efforts to diversify involvement in the city, as she saw more residents from varied backgrounds joining in on meetings.

According to Lei Cheng, who is currently enrolled in the Civic Leadership Academy, the program has been a true learning experience.

She has participated in various events and attended some council meetings before, but the program has helped the five-year Mountain View resident gain a deeper understanding of the city government’s departments and services. She also cited a recent session led by fire department personnel as particularly educational.

“This goes a long way toward helping the Chinese community become engaged and become



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Participants in Mountain View’s Chinese-language Civic Leadership Academy listen to a presentation from the fire department, top, before learning how to use a fire extinguisher, above.

more integrated into the city,” Cheng said, expressing gratitude to the city.

For Diana Olivares, who completed a previous Spanish-language academy, the program not only helped her learn more about the city, but also more about the people around her.

“It helped me to look over the bubble I was living in,” she said, describing her life surrounded mostly by tech employees like her husband.

Olivares began volunteering at the Day Worker Center, which sparked her interest in getting involved in the community as she saw fellow Latinos struggling with gentrification and rising rent. She met Ducos at an event and eventually enrolled in the Civic Leadership Academy.

The program enabled her to hear from other Latinos, mostly working in labor fields, and understand their struggles, Olivares said.

She noted that she often

found that laborers didn’t feel strong enough to speak up, but “the academy gave them the opportunity to empower their words and their opinions.”

Like Ducos suggested, Olivares’ experience in the academy allowed her to reach out to others during the pandemic. Olivares and other members of her class partnered with Santa Clara County to share accurate information in Spanish about the COVID outbreak and learned how to teach disaster preparedness with Listos (which means “ready” in Spanish) California.

Both Cheng and Olivares emphasized that the program has the potential to bring new voices into the public sphere.

“I just think this is going to help Mountain View to be a more diversified and inclusive community in the long run,” Cheng said.

For more information on the program, visit mountain-view.gov/depts/manager/multilingual/default.asp.

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Los Altos City Council to discuss wireless law, budget items Tuesday

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos City Council members are scheduled to consider adoption of a controversial wireless telecommunications ordinance at their meeting Tuesday.

The ordinance and other related approvals are intended to regulate an expected proliferation of “small-cell nodes” – equipment that can be city-regulated for aesthetic purposes, but not for health- or technology-related issues, which are pre-empted by federal regulations.

Wireless providers are moving away from cell towers to smaller equipment. Such equipment has less range, meaning companies including AT&T and Verizon will need more of them for adequate coverage. The result could be some node installations in residential neighborhoods. Discussion has focused on setbacks and prioritizing loca-

tions to minimize impacts to residents.

The painstaking ordinance approval process consumed 10 hours of discussion over two council meetings in April and May, with some residents voicing concerns over health and safety. Other alleged experts in the field have phoned in to council meetings to offer their services in strengthening ordinance “protections.”

The council has come under some criticism for editing the text of the ordinance line-by-line at council meetings, despite the city paying thousands of dollars for expert telecommunications consultants and attorneys to craft the language.

The issue also had residents taking advantage of ceding public comment time to allow some commenters longer speaking times. The practice enabled a 20-minute presentation from a Texas-based telecommunications

expert at the May 10 meeting. The extended speaking times prompted agreement among council members at their May 24 meeting to review meeting protocols.

In addition to the ordinance, the council is considering a negative declaration of environmental impact under state law and adoption of a resolution outlining design guidelines.

Two other items at Tuesday’s council meeting are budget-focused: closing of the current fiscal year 2021-2022 and presentation of the proposed 2022-2023 budget. Two expenses for 2021-2022 – \$38,000 in park in-lieu funds for a downtown theater feasibility study and a \$1 million increase in city legal fees – will be part of a public hearing.

Tuesday’s meeting, held remotely, is set for a 7 p.m. start.

For more information, visit losaltosca.gov.



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Small-cell nodes, such as the one above, are set to be regulated under a new Los Altos ordinance.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation trustees Sierra Clark and David Orr, both grandchildren of the late Lucile Packard, show a rendering of a future NICU patient room outside Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. The foundation recently donated \$100 million for renovations.

COURTESY OF MICHELLE LOGAN



Los Altos-based foundation donates \$100 million to Packard Children’s Hospital

By Katherine Simpson
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The Los Altos-based David and Lucile Packard Foundation recently donated \$100 million to Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

The funds will transform the hospital’s West Wing, home to neonatal care and the labor and delivery unit, which has not been extensively renovated since the facility opened in 1991.

Sierra Clark, foundation board spokesperson and granddaughter of the late Lucile Packard, told the Town Crier that such a large gift to the children’s hospital represents an investment in the community as a whole and in its future.

“I think it’s a statement about maintaining roots and a real investment in the community,” Clark said.

Even with the state-of-the-art research and technology at the hospital, Clark said the donation is just as much about ordinary pregnancies and deliveries.

“We have given gifts in the past that are more about cutting-edge clinical research,” she said. “This one is really about the community. It’s about the women, it’s about the kids. We want to make sure that the everyday families are remembered and supported and on par with the

very complex cases that might excite people from a medical perspective.”

More than 4,400 babies are born at Packard Children’s Hospital each year, with more than 130,000 babies born since the hospital opened 30 years ago.

The foundation’s contribution will still fund a number of research-based improvements, including the transformation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit from primarily open rooms to private rooms where parents can stay with their babies, a design that has recently gained favor among researchers.

“In designing the hospital, Lucile Salter Packard had the then-revolutionary idea of keeping newborns with other children – and mothers with their babies,” said David K. Stevenson, M.D., who works as a neonatologist at the children’s hospital. “That decision catapulted Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford ahead of every other children’s hospital in the country, and this gift could do the same.”

When completed, the renovations will expand the labor and delivery unit’s space by 20% and include a number of private rooms for both antepartum, delivery and postpartum care.

The project, with a total budget of \$800 million, is scheduled for completion in 2028.



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News

CUESTA

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department. In this concept, “the vertical element in one travel lane is offset from that of the opposite travel lane,” according to staff. The rubber tables would be affixed with an adhesive to reduce noise. One speed table location, between El Monte and Arboleda Drive, would be removed, and the eight split-lane tables would occupy the remaining four locations. As part of the improvements, an all-way stop with crosswalks would be installed at the Cuesta-Arboleda intersection.

Firefighters are requesting staggered placement so that trucks can weave around them in emergencies.

Pending delays in approval, demolition of the old tables and the new construction would take place during the September-October time frame. Because the project is intended to meet fire codes, it will not go before the city council.

Questions arise

The proposal, however, brought a whole new round of concerns from speakers at the May 25 meeting. Residents pointed out that regular motorists, as well as firefighters, also could swerve around the split speed tables. The plan to install vertical posts at the road’s edge to discourage that posed problems for cyclists using the road’s edge. Also questioned was the rubber technology offered by vendor Traffic Logix – supposedly the first of its kind used in the state – being unproven and introducing potential noise impacts.

Bob Machlin said he has experienced the rubberized tables in other states.

“Those who live near them will not like them,” he said.

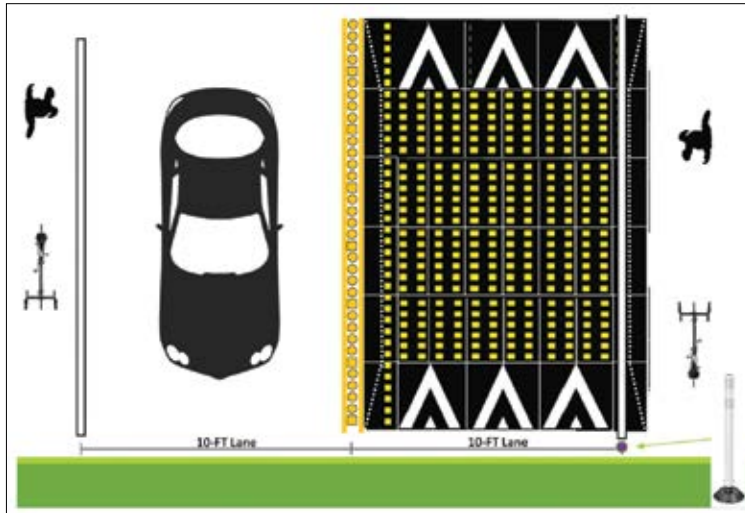
“This is by far one of the most complicated traffic solutions in the city,” commissioner Nadim Maluf said. “If the county wants to experiment, I don’t want to be the guinea pig.”

City staff reported that fire department officials cited success with the concept in other states, such as Oregon.

Still others wondered whether the city has lost track of its overarching goal – keeping traffic on Cuesta reined in at an average of 25 mph, and 15 mph over the traffic tables.

“There’s no data to show the proposed plan is going to lower the speed,” Steve Heselton said.

That was confirmed by the



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An illustration, top, shows the latest plan for rubberized speed tables on Cuesta Drive. Above, a vehicle travels over one of the current speed humps on Cuesta.

city’s traffic consultant, Jaime Rodriguez. He noted, however, that last year’s passage of Assembly Bill 43, regulating speed based on policy rather than speed surveys, would allow the city more control. AB 43, set to take effect in June 2024, is designed to give cities flexibility to lower speed limits across a wide range of streets.

Aldrich noted the city already paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for the initial tables (the cost of the 2020 project, including seven 3-inch speed humps on Arboleda, totaled \$522,279). He also wanted to know when the city discovered the 3-inch height maximum required by the fire department.

The city reported that the fire department informed officials of the compliance issue after the project was completed.

Costly redo

Some residents and commissioners pointed to insufficient rationale for the city to undertake what likely will be a costly redo.

Commissioner Cindy O’Yang asked whether it was possible to shave off the height of the current tables. Rodriguez said the decision to replace them has already been made.

Marisa Lee, the city’s transportation services manager, said staff research indicated that re-

doing the existing tables proved “infeasible” from a construction perspective.

One major change coming out of the May 25 meeting was a commission recommendation to reduce the width of the new humps to 10.5 feet to avoid interference with bike lanes.

The length of the tables will be 21 feet, 14 feet at the 3-inch height.

Other project modifications included flexible posts along street edges and a centerline with “tactile elements” to keep vehicles in their lanes.

Lee, who has been in her position a year, came to the city after the installment of the initial speed table project.

“I am just trying to move this (and other projects) forward, and focus on what we can do now to make things better,” she said.

But some commissioners and residents remained unconvinced about moving forward with plans as currently presented.

“You need a plan of action if the speeds prove unacceptable after the new project (is built),” Maluf said.

“We’re having a lot of concerns, and we need a lot more confidence,” said commission chairperson Stacy Banerjee.

Commissioners are scheduled to review the project again at their June 29 meeting.

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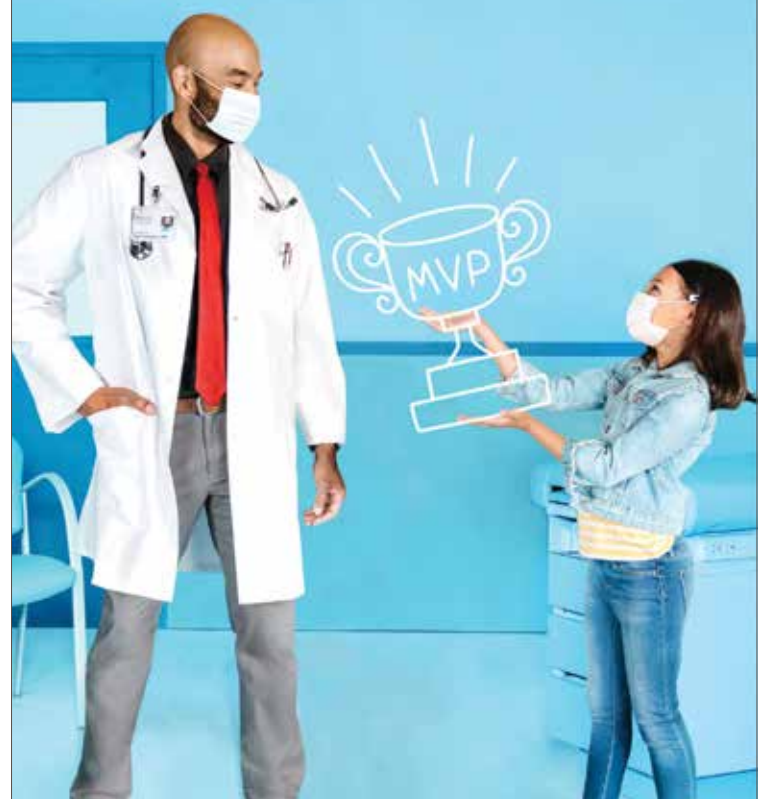
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Editorial

A salute to local educators

As we come to the end of another school year, we are thankful for everyone involved in making our schools as great as they are. But this year, in particular, we must give a heartfelt thanks to some of our retiring educators and administrators.

Keeping their focus on educating our children is not always easy when outside forces get in the way, such as a pandemic.

Thank you to Jeff Baier and Randy Kenyon of the Los Altos School District for their many years of service and leadership in the community.

The same goes to Bill Pierce of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District. Pierce, longtime principal at Alta Vista High, the district's continuation high school, made a major impact on every student who passed through its doors. He and his staff at Alta Vista won numerous awards, but none more rewarding than the thanks from their students. Pierce also oversaw many other MVLA programs over the years, and all were very successful, because he fought for all students.

We are very fortunate to have such great educators and staff at our schools. And we would be remiss if we did not thank all of the teachers and other staff members for their hard work, especially over the past two years as they dealt with in-person learning, remote learning and a mix of both due to COVID outbreaks.

As some of those teachers and staff members move on after this year, we thank them for their dedicated service and wish them well.

One of the things that makes this community great is the volunteerism in our schools. The pandemic also made things difficult for volunteers, and they deserve our thanks.

Our great schools would not be what they are without a team effort of caring educators, administrators, staff and volunteers, not to mention a supportive community.

To all of you, thank you, and have a wonderful summer.

Peek into the Past



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Los Altos Grammar School's first eighth-grade graduation took place in 1915. Pictured are Roy Eschenbruecher, back left, and Carl Shoup (Paul and Rose Shoup's son, and later a famous economist), back right. The tall girl in the center is Dorothy Melsome. Others pictured include Helen Wasson, Ruth Williams, Ezra Erickson and William Hyde.

A bridge too far

By Andy Dolich

Having lived in big cities on both coasts, I marvel at the mix of pedestrians, pets, cars and all manner of wheeled transport at the crossroads in some of America's busiest cities.

Each and every day in our little burg, the intersection of Main and Second streets seems to be auditioning for the new reality show: "America's Most Dangerous Four-Way Intersections."

Spend a few minutes safely positioned on one of the four corners and catch the Cuisinart of cars, homo sapiens, canines and carriers. You'll see all of these and more:

- Stop-sign runners
- Non-signalers
- Two-wheelers without regard to rules
- Diagonal walkers
- Skateboarding youngins dialed into earbuds and downloading digital drivels
- Strollers, the four-wheeled type
- Crosswalk wavers – "You go." "I'll go." "No, you go." "No, we'll both go!"
- Six-leggers – dog owners
- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Explorers – "I have no idea where I am headed. Is this Los Gatos?"
- Cane carriers
- Car texters, phoners, GPSers and TikTokers
- Uber drivers with zero clue as to where they are dropping off or picking up
- Caffeine addicts who double park so they can rush in for their mobile orders clogging up the four corners (yes, we know you are very important impatient Masters of the Universe)
- Big black SUVs carrying VIPs to crucial meetings over brewed beans, bagels, baguettes, bivalves and boulangeries
- Self-driving cars – how do they exchange

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licenses after an accident?

My favorite pedestrian was the legendary New York City icon Mr. Ratso Rizzo. "I'm walkin' here! I'm walkin' here!"

There is a simple solution to solve what could be a horrific accident destined to occur at this crucial Los Altos crosswalk.

In executive session, the Los Altos City Council should decide it's time for a pedestrian bridge in the shape of an X over Main and Second streets. Feet above, tires below.

OK, we know there have to be hearings, petitions, re-hearings, etc., but if speed humps on Cuesta Drive can be the height of the dikes in Holland, then we should be able to navigate our way to a safe solution?

Many institutions, including universities, hospitals and high-tech companies, use pedestrian bridges as a gateway into their campuses. If well designed, a pedestrian bridge can be an iconic walkway. A beautifully designed pedestrian bridge can be a dramatic landmark. A pedestrian bridge can add a distinctive element to our neighborhood.

The city council can open the design competition to firms throughout North America as part of the bidding process. They can hire the globally respected bridge consulting firm Kwai, London and Sighs to assist them in the final design selection.

To lessen the construction/installation time, the X-shaped bridge can be constructed off-site and put into place by industrial helicopters.

Enjoy your safety.

Los Altos resident Andy Dolich is owner of Dolich & Associates, a sports consultancy.

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Community

3 local siblings sculpt in support of search and rescue

By Katherine Simpson
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

Three Los Altos siblings organized a fundraiser last Saturday for a cause near and dear to their hearts – the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Canine Team.

Sydney, 13, Oliver, 10, and Eleanor (who goes by "Nori"), 8, got to know about the all-volunteer unit of dogs and handlers close to home. Their mother, Jennifer Yeh, is training the family German shepherd, Oaky, for search and rescue certification.

Nori, who was most interested in supporting the volunteer unit, enlisted her siblings to help organize a fundraiser at one of her favorite places – Halo Pottery in Los Altos.

"I wanted to have them recognized because they do a lot of training, and I wanted to do art at the same time," Nori said.

Oliver helped give a PowerPoint presentation to the Search and Rescue committee, and Sydney worked to organize the event – which featured a meet-and-greet with some of the volunteer dogs and an opportunity for attendees to sculpt a dog of their own.

"We'd done a few pottery camps at that



Nori Shen, left, introduces a fundraiser attendee to Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue canine Bo and handler Adeline Espinoza, right. Nori and her siblings raised \$2,200 for the canine team – more than seven times their goal of \$300 – at their Saturday event at Halo Pottery.

COURTESY OF SYDNEY SHEN

pottery studio," Sydney said of the siblings' decision to hold their fundraiser at Halo Pottery, located in Rancho Shopping Center.

It was also a natural choice, "so that people who want to participate can sculpt a dog," she added.

Nori said the dogs hung around after the meet-and-greet, "because the artists need inspiration."

"We're just basically trying to bring awareness to the community about it in general," Sydney said. "Not many people know

(about) how (the search and rescue team) provides a free service to the community."

Saturday's event raised \$2,200 to fund snacks, toys and other equipment for the dogs. Nori was among the sculptors.

The volunteer dogs are certified to search for any human scent in a general area, to begin a search, to trail a specific scent and to locate cadavers on land and in water.

For more information on the canine search and rescue team, visit scssar.org/specialty-teams/canine.

Save the Date

Thursday

Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market, 4-8 p.m. on State Street. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.

July 9 & 10

43rd annual Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Los Altos. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.

Aug. 13 & 14

47th annual Fine Art in the Park open-air art show, hosted by the Rotary Club of Los Altos, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Lincoln Park in Los Altos. Information: rotaryartshow.com.

Sept. 16

Downtown Los Altos Beer Stroll, 6-9 p.m. in downtown Los Altos. Sponsored by the Los Altos Village Association. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.

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Community

Local yoga teacher publishes book for kids, with an environmental angle

By Sophia Yao

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos resident Holly Love recently self-published a children's book aimed at teaching yoga while also providing lessons about protecting the environment.

Co-written with Shalini Soni, "Namaste Earth" has been available on Amazon since April.

"The book is all about children's connection to nature and planting seeds to help grow their appreciation of nature – just how much the Earth supports us and surrounds us with beauty and just to stimulate an interest in taking care of the environment," Love said.

Love added that each yoga pose represents a different way for readers to think about themselves in relation to the environment.

"As I do waterfall pose, my mind is

calm and invites brave and bold thoughts about new ways to support sustainability on Earth, and we would hope that children reading that page would maybe think about new ways they can support sustainability on Earth," Love said. "While I'm in Downward-Facing Dog pose, I become aware of a strong bond between me and everything around me."

Love became interested in yoga when she was working as a pediatric occupational therapist and saw how much it helped her patients.

"I became certified to teach kids yoga and used yoga a lot in my occupational therapy practice, since kids really loved it," she said. "Kids really benefited from yoga physically, emotionally, cognitive-



Love

ly, just in so many ways. Through my work, I got into yoga for myself and had a lot of that benefit as well."

Over the pandemic, Love and Soni taught virtual storytime yoga classes at libraries. However, Love said they couldn't find a book that went beyond yoga poses and also detailed the connection between humans and the environment.

"A Tree pose is more than just balancing on one foot; it's your tree and the tree gives shade and oxygen – it sequesters carbon," Love said. "Trees are so important, and as children learn more about nature, they will be more interested in taking care of it. We couldn't find a book like

that, so we decided to write this book."

Love noted that caring about the environment and teaching children to care about it is crucial because of climate change and other problems created by global warming.

"I think our lives depend on it," she said. "Gosh, we can't read the paper these days without an article about our dire situation. We need the next generations to take over and come up with solutions."

While Love found the process of writing "Namaste Earth" challenging, it was also rewarding.

"Writing a book is a lot of work," she said. "It's a lot of detail. When I look at a children's book, I think it looks so simple, but every word matters – and so does the choice of words and putting thoughts together. It really was a labor of love. It was very challenging but very exciting to write a book."



City of LOS ALTOS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
June 14th, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2022 (A. Rodriguez)
2. Reject Bid for Annual Storm Drain Improvements on Milverton Road: Authorize the City Manager to reject the bid received for the Milverton Road Storm Drain Improvements Project, Project CD-01012, request the design consultant to reevaluate the project plans and specifications, and rebid the project (T. Nguyen)
3. SB-1 Road Repair and Accountability Act Resolution: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-xx 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 2022-23 (G. Watanabe)
4. Approve Contract Amendment: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment on behalf of the City with Alta Planning + Design in an amount not to exceed \$154,814 to provide additional Safe Routes to Schools consulting services for the Transportation Division of the Engineering Services Department (M. Lee)
5. Emergency Declaration Resolution: Adopt a Resolution extending the declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic (J. Maginot)
6. Contract Amendment: Complete Streets Master Plan: Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment #3 for Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design for Complete Streets Master Plan (M. Lee)

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Resolution No. 2022-__ : Sewer Service Charges: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-__ approving Sewer Service Charges for FY 2022/23 (A. Fairman)
8. FY 2021/22 Budget Appropriations: Review and Approve final adjustments to FY 2021/22 Budget Appropriations (J. Furtado)
9. Proposed FY 2022/23 Mid-Term Budget: Adopt Resolutions adopting the FY 2022/23 Mid-Term Budget (J. Furtado)
10. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities: Adopt Resolution adopting the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact on the possible environmental consequences of the adoption of the ordinance and design guidelines; and adopt an ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Locational Standards; and adopt a resolution adopting Telecommunications Facilities Design Guidelines

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. AB 481 Military Equipment Use Policy: Review the Los Altos Police Department Draft Policy 709 and provide modifications as needed (K. Krauss)
12. Open Government Policy: Review and provide direction accordingly
13. Council Legislative Subcommittee Update and Potential Council Action: Receive an update from the City Council Legislative Subcommittee; discuss pending legislation including, but not limited to AB 2053, AB 2097, AB 2221, AB 2164, AB 1944, AB 2011, AB2181, SB 897, SB 922, SB 932, & SB 1067

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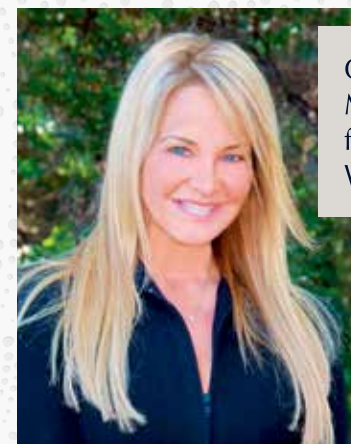
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Event for PKU families set for Saturday

By James Pampeyan
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The California Coalition for PKU and Allied Disorders has scheduled its PKU Family Day event 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos.

The annual event, free to attend, aims to bring together people who are afflicted with the rare disease, according to organizers. Along with food that includes low-protein sandwiches, the festivities will feature a raffle fundraiser, children's arts and crafts, and live music.

PKU, or phenylketonuria, is caused by a mutation in the PAH gene that helps break down an

amino acid called phenylalanine. Mayo Clinic researchers report that people with PKU are at risk of developing major health problems if they eat protein-rich foods. The National PKU Alliance estimates there are 16,500 people in the U.S. with PKU.

Coalition board member Diane Pytel said PKU Family Day is a good opportunity to connect with others touched by the disease.

"It's such a rare event," she said. "It's just always really great to see people that kind of get it and understand and can relate to the challenges that you may have had as well."

Pytel said any money raised at the event will go toward helping

people purchase PKU-specific formulas, something she has to do for her 16-year-old daughter who has PKU.

"My daughter drinks probably \$25 worth of formula a day," she said. "We like to help people who are in sticky situations and may have gaps in insurance or no insurance until they can get, say, on Medi-Cal to help them out."

For more information on PKU Family Day, email ccpkud@gmail.com.

Pet of the Week

Daisy is a 2-year-old dog available for adoption through Pets In Need, the agency that provides animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. A PIN rep described Daisy as a "very affection-motivated dog – she's quite the cuddle connoisseur." Daisy is currently in a foster home. To apply to set up a meet-and-greet, call (650) 496-5971 or visit petsinneed.org/dogs/daisy.



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Stepping Out

PA Players' 'Twelfth Night' opening Friday

Town Crier Report

Palo Alto Players is set to stage William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" Friday through June 26 at the Lucie Stern Community Theatre, with streaming offered June 23-26.

Abridged by Max Tachis, the romantic comedy is about finding love where you least expect it.

Duke Orsino (played by Chris Mahle) loves Olivia (Kristen Lo), who won't give him the time of day. Olivia loves Viola (Emily Scott), whom she thinks is a boy. Viola loves Orsino, who doesn't know she's a girl. Malvolio (Jim Shelby) loves being in love. Sir Andrew (Paul Dunlap), Sir Toby Belch (Tim Farrell) and Maria (Gay Penner Richard) love life to its fullest.

Roneet Aliza Rahamim directs the



The cast of Palo Alto Players' production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" includes, from left, Jim Shelby (as Malvolio), Kristen Lo (Olivia) and Jen Ellington (Valentina). The play runs through June 26.

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play and Todd Summers serves as the music director.

Shows are slated 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (after this week), 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. The theater is located at 1305 Middle-

field Road, Palo Alto.

Tickets for in-person shows are \$10-\$57; streaming is \$20 per device.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 329-0891 or visit paplayers.org/event/twelfth-night.

LA Stage Co.'s 'Magnolias' closes with Sunday matinee

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Stage Company production of the drama "Steel Magnolias" opened last weekend and is slated to run through Sunday at Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave. This is the final show of the company's 2021-2022 "Back in the Barn" season.

Bay Area resident Lee Ann Payne directs "Steel Magnolias," a play by Robert Harling previously adapted for the screen. The story centers on a group of humorous Southern women and focuses on Shelby, who experiences a wedding, childbirth and medical complications with her partner.

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

Attendees must show proof of full COVID vaccination and wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

This show, like most LASC productions, is recommended for mature audiences.

Tickets are \$20-\$40.

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Foothill running out of 'Radium'

Town Crier Report

Foothill College Theatre Arts presents D.W. Gregory's "Radium Girls" through Sunday in Los Altos Hills.

Inspired by a true story, the play is set primarily in New Jersey during the 1920s, when radium was seen as a miracle cure, Marie Curie was an international celebrity and luminous watches were the latest rage. It's also when the young women who used radium to paint the dials of the watches began to fall ill with a mysterious disease.

"Radium Girls" traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, Grace finds herself battling not just with U.S. Radium Corp., but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

Tom Gough directs a cast featuring Caitlyn Kyong (as Grace Fryer), Kayli Smith (Irene Rudolph), Sydney Harmon (Kathryn Shaub), Matt Brown (Arthur



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Foothill's "Radium Girls" stars, from left, Kayli Smith (as Irene), Sydney Harmon (Kathryn) and Caitlyn Kyong (Grace).

Roeder), Ronald Feichtmeier (Edward Markley), Andre Leben (Charlie Lee) and John Musgrave (Dr. Von Sochocky).

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Sports

Los Altos falls short in NorCal DV final

By Pete Borello
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This wasn't how the Los Altos High softball team wanted the season to end – a 5-3 loss to Big Valley Christian in Saturday's Northern California Division V final – but the Eagles never expected their season to last this long, either.

First baseman Maggie Byrne said qualifying for NorCal was not among the team's goals at the start of the year, "and even during league, it wasn't on our radar."

After going 6-6 in the SCVAL De Anza Division and 12-12-1 overall, coach Robert Herrera said Los Altos "squeaked into the playoffs." Three games later, the Eagles won their first Central Coast Section crown in 27 years – beating Piedmont Hills 5-0 in the Division IV final behind Sophia Asar's no-hitter – and landed the third seed in NorCal Division V.

Two days after routing Los Molinos 9-0 in the opener, Los Altos (17-13-1 overall) went on the road Thursday and took down No. 2 St. Helena 4-2 in the semi-finals. That led to another long



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Maggie Byrne prepares to field a ball at first base in Los Altos High's NorCal opener. The junior had two hits in Saturday's final.

drive, this time to Modesto to face No. 1 Big Valley (22-6).

The Eagles held the host Lions scoreless for the first two frames and had a chance to take the lead in the third when they loaded the bases with one away, but Big Valley ace Ava Hernandez struck out the next two batters.

"She's a riseball pitcher, and we've been disciplined to stay off that pitch all year, but they were amped up and chased that thing all day," Herrera said of his team, which had more strikeouts (eight)

than hits (seven). "Basically, they were getting themselves out."

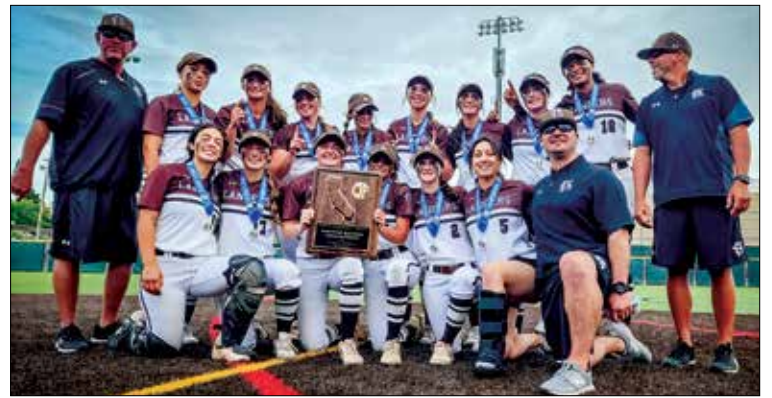
Hernandez got out of three bases-loaded jams in the game.

In the bottom of the third, Big Valley erupted for four runs, helped by two Los Altos errors.

"We had good games on D," Byrne said. "It was just one or two errors in the (third) that really cost us."

The Eagles clawed back in the fourth, getting their first run on a bases-loaded sacrifice fly from

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The St. Francis High softball team, above, commemorates Saturday's victory. Lancer Jessica Oakland, below, makes contact.

Lancers claim softball title

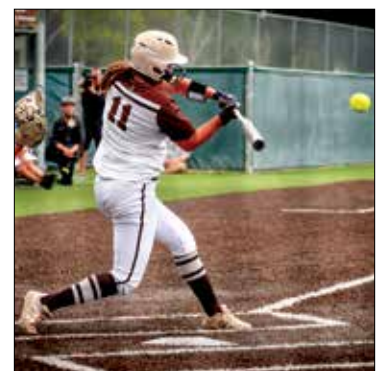
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The St. Francis High softball team left no doubt that it was the best squad in the region, punctuating its season with a 6-0 win over Clovis in Saturday's Northern California Division I final.

The top-seeded Lancers outscored their three NorCal opponents by a combined score of 18-2 and finished the year on an 18-game winning streak.

Host St. Francis (31-2 overall) piled up 17 hits against No. 3 Clovis (27-7). Five of them were doubles, including one by Brooke Deppiesse in the third inning that scored the Lancers' initial run. St. Francis' other extra-base hit came on Ella Milante's solo homer in the fourth that made it 2-0.

The Lancers broke the game open in the fifth, scoring four times. Jessica Oakland's double



drove in two of those runs; Claire Turner and Lexi O'Gorman added an RBI each.

Turner and O'Gorman notched three hits apiece in the game; only Carly Cummings (4-for-5 with a run) topped that.

Defensively, St. Francis didn't make a single error.

A trio of pitchers – Kate Munnerlyn, Shannon Keighran and Chloe Cummings – combined to limit Clovis to just six hits and

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Los Altos High's Toney, Soobrian return from state track meet with medals

By Pete Borello
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As a freshman, Shawn Toney didn't even dare to dream about setting the Los Altos High record for the boys 300-meter hurdles.

"I was running it in 44 or 45 seconds," he said, "and when I saw the school record, I was laughing because I was nowhere near that."

Three years later, Toney not only owns that record, but also a bronze medal for placing third in the event May 28 at the state track and field championships in Clovis. He finished in 37.42 seconds, besting the school record he set a week earlier at the Central Coast Section championships (37.61).

"It's pretty amazing," the UCLA-bound Toney said of becoming the first Los Altos boy in 23 years to place at least third at state. "My goal was to finish in the top three, but I knew the top six all had close



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Los Altos High's Shawn Toney, right, gains on Wilson's Isaac Lewis in the 300-meter hurdles finals at the state meet. Toney edged Lewis for third place.

times and that it could go any which way."

Thanks to a fast start and an even faster finish, the race went the right way for Toney. The senior said he got out quicker

than he did at the preliminaries a day earlier – he finished fourth with a 37.68 – and found another gear with the finish line in his sights.

"I'm usually faster than most of them on the backstretch," he said. "I was fourth or fifth with 100 (meters) to go, and with each hurdle, I was getting closer and closer. On the final hurdle, I was chasing the No. 1 (seeded) guy and got over the last hurdle smoother than him, and went from fourth to third."

Toney edged Wilson's Isaac Lewis by 0.02 seconds.

What a way for Toney to finish his high school career, especially after qualifying in three events in 2021 and not being able to compete due to the pandemic.

"I was pretty disappointed when it was canceled last year, and I set it as a goal for myself this year," he said. "Being there for the first time made it more special, for sure."

Toney also ran on the Eagles' 4x400 re-

lay team at state. He and Reece Enthoven, Jake Howmiller and Braden Harrison combined for an 18th-place time of 4:24.02 in the May 27 prelims.

Soobrian secures fourth

The winds kicked up as the sun went down at state, prompting Los Altos runner Lauren Soobrian to alter her race plan for the girls 3,200 final. She needed a shield.

"My goal was to tuck behind someone in the main pack," the junior said.

The strategy helped Soobrian stay with the lead group for the first two miles, but she wasn't able to maintain the brisk pace of the race beyond that.

"After the second mile, I fell off the main pack and led the second pack," she said.

Soobrian never fell too far behind, though. She finished fourth with a time of 10 minutes, 24.25 seconds to earn a spot on the podium May 28 at Buchanan High.

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Ainsley Witte that scored Stefania Bilyeu.

Los Altos added another run in the fifth when Emeline Gaunce grounded to short, bringing home Lauren Han, who had stolen second and moved to third on a grounder.

The Eagles cut their deficit to 4-3 in the sixth. After belting a double and advancing to third on a passed ball, Byrne scored on Paolo Lara-Espinoza's single.

In the bottom of the inning, the Lions got one back; they scored a run on what Herrera called "a controversial play." He said the umpire changed his call from foul to fair on a grounder that sailed down the third-base line, allowing the runner from first to score.

"It was two to three feet foul –

it wasn't even close," Herrera said. "But it didn't matter, because we weren't able to score again."

The Eagles went quietly in the seventh, popping up three times.

Los Altos pitcher Asar took the loss after five straight playoff victories. The sophomore allowed just one earned run Saturday and finished with three strikeouts and no walks.

"Sophia fought really hard," said Byrne, who had two hits to share team-high honors with Aly Barrios.

While the Eagles didn't come home with the first-place trophy, Byrne was pleased with all they accomplished.

"We were upset and frustrated at first, because we came all that way and won all those games to get there," she said. "But I don't want to ignore our hard work. I'm proud of the season we had."

DLS rallies to beat SF in baseball final

Town Crier Staff Report

Just when it seemed like the St. Francis High baseball team would be hoisting the Northern California Division I championship trophy, De La Salle yanked it away.

The top-seeded Spartans overcame a three-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat No. 2 St. Francis 7-6 Saturday. Ethan Dungo capped the four-run flurry, driving in two runs with a walk-off single.

The visiting Lancers (31-5 overall) twice rallied from deficits in the game, but the Spartans (27-6) were able to pull off the



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St. Francis catcher Ryan Lee makes the tag at home in the NorCal semifinals vs. Valley Christian.

greatest comeback. It marked the second time this season that De La Salle defeated St. Francis.

The Central Coast Section Open Division champion Lancers tied the game at 1 in the fourth when Derek Gile brought home Max Ross with a single. Down 3-1 in the fifth, St. Francis evened the score on Wyatt King's two-

run double and went ahead on a two-run homer by Ross. The Lancers extended their lead to 6-3 in the seventh on Ryan Lee's single, which drove in Elias Duncan. Lee finished 3-for-4; Ross and Duncan went 2-for-3.

Reliever Will Bonini, St. Francis' fourth pitcher of the day, took the loss.

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Los Altos' Lauren Soobrian races toward fourth place in the 3,200 run at the state meet.

"I expected to make the top 10, but you never know," Soobrian said of her mindset going in. "There were a lot of fast girls."

Eagles co-head coach Steph MacKenzie called Soobrian's effort "a great result for a strategic race and the windy conditions." Soobrian is the first Los Altos runner, boy or girl, to medal in the 3,200 at state, the coach noted, and it's been 18 years since any girl from the school placed at least third in any event there.

Teammate Ella Fadil also ran in the 3,200. The junior, in her first year of high school track, placed 18th with a 10:59.11.

Other local results

Locals who did not get beyond the prelims included Los Altos' Megan MacKenzie, who competed in the triple jump, and the girls 4x400 relay that included MacKenzie, Cameron Cox, Mad-dy Randall and Jenna Houdek.

For the Los Altos boys, Zach Fagin competed in the high jump, long jump and on the 4x100 relay team, which also included Joshua Kung, who took part in the triple jump. Howmiller and Harrison ran on that relay team as well.

Mountain View freshman Hannah Rutherford raced in the 200 and 400 dashes. Her 12th-place finish in the latter is the best in school history at state, Spartan sprints coach Mark Rutner said.

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two walks. Starter Munnerlyn, who gave way to Keighran in the

fourth, earned the win.

This victory came a lot easier than the Lancers' Central Coast Section Open Division final win a week earlier at West Valley Col-

lege. St. Francis edged league rival Mitty 6-5 in nine innings on Sydney Stewart's two-out double that scored Carly Cummings from second.

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Team Max: How MVHS grad found the 'write' thing

By Jennah Pendleton

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Max Zonana, 2022 graduate of Mountain View High and young writer, struggled with writing from an early age. However, by the time he graduated last week, he published multiple works – articles, personal essays and even satire in the campus newspaper the Oracle and the Stanford Daily. Writing is now a craft he takes pride in.

Zonana's trouble with writing didn't stem from a lack of ideas he wanted to express, but from physical limitations. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a condition that affects movement and speech, when he was just over a year old.

"Unlike most kids at age 5, I couldn't write or use a computer," he said. "In fourth grade, I started typing on a laptop, but I still type eight words a minute, so it takes me longer than my peers."

Zonana's mother, Kathy, said she and the other people around him could tell early on that he was not only naturally intelligent, but also incredibly persistent. She shared a story about a visit with an occupational therapist where the therapist challenged Zonana to crawl over his

mother's legs to reach the toys sitting on the other side of her. That wasn't something he was physical capable of, but the therapist wanted to see him try. Rather than going up and over his mom, Zonana took the long way and army-crawled around her legs to get to the other side.

"And the therapist said, 'Oh, I would just love to work with him,'" Kathy recalled. "He had a remarkable effect on people. He really sparked a lot of love and care from others, and people really wanted to invest their time and care in him."

Village of support

To help Zonana reach his full potential, he and his family have cultivated a large network of people – affectionately dubbed "Team Max" – comprising dozens of people, including occupational therapists, speech therapists, teachers, classroom aides, family members, and more.

With support from Team Max, Zonana had a primarily fully inclusive education, with some dedicated classroom aides to ensure his safety and some "pullouts" for more specialized instruction, including writing. Kathy observed her son really



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Mountain View High graduate Max Zonana has achieved success in writing, even when his cerebral palsy made it difficult.

leaning into writing when he was a freshman, despite the difficulties, inspired by his ninth-grade English teacher, Mia Newton.

By the end of the year, Zonana was invited to join the school's journalism

program.

"My mom is a journalist, so I thought it would be a fun thing to try out and help me get better at writing," he said.

His published work ranges from news

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Change-maker: LAHS grad exemplifies courage, leadership and activism

By Jennah Pendleton

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When Malika Reed entered high school, she thought of herself as shy, as someone who didn't speak up. Now, as she graduates from Los Altos High, she is regarded by others as someone who steps up as a leader and stands up for something she believes is right.

As one of the few Black students at Mountain View High, she found herself the target of discriminatory comments from classmates – kids would repeat harmful stereotypes about Black people in conversation with her, making her uncomfortable and feeling ostracized. It was the Black Student Union president at Mountain View High at the time who both comforted Reed and played a significant role in making sure the bullying stopped.

"My main priority became getting closer to my culture and helping other kids who are people of color so they don't have to struggle as much as I did," Reed said.

Reed then joined BSU herself and continued to participate in social activism when she transferred to Los Altos High during her sophomore year. She caught the attention of teacher Kalinda Price, who took note of Reed's leadership skills, especially after an unfortunate incident where Reed sought justice.

When the Los Altos High junior class sponsored a virtual movie night, anonymous users joined and started to spam the "N-word" in the chat nonstop.

Reed felt targeted by the racist comments, and asked the students in charge of the event to remove the spammer, to no avail. She brought proof of the incident to the administration, advocating for an investigation and hoping to start a larger conversation on racist behavior on- and off-campus. Reed's insistence that the incident be addressed sparked a districtwide discussion on race.

"That is what we call having great leadership qualities," Price said. "She maintained her composure, tried to get to the bottom of it even in spite of how it was poorly handled. She really held her own."

The administrators' paltry response did little to allay the concerns of Black students and ultimately put the blame of the racist comments on a party outside of the school. However, Reed received praise for her valor from peers and teachers, and realized the power she had to build community and make change.

"I felt really proud of myself, because that was the first time I ever really stood up for what I believed in," she said. "After that, I'm now really happy and proud to go around campus and have conversations with my peers, tell them things about my culture and raise awareness around issues."

An AVID student

Reed has also taken on a leadership role in the Mountain View Los Altos High School District's Advancement Via Individual Determination program. AVID, an internationally recognized program, helps

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Senior Malika Reed was honored at the Blacklaureate graduation ceremony at Los Altos High May 31.

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students returned from remote learning to the classroom last August for full in-person instruction. With face masks providing protection and the availability of vaccines emerging, students, families and staff celebrated the return to campus.

Members of this year's graduating class were approaching the end of their sophomore year when the COVID outbreak forced a lockdown in March 2020, with some students returning to hybrid instruction the following spring. Although COVID cases had become milder by the start of the school year last August, the uncertainty of the pandemic impacted students' lives. The omicron surge last winter and later waves may have wreaked some

havoc, but the MVLA community stayed the course and stood strong.

As in-person instruction resumed, so too did the activities and events beyond the classroom that make the high school years special: sports, choir concerts, musical theater performances, art exhibitions, protests and service projects. And at last week's commencement ceremonies, seniors acknowledged and collectively celebrated the ways they thrived, or perhaps sometimes just survived, over the past few years.

"Throughout the course of these four years, I watched my peers develop, grow and leave their communities — both on- and off-campus — better than they found them," said Los Altos High Eagle Award winner Diya Gupta in her speech Friday. "I watched our students find what they were

passionate about and use the time that was lost to lengthen their strides taken this year."

A total of 555 Los Altos High seniors lined up at Tom Burt Field, and 552 at Mountain View High's football stadium, a welcome return to their home campuses after last year's graduation ceremony was held at PayPal Park to allow attendees the space to social distance, and 2020's ceremony of drive-thru video viewings.

"I like to call our grade 'the lost and found seniors,'" said Los Altos High graduate Serena Gaylord in her commencement speech. "We lost two years of those beautiful and awkward moments that hide in the hallways of Los Altos High School, but we came back and we learned to readapt. We learned impossible things, like how to keep living after loss."

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reporting to personal essays. In one story published while in the Stanford Daily's Summer Journalism Workshop, "Disabled, But Still White," Zonana thoughtfully examines how he is treated based on his disability in contrast with the systemic racism he observes in many facets of society. "Spasm Cuts: Not All Booked But All Chaos" is a humorous and topical piece about a fictional barbershop where all of the employees are living with cerebral

palsy, and its customers are desperate to find haircuts when all the salons are closed, left dissatisfied and with random bald spots.

Next year, Zonana plans to attend Pomona College, a private liberal arts school in Claremont. Freshmen at Pomona enter without a declared major so they can explore possibilities, though Zonana thinks he will study something in the humanities.

When Zonana speaks of his own successes, he places great emphasis on Team Max.

"My story wouldn't be possible without everyone who helped me all throughout school," he said.

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economically disadvantaged and underrepresented students gain the tools necessary to achieve academic success and attend four-year colleges. She joined her sophomore year and eventually became vice president of the AVID council.

She credits AVID as a major factor in her academic success — not only did the support she received help her make the honor roll, but it also gave her the resources to apply for \$17,000 in scholarships.

"It helped with my academics significantly, because freshman year I was really struggling with my grades, but since I came to AVID, they have skyrocketed," she said.

Reed chose UC Merced, where she will study political science, in part because of its large BSU, and plans to continue pursuing social justice initiatives.

"It was really comforting to know that a lot of kids who are my color go to this school, and they're helping each other and they're thriving," she said.

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Los Altos High School Key Club
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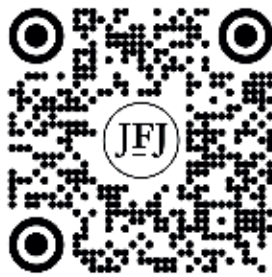
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Picture-Perfect Updates on One-Third Acre on a Sought-After Street

Just-completed updates, classic ranch design, plus a pool and spa on approximately one-third acre – this is an excellent place to call home! Located at the end of a cul-de-sac lane off the main street, the home begins with a canopy of tall trees extending to the very private rear yard with sun-swept pool and large level lawn with vast space for entertaining and play. Freshly painted interiors, refinished hardwood floors, and terrazzo-style quartz counters in the kitchen and bathrooms are just some of the updates that add designer style throughout. Five solar tubes add amazing natural light along with numerous sliding glass doors to the rear yard. There are 4 spacious bedrooms plus an inviting family room all arranged on one convenient level. Topping it all off is the ideal location just blocks to an excellent elementary and high school and to Highway 85 for convenient access to all of Silicon Valley.

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From saffron and cardamom to strawberries and cream

A sibling duo reflects the flavors of Los Altos

By Eliza Ridgeway

Staff Writer/elizar@latc.com

Los Altos residents Punhal and Naiel Chaudry have developed a cult following for their gulab jamun cupcakes, ras malai cakes and pastry-based riffs on falooda.

You'll find their glossy creations on Instagram at Lajawab Treats, at special occasions across Los Altos and Mountain View, and also at school events and fundraisers. The siblings are 12 (Naiel) and 11 (Punhal).

The duo started baking during the pandemic. Bored on a break during Zoom school, they decided to try making lemon tarts for a friend of their mom's. When those turned out delicious, their ambition grew, with a humanitarian target in the form of a mother having a tough time working as a physician in the early days of the pandemic.

"My dad had just started working at (a new job) and my mom was a frontline doctor. We had a three-course meal planned for them as a date night at our house," Naiel said.

"We were really nervous – 'You guys don't know how to cook!' – they took three hours in the kitchen, we weren't allowed to go in there, and made pasta from scratch, sauces, lava cake, and the food was actually pretty good," their mother, Aifre Ahmed, reported.

Those early ventures spun into a geode marbled cake for the parental anniversary and other projects, sometimes assembled before school at 6 a.m. Before long, family friends were commissioning wedding and birthday cakes and party catering, and the duo has started baking just about every weekend.

Ahmed and dad Moazzam Chaudry both grew up in Pakistan, and the next generation's baking palate reflects flavors from South Asia, with saffron and cardamom joining strawberry, chocolate and vanilla. Naiel's best friend loves boba tea, and was gifted a boba and lychee cake for his birthday. The gulab jamun Punhal was

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Naiel Chaudry, left, and his sister Punhal, below right, craft sweets for a gender reveal party and other summer events from their Los Altos kitchen and backyard work stations. The siblings started cooking for family and friends, growing into more elaborate catered sweets such as ras malai tres leches cakes, below left.

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Barebottle makes a hazy hard to deny

By Derek Wolfgram

Barebottle Brewing Co. was founded in the Bernal Heights neighborhood of San Francisco in 2016 by award-winning homebrewers

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and Cornell Business School classmates Lester Koga, Michael Seitz and Ben Sterling. They rapidly gained a following among homebrewers and craft beer lovers, allowing them to expand to a second taproom in Santa Clara in 2020.

The business partners are not slowing down yet, with their third and fourth locations planned to launch this year at the Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco (one rooftop, one ground floor), as well as a fifth location in Menlo Park.

While its tap lists are dominated by the hazy pale ales and IPAs that have made them popular, Barebottle also offers a wide

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Summer berries start to peak this month

By Debra Morris

Have you ever purchased strawberries at the grocery store and noticed that they're still hard and white inside? These have been picked too early and have not been allowed to ripen on the vine to develop their lovely sweet flavor.

The same can be true for other berries. All berries are fragile and should be eaten as soon after purchase as possible – freshness is key. Purchasing berries from your local farmers' market lets you select for the best just-picked flavor.

At the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market, you'll find them on offer from Rodriguez Brothers Ranch from Watsonville, Triple Delight Blueberries

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from Caruthers and West Coast Berry Producer from Salinas.

Blackberries are just coming into full sweetness but you'll find others too – here are the berries to look for this month:

- **Strawberries.** The California coast has ideal growing conditions for strawberries. Varieties you'll find in local farmers' markets include Frontera, Monterey and Albion, each with slightly differing sweetness, season and size.

- **Blueberries.** Touted as one of nature's superfoods, the kind of blueberries you'll find are the High Bush, the type farmers

cultivate, as compared to Low Bush, which is the wild variety.

- **Raspberries.** Raspberries are the most fragile of all the berry varieties, but with their tangy-sweet taste and health benefits, they're worth every little bite. Varieties are available in red, black, purple and gold hues, with red raspberries remaining the easiest to find.

- **Blackberries.** Like raspberries, blackberries are considered brambles, and if you grew up in the Bay Area, you've driven by many a bush of wild Himalayan blackberries. Some of the varieties grown by berry farmers include the Navaho and the Triple Crown.

Debra Morris works for the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market



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Market berries capture peak ripeness and same-day freshness.

Association, which operates the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market. The seasonal

market is scheduled 4-8 p.m. Thursdays on State Street.

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tucking delicately into the heart of mini cupcakes one recent Saturday came courtesy of their grandmother. The adults in the family (and visiting journalists) get to practice “quality control” in the form of extra mini cupcakes or tartlets made in addition to the primary creations that are headed out the door.

Ahmed said her children had grown up tasting the fruit breads she baked for neighbors annually from the figs, persimmons and loquats that grow in their yard, but at this point, “their baking is way above my level,” she reported.

When a visitor passed through recently, Naiel was creating a gender reveal cake, with a pink cardamom pastry cream

pipled in the heart of a cardamom cake with swaths of vanilla whipped cream, and marbled swirls of pink and blue frosting on the exterior. He and Punhal also were filling pastry shells to make classic vanilla pastry cream tartlets topped with fresh fruit, mango panna cottas, the gulab jamun cupcakes and decorative sugar cookies for several weekend events. To keep the peace and play to their strengths the two divide and conquer, Punhal explained. Naiel has a fondness for creme brulee.

“I do tiramisu, keto, healthy cakes – my mom’s friend wanted a sugar-free, gluten-free keto cake for her husband,” she said.

Almond flour, figs and honey ended up playing prominent roles.

They’ve learned the perils of pastry transport (blow the AC

on maximum), once driving up an incline as Naiel frantically tried to defeat gravity with a tilting cake in his arms. They use pricy ingredients – their personal shopper (mom) buys chocolate bars in bulk – and had to incorporate as an LLC as they partnered with increasingly formal organizations and made enough to need to file taxes.

They’ve begun to master pricing while still on the cusp of adolescence, calculating pickup and delivery costs and doing market comparison to find their niche.

To browse Naiel and Punhal’s creations, visit [instagram.com/LaJawabTreats](https://www.instagram.com/LaJawabTreats).

Have an idea for our next food story? Email Eliza at elizar@latc.com



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Clockwise from top left: A frosting design starts to take shape inside and out; mango panna cotta; and vanilla tartlets.



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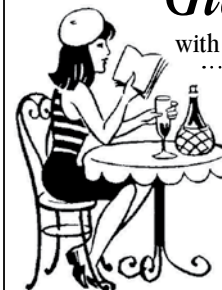
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selection of lagers, sour ales and dark beers, as well as its own wines and house-roasted coffees. Whatever beverage you enjoy, Barebottle has you covered. I limited myself to sampling the beers on my recent visit to the Santa Clara taproom.

- The 5% (ABV) **Sutro Suds** pilsner pours a slightly hazy straw color with a dense white head, and the aroma is dominated by lemon thyme, lime zest and ripe mango from Motueka hops, with low notes of white bread malt underneath. Bitterness is minimal, and the beer is light bodied with moderate carbonation. The flavor has similar characteristics to the aroma, but the malt moves to the foreground, and the citrus and herbal hop flavors come out in the off-dry finish.

- **Centennial Star Destroyer** West Coast IPA weighs in at 6.5% ABV, with a crystal-clear golden color and a dense white head. The tart-sweet hop aroma suggests the pleasant fruit punch character of Fruit Stripe gum. A clean malt bill allows the moderate hop bitterness and hop flavors of grapefruit rind and pine resin to shine. With medium body and moderate carbonation, the beer finish highlights hop bitterness with hints of residual malt sweetness.

- Regular readers probably know that hazy IPAs are definitely not my favorite style, but Barebottle makes them exceptionally well. **Amarillo Drip** (7.1% ABV) was my favorite brew that I sampled on my visit. Murky pale gold in the glass with a moderate pillowy head, the beer features a juicy aroma that is pure Sunny D orange drink. With juicy orange and peach flavors, minimal bitter-

Barebottle is known for its hazy IPAs, but also crafts lagers, sour ales and dark beers.

ness and minimal malt, the beer is moderately full bodied with medium carbonation. The finish is soft and smooth with lingering sweet orange essence.

- **Kiwi Rancher** sour ale is a hazy deep orange-pink color reminiscent of watermelon juice, with a low white head. The aroma of this 6% ABV brew gives off watermelon vibes, even though strawberry and kiwi are the fruits used in the brew. Tart kiwi and sweet berry flavors do present on the

palate, with a medium body and low carbonation. Moderate acidity and sweet fruitiness complement one another in the finish.

- **Saint Nitro** dry Irish stout (served on nitro, as the name suggests) presents a deep brown color with a dense beige head. At 4.5% ABV (just a shade higher than the popular Irish brew that inspired it), the beer smells like sweet milk chocolate with underlying dark-roast coffee

and moderate earthy hops. The flavor goes more to the roasty side of the spectrum, and also includes relatively aggressive hop bitterness for the style. The smooth, creamy mouthfeel with classic nitro carbonation leads to a bitter finish that melds both coffee-like dark roasted malts and woody hops.

Derek Wolfram is officer of the Silicon Valley Sudzers homebrew club. For more information, visit sudzers.org.

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Cherry Berry Jam

- 2 cups cherries, pitted, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup blackberries, chopped
- 1.5 cups strawberries, hulled, chopped
- 2.5 cups sugar
- 1 package low-sugar/no-sugar-needed pectin
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup distilled water

Mix 1/4 cup sugar with 1 package low/no-sugar pectin and set aside.

Put berries, juices and water in nonreactive pot and bring to boil. Add pectin/sugar mixture and stir well. Bring to boil. Add remaining sugar, stir, bring to hard boil and boil 1 minute. Check for gel using cold spoon method – dip spoon into jam mixture and place in refrigerator for a minute or two to see if it sets up.

Fill sterilized jam jars. Wipe rims, add lids and rings, and tighten. Place jars in boiling water bath canner and process 15 minutes. Cool on counter and listen for lids to pop, meaning they have sealed. If you have some that didn't seal, store in refrigerator and use them first.



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Bevri, Dogma and Rebarts open downtown

By Katherine Simpson
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

An opening, a reopening, two mergers, a renovation and a relocation kicked off the summer business season in downtown Los Altos.

• Bevri, the new restaurant serving Georgian cuisine, opened May 25 at 325 Main St., former home of Opa! This is the second location for the Palo Alto-based eatery, known for its signature khachapuri (cheese bread) and Georgian wines.

• June's First Friday event included a grand-opening celebration at Dogma – a merger between Altos Animal Chiropractic and Los Altos Community Chiropractic. The new business, which opened in April at 149 Second St., offers chiropractic services with veterinary referral and a holistic veterinarian on staff. In addition, the new location offers a green pharmacy as well as canine and human

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yoga and Pilates classes.

Owner Jamie Lucia, D.C., said the merger made sense, as “a lot of our patients wanted the dog and human health and fitness experience.”

Dogma is also staffed with naturopaths, energy workers and massage therapists who can serve both dogs and humans.

“Most people want the very best life for their pet, and they want to experience that very best life with their furry friends,” Lucia said. “We find that a proactive approach to taking care of the body and mind is the best approach to ensure a long, healthy and happy life for you and your pet. At Dogma, your health is our happiness. And of course, fitness is always fun with your furry friend.”

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KATHERINE SIMPSON/TOWN CRIER

The Georgian restaurant Bevri has opened for business at 325 Main St., former home to Opa!

What do rising interest rates mean for local real estate?

By Owen Halliday

In response to stubbornly high inflation, the Federal Reserve has been steadily raising interest rates, and indicated the trend will probably continue for the foreseeable future.

The question many are asking: How will this impact the housing market?

First, some context. Interest rates are still rather low, compared to the past 40-50 years. Many of us remember interest rates in the 12-16% range, even occasionally hitting the 18% mark. Just to put that in perspective, with a \$1 million loan at 16%, your interest payment alone would be \$160,000 per year, or \$13,333 per month. At a 5% rate, your interest payment would be less than \$4,200.

Q: How do rising interest rates impact buyers?

A: For every 1% increase in the interest rate, buyers' buying power decreases by approximately 10%. For example, for buyers who were preapproved for a \$2 million loan on a \$2.5 million house, as the interest rate goes up, they would only qualify for a \$1.8 million loan, no longer able to qualify to buy that house.

Q: Will increasing interest rates impact pricing?

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A: Probably. As money becomes more expensive to borrow, buyers tend to reduce the amount they are willing to pay. As you have undoubtedly heard, many houses have been selling way over their asking prices. I see this trend diminishing as we move forward with higher interest rates.

Q: Where do you see the greatest impact on housing demand?

A: As buyers qualify for smaller loan amounts, they tend to be driven down in the market toward lower-priced options. For some, it means they will no longer be able to qualify for even the lowest-priced homes and may opt to look at condos/townhomes or search in lower-priced areas farther away from Silicon Valley.

Q: How does it impact higher-end markets like Los Altos and Los Altos Hills?

A: The impacts of higher interest rates tend to be reduced in areas that are less dependent on traditional loans.

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Pet owners visit Dogma during its grand opening at last week's First Friday event.

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• Rebarts Interiors reopened its 252 State St. location last month after closing in mid-March for renovation. The new showroom is designed specifically to highlight automated window coverings, with smoother and quieter technology.

Owner Becky San Diego told the Town Crier that the business reopened just in time to showcase the newest line of window coverings for the 2022-2023 season.

• Encore is moving this month from 197 First St. after more than 20 years downtown, and merging with Round Robin consignment shop at 146 Main St.

"I think this is a really good thing

because it will be easier to focus on one store rather than having two separate locations," said Encore owner Christy Drexel.

She said the merger also will give her the time and opportunity to focus on her passion for jewelry design.

Drexel plans to maintain Encore's online eBay store, EncoreLosAltos, as well. A sale is scheduled through June 25 at 197 First.

• Smythe & Cross Fine Jewelry is in the process of relocating from 350 Main St. to 231 Main. The shop is scheduled to reopen June 16.

Know of a business coming or going?
Email katies@latc.com.

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Many buyers in this area are using cash reserves, stock options or loans based on their portfolios.

Q: Does this mean I should sell my house now, before interest rates go up even more?

A: It depends. If you were going to be selling anyway and were just waiting for the right time, make your decision based on what is the best timing for you. If you weren't thinking about selling, don't sell now just because the interest rates are headed up.

Q: Do rising interest rates impact appraisals?

A: Not directly, but as buying power decreases, a buyer's ability to make up an appraisal shortfall may decrease as well. We may begin to see more contingent offers, waiting to see if the appraisal comes in "at value."

Q: How do rising interest rates impact someone who already has a loan?

A: Many people have fixed-rate mortgages these days, so they will not be impacted. Those with adjustable-rate mortgages will see their monthly payments increase. Credit card interest rates will go up as well, which could impact a buyer's credit score, thus reducing the amount a buyer will qualify for. That, in turn, could reduce the amount buyers can/are willing to pay for a house. When the cost of money goes up, it tends to reduce the amount someone is willing to spend.

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



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557 Casita Way, Zhai Trust to Yujia R/E Mgmt. LLC for \$4,000,000

64 Los Altos Square, Turnbull Trust to Sixty Four Sq. LLC for \$2,125,000

1268 Nightingale Court, Allan Family Trust to Lyama Family Trust for \$5,400,000

2266 Sierra Ventura Drive, Woods Family Trust to L. & K. Prabhakar for \$3,900,000

466 S. Springer Road, Atherton Family Trust to M. Quigley for \$4,500,000

38 Third Street No. 107, Gainey Trust to Hwei-Mei Trust Indenture for \$2,325,000

539 Tyndall Street, J. Geyer to S. Raghvendra for \$1,571,000

Los Altos Hills

25215 La Loma Drive, E. Smithwick to Khanzode Trust for \$3,900,000

Mountain View

1635 Alison Avenue, Thomas Trust to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$2,300,000

1106 Blue Lake Square, P. Gaderlund to C. & S. Loh for \$3,357,000

1355 Bonita Avenue, Meddaugh Trust to Y. & Y. Guo for \$2,920,000

505 Cypress Point Drive No. 5, C. Calvert to K. & A. Ma for \$445,000

1101 W. El Camino Real No. 309, S. & J. Kang to J. Yu for \$950,000

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2220 W. Middlefield Road, J. & C. McCormack to Y. & P. Truong for \$2,000,000

861 Runningwood Circle, M. Mital to J. & A. Lee for \$2,050,000

2255 Showers Drive No. 235, A. Brown to W. & Y. Chen for \$965,000

928 Wright Avenue No. 108, M. White to L. & K. Chen for \$1,425,000

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10424 Alicia Court, C. & A. Goyal to Suravaram Family Trust for \$4,600,000

20731 Celeste Circle, Rudeen Family Trust to L. & W. Shen for \$1,000,000

10140 Firwood Drive, Emmerich Trust to S. & Z. Xing for \$1,900,000

22903 Longdown Road, Allan Trust to

M. & D. Malikireddy for \$1,950,000
10327 Mary Avenue, Nathan Family Trust to S. & P. Kasi for \$1,452,000
10846 Northridge Square, Bowlby Trust to R. & K. Sabrin for \$1,250,000

Overall

Los Altos

Total sales: 8

Lowest sale: \$1,571,000

Highest sale: \$5,900,000

Average sale: \$3,715,100

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 1

Average sale: \$3,900,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 15

Lowest sale: \$445,000

Highest sale: \$3,357,000

Average sale: \$1,821,300

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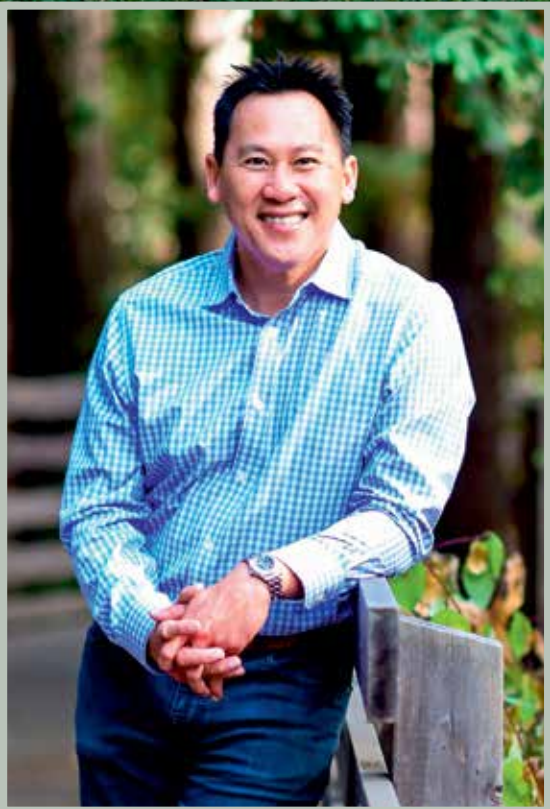




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Public Notices

Carrillo's Events FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685186

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Carrillo's Events, 126 Flynn Ave Apt. A, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Luis A Carrillo, 126 Flynn Ave, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/01/2022. /S/ Luis A Carrillo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/13/2022. (06-08,15,22,29-22)

122-T

Francisco Lopez's Handyman Services FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685185

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Francisco Lopez's Handyman Services, 120 Granada Dr Apt. #10, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Francisco J Lopez Perez, 120 Granada Dr Apt #10, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/01/2022. /S/ Francisco J Lopez Perez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/13/2022. (06-08,15,22,29-22)

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Public Notice

T-Mobile West LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing building located at 26140 Duval Way, Los Altos Hills, Santa Clara County, CA 94022. The modifications will consist of installing antennas and equipment within a replacement FRP Church steeple with a top height of 56ft 2 in. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6122004458 - TC EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or at (339) 234-2597. (06-08-22)

120-T

ADEL CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685616

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ADEL CONSULTING, 4546 El Camino Real B10 #742, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Nicholas Anderson, 861 Hanover Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087. Registrant began transact-

ing business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/26/2022. /S/ Nicholas Anderson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/31/2022. (06-08,15,22,29-22)

119-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Philip D. Crill CASE NO. 22PR192093

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Philip D. Crill. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Louis Kosta in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Louis Kosta be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/23/2022 at 9:01AM in Dept. 5 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner

2160 Golden Hill Way

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(06-01,08,15-22)

116-T

HAPPY TREASURE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685312

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HAPPY TREASURE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HAPPY TREASURE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ WaiFan Yau / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/18/2022. (05-25-22,06-01,08,15-22)

115-T

JOYFUL TREASURE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685313

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JOYFUL TREASURE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): JOYFUL TREASURE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ WaiFan Yau / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/18/2022. (05-25-22,06-01,08,15-22)

114-T

MIGHTY BRILLIANCE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685314

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MIGHTY BRILLIANCE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): MIGHTY BRILLIANCE LLC, 388 Alvarado Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ WaiFan Yau / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/18/2022. (05-25-22,06-01,08,15-22)

113-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Jean W. Ohls, aka Jean Weir Ohls CASE NO. 22PR192414

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Jean W. Ohls, aka Jean Weir Ohls. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Stephen W. Ohls in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Stephen W. Ohls be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/01/2022 at 9:01AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner

Peter S. Stern
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Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650)326-2282
(05-25-22,06-01,08-22)

112-T

REALTOWN INVESTMENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN684965

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: REALTOWN INVESTMENTS, 119 Monroe Dr., Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): David Si Wei Gao, 119 Monroe Dr., Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Min-Zhong Huang, 119 Monroe Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transact-

ing business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/01/2017. /S/ David Si Wei Gao / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/09/2022. (05-25-22,06-01,08,15-22)

111-T

EIGHTY-EIGHT SUSHI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN685223

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EIGHTY-EIGHT SUSHI, 530 Showers Dr Ste 4, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): EIGHTY-EIGHT SUSHI INC., 530 Showers Dr Ste 4, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/13/2022. /S/ Jessica DeCastro / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/16/2022. (05-25-22,06-01,08,15-22)

110-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF AZAM SOUDI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 22CV397846

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: AZAM SOUDI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Azam Soudi

Proposed Name:
Elena Soudi

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 08/30/2022 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: 05/06/2022 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (05-18,25-22,06-01,08-22)

109-T



Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to peteb@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable). Note that some items may be postponed or canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Canadian Rockies With Joan Sparks.” The wildlife photographer details her adventure through Banff and Yoho national parks in Canada. She will show her photos of the mountain vistas, including scenic views of canyons, waterfalls and icefields. 7 p.m. June 15. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. (650) 948-7683; www.sccld.org.

EXHIBITIONS

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

“Love of Nature.” Group art show. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, through June 26. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com.

“Engaging Visions.” Images of flora, fauna, wildlife and culture from around the world taken by members of the Sunnyvale Photographic Club. Through June 30. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. 650-941-8073.

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. (650) 964-4024; moffettfieldmuseum.org.

AUDITIONS

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. Los Altos based nonprofit mixed chorus of local citizens who enjoy singing a cappella. Rehearsals 7:15-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Luther Hall, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. peninsulaharmony.org.

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

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Seeks French horn players and other musicians. Rehearsals Wednesday nights at Mountain View High School. conductor@fswinds.org.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

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

OBITUARY NOTICE

EDITH ADELE MOORE



*April 2, 1945 –
March 30, 2022*

Edith Adele Moore, a writer, passed away on March 30, 2022, after lifelong challenges with multiple auto-immune diseases.

Edith was very active in her spiritual community, including being a member of the vestry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, and providing in-home hospice communion and meals to extended members of Trinity Church, Menlo Park. Most recently, she was a prime discerner for the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, Northern California Chapter. The Companions remained a key part of Edith's spiritual life even when her health prevented her from going to church.

Edith read voraciously and extensively researched topics that were important to her, starting with the subject of her doctoral thesis, Jonathan Swift, noted Christian Humanist, and Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. Swift was famous for his use of satire to criticize the foibles of society, government, religion, and intellectualism wherever they strayed from the moral and rational, especially when the lack of those two characteristics created suffering for the many. He is known for work that he published anonymously, including *A Modest Proposal* and *Gulliver's Travels*, the former a biting criticism of the English government's mistreatment of the Irish, and the latter, a tour of various shortcomings of human irrationalism in its many forms.

Edith's dedication to study, research, and learning was a lifelong pursuit and source of joy. Most recently, she researched and wrote about Indigenous People of North America and their spiritual integrity and growth despite persecution under colonial and present day religious and governmental policies. Edith also researched the character and lives of her own American family tree through records, correspondence and written histories. She was a 14th generation American descended from German and Scottish immigrants.

Edith Adele Fleming was born in San Francisco on April 2, 1945. Her mother, Doris "Tuck" Shepherd

(née Doris Adele Tucker), was the long time editor of the Los Altos Town Crier and her father, Dr. William Johnson Fleming, was a cardiologist. The family moved to Durham, NC, Menlo Park, CA, and then Palos Verdes, CA, for her father's medical career. Edith came back to the San Francisco Bay Area to attend Stanford University (Class of 1966). After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, she moved to Adelaide, Australia, to marry fellow Stanford alumnus, Dr. Leon Lack. While in Australia, Edith was a tutor in the English Department at Flinders University and gave birth to her son, Jonathan. After she and Dr. Lack divorced, Edith and her son returned to Palo Alto, where she married Terrence Moore, whom she met at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, when both were Sunday school teachers there.

Edith was ever present in her granddaughter's childhood. She was the grand master of play and imaginative exploration, and encouraged Gweneth's creative talents. Edith had such a deep love for the natural world and all the creatures in it, that she inspired that love in others. She treated the creatures she encountered as close friends and continued to communicate with the crows and squirrels outside of her bedroom even in the final days of her life.

Edith is survived by her husband, Terrence Moore, her son Jonathan Moore, daughter-in-law Brenna Chow, granddaughter Gweneth Moore, sister Gail Fleming, and nephew Kai Fleming-Snow.

Edith was first and foremost a good friend to all who were fortunate to spend time with her. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered. Edith's spirituality was above all about the importance of loving others; and the wisdom of using love to solve problems personal and societal, is one of the greatest gifts she leaves for us.

1 John 4:16

God is love, and all who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

MARIAN STARKEY



*October 1, 1926 –
October 30, 2021*

Please join us for a memorial service in honor of Marian at Bridges Community Church on June 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. 625 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024.



NOREEN LETTS



*June 22, 1934 –
May 11, 2022*

Noreen S. Letts, a long-time resident of Los Altos, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022.

Noreen, and her husband of 56 years, Richard (Dick) Letts lived in Los Altos for more than fifty years.

Noreen was born to William and Anne Shea and raised in Lowell, MA, along with her sisters Betty and Kae. While working at Raytheon Corporation in Waltham MA, she met Dick, who visited Raytheon regularly on business. They married in Southern California in 1958 and moved to the Bay Area when Dick went to work for Lockheed Missiles and Space in Sunnyvale.

Noreen devoted her life to her family and was known for her witty, fun, and bold nature. Dick described her as his Wild Irish Rose. Over the years she was an active volunteer at Saint Nicholas School, Assistance League of Los Altos, Children's Home Society and Los Altos History Museum. She also enjoyed Los Altos Newcomers Club and the Palo Alto Tennis Club. She made life-long friends along the way.

Noreen took up tennis at 50 years old. She and Dick played tennis well into their 80's and she described the tennis years among the best of her life. They enjoyed playing locally and in Carmel Valley and Palm Desert with good friends. In retirement they traveled extensively through the United States and Europe. Among her favorite trips were the Presidential Libraries. In later years they could be found having coffee most mornings at "Le Boo" on Main St.

Noreen is survived by her three children, Greg Letts of Danville CA, Doug Letts (Elle Scott) of Leavenworth, WA and Karen Wisser (David) of Danville CA; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Donations can be made to East Bay Hospice, 3470 Buskirk Ave, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.



LISA D'ALESSANDRO



*June 4, 1957 –
April 13, 2022*

It is with a sad heart to say that Lisa passed away in her sleep after fighting non-small cell lung cancer for a year.

Lisa grew up in her first 10 years moving with her family from New Jersey to Connecticut, Pittsburgh, and Denver. They finally settled in Chester, New Jersey where her mother Evelyn and her sister Robin, were surrounded by cousins and a close extended family. They lived near enough to New York City and Vermont's ski slopes to be exposed to a wider world and to expand their horizons. During college at the University of Vermont, Lisa took a year abroad in London to study economics at University College London. When she came back to UVM, she graduated with degree in computer science and mathematics. She was recruited by Hewlett-Packard and moved to Cupertino, California where she met her future husband Kyle Hurlbut at their first company picnic. Lisa took several leaves of absence from HP, first to spend a year traveling around the world with Kyle, and later to receive her MBA from Wharton. She spent her entire career at HP successfully marketing computers and computer services.

Lisa raised her two wonderful boys Robert and Andrew, and was happily

married to Kyle for 37 years. Although she loved her career in the global tech industry, she considered being a mother her greatest achievement. With her family she took annual ski trips, started the Almond Walks program to get local kids to walk to school, and was a founding member of the Los Altos Beach and Bottle Club. Her family accompanied her to London for three years when she moved her HP job there, and a colleague's brother offered to rent his house to them. Serendipitously it was directly across the street from her sister Robin and her family. Living in London was one of the best adventures of their lives.

After an early retirement, Lisa pursued her love of travel, photography, watercolor painting, bridge, golf, and skiing. She often combined painting and golf on her trips to the Big Island of Hawaii. She also took photography trips to remote and exotic places including Ethiopia, Mongolia, Bhutan, Myanmar, India, and Cuba. Lisa and Kyle spent an amazing semester studying art and photography in Florence, Italy with Foothill College. Her love of travel, adventure, and photography took her to over 50 countries around the world. Some of Lisa's photographs can be seen at LisaDalessandro.com.

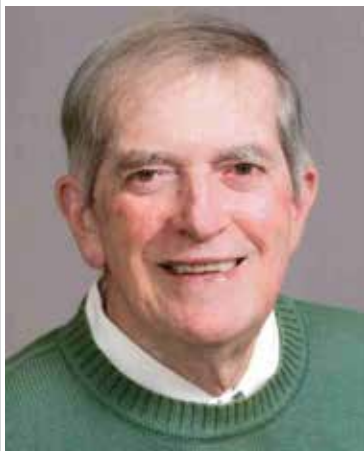
Those close to Lisa will remember her as brave, adventurous, artistic, congenial, a good listener, a good friend, and highly devoted to her family. Lisa is survived by her sons, Robert and Andrew, her husband Kyle, her sister Robin and her family, and her mother Evelyn.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society. Lisa was a non-smoker, so she wasn't worried about a cough that she thought was just allergies or fire pollution. Lung cancer is now more fatal than breast cancer in women.



OBITUARY NOTICE

NORMAN PETER ROUSSEAU



June 17, 1935 –
May 26, 2022

On May 26, 2022, Norman Peter Rousseau, loving husband, father of five and grandfather of ten died at age 86. Norm was born on June 17, 1935 in North Adams, Massachusetts to Norman and Loretta (Breen) Rousseau. He graduated from Fairfield College Preparatory School, Princeton University, Harvard Law school, and had a Master of Laws degree from New York University. Norm then served in the US Army retiring as a captain.

In 1959 he married Jean McDonald. Together they moved to Cambridge, MA where Norm finished law school and began a 38 year career in Intellectual Property Law. During these years Norm took great joy in raising his five children, coaching their teams, attending games and sharing his love of history visiting forts and battlefields on long family trips. He spent many happy summers on Chappaquiddick Island, graciously opening his home to family and friends. Norm and Jean traveled extensively throughout the world. He passed this love of travel on to all his children and grandchildren. Norm was a lifelong Catholic, serving as an altar boy in his early years. He was a member of Saint Simon Catholic Church in Los Altos, CA for over 40 years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 62 years. Sons: Peter (Karen Kleinman), David (Lynn Warner), Mark (Leslie Wells), daughter, Suzanne (Paul O'Leary). His daughter, Michelle Rousseau predeceased him. He is also survived by cherished grandchildren: Noah and Tara Mitchell, Shannon, Sean, Colin and Riley O'Leary, Nate and Ellie Warner Rousseau and Skylar and Shea Wells Rousseau.

Norm will always be remembered for his compassionate spirit, great intellect and loving kindness. Funeral services were held at St. Simon's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 2, 2022.



GERTRUDE J. O'CONNOR



August 31, 1930 –
May 24, 2022

Gertrude (Walton) O'Connor of Los Altos, Calif., died on Tuesday, May 24th, at home. A longtime resident of Los Altos, Gertrude was pre-deceased by her husband of over 50 years, Francis X. O'Connor in 2003, and sisters, Jeannie Walton, and Dolores Staufenberg. She is survived by her sons Dennis J. O'Connor and his wife Mary Ellen of New Canaan, Conn., Keith F. O'Connor and his wife Denise of Little Silver, N.J., and Brett J. O'Connor and his wife Ann of Claremont, Calif., and ten grandchildren: Sean O'Connor, Cara (and husband, John) Carione, and Jane O'Connor; Lauren O'Connor, Christopher O'Connor, Alexandre (and husband, Thomas) Bagwell, and John O'Connor; Ryan, Kevin, and Collin O'Connor. Also surviving are a loving brother, John Walton and his wife Maria of Mahopac, N.Y., and many nieces and nephews.

Gertrude was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on August 31, 1930, to John and Antoinette (Nettie) Walton. She graduated from Catherine McAuley High School in Brooklyn. Continuing her education after raising her family, she earned a MSW at San Jose State University. Over the years she was a devoted and active parishioner at St. Nicholas Catholic Church and a dedicated social worker in Santa Clara County for over 30 years supporting children and their families. Gertrude was devoted to her family and a loyal friend. She loved sporting events. She was a champion of education and loved going to watch live theatre.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, June 4th, at 10:00a.m. at St. Nicholas Church, 473 Lincoln Ave., Los Altos.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to St. Nicholas Elementary School Endowment Fund, 12816 El Monte Ave, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.



DATEBOOK

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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. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

Chess. New group. 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Free. (650) 400-0353; bengk@att.net.

Garden Club of Los Altos. Each meeting includes a guest speaker or flower arranger. 12:45 p.m., fourth Tuesday of the month (except July, November and December). Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 El Monte Ave. thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch 35. Active mature men who meet for lunch to socialize, enjoy food and listen to speak-

ers. Third Wednesday of each month. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. (408) 313-6852; pschutz3@comcast.net; sirinc2.org/branch35.

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

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Worship 6:30 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Drive to the back of the campus. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

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

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

Assistance League of Los Altos. 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. (650) 941-2410; losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

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

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

Sons in Retirement, Southern Peninsula Branch 5. Devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. Small group of men who get together each month to socialize, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m.

fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (650) 299-9479; sirinc2.org/branch5.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. (650) 383-7540.

HP Retired Employees Club. Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Activities include luncheons, trips (local, regional and foreign), volunteer work and more. (408) 867-5086; hp.com/retiree.



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