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Holiday spirit comes to downtown



The Los Altos Village Association's 2021 Holiday Stroll drew a large crowd of revelers, performers, shoppers and diners to downtown streets Friday. Above, members of the Mountain View High School Madrigals assemble along Main Street for their first public performance since the start of the COVID pandemic. At right, event coordinator Shannon Geary greets visitors. Far right, a "stroller" enjoys a new illuminated toy.

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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER



Downtown theater still in play – draft agreement awaits Los Altos council

By Bruce Barton
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Amid vocal support and opposition, the Los Altos City Council is moving forward with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that would continue the quest for a new downtown theater.

Led by Mayor Neysa Fligor's motion, the council majority directed city staff Nov. 9 to draft an MOU that would basically reserve parking plaza space over the next five years for a possible theater site. The draft MOU is scheduled to return to the council for consideration at its Nov. 30 meeting. The MOU would involve no financial commitment on the part of the city. Fligor's rationale for the MOU was that the city commitment would improve theater backers' chances of raising funds.

Councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Sally Meadows voted in favor of Fligor's MOU motion. Lynette Lee Eng and Vice Mayor Anita Enander voted against it.

The top location under consideration is the plaza closest to Walgreens behind Main and between Second and Third streets. The site was identified as a good spot for a theater in a Downtown Vision document the council signed off on in 2018.

The MOU is intended to give members of the 16-member New Theater Working Group, sanctioned by the council last spring, time to pursue options, raise

funds for a feasibility study and attract private donors. The group requested the council allocate \$50,000 for a study that could cost as much as \$200,000.

"I want to exhaust all possible sources of city funding to help get this feasibility study off the ground," said Vicki Reeder, following the Nov. 9 council meeting.

Reeder is leading the theater group. She wants the council to consider drawing from American Rescue Plan Act funds distributed to the city. The council is slated to discuss those funds at its Nov. 30 meeting.

Residents weigh in

Some see a downtown theater as key to community building and economic vitality. Others see it as a potential drain on city finances and a loss of downtown parking. More than 20 speakers, many ceding time to others to make longer presentations, lobbied for and against building a new theater.

Theater group backers, many of them supporters of Los Altos Stage Company, envision a small – fewer than 200 seats – theater built at a cost of \$15 million to \$20 million. Advantages of a downtown theater, according to proponents, include nearly \$1 million in added annual sales downtown. They also pointed to the Downtown Vision study, which reported a theater would occupy the smallest downtown

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Water emergency declared in Los Altos Hills

By Megan V. Winslow
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Purissima Hills Water District directors last week declared a water shortage emergency and announced a series of mandatory restrictions meant to help Los Altos Hills and its immediate neighbors reach a water reduction target equal to 20% of water use levels from 2019.

According to a resolution the directors approved at their monthly meeting Nov. 10, the restrictions are required because "the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers in the District's service area cannot be met and satisfied by the water supplies now available to the District without depleting the water supply or diminishing its quality to the

extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection."

Excluding drip irrigation systems, district customers may no longer use potable (drinking) water for outdoor irrigation other than 20 minutes at a time, two days a week, and only after 8 p.m. and before 10 a.m. They are prohibited from filling or topping off decorative fountains, lakes or ponds unless the water is recycled. Residential customers are also required to cover outdoor pools when they are not in use, and institutional customers must ensure recreation and athletic fields – including horse arenas – are not oversaturated. All must "make their best efforts" to reduce their

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- Los Altos Village Association
- Los Altos Chamber of Commerce (24/7 pickup outside)
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Our roving contributor S.M. Lieu captured these young holiday sit-and-strollers in downtown Los Altos Friday. Please send us your own pictures of wintertime in action – email elizar@latc.com.

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Correction: Last week's article on city of Los Altos objective standards for State Senate Bill 9 incorrectly referred to deputy city attorney Erik Ramakrishnan as a consultant.

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Auto burglary

Nov. 12, 5 a.m.: 200 block of Polaris Avenue, Mountain View

Nov. 13, 11:31 a.m.: 1000 block of Oak Avenue, Los Altos

Battery

Nov. 11, 10 p.m.: 800 block of California Street, Mountain View

Commercial burglary

Nov. 13, 9:55 a.m.: 800 block of University Avenue, Los Altos

Residential burglary

Nov. 11, 2 p.m.: 100 block of Del Medio Avenue, Mountain View

Nov. 11, 2 p.m.: 14900 block of Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills

Stolen vehicle

Nov. 12, 6 a.m.: 400 block of Yosemite Avenue, Mountain View

Theft

Nov. 11, 8 a.m.: 1900 block of Latham Street, Mountain View

Nov. 11, 12 p.m.: 1700 block of Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View

Nov. 11, 11 p.m.: 2500 block of Mardell Way, Mountain View

Nov. 12, 9 a.m.: 600 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

Nov. 12, 1 p.m.: 1000 block of Space Park Way, Mountain View

Nov. 12, 1 p.m.: 500 block of Middlefield Road, Mountain View

Nov. 12, 2:07 p.m.: 0-100 block of Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

Nov. 12, 4:13 p.m.: 700 block of Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

Nov. 13, 3:41 p.m.: 2000 block of Homestead Court, Los Altos

Vandalism

Nov. 11, 6 p.m.: 600 block of Arboleda Drive, Los Altos

— Megan V. Winslow

Police trace trio of school bomb threats to teen

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After a month of investigation, detectives from the Mountain View, Los Altos and San Jose police departments have apprehended a 16-year-old male student in connection to a series of bomb threats that abruptly canceled classes at three Silicon Valley high schools in October.

Representatives from the three police departments approached the teen, who is not being named due to his age, and his family Nov. 10, and officers cited the teen on multiple charges related to making criminal threats

and false bomb reports, according to a Mountain View Police Department press release issued Friday. The teen was released into the custody of his parents.

The threats arrived in the form of anonymous phone calls placed to Los Altos High, St. Francis High in Mountain View and Presentation High in San Jose. They initiated the evacuation of Los Altos High Oct. 1 followed by evacuations at St. Francis and Presentation Oct. 5. Classes ended for the remainder of the day and students left campus early in each incident.

“All three calls caused serious disruptions to the school day, but thankfully none of the

threats were credible,” Friday’s press release stated.

The high school bomb threats are not related to a threat made Nov. 4 toward Bubb Elementary in Mountain View, according to MVPD spokesperson Katie Nelson. The police department did not specify what type of threat the Bubb incident involved, but it caused the premature closure of the school that day.

On Nov. 10, the MVPD directed special patrols at Vargas and Stevenson elementary schools, Graham Middle School and St. Joseph Mountain View School, but an official police blotter did not indicate why.

A community salute to vets



S.M. LIEU/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills leaders joined forces to host a salute to local veterans on Veterans Day last week at Veterans Community Plaza in downtown Los Altos. Los Altos Mayor Neysa Fligor and Los Altos Hills Mayor Kavita Tankha delivered remarks, and Los Altos Chamber of Commerce president Kim Mosley hosted the proceedings, which included performances and refreshments. Ron Labetich and Jack Kelly of the Rotary Club of Los Altos underscored the importance of Veterans Day, and students with the Veterans Resource Center at Foothill College shared their experiences. Pictured, from left, are Kelly, Labetich, Fligor, Tankha and Mosley.

LAH, GreenWaste agree to contract changes

By Megan V. Winslow
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Los Altos Hills has capitalized on its garbage hauler’s change of ownership to negotiate more favorable terms for the town and its residents.

Official word of GreenWaste Recovery’s agreement to contractual and service changes arrived Friday evening with the release of a town staff report accompanying the city council’s agenda for its meeting Thursday.

“Staff’s goal was trying to get GreenWaste to commit to service changes as well as contractual changes, and I believe that this amendment satisfies both of those,” said Cody Einfalt, a town management analyst who worked on the deal.

The city council is expected to approve an amendment to its 15-year, \$60 million franchise agreement while also granting the consent GreenWaste needs from its customers to transfer a controlling percentage of its capital stock to MIP V Waste LLC, a subsidiary of Macquarie Asset Management of Australia.

If approved, the second amendment to the two parties’ franchise agreement would replace a 9% rate increase scheduled to start July 1 with a rate increase based on the consumer price index (CPI), according to the staff report. Also, the 9% rate increase scheduled to start July 2023 would change to 7.52% plus CPI, with the final number not exceeding a total increase of 9%.

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Packard application set to be reconsidered

New ordinance restricts sale of civic center property

By Bruce Barton
Town Crier Staff Writer

In a rare move, Los Altos City Council members have elected to reconsider their Oct. 26 approval of a new massive carport and parking lot expansion by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation at its downtown headquarters.

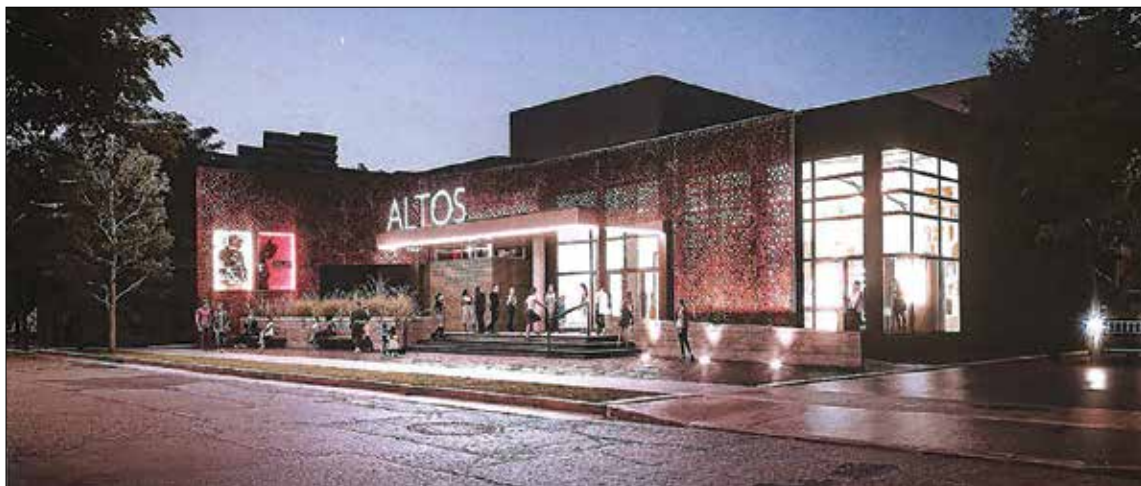
The council had voted 3-2 in favor of the plan for the 374 Second St. property, but Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, who voted “yes,” requested the reconsideration.

“The first time we’re doing this, at least in recent history,” said Mayor Neysa Fligor at the Nov. 9 council meeting.

In a city staff memo, City Attorney Jolie Houston said the council could take the action based on “new evidence or facts not presented previously with regard to the item, or a claim of error in applying the facts.” Weinberg said he based his call for reconsideration on his belief that “facts and circumstances” regarding protected trees to be removed from the property “did not find their way into the staff report and, therefore, into the record.”

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News



RENDERING FROM NEW THEATER WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

The New Theater Working Group presented this illustration of a small theater as part of members' pitch to the Los Altos City Council last week.

THEATER

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footprint, at 12,000 square feet, to accomplish that.

Most proponents took a macro approach in describing why Los Altos should have a multipurpose theater, calling it an important investment in making Los Altos a better community.

"You will not regret it if you go ahead with the exploration of a downtown theater," said Los Altos Hills resident Ying Liu, a member of the Los Altos Stage Company Board of Directors.

"What I find compelling about the downtown multipurpose theater is the opportunity to create a public-private project where philanthropy can play a key role," added Los Altos resident Claudia Coleman, a member of the New Theater Working Group.

Scott Hunter, executive director of the downtown Los Altos Village Association, said his board supported a theater because of the social and economic vitality it would bring.

Some speakers expressed concerns the city would end up doing the lion's share of planning and building a theater, as well as operating and maintaining it.

"I do not believe the public should fund the theater," said resident Teresa Morris. "I believe it should be funded 100 percent

by private funds. If it cannot be funded by private donations, it shows a lack of intent and a lack of feasibility."

Coleman said it was important for the city to "have some skin in the game" by contributing funds.

Others believed greater analysis and other detail work should be conducted before getting to the MOU stage.

"They come with no public outreach to average people, no financials, no business plan," resident Pat Marriott said of those promoting a downtown theater.

Right idea, wrong time?

Freddie Wheeler of the residents' advocacy group Los Altos Residents said her group conducted a recent online survey about the theater, drawing 444 responses.

Among the findings revealed over the course of the two-week survey: 43% support a theater versus 39% who do not; 52% don't want a theater to replace a parking plaza; 51% don't want the city to contribute money; and 50% want a ballot measure if city land is used for a theater.

Wheeler noted the survey indicated 21% would attend a theater frequently, 28% occasionally and 39% rarely or never.

Resident Scott Spielman pointed to current and projected city revenue shortfalls – \$5 million last year, \$6 million for 2021

and as much as \$25 million over the next five years.

"Where does a theater fit in the overall priorities of the city?" he asked. "What would the obligations be in the form of cash and staff? ... I think a new theater is a right idea – it's just the wrong time."

Enander agreed.

"It's very clear that it's unclear," she said of the city's budget status. "Everyone seems to agree it's going to be dismal. For me, right now is not the time to try to move forward on this with the applied council support that this group is seeking."

Supporters believed differently.

"You have an opportunity before you tonight to continue to improve our community," said Curtis Cole, former Los Altos mayor. "My wife asked me why people oppose a theater downtown, and I said, 'I don't know. Maybe some people don't like theaters, don't use them, don't want the city to have them.' These are the kind of people who don't build community."

Reeder said she plans to reconvene the New Theater Working Group in early December to explore prospective feasibility consultants and potential donors.

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dents had to start paying extra if accessing their bins required the use of special vehicles.

It has become evident, however, that Los Altos Hills might benefit from an exemption from SB 1383's comingling requirements because GreenWaste diverts enough materials from landfills, Einfalt explained. And the town will have a better understanding of the company's revenue based on monthly reports it must submit beginning July 2023.

The town and GreenWaste will continue to work on a revised collection plan, the report stated. If they are unable to reach an agreement, a rate increase of 9% scheduled to start July 2024 will be replaced by a CPI increase.

In addition, the amendment adds six street segments to the street-sweeping list: Aric Lane, La Paloma Road, Mora Drive, Page Mill Road, Ravensbury Avenue and West Loyola Drive.

CONTRACT

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When negotiating the original contract, signed in July 2019, GreenWaste reps justified rate hikes by pointing to the 2016 passage of State Senate Bill 1383. The law made it illegal to comingling garbage with compostable material, raising sorting costs by necessitating the use of separate collection vehicles and designated collection points. Hills resi-



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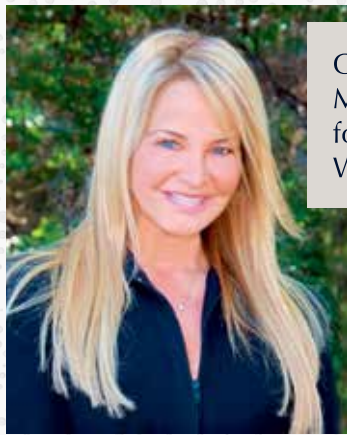
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PACKARD

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The reconsideration request received a second vote from Vice Mayor Anita Enander, needed for placement on last week's agenda. The action needed three votes to be agendized for the Nov. 30 council meeting. Councilwoman Lynette Lee Eng, who with Enander voted against the plan Oct. 26, joined with Weinberg to revisit the matter. Fligor and Councilmember Sally Meadows voted against the reconsideration.

Opponents criticized the Packard plan, which would increase parking spaces from 58 to 86, for removal of 22 trees and lack of adequate landscaping. A large carport with solar panels on the roof covered 32 of those spaces. The proposal also would increase electrical-vehicle charging stations from five to 41. The site, which combines five parcels into one under the

plan, is across from the Packard headquarters at 343 Second St.

Civic center protections

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance Nov. 9 aimed at protecting the 18-acre civic center site from any future land sale or transfer of title without first seeking voter approval.

Council members debated which specific civic center elements to include under the ordinance restrictions. Enander asked why the youth center and green spaces, such as Hillview Soccer Field, weren't specified in the draft presented by staff. Lee Eng asked why Neutra House wasn't identified.

"We tried to find a mix of uses that show how unique this property is to the city," City Manager Gabriel Engeland said of drafting the resolution.

The final council directive, with Fligor, Lee Eng and Enander in favor, specified each of these elements.

Following advice from Houston and Engeland, the council also removed from the ordinance the restriction banning subdivision of the property. Although subdivision usually precedes a property sale, Houston said restricting subdivision "could be a hindrance if we wanted to carve out parcels for ourselves."

Meadows, who with Weinberg voted against the ordinance, didn't think it was necessary.

"I don't think the scenario for selling our prime civic center property is realistic," she said.

She pointed to the irony of an ordinance requiring voter approval before the sale of property following voters' rejection in 2018 of Measure C, which required the same thing.

But Enander noted a previous council made a promise in the wake of Measure C to protect the civic center property and that the current council was making good on that promise.

WATER

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potable water consumption by 20% each month compared to each month of 2019.

The resolution is a temporary measure, and the PHWD can lift the restrictions later if it deems such action is appropriate, a water district attorney said.

The PHWD consists of 2,191 service connections divided among its institutional customers, including the town of Los Altos Hills, Foothill College and Fremont Hills Country Club, and its residential customers, consisting of two-thirds of the homes in Los Altos Hills and some homes in surrounding unincorporated Santa Clara County. In 2019, district customers used 773,222 cubic feet (ccf), or approximately 578.4 million gallons, of water.

"We're on pace to use 875,000 ccf in 2021," district board president Brian Holtz wrote in an email sent to the Town Crier Thursday.

The directors did not specify penalties for violations of the resolution, but an existing wasteful water use ordinance describes potential fines and even jail time enforced by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for similar offenses after written notifications and multiple opportunities for corrective measures.

Despite the recent start of the rainy season, the National Integrated Drought Information Sys-

tem indicates all of California experienced drought conditions as recently as Nov. 9. Conditions in 92.4% of the state were considered "severe drought," meaning grazing land is inadequate, the fire season is extended and trees are stressed and susceptible to disease.

In October, California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a state of emergency applicable to the entire state. Newsom's office, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission have all called for 15% reductions in water use.

More restrictions likely

Also last week, PHWD directors began discussing potential future amendments to the district's wasteful water use ordinance. The changes are based partly on Newsom's recent water conservation proclamations and rules adopted by other water districts.

Director Lucille Glassman said the "big ticket" proposal is banning the use of potable water for any type of irrigation. Enforcement, the remote cutoff of a water connection's supply for overuse, would be possible if separate meters measured irrigation and nonirrigation applications. Emergency water would not be affected. The district could start installing two meters at newly constructed buildings and eventually target existing customers.

"This is an opening move in a five-year strategic game plan, basically," Glassman said.

Overall, PHWD customers use more water per person per day than those served by any of the other 25 water agencies within the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency's (BAWSCA) service area of Santa Clara, San Mateo and Alameda counties, according to a BAWSCA annual survey from March.

During BAWSCA's 2019-2020 fiscal year, PHWD customers, on average, used 248.9 gallons of water per person per day, the survey indicates. Town of Hillsborough customers were the second-largest consumers and used an average of 212 gallons of water per person per day. Twelve BAWSCA agencies marked an average of less than 60 gallons per person per day.

Notably, Holtz and his colleagues chose to remove a section from a draft of the emergency resolution that would have limited per capita, per day water use to 150 gallons.

"I wouldn't be able to approve this unless we had data on how many accounts this affects, how far people are over," Holtz said during the meeting. "I can't model that in my head."

According to a "District Overview and Capital Improvement Program" presentation shared at the meeting, 10% of district customers use 35% of the district's water.

Los Altos Hills races to limit SB 9 impact

By Megan V. Winslow
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Los Altos Hills, collectively, may not like the taste of California Senate Bill 9, but it's prepared to make the new housing law at least somewhat palatable.

During a special five-hour virtual meeting disrupted by weather-related internet issues, the town's Planning Commission last week cobbled together an urgency ordinance meant to limit SB 9's ability to alter the semi-rural character so many residents value.

"This is a very hard deal because, basically, we did not have a choice in this matter," commission chairperson Birgitta Indaco told the meeting audience. "We've been handed a very tough task, and it's really hard to push back on this. But I think we did."

City council members are expected to adopt the ordinance during their regular monthly meeting Thursday. If they do, it is effective for 45 days, but the council can decide to extend it following another public hearing.

Town officials are under a time crunch because SB 9, which Gov.

Gavin Newsom signed Sept. 16, goes into effect Jan. 1. The law is intended to address the state's housing crisis by increasing density in single-family neighborhoods. It requires ministerial approval of a property's subdivision into two parcels, with up to two units permitted on each parcel.

To lessen the impact of SB 9, a subcommittee of planning commissioners chose to discourage subdivisions by crafting an ordinance providing incentives for owners who don't divide and limiting development options for those who do.

If the council approves the new ordinance, it would allow owners who voluntarily place a deed restriction on their property preventing division to feature the following on the land: a primary residence and an "SB 9" unit up to 800 square feet or, absent a primary residence, two SB 9 units up to 800 square feet each; an accessory dwelling unit (ADU); and a junior accessory dwelling (JADU). The town's municipal code already allows one ADU and one JADU on a property containing a primary residence.

An approved ordinance would

restrict owners who do subdivide under SB 9 to a primary residence and an SB 9 unit up to 800 square feet or, absent a primary residence, two SB 9 units up to 800 square feet each. If a primary residence and an ADU already exist on the property, no additional development is permitted. All newly constructed units must be affordable to residents earning incomes in the "low" (between 50% and 80% of the area median income) and "very low" (less than 50% of the area median income) ranges, as defined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. That condition is meant to help the town reach its Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

There are exemptions and additional rules assigned to either route an owner chooses, and some relate to setbacks, dwelling heights, parking spaces and floor areas. There are also protections for historical properties and conservation easements.

To review Thursday's council agenda and the supporting documents, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov/169/City-Council.

Auto burglars target city-run lots in MV

By Megan V. Winslow
Staff Writer/meganw@latc.com

Auto burglars repeatedly targeted Mountain View last week, concentrating their efforts on city-run public parking lots in the downtown area.

On Nov. 8, 13 auto burglaries were reported to the police department between 7:21 a.m. and 8:43 a.m., according to Mountain View Police Department records. Seven of the 13 took place in city-run lots, with three occurring in City Lot No. 7, located on the 400 block of Hope Street.

On Nov. 9, criminals broke into at least eight vehicles between 6:19 a.m. and 7:05 a.m. Nov. 10. A ninth burglary followed that evening at 8:59 p.m.

Six of the auto burglaries from Nov. 10 – including the one reported in the evening – took place within city-run parking lots downtown, MVPD records indicate.

It's too early to tell whether the crimes are connected, MVPD spokesperson Katie Nelson told the Town Crier in an email last week. Her agency recognized the recent surge in such crime via a Nextdoor post shared Nov. 9. In it, the department urged residents to be vigilant in locking their cars and not leave valuables within them.

To view a map of the burglaries, visit this article on the Town Crier's website at losaltosonline.com.



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Word on the Street

Interviews and photos by Ted Simon



If you could be a superhero, and your powers were limited to Los Altos, who would you be, and what would be the first thing you would do?

(Asked at Los Altos High School)



I'd be "The Flash" and run around the town and then become the Los Altos track star, which would then provide me with a scholarship into college.

Asha Parker



I would become "Robin Hood" and steal from the rich and give to the poor.

Erik Meng



I would become "Super Woman" and would fly over Los Altos and improve cellphone service for everyone.

Kaitlyn Cuppett



I would become "Doctor Strange" so I could go back in time and see which dinosaurs were roaming through what is now the city of Los Altos.

Michelle Teicher



I would become the superhero "Frozone" from "The Incredibles" and would use my powers to create a snow day for Los Altos High School and the city of Los Altos.

Sam Feigelman



I would be "Iron Man" and would offer technology for free, improve health care and bring down the cost of living. I would also bring more rain to the city of Los Altos.

Serhat Engez

Letters to the Editor and 'Other Voices' columns

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Please limit letters to no more than 200 words. Anonymous letters will not be published. "Other Voices" columns can be longer at 500 words. Email submissions to Bruce Barton at bruceb@latc.com.

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Letters to the Editor

Cyclist gets a charge from e-bike rider

The other afternoon, as I was slowly huffing my way up Robleda Avenue on an old mountain bike, a middle-school-aged child sped by in a flash, barely pedaling. He was going uphill easily as fast as the occasional passing car.

To him I say, "Speed on, young friend! More electric power to you as you seek higher ground!"

And if I (or his parents) should fret for his safety, perhaps he would quote Erma Bombeck: "Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere."

Nick Ulman
Los Altos

Speed humps were out of compliance

With respect to the speed humps on Cuesta Drive, some new facts came out at the Oct. 27 meeting of the Complete Streets Commission.

The company hired to install the speed humps had never done that type of work before. Also,



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A vehicle navigates over a speed table on Cuesta Drive.

the height of the speed humps as contracted was 4.25 inches.

The city presented data from an independent surveying company showing that all the speed humps were far out of compliance with the 4.25-inch design specification, yet the city still accepted the work. Not only did the city hire an unqualified company to do the work, they accepted the out-of-compliance speed humps as built.

City staff proposed replacing the speed humps with pre-fab plastic ones at 3.5 inches, which would likely let speeds go back

up to 35 mph, based on Federal Highway Administration data for such speed humps. As noted in last week's Town Crier, this is being reviewed.

I suggest the city have the asphalt company come back and grind the speed humps down to 4.25 inches as contracted, and taper them to zero in the bike lanes. Then let's see what effect that has on speed and noise before spending any more money on this project.

Tom Shoup
Los Altos

Sorensens: Go back to three-story design

If Ted and Jerry Sorensen insist on building a five-story building at 40 Main St., every downtown business owner and property owner should shun them for destroying our downtown.

In my humble opinion, even a four-story structure is too tall. I encourage the Sorensens to go back to their original three-story plan.

Ken Girdley
Los Altos

2021 Town Crier Holiday Fund

WomenSV: Providing services for victims of covert domestic abuse

• **Mission:** WomenSV aims to empower survivors, train providers and educate the community to break the cycle of covert abuse and coercive control in intimate-partner relationships. Since WomenSV was founded 10 years ago, it has served more than 1,000 domestic abuse survivors who have been trapped in relationships with powerful, sophisticated abusers.

• **2021 update:** WomenSV provided services for more than 200 individual survivors of covert abuse over the past year. The nonprofit sponsors weekly support groups and arranges ongoing individual meetings with each survivor to offer safety planning and education in all of the areas they come under attack – not just through physical and sexual violence, but through emotional, financial, legal and technological abuse.

Support from the community made it possible for WomenSV to continue educating local providers.

WomenSV

Location: PO Box 3982, Los Altos 94024

Founded: 2011

Annual budget: \$633,000

Staff: 4 full-time employees; 20 volunteers

Information: womensv.org

“We were able to do trainings for Kaiser physicians, Valley Medical Center physicians, Los Altos Police Department law enforcement, Santa Clara County probation officers and many others to help them become more trauma-informed in serving domestic abuse survivors, who on the surface appear to have it all, while secretly living like prisoners in their own home with a partner who threatens to destroy them in every way possible should they ever try to escape,” said Ruthven Darlene, WomenSV founder and executive director.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

WomenSV founder Ruthven Darlene, left, and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian celebrate in June after the Board of Supervisors approved a \$250,000 grant for Darlene's nonprofit organization.

Darlene said one of the major WomenSV milestones was partnering with the city of Los Altos to declare October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. October was already designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“We are grateful to the city of Los Altos and to our local LAPD for helping to raise

awareness about another life-threatening problem that affects twice as many women,” she said. “While 1 in 8 women will be stricken with breast cancer, 1 in 4 will be a victim of domestic violence. It's the pandemic within the pandemic. COVID continues to impact domestic abuse survivors and put their safety at risk, now

that they are trapped with their abuser.”

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** WomenSV provides its services at no cost.

“Due to the severe financial abuse so many of our domestic abuse survivors experience, we don't charge for our services at WomenSV,” Darlene said. “So, we must rely on the steady support of our community to keep our program going. The Town Crier's steady, generous support through the Holiday Fund helped WomenSV make it to our 10-year anniversary this year. ... The Holiday Fund's support of WomenSV is making it possible for us to go on supporting them now, when they need us the most.”

Darlene said the Holiday Fund helped provide burner phones for survivors whose electronics had been compromised by their tech-savvy abusers, allowing them to reach out to attorneys and domestic violence advocates to help plan and navigate their escape.

Sky's the Limit Fund: Helping teens access costly wilderness therapy

• **Mission:** Sky's the Limit Fund (STLF) aims to provide youth in crisis and their families access to wilderness therapy, coaching services to guide the family during the transition home and outreach to educate the community on the benefits of wilderness therapy.

Wilderness therapy is life-saving and transformative, according to STLF representatives. Youth immersed in the wilderness, with licensed mental health professionals for two to three months, benefit from the powerful effects of nature, enabling them to focus on their mental and physical well-being.

Wilderness therapy is expensive and rarely covered by health insurance, making it an unattainable option for many families. STLF, founded by two Los Altos residents, provides support to families that otherwise could not afford such treatment. STLF partners with 12 wilderness therapy programs across the U.S. that match STLF's funding, further reducing the financial burden on the family.

STLF also provides transitional support through its Coaching Service when the teens return home from wilderness therapy, giving them and their families the best chance for success moving forward. In addition, STLF's

Sky's the Limit Fund

Location: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, Milpitas

Founded: 2010

Annual budget: \$1.9 million

Staff: 2 full-time, 4 part-time employees; 5 contract employees

Information: skysthelimitfund.org

Local Continuum of Care program provides families and young adults participating in STLF's Coaching Service the opportunity to be reimbursed for up to \$2,500 of treatment for the teen in his or her home community following wilderness therapy.

Since its inception, STLF has provided \$4.4 million in support to 886 youth and their families, \$8 million in support with its partner program match. More than 170 families have participated in the Coaching Service since 2016.

• **2021 update:** The pandemic is uncharted territory, and its impact on mental health is significant. The number of applications for support continues to increase year after year, and all STLF families have been affected fi-



COURTESY OF SKY'S THE LIMIT FUND

Sky's the Limit Fund partners with 12 wilderness therapy programs across the U.S. that match the local nonprofit organization's funding, further reducing the financial burden on the family.

nancially, mentally, emotionally and/or physically by the COVID crisis. Not only is STLF serving more families, it is providing more in financial assistance.

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** Donations help STLF meet the growing need and transform the lives of even more youth and young adults in crisis.

Testimonials from the families

highlight the impact of donors:

“He wouldn't be where he is today had we not had the resources and support that was provided by STLF. Thank you to those who have chosen to provide financial support to STLF.”

“Being able to have STLF's support in order to go to wilderness seriously changed my life.”

“Sky's the Limit Fund ... that's like a gift that keeps giving.”

2021 Town Crier Holiday Fund

MVLA Scholars: Supporting first-generation, college-bound students

• **Mission:** MVLA Scholars helps local low-income, first-generation students apply to college, access financial aid and scholarships, earn college degrees and attain professional positions. The approach starts in the high school classroom and goes through college graduation and beyond.

MVLA Scholars provides high school mentoring, guiding 150 high school juniors and seniors through the college admissions process. The organization annually awards 150 scholarships in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$6,000, and its students receive scholarship funds every year they are in college.

Once in college, students receive one-on-one mentoring to help with academics, setting budgets and time management, as well as general support and encouragement.

After they graduate from college, MVLA Scholars helps its students write resumes and cover letters, find internships and secure full-time professional positions. The Intern-



COURTESY OF MVLA SCHOLARS

MVLA Scholars provides high school mentoring, guiding 150 juniors and seniors through the college admissions and scholarship process.

ship Scholarship Program enables students to take unpaid or low-paying internships in their field of study.

MVLA Scholars' multi-dimensional approach has proven its success – students in the program have a graduation rate of 90% compared to a

national average of 60% for the same demographic.

• **2021 update:** Each March, MVLA Scholars employs a rigorous selection process to identify a new class of scholars. Criteria include financial need (average family income below \$50,000) and

MVLA Scholars

Location: 183 Hillview Ave., Los Altos

Founded: 2000

Annual budget: \$500,000

Staff: 135 volunteers

Information: mvlascholars.org

first in the family to attend college. The organization considers academic achievement, the ability to overcome obstacles and a strong desire to work for success. This year, MVLA Scholars accepted 25 students in the program and awarded eight scholarships.

Over the summer, MVLA Scholars funded 21 unpaid internships and independent studies. Among the participants were Urna, a student at UCLA majoring in design media, who worked as a design intern for a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting creative writing for K-12 students; Rodolfo, a psychology student

at UC Santa Cruz, who conducted an independent study project researching why some young adults choose not to get vaccinated; and Eddie, a marketing major at San Jose State, who worked with the Oakland Roots professional soccer team to design and implement a strategy to engage the Latino community and increase engagement with the team and the sport.

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** The pandemic has taken a toll on the employment and earnings of most MVLA Scholars students and their families, many of whom are essential workers in the community. So, the need is greater than ever – for both college scholarships and summer internships. The COVID crisis disproportionately impacted the poor, and low-income college students may suffer additional long-term effects that undermine their goal of rising out of poverty.

All donations from the Holiday Fund directly support college scholarships.

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MVLA Scholars

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Sky's The Limit Fund

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Veterans Resource Center at Foothill College

Helps veterans transition to schooling and employment.

WomenSV

Offering support to women trapped in a relationship with a powerful, sophisticated abuser.

Community

The light is back on: Downtown holiday parade to resume after 2-year layoff

Town Crier Staff Report

A long-standing downtown tradition, the Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade is scheduled to return 6 p.m. Nov. 28 after a two-year hiatus.

Organized by a small group of volunteers, the 44th event celebrating the holiday season will feature 55 entries – a promenade of 21 floats, eight marching bands and assorted costumed characters moving down State Street, up Main Street and on to First Street and part of Whitney Street, all in under an hour.

Overall, approximately 1,200 people are participating in the 2021 parade, according to members of the Festival of Lights Parade Association.

Some new elements are incorporated in this year's parade.

"We have a lot of firsts this year," said longtime parade vol-

unteer Nancy Schneider. "Our new Santa float will have its first time – the reindeer are very excited, as they have new harnesses and lights to show off – as well as Santa's toy bag, filled with amazing gifts. Watch out for the snow."

Another new float, "The Shredders," is outfitted with cutting-edge technology controlling movements of the float's characters, lights and music. Schneider said two of the parade association's board members oversaw construction of the float, completed with local high schoolers.

"It is the first of its kind, and thanks to a generous donation by Kathy Bridgman, this technology will be used on the rest of our floats in the next few years," Schneider said.

The parade will be televised live on Comcast Channel 15 for the first time.

"If you'd rather stay home

with hot chocolate, this is a way to still see it," Schneider said.

The Notre Dame High School Dance Team joins the 2021 lineup dressed as elves. A group of Gardner Bullis School students calling themselves the "Martian Comicals" built a Mars Rover replica called "The Mars Rover Hilarious," with an astronaut landing on another planet for the holidays, representing the parade's perennial theme, "A Child's Holiday Fantasy."

The parade, a holiday tradition since 1977, was rained out in 2019 and canceled in 2020 due to COVID-related restrictions.

Association members urge attendees to adhere to guidelines that appear on page 27 of this week's Town Crier and on the association's website at losaltosparade.org/viewing-guidelines.

For more information, visit losaltosparade.org.



COURTESY OF NANCY SCHNEIDER

Kathy Bridgman and grandson Cooper, center, join the designers of "The Shredders" float, Chuck Piercey, left, and David Hale. Bridgman was a major donor of the float.

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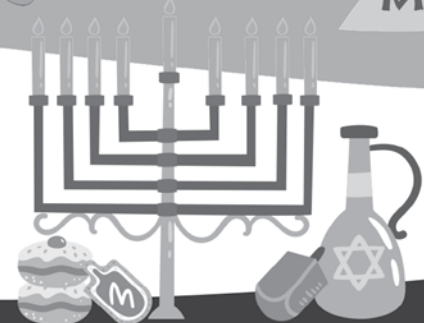
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Mountain View Public Safety Foundation executive director Amber Wilson and Bruce Humphrey, chairman of the foundation's board, help lead the program at the organization's annual gala, held Nov. 6 at the Ameswell Hotel in Mountain View. The gala raised \$26,000 from silent and live auctions, a diamond necklace raffle and fund-the-need "paddle raises." Wilson said proceeds will support mental health awareness training, new programs for first responders and the Mountain View community.

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Guests at the foundation event included members of the MVPD Explorers, from left, Edwin Erostico, Leo De La Cruz, America Baltazar and Leslie Uribe. They volunteered to help with event setup and assisted with the program. The MVPD Explorers program is for ages 14-18. For more about the foundation, visit mvpsf.org.

ABOVE AND LEFT PHOTOS BY TED SIMON/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Pathways Foundation held its annual cocktail reception for the first time since the pandemic Oct. 20 at Tom and Gunilla Follett's home in Los Altos. Former San Francisco 49ers defensive back and NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott served as guest speaker the following morning at Pathways' "One from the Heart" fundraising breakfast at the Crowne Plaza in Palo Alto. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Harry Mittelman, Gunilla Follett, Lott and Rita Williams, event master of ceremonies and former KTVU Channel 2 reporter. According to a Pathways rep, both events were a success and provided an opportunity for guests to mix and mingle after a long time apart. Pathways Home Health and Hospice provides end-of-life care for patients and supports families throughout the Peninsula as they face the loss of a loved one. "We at Pathways thank our community so much for their support," a rep said. "It is very special to help families going through times of stress and grief. We hope to see many more of you next year." For more information, visit pathwayshealth.org.



MARGARET ABE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos History Museum hosted a thank-you event for major donors to the museum's new permanent exhibition Oct. 25 at State Street Market. Pictured, from left, are long-time museum supporters John Warnock, Nan Geschke, Ed Taft and Marva Warnock. Approximately 60 people turned out to learn about plans for the new exhibition, currently under development. For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org.



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Community

1918 pandemic hit local Camp Fremont

Soldiers battled influenza in waning days of WWI

By Robin Chapman

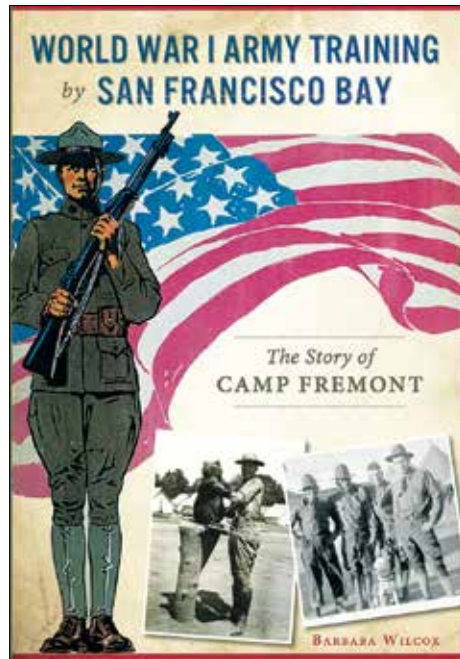
During the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, the Santa Clara Valley faced many of the same problems we face today with the COVID-19 pandemic. But a century ago, local residents had an added complication: World War I's Camp Fremont had just gone up on rural acreage in Palo Alto and Menlo Park and had just begun training nearly 30,000 soldiers to join the American Expeditionary Force in France.

Santa Clara Valley Lives

As writer Barbara Wilcox points out in her book "The Story of Camp Fremont" (2016), barracks, tents, mess halls and parade grounds proved to be an unfortunately ideal environment for the virus to spread. As soldiers moved within their ranks and then around the nation and the world, the virus and the death it carried moved with them.

This deadly flu first appeared near an Army base in Kansas. The first local case was recorded at Camp Fremont near the campus of Stanford University Sept. 28, 1918, just four days after San Francisco reported its first case. On Oct. 8, the camp imposed a quarantine. The order was tightened the next day when weekend leaves and Wednesday afternoon free time were canceled. Libraries and social halls, set up by service groups to keep soldiers from seeking out bars and brothels, were closed. Despite these measures, 8,000 Camp Fremont soldiers in the next six weeks came down with respiratory ailments and more than 2,400 had to be hospitalized, overwhelming base medical facilities.

Although very little was known about viruses then, physicians deduced that this was an airborne disease and began to focus on ventilation.



ABOVE PHOTO COURTESY OF MENLO PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND "THE STORY OF CAMP FREMONT"

Soldiers from Camp Fremont, above, celebrate the World War I armistice in November 1918 in a parade in Palo Alto, with all soldiers in masks.

For those who want to learn more, local author Barbara Wilcox's book, left, offers more information on Santa Clara Valley's Camp Fremont.

LEFT IMAGE COURTESY OF ROBIN CHAPMAN

"Men slept with their tent sides rolled up and their bunks alternating head to foot," writes Wilcox.

Men who had a fever wore masks to the hospital. The cities of San Francisco and Palo Alto put mask orders in place.

The disease was so contagious that on one WW I troop ship, 2,000 of the 9,000 men onboard caught the virus. Of those, 969 had to be hospitalized and 90 died.

"The official fatality rate at Camp Fremont," reports Wilcox, "was 36 percent of pneumonia patients and 5 percent for the epidemic overall."

Forward-thinking scientists urged Army doctors to isolate cultures of the virus found in victims and save them for future study. Even though military systems were burdened by both a war and a pandemic, some of the physicians at Camp Fremont and elsewhere did just this. And in 2005, scientists were able to use two of these

cultures taken during military autopsies a century ago to aid in mapping the genome of the 1918 virus. Researchers hope experiments with the genome will one day help prevent future outbreaks.

Although Camp Fremont was dismantled quickly after the armistice Nov. 11, 1918 – 103 years ago this month – the base is still remembered through another sacrifice. Harold W. Roberts left the University of California in 1918, trained at Camp Fremont and served overseas in the Meuse-Argonne campaign. While the flu raged through his camp back in California, Roberts was killed in a tank battle during which he gave his life to save the life of his gunner. For his heroism, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Camp Roberts in Central California is named in his honor.

Robin Chapman is a local writer working on her third book about the region.

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Community

Community Briefs

Volunteer awards luncheon returns

After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards luncheon is set to return as an in-person celebration in 2021.

The 38th event is scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Crowne Plaza in Palo Alto.

Founded in 1983, the ceremony recognizes residents from both communities who have devoted their time to volunteering for local causes. Awardees are selected by a 12-member committee appointed by the two city councils.

In addition to this year's 10 honorees, who will be announced at the luncheon, the event will feature remarks from Gabriel Engeland and Peter Pirnejad, the city managers of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, respectively, who both assumed their positions this year. The two are slated to discuss volunteering and its impor-

tance to the culture of a community.

Tickets are \$45. Due to the ongoing pandemic, proof of a COVID vaccine is required, and/or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the event.

For tickets, visit tinyurl.com/479k9hb5.

For more information on the event, visit jointvolunteerawards.com.

History Museum hosts 'Catch the Spirit' today

As COVID restrictions lift, the Los Altos History Museum is set to revive its "Catch the Spirit" event noon to 4 p.m. today.

The event will include gift shopping, home-baked sweets and live music, with masks required indoors and the music pivoting to outdoors.

Vicki Holman, manager of the Museum Store, has been stocking up for shoppers. Two boutiques, one in the J. Gilbert Smith House and one in the museum, will offer a range of gift items including books, household wares, toys, puzzles, Christmas ornaments and decorations, and more.

"Shelves may be empty in some of



IMAGE COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Above is a History Museum illustration for today's "Catch the Spirit" event.

the big stores, but ours are full," Holman said.

Docents will monitor the number of shoppers allowed inside at one time.

Caroling by members of choral group Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley is scheduled in the museum's courtyard at 1:30 p.m. For the safety of visitors and the choir, the singers will wear masks.

Visitors may tour the Craftsman-style Smith House, decorated for a 1930s Christmas, browse an exhibit of orchard art on display in the Upper Gallery and enjoy refreshments on the porch and in

the museum. The museum's Main Gallery will be open, featuring a display of artwork by Annie Knapp Fitz depicting views of Los Altos and Mountain View from the time El Camino Real was surrounded by farms and orchards.

Museum representatives encourage attendees to bring donations of gift cards and nonperishable, wrapped or boxed food items for Community Services Agency. A collection barrel will be located in the lobby.

Admission is free.

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road.

For more information on the event, visit losaltoshistory.org/CatchTheSpirit2021.

Pacific Hearing launches 'Hear for the Holidays'

Pacific Hearing Service has launched "Hear for the Holidays," a competition for a free pair of hearing aids and access to audiological care.

To enter, residents nominate someone they think deserves the opportunity to hear better.

See BRIEFS, Page 17



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BRIEFS From Page 16

The deadline to enter is Nov. 30, with the winner announced shortly after.

The winner will visit the clinic for a comprehensive hearing assessment and a custom fitting of his or her new hearing aids.

“With so many people facing a tough situation this year, ‘Hear for the Holidays’ is an excellent opportunity for us to help out someone in our community who wouldn’t otherwise feel able to invest in hearing treatment,” said Deborah Clark, audiologist

and co-owner of Pacific Hearing Service.

Operating since 1977, Pacific Hearing Service has offices in downtown Los Altos and Menlo Park.

For the nomination form and more information, visit pacifichearingservice.com.

Resilient Los Altos offers prep classes

Resilient Los Altos, an initiative sponsored by Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation to boost emergency preparedness in the community, has developed several new training classes. The first two focus

on preparing neighborhoods to deal with the aftermath of an emergency or natural disaster.

• **Block Action Team Leader Training**, for potential or current BAT leaders, is slated 6:30 p.m. today or Dec. 2. The


training will equip participants to organize and prepare their neighborhood BATs in the event of an emergency.

• **How to Complete a Preliminary Safety Assessment**, scheduled 7:30 p.m. today or

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Puzzles Page

Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

- 1. Advil target
- 5. Soviet fighter
- 8. Huggable
- 12. Pass over
- 13. Arboreal rodent
- 15. Head cover
- 16. Ivans' girls
- 17. Drapery support
- 19. Confederate soldier
- 20. Late Los Altos historian Don**
- 24. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ____"
- 27. Puddle-jumper
- 28. Italian honey
- 29. Marvin of Motown
- 30. Very very long time
- 32. River of Brandenburg
- 33. Seeing red
- 34. Like some vows
- 36. Drive-thru vehicle
- 37. In a shrewd manner
- 38. Camera sweep
- 40. Putin's yeses
- 41. Wonderland cat
- 46. FBI agent
- 49. Beats
- 50. Subside

- 51. Not right
- 52. Band box
- 53. Fit of pique

Down

- 1. Embers
- 2. Numbers guy, abbr.
- 3. Salon appliance
- 4. Deep-seated
- 5. Colo. is on it
- 6. Brightness measures, briefly
- 7. Bouncer, in a way
- 8. Place for a mobile, maybe
- 9. Big coffee holder
- 10. It's served in pots
- 11. Ernie of the PGA
- 14. Mad feeling
- 18. Law and Order investigation subject
- 20. Illusionary entertainment
- 21. R and B and rap star
- 22. Let go
- 23. Simba and Nala
- 24. Flirt
- 25. "That's ____ shame"
- 26. "You're So Vain"

- singer Simon
- 28. Quaint houses
- 31. Squirrel's love
- 35. London dessert
- 37. Los Altos Vice Mayor Enander**
- 38. "Hey!"
- 39. Triumphant cry
- 41. U.S. army rank, abbr.
- 42. Tinge
- 43. Mischievous fairy
- 44. Dream state, for short
- 45. Prophetic gift, for short
- 47. "____ was saying ..."
- 48. After taxes

– Los Altos clues bolded.

Answers
to puzzles
on Page 41

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13			14				
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51					52				53			

Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult. Level: Medium

				1	6			
	8	2		5				3
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		5						7
					9			
	9	8	2				7	
5		4	3			8		

Find A Word

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P	F	W	Y	Y	F	R	U	L	A	E	N	K	N	O
J	O	W	D	V	N	O	Y	N	A	Z	A	C	O	X
Q	D	B	A	R	R	I	S	T	E	R	V	R	B	H
T	S	A	O	B	O	C	H	G	F	G	E	T	D	V
B	K	M	P	M	B	D	D	Y	A	S	M	B	O	B
C	E	U	O	P	K	X	W	X	H	A	P	R	I	D
B	H	D	C	T	A	V	L	X	R	Z	T	I	K	R
G	A	J	A	B	T	F	S	U	Z	T	V	D	G	E
F	C	R	L	G	L	O	B	A	N	S	H	E	E	T
N	Q	U	R	K	I	X	B	Y	C	A	K	L	J	T
B	E	N	V	A	H	R	A	N	L	E	L	P	B	E
S	S	G	M	W	G	E	B	R	Z	B	W	O	Z	B
U	Y	B	D	F	C	E	Z	B	K	I	O	H	A	M
D	M	R	E	T	S	I	L	B	V	T	U	H	Y	T

Fifteen words beginning with a "b" are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find it.

Banshee	Better	Bony
Barrage	Blare	Boot
Barrister	Blister	Bottom
Beard	Blues	Bride
Beast	Boast	Brigade

Stepping Out

Foothill closes 'Book' with Sunday matinee

Town Crier Report

Foothill Theatre Arts presents Lauren Gunderson's celebration of theater, "The Book of Will," through Sunday in the Lohman Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

Gunderson's fast-paced drama ponders "What if William Shakespeare's works were lost forever?" It is set three years after Shakespeare's death, when his colleagues suddenly realize that the Bard's immortal words will disappear when the actors who had them memorized die off. Only fragments, butchered copies and what's left in living

memories remain of the playwright's prodigious output. So, the group sets out to collect all of Shakespeare's plays into what became known as the First Folio.

Bruce McLeod directs a cast of veteran actors from throughout the greater Bay Area, as well as some Foothill students. The cast includes Los Altos native Michael Rhone (as Henry Condell), Anthony Silk (John Heminges), John Musgrave (Richard Burbage/William Jaggard), Jason Morley (Ben Johnson), Eiko Yamamoto (Elizabeth Condell), Carla Befera (Rebecca Heminges), Gwendolynne Wagner (Anne Hathaway), Sara Dean (Emilia Bassano), Lauren

D'Ambrosio (Alice Heminges), Steve Allhoff (Isaac Jaggard), and Olivia Spreen (Boy Hamlet), with Gabe Paganucci, Sydney Harmon and Leslie Newport.

Missy Lyons is the assistant director and Ellie Schwartz serves as stage manager. Costumes are by Lisa Rozman, scenic design by Yuseke Soi and projections by Steven Gerlach.

Shows are slated 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$10-\$25. Free parking is available in student lots 1 and 8.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 949-7360 or visit foothill.edu/theater.



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The cast of "The Book of Will" features, from left, Anthony Silk (as John Heminges), Steve Allhoff (Isaac Jaggard) and Michael Rhone (Henry Condell).

Cello Joe plays free show Saturday in Mountain View

Town Crier Report

The Community School of Music and Arts presents beatboxing cellist Joey Chang in a free concert scheduled 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Tateuchi Hall at CSMA, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View.

The performance also will be livestreamed on CSMA's YouTube channel at youtu.be/2F6U7z55O5U.

Professionally known as Cello Joe, Chang will perform his "Interactive Spontaneous Song Machine," which encourages the audience to not only listen, but also to laugh, shout, sing, clap and stomp as he plays the cello while beatboxing, looping and singing classical and hip-hop songs.

A Bay Area native, Chang earned his degree in professional music with a concentration in cello performance, music education, songwriting and world percussion from Berklee College of Music. With more than 30 years of cello experience, he has performed all over the world as a soloist, with ensembles, bands and in theatrical productions. He specializes in improvisation and alternative styles.

Chang's lyrics weave together sustainability,



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Bay Area native Joey Chang – also known as Cello Joe – performs Saturday night at CSMA.

environmental justice and social awareness. By beatboxing, throat singing, plucking and bowing the cello, he mimics many styles of music – from dub-step to folk, rock, classical and hip hop.

Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are required to wear face masks, provide ID, show proof of vaccination and be age 12 or older.

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For more information, call (650) 917-6800 or visit arts4all.org.

Palo Alto Players' 'Revolutionists' ends run Sunday afternoon

Town Crier Report

Palo Alto Players' fall production of "The Revolutionists" is scheduled to close Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road.

Based on the play by Lauren Gunderson, the story takes place in 1793 during France's Reign of Terror. Four tough women try not to lose their heads – literally – in this irreverent, rebellious comedy set amid the French Revolution. The four renegades – an assassin, a spy, a writer and, of course, Marie Antoinette –

hang out, plot to murder Marat, find friendship and try to beat back extremist insanity in Paris. With sharp knives and sharper wit, the quartet takes the audience on an exploration of art, terrorism and the lengths some people will go to try to change the world.

Tessa Corrie directs. The cast includes Gabriella Goldstein (as Olympe de Gouges), Olga Molina (Marie Antoinette), Katherine Hamilton (Charlotte Corday) and Kimberly Ridgeway (Marie-Angelle).

Shows are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. On-demand streaming is offered Thursday through Sunday.

Each performance runs approximately two hours, including one intermission. The play is recommended for ages 16 and older due to adult language and content.

Tickets are \$27-\$57; streaming costs \$20 per household.

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



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Schools

MVLA experiences uptick in COVID-19 numbers; superintendent notes that increase is countywide

By Angela Tam

Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

The Mountain View Los Altos High School District reported an increase in COVID-19 cases, predominantly at Los Altos High, the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 6.

Superintendent Nellie Meyer reported the numbers at the Nov. 8 MVLA Board of Trustees meeting.

According to the MVLA COVID-19 dashboard, six students and two staff members tested positive for the virus over the one-week period. In comparison, the district has recorded a total of 30 student and 11 staff cases in the 15 months since July 1, 2020.

For the week Oct. 31 to Nov. 6, 1,760 MVLA staff and students were tested. Five people from Los Altos High, two from Mountain View High and one from Alta Vista High tested positive. Meyer said none of the recent cases were spread on campus, following Santa Clara County's contact tracing.

"We're seeing the same kind



ANGELA TAM/TOWN CRIER

Although vaccines and booster shots are now more widely available to the general public, MVLA continues to recommend students and staff mask up whenever possible.

of indicators across the county," she said. "Overall, still a low number, but certainly quite a few tests."

Leyla Benson, associate superintendent for personnel, leads the COVID tracking efforts for MVLA and expressed surprise

at the increase.

"I think there is an element of surprise, in particular because we've had significant progress

after the start of school," she said. "So, we saw a rise at the start of school, which was very likely attributable to the things that occurred at the very tail end of summer, and we are very thorough with our testing protocol and our contact tracing, and we didn't have any in-school spread that we could detect."

After coming in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, MVLA students and staff are required to undergo lab-process PCR testing to remain in school and participate in school-related activities. Benson said MVLA students and staff may choose to opt out of testing after close contact, but they must quarantine for 10 days, per county guidelines.

Before the recent uptick in cases, MVLA was on a downward trajectory, largely due to vaccination and booster rates increasing. However, Benson said that as the colder months arrive and people begin gathering indoors more often, it could

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Foothill College interim president seeks a return to normalcy

Town Crier Report

Bernadine Fong's first task as acting president of Foothill College is getting the school back on track after a turbulent sequence of events that led to former president Thuy Thi Nguyen's dismissal last month.

"What has transpired in the last few weeks has been very unsettling," Fong said via email Nov. 8. "We are all coming together to continue our strong focus on the success and welfare of our students, and planning and preparing for full in-person classes whenever it is appropriate to do so."

The Foothill-De Anza Community College Board of Trustees voted not to renew Nguyen's contract Oct. 25 after conflicts with Foothill faculty culminating in a "no confidence" resolution from the Foothill Academic Senate. The board named Fong as interim president at the

same meeting.

Fong previously served as president of Foothill from 1994 until her retirement in 2006. Her contract as acting president expires June 30.

She began working at Foothill in 1970 as an instructor in psychology and child development, fields in which she wrote two textbooks, and served as Academic Senate president for the college. She moved from teaching into administration as founding dean of the Palo Alto Center, Foothill's off-campus education site, then served in various leadership posts, including dean of administration and vice president of instruction and student services before becoming president.

"I look forward to re-engaging with the exceptional faculty and staff who are so dedicated to serving their students," Fong said in a press release.

Judy Miner, chancellor of the

Foothill-De Anza Community College District, said Fong's long history at Foothill would lend a steady hand as the college continues its transition to on-campus operations and implements its equity plan.

"Dr. Fong is an accomplished leader and is in a unique position to reinvigorate collaborative approaches to being student-centered and equity-minded," Miner said.

During her original tenure as president, Fong championed innovation. Under her leadership, Foothill was one of the first community colleges to offer online credit courses via the internet in 1995. The college distinguished itself by developing an open-source online course management system, ETUDES (Easy to Use Distance Education Software), which offered 11 online associate degrees and more than 200 courses, and served a consortium of more than 50 com-

munity colleges and universities for 90,000 online students.

Fong initiated Foothill's Middle College, a nontraditional high school magnet program that provides students an alternative to regular high school, in partnership with Palo Alto Unified and Mountain View Los Altos High School districts. This became the basis for dual enrollment partnerships, which provide an opportunity for high school students to enroll in college classes. Foothill has a large dual enrollment program.

During her presidency, Fong supported a mission-based approach to participatory governance. An accreditation team that visited Foothill in 2005 described "a college that is actively involved and deeply committed to students, a faculty that is dedicated to the excellence of teaching and learning, a staff that is devoted to providing services, and an administrative team that

is able and engaged in providing leadership for the college," according to a press release. The team's report said that "Foothill College encourages and supports the involvement of the faculty and staff through their respective senates and campus committees in prioritizing and recommending campus policies and procedures" and noted that the college president "has created a climate of empowerment, involvement, and innovation."

Fong was an early advocate for the Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill, a high-tech regional resource center for K-12 teachers that has now served more than 23,000 local educators.

She has also been an executive leadership coach for Achieving the Dream, a national organization committed to focusing on underachieving students, particularly low-income students and students of color.

MVLA aims to lower number of Latino students in special ed

By Angela Tam

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The Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees at a Nov. 8 study session reviewed data from the state that identified MVLA as enrolling a “significantly disproportionate” number of Latino students in special education.

Teri Faught, associate superintendent of educational services, said the numbers include Latino students who both qualify for special education or are referred by teachers. The disparity has existed for three or more years, she noted, and the imbalance caught the attention of the state.

“It’s important to note that this is not a special-education issue,” Faught said. “This is a challenge that is happening at the general-education level, where the interventions are not supporting the struggling students, so struggling students in general education are referred to special education and tested and sometimes qualify.”

To counter the trend, Faught introduced an intervention plan that would target vulnerable students while they are still attending general-education classes, rather than after they are referred to special education. The proposal also includes addressing the root causes behind Latino students’ struggles.

The data Faught presented at the session covered the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years at Alta Vista High School, MVLA’s continuation

high school. During the years in question, Latino students made up 73% of the student body, while whites and Asians made up 18% and 5%, respectively. Faught shared the data alongside the specific learning disability (SLD) data; unlike physical disabilities, testing for an SLD – defined as a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or using language – is more subjective. Faught’s report stated that 54.5% of SLD students were Latino, 21.9% white and 2% Asian.

The state report revealed that 111 students were referred to special education in the 2020-2021 school year: 45 white, 38 Latino and 23 Asian; 53 students were ultimately assessed and 32 qualified for special education. Of the 32, 11 were Latino students, 10 white and 2 Asian. A total of 98 freshmen entered the district with an Individualized Education Program, developed for each student who needs special education; 40 of the students were Latino.

The referral and qualification process typically involves either a parent reaching out with concerns about his or her child’s academic performance or MVLA’s Student Support Team intervening if a student shows signs of struggling with the curriculum.

Root causes

In partnership with the state, Faught said MVLA identified three root causes behind the high numbers of Latino students in special education: “the lack of



Meyer

teachers or if it’s OK to reach out to teachers, and email is not the most effective means for our Latino population. We are on a

communication platform that is not the communication-type platform for all of our families.”

Trustee Sanjay Dave said the board should approach the data with caution, warning that they may not necessarily be looking at the report correctly and should avoid drawing broad racial conclusions from it. Additionally, he reminded the board that an audit conducted two years ago contended that the learning disparities were socioeconomic in nature.

“That’s the real factor that we have to look at, and not make it so race-based,” Dave said.

Faught disagreed with Dave. She noted that the race-based aspect of the data is important because more than 80% of English-language learners are

Latino, and stressed the importance of keeping a close eye on the Latino student population. Considering the racial composition of the student body in this way and for this purpose, Faught added, enables MVLA to better produce an English-proficient population, as “there are very specific needs unique to the (Latino) population.”

Superintendent Nellie Meyer suggested taking a closer look at students who are succeeding, and then determining the reasons behind their success.

“If they’re having the same struggles, and they have the same demographics and they’re succeeding, there’s data in that,” she said. “But also look at those that are not, and it helps you hone in and support them.”



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impact the number of cases.

“We knew there were school-related activities, we knew people were having gatherings more frequently due to the higher vaccination rates and the lower COVID rates, additionally, the Halloween activities,” she said.

MVLA has taken measures to prepare for potential increas-

es. Benson cited messages the district has sent recommending proactive measures, including testing after travel, testing before and after community gatherings, testing before and after family gatherings and masking whenever possible.

According to Benson’s communication with Santa Clara County, the recent increase is not unique to MVLA – the number of COVID cases is up in other school districts as well.

Check out the Town Crier’s recently revamped website at LosAltosOnline.com.

Schools

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Foothill College tonight hosts virtual astronomy lecture on Mars rovers

Town Crier Report

Planetary scientist Jim Bell, Ph.D., is scheduled to deliver an illustrated, non-technical presentation, “Postcards from Mars: The Latest from the International Armada of Robot Explorers,” 7 p.m. today via livestream on YouTube.

The virtual event is part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series through Foothill College, now in its 22nd year.

Ten missions have successfully landed on Mars since 1976, including six rovers that have traversed across a total of nearly 30 miles of terrain on the Red Planet. Bell has been the lead or deputy scientist in charge of the science cameras on the NASA Spirit, Opportunity, Curiosity and Perseverance rovers, with a front-row seat for their photographic and geologic adventures.

In his presentation, Bell will share his favorite images and stories from inside mission operations and describe the major scientific findings made by the roving and landed missions over the past 45 years, focusing especially on the latest results streaming in from the still-active Curiosity and Perseverance rovers. He also will discuss plans for the next Martian rover.

Bell is a professor in the School of Earth & Space Exploration at Arizona State University

and an astronomer who has been involved in solar system exploration using data from the Hubble Space Telescope, Mars rovers, Voyager 2 and orbiters sent to Mars, the Moon and several asteroids. His research focuses on the use of remote sensing imaging and spectroscopy to assess the geology, composition and mineralogy of the surfaces of planets, moons, asteroids and comets.

Bell is also the author of many science books related to space exploration, including “Postcards from Mars,” “The Space Book,” “The Interstellar Age,” “The Ultimate Interplanetary Travel Guide” and “Hubble Legacy.” He served as president of The Planetary Society from 2008 to 2020 and received the American Astronomical Society’s Carl Sagan Medal for public communication in science.

Tonight’s lecture is co-sponsored by the Foothill College Science, Tech, Engineering & Math Division; the SETI Institute; the Astronomical Society of the Pacific; and the UC observatories.

To view Bell’s presentation, visit [youtube.com/SVAstronomyLectures](https://www.youtube.com/SVAstronomyLectures). A recording will be made available at a later date. Past lectures in the series are accessible at the link above, and as podcasts at [buzzsprout.com/1805595](https://www.buzzsprout.com/1805595).



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Sports

Sports on the Side

Turkey Trot returns to Mtn. View High

The 12th annual Spartan Turkey Trot returns to an in-person event this year, scheduled Thanksgiving morning on the Mountain View High track, with a virtual option offered Nov. 25-28 to those who prefer it. In-person registration begins at 7:30 a.m. (if spots are available), the opening ceremony at 8:20 a.m. and the 5K run/walk at 8:30 a.m. The kids' races (60- and 400-yard dashes) follow at 9:30 and then the Spartan Mile at 10 a.m. The top three males and females in the 5K and Spartan Mile races receive prizes. Virtual participants who submit their result can download/print a finisher's certificate. Registration ranges from \$15-\$40 and includes a T-shirt. All proceeds benefit Mountain View High athletics. To register and for more information, visit SpartanTurkeyTrot.com.

CCS playoff tickets available online only

Tickets to all of the Central Coast Section fall sports playoff games must be purchased online through GoFan. No physical tickets will be sold at venues; mobile tickets must be bought in advance on the CCS GoFan page at gofan.co/app/school/CIFCCS.

Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs head coaches for wrestling and diving, along with varsity and JV coaches for badminton. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at (650) 960-8857 or michelle.noeth@mvla.net. St. Francis High seeks assistant coaches in a variety of sports. To apply, visit tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b.

NFHS puts out call for sports officials

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Lancers pull away from Mariners in 4th quarter

Los Altos, Mtn. View also win playoff openers

By Pete Borello
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Don't be fooled by the final score: St. Francis High 56, Aptos 28. The top-seeded Lancers and No. 8 Mariners entered the fourth quarter of Friday's Central Coast Section Division I quarterfinal football game tied at 28.

Then the St. Francis offense ran wild – producing four touchdowns in just under seven minutes – while its defense clamped down on Aptos.

"We'll enjoy this one because we had to respond," Lancers coach Greg Calcagno said, "and it was good for us to get punched in the mouth."

The Mariners got in the first punch, scoring on their first play from scrimmage – a 39-yard pass from Matt Hood to Rio Cruz that came after St. Francis fumbled away the opening kickoff.

That fumble was just about the only miscue Viliami Teu made Friday night, and he more than made up for it. The senior running back rushed for 257 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns, two of which came in the decisive fourth quarter.

"Coming on the sideline, my coaches were encouraging me to flush it," Teu said of the fumble. "You've got to come back on the next drive and score, and that's what we did."

Teu's 27-yard scamper, coupled with Matthew Karic's extra point, tied the game at 7 with 9:40

remaining in the first.

Aptos recaptured the lead with a touchdown on its next drive, only to see the Lancers answer quickly again. Starting at mid-field thanks to Camilo Arquette's 50-yard kick return, St. Francis scored five plays later on Teu's 1-yard plunge.

That's when the Mariners' offense, nearly perfect to that point, started making mistakes it couldn't afford to make against an undefeated team like St. Francis (10-0). Aptos' next drive was derailed by two penalties, a broken-up pass and Esaia Vavao's 2-yard sack. The Mariners (8-2) went on fourth and long – they never punted in the game – and the Lancers stopped Seamus Carey's run 6 yards short of the marker.

Taking possession at their 27, St. Francis marched down the field behind its overpowering line and runners Teu and Arquette, who broke several tackles on a fourth-down carry good for 27 yards.

"Give it up to Camilo Arquette," said Teu, who scored an 18-yard TD a play later to give the Lancers their first lead. "That boy runs like a grown man."

Arquette finished with 101 yards. In total, St. Francis racked up 438 yards on the ground, breaking a nearly 30-year-old school record (417 in 1992).

"We haven't pounded it like that in a while," Calcagno said of the Lancers' running attack. "And we had to because we had to keep the ball and we had to be physical. ... Their guys stood in there



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St. Francis High's Viliami Teu dashes toward the end zone for one of his five touchdowns in Friday's 56-28 win over Aptos.

and they played their tails off, but I think we wore them down a little bit at the end."

After answering an Aptos touchdown by scoring late in the second quarter on a 9-yard pass from Josh Perry to Andrew Adkison – one of only four passes St. Francis attempted Friday – the offense got plenty of time to rest. The Mariners opened the third quarter with a 16-play drive that ate up nearly eight minutes of clock and resulted in Carey's 2-yard dive into the end zone.

With the game now tied at 28,

St. Francis embarked on a long scoring drive of its own. Starting at their 31, the Lancers capped a 14-play series with Arquette's 2-yard run up the middle. Karic's kick put St. Francis up 35-28 with nine minutes left in the game.

Aptos failed to make a first down on its next two possessions, leaving St. Francis with favorable field position. Both times, St. Francis needed just one play to score: Teu followed a 40-yard TD with a 26-yarder that sealed the victory.

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Eagles edge M-A for 2nd at CCS meet; LA sisters make state golf finals

By Pete Borello
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At Saturday's Central Coast Section cross-country championships, the Los Altos High girls' sixth finisher proved just as important as their first-place runner.

At the conclusion of the Division I race at Crystal Springs, the Eagles found themselves tied with Menlo-Atherton for second with 56 points (earned by each team's top-five finishers). Only one of these schools could qualify for state – joining champ Los Gatos – so it came down to a tiebreaker: the sixth-fastest runner among Los Altos and M-A.

Shelli Lewis put the Eagles ahead with a

25th-place time of 19 minutes, 49.1 seconds, which was more than a minute faster than the Bears' Madeline Boyle, who came in 44th.

"Don't let anyone ever try to tell you cross-country is not a team sport!" Los Altos coach Steph MacKenzie told her squad after the meet.

Lauren Soobrian, who missed the early part of the season with an injury, paced the Eagles with a sixth-place time of 18:31. Fiona Bodkin, surging in the final 5 meters, finished seventh with a personal-record time of 18:40. Maddy Randall "had the race of her life," MacKenzie said, and placed 13th with a PR of 19:03. Jasleen Sidhu took 15th with a 19:22 that nearly broke her personal best and was almost 10 seconds faster than what she ran at the league meet. Riley Capuano placed 19th with

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Los Altos High's Lauren Soobrian runs toward a sixth-place finish at the CCS meet.

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a 19:35, despite feeling under the weather, the coach said.

The state meet is slated Nov. 27 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

On the boys side, three Division I teams advance to state – and that last spot went to Mountain View. The Spartans finished only four points behind Palo Alto and Bellarmine, which tied for first at CCS.

Three Mountain View runners placed in the top 10: Emmanuel LeBlond (second, 15:10), Evan Markelz (sixth, 15:48) and Nicholas Trepanier (seventh, 15:53).

The St. Francis girls and boys advanced to state by placing first and third, respectively, in Division II.

The St. Francis girls' five scoring runners finished one after another: Lillian Kaelber (seventh, 18:55), Christel Elkins (eighth, 18:56), Anna Fawcett (ninth, 19:01), Sabrina Zanetto (10th, 19:05) and Hinako Yamato (11th, 19:06).

Jack Sloan led the St. Francis boys with a 14th-place time of 16:11.

Girls golf

Los Altos High sisters Sophie and Cami Thai qualified for this week's state girls golf championships in Pebble Beach by posting solid scores in what coach Abe Roof called "very tough" conditions at the NorCal finals Nov. 9 at the Berkeley Country Club.

Senior Sophie shot a 4-over-par 76 to seize the seventh individual berth in Tuesday's state tournament at Poppy Hills Golf Course (played after the Town Crier's deadline), while freshman Cami shot a 77 to nab the ninth and final bid.

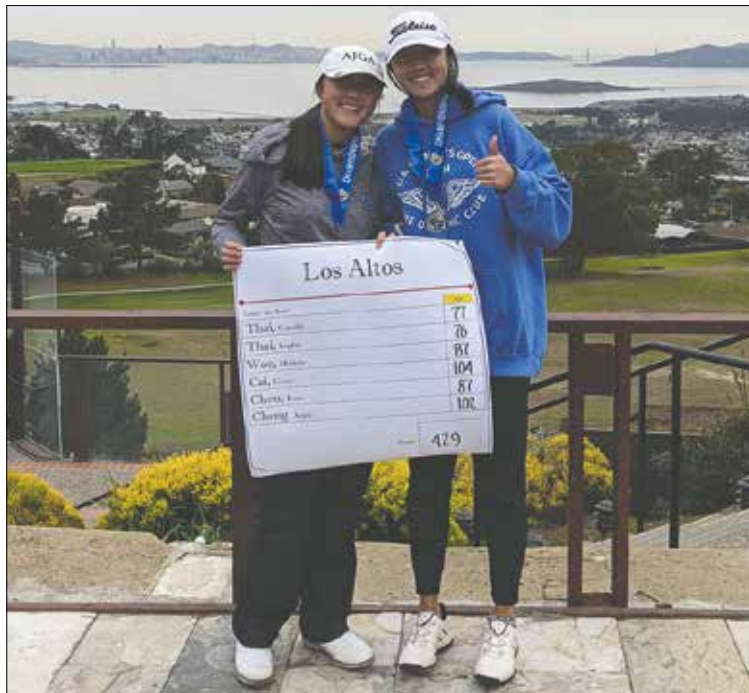
"The course was wet and was playing 5,750 yards with lots of elevation changes," Roof said of NorCal, where the best score was a 73.

Cami was forced to play an extra hole after tying two other competitors for the last spot at state. She won the sudden-death playoff by draining a 5-foot putt, "with the ball pausing briefly on the lip before falling in the hole," Roof said.

The Thai sisters led the Los Altos team to a sixth-place finish at NorCal, where the Eagles shot a 429. Only the top three teams advanced to state.

Girls tennis

Sixth-seeded Los Altos exited the CCS team playoffs in the



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Los Altos High sisters Cami, left, and Sophie Thai display their team's score sheet after last week's Northern California girls golf championships at the Berkeley Country Club. Both golfers qualified for this week's state championships in Pebble Beach.

quarterfinals, falling 6-1 to No. 3 St. Francis Thursday at Cuesta Park.

"St. Francis was really tough and clearly the better team," Eagles coach Hung Nguyen said. "We had to play really well to make it close, and we did somewhat."

Nguyen described three of the matches as "really, really close," but his team wasn't able to pull out any of them. Visiting Los Altos' lone win came at No. 3 doubles, where Tyra Bogan and Sania Rashid prevailed in straight sets.

A day earlier, Los Altos cruised to a 6-1 second-run win over Burlingame. The host Eagles (16-8 overall) won at every spot but No. 1 singles, with all their victories coming in straight sets.

St. Francis (17-2) advanced to Saturday's semifinals against No. 2 Menlo at Lynbrook, where the Knights topped the Lancers 5-2.

Menlo beat No. 7 Mountain View (9-7) in the quarterfinals.

Girls volleyball

After stunning top-seeded Marin Catholic on the road in five sets to open the NorCal Open Division playoffs behind 15 kills from Madison Pietsch, No. 8 St. Francis swept No. 4 Menlo in Saturday's semifinals in Atherton. That put the Lancers (21-11) in Tuesday's final against a familiar foe – No. 2 Mitty (35-7).

St. Francis beat the Monarchs twice in West Catholic Athletic League play but lost to them in the CCS Open Division semifinals. Tuesday's match at Mitty was played after the Town Crier's deadline.

No. 11 Mountain View won the first set of its NorCal Division II opener Tuesday in San Anselmo, but sixth-seeded Archie Williams rallied to win the next three.

"This was another tough ending to what otherwise was a very overachieving season," said coach Dave Winn, whose Spartans (23-7) were upset by Monta Vista in the CCS Division I semifinals the week before.

Winn described the NorCal match as "winnable" but acknowledged that host Archie Williams exposed "several weaknesses" in his team.

After jumping to a 19-10 lead in the first set, the Spartans "let our foot off the gas and let them back into the match," the coach said. "Even though we won 25-20, we lost our momentum."

Archie Williams (27-2) took advantage, prevailing 25-19, 25-18, 25-21 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Field hockey

St. Francis played Los Gatos to a scoreless tie in regulation and two overtimes, but the Wildcats won Saturday's CCS final in a shootout, 7-6. The Lancers ended the year with a 14-3-1 record.

Girls water polo

St. Francis' season didn't end with last week's 18-10 loss to Sacred Heart Prep in the CCS Open Division semifinals. The Lancers (17-10) have qualified for the NorCal playoffs as the fifth seed in Division II and were slated to visit No. 4 Granite Bay (24-6) Tuesday. The winner advances to Thursday's semifinals.

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Sports



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St. Francis High's Andrew Adkison catches a touchdown pass in the second quarter of Friday's CCS playoff game against Aptos.

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The Lancers' Antonio Almeida recovered a fumble on the Mariners' next possession, leading to a 65-yard touchdown by halfback Aven Pamintuan, and Declan Quinn intercepted a Hood pass moments later.

St. Francis hosts No. 5 Menlo-Atherton (9-2) 7 p.m. Friday in the semifinals.

Eagles upend Soquel

Los Altos won its first playoff game in 15 years, knocking off host Soquel 36-30 Friday in the CCS Division V quarterfinals.

The seventh-seeded Eagles (8-3) overcame a nine-point deficit in the third quarter to defeat the No. 3 Knights (7-4).

"The kids just played their hearts out," Los Altos coach Dave DeGeronimo said.

Jimmy Flynn shook off two early interceptions, throwing four touchdown passes. Zach Fagin caught three of those throws and Cole Rafferty the other. Rafferty also scored on a 99-yard kick return midway through the third and intercepted a pass in the final minute to guarantee the win.

Additionally, linebacker Leo Goebel's fumble recovery late in the third was "critical" to the Eagles' cause, the coach said.

Los Altos hosts No. 7 St. Francis SCP (8-3) of Watsonville 7 p.m. Friday in the semifinals.

"Their run game is pretty special," DeGeronimo said of the Sharks, who routed No. 2 Cupertino 38-13 Friday, "and they're very athletic."

Spartans stun Acorns

No. 7 Mountain View held off second-seeded Live Oak 28-21 Friday for its first playoff win in 19 years. The visiting Spartans (6-5) led 28-7 midway through the fourth, but then the Acorns (7-4) scored back-to-back touchdowns to make it close.

Mountain View ran out the clock from there, despite playing without its top two running backs. Starter Leo Navarro is out with a leg fracture suffered last month, according to coach Shelley Smith, and Dillon Daniels sustained a chest injury midway through Friday's game.

The Spartans turned to Arturo Hernandez and Drake Wilkening, both of whom made big plays. Hernandez broke loose for a run of nearly 70 yards in the fourth that set up Jackson Steffen's QB sneak touchdown. Earlier, Wilkening caught a TD pass of more than 60 yards from Steffen, who also threw a pair of scoring strikes to Joe Brown.

Smith played Steffen at safety as well, and the senior intercepted two passes.

"Jackson played a great game," the coach said. "He had a big night for us."

So did Brown, who made a one-handed grab in the corner of the end zone just before halftime.

Mountain View travels to San Francisco Saturday to take on No. 3 Sacred Heart Cathedral (4-7) in a semifinal game set to kick off at 6 p.m. at Kezar Stadium.

"We've got our hands full," Smith said. "We'll need to play a real solid game. I think our kids will be ready."

Sports

Local high school & college sports schedule for today through Tuesday

HIGH SCHOOL

Football

Friday

St. Francis SCP at Los Altos in Central Coast Section Division V semifinals, 7 p.m.

Menlo-Atherton at St. Francis in CCS Division I semifinals, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Mountain View vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral

in CCS Division III semifinals at Kezar Stadium, 6 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Saturday

Open Division state championship at Santiago Canyon College in Orange, 6:30 p.m.

Girls tennis

Today

Semifinals and finals of CCS individual tournament at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos, noon

Friday

NorCal quarterfinals and semifinals at

Broadstone Sports Club in Folsom, 10 a.m.

Saturday

NorCal final at Broadstone Sports Club, 1 p.m.

Boys basketball

Thursday

Los Altos at Westmont (scrimmage), 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Thursday

St. Francis at Branham (scrimmage), 7 p.m.

Girls water polo

Thursday

Northern California semifinals at homes of higher seeds, 5 p.m.

Saturday

NorCal final at home of higher seed, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE

Men's basketball

Thursday

Diablo Valley at Foothill, 7 p.m.

Monday

Reedley at Foothill, 5:30 p.m.

Women's basketball

Today

Mission at Foothill, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Foothill at Modesto, 1 p.m.

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Federation of State High School Associations seeks referees and umpires throughout the country. These are paid positions, hours are flexible and training is provided. To apply and for more information, visit highschoolofficials.com.

Free online courses help parents, coaches

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

CIF offers newsletter for parents, guardians

The California Interscholastic Federation, the governing body for the state's high school sports, issues a free monthly newsletter via email for parents/guardians of student-athletes in California. The newsletter aims to keep parents informed of issues such as health and safety, eligibility and upcoming events. To subscribe and for more information, visit cifstate.org.

Women's golf group welcomes members

Tuesday Toppers, a women's nine-hole golf group with local members, tees off 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Pruneridge Golf Club in Santa Clara. Cost is \$5, plus \$22-\$27 per round. To join and for more information, visit pruneridgegolfclub.com/clinics.



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Please help make the parade enjoyable for all!

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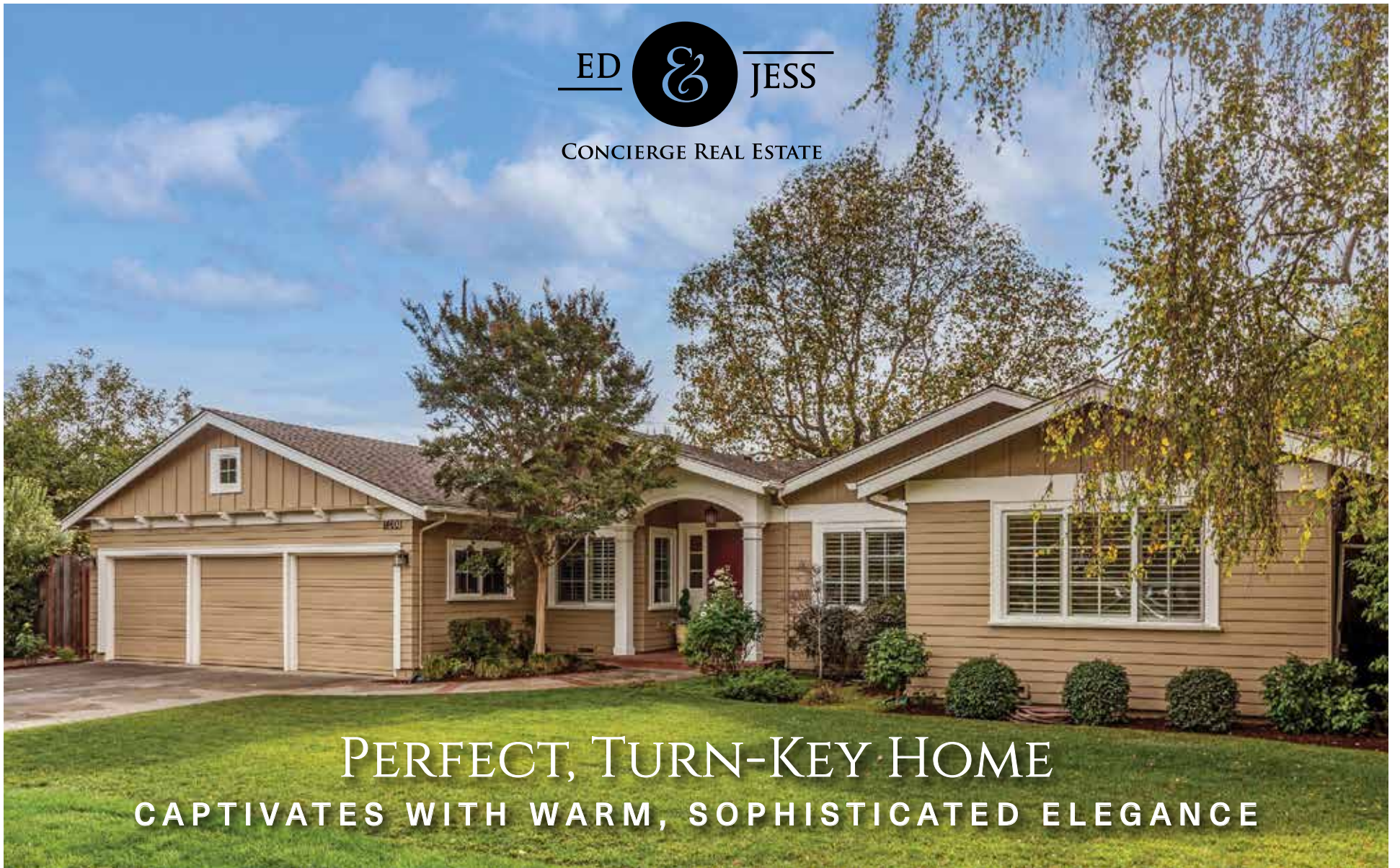
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Be careful when choosing your successor trustee

By Michael Gilfix

Jean had an estate valued at approximately \$2 million. The trust indicated that half would go to Rob, her nephew, and half to her favorite charity. She chose her nephew as her successor trustee. She trusted Rob to properly administer her estate after her death.

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When she died, Rob called the attorney who prepared the trust. He asked who knows about the trust and its terms. The attorney explained that the trust is private, avoids the probate courts and is therefore effectively invisible to the outside world. Rather than hire the attorney to help administer the trust estate, Rob thanked him, hung up and never called again.

Question: What are the odds that the charity ever saw a penny?

Jean misplaced trust in her nephew. She chose the wrong person as her successor trustee.

You created your revocable living trust to hold your assets. You did so because of the probate avoidance and other benefits. You may have included sophisticated tax-planning provisions in your trust.

You also chose someone to serve as your successor trustee. This is the person who will manage your trust if you become incapacitated and upon your death. In many ways, this is the most important decision you will make. If you become incapacitated, your successor trustee will be responsible for managing your trust assets, which includes everything except your retirement accounts. Taxes and bills must be paid and investments decisions made. There also will be a high level of responsibility for your quality of care and your quality of life. Choosing the right person for this role ensures your well-being. Choosing the wrong person threatens your well-being.

Upon your death, your trustee will have responsibility for determining the value of your estate, ensuring that all taxes and other bills are paid, and then

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Jeanette Puorro: 100 years young

Special to the Town Crier

Former Los Altos Hills resident Jeanette Puorro celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 2 and 3 at the San Jose home of her son, Mark. Thirty-one members of her family attended the party, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Puorro and her husband, Tom, lived in Los Altos Hills from 1973 to 2016; she currently resides at Sunny View Retirement Community in Cupertino.

Asked how it feels to turn 100, Puorro replied, "Well, I haven't really got a handle on it yet."

One of seven children, Puorro was born and raised in Somerville, Mass., where she met her husband-to-be. Tom served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and received military honors. During the war, she worked as a secretary for New York Life insurance company.

After the war, Tom attended Tufts University on the GI bill, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. The couple had seven children.

Upon graduating from Tufts, Tom was recruited by the then-budding computer company IBM. After a number of job-related moves around the U.S., they ultimately settled in California in 1973. Falling in love with the Los Altos Hills area,



COURTESY OF THE PUORRO FAMILY

Jeanette Puorro, left, sports a special shirt in honor of her 100th birthday. Above, Puorro is pictured with her new husband in this 1949 wedding photo.

the couple bought a house on the corner of Concepcion and West Fremont roads; the entire block across the street was an apricot orchard.

The Puorros were often seen walking to church along West Fremont on their way to daily Mass at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, where Jeanette served as a eucharistic minister and a lector and helped with many church fundraisers. Tom died in 2020 at age 94.

According to daughter Hannah Golden, her mother was "religious (pun intended) about walking every morning to

and from church – her morning walk, up until she was probably 90 or 92."

In addition to keeping busy with child-rearing and church activities, she loved gardening and had an enviable rose garden. She was an avid reader and crossword puzzle whiz, and continues to enjoy books and magazines.

An eager traveler, adventures included a 1962 cross-country drive in a station wagon with seven kids ages 6 months to 11 years; a 1971 family trip to Europe,

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BridgePoint seniors work to halt climate change

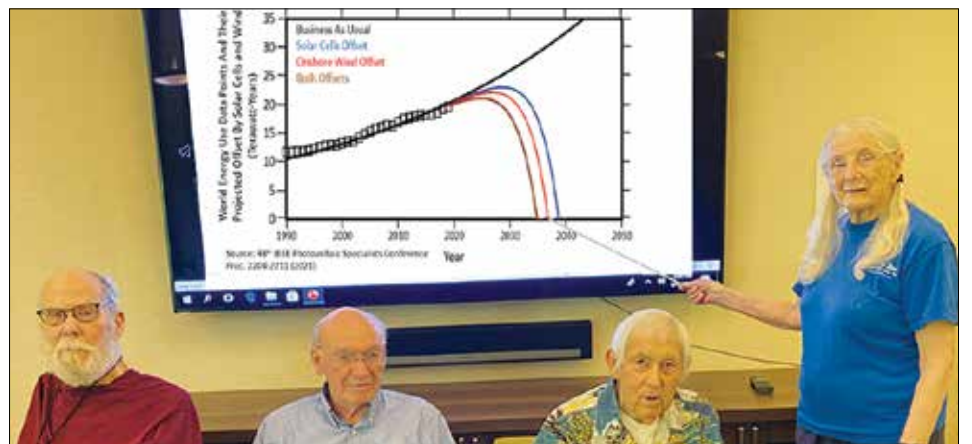
Special to the Town Crier

An informal group of retired Silicon Valley professionals who reside at BridgePoint at Los Altos senior living community have been meeting since 2015 to discuss ways to increase access to renewable energy in the face of global warming.

Known as the BridgePoint Consortium, the group seeks solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change. Members recently published a report highlighting the ability to halt global warming through the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar cells and wind, by 2040.

Their timeline is more ambitious than the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, set at this month's United Nations COP26 Climate Change Summit in Glasgow.

The consortium's members said they hope their research leads to real change in the fight against global warming and increased use of renewable energy.



COURTESY OF BRIDGEPOINT AT LOS ALTOS

Seniors at BridgePoint at Los Altos lobby to increase access to renewable energy.

"No one yet has a full solution to climate change, and that's why we have to work together," said Larry Partain, BridgePoint Consortium member. "Our hope is that our findings show there are options available to move forward and make this happen sooner rather than later."

The consortium began with member Richard Hansen's efforts to convince

Partain of the reality and urgency of climate change due to human activity. Over time, Hansen won Partain over, and ever since the pair has worked with their fellow members to seek answers to the pressing global issue.

Their most recent report, "Halting Global Warming & Climate Change Before

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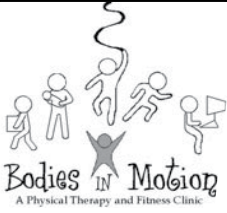


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Senior Lifestyles

Middle Eastern herbal remedy offers health benefits – especially for seniors

By Blanche Shaheen

There is a revered herbal blend in the Middle East that is not only versatile in seasoning a variety of foods, but also is touted as a healing remedy. Arab mothers give this herbal blend to their children before school, for both mental acuity and an immunity boost. Many seniors who live in the Levant region incorporate this herbal mix in their daily diet to aid in memory and help treat chronic diseases. This miraculous spice blend is called za'atar.

Za'atar is a zesty herbal combination containing a plant indigenous to the Middle East that is a cross between oregano and thyme, along with sumac, sesame seeds and salt. However, the health benefits of za'atar go far beyond what you would find in a medicine cabinet. Following is a breakdown of how the individual components of za'atar can impact overall wellness, providing some validity to the ancient and popular beliefs surrounding this powerful plant combination.

The ground sumac berry, which gives za'atar a tangy flavor, comes from a flowering plant in the same family as the cashew and the mango. This shrub or small tree produces clusters of bright purple-red



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Za'atar can season foods as a spice mix or a topping on breads, above.

Feast in the Middle East

berries that are ground to make the sumac. The flavor profile of sumac is comparable to a salty lemon zest, thus pairing well with roasted vegetables, fish and salads like fattoush. Nutritionally, sumac is rich in quercetin, which neutralizes free radicals. Sumac also has 66 times more antioxidants than blueberries. In one scientific study, sumac even inhibited pancreatic lipase,

which is an enzyme that breaks down fats for digestion. Therefore, fewer calories from fat were absorbed when ingested with sumac in this particular study.

The immune-boosting abilities of za'atar come from the thyme. Thyme can help clear the respiratory system, which is why some herbalists create a tincture of thyme tea to combat the common cold. The polyphenols in thyme or oregano also may have direct mood-boosting effects by impacting the hormones being

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It's back – and better than ever

Los Altos' Adult 50+ Program is now housed in the Cedar and Sycamore rooms of the new Los Altos Community Center. Boasting large windows, wood-beamed ceilings and comfortable furniture, the space aims to be peaceful and welcoming.

Along with refreshments, puzzles and newspapers, members can participate in an array of activities, including bridge, making monkey toys, the ArtVenturers group, tai chi and line dancing, among many others. Adults ages 50 and up can stop by for the current schedule of in-person and online events.

The center is located at 97 Hillview Ave. Adult 50+ Program hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, call (650) 947-2797.



COURTESY OF THE PUORRO FAMILY

Jeanette Puorro, center, gathers with grandchildren to celebrate.

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where they bought a van and camped their way across the continent; a 1972 trip to Japan with Tom; and several trips to Hawaii in the 1990s and 2000s.

A legacy for those with disabilities

In the 1980s, when the Puorros were in their 50s, one of their sons had a diving accident that left him a quadriplegic. They spent the next six months visiting him in the hospital every day. They then retrofitted their Los Altos Hills home to accommodate a wheelchair, complete

with a ramp and a specially outfitted shower.

Inspired by the plight of his son and others like him, Tom retired early and asked IBM for an unusual parting gift: seed money to start a nonprofit program that would teach people with disabilities computer programming. Disabled Programmers Inc. was founded in 1980; it continues today as TransAccess. The nonprofit organization helped many people receive training and get hired for high-paying white-collar jobs. The Puorros worked as a team – he ran the business side of things, while Jeanette supported the endeavor, and her family, on the home front.

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distributing assets to identified beneficiaries. This process can be complicated. Sometimes, ambiguous provisions in a trust require the trustee to exercise good judgment and discretion.

To be clear, do not choose your first-born child because he or she is your first-born child.

Do not choose the child who lives closest to you because he or she lives closest to you. Your choice should focus on finding a responsible person, one who is likely to be a family member but may not be. This does not mean the selected successor trustee must understand everything about finances, the operation of the trust and tax

reporting. Rather, it means that this individual has a sufficient level of understanding and sophistication to obtain appropriate professional assistance. The trustee may need to hire a financial planner, an estate attorney or a case manager. The trustee can use trust assets to pay for such services.

With all of this in mind,

I urge you to think carefully about the choice you have made. Are you perfectly comfortable with the choice? Does your choice of successor trustee let you sleep well at night?

Here is the thought process that can guide you in making or reviewing this decision:

Ideally, you will have a family member or very close personal friend serve in this role. Many adult children are capable of serving in this role. Many are not. Many are capable but are not inclined to accept the responsibility. If you cannot find an individual in this primary category, look to the next level.

Alternative trustees

Next think about individual professionals who can accept this responsibility. There are professional fiduciaries who are in the business of serving as successor trustees. The Professional Fiduciary Association of California is one resource. It has members in virtually every community in California. To consider professional fiduciaries, you must meet with candidates and ask serious questions about experience, capacity and fees. You must develop a high level of comfort.

In addition to professional fiduciaries, many attorneys serve as successor trustees in selected matters.

The next level of opportunity is the world of financial institutions and trust companies. Most banks have trust departments

and are willing to accept this responsibility. Some have minimums, meaning they will only accept responsibility for estates with relatively high levels of liquidity. Fees can be higher than those of professional fiduciaries or other professional individuals. An arguable benefit of a financial institution is its longevity and likely existence into the indefinite future.

If you consider a financial institution as successor trustee, be sure to ask a representative how it monitors such things as quality of care if you become incapacitated. Ask how it will evaluate your needs and ensure quality of care at home or in a care facility.

Another alternative, in selected matters, is the world of nonprofit organizations. There are pooled trusts, for example, that accept trustee responsibilities for individuals with special needs and for whom special-needs trusts have been created. Other nonprofit organizations are willing to serve as trustees for individuals with no other alternative.

With all of this in mind, it is a good idea to review your choice of successor trustee every couple of years with your estate-planning attorney. Your quality of life may depend on it.

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2040," details how world energy use has doubled every 30 years since 1880, and how with sufficient rates of adoption, renewable energy could supply all of the world's energy needs before 2040 – a decade earlier than the 2050 goal of the Climate Change Summit.

The group recognizes that success depends on the development of acceptable energy alternatives that still work when the sun isn't shining or when the wind doesn't blow. Their findings show that accelerated development of energy storage technologies and super grids have the potential to meet all such requirements.

However, progress is only possible when enough coordinated and focused resources are allocated.

"The consortium is going beyond our backyard and taking their efforts to change the world and making them global in scope," said Donna Daniel-Herr, interim executive director of BridgePoint at Los Altos. "We couldn't be more honored to support these amazing individuals in their efforts, as they show all of us that there's no point in your lifetime where you can't make a difference."

For more information on BridgePoint at Los Altos, call (650) 948-7337 or visit kiscoseniorliving.com/senior-living/ca/los-altos/bridgepoint-at-los-altos.

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Los Altos native retires after long stint in U.S.

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos native Vice Admiral Andrew Lewis retired from the U.S. Navy Oct. 1. His naval career spanned 36 years. He first reported to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981, was commissioned an ensign in 1985 and retired after four years as vice admiral – the second-highest officer rank in the U.S. Navy.

A change of command ceremony honored Lewis' service Aug. 20, with friends and family in attendance, onboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.

His last assignment was re-establishing a U.S. Navy fleet and establishing a NATO Command.

"It was the military equivalent of establishing two startup companies," Lewis said, "responsible for maritime security in the Atlantic and into the Arctic."

With houses in Virginia Beach and Florida, Lewis said he and his wife, Mary, will most likely relocate.

"We have moved 30 times since we have been married, so we are always looking for another adventure," said Lewis, a Homestead High School alumnus.

Retirement plans include spending time with Mary and their four children and two grandchildren. Work of some kind is also on the agenda, though he said he's in no rush for that.

For more information on Lewis, read the profile of him in the Oct. 17, 2018, Town Crier at [tinyurl.com/ViceAdmiralLewis](https://www.towncrier.com/story/2018/10/17/los-altos-native-retires-after-long-stint-in-u-s/).

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"There are only four kinds of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers."

– Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter

Z'ATAR

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released and regulated throughout the body. That is why many Arab holistic doctors prescribe thyme for depression.

The oil-rich sesame seeds in za'atar have many health benefits as well, and have been used in holistic medicine for thousands of years. These seeds may protect against heart disease, diabetes and arthritis. They are high in magnesium, which lowers blood pressure, as well as vitamin E, which prevents plaque buildup in the arteries. Sesame seeds, both unhulled and hulled, also are rich in several nutrients that boost bone health, including calcium, manganese and zinc.

Healing properties

While za'atar is easily incorporated in the Mediterranean diet, the herbs also have anti-inflammatory properties when used as a topical remedy for the skin. Za'atar can help improve the appearance of the skin, speed wound healing and even reduce the appearance of age spots and blemishes, thanks to the high quantity of antioxidants. Some Arab grandmothers even make a salve out of za'atar, forming it into a paste to spread on inflamed areas of the skin to relieve bug bites and aching joints.

Whether one eats za'atar for its unique flavor or uses it for internal and external healing applications, many people in the Middle East agree that it is a powerhouse for the immune system. The bonus is za'atar is easy to incorporate in your daily diet. Whether dipped into olive oil with bread, baked into a flatbread or sprinkled on salads, eggs or cheese, za'atar adds a toasty, tangy and nutty flavor to any dish.

Za'atar is readily available in Middle Eastern and Arab markets, as well as some good organic fair-trade varieties online. If you want to make your own za'atar, follow the easy recipe at right. You can use thyme, but savory gives a better result because it has hints of both oregano and thyme, just like the original za'atar plant. You can store za'atar in your pantry for several months.

The most quintessential way Arabs start the day is with manakeesh, or a za'atar flatbread you can prepare with any kind of bread you desire. Just combine 1/4 cup za'atar spice with 1/2 cup olive oil and spread a spoonful on the bread, leaving room around the edges. Sprinkle with feta cheese, sliced tomatoes and fresh mint, if



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Za'atar spice blends are easy to buy but also easy to make yourself.

desired. Brush baking sheet with olive oil and heat at 425 degrees until crust is nicely browned.

Za'atar Blend

- 3 tablespoons dried savory or thyme
- 1 tablespoon powdered sumac
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt

Combine all ingredients and store in an airtight container for up to two months.

Blanche Shaheen is a journalist and cookbook author. Her cookbook "Feast in the Middle East: A Personal Journey of Family and Cuisine," is available at [FeastInTheMiddleEast.com](https://www.feastinthemiddleeast.com). Visit [youtube.com/user/blanchetv](https://www.youtube.com/user/blanchetv) for cooking tutorials and for more recipes, follow her on Instagram at @BlancheMedia.

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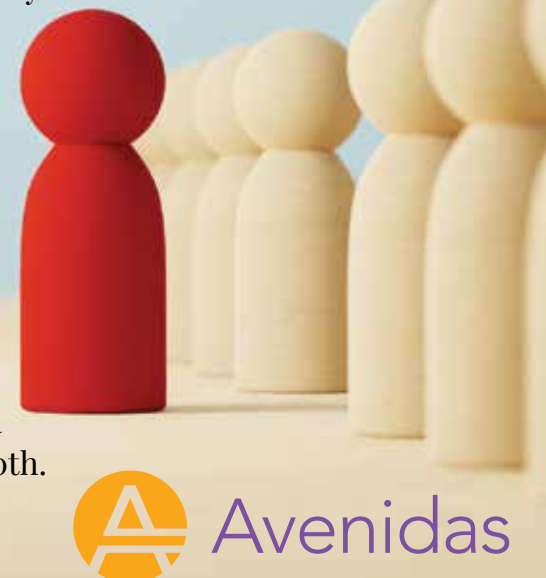
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It's in the cards

Local student creates game now sold on Amazon

By Vaishu Sirkay
Town Crier Editorial Intern

During the pandemic, many people started new projects to keep themselves busy. But for 12-year-old Yash Maheshwari, that project wasn't knitting or baking the perfect loaf of bread; Yash started a business, designing and selling his own card game.

Called Battle Timz, it is a points-based card game for those 8-years-old and up, according to Yash. The Los Altos resident said Battle Timz – now available on Amazon – was inspired by the games he played with his sister during quarantine.

"I don't really know how exactly I came up with all the rules, but I combined many different games that I liked and thought of classic games like Monopoly Deal and Uno," Yash said. "When I started working on the game, it was just a Google Doc where I thought about the rules and cards, and then eventually it became an actual card game."

From that point, the Blach Intermediate School seventh-grader said he designed the cards using

Canva, wrote a rule book and reached out to manufacturers to produce his game.

"My favorite part (of this process) was probably when I got the first sample from my manufacturer; it turned out way better than I expected," he said. "I just really liked the quality feeling of the cards and the feeling of the box."

Throughout the process, Yash noted that his family offered their full support. His 9-year-old sister, Ria, helped Yash test out Battle Timz, and his parents funded his endeavor by covering his manufacturing costs.

Yash said his biggest challenge was selling the game, because he considers himself shy. His first sales pitch was through a Kickstarter campaign, which exceeded his \$1,000 goal.

While Yash found the selling process difficult, overcoming the obstacles of starting his own business taught him about the importance of determination and perseverance.

"When you start something, you have to be dedicated the whole way, and you have to keep going," he said. "Throughout the process, I was more dedicated

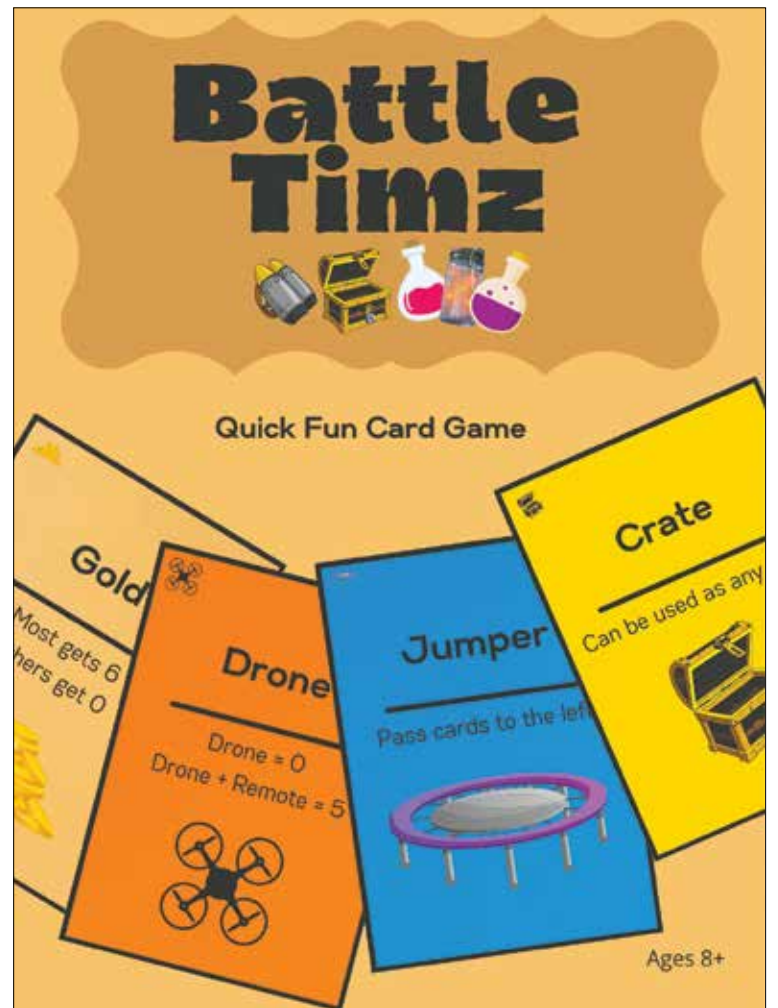


PHOTOS COURTESY OF YASH MAHESHWARI
Los Altos resident Yash Maheshwari created Battle Timz, a card game he sells online.

sometimes. And when I wasn't dedicated, it slowed down, and I wasn't accomplishing stuff. Pretty much any kid can do this; they just have to be dedicated."

Yash created a company name and formed a limited liability company as one of the last steps in the process of creating Battle Timz. After scrolling through available names and noticing the prominence of Latin options, Yash said he settled on Novus Innovation.

"Novus' means 'new' in Latin," he said. "I wanted to be able to use the name for anything, really, and any of my future endeavors. My plan is to innovate."



This isn't Yash's only project. His other ones focus on computer science, including an app he created called MyChitChapApp and a voice assistant that's able to answer simple questions such as

what's the daily weather and current time.

"I like problem solving and thinking of how you're going to code something to solve something," he said.

Tax-diversified investment portfolio is valuable way to maximize wealth

By Artie Green

I have written often about the value of keeping one's investment portfolio well-diversified across numerous investment asset classes. But diversifying your portfolio with respect to income taxes also can be a valuable way of maximizing the wealth you get to keep.

Most taxpayers have access to three types of investment accounts: those that are taxable annually, those that are tax-deferred until retirement and those that are tax-free over one's lifetime (and even beyond).

At the same time, certain individual investments are more tax-efficient than others. For example, gains in individual stocks are not taxed until the shares are sold – and at a capital gains tax rate that, though currently in flux under the Biden tax plan, has been historically lower than ordinary income-tax rates, particu-

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larly for higher-income earners.

So, stocks and stock funds are quite tax-efficient. Bonds and other fixed-income investments generate taxable income regularly whenever interest is paid and therefore are less tax-efficient (except for certain types such as municipals). Taxes on a portion of the distributions from real estate investment trusts (REITs) are delayed until the shares are subsequently sold, making them even more tax-efficient. On the other hand, precious metals such as gold and silver are taxed at a higher capital gains rate than stocks and real estate when sold.

As if that's not complex enough, a third consideration for minimizing lifetime income taxation involves future tax rates. Since the passage of the Tax Cuts

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Wrong number? Don't even text back

Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about a new text message scam that seems so innocent, it's tempting to reply. The con artists are using phony "wrong number" texts to lure victims into conversation and falling for a scam, according to the BBB.

How the scam works

You receive a text that reads something like this: "Hey, is this John? It's Amanda. We chatted on Tinder before when I came to visit my cousin, but we never met irl. I'm back in town if you want to meet up this time. Are you free?"

If you reply to a text like this, even with a polite, "Sorry, wrong number," the stranger responds anyway, seemingly ignoring your answer. Usually, you'll receive a few compliments and some photos of "Amanda," who appears to be a scantily clad blond woman. However, as word gets out about this scam, scammers will change up the names, backstory and photos.

If you continue to engage with the stranger, which is really a chat bot, it tries to trick you into registering for dating or adult websites. Your new "friend" will encourage you to sign up for a specific website to see more explicit photos, which may involve offering up your credit card number. Considering the dubious nature of this scam, if you hand over your credit card in-

formation at any point, you could be putting yourself at risk for fraudulent charges and identity theft.

How to avoid the scam

- **Ignore texts from strangers.** If you receive a text from someone you don't know, simply don't reply. It's the safest route. If you engage with scammers, even briefly, they will mark your number as active and you could receive even more shady texts in the future.

- **Block numbers that appear to come from scammers.** Unsolicited texts that look like they come from a chat bot or that ask you to click suspicious links are probably not safe. Block these numbers to prevent scammers from contacting you through them again.

- **Never give your personal information to strangers.** Never share your credit card or banking information, full name, home address or Social Security number with someone you have never met in person.

Learn more about how to identify scams at the BBB's new Spot a Scam page. If you've spotted a scam – whether or not you've lost money – report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

For more information on scams and how to avoid them, visit BBB.org/

It also helps to focus on the investments in the accounts. Plan to locate (purchase) the more tax-efficient investments such as stock funds or REITs in less tax-efficient brokerage accounts and the less tax-efficient investments in tax-beneficial retirement accounts. But don't go too far eliminating all fixed income from your taxable accounts – you will end up incurring the higher taxes associated with stock sales rather than bond sales whenever it's time to do asset class rebalancing.

Recognize also that after retirement you will likely have to change your tax allocation strategy, as you will be withdrawing more from your portfolio than adding to it, which changes the model.

Optimizing tax diversification over time is one more technique you can add to your investment strategy to increase your lifetime savings. Always keep in mind, however, that asset-class diversification is more important than tax diversification. As the saying goes, "Never let the tax tail wag the investment dog."

Los Altos resident Artie Green is a Certified Financial Planner and founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit cognizantwealth.com.



Transactions

Los Altos

5150 El Camino Real Unit E20, 5150 ECR Group LLC to 5150 ECR Los Altos LLC for \$48,000,000

919 Lundy Lane, Corbett Trust to Singh Family Trust for \$5,300,000

67 Lyell Street, 67 Lyell LLC to S. & E. Aizpuru for \$5,600,000

2124 Sierra Ventura Drive Unit L, Corfield Family Trust to A. Krishnaswami for \$3,188,000

Los Altos Hills

25712 Elena Road, Nouri Trust to G. & S. Garg for \$4,035,000

Mountain View

166 Centre Street, Ray Trust to W. & T. Baehr-Jones for \$2,500,000

1362 Cuernavaca Circulo, R. Statler to Mittal Trust for \$2,150,000

3916 Degree Lane, H. Shen to M. & T. Hu for \$1,480,000

198 Escuela Avenue, Ho & Co. Inc. to J. Chen for \$1,810,000

1684 Lee Drive, Clutter Trust to X. & J. Yang for \$2,735,000

292 Leslie Court Unit A, Neudecker Trust to D. & A. Guan for \$1,305,000

2040 W. Middlefield Road No. 18, Webber Trust to A. & A. Singh for \$1,470,000

2489 W. Middlefield Road, Arana Trust to Y. & S. Hy for \$1,900,000

1920 Newbury Drive, L. & A. Patel to Y. Yuan for \$1,650,000

164 Oberg Court, Y. Tao to Y. Hu for \$1,520,000

187 Ortega Avenue, Falsetto Family Trust to T. & A. Sehgal for \$1,581,000

140 Paul Avenue, E. Horst to Fischer Family Trust for \$2,050,000

255 S. Rengstorff Avenue No. 93, K. Liou to X. Qi for \$535,000

322 Scarlett Terrace, Redwoods at

Montecito LLC to A. & J. Hsiao for \$1,785,000

49 Showers Drive Unit L471, K. & T. Tanaka to V. & R. Shridhar for \$1,450,000

49 Showers Drive Unit W207, V. Hodavdekar to V. & C. Greenup for \$1,019,000

1642 Spring Street, Tanori Trust to S. Mottaghian for \$1,590,000

129 Sonoma Terrace, Cartwright Trust to V. & R. Williams for \$1,700,000

640 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to J. Chang for \$1,235,000

644 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to J. Lu for \$1,222,500

648 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to Z. Jin for \$1,219,500

652 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to O. & Z. Michaels for \$1,198,000

660 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to C. Catania for \$970,000

664 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to Z. & Y. Zhang for \$1,500,000

2347 Toledo Circle, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to A. Wang for \$1,704,000

Overall

Los Altos

Total sales: 4

Lowest sale: \$3,188,000

Highest sale: \$48,000,000

Average sale: \$15,522,000

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 1

Average sale: \$4,035,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 25

Lowest sale: \$535,000

Highest sale: \$2,735,000

Average sale: \$1,571,200

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and Jobs Act in 2018, federal income-tax rates are among the lowest they've been in decades. While that suggests a greater likelihood of increases rather than decreases, we have no clue as to what rates will become. So, don't put too much weight on this factor.

Diversifying your portfolio

What's the optimal way to tax-diversify your portfolio?

During your working years, start by diversifying your savings across all three account types. In your taxable accounts, maintain at least enough cash to cover taxes each year (which are most efficiently paid from these types of accounts rather than out of your retirement accounts). The perfect lifetime balance between tax-deferred and tax-free retirement accounts is impossible to achieve because of future rate uncertainty.

One approach is to increase contributions into tax-free accounts during lower-income years and into tax-deferred accounts during the opposite. After you retire but before age 72 when you are required to start taking minimum distributions from your tax-deferred accounts, building up your tax-free accounts via Roth conversions can be especially effective.

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Approaching from the front, the statement-making façade delivers a play on proportions, punctuated by a commanding front door that evokes a futuristic vault. Equal parts thoughtful and functional, the steel door opens with an E-Key app to reveal a jaw-dropping foyer grounded in quartz and appointed with a grand staircase. Ascending upwards, the floorplan gradually unfolds to reveal a voluminous open footprint that blends living, dining, and kitchen in one bright, spatial expanse.

Poised for entertaining, the main floor has been deliberately conceptualized with a series of intimate gathering spaces. Luxuriously appointed with a single slab of glacier white quartz, a gourmet kitchen with waterfall counter is decked in high-end stainless-steel appliances, including a Wolf range, Subzero smart fridge and wine cooler, plus Miele dishwasher and oven. Warmed by a statement-making gas fireplace and illuminated with custom pendants, a formal dining area spills outdoors via bifold doors to reveal a sunny patio lined in Italian porcelain.

Evoking a five-star feel, the home is equipped with six gracious bedrooms – all with ensuite baths. Secluded in the west wing, a sumptuous primary suite elevates the everyday with a gas fireplace, private patio, walk-in closet, and spa-like bath with calacatta marble and free-standing soaking tub. Designed with a separate office, the downstairs includes a theater, fitness room, wine cellar, laundry, and trio of elegant bedroom suites. An idyllic retreat with resort-like backyard, this dynamic property includes a one-of-a-kind infinity pool clad in honed marble and Italian ceramic tiles. A fully gated property, with a Savant Home System, security system and 14+ camera surveillance, this turnkey estate offers a four-car garage with two EV charging stations. Cuing up effortlessly livable, high-end design, this smart home is voice and app controlled.

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Find A Word Answers

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Datebook

PRESENTATIONS

"Ergonomics and Injury Prevention." Board-certified occupational therapist and a certified hand therapist Jyoti Mehta offers ways to change to your lifestyle to avoid pain and suffering from sitting at a computer. 10:30 a.m. today. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Masks required. Free. scclld.org/events.

"The Discovery of a Masterpiece."

Mallory Mortillaro details via Zoom how she uncovered a masterpiece by Auguste Rodin that had been lost since the 1930s. 6 p.m. Thursday. Free. Register at scclld.org/events.

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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.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Mantra: With God, there is hope. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

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.

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KFO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680208

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: KFO, 100 Palm Valley Blvd Apt 3031, San Jose, CA, 95123 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Brandon Devante Travail Mageesmith, 100 Palm Valley Blvd Apt 3031, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/30/2021. (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

193-T

LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Los Altos will conduct a **public hearing** on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, to consider the following:

1. Reconsider D20-0008 - Packard Foundation - 374 Second Street. Design Review application to reconfigure the existing parking lot areas and construct a carport structure. The project proposes to create two-way drive aisles accessible from Second Street and eliminate the existing ingress/egress to the public alley. A carport structure with photovoltaic panels is proposed to cover a portion of the parking stalls. The design review application is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities and 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Motion to Reconsider Council action of October 26, 2021, adopting Resolution No. 2021-53 approving Design Review Application D20-0008 - Packard Foundation - 374 Second Street subject to the recommended findings and conditions passed at the November 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

The City Council public hearings will be held via tele/vid-conference at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Members of the public may participate via computer at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1485220770>

FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DETAILS, AGENDA AND REPORTS - Details will be posted November 22, 2021 please visit <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/regular-city-council-meeting-43>

Plans and detailed information are available for review at the Community Development Department. Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750.

Andrea Chelemengos
City Clerk

Publication: Town Crier
November 17, 2021
(11-17-21)

192-T

CITY OF LOS ALTOS ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at its regular meeting of October 12, 2021, the Los Altos City Council took action to adopt the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2021 -482: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending the Los Altos Municipal Code, Title 6, Health And Safety, Article 12, Entitled "Solid Waste Collection, Removal, Disposal, Processing And Recycling"

The above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2021-482 was passed and adopted by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Los Altos City Council held on November 9, 2021:

AYES: Council Members
Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg,
Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor
Fligor
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2021 -483 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending the Los Altos Municipal Code, Title 6 Health And Safety, Article 13, To Add Chapter 6.13 Entitled "Edible Food Recovery"

The above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2021-483 was passed and adopted by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Los Altos City Council held on November 9, 2021:

AYES: Council Members
Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg,
Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor
Fligor
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall and on the City's website: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/ordinances>

Andrea Chelemengos, City Clerk

PUBLICATION:Town Crier
November 17, 2021
(11-17-21)

191-T

LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Los Altos will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, to consider the following:

1. **Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) Implementation: Approve a resolution adopting single family residential objective zoning standards.** This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines. (J. Liu, Associate Planner, AICP, E. Ramakrishnan, Deputy City Attorney).

The City Council public hearings will be held via tele/vid-conference at 7:00 p.m.,

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Andrea Chelemengos
City Clerk

Publication: Town Crier
November 17, 2021
(11-17-21)

190-T

SNACK DRAGON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680105

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SNACK DRAGON, 910 Oxford Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company, SNACK DRAGON LLC, 910 Oxford Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

189-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARILYN JUNE PECK CASE NO. 37-2021-00046603-PR- PW-CTL ROA#1 (IMAGED FILED)

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARILYN JUNE PECK. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAURA WHIT-

MORE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LAURA WHIT-

MORE 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: 02/15/22 at 11:00AM in Dept. 504 located at 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101 Court appearances may be made either in person or virtually, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Virtual appearances must be made using the department's Microsoft Teams ("MS Teams") video link; or by calling the department's MS Teams conference phone number and using the assigned conference ID number. The MS Teams video conference links and phone numbers can be found at www.sdcourt.ca.gov/ProbateHearings. 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 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 KRISTINA R. HESS - SBN 206492 KR HESS LAW, P.C. 6540 LUSK BLVD., STE C176 SAN DIEGO CA 92121 TELEPHONE: (858) 461-6844 11/17, 11/24, 12/1/21 CNS-3528428# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (11-17,24-21,12-01-21)

NOTICE OF HEARING 02/15/2022 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: 11/4/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

187-T

PREMIERE BUILDERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680003

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: PREMIERE BUILDERS, 650B Fremont Avenue #344, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, CLAYTON JOHNSON ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED, 650B Fremont Avenue #344, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/26/1999. (11-10,17,24-21,12-01-21)

185-T

ALL BAY DEMOLITION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679884

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ALL BAY DEMOLITION, 1570 Almond Way, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Abonfilio E Guzman, 1570 Almond Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/14/2021. (11-10,17,24-21,12-01-21)

184-T

THE PHO CABIN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679850

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: THE PHO CABIN, 200 State St, Los Altos, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, TRANDAM INC, 387 Hines Ct, San Jose, CA 95111. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/01/2021. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

181-T

Final Phase Cleaning FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679964

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Final Phase Cleaning, 2119 Nottoway Ave, San Jose, CA, 95116 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Margarita Cortez, 2119 Nottoway Ave, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/30/2021. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

180-T

Kiki's Barbershop FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679738

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Kiki's Barbershop, 701 Kings Row Suite 36-D, San Jose, CA, 95112 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Eileen Ornelas, 4501 Snell Ave Apt 2807, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

177-T

Silicon Valley Fitness FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679430

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Silicon Valley Fitness, 1493 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA, 95129 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business

for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Kyle Macey, 1493 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA 95129. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/15/2021. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

176-T

SMT GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679816

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SMT GROUP, 15559 Union Ave Suite 119, Los Gatos, CA, 95032 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership, Leland Frank Wolfe, 15559 Union Ave Suite 119, Los Gatos, CA 95032, Marianne Sablad Wolfe, 15559 Union Ave Suite 119, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2021. (10-27,11-3,10,17-21)

175-T

SUPERIOR CAR SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679801

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SUPERIOR CAR SERVICE, 310 N. Sunnyvale Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Rajinder K Singh, 310 N. Sunnyvale Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (10-27,11-3,10,17-21)

174-T

Afkhami Sleep Consulting FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679570

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Afkhami Sleep Consulting, 535 Arastradero Rd #206, Palo Alto, CA, 94306 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business

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before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Fereshteh Afkhami, 535 Arastradero Rd #206, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/01/2021. (10-27,11-3,10,17-21)

172-T

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PETITION OF AHMED MOHAMED
ALY REDA ABDELRAZEK
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
21CV388412**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: AHMED MOHAMED ALY REDA ABDELRAZEK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
AHMED MOHAMED ALY REDA ABDELRAZEK

Proposed Name:
AHMED MOHAMED ALY

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 01/25/2022 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: 10/18/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (10-27,11-3,10,17-21)

171-T

**Cresta Partners
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN679607**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cresta Partners, 12916 La Cresta Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company, Cresta Group LLC, 12916 La Cresta Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/29/2014. (10-27,11-3,10,17-21)

170-T

OBITUARY NOTICE

JANE GROSS



*February 27, 1917-
October 20, 2021*

Jane Clare Hartl was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 27, 1917. On October 20, 2021 she moved to her new address in Heaven. She joined her parents, John and Elizabeth Hartl, her sister Sylvia, brother Alvin, and husband Richard Gross at this new address. She spent a happy youth in Milwaukee where one of her fondest memories was ice skating in Washington Park, once the tough Wisconsin winter set in. As if she had a choice, she also developed a fondness for those great Milwaukee beers. Even in her waning days she relished the idea of a liver sausage sandwich and an ice-cold pilsner! Somewhere along the road she acquired the nickname of plain Jane. She did indeed love the simple things in life. Warm sunshine, a splash in the pool, a talk on the phone, dinner with family or friends, and attending Mass. She was content. But meeting Dick Gross, falling in love, and spending a lifetime with him brought her to other horizons. After some early years in Madison, Wisconsin, her marriage brought her to Stanford University where her husband earned his Doctorate degree. Her daughter Kay was born there, prior to spending a few years in Tallahassee, Florida where the family grew with the additions of Elaine, Edmund and John. Her kids are all amazed that mom could manage four children with such grace and love. In 1955 it was back to Stanford, where Dick spent his entire career while the kids grew up in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Once the children were grown, Jane accompanied her husband all over the world where adventures brought them to Australia, Morocco, Uzbekistan, and all points in between. Her family grew as her children married and provided her with 6 grandchildren. And now those grandchildren have provided her with 6 great grandchildren.

Throughout all these travels and all the family growth, Jane provided the granite rock of love and faith. She never had a bad word for others, modeling the love so needed

all around the world. She attended Mass daily whenever she could, blanketing her family and friends in the comfort of much needed prayers. One particular service she loved was coordinating volunteer lunch services at a Catholic retirement home, Villa Siena. So when she decided it was time to join a retirement home in 2010, it was a natural move to reside at Villa Siena, where she spent her remaining eleven years. She loved the staff there, and they loved her. She is and will always be loved by her children, and grandchildren, Jenny, Katie, Andrew, Matthew, Nikki and Christian. Her last few years were difficult as she was wheelchair bound after a fall. But she never uttered a complaint, providing us with examples of courage and grace. Special beneficiaries of this grace were her great grandchildren, Jaxton and Ariana, Jackson and Indy, Cole, and Linda.

Jane will rest in peace with her husband at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos Hills, while her soul enjoys the wonder of everlasting life. A Mass was celebrated in her name on October 28, 2021, 9:30 am at Villa Siena, 1855 Miramonte Ave. Mt. View, CA.



LORETTA CATHERINE MCCOY



Loretta Catherine McCoy, 79 of Jefferson City, MO passed away on Sunday July 11, 2021.

Before retiring, Loretta had worked at Chrysler, Lockheed Missiles and Space Systems and Ford Aerospace.

She is survived by her husband, James McCoy of Jefferson City.

Her complete obituary may be viewed at www.dulletrimble.com



PATRICIA CASTERSON



*October 27, 1929 -
October 23, 2021*

Patricia passed from this life with deep gratitude for the full life she enjoyed for 91 years, the opportunity to meet and love so many wonderful people, and the chance to visit so much of this world along the way. Pat was pre-deceased by her parents Merle and Helen Ralston, by her husband of 52 years Bill Casterson, and son Paul Douglas Casterson. She is survived by her brother Roger (Sheila) Ralston, sons David (Nancy), Mark (Sue) Casterson, and daughter Kathleen (Greg) Goumas, as well as nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and 16 nieces and nephews.

Pat graduated from Lincoln high school in San Jose. She served as Senior Class President, President (High Queen) of Jobs Daughters, and President of Kappa Alpha Theta (SJSU). She met her future husband, Bill Casterson, at Lincoln High and was married in 1950. Over the next dozen years, Bill's job with the phone company precipitated moves to Eureka, Mill Valley, San Mateo, and Los Altos Hills. She served in many volunteer positions in those communities including as PTA President for Fremont Hills Elementary, Cub Scout and Brownie leader, Little League Baseball Team Mom and Scorekeeper, and with Meals on Wheels. Pat was an ardent Giants baseball fan and lover of the theater.

Pat enjoyed traveling to every continent and many states. She collected art and co-owned and operated an artisan gallery in downtown Los Altos for fifteen years. After Bill's retirement, the lifelong couple moved to Nevada City, California where she became very active in the hospice community. Several years ago Pat moved back to Los Altos to be closer to family. The family would like to express our gratitude to The Terraces of Los Altos and Pathways Hospice of Sunnyvale.

Donations in Pat's honor can be made to Hospice of the Foothills in Nevada City and Pathways Hospice of Sunnyvale. Private family services

will be held in Nevada City with a celebration of life to follow later in the Bay Area.

Patricia will be interred alongside her husband and son in a private ceremony in Nevada City California. A celebration of her life will be held in Los Altos in the spring.



JERRY DENNIS AVELLAR



*August 14, 1943 -
November 2, 2021*

Longtime San Francisco Giants, 49ers and San Jose Sharks fan and fine wine connoisseur Jerry Dennis Avellar (Razzano) passed away peacefully in hospice care in early November with his loving wife Linda and eldest son Tony at his bedside. Jerry was also an avid golfer and amiable host at yearly family Christmas gatherings as well as helming annual, always eventful, back-packing trips in the High Sierras. Jerry was born and raised in Vallejo, California by his parents Betty and Les Avellar and, upon graduating from Saint Vincent Ferrer High School in 1961 he attended San Jose State, majoring in business. After graduating in 1965, he went to work for Hemming Morse Co. in San Mateo and after successfully obtaining his CPA license he became a partner at the firm. Eventually, he left HM and operated his own tax business in downtown Los Altos for over three decades. Jerry is survived by his two sons, Tony and Matt, and their assorted grandchildren, full brother Larry and his son Michael as well as several half-brothers and sisters. After retiring Jerry enjoyed wine-tasting in Sonoma and Napa, gardening, traveling in Europe and spending time with man's best friend.



HOMES SOLD Q3 LOS ALTOS HILLS 94024

STREET ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	BLDG SQFT	LOT SIZE	AGE	YEAR BUILT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	LISTING DATE	SALE DATE	CLOSE DATE	DOM	DELTA	PRICE/SQFT	PCT
10501 Berkshire Drive	5	5.5	6,423	47,702	14	2007	\$6,875,000	\$6,900,000	7/22/21	7/30/21	8/28/21	8	\$25,000	\$1,074	100%
25610 Frampton Court	4	5	4,881	48,959	30	1991	\$6,998,000	\$6,850,000	8/16/21	8/26/21	9/24/21	10	(\$148,000)	\$1,403	98%
10650 Magdalena Road	5	5.5	6,729	46,599	16	2005	\$6,480,000	\$6,150,000	6/29/21	8/30/21	9/29/21	62	(\$330,000)	\$914	95%
12111 Hilltop Drive	4	3	3,014	43,560	58	1963	\$4,798,000	\$5,175,000	7/29/21	8/5/21	8/27/21	7	\$377,000	\$1,717	108%
11000 Magdalena Road	4	2.5	2,715	41,577	60	1961	\$3,698,000	\$4,028,000	9/15/21	9/17/21	10/18/21	2	\$330,000	\$1,484	109%
25566 Fernhill Drive	5	3.5	2,665	43,560	53	1968	\$3,699,000	\$3,800,000	7/15/21	7/18/21	8/18/21	3	\$101,000	\$1,426	103%
22580 Ravensbury Avenue	3	2	2,443	76,709	51	1970	\$3,498,000	\$3,685,000	7/22/21	8/5/21	9/17/21	8	\$187,000	\$1,508	105%
24612 Olive Tree Lane	3	2.5	2,385	69,430	55	1966	\$3,198,888	\$3,168,000	7/11/21	7/28/21	8/27/21	17	(\$30,888)	\$1,328	99%

Average Price Per Square Foot

\$1,357

Average Percentage of Sale Price vs. List Price

102%



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