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Wheelchair doesn't curb dad's zest for life

Bridgman family raises funds for Reeve Foundation

By Bruce Barton
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A dirt bike accident in 2010 left Chris Bridgman mostly paralyzed from the waist down. He was told he would never walk again. He's determined to prove that prognosis wrong.

Chris and his wife, Jennifer, both raised in Los Altos, are longtime supporters of the Reeve Foundation, which funds research for spinal cord injuries. Like the nonprofit's founders, the late actors Christopher and Dana Reeve, they have remained steadfastly upbeat in the face of a debilitating condition. And like the Reeves, they want to help others as they work through their own struggles.

The Bridgmans, who received the foundation's Spirit of Courage Award in 2017, spoke with the Town Crier last week in advance of the foundation's 2021 Reeve Run & Roll Virtual 5K. The fundraiser is scheduled Sept. 25 (Christopher Reeve's birthday) to Oct. 3, and will serve in place of an in-person event.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER BRIDGMAN

Chris Bridgman, pictured here with his three boys, has been without the use of his legs for 11 years – but that hasn't shaken his confidence that he will walk again.

Despite the pandemic and remote participation, last year's inaugural event drew 900 participants from 50 states and eight countries. This year, the foundation has set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$400,000 for spinal cord injury research.

"We're so fortunate with where we live and our family support, and my job (as a mortgage loan officer)," Chris said. "It's nice to try and give back. Instead of saying, 'Find a cure for this problem that I have,' we're trying to be proactive."

It's not easy – far from it. The Bridgmans, Mountain View

residents, must tend to the needs of their three young boys while Chris holds down a job and deals with searing, chronic pain that afflicts many paraplegics.

"It's much harder than being in a wheelchair. ... We have tried everything," he said. "I've been to more pain specialists than I can count."

But even intense pain is no match for Chris' strength and determination to live life to its fullest. And love and support is not in short supply at the Bridgman household. The close-knit family enjoys an active lifestyle,

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Los Altos and beyond rattled by mysterious nocturnal noise

By Megan V. Winslow
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Jeanie Liang is well accustomed to things that go boom in the night. Usually, the source is amateur fireworks or even gunshots as revelers menace the wooded area between her Creston Drive neighborhood and Interstate 280, where Stevens Creek snakes by. But the sound and accompanying percussion-like impact Liang experienced just after midnight Aug. 29 was unique to anything she's experienced before.

"It felt like something actually hit the side of the house," Liang said.

From the vantage point of Liang's home, it seemed the source originated from the northeast, somewhere around the interstate. Her family's external surveillance camera faces the street, and it didn't capture

anything peculiar, but scores of other cameras – and ears – belonging to neighboring residents in Los Altos, Mountain View, Cupertino and Sunnyvale did: a flash of light followed by a powerful boom. In the early hours of the morning, residents of those cities took to social media to share what they witnessed and to search for an explanation. An explosion? A thunder clap? A blown transformer? A DeLorean traversing a wormhole?

Danielle Fujii of Sunnyvale's Belleville neighborhood started a Nextdoor thread that attracted nearly 100 comments by Sept. 1.

"It was so widespread," she said in an interview with the Town Crier. "I've never seen anything like that before, the way it lit up the sky."

The sound jostled and woke Barb Tolentino. A burst of light emanating from the direction of

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A speck of light, left, captured by a local resident's porch camera, was followed by a powerful boom. The mysterious noise prompted a flood of questions on social media. View the video online at bit.ly/3yHV4Ep.

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Housing bills go to governor

California State Sen. Josh Becker – representing Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View – voted among the 28 "ayes" approving amendments from the Assembly, sending Senate Bill 9 to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk for signature or veto due by Oct. 10. Becker didn't record a vote for or against SB 10, which also advanced to the governor with 28 supporting votes.

The two state housing bills provide a path for homeowners and developers to circumvent local housing approval processes for certain types of development. The Town Crier incorrectly recorded the vote count in favor of SB 9 in the Assembly last week – 45 legislators voted "aye" on the bill, 19 "no," and 15 declined to vote.



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Sept. 2, 6:57 a.m.: 1700 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

Sept. 2, 7:30 a.m.: 2000 block of San Ramon Avenue, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 2:04 p.m.: Near the intersection of Sierra Vista Avenue and Colony Street, Mountain View

Breaking and entering

Sept. 2, 8 p.m.: 24100 block of Dawnridge Drive, Los Altos Hills

Sept. 2, 8 p.m.: 23200 block of Partridge Lane, Los Altos

Residential burglary

Sept. 2, 7:36 a.m.: 2200 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

Theft

Sept. 2, 6:21 a.m.: 1000 block of Crestview Drive, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 6:42 a.m.: 2600 block of California Street, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 6:47 a.m.: 1000 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 7:34 a.m.: 2100 block of Garden Terrace, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 8:31 a.m.: 300 block of Traverso Avenue, Los Altos

Sept. 2, 4:57 p.m.: 2400 block of Charleston Road, Mountain View

Trespassing

Sept. 2, 2:09 a.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 5:12 a.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 5:23 a.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 6:11 a.m.: 1000 block of North Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 7:07 a.m.: 300 block of Windingwood Court, Mountain View

Sept. 2, 9:52 a.m.: 1700 block of Pilgrim Avenue, Mountain View

— Megan V. Winslow

Decision clears hurdle impeding LAH internet access

By Megan V. Winslow
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After more than two years of dogged pursuit, the leaders of a grassroots effort to deliver high-speed internet to underserved parts of Los Altos Hills have secured the official support they need to expand.

Hills city council members voted unanimously Aug. 31 to approve a master access agreement with Los Altos Hills Community Fiber (LAHCF) Association that allows the resident-run, mutual benefit corporation to install fiber-optic cables within public rights-of-way.

“Congratulations to all the people who

worked really hard on this and our apologies that it has taken so much time, but thank you for bearing with us,” Mayor Kavita Tankha said during the special council meeting. “We’re all hopeful that this will really succeed and it will bring a stable and high-speed internet to all the residents who have suffered for so long.”

Traditional internet providers such as Comcast and AT&T are reluctant to expand broadband services in town due to hilly terrain, low population density and the remote nature of some homes, all of which make the requisite infrastructure expensive. Residents have long complained of exorbitant connection quotes, some rising into the six-figure range.

Frustrated, Fremont Pines Lane resident Scott Vanderlip galvanized his neighbors to invest in their own fiber cable equipment, which a Sunnyvale internet provider installed and now manages. LAHCF launched by connecting four homes in April 2019. Now more than 25 are fully wired, and Vanderlip and company expect 300 additional subscribers by the third quarter of 2022.

The network is capable of 10-gigabit upload and download speeds, and most new subscribers can expect to pay between \$5,000 and \$10,000, with the cost decreasing as the number of participants increases,

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Hospital workers conduct ‘informational picket’

Spurred on by their SEIU-UHW union, the line staff (any employee except nurses, doctors and administrators) at El Camino Health conducted an informational picket Aug. 31 at the Mountain View campus. A similar picket was held the same day at El Camino Health’s Los Gatos campus. The issues are money and safety, according to the picketers. Employees are asking for a 4% raise. Management is offering 3%. According to a spokesperson, El Camino Health is offering “a strong wage and benefits package, which is consistent with our overall compensation philosophy and is market competitive with health-care providers in the Bay Area.” The union also cited problems with short staffing and not enough, or adequate, personal protective equipment among line staff. Picketers’ signs read “Safe staffing saves lives.” But management claims it has a tentative agreement on all aspects of a new contract except wages.



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Fremont Avenue illuminated her home, located on Barton Drive in Sunnyvale near the Los Altos border.

“I was wondering if people had permanent hearing loss from it,” she said. “That’s how loud it felt.”

An external camera attached to Andrew Wu’s Sunnyvale home captured what appears to be a meteor, albeit one rising from the Earth rather than hurtling toward it. The sound follows approximately two seconds later. Wu lives on Samedra Street and his camera faces north, toward Los Altos.

Search for the source

Residents of Los Altos and Sunnyvale reported the incident to their respective police departments, but neither agency was able to trace the source. And NASA Ames Protec-

tive Services staff indicated no sort of training or exercise had taken place at Moffett Field in Mountain View at the time.

A combination of physics, math and basic astronomy ultimately leads to the most plausible explanation.

Foothill College astronomy professor Geoff Mathews, Ph.D., analyzed Wu’s video last week.

When meteors explode, they typically do so by the time they’ve dropped to an altitude of 10 miles, Mathews wrote in an email to the Town Crier.

Based on the two-second delay between the flash of light and the sound, and the knowledge that the speed of sound is approximately 350 meters a second, the object detonated an estimated 700 meters away from Wu’s camera, he said.

“It is true that a distant meteor flying towards the camera from over the horizon

would similarly look like it is rising (there is a common phenomenon of people mistaking incoming airplanes and their contrails for rocket launches) ... but we know that this object was not distant, but close,” Mathews wrote.

The likely culprit, he concluded, was a firework. An exceptionally heavy-duty firework.

“My guess would be that it was a type used in community-level events (it looked and sounded similar to what I’ve experienced at fireworks shows),” he said. “If they were launching right over folks’ homes, that would be pretty rude!”

Rude indeed.

Note: It is illegal in California to possess “dangerous fireworks,” including firecrackers, Roman candles and sparklers more than 10 inches in length. Potential penalties include fines and a jail sentence of up to a year.

News

State Street Market opens outdoor dining



PHOTOS BY ELIZA RIDGEWAY/TOWN CRIER

The long-awaited State Street Market was scheduled to open 11 a.m. Tuesday for outdoor dining. The market's own food counters, operated by Bon Appetit Management Co., are opening first, followed in the weeks and months to come by Tin Pot Creamery, Cowgirl Creamery and the chef-driven spaces El Alto, Bao Bei and a newly announced eatery, Little Blue Door. At left, visitors attend a Friday special event. To learn more, visit this story at losaltosonline.com.



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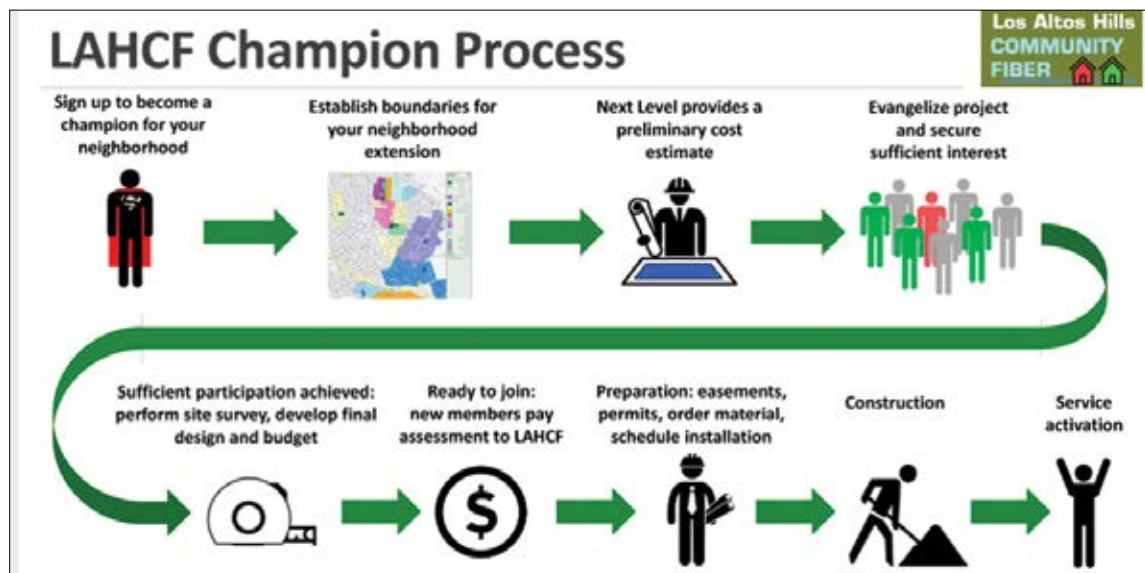


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The above graphic displays the process for LAHCF “champions,” residents working to expand community fiber-optic membership in their neighborhoods.

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according to a meeting presentation.

LAHCF’s non-exclusive agreement with the town is for an initial 10-year term, and it allows either party to terminate with 90 days prior notice. All proposed infrastructure development on public property requires a city engineer’s review before an encroachment permit is granted.

Beyond the agreement, council members vowed to safeguard the town’s interests by appointing Tankha as an LAHCF liaison and to retain Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s Community Broadband Initiative as an inter-

mediary that will help steer the association’s expansion.

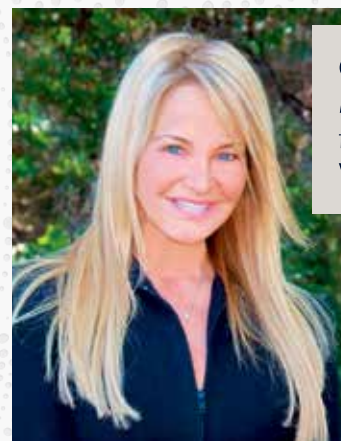
LAHCF is temporarily relying on residential radio antennas to connect subscriber islands, which some residents expressed concern about last week. City Manager Carl Cahill responded to their comments by saying he will consult the town’s Planning Commission to determine whether new regulations about radio antenna permitting are necessary.

While a number of LAHCF “champions,” residents working to grow membership in their neighborhoods, chimed in with words of support during the meeting, one especially influential individual expressed her opinion in print.

A June 30 letter U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-18th District) sent to the council and Cahill was included in the meeting packet.

“The fact that individuals came together to solve their community’s digital divide issues is admirable,” Eshoo wrote. “I believe such solutions should be celebrated and enabled, and I’m pleased to see one succeeding in Los Altos Hills. I appreciate that the Town is working with the Association, and if I can be helpful in any way, just let me know.”

For more information on Los Altos Hills Community Fiber Association, visit lahcommunityfiber.org.



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full of the outdoor activities Chris has always loved. A family video shows Chris downhill skiing – yes, downhill skiing – as well as hang gliding.

Jennifer referred to Chris as “optimistic, independent and adventurous.”

“With three kids, (people) might think, ‘Oh, that must be so challenging with the wheelchair,’ but it’s quite the opposite,” she said. “The kids and I don’t see the wheelchair, really. The wheelchair has just always been a part of our family. They think there are very few things their dad doesn’t do, in their eyes.”

“Soccer’s a little tough,” Chris quipped.

Perspective also helps. He realizes those with far worse injuries, quadriplegics, for instance, “would give anything to have what I have.” Christopher Reeve, who rose to fame with the 1970s “Superman” films, dealt with injuries far worse and debilitating.

“For him to fight on is an inspiration for me,” Chris said. “The greatest heroism Christopher Reeve showed had nothing to do with tights and a cape.”

Christopher Reeve died in 2004, and Dana died in 2006



COURTESY OF JENNIFER BRIDGMAN

The Bridgman family enjoys an active lifestyle packed with outdoor activities. Pictured, from left, are Kellan, Hunter, Jennifer, Chris and Christopher Jr.

from lung cancer.

“I met Chris and Jennifer a decade ago at a Reeve Foundation research presentation,” said Peter Wilderrotter, former CEO of the Reeve Foundation. “Chris was newly injured, and they wanted to learn how to navigate this injury, what promise the research held and how they could get involved. Since that moment, they have staunchly carried Dana’s hope and Christopher’s dream of a cure forward.”

Raising awareness

The Bridgmans know they are not in this fight alone. They

cite statistics that show one in 50 Americans is living with paralysis, approximately 5.4 million people. September has been designated Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.

Progress on spinal cord injuries has been slow.

“The science is so complex and challenging – as someone in a wheelchair, it’s a little bit frustrating that it has taken so long,” Chris said.

The biggest breakthrough has been an epidural stimulation of the spinal cord, with some people able to regain function.

“That’s kind of the thing they’re still pursuing,” he said.

Chris remains confident that he will walk again.

“You’ve got to just hope and move on,” he said.

Jennifer said people interested in participating in the Reeve Run & Roll Virtual 5K have a range of options: Donate to Team Bridgman, share their page on social media or create their own team. Teams are ramping up now. Team Bridgman’s fundraising goal is \$25,000.

“The Reeve Run & Roll event aligns directly with our family’s core values of health, connection, community, family, faith and fun,” Jennifer said. “For over 10 years now, the Reeve Foundation has been a constant source of information and hope. Contacts within the organization have become our dear friends, and we consider ourselves honored to be among this courageous community of warriors.”

For more information on the Reeve Foundation, visit christopherreeve.org.

To view the Bridgman family’s fundraising page, visit reeverunroll21.funraise.org/team/team-bridgman.

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Mountain View police search for sex assault suspects

By Megan V. Winslow
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Mountain View Police Department investigators are soliciting leads from the public to identify two men suspected of sexually assaulting a woman on the Stevens Creek Trail Sept. 1.

One of the suspects was described as a white man between the ages of 20 and 30 with light-colored hair, according to a department press release. He wore a gray shirt and jeans. The other suspect was described as a white man in his 40s with a large build and brown hair. He is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, and he wore a blue shirt and jeans.

The attack took place at approximately 12:45 p.m. on the trail between Creekside Park and Central Expressway, the release stated. The victim, a Sunnyvale resident, was walking on the trail when two men emerged from bushes and attempted to grab her and pull her pants down. She screamed and fought back and was able to escape and call the police department from a safe distance 15 minutes later.

Anyone with information is asked to call 911.

Hills resident vied for city manager position

By Megan V. Winslow
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Among the applicants who hoped to succeed retiring Los Altos Hills city manager Carl Cahill was one of his most vocal critics.

Hills resident Robert Sandor applied for the job Aug. 9, according to a letter he sent Gary Phillips of recruiting firm Bob Murray & Associates. The city council met in private last week to discuss job candidates, and an email from Sandor was included as part of the meeting's supplemental materials.

"Please be advised that I have submitted my resume and cover letter to Mr. Phillips directly and via the town's Job Openings System (CalOpps) over two weeks ago," Sandor wrote to council members. "I did receive confirmation that my application had been fully received, but never heard back from Mr. Phillips."

On Sept. 1, a day after the council's meeting, Phillips informed Sandor he would not proceed to the final round of interviews.

"I hope that the town council is willing to open their process up and (ensure) that qualified residents are given due consideration," Sandor wrote in an email to the Town Crier. "I am disappointed that a resi-

dent was not treated with a bit more consideration or courtesy. I think we have a wonderful opportunity to change the way the town is managed and (it) would be sad if the primary qualification for LAH CM would be someone from another city who has worn the CM hat."

Sandor, a semi-retired Silicon Valley tech executive now teaching computer science part time at Foothill College, explained his intended career trajectory during a interview with the Town Crier. He said he became interested in Cahill's management of the town around June 2019, when the city council approved a 15-year, \$60-million contract with GreenWaste Recovery for garbage collection. Like a good number of residents, Sandor felt Cahill, some town staff and some city council members squandered whatever bargaining power they had by waiting too long to negotiate. Cahill and others who worked on the deal countered by noting China's tightening solid waste import bans as well as the lack of GreenWaste competitors. The resulting contract meant higher rates and/or reduced services.

Sandor's blunt commentary has since become a frequent feature of public town meetings. In addition to the GreenWaste controversy, he attributes staff turnover

and a contested town hall expansion project to Cahill.

The criticism doesn't stem from dislike, though, Sandor clarified.

"It's not personal," he said. "It's just, I believe, there's been a lack of proactive leadership."

Phillips hosted a virtual "listening session" July 26 to hear from residents about the kind of city manager they desired, and it was discussion about selecting from the private sector that convinced Sandor to pursue the post.

"I think if you look toward a resident who already lives here and is invested in the community, at least that person should be on a list to consider," Sandor said. "And I've heard the talk that you need a professional city manager to do this, and I just think that's wrong because we have so many great professional people in town that we can draw from."

Interviews for the city manager position are scheduled to commence today with a second round beginning Sept. 20. Cahill intends to depart at the end of October.



Sandor

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Letters to the Editor

Farmers' market team deserves praise

We want to compliment the new management at the Thursday evening Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market. They have tried very hard to make attending a pleasant and rewarding experience.

They are friendly, and a big improvement over the former management company. They have welcomed back many vendors, including those who serve the diners who look forward to Thursday night out with no home-cooking.

They have provided additional seating for the eating-out crowd, they are diligent about collecting the garbage and they have made it clear that animals are not welcome at the market due to health concerns with their large, clear, well-placed signs.

They also have reached out to the community by assigning a prominent location to the League of Women Voters to help with their community project of registering voters.

They have made it fun "to go to market." This is what happens when a small, sincere, hardworking local business is chosen over the large, well-established corporate business that really does not care about pleasing the locals.

Myra Orta
Los Altos

Reject recall of elected governor

There is a consequential election going on right now in California – please exercise your right to vote and reject the recall of our elected governor!

This is a power play by the right to overrule the majority's will, and it will cost us Californians over \$250 million to fund this special election. How is that fiscally responsible?

Gov. Gavin Newsom has shown extraordinary courage leading Californians through this global pandemic, and due to his leadership, thousands of Californian lives have been saved.

He has led the fight for LGBTQ and women's rights, racial equity and the environment. He is tackling homelessness head-on, and has planned for all our kids' future by providing education reforms such as two free years of community college to first-time students and proposing free universal pre-kindergarten.

No doubt he has made a few mistakes – which of us hasn't? – but overall Governor Newsom is driving change that will improve all our lives.

Please vote "no" to recall Governor Newsom and submit your ballot before Sept. 14.

Anita Kapadia
Los Altos for Racial Equity

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Foothill College professor Jim Ayala, second from right, teaches students how to handle and inspect silicon wafers during a semiconductor processor class in 1984.

Don't lose sight of climate change crisis

Regarding "A world burning up and underwater must act on climate change" ("Other Voices," Aug. 18): It is so important that the authors, Paula Danz and Mark Reynolds, are getting this information out there.

I'm sure most people can think of particular personal examples of climate change affecting them.

For myself, I think of our house in Healdsburg somehow surviving three separate fires over three different years, with the fires coming within a mile of the house, saved only due to "which way the winds were blowing." This year, my sister's home in Truckee has been choked with so much smoke, they had to leave the area. My brother's former home in El Dorado County burned to the ground last week in the Caldor Fire. It's heartbreaking.

As the opinion piece stated, other areas are experiencing different types of extreme conditions, all adding up more quickly each year.

Thank you, Danz and Reynolds, for continuing to beat the drum, keeping the climate crisis in the civic consciousness. Even though there are plenty of catastrophes to grab our attention each day, we must not lose sight of the most far-reaching existential crisis facing our world today.

Renee Hinson
Mountain View

Are you ready for some football?

By Andy Dolich

Every sport is distinguished by its own dialect, jargon and insider language when it comes to explaining the complex nature of what individual players do.

With footballs flying through the air from Pop Warner to the NFL, it's time to review what we will be hearing when players, coaches, broadcasters, athletic directors, general managers, owners and the media start searching for the best way to answer the inane questions during the upcoming season.

• "We really competed." That's nice. What were you supposed to do, take a nap?

• "He is a 'high motor' guy." We have to change his oil at halftime.

• "He is an amazing downhill runner." Too bad all the fields we play on are flat.

• "Games are decided by turnovers." Betty Crocker just joined our football operations staff.

• "He took that one to the house." We would have preferred the end zone.

• "He really works at his craft." You should see his home-made furniture and paintings.

• "You can't measure heart." Actually, you can with an EKG, ECG and angiograms.

• "This could be his breakout

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season." His acne is totally out of control.

• "His mechanics are screwed up." That's what happens when you have 11 high-performance imported cars sitting in your garage.

• "He needs to take it to the next level." Parking on the first three floors of the team's facility is full.

• "He has to let the game come to him." Elk, buffalo, deer and an occasional wild turkey visit his house with regularity.

• "He tweaked something." We have team rules about that, and he may be fined.

• "He's a shutdown corner." It's the rest of the neighborhood he has trouble with.

• "This is a statement game." We will be checking our deposits and withdrawals with our bank to make sure they balance.

• "He's like another coach on the field." We'd like him on the bench where he belongs.

• "It's a trap game." We found mice, rats, raccoons and an overweight possum.

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

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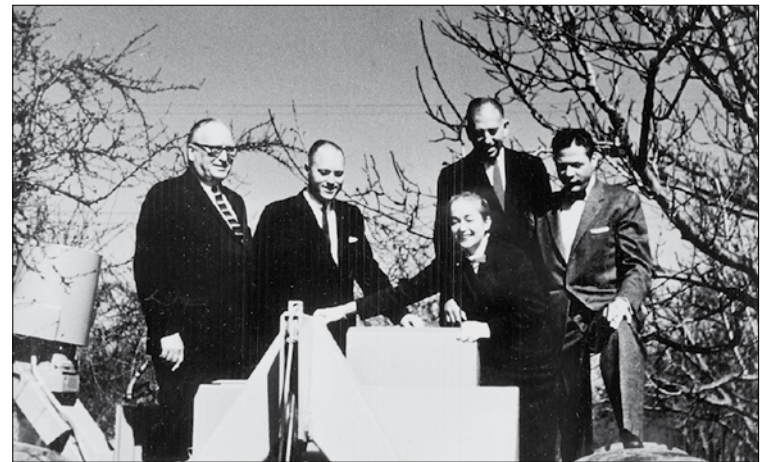
Hospital's 60th birthday prompts outpouring from public officials

Town Crier Staff Report

El Camino Health is a thriving health system with \$3.15 billion in assets and hospitals in both Mountain View and Los Gatos. It all started 60 years ago, on Sept. 1, 1961, when community-built El Camino Hospital opened its doors to its first patients.

“In the mid-1950s, when orchards and fields in the Los Altos-Mountain View area were quickly turning into suburbs and commercial enclaves, a group of physicians and concerned citizens banded together to establish the much-needed community hospital,” noted Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee, who with fellow supervisors recognized El Camino Health on its milestone at their Aug. 31 meeting with a proclamation and a plaque.

In addition to the hospitals, the not-for-profit El Camino



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Once upon a time, El Camino Hospital was nothing more than words on a sign off the road promising a community hospital, left. At right, the original hospital board participates in a 1958 groundbreaking ceremony.

Health now operates urgent care, multispecialty care and primary care locations across Santa Clara County.

“When I came back on the board in 2013, I discovered immediately how essential the work of El Camino Health was in our area,” added Supervisor Joe Simitian. “The phrase ‘health care partners’ really does describe

the working relationship that we have with El Camino. It seems every time we’ve had a need or a challenge in the community, we’ve been able to turn to El Camino.”

Simitian cited several instances, from provision of automated external defibrillators to formation of a program for teen mental health and COVID test-

ing during the pandemic.

El Camino Health CEO Dan Woods offered his thanks.

“Our health system began six decades ago with a mission to heal, relieve suffering and advance wellness in our community, and today we recognize every single person – physicians, nurses, support staff, volunteers, donors, partners, friends and our

board members – who has made that mission a reality,” he said. “Especially now, in the midst of ever-changing circumstances related to the ongoing pandemic, our staff has never been more deserving of recognition and celebration.”

Supervisors also relayed their

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Cash is a 2-year-old, 80-pound male Labrador mix available for adoption through Pets In Need, the contract provider of animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. PIN reps describe him as a “real charmer” who is bright and loves learning new commands. He enjoys hiking, walking and tagging along for runs, but he knows how to relax, too. Like many other dogs, Cash is struggling a bit in his shelter environment, and PIN hopes to connect him with a permanent home as soon as possible. PIN’s regular \$150 adoption fee is sponsored for Cash and thus waived for his new family.

For an adoption application and more information, visit petsinneed.org/dogs/cash.

As part of Pets In Need’s “Clear the Shelters” promotion, all animals 1 year old or older may be adopted for \$50 through Sept. 19. To learn more, call 496-5971 or visit petsinneed.org/cleartheshelters.

Community Briefs

Museum displays art of Anna Knapp Fitz

A Los Altos History Museum exhibition featuring the work of artist Anna Knapp Fitz is scheduled to open Thursday and run through Feb. 6.

Fitz was a self-taught artist who donated 212 of her paintings to the Los Altos History Museum. The exhibition, “Annie Knapp Fitz Paints: A Legacy in Art,” features her varied works depicting the changing landscape, from agricultural to the birth of Silicon Valley, as well as the events that were major turning points, including the arrival of the railroad, based on historical photographs. Many of her portraits and busts capture the likenesses of people who left their mark in the area.

The museum will host a series of free programs in conjunction with the exhibition, including:

- “Adventures in Mural Paint-

ing” with local muralist Morgan Bricca, 7 p.m. Sept 23.

- “Making Time for Art” with artists Denise Howard and Doreen Cohen, 10 a.m. Oct 23.

- “Arts Los Altos: Public Art and Placemaking” with Maddy McBirney and Karen Zucker, 7 p.m. Nov 4.

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

Registration is required for all programs.

To register and for more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/AnniePaints.

MV Art & Wine Fest set for Saturday

The Mountain View Art & Wine Festival is scheduled to return as a scaled-back event 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Caltrain parking lot, 650 W. Evelyn Ave.

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Quilt show inspires new Gallery 9 exhibition

Town Crier Report

Los Altos artist Jan Meyer brings an exhibition of new works to Gallery 9 in downtown Los Altos through Sept. 26.

Her latest collection of paintings was inspired by a visit to a quilt show in Vermont.

"I loved their size and pattern," said Meyer, known for her many murals painted in and around Los Altos. "I painted some canvases on a larger than normal scale. ... All of these elements, vivid color, line and pattern, give me an opportunity to bring a sense of joy to the observer."

Gallery 9 is located at 143 Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information on Meyer,

Local Arts Roundup

er, visit janmeyerartist.com.

For more information on Gallery 9, call 941-7969 or visit gallery9losaltos.com.

Viewpoint features work of watercolorist

Artist Veronica Rowney Gross offers "The Sierra to the Sea," an exhibition of watercolor paintings, at Viewpoints Gallery in downtown Los Altos through Sept. 25.

Her paintings exude natural light and a plein-air approach.

"If weather and time do not permit me to finish a painting at the scene, I make a small watercolor sketch and drawing so that I retain that first impression when translated to a sheet of paper in

the studio," the artist said. "I don't feel that I 'own' the image if I rely just on a photograph."

Viewpoints Gallery is located at 315 State St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, visit viewpointsgallery.com.

Arts Los Altos sponsors Instagram contest

Arts Los Altos is sponsoring an Instagram photo contest centered on its newest downtown mural, "200 Main Street [an inventory of time and place]." The mural, at the corner of Main and Third streets, features various ideas of "home" in Los Altos.

The contest prompt: "Place yourself, your family and your



COURTESY OF JAN MEYER

"Old Fashioned Roses" is one of Jan Meyer's new works on display at Gallery 9 in downtown Los Altos.

friends and take your best shot in front of the mural. Post a creative photo of yourself or someone else on your Instagram feed or IG story and be sure to tag @artslosaltos and use the hashtag #artslosaltos."

Three entries will each win

a \$5 gift card for coffee or tea downtown. One winning photo will be posted in the Town Crier.

Entry deadline is Sept. 15.

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Preparing for a parade



COURTESY OF NANCY SCHNEIDER

Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade volunteers are already working on this year's parade, scheduled 6 p.m. Nov. 28 in downtown Los Altos, after a two-year hiatus. The 2019 event was rained out, and the pandemic nixed last year's in-person festivities.

Parade volunteers are working on the next-generation FOLIOS "brain" float, with integrated control of audio, lights and animatronics. Up until a few weeks before the parade, they will be upgrading the design by adding trees and snow drifts.

"It will all add up to a very exciting, one-of-its-kind float for parade night," said parade spokesperson Nancy Schneider.

Above, Chuck Piercey and David Hale work with interns upgrading The Schredders Band float. Summer interns include Aiden Chang, Ben Stasior, Josh Stasior, Sid Mandava and Taylor Musso.

For more information, visit losaltosparade.org.

HOSPITAL

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gratitude based on personal experiences. Board president Mike Wasserman thanked El Camino for the successful emergency brain surgery that saved his mother's life. Lee said all three of his daughters were born at the Mountain View hospital.

Yearlong celebration

While a public observation of the anniversary has not been planned due to COVID-19 precautions, the milestone will be celebrated throughout the year. In addition to the supervisors' recognition, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo presented El Camino Health with a certificate of recognition.

Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei will present a certificate of excellence to the health system later this month.

Since its inception, El Camino Health has helped deliver more than 150,000 babies and is currently investing \$149 million to expand its Women's Hospital, a unique facility among health-care providers in the

Bay Area.

Overseen by its public arm – the El Camino Healthcare District, with an elected board of directors – the health system regularly contributes money to community benefit programs and offers grants, scholarships and in-kind donations.

Old main hospital demolition scheduled

El Camino Health officials are planning to begin demolishing the old main hospital building just weeks after celebrating its opening 60 years ago.

The old main hospital, deemed seismically unsafe, has been mostly dormant since the opening of the new main hospital building in 2009.

Work will be completed in stages, according to Ken King, El Camino Health's chief administrative services officer.

Phase 1, expected to begin in a few weeks, consists of the de-

molition of a previous building addition and construction of a temporary service yard and receiving area. Phase 1 is expected to last four to five months.

Phase 2 involves the actual demolition of the old hospital, which will be razed in six sequences after the removal of all hazardous materials. The duration of Phase 2 is targeted to be completed in approximately 12 months.

"Once demolition is completed, we will complete exterior construction elements on the existing buildings that are currently connected to the old hospital building," King said.

The final Phase 3 plan, which includes all work on the site after the demolition is completed, is the next step to finalize and present to the healthcare district's board of directors for approval.

In light of the health system's 60th anniversary, El Camino officials are planning a memorial "Building Brick" giveaway celebration.

For more information on El Camino Health, visit elcaminohealth.org/about-us.

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Muralist shares her story in museum program

Town Crier Report

Los Altos muralist Morgan Bricca is scheduled to deliver the presentation “Adventures in Mural Painting” 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road.

Many of Bricca’s colorful murals can be found on the walls of local schools, including her “Los Altos Orchard Mural” at Santa Rita School and her “Peace in Our World” butterfly mural at Oak Avenue School. She designed a playful collage of Los Altos for the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, and her image of Yosemite Valley graces a wall at the Arrillaga Outdoor Education Center at

Stanford University.

She has painted murals on restaurants, residential homes, a brewery, a bus, even a bear – the fiberglass grizzly at Veterans Community Plaza on the corner of State and Main streets – and her clients range from commercial to public and private, local and abroad.

Bricca’s murals tell diverse stories, celebrating farmworkers in Napa Valley and the Mishewal Wappo tribe. They capture nature in all its glory, from ocean scenes to the area’s foothills.

As for how she began as a muralist, she said, “I started working on my house and couldn’t afford a window, so I painted one.”

According to Bricca, not many people know much about mural art or the creative process of how they’re made.

“I have a relatable story to share,” she said. “I didn’t go to art school. I just did what I enjoyed. I want people to come away from this program with a sense of pride in their own artistic pursuit and increased motivation to do what they want to do creatively.”

In her book “The Mural Artist’s Handbook,” Bricca explains how to build an art business in a way that’s sustainable and fun, from finding clients to developing a site-specific design and selecting the right materials. To purchase a copy, visit the Museum Store in the lobby or online.



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Artist Morgan Bricca is scheduled to speak on “Adventures in Mural Painting” Sept. 23 at the Los Altos History Museum.

“Adventures in Mural Painting” is the first in a series of free programs supporting the museum’s current exhibition, “Annie Knapp Fitz Paints: A Legacy in

Art,” on display through Feb. 6. **To register for the program and for more information on the exhibition, visit losaltoshistory.org/MuralPainting.**

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1. City Council Minutes: Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting (A. Chelemengos)
2. Quarterly Investment Report: Receive Investment Portfolio Report through June 30, 2021 (J. Maginot)
3. Design Contract Award: Structural Reach Replacement, Project WW-01002: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City with Mott MacDonald Group in the not-to-exceed amount of \$186,368 to provide design and consulting services for the Structural Reach Replacement Project WW-01002 (A. Trese)
4. Resolution No. 2021-49: On-Call Sanitary Sewer Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services: Adopt Resolution accepting completion of the On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services for FY20/21 and authorize the Engineering Services Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law. (G. Gabler)
5. Contract Amendment: A Farmer’s Son Amendment Agreement FY21-23: Authorize the City Manager to execute a two-year amendment, totaling \$48,000, to the existing agreement for orchard maintenance with A Farmer’s Son orchardist. (M. Hernandez)
6. Ordinance No. 2021-480 Floodplain Management: Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-480 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Los Altos amending the City of Los Altos Municipal Code to repeal Chapter 12.60 Flood Hazard Area Regulations and to replace it with a new Chapter 12.60 entitled Floodplain Management; to adopt Flood Hazard Maps; and making findings that this ordinance is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308. (S. Golden)
7. Ordinance 2021- 478 - ZTA 20-0003 - Zoning Text Amendments: Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-478 amending Title 14 (Zoning) of the Los Altos Municipal Code to provide objective zoning standards for housing development projects. The proposed Ordinance relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment” as the Ordinance has no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable, indirect impact on the environment. (G. Persicone, J. Biggs)
8. Resolution No. 2021- 48 Redwood Grove Connector Trail from Los Altos Hills: Approve Resolution No. 2021-48 expressing support for the exploration of a formal pathway trail connection between Redwood Grove Nature Preserve and Fremont Road in Los Altos Hills and directing the City Manager to work with Los Altos Hills staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to return to the City Council with recommendations on the project. (D. Brees)
9. City Council Norms and Procedures: Adopt updated City Council Norms and Procedures for the City of Los Altos (J. Houston)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Ordinance No. 2021-481 Firearm Safe Storage Ordinance: Introduce, as read by title only, and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending the Los Altos Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 7.29, entitled “Safe Storage of Firearms” in the City of Los Altos and making findings pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act that this ordinance is categorically exempt from environmental review. (A. Galea)
11. Formation of a City Council Friends of the Library Subcommittee: Discuss and determine whether to form a City Council Friends of the Library Subcommittee; discuss and determine the role and scope of such subcommittee and appoint two City Council Members to serve on the subcommittee (A. Chelemengos)
12. Council Legislative Subcommittee Update And Potential Council Action: Receive update from the City Council Legislative Subcommittee; discuss pending legislation including, but not limited to: AB 14, AB 68, SB 215, AB 339, AB 473, AB 682, AB 989, AB 1401, AB 1322; SB 4, SB 6, SB 9, SB 10, SB 15, SB 16, SB 278, SB 477, SB 478, SB 556, SB 612, SB 640, SB 785. (Vice Mayor Enander; Council Member Weinberg)

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Community

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The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce is calling this year's festivities the Art & Wine Festival: Pint-Sized Edition. In response to the pandemic,

the single-day celebration will aim to retain the most popular features of the festival in a more controlled space. Previous events have spanned weekends along Castro Street.

While the event is smaller than in years past, it will include

140 professional artists and artisans selling their handcrafted wares, live music, food vendors and wine, seasonal craft beer, hard seltzer and sangria. A kids' area will feature a bungee jump, face painting and other family-friendly activities.

Festival admission is free; voluntary donations will support the chamber's activities. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is advised. Attendees will be admitted at the door as capacity allows.

To register, visit chambermv.org/festival.

For more information, call 968-8378 or email info@chambermv.org.

Expert talks China's 'existential challenge'

The Liberty Forum of Silicon Valley has scheduled China expert Gordon G. Chang to discuss "China's Existential Chal-

lenge: What We Must Do to Defend America" 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Elite Event Center, 2670 El Camino Real, Santa Clara.

Chang, an author and columnist for Newsweek, lived and worked for two decades in China and Hong Kong as a legal representative for two U.S. law firms.

The Liberty Forum is a non-profit organization founded by residents of Los Altos, Mountain View and other cities in Silicon Valley to promote liberty through education.

To register for the presentation and for more information, visit liberty-forum.us.

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Schools

Los Altos teen launches Talkversity to help ESL students and drive civic engagement

By Sophia Yao
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Students faced several challenges during the pandemic, particularly those who speak English as a second language.

That prompted a Los Altos resident to create Talkversity, an organization comprising Bay Area high school students who volunteer to converse with and tutor ESL students. According to its official website, Talkversity is “devoted to teaching and improving students’ English skills, but also promotes teens to take on different volunteer opportunities, and to learn about civic engagement, community service, and develop some leadership skills.”

Founder and executive director Serra Tulu is a student as well, now in her sophomore year at Castilleja School.

“With ESL students not being able to go to school, they’re not getting the support they would regularly get, and most importantly the practice of conversing that they would regularly get,” she said. “I also knew that many teens have found it hard to stay connected, so I wanted to simultaneously create a way for teens to be involved and provide an opportunity for them to give back to the community over a virtual platform.”



Los Altos resident Serra Tulu, top right, gathered volunteers to tutor local students who speak English as a second language, with guidance from the Los Altos School District’s ESL program.

SCREENCAP COURTESY OF TALKVERSITY

Tulu added that she was inspired by volunteer work that involved being a conversation partner to a refugee not fluent in English, and she wanted to bring it to a local level – especially because ESL students have lacked support during the pandemic.

Tulu formed the board of Talkversity with several friends who had similar passions. She then reached out to Jessica Mountz, the ESL coordinator in the Los Altos School District, and had several students referred to Talkversity. Tulu said Mountz was extremely helpful

in the beginning of forming her organization.

“I think the biggest thing she did for the organization was highlighting the areas that needed more improvement,” Tulu said of Mountz’s contributions. “In the beginning, we were planning on doing group classes, and she said that perhaps tutoring would be more helpful since English is not the only thing they need help with.”

The process of recruiting a Talkversity tutor is fairly simple. As the board receives ESL student applications, members pair them with an ESL tutor

and conduct a brief orientation on how their sessions should go before their first one. However, everything else is fairly flexible to encourage a love for volunteering as well as development of leadership skills, according to Tulu.

“We provide them with a lot of material that they could go over, and we encourage them to be flexible with their students,” she said of the teen volunteers. “Also, as we’re giving them these responsibilities as they volunteer, I’ve noticed that they’ve also improved on their See TALKVERSITY, Page 16

Speaker Series starts with money

Town Crier Report

The MVLA Parent Education Speaker Series kicks off later this month with a focus on paying for higher education. Ron Lieber is scheduled to speak 7 p.m. Sept. 28 on “The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Road Map.”

Lieber, an author and writer/editor for The New York Times’ “Your Money” column, appears again 7 p.m. Sept. 30 for “The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who are Grounded, Generous and Smart About Money.”

Lieber will lay out an approach to talking with children



Lieber

about money and explain how to use a family’s relationship with money as an effective tool to teach values such as modesty, generosity, patience, gratitude and grit.

The free, online events are open to all but primarily intended for parents and staff of the Mountain View and Los Altos public school community. Event sponsors include the MVLA High School Foundation, the Los Altos Educational Foundation, the Los Altos-Mountain View PTA Council and the Mountain View Educational Foundation.

Speakers and topics slated later this year:

- Michael Bradley, “Loving Your Kid Without Losing Your Mind,” 7 p.m. Oct. 21
- Colin Seale, “Practical Strategies to Unleash Critical Thinking at Home,” 7 p.m. Nov. 16
- Jessica Lahey, “The Addiction Innoculation: Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence,” 7 p.m. Jan. 13

To register for talks, which will be held online until at least the end of the year, and for more information, visit mvlaspakerseries.org.

MVLA to discuss ethnic studies curriculum this month

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

The Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees is scheduled at its Sept. 27 meeting to hear an update on efforts to introduce ethnic studies courses.

MVLA Superintendent Nellie Meyer said district educators have been working on their own curriculum for “a couple of years,” prior to recent requirements at the state level.

Ethnic studies focuses on awareness and understanding of race, class, gender and sexuality. While in full support of moving forward with the curriculum, Meyer said the district is “still figuring out what that curriculum looks like.”

The discussion comes amid recent state legislation requiring ethnic studies as a high school graduation requirement, as well as an

undergraduate requirement at state universities. The high school requirement awaits Gov. Gavin Newsom’s signature. Newsom last year signed off on the university requirement.

The subject matter has proven controversial, prompting accusations of antisemitism and white privilege as state educators grappled with ethnic studies guidance to attempt middle ground. The final draft for the model curriculum was signed off by the state’s Board of Education in March.

Still, in the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement and the recent spate of hate crimes against Asian Americans, ethnic studies proponents cite a need for the curriculum.

“Our teachers are adamant about providing a clear, well-balanced approach,” Meyer said.

Speakers at the MVLA board’s Aug. 23 meeting urged swift board action on approv-

ing an ethnic studies class as a requirement for incoming ninth-graders.

“We’re really excited to get this program going,” said Kiyoshi Taylor, a 2015 Los Altos High graduate and a leader of the local social justice group Justice Vanguard. “The biggest problem we have right now is even though you guys say you’re committed, so far it’s been only verbal. People are very passionate about it being a ninth-grade requirement. ... It’s really strong in our community right now – they really want this.”

Jessica Shapiro, a senior at Los Altos High, said ethnic studies “is such an important class to have. I wish I had it as a freshman.”

Added another student addressing the board: “Highlighting culture is a nice thing to do, but ethnic studies is something that vigilantly fights against racism in our community. We need to get a move on this quickly.”

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Back to school together, but not entirely



BELOW RIGHT PHOTO BY KIM GUESMAN; OTHERS BY MICHELLE GIBO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

First-grade teacher Michelle Gibo's class tunes in to a livestream assembly to hear from principal Wade Spenader at Covington School, above. Students can't gather en masse this year, but they still get recognized for Coyote Achievement Awards each week that honor acts of hard work, perseverance or being a good friend. Gibo's students each picked a color to contribute, below left, in a mural celebrating the spirit of this year's in-person possibilities, bottom. Loyola School library aide Nimmi Rao, below right, has been getting the library ready for its opening day Sept. 16, the first since March 2020.



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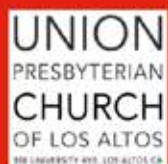
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TALKVERSITY

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communication skills or time management skills.”

Tulu added that what makes Talkversity such an impactful

organization is that it focuses on a group of students often overlooked while also helping volunteers develop a passion for volunteering and learning leadership skills pertaining to how to conduct conversations.

“What’s so nice about the organization is that not only are we changing lives, but we’re helping others change lives,” she said.

For more information on Talkversity, visit talkversity.wixsite.com/home.

Sports

Sports on the Side

MV grad leads U.S. to gold in water polo

Mountain View High graduate **Adam Krikorian** guided the U.S. women's water polo team to a gold medal last month at the Tokyo Olympics. Team USA routed Spain 14-5 in the championship game. This marked the third consecutive Olympics in which the Krikorian-coached Americans won gold.

Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs head coaches for junior varsity girls basketball, JV girls soccer and JV swimming, along with a coach for diving. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at 960-8857 or michelle.noeth@mvla.net. Mountain View High seeks head coaches for varsity track and field and girls water polo, along with a frosh-soph coach for boys water polo. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Shelley Smith** at 940-4600, ext. 1421, or shelley.smith@mvla.net. St. Francis High seeks assistant coaches for several sports. To apply, visit tinyurl.com/8hwaxv5b.

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 state championship events. To subscribe and for more information, visit cifstate.org.

Free online courses aid parents, coaches

The National Federation for State High School Associations offers several free online courses for parents and coaches. Positive Sport Parenting provides information on the importance of

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Cushing comes through

Los Altos resident helps travel softball team capture national crown

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

After playing a supporting role on St. Francis High's undefeated softball team last spring, Hannah Cushing took center stage for her travel team over the summer. The Los Altos resident helped lead the West Bay Warriors to a national championship.

With Cushing batting third in the lineup and patrolling right field, the Warriors claimed the 16U Tier 1 Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series in Oklahoma. In 13 games, played over seven days, the 16-year-old went 17-for-44 at the plate (.386 batting average) and literally made an impression in the outfield.

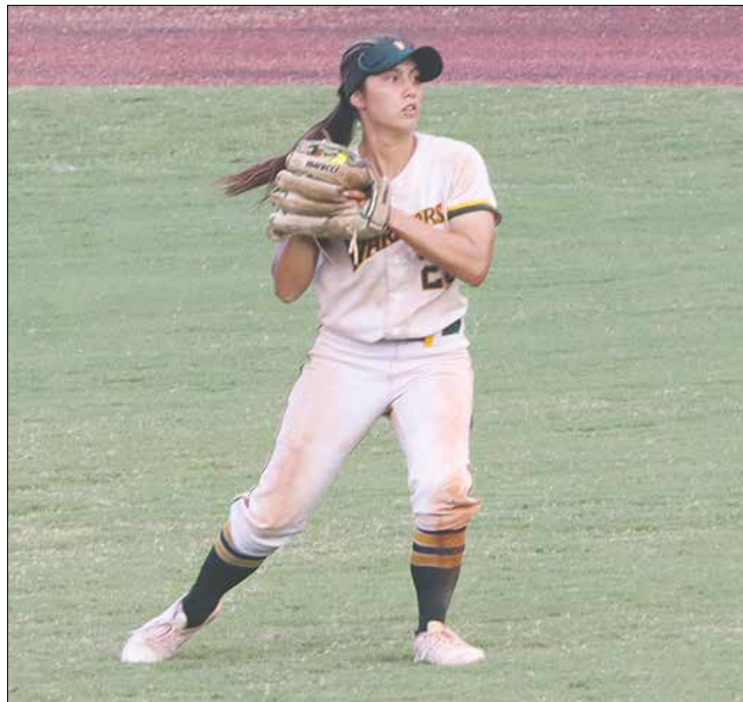
"In the second game of the championship series, I ran into the wall," Cushing said of her attempt to snare a fly ball. "I hit it pretty hard – there was a giant print of me on the padded wall."

But did she make the catch?

"No, but I was close," Cushing said.

Combine that kind of effort with her ability, and it's no wonder Cushing's coach gushes about her.

"Hannah Cushing is a dynamic player that (possesses) all



COURTESY OF THE CUSHING FAMILY

West Bay Warriors right-fielder Hannah Cushing of Los Altos prepares to make a throw to the infield after catching a fly ball.

the tools of a great one," said Ray McDonald, who also founded the Peninsula-based Warriors. "She can fly, she can throw, she can hit, she can hit the ball out of the park, and she can go get a ball in the outfield with the best of them and will run through a fence if she has to."

Or at least into a fence. Cushing shook off that run-in with the

wall, continuing to make plays in the field and at-bat that contributed to the Warriors' best-of-three series win over Corona Angels Slye in the finals. She went 4-for-10 at the plate (.400 batting average), notching two doubles and two singles over the three games. Cushing also drove in a run and scored twice.

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CIF temporarily suspends bylaw that prohibits Sunday games

Town Crier Report

As a result of the continued impact of the COVID pandemic and the conditions caused by the state's wildfires, the California Interscholastic Federation announced Aug. 31 that it is temporarily suspending a bylaw prohibiting high school teams from playing on Sundays.

The temporary suspension of Bylaw 504.M is only for competitions – not for practices or any other team activities – and will remain in effect for the 2021 fall sports season, according to a CIF press release.

The release also noted that if a CIF-sanctioned competition is postponed directly due to documented COVID cases (or the quarantine resulting from such cases), wildfires (or poor air quality resulting from wildfires), other natural disasters or a declared state of emergency, the schools involved may mutually agree to reschedule that competition for the Sunday immediately following the postponement.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/h2hxrzfa.

Spartans sweep King's to remain undefeated in volleyball

Town Crier Staff Report

The Mountain View High girls volleyball team improved to 3-0 with Thursday's sweep of King's Academy. The host Spartans prevailed 25-16, 25-15, 25-8.

A day earlier, Mountain View beat visiting Castilleja 25-21, 20-25, 25-16, 25-23 behind 13 kills from Millie Kopp. Lyric Manson added nine kills and Tessa Hunter had eight. Andisheh Turner contributed seven kills and a team-high 22 assists.

The Spartans are scheduled to open their SCVAL De Anza Division season 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Los Gatos.

Los Altos swept visiting Leland 25-23, 25-12, 25-19 Aug. 31, thanks in part to double-digits kills from Carolyn Dormady (12) and Kaitlyn Lee (10). Emma Symon added nine kills, while Kaitlyn Cuppett recorded a team-best 17 assists.

The win raised the Eagles' record to 4-3.

Los Altos is scheduled to host Leigh at 6:45 p.m. Thursday. The Eagles open De Anza Division play next week, slated to

Prep Sports Summary

visit Palo Alto at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

St. Francis pulled out a five-set victory against Palo Alto Thursday, improving to 5-2. The host Lancers won 25-17, 20-25, 25-22, 21-25, 15-13.

Two days earlier, St. Francis cruised to a 25-5, 25-12, 25-14 home win over Homestead. Lauren Scheffler tallied seven kills to lead the Lancers and Sammy Franco recorded six.

Football

Entering this third week of the season, Los Altos has played only a quarter and a half of football.

The Eagles Aug. 27 opener at Independence was called six minutes into the second quarter due to poor air quality. With the teams unable to reschedule, Los Altos – which led 13-0 at the time – won by forfeit.

The Eagles were slated to play their home opener last Thursday, but that game

was postponed because opponent San Lorenzo Valley was in COVID protocol, according to Los Altos coach Dave DeGeronimo. The non-league game has been moved to 7 p.m. Oct. 22.

Los Altos' home opener will now be against rival Mountain View; that non-league contest is set for 7 p.m. Friday.

St. Francis faces a tough early test Friday when it hosts De La Salle at 7:30 p.m. in non-league play. The visiting Spartans are ranked No. 1 in Northern California and 14th nationally by MaxPreps.

A note to our readers

Due to an early publishing deadline brought on by the Labor Day holiday, the Town Crier was unable to report on any of the sporting events held over the past weekend.

We will try to recap some of these games in our next issue.

The Town Crier apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause our readers.

Sports

SOFTBALL

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"I stayed consistent and did my job throughout the tournament," she said, "which was to get on base and get RBIs."

Cushing didn't have as many chances to do that at St. Francis last season. As a sophomore she played off the bench for the talent-laden Lancers, who finished 26-0 and dominated the Central Coast Section Open Division playoffs. Cushing batted .333 for the year, totaling five hits and 12 runs in 15 plate appearances.

"I helped when needed and pinch ran, but it was probably my worst season in terms of hitting," she said. "Softball is a mental game, and it's tough (not playing much). But that brings out the fight in me when I get an opportunity, and it makes playing so much better. It made me feel very grateful to play for the Warriors."

McDonald is grateful to have Cushing at West Bay, which she joined at the 12U level after four years with Mountain View Los Altos Girls Softball.

"Kid shows up every single day with a smile on her face ready to lead the troops," he said.

There were plenty of smiles to go around July 30 – the day the Warriors won the national crown.

It was a long day, though, with West Bay facing Corona Angels



COURTESY OF THE CUSHING FAMILY

Hannah Cushing and the rest of the West Bay Warriors commemorate their victory in the 16U national championship game.

Slye three times amid hot and humid weather.

Bouncing back

After dropping the first game 7-6 in the morning, the Warriors regrouped by the afternoon.

"We had some downtime before the next game ... we ate food and then went our separate ways to reflect," Cushing said. "Then in the dugout ... we had great energy and no one was stressing out. We play our best when we're loose and having fun."

The Warriors won that game 5-4, with Cushing smacking a double for the team's first hit.

An hour later, the teams were back on the field for the deciding third game.

"There wasn't much time in between, but I like playing in a

row – especially after a win," Cushing said. "You're still pumped and have lots of energy."

The Warriors rode that momentum to a 3-1 victory.

"That was just great," Cushing said. "It was stressful, but I was having so much fun. It's an amazing feeling to win a championship with your best friends."

Without Cushing's heroics a few days earlier, the Warriors may not have reached this pinnacle. Her walk-off hit in the Elite 8 round sent them to the final four.

"That was my most clutch moment," Cushing said.

She doesn't have much time to savor any of it – West Bay's fall season starts this month. Cushing also has recruiting to deal with; the junior said several colleges have already contacted her.

Prep sports schedule for Sept. 8-14

Football

Friday
Mountain View at Los Altos, 7 p.m.
De La Salle at St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Thursday
Leigh at Los Altos, 6:45 p.m.
Mountain View at Los Gatos, 6:45 p.m.

Friday
Pacific Bay Christian at Pinewood, 4 p.m.

Tuesday
Los Altos at Palo Alto, 6:45 p.m.
Homestead at Mountain View, 6:45 p.m.

Field hockey

Thursday
St. Francis at Christopher, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis

Today
Sacred Heart Prep at Pinewood, 4 p.m.
Saturday
St. Francis at Menlo, noon
Tuesday
Los Altos at Cupertino, 4 p.m.
St. Francis at Homestead, 4 p.m.

Boys water polo

Today
St. Francis at Sacred Heart Prep, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
Los Altos at Los Gatos, 6:45 p.m.
Mountain View at Harker, 6:45 p.m.
Friday
Los Altos in Roche Invitational at Menlo, TBA

St. Francis at Gunn, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday
Los Altos in Roche Invitational at Menlo, TBA
Tuesday
Palo Alto at Los Altos, 3:30 p.m.
Los Gatos at Mountain View, 3:30 p.m.

Girls water polo

Today
St. Francis at Sacred Heart Prep, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday
Los Altos at Los Gatos, 3:30 p.m.
Mountain View at Harker, 4:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
Los Altos at St. Francis Tournament, TBA
Tuesday
Palo Alto at Los Altos, 6:45 p.m.
Los Gatos at Mountain View, 6:45 p.m.

Cross-country

Saturday
Los Altos and Mountain View in Lowell Invitational at Golden Gate Park, 8 a.m.
St. Francis in Farmer Invitational at Hayward High, 9:05 a.m.

Girls golf

Monday
St. Francis vs. St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart Cathedral at Olympic Club, 3 p.m.

TBA: To be announced

Information provided by the schools' athletic directors or coaches. To include your local varsity team, email peteb@latc.com.

Sports

Construction of auxiliary gym forces MV tennis teams to play elsewhere

By Cate Schiller
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain View High's tennis teams will be on the road for the foreseeable future.

The school's seven tennis courts have been converted into a staging area for construction of the school's new auxiliary gym, set to be finished by fall 2022, and district officials said teams won't be able to use the courts until the spring of 2023.

In the meantime, the Spartans will play their home matches at Los Altos High, according to Mountain View athletic director Shelley Smith. The girls' season starts this month and the boys play in the spring.

Prior to working out a schedule with Los Altos, the district looked into renting courts at

Cooper, Cuesta and Rengstorff parks, according to Mike Mathiesen, associate superintendent of business services for the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District. He said the district will provide players with transportation to and from Los Altos.

Not everyone is pleased with the plan.

Sophomore tennis players Lara Fernando and Paulina Vvedenskaya started a petition with the goal of finding a better solution to the situation. The pair posted fliers around the Mountain View campus with QR codes linked to the petition.

When district officials announced the courts would not be available for a while, longtime Mountain View girls and boys tennis coach Frank Smyth – who

recently retired – was taken by surprise.

"I had no idea that it was going to happen," he said. "It really came as a huge shock to all of us."

Mathiesen said the tennis courts were chosen as a staging area because they are adjacent to the construction site. Using the tennis courts also would leave the student parking lot, new science buildings and pool virtually unaffected.

The initial stages of construction began June 15. The staging area will house construction equipment, bulldozers, trailers and other necessary materials, according to Mathiesen.

After the auxiliary gym is completed, all seven courts will be completely redone and reconfigured, he said.

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proper behavior by parents in school sports and the role they should play to ensure their children have a positive 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.

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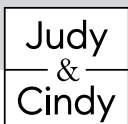
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Jalapeno-laced tequila requires planning ahead by at least a day, and longer if you like it really spicy. Combined with freshly pureed watermelon, the steeped spirit makes for a novel backyard cocktail. And the watermelon juice works for equally attractive nonalcoholic party beverages, so make extra with that in mind.

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Entertaining outdoors with a kick

Smaller celebrations allow for 'serious' drinking

By Courtenay C. Corrigan

The pandemic has forced many of us to find creative ways to gather while practicing safe, social distancing. For me and my husband, being locked down with our three teenage boys, two dogs and a backyard pool and cabana construction project was both wonderful and trying.

In the absence of connecting with others, we resorted to FaceTime and Zoom calls with people we held dear. And we drank. Not every night by any means, but there have been plenty. A glass of wine or a drink just seemed to take the edge off cooking yet another meal or made the wait for GrubHub seem less painful.

As we got bolder, we began sharing a night with neighbors and friends around our fire pit and were overjoyed to be invited to others' backyards for a change of scenery.

As businesses began to open back up, we returned to our beloved restaurants and bars, all too happy to hand the job back

over to professionals.

But the ebbs and flows of this pandemic have meant that I still spend way more nights at home than I used to, while simultaneously changing the way I entertain when we are here. We are outdoors more often and with fewer folks, which naturally has made me rethink what I prepare and serve.

Now, I consider myself a "serious" drinker. I have spent the past 15 years trying to learn about different liquors and their history and seeking out recipes that tantalize. I am forever curious and inspired by bar menus, creative bartending and hearing from others about cocktails they love to make. My favorites use fresh, local fruits and herbs and are easily scaled up to serve a crowd.

But this pandemic has also forced me to consider what I can easily scale down, too.

Mixing It Up

Refreshing recipe

The warm summer nights beg for drinks that both refresh and capitalize on the summer's bounty. So, when a new friend shared this watermelon cocktail recipe on the golf course, I was immediately inspired and stopped to buy a watermelon and some jalapeños on the way home!

Dee insists all the credit be given to her adult daughter, affectionately called "Munchie." So here is Munchie's Watermelon Jalapeno Margarita:

Start with a silver tequila. Take 3-4 jalapeños, cut off the stem and then cut them in quarters. Leave seeds in them. Combine jalapeños and tequila in a glass jar or back in the tequila bottle and set in a cool, dark place or even the refrigerator. Allow to sit for at least one night or up to three days, depending on how spicy you like it.

Meanwhile, prepare the watermelon juice by cutting up a fresh, seedless watermelon in manageable slices/squares.

See **TEQUILA**, Page 22

Chilled dinner salad keeps the kitchen cool

By Rita Held

Chilled Broccoli Salad with Extra-Firm Tofu is

the ideal, light main-dish dinner salad to wrap up summer. It's healthy, and won't heat up your kitchen. No oven or stovetop cooking needed – just your microwave.

This is one of our go-to summertime suppers. Serve with crusty baguette to sop up the marinade. Balsamic vinegar can be quite tangy, so use a bit less if you prefer.

Extra-firm tofu is available at DeMartini Orchard on San Antonio Road.

Los Altos resident Rita Held worked as a professional recipe developer, including many years at Del Monte headquarters in San Francisco.

Cooking Simply

Chilled Broccoli Salad with Extra-Firm Tofu

Marinade

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (6% acidity)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 clove garlic, crushed

For flavors to marry, make marinade approximately one hour before using.

Tofu

- 7-8 ounces extra-firm tofu (Nasoya or Wildwood brands)

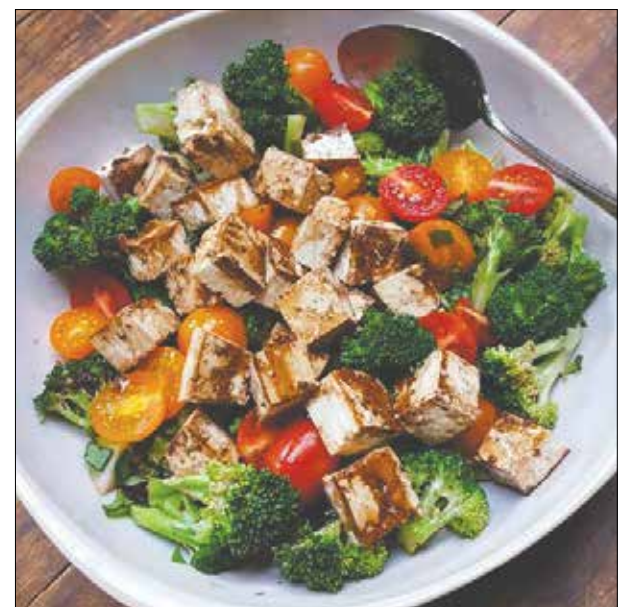
Cut tofu in squares and place in shallow, wide bowl or on smallish plate. Drizzle half marinade over tofu and let rest 30 minutes. Turn tofu over; spoon marinade that's still on plate over tofu.

Sprinkle with salt. Let sit another 30 minutes.

Broccoli

- 4 cups florets
- Cherry tomato halves
- Fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped or sliced into strips

Microwave broccoli just a bit in large, shallow serving bowl with sides. Broccoli should still be a bit firm. Immediately place dish of broccoli in sink and cover with ice cubes and some water. Let sit 5 minutes. Remove ice cubes and drain broccoli into colander. Put broccoli back in serving bowl. Pour remaining half of marinade over broccoli. Add tofu and its marinade to broccoli along with tomatoes. Sprinkle with basil.



COURTESY OF RITA HELD

Avoid heating up the oven or grill with a low-effort main-dish broccoli salad.

Have an end-of-summer recipe to share? Email Eliza Ridgeway at elizar@latc.com.

Food & Wine



PHOTOS BY ADRIENNE MICHEL/TOWN CRIER

Town Crier editorial intern Adrienne Mitchel talked cake with two local cake professionals and created a video that goes behind the scenes at Mr. Cake+ in Mountain View and Sweet Diplomacy in Los Altos. To learn more about a pandemic year in the world of pastry, visit losaltosonline.com/food.

TEQUILA

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Blend watermelon in a Bullet or blender and pour through a strainer to eliminate pulp. Because watermelons vary in size, pick one depending on how many you are planning to serve. Best news: Once juiced and strained, it will last for a few days in the refrigerator.

On my first attempt, I used a Reposado tequila and only one jalapeno. The Reposado had a strong smoky profile, but without enough jalapeno, the heat was lost. I highly recommend using a Blanco or silver tequila; any brand will do.

My family also really, really loved the pureed watermelon juice alone. It is refreshing and delicious, something I will keep

in my summer drink repertoire and consider using with all kinds of other recipes or alone.

And finally, I love that this drink can be made in advance and scaled up to use for parties.

If you are bartending for a much smaller crowd, keep the jalapeno-infused tequila for a while, only use a portion of a watermelon and half a lime to make just one cocktail.

I'm excited to host a crew here once this pandemic allows and toast my friend Dee, my horrible golf game albeit with perks, and of course the return to entertaining friends and neighbors.

Keep an eye out for future columns featuring great recipes and some of the best home bars in our area.

Courtenay C. Corrigan is a Los Altos Hills resident.

Munchie's Hot Melon Margaritas

(Recipe for a very small celebration)

- 2 ounces jalapeno-infused tequila
- 1 ounce Grand Marnier or Cointreau
- Juice of 1/2 lime (about 1 ounce)
- 2 ounces watermelon juice, pureed and strained
- A touch of simple syrup (optional)

Pour all ingredients into shaker with ice and serve "up." This recipe is equally delicious served over ice. You could even add a sugared rim or a fresh sprig of mint.



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Stepping Out

Live theater returns to Bus Barn

Los Altos Stage Company opens 'Tiny Beautiful Things' Friday

Town Crier Report

After more than a year and a half, Los Altos Stage Company this week launches its first series of live performances at Bus Barn Theater.

"Tiny Beautiful Things," which kicks off its 2021-2022 Back in the Barn season, previews Thursday, opens Friday and runs through Oct. 3.

Based on the book by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos, the story follows Sugar, an online advice columnist who uses her personal experiences to help the real-life readers who

pour their hearts out to her. Directed by Jeffrey Lo, "Tiny" is a play about reaching when you're stuck, healing when you're broken and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

The cast includes Judith Miller, Zaya Kolia, Rosanna Wyant and Francisco Rodriguez.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Bus Barn Theater is located at 97 Hillview Ave.

Five-ticket Stage Passes are \$150 and single tickets are \$20-\$40. A Stage Pass works like a season subscription, with additional flexibility. It includes five vouchers that can be exchanged for tickets to a patron's production(s) of choice.

For tickets and more information, call 941-0551 or visit LosAltosStage.org.



JEFFREY LO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Judith Miller and Zaya Kolia rehearse a scene at Bus Barn Theater.

Sunnyvale Community Players presents 'West Side Story'

Town Crier Report

Sunnyvale Community Players' production of "West Side Story," its return to in-person performances after more than a year, is scheduled to open Saturday and run through Oct. 3 at the Sunnyvale Community Center.

The musical is based on the book by Arthur Laurents, featuring a score from Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is transported to modern-day New York City as two young, idealistic lovers, Tony and Maria, find themselves caught between

warring street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks.

"West Side Story," though written for the world of the 1950s, still remains as timeless as it did when it first premiered," director Thomas Times said. "And, dare I say, the world of 2021 needs 'West Side Story' more than ever before."

Saturday's opener is set for 8 p.m. Future shows are scheduled 2:30 p.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. The theater is located at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale.

Tickets are \$36-\$44.

For tickets and more information, call (408) 475-1198 or visit sunnyvaleplayers.org.

Pear Theatre's 'Bride' closes Sunday

Town Crier Report

Pear Theatre's "Mothers of the Bride" is set to close Sunday. There are in-person and on-demand performances.

Hannah is a bride-to-be whose excitement for her upcoming wedding is tempered by her need to manage the affections of both her mother and her stepmother while planning the nuptials.

Hannah has a plan: help her mothers bury the hatchet while finding the perfect wedding gown. The problem: her strong-willed mom has a bone to pick and her traditionalist stepmom is at risk of getting caught in the crossfire. Throw Hannah's soon-to-be mothers-in-law into the mix, and finding a dress becomes the least of her problems.

"Bride" began as a 10-minute piece at "Pear Slices" in 2019

and was developed into a full-length piece with input from other members of the Pear Playwrights Guild. The comedy was then finetuned with audience input after being presented as a staged reading.

The cast includes Charlotte Ibarra (as Hannah), Kim Seipel (mother Kristy), Sandy Sodos (stepmother Beth), Caitlyn Lawrence Papp (mother-in-law-to-be Ginny) and Kaylyn MacKenzie (stepmother-to-be Liv).

Live shows are scheduled 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Masks are required. A recorded on-demand show is also available for viewing.

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Business & Real Estate

Changing course

Downtown sushi restaurant rebrands amid pandemic

By Adrienne Mitchel
Town Crier Editorial Intern

With the pandemic essentially grounding his sushi boats, Los Altos restaurateur John Chen sailed in another direction.

After Santa Clara Public Health Department officials told Chen he couldn't run his sushi boats due to COVID-19 restrictions, he took the opportunity to remodel, modernize and rebrand his sushi restaurant.

Sumo Sushi Boat, a downtown Los Altos staple since 2001, is now Tanoshi Sushi, which translates to "Enjoy Sushi." Chen said his revamped restaurant, which opened in June, offers a streamlined menu of higher-end, San Francisco-inspired gourmet sushi rolls and a selection of appetizers and imported Japanese sake.

For now, the restaurant is only open for dinner, Chen said, because of a staff shortage. However, dishes from the old Sumo Sushi Boat menu can still be ordered as takeout for lunch or dinner from the building's back door.

"It's almost like running two restaurants," he said. "Tanoshi in the front, Sumo in the back."

Chen added that the lack of staff and wage increases have been hard on the business. Sumo Sushi Boat's menu had

more than 100 items, and with full staffing and pre-made sushi circulating on toy boats for customers to select themselves, he said serving customers for lunch and dinner was not a problem. But by removing the sushi boats and employing only 70% of the staff, the menu proved too expansive and labor-intensive to ensure quality service for dine-in guests.

By streamlining the menu and rebranding as Tanoshi Sushi, Chen hopes guests receive better service considering the staffing shortage.

"I changed the name to Tanoshi so that hopefully people will forget about the big menu, and just enjoy my new food," he said.

Chen is facing other challenges as well. Importing products has been difficult throughout the pandemic, he noted. Products are out of stock, prices are higher and orders are backlogged. Tanoshi Sushi still has chopstick packages with the name "Sumo Sushi Boat" on them; Chen doesn't know when the new chopstick packages will arrive. In addition to difficulties ordering products, Chen is no longer catering weekly due to people working from home.

Boatload of memories

Although the boats may be gone, familiar menu items can still be ordered as



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The sushi boats are no more, thanks to the pandemic, but there's still plenty of sushi to be had at Tanoshi Sushi, formerly Sumo Sushi Boat.

takeout, and customer feedback has already influenced Tanoshi Sushi's menu. Chen added the popular walnut prawn roll from Sumo Sushi to the Tanoshi menu. See **SUSHI**, Page 26



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Sushi menu after multiple customers requested it.

Chen said the removal of the sushi boats has impacted his customer base, which before renovating was made up in large part by children with their moms or nannies.

“I didn’t want to take off the boats at all,” he said. “I know everybody loves it, and I’ve been here 20 years, seeing all the kids grow up, go off to college, come back, get married, have kids. A lot of memories with the boats.”

Chen said he didn’t always dream of owning a sushi restaurant. He grew up in the restaurant industry, and when he saw the opportunity to purchase property in downtown Los Altos, he started renovations with the intent of opening a Chinese restaurant. Midway through renovations, he noticed there were multiple popular Chinese restaurants in the area, including Chef Chu’s, so he changed his plan to a sushi restaurant.

“I’m Chinese, but I love Japanese food,” Chen said.

Tanoshi Sushi is located at 355 State St. For more information, call 941-9898.



Tanoshi Sushi has struggled with staffing, one of the reasons the restaurant downsized its menu once the sushi boats were removed, according to owner John Chen.

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Don’t let car repair scam artists take a dent out of your wallet

By Steve McFarland

Dent repair scams have been around for years, but that doesn’t mean people have stopped falling for them.

The Better Business Bureau’s Scam Tracker is getting reports of persuasive strangers claiming to “fix” dents in your car.

Stay alert to the following tactics and avoid falling prey to this scam.

How the scam works

A person approaches you in the parking lot of a store stating they noticed dents on your car. It just so happens that they work at a body shop and can fix them for you. They promise to charge much less than what a shop would – and they can make the repairs on the spot while you are shopping. The “repair person” may try to appeal to your altruistic side by claiming that you’d be supporting their small business.

If you agree to the repairs, you could end up with a ruined car exterior. One victim told BBB Scam Tracker: “He was ‘fixing’ my car while I was in the store shopping. When I came out, he had drilled a bunch of holes into the body of my car. He told me it was standard procedure to drill holes in order to pull out the dent. Then, he put a black putty thing all over the holes and told me not to take off the putty until 24 hours later. When I tried to take off the putty, it looked worse than before.”

If you question the work or the cost of the repairs, the “repair person” may get aggressive and try to intimidate you.

BBB Scam Alert

How to spot a repair scam

- Be wary of unsolicited offers.

This kind of scam starts with someone who just happened to drive by and notice the car needed a repair. If you are approached by a stranger in a parking lot offering repair services of any kind, be careful and ask questions. If they have a business card, check out if the company they say they’re representing is in fact legitimate.

- Don’t fall for high-pressure sales tactics. Scammers will often pressure you to accept their offer, demanding full payment upfront with a statement you’ll never get a better price anywhere else. In addition, they only have time to do the repairs at that moment. High-pressure, now-or-never sales tactics are a hallmark of scams.

- Research the repair person and repair shop before you do business.

Look up reviews and business ratings of any repair person or company before agreeing to any service. If you are dealing with an individual repair person, ask for references to call and verify the quality of the work. If a person can’t wait for you to do the necessary research, find someone else to do the job.

For more information on scams and how to protect yourself, visit BBB.org/AvoidScams.

If you’ve spotted a scam (whether or not you’ve lost money), report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Steve McFarland is president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau.

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Business & Real Estate

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1552 Gilmore Street, AJS Survivors Trust to W. & H. Chung for \$3,350,000

1142 Katie Court, Papap 1998 Trust to N. & Y. Long for \$3,050,000

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500 W. Middlefield Road No. 36, T. Manville to A. Miller for \$861,000

110 Minaret Avenue, Sreekanti Family Trust to X. & K. Zhong for \$1,775,000

215 Ortega Avenue, J. Li to Y. & Y. Hsieh for \$1,325,000

22537 Redcliff Court, J. Bahr to Love Family Trust for \$3,030,000

2239 Rock Street, Ptak Family Trust to L. & L. Mu for \$1,800,000

2739 Saint Giles Lane, M. & A. Vercoutare to S. & N. Tyagi for \$2,825,000

29 Saw Mill Court, Anenson Trust to C. & A. Yang for \$1,200,000

112 Sleeper Avenue, Lee Family Trust to D. & B. Venugopal for \$3,080,000

192 Wiley Terrace, I. Lobacheva to V. Khadye for \$1,500,000

Cupertino

19926 Beekman Place, S. Subbaraman to N. & R. Kou for \$1,700,000

10328 Brittany Court, Atix Trust to A. & S. Hsieh for \$3,107,000

21582 Columbus Avenue, T. Chen to Z. & S. Sun for \$3,280,000

22129 Rae Lane, M. Xing to C. & E. Tsai for \$4,400,000

22385 Rancho Deep Cliff Drive, OQW Trust to M. Hu for \$2,000,000

22696 Royal Oak Way, Naik Family Trust to A. & V. Agarwal for \$1,518,000

6139 Shadygrove Drive, Z. Teo to V. Chin for \$1,910,000

1111 Steeplechase Lane,

Treasure Valley LLC to Kunda Family Trust for \$2,340,000

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Total sales: 11
Lowest sale: \$1,450,000
Highest sale: \$7,800,000
Average sale: \$3,825,000

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 2
Lowest sale: \$3,600,000
Highest sale: \$7,013,000
Average sale: \$5,306,500

Mountain View

Total sales: 17
Lowest sale: \$700,000
Highest sale: \$3,350,000
Average sale: \$2,038,900

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- 5 bedrooms, office, and 4.5 baths (including dual baths in primary suite)
- Approximately 4,044 square feet of living space (not verified by Compass)
- White oak floors in main living areas and one upstairs bedroom
- Formal living room with fireplace
- Formal dining room with butler's pantry
- Remodeled all-white designer kitchen with breakfast/wine bar seating and built-in desk
- Family room with surround sound speakers
- 3 main-level bedrooms, including one with en suite bath
- Upstairs primary suite with 2 bathrooms, adjoining bedroom ideal for nursery or fitness center, plus dedicated custom office
- Attached 2-car garage
- Fabulous rear yard with large pool
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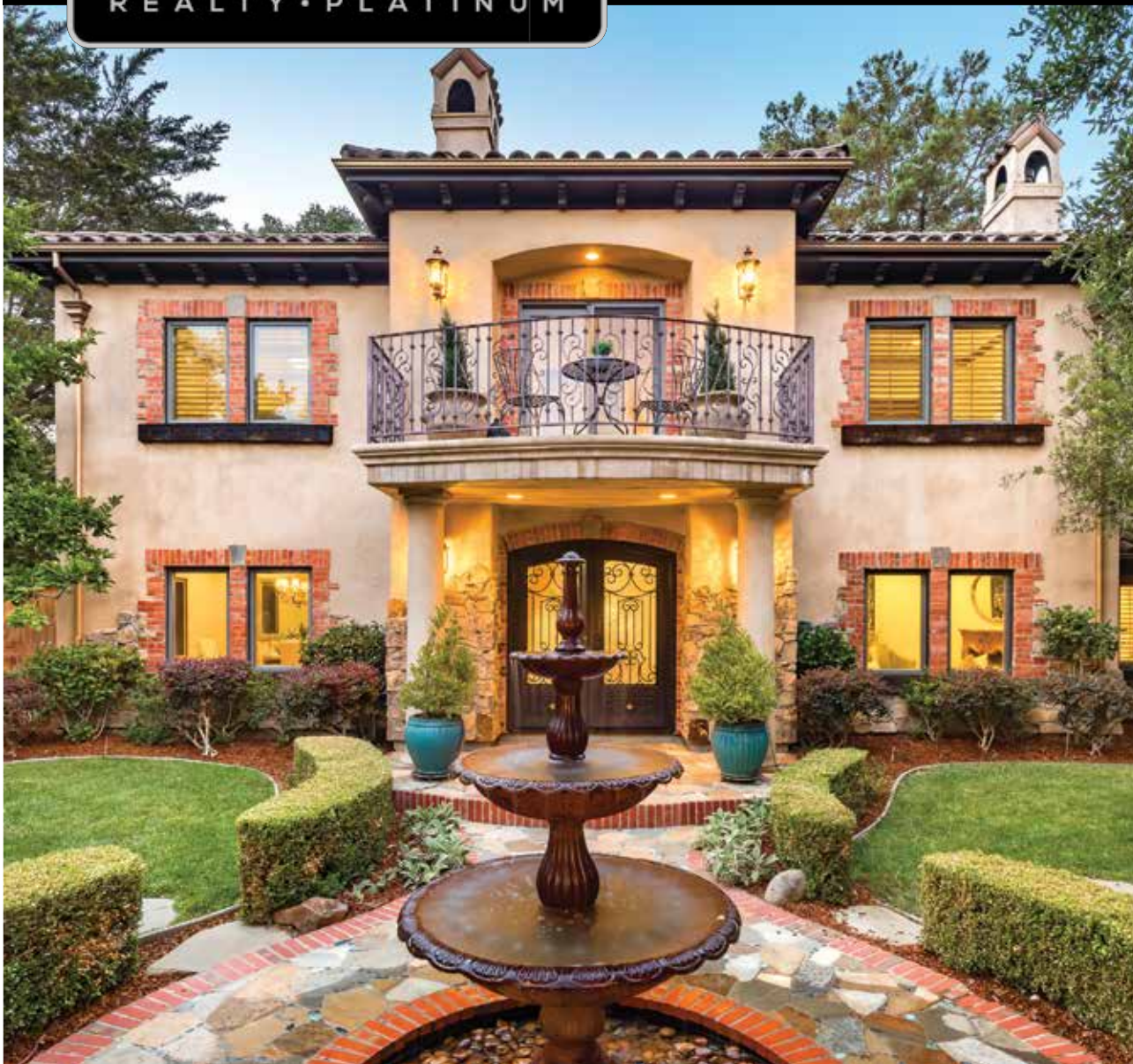
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Public Notices

Canyon Club Brewery FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678191

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Wellness Design Build FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678326

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BAY AREA COMMERCIAL DOOR & GATE SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678274

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: BAY AREA COMMERCIAL DOOR & GATE SERVICE, 667 N 10th St, 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, Anthony Ray Resendez, 667 N 10th St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (09-08,15,22,29-21)

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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, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, to consider the following:

Ordinance No. 2021- 477 - ZTA 20-0002 - Zoning Code Amendments Hold Public Hearing and Introduce, as read by title only, and waive further reading of an Ordinance of the City Council Of the City of Los Altos adding a Public Land Preservation (PLP) overlay district to Title 14, Zoning, of the Los Altos Municipal Code that will provide for the preservation of City owned property by requiring voter approval of the sale or transfer of title of any City-owned land to which the PLP overlay designation is applied and voter approval to remove the PLP designation once it has been applied. The proposed Ordinance relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment" as the Ordinance has no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable, indirect impact on the environment. Project Manager: Community Development Director Biggs

The proposed ordinance 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. AGENDA, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DETAILS will be posted September 13, 2021, <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/regular-city-council-meeting-39>

The City Council public hearings will be held via tele/videoconference at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021. **Members of the public may participate via computer at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1487251075>**

Andrea Chelemengos, MMC
Los Altos City Clerk

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BUBBLEPAINTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678104

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MommyMates FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677997

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: MommyMates, 2771 Doverton Square, Mountain View, CA, 94040 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Julie Ann Parravano Grabscheid, 2771 Doverton Square, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/01/2021. (09-01,08,15,22-21)

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Z&R GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677589

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Z&R GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, 1840 S. 7th St Space #3, 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: a general partnership, Michael Eugene Rusconi, 1741 Grace Ave, San Jose, CA, 95125; Hugo Simon Zuniga Reyes, 1840 S 7th St Space #3, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/02/2021. (09-01,08,15,22-21)

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MUZI CAKE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678030

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L MAKEUP STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678013

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Marie D. Troidl, also known as Marie Damico Troidl and Marie Angelina Damico Troidl CASE NO. 21PR190752

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Marie D. Troidl, also known as Marie Damico Troidl and Marie Angelina Damico Troidl. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Boston Private, an SVB Company in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Boston Private, an SVB Company 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: 10/14/21 at 9:01AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95112 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code, 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 JANET L. BREWER SBN 074181, LAW OFFICES OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN STREET, SUITE 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022 8/25, 9/1, 9/8/21 CNS-3502912# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (08-25,09-01,08-21)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CAROL SUE BURGER CASE NO. 21PR190626

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CAROL SUE BURGER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY LEE TEMPLETON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY LEE TEMPLETON 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: 10/04/21 at 9:01AM in Dept. 5 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JANET L. BREWER SBN 074181, LAW OFFICES OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN STREET, SUITE 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022 8/25, 9/1, 9/8/21 CNS-3502912# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (08-25,09-01,08-21)

133-T

THE CRYSTAL BOUTIQUE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678022

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: THE CRYSTAL BOUTIQUE, 724 Cottage Ct, Mountain View, CA, 94043 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, Yen Chun Chen, 724 Cottage Ct, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/03/2021. (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

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1937TRA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677362

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: 1937TRA, 3301 Ingersoll Ct., San Jose, CA, 95148 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 unincorporated association other than a partnership, Chi Sen Cheng, 3301 Ingersoll Ct., San Jose, CA, 95148; Wei Wang, 1010 Moffett Circle, Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

131-T

Trustee Sale No. 1066895 Notice Of Trustee's Sale

Loan No. 11842-NSWS Title Order No. APN 158-01-019 TRA No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 07/31/2019. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 09/15/2021 at 10:00AM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on August 7, 2019 as Document Number 24248263 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by: Northern Star Wealth Solutions, Inc., a California corporation, as Trustor, Pivotal Capital Group II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association,

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or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: the gated North Market Street Entrance Superior Court-house, 190 N. Market Street San Jose, CA 95113, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 68 Centre Street, Mountain View, CA 94041. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,500,999.94 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very

short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (858) 410-2154, or visit this internet website [see below], using the file number assigned to this case [TS 1066895] to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: <http://www.firstam.com/title/commercial/foreclosure/> Date: 8/13/21 First American Title Insurance Company 4380 La Jolla Village Drive Suite 110 San Diego, CA 92122 (858) 410-2158 /s/David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee Exhibit "A" Portion Of Lot 1 In Block 2, As Shown On That Certain Map Entitled "Map Of The Town Of Mountain View", Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Santa Clara, State Of California On April 21, 1904 In Book F3 Of Maps, Page 59 And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point In The Northeasterly Line Of Centre Street, Distant Thereon N. 58° 19' W. 59.07 Feet From The Southeast-erly Line Of Block 2 As Said Street And Block Are Shown On The Map Hereinabove Referred To; Thence Along Said Line Of Centre Street N. 58° 19' W. 50 Feet; Thence Parallel With The Northwest-erly Line Of The Lands Described In The Deed From Clara E. Meadows, Et Al, To Thomas Tripiano, Et Ux, Dated November 1, 1945 And Recorded November 1, 1945 In Book 1307 Of Official Records, Page 116, N. 31° 12' 30" E. 115 Feet, More Or Less, To The Northeasterly Line Of Said Lands; Thence Along Said Line S. 61° 28' 30" E. 50 Feet More Or Less, To A Point Which Bears N. 31° 12' 30" E. From The Point Of Beginning; Thence S. 31° 12' 30" W. 118 Feet, More Or Less To The Said Point Of Beginning, Being A Portion Of Said Block 2 Herein. APN: 158-01-019 (08-25,09-01,08-21)

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as

it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CREATIVE CONCEPTS SALON, 150 S Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 12/03/2019 Under File No. FBN661216 Full Name of Registrant(s): Sara Gerner, 150 S Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035 This business was conducted by: An Individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Aug. 11, 2021. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN677888 (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

129-T

ABODE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677913

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ABODE, 917 Maywood Crt, 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: an individual, Susie Larson, 917 Maywood Crt, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/27/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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GOLDEN AIR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677762

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: GOLDEN AIR, 3070 Van Sansul Ave Apt 17, San Jose, CA, 95128 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, Ahmed M Ata, 3070 Van Sansul Ave Apt 17, San Jose, CA, 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/09/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

127-T

FRANCES GRACE PRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677686

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: (1) FRANCES GRACE PRESS, (2) AVERY GREEN, 2310 Homestead Road Suite C1-411, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious busi-

ness 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, John Christopher Duel, 1657 Belleville Way, Apt E, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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MUSIC WITH ERICA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677848

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: MUSIC WITH ERICA, 2333 Park Blvd, PO Box 60602, 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 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, Erica Waxer Steinberger, 2333 Park Blvd, PO Box 60602, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2014. (09-01,08,15,22-21)

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ORANGE BOWL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677795

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ORANGE BOWL, 186 E Sunnyoaks Ave, Suite F, Campbell, CA, 95008 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, GO GREEN FOOD CORP., 3300 Cherry Ave, San Jose, CA, 95118. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/20/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

122-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF Raghav Bhargava and Jyoti Bhargava ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV385337

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Raghav Bhargava and Jyoti Bhargava filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Aanya Bhargava Rishaan Bhargava Proposed Name:

Aanya R Bhargava Rishaan R Bhargava

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 11/02/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 8/09/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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SENIOR HELPERS OF SAN JOSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677276

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SENIOR HELPERS OF SAN JOSE, 1262 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite F, Campbell, CA, 95008 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, GO GREEN FOOD CORP., 3300 Cherry Ave, San Jose, CA, 95118. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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JP ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677542

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: JP ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION, 81 Pepper Drive, 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: an individual, Jamshid Parivash, 81 Pepper Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant

began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/15/2017. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

118-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF Muskaan Kaur Sahiwal ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV384679

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Muskaan Kaur Sahiwal

Proposed Name: Muskaan Gill

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 10/19/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 7/26/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

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Datebook

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EVENTS

Friends of the Los Altos Library Used Book Sale.

Offers books for adults, fiction and non-fiction, and media. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Books sold by the bag for \$5 Sunday. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Masks required. Proceeds benefit the Los Altos libraries. losaltoslibraryfriends.org.

Los Altos Open Mic for Writers. Share your stories, poems and works-in-progress. 7-8 p.m. Sept. 22 via Zoom. Free; all ages welcome. losaltosliteraryassociation@gmail.com.

Fall Plant Exchange.

Bring healthy plants, seedlings, cuttings, bulbs, small trees or shrubs and take home something new in exchange. Plants must be labeled; no privets or invasive plants. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Los Altos and the Los Altos Recreation Department with support from the Los Altos History Museum. 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 25. Outside the Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road. Masks required. betlee59@gmail.com.

EXHIBITS

"Distant Lands." Photography exhibit by Jim Colton, Artist reception with live music, refreshments and wine, 2-5 p.m. Sept. 19. Los Altos Hills

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OBITUARY NOTICE



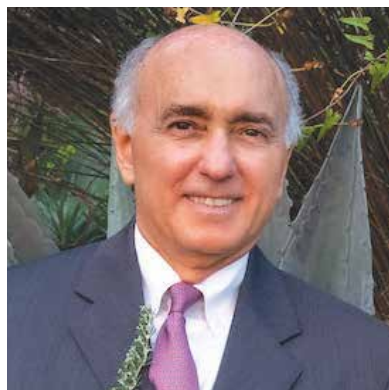
CHUCK GESCHKE



The community is cordially invited to a Memorial Mass in honor of Chuck Geschke at 10 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 11th at St. William's Church, 611 South El Monte Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022.

The family requests no flowers.

IHAB ABU-HAKIMA



We are deeply saddened and heartbroken to announce that our dear and beloved father and husband, Ihab Abu-Hakima, passed into eternity on Friday, August 27, 2021 at the age of 66 after battling lymphoma since his diagnosis in February of this year.

Ihab was born in Kuwait City, Kuwait to a professor of history and a professor of archaeology, Ahmad and Aida, and spent much of his childhood moving around the Middle East, including Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, and Nigeria, before attending secondary school in England.

In 1973, he moved to Montreal, Canada where he attended McGill University and received his degree in Electrical Engineering as well as his MBA. There, he also met the love of his life and future wife, Biba Petrovic.

Tired of the icy winters, Ihab took his first job at Bechtel on a project in Saudi Arabia. In 1981, his work brought him to San Francisco, where he fell in love with the Bay Area and never left. He then spent the next 35 years working in the tech industry. He worked at both startups as well as companies such as HP and Silicon Graphics before serving as the CEO of Meru Networks and most recently as Co-Founder and CEO at Neutrino8.

Ihab was greatly loved by all who met him and his generosity, kindness, and care for others had no limit. He loved swimming, skiing, and most of all spending time with family. He was an avid music lover and traveler. During his life he visited every continent except for Antarctica! However, his favorite destination remained the Big Island of Hawaii.

Ihab is survived by his wife, Biba, his two children, Claire and Alex, as well as his five sisters, three nieces, and six nephews.

He will forever live in our hearts and we will always miss him dearly. Words fail to express our sorrow.

DATEBOOK

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Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. 941-7222; jimcoltonphotography.com.

“Every Leaf Speaks To Me.” Fall art exhibit by members of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society. Through Sept. 30. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. 941-8073.

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

AUDITIONS

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

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

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

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

paloaltobridge.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday Toppers. Women's nine-hole golf club with local members. 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pruneridge Golf Club, 400 N. Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara. \$22-\$27 per round. pruneridgegolfclub.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zonta Club of Silicon Valley. Organization of executives and professionals dedicated to advancing the status of women locally and globally through service and advocacy. 6 p.m., second Wednesday of the month. Bay Café, 1875 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. zonta-eclubsv.org.

Blacksheep Handweaver's Guild. Meets monthly at Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside. 854-7125; blacksheepguild.org.

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

American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View

branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. 207-6625; lamv.ca.aauw.net.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View and other nearby cities. 7 p.m. fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. fars.k6ya.org.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Meet other new moms for weekly walks, park days and/or indoor play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. 917-9914; las-madres.org.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos. Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students, El Camino Hospital Infant Hearing Screening Clinic, Community Services Agency and CHAC. Noon first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. 967-5404; quotamvla.org.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Volunteer organization of boating enthusiasts who perform community service, including boating education, voluntary vessel inspections and boating operations. Not involved in military or law enforcement activities. Ages 17 and up. 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave. 941-5466.

Rotary Club of Los Altos. Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. 948-1455; losaltosrotary.org.

Electric Toasters. Toastmasters group. Noon to 1 p.m. today. Electric Power Research Institute, 3412 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. 855-2270.

Los Altos Lodge No. 712 F. & A. M. 7:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Los Altos Masonic Hall, 146 Main St. 941-6615.

South Bay Storytellers. 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. 494-1383; 917-1920; southbaystorytellers.com.

Mountain View Foothills International Training in Communication Club. 7 p.m. first and third Thursday of the month. Union Bank, El Camino Real, Palo Alto. 967-6466.

Optimist Club of Palo Alto-Mountain View. Luncheon meetings noon to 1:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of the month. Hyatt Rickey's, Palo Alto. 855-1847.

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