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Scenes from the 2021 Los Altos holiday season



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Los Altos displayed its holiday spirit in a variety of ways, from downtown storefronts all aglow, above left, to colorfully decorated homes, above right. After a year off due to COVID restrictions, some annual traditions returned, including the menorah-lighting ceremony for Hanukkah, right, at Veterans Community Plaza, and the Festival of Lights Parade, far right, in downtown Los Altos.



Cities react, fight back as housing law nears

By Bruce Barton
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Los Altos and Los Altos Hills city council members spent their last meetings of the year reacting to the impacts of state mandates and legislation that aim to boost housing state-wide but put additional pressure on single-family zoned communities like Los Altos and Los Altos Hills to dramatically increase their numbers of units.

Los Altos council members adopted a set of objective design standards for single-family residential zones at their Dec. 14 meeting, primarily in the wake of the controversial State Senate Bill 9, set to become law Jan. 1. The law allows lot splits and, among the scenarios, as many as four housing units where one once stood.

Council members also met with the Los Altos Planning Commission at a study session that same day to be briefed on another challenging task before them in the coming year: updating the city's housing element, a portion of the general plan that provides an analysis of housing needs and strategies to respond to those needs. Los Altos faces a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) target of 1,158 new housing units by 2031. Los Altos Hills' RHNA target is 489.

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'No Parking' signs go up in Mtn. View, but RVs remain

By Eliza Ridgeway
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The final "No Parking" signs are going up in Mountain View over the next few weeks, enacting the new ban on oversized vehicles across nearly all of the city's streets. But the full impact on residents living in campers, trailers and RVs remains to be measured. Based on a count earlier this month, many residents likely to be impacted by the ban have hunkered down in place even as signs went up this fall – and lack direction on viable places to move.

When volunteers with two local housing advo-

cacy groups drove around Mountain View counting RVs parked on city streets that appeared to be actively used for habitation, they estimated that the number of oversized vehicles had gone up – not down – over the past year.

Mountain View Housing Justice and the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning reported counting 206 oversized vehicles in a windshield survey of city streets, up from the police department's tally of 191 last year. That figure does not include individuals and families living in cars, which represent a substantial other group of
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New signs throughout Mountain View will force a move for the RVs and campers being lived in on local streets.

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Westwind Community Barn did not host its traditional barn lighting this year, a loss for fans of Santa visits and pony rides. But the barn still shines this season, and the town's Youth Commission organized a "Letter to Santa" program for young residents to write to, and hear back from, Santa via his local agents.

COURTESY OF TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

Online Comment

An email from a local reader shed light on the Los Altos backstory behind one of our brewery profiles. A day trip to Pacifica, it turns out, comes with a dose of Los Altos beer heritage.

What a wonderful article written by Derek Wolfgram on the breweries of Pacifica. As the proud aunt of Nick Pavlina,

who is one of the founders of Humble Sea Brewing Company, I thought the Los Altos community should be made aware of Nick's close ties to the area.

His mom and dad (Lou and Carol Bacigalupi Pavlina) met as students at Los Altos High School in the 1970s. Nick's grandparents met at the old Mountain View High School (on Castro) in the 1940s, and his great-grandparents met on their neighboring orchards on Pine

Lane in the 1910s.

Nick's cheering squad includes aunts and uncles and many of their friends who graduated from Los Altos High School in the '60s and '70s. But Nick's true Los Altos pedigree is following in the footsteps of his dad, who made beer in the garage of his family's home on North Clark Avenue. The theme of entrepreneurship and garages in Los Altos continues!

— Laurie Pavlina Lincoln



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News

Police Blotter



Stolen converters

Catalytic converter stockpile found

Local car owners who've experienced the high-speed catalytic converter theft increasingly common in the Bay Area received some answers this month as to where and how the black market works in the region.

A six-month San Jose Police Department investigation resulted in charges this month against a Campbell recycler allegedly in possession of \$3 million worth of stolen catalytic converters. The operation also led to charges against more than a dozen suspected converter thieves.

Car owners throughout the Bay Area, including in Los Altos and Mountain View, had been experiencing the extremely swift and deft converter theft at increasing rates over the past few years. Experienced thieves can strip the converter from some cars in less than two minutes, and fence them to a middleman for \$200-\$2,000, according to a news release from Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Erin West.

In addition to more than 1,500 converters, police found an assault rifle, armor-piercing bullets and \$50,000 in cash.

The converters reduce the amount of pollution coming out of a vehicle, and contain precious metals valuable on the recycling market.

Grand theft

Dec. 8, 10:05 a.m.: 4000 block of El Camino Real, Los Altos

Dec. 11, 8:16 a.m.: 1000 block of Miguel Avenue, Los Altos

Dec. 14, 11:26 a.m.: 600 block of Vera Cruz Avenue, Los Altos

Stolen vehicle

Dec. 9, 1:22 p.m.: 100 block of Edith Avenue, Los Altos

— *Eliza Ridgeway*

Grand jury concurs on sheriff misconduct allegations

Town Crier Staff Report

Troubles continue to mount for 23-year Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith.

The county's civil grand jury officially accused Smith last week of a range of misconduct charges, following allegations over the summer from county supervisors Joe Simitian and Otto Lee that triggered a Board of Supervisors' "no confidence" vote.

Jurors Dec. 14 agreed there was "willful and corrupt misconduct" related to a variety of incidents, including the granting of a concealed weapons permit to a campaign donor,

acceptance of "unlawful gifts" related to hockey game tickets, perjury over a 2019 statement of economic interests and failure to cooperate with and provide information to the Santa Clara County Office of Correction and Law Enforcement Monitoring in the case of an inmate's injury at the county jail.

Jurors dismissed three charges related to bribery and making a governmental deci-



Smith

sion for financial gain. Smith's attorney told the Mercury News last week that the sheriff plans to contest all accusations in court.

Earlier this year, Simitian – whose District 5 includes Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View – and Lee chronicled a host of alleged inmate abuses at the county jail, under Smith's watch.

They pointed to three high-profile cases that resulted in lawsuits and millions of dollars paid in damages. They also alleged instances of political favoritism. The

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HOUSING

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Los Altos has a website, losaltoshousing.org, to keep residents apprised of city outreach efforts on its housing element.

Meanwhile, Los Altos Hills council members were poised at last Thursday's meeting (which occurred after the Town Crier's print deadline) to extend an SB 9-related urgency ordinance 22 months and 15 days past the initial 45-day limit approved at the council's Nov. 18 meeting.

As with Los Altos, the ordinance establishes objective standards – qualified SB 9 projects don't require city board reviews and can be ministerially approved based on such standards.

The push for new housing stems from the oft-cited jobs-housing imbalance statewide, but particularly in areas like Silicon Valley. Legislators are forcing single-family-dominant communities to do their "fair share," as some have put it, to provide more housing.

"SB 9 specifies that local agencies may impose only objective zoning, subdivision, and design standards that do not conflict with the statutes, but such standards must not physically preclude a unit size of 800 square feet," read last week's town staff report.

Denial can occur based only on evidence that a project would have an adverse impact on public health and safety.

Citing wildfire risk among potential impacts, town officials said: "The urgency ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of (public health and safety) because (housing development under) SB 9 without adequate standards can cause ... environmental risks."

Call to do more

In Los Altos, council members slogged through a long list of changes to the city's objective design standards resolution, the outcome of hours of discussion.

Even after four revisions of the law, SB 9 remains "as clear as mud," said Mayor Anita Enander, "which leaves cities scrambling to make their own interpretations."

Reacting to the impending law's ambiguities, Los Altos city staff included an interpre-



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A member of Los Altos Residents collects signatures for an initiative that would return local control to cities.

tive guidance document as the city awaits further clarification from the state. For instance, city officials pointed out that SB 9 allows for ministerial approval of "new" residential dwelling units, but "new" is not defined.

"Provisions of SB 9 appear to assume that a new residential dwelling unit could include a reconstructed residential dwelling unit," according to a staff interpretation.

City staff established criteria that included a home built on previously bare ground, one replacing a demolished unit and one stripped to the studs and reconstructed.

City Attorney Jolie Houston took a conservative approach in the city's SB 9 interpretation. But Jon Baer, a former planning commissioner, felt the city was doing only "the bare minimum" and should look to nearby cities with better standards for guidance, such as Palo Alto.

Baer also feared the city was allowing for objective design standards and ministerial approvals to apply to all newly constructed houses, not just those qualifying under SB 9.

Resident Joe Beninato picked up on one section of the law that said housing developments "containing no more than two residential units within a single-family residential zone shall be considered ministerially."

"Does this mean that all building in Los Altos in single-family residential zones is now is going to be considered ministerially and subject to objective design standards?" Beninato asked.

"If someone is applying to scrape and replace a house, they can choose to have the proposed new house evaluated under SB 9 criteria – or they can choose not to," Enander said.

She imagined a scenario in which an applicant desired a color not included in the city's SB 9 objective standards, who could benefit by going through the city's normal housing application process where a subjective interpretation could be made.

The objective standards involve a wide range of factors, from the size of the lot split (no less than 40% of the original parcel) to setbacks (no less than 4 feet for the side yard and rear yard under SB 9). Design standards include such elements as plate heights, second-floor windows, balconies, landscaping and construction materials.

Peter Mills, who lives on a narrow street in Los Altos, worried about the parking impacts brought on by SB 9.

"What is one house with two cars could easily become four houses with eight or more cars, and parking and traffic and emergency access on these streets would be a disaster," he said.

Last week's adoption of the standards is not the end of the matter. Los Altos officials, including members of the Planning Commission, plan to go back and further refine them and return to the council no later than May with additional amendments.

Also last week, local residents could be seen gathering signatures in front of the Los Altos post office on Main Street to get an initiative on the ballot in 2022 that would allow cities to override SB 9 and other laws that take away local control.

The residents' advocacy group Los Altos Residents is helping gather the million-plus signatures needed for the initiative, intended to amend the State Constitution to give cities the option of using their own land-use laws.

"Give our city councils back the right to make decisions about what should be built in our neighborhoods," the group urged.

News

Burglaries, thefts, overall crime down in 2021, Los Altos police statistics show

By Bruce Barton
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Crime statistics collected by Los Altos reveal notable decreases in thefts and burglaries, while cases of domestic violence increased over the past year.

Based on 2021 numbers through November, counts show 46 burglaries reported this year, compared with 70 in 2020. There were 142 cases classified as thefts in 2021, 202 in 2020. There was virtually no change in the number of vehicle thefts, with 17 reported in 2021 through November and 18 logged in 2020.

“It is sometimes difficult to explain increases or decreases in crime, especially when we are dealing with relatively low numbers,” said Los Altos Police Chief Andy Galea. “The decrease in thefts and burglaries stand out the most to me. I think having people still working from home or working from home part time has a lot to do with that reduction.”

Also of note: There were three robberies reported in 2021,

11 in 2020; and total arrests were down, with 119 in 2021 (minus the month of December), and 255 in 2020. There were three reported rapes in 2021, two in 2020. No homicides have been logged so far in 2021, versus one in 2020.

Total reported crimes were down over 2020, with 278 cases this year versus 353 in 2020. Arrests also were down to 119 in 2021 from 255 reported in 2020.

On the other hand, there were increases in some categories: The number of assaults rose (41 for the first 11 months of 2021, versus 35 in 2020), as did cases of domestic violence (18 in 2021, eight in 2020) and arson (eight cases in 2021, five in 2020).

Galea attributed relatively low crime numbers to the vigilance of many Los Altos residents.

“We push out crime prevention tips and crime trends regularly,” he said of his department’s communication with residents. “As you know, our Los Altos community is engaged and pays attention – that certainly helps when people are willing to let us

know about crimes or unusual activity.”

Flash-mob robberies

The recent spate of flash-mob robberies hitting retail stores throughout the Bay Area, and as close as Palo Alto, has shoppers, workers and store owners understandably nervous.

Los Altos police are not assuming such incidents won’t happen here.

“I think every community with any type of retail establishment is potentially a target of these thieves,” Galea said. “Although we do not have shopping malls that are popular targets, we do have a number of retailers that carry high-value merchandise. These retailers are certainly potential targets.”

Galea said police agencies throughout the state are meeting and communicating regularly about the thefts, suspects involved and strategies to help thwart the crimes.

“Most police agencies, Los Altos included, have an increased presence in retail areas as a deterrent,” he said.

ing. She also rejected calls for her resignation, calls that again resurfaced with the grand jury’s findings.

“It’s sad that it had to come to this,” Simitian said in the wake of the grand jury’s filing. “But now there is a process for these accusations to be considered in a court of law.”

Jurors interviewed 65 witnesses before issuing their indictment. At least 12 of the 19 jurors concurred in upholding

seven of the 10 charges.

“The grand jury clearly put considerable time and energy into this,” Simitian said. “It’s indicative of the seriousness with which the civil grand jury conducted this case.”

Smith, who is up for re-election next year, is due in court Jan. 12. She was first elected sheriff in 1998. She leads the Sheriff’s Office, which provides law enforcement services for Los Altos Hills.

SHERIFF

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supervisors made the charges in a referral, approved by the board, which called for investigation by the grand jury, the state Attorney General’s Office, the Fair Political Practices Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Smith has vehemently denied wrongdoing and blamed most of the jail problems on understaff-

and continue work on a diversity and justice subcommittee.

The council voted 3-2 to allow Fligor to continue serving on the commission for six months to see her work through.

Vice Mayor Sally Meadows joined councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Fligor in voting “yes,” while Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng sided with Enander in voting against the move.

Meadows, struggling with her decision, said she wanted to support both Enander and Fligor. Weinberg proposed the six-month stint for Fligor as a compromise. Enander will serve as an alternate member for the first six months. The council will de-

cide on an appointment after that time.

LAH names new mayor

George Tyson was in line to become the next mayor of Los Altos Hills. Tyson was scheduled for the appointment at Thursday’s city council meeting, which occurred after the Town Crier’s press deadline.

Linda Swan, who received the most votes for council in the 2020 election, was set to become vice mayor.

Tyson, elected to the council in 2018, succeeds Kavita Tankha as mayor. He will serve the bulk of 2022 in the role.

News Briefs

LA council overrides mayor’s appointment

In an unusual move, the Los Altos City Council majority last week overrode new Mayor Anita Enander’s appointment to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

Typically, mayors serve on the association. But Councilmember Neysa Fligor, who just completed her one-year term as mayor, said she wanted to continue her role because she could serve on the association’s executive board – a rare opportunity –



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ELIZA RIDGEWAY/TOWN CRIER

Oversized parking ban signage was not yet visible on Crisanto Avenue on a visit last week near sunset, and the everyday life of coming home from work and assembling dinner continued as usual for people living in RVs and campers along both sides of the street.

PARKING

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unhoused residents.

Mountain View resident Janet Werkman, a volunteer with Mountain View Housing Justice, described a three-day effort during which volunteers divided the city into sectors and drove around their assigned area recording RVs, trailers and campers that appeared to be inhabited and parked on a public street.

In a related letter to the Mountain View City Council sent Dec. 6, the groups pointed to the at-capacity Safe Parking lots in the city, which they say currently hold a 10-household waiting list, as a good civic program that doesn't meet the city's impending need. Mountain View's Coalition for Sustainable Planning noted in a separate letter that the current safe lots program is working well for those it can serve, but would need to at least double its capacity to meet the city's apparent need.

Michael Love, the operations manager for MOVE Mountain View, which operates the Safe Parking lots, said its lots were at 98% capacity last week, and occupancy fluctuates as people either find housing or move out of the city. The group places people from waiting applications as spots open up.

The two housing advocacy groups that conducted the survey proposed publishing a map showing where oversized vehicles can park in the city for 72 hours as a form of good-faith outreach, using arrows on signage to show street segments that are legally available and expanding the Safe Parking program, among other measures.

The city anticipates installing the last of the "No Parking" signs by the end of January, according to spokesperson Lenka Wright. Installation reached the Springer/Cuesta/Phyllis neighborhood in November, and began Dec. 2 on central streets around downtown.

The ban on oversized vehicles covers "narrow" streets in Mountain View, those that are less than 40 feet wide. A map of the city shows a tracework of red identifying the 444 out of 525 public streets that qualify as narrow. A separate, related ordinance bans oversized vehicles on streets with Class II bikeways, for a total coverage of nearly 90% of the city.

Ongoing litigation

A group of six Mountain View RV residents filed a class action lawsuit in July challenging the ban, alleging that the restrictions attempt to "banish" low-income residents too poor to afford permanent housing. Mountain View voters approved the ban in November 2020, tasking the city with carrying it out via posted signs and enforcement such as ticketing or towing. The lawsuit portrays the ban as unconstitutional at the state and federal levels as well as violating the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In their initial filing, attorneys for the plaintiffs describe the ban as "unconstitutional under federal and California law because it violates the inalienable rights of vulnerable individuals who have been forced to seek shelter in RVs in order to remain in the city and access medical care, schools, employment and other resources available to them in their community."

In a response acknowledging the suit, city officials said the ordinance was a reaction to safety and access concerns.

"Due to their size, an oversized vehicle on a narrow roadway can encroach into the vehicle lane of traffic, which can increase the risk of collisions for motor vehicles and bicycles as well as makes it more difficult for emergency and critical service vehicles to navigate the street safely," Wright wrote in a July 14 statement.

In a mixed Nov. 9 ruling, Northern District Court Judge Nathanael Cousins denied the plaintiffs' request for an injunction halting the parking ban and enforcement, but also denied the city's move to dismiss the case. Cousins wrote that the plaintiffs had not shown they were "likely to face irreparable harm, or that the balance of equities tips sharply in their favor, because there is no evidence that the city is ticketing or towing plaintiffs in the absence of an injunction."

He also dismissed three of the plaintiffs' 12 allegations, with leave to amend, namely, invasion of privacy, right to travel and disability discrimination.

The case continues to proceed within the court, and the city met in closed session Dec. 7 to deliberate over the lawsuit.

This is the first in a series of stories about housing in Mountain View. In subsequent weeks, the Town Crier will delve into new and planned low-income housing resources in Mountain View, how the Safe Parking lots operate within the city, and the web of resources and waitlists low-income residents navigate as they seek secure housing.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Emma Carothers, her friends and family pose for a Christmas photo in 1910. Emma and her husband, Edward, formed the Music and Literary Club, later known as the San Antonio Club, in Los Altos in 1907.

Letter to the Editor

Traffic gridlock frustrates teacher

The closure and ongoing repaving of Fremont Avenue in Los Altos was extremely poorly thought out and executed.

Did anyone on the city staff realize that there are at least six schools (not including the residents, businesses and incoming contractors and workers) in this

immediate area that would be impacted by the extreme traffic, street closures and delays? St. Simon, Mountain View High School, Oak Avenue School, Children's Corner Preschool, Mountain View Parent Nursery School and Montecito Preschool are within 2-4 miles of Fremont Avenue.

The traffic was so bad, it was

like Los Angeles freeway gridlock! All these schools and the students and parents who drive were heavily affected by the closure during the Fremont Avenue repaving.

I'm a teacher at one of these schools, and many of our staff got "stuck" in the backup on Grant Road on numerous days and were late to class ... which was the only alternative street to reach these schools during the weekday.

A few mobile signs with dates wasn't enough information to let anyone in this area know how bad the gridlock was going to be.

In the future, there should be notices sent out by city staff to the schools and larger businesses in the area as a courtesy to the employees. And I don't remember reading any leading stories in our local publications (including the Los Altos Town Crier) to warn residents or employees of Los Altos/Mountain View of the ongoing backups and delays.

This was very badly handled and mismanaged, much like a bad sports play.

I'm hoping the city will step up mailed notices and printed information (not on a website) with such a large street closure project.

Linda Kahn
Local teacher

They're coming

By Andy Dolich

We don't exactly know when, but they are coming.

In 2020, President Donald Trump signed a law requiring the Pentagon to produce an unclassified report for Congress revealing what the government knew about UFOs. On June 1, The Washington Post published an article headlined "Close Encounters: Democrats and Republicans unified in taking UFOs seriously."

The Department of Defense released three videos taken by U.S. Navy pilots revealing mysterious flying objects that to this day remain unidentified. The declassified footage shows unidentified objects flying at high speeds in the Earth's atmosphere, along with audio of Navy pilots expressing shock and awe.

A Pentagon official had this to say: "After a thorough review, the department has determined that the authorized release of these unclassified videos does not reveal any sensitive capabilities or systems, and does not impinge on any subsequent investigations of military air space incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena."

This information was being closely monitored by Mission Command on Alpha Centauri. The news pushed the decision makers of Operation ITILOPE (Is There Intelligent Life On Planet Earth) to come up with an action plan. Gen. Ripley Prometheus sent a list of parameters and comments for an initial landing site to his senior officers via ESP, VR, AR and AI. It went directly to their hippocampus for review.

• **"The Spaceship."** The largest saucer-shaped building on Earth is located in Cupertino, at Apple Park (aka "The Spaceship"). Do we know if it

Silicon Folly

is operational? What type of armaments does it have? What are Apples?

• **Siliconia.** This innovation sector is defined by San Francisco to the north and Morgan Hill to the south. We will target the technology center of the world. Is there anything worth taking?

• **Take Us to Your Leaders.** Surely, we won't land in Washington, D.C. Instead, let's talk to those gazillionaires who think it's a big deal to Stomp Rocket themselves 63 miles up.

• **Head for the Hills.** Follow the money – there are plenty of landing pads in Los Altos Hills. Many of the citizens who run Siliconia live in the Hills.

• **NASA Ames.** It had something to do with elementary planetary exploration. Maybe we should do a flyby?

• **Four legs like us.** We have noticed that many of their leaders have four legs and noses just like us. Maybe we can schedule a sitdown. They could also have the bears join the conversation.

The decision has been made, they are coming to the streets of Los Altos. Be prepared. If you wake up one morning and all the crows, blackbirds, seagulls, wrens, other winged creatures and squirrels are gone, you might want to shelter in place.

I'm just guessing that after they spend a few days among us, they will phone home with this coded message back to HQ on Alpha Centauri: "Klaatu barada nikto." Loosely translated: "We have not found intelligent life here and will leave these Siliconians in peace."

Andy Dolich, a Los Altos resident, owns the sports consultancy Dolich & Associates.

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

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Community

Community Briefs

New Year's Day Fun Run is back

The 20th annual New Year's Day Fun Run, sponsored by the city of Los Altos, is set to return Jan. 1 on the streets of downtown Los Altos.

Start times are 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. The course closes at 11 a.m.

The event is intended as a noncompetitive 5K (3.1-mile) walk, run or roll (strollers and wheelchairs allowed) along State and Main streets.

Admission is free.

Online registration is required prior to attending the event.

Walk-up/in-person registration at the event will not be permitted.

In keeping with COVID-19 protocols, masks must be worn at all times. Social distancing is required. Participants are asked to remain 6 feet apart from those not in their household.

If there is low enrollment, the event will be canceled.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/37tz579v.

For more information, visit losaltosrecreation.org.

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Morning Forum: How musicals evolved on Broadway

By Cathie Perga
Special to the Town Crier

The Morning Forum of Los Altos featured playwright, composer and lyricist Sean Hartley spotlighting "Four Musical That Changed Broadway" Dec. 7.

In a virtual presentation, Hartley, director of the musical theater division at the Kaufman Music Center in New York, explained that musical theater, as people know it today from such productions as "Les Misérables" and "Hamilton," is a far cry from the musical productions of years ago. He described a "musical" as a play where equal weight is given to the drama and the songs. Musicals have been in existence for 100 years, and before that, there were operettas, oratorios and sacred music.

It all started with the piano, Hartley said. Before the 1850s, pianos were found only in homes of the wealthy. But when they became more reasonably priced, many middle-class homes had a piano – and everyone wanted to play the latest songs. The term "Tin Pan Alley" is derived from this time, he noted, which referred to the street that housed music publishers, who had pianos outside their doors. It was pretty noisy, with each music publisher having a player (a song plugger) pounding out the latest songs. People could buy song sheets for a nickel.

Vaudeville soon followed, according to Hartley. Performers had to travel from theater to theater, which was exhausting. To have a show stay in one theater would be

preferable. The lavish Ziegfeld Follies (1907-1931) came next, with Florenz Ziegfeld Jr. producing an elaborate theatrical review with many acts, ornate costumes and musical numbers.

Innovative theater

Next in the progression of entertainment was astoundingly different, Hartley said – a show that had a story with music. He highlighted the importance of "Showboat" by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II, which featured a serious story involving an interracial cast and problems including alcoholism and back-breaking work for little money. (Check out the lyrics to "Ol' Man River.") This, in 1927, was epic in American theater.

At the premiere, the audience left in stunned silence. The reviews the next day were excellent, Hartley shared, and the musical has been revived more than a half-dozen times over the years.

The next great musical was "Oklahoma." When Rogers and Hammerstein proposed their ideas to producers, they were met with skepticism. Hartley reported that one said, "You can't open a big Broadway show with a lady on stage churning butter and a fellow singing about a 'beautiful morning.' ... You need dancing girls and a big number." But Rogers and Hammerstein insisted that their



Hartley

show had a story, and from then on, the story became the impetus of all musicals.

Another innovation came about with the debut of "West Side Story." Previously, dancers danced and singers sang. But choreographer Jerome Robbins wanted to stage a fully integrated musical with his characters doing both. For his groundbreaking and fast-paced choreography, Robbins won both the Tony Award for the musical and the Academy


Award for the subsequent film.

Hartley entertained the Morning Forum audience by singing and accompanying himself on a couple of Broadway songs. He urged attendees to support regional theaters.


During a question-and-answer period following his talk, he touched on Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Disney Studios making musicals based on films.

One attendee asked why musicals are so memorable. Hartley's response: Lyrics speak to our brains, but with music it goes to another level, and it is heightened by the communal experience of being in a theater with others.

The Morning Forum of Los Altos lecture series is open to new subscribers. For membership details and more information, visit morningforum.org.



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Experts outline sustainable holiday ideas for local AAUW branch

Town Crier Report

Two Bay Area activists teamed up to outline a plastic- and pollution-free holiday season at the Los Altos/Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women meeting Dec. 8.

In their Zoom presentation, Jenn Engstrom, director of the

California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG), and Amy Johnson Rodas of the UC Berkeley CALPIRG branch revealed that Americans throw away 100 million plastic bottles per year – the equivalent of 300 per person. The bottles, though labeled with the triangular “recyclable” symbol, are most often headed for landfill, as only

approximately 15% of plastic labeled “recyclable” is actually recycled. Some is not actually recyclable, but use of the symbol is not regulated, though it soon will be in California, Engstrom and Johnson Rodas said. Plastic in landfills can leach into the water supply in the form of nanoparticles, with unknown long-term effects on animal and

plant life.

Engstrom said individual efforts to use less plastic by substituting reusable bags and bottles and compostable food containers are helpful, but the real key is to “turn off the tap” by promoting legislation or regulation to ban the use of plastic bags and bottles and to restrict the distribution of plastic. Johnson Rodas’ CALPIRG group was successful in convincing the UC system, campus by campus, to eliminate all single-use plastics on campuses by 2030.

Johnson Rodas suggested several nonpolluting ways to exchange gifts for the holidays, including giving gifts of time together or gifts of experiences, such as concert tickets or museum passes. Home-crafted items or “pre-loved” items are also



Engstrom

good to help accumulation of “stuff,” she added, and presents can be wrapped in old maps, calendar pages or brown bags with hand-drawn decorations.

AAUW members were pleased to learn that Johnson Rodas is an alumna of Tech Trek, AAUW’s STEM camp for girls. She joined an environmental club in high school and is now studying political science and environmental resource studies at UC Berkeley, with the aim of pursuing environmental law.

The AAUW meeting also honored 50-year members of the local branch. Olivia Haley, Anita Carter and Jane Reed earned honorary life membership in AAUW as of this membership year.

AAUW membership is open.

For membership details, visit aauw-CA.org. For local branch information, email Susan Ware, membership chair, at sware1223@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

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Community

Irwin Martin, 96: Longtime resident, American Legion member

Special to the Town Crier

Irwin “Irv” Martin, a 70-year resident of Los Altos, died suddenly at his home Dec. 5, at the age of 96.

The week before his death, Mr. Martin attended American Legion Post No. 558’s monthly meeting and also visited friends at his longtime square-dancing club.

Born the son of an Indiana sharecropper, Mr. Martin moved to California in 1948, following World War II service in the Army Air Corps. He and his wife, Lou, set off for the Golden State on the same day they wed. The couple lived in a one-room trailer, dubbed “The Martin Box,” at first, and moved into their newly built home on Panchita Way in 1951 – voting for incorporation of the town of Los Altos the next year.

Last summer, Mr. Martin was



Mr. Martin

hospitalized for several weeks, but he was making his “ump-teenth” comeback, as he put it, before his quick and peaceful death.

The father of eight children – seven of whom are living – Mr. Martin was staunchly independent until the end, despite requiring support from caregivers,

Obituary

especially his sixth child, Geri Martin Wilson of Palo Alto, to maintain his active life.

Those who knew him said Mr. Martin was gifted with a nearly magical mechanical aptitude. He could seemingly understand the way a thing worked by looking at it, fix anything from a car to a dishwasher, and build from scratch with exactitude and flair.

At 18, before finishing high school, Mr. Martin was selected to become a flight engineer with the country’s new Air Force.

“They couldn’t fool me on the manual dexterity tests,” he said, reminiscing with satisfaction in a video made for Post 558, where he was the longest-serving member.

Mr. Martin worked at PG&E for 35 years, where he was nicknamed “Dude” from the start. He was proud of his role in wiring San Antonio Road, and he kept a road sign he’d acquired on that job hanging outside his

home workshop. He was also proud of using the company pole-digger to install the original town Christmas tree at the intersection of San Antonio and Main Street.

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Community

BRIEFS

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Museum set to host 1920s fundraiser

The Los Altos History Museum is “puttin’ on the Ritz” for its

Roaring 20s-themed fundraiser, “Dancing through the Decades: Entertaining the 20s,” scheduled 5:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road.

The museum, decorated with period artifacts from its collection, will be transformed with

an art-deco-themed tent where a classic silent film will play and a red carpet will be rolled out to greet guests. Top Shelf Big Band will play tunes from the '20s, and dancers from Areté Dance Center will kick off the dancing with the Charleston. Guests may

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MARTIN

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The Martins square-danced with numerous Bay Area clubs, and they toured in Europe and China as dancers. Even after Lou died 10 years ago, Mr. Martin danced several times a week, sitting out only at age 95.

Mr. Martin was named Elk of the Year in 2018 at the Palo Alto club, where he exercised and regularly took his dinners. His breakfast spot was It's A Good Morning on San Antonio Road,

where he and the staff treated one another like family.

Daughter Terri recalled sitting with her father as he sorted through family photos on his computer a year or two ago.

“I’ve lived a good life,” he said. “I’ve been lucky to do all the things I’ve done.”

Mr. Martin is survived by children Toni, Steve, Terri, Michelle, Michael, Geri and Jonathan; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Son Patrick predeceased him in 1987.

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Sports

St. Francis seniors commit to colleges



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St. Francis High held two signing day ceremonies in the fall to celebrate senior athletes who have committed to colleges. The first event, above, was held in November. Front, from left: Brooke Deppiesse (softball, Boston University), Wyatt King (baseball, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), Ryan Luna (wrestling, Presbyterian College), Bailey McDermott (softball, Merrimack College), Sydney Stewart (softball, University of Washington) and Sara Withers (water polo, Villanova University). Back: Isaiah Kerr (basketball, University of Montana), Jasmine Hsiao (softball, Brown University), Madison Franco (rowing, University of Portland), Jessica Oakland (softball, University of Minnesota), Madison Pietsch (volleyball, USC) and Hailey Multz (water polo, Cal State Long Beach).

The second event, right, was held Dec. 15. Front, from left: Camilo Arquette (football, Northern Arizona University), Audrey Holden (swimming, Cornell University), Audrey Pace (field hockey, Wesleyan University), Viliami Teu (football, San Jose State), Claire Turner (softball, Georgetown University) and Abigail Wickersham (swimming, University of Pennsylvania). Back: Christopher Hersh (men's volleyball, UCLA), Denaris DeRosa (football, San Jose State), Uluakinofa Taliauli (football, San Jose State) and Dillon Golden (football, Brown University).



COURTESY OF SUZANNE VAHDAT

Danielle Vahdat of Los Altos Hills rides her horse, Gernice Van De Postbaan, at the United States Hunter Jumper Association's Junior/Amateur Jumper National Championships.

Hills teen Vahdat shines in Vegas at national event

Town Crier Staff Report

Teen Danielle Vahdat of Los Altos Hills earned the Champion title and the Leading Owner award at the United States Hunter Jumper Association's Junior/Amateur Jumper National Championships last month in Las Vegas.

Riding her own 10-year-old gelding – named Gernice Van De Postbaan – Vahdat won the \$10,000 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Grand Prix and also took third in the \$1,000 1.30m Junior/Amateur Jumper Speed.

Vahdat's trainer, Guy Thomas, received the Leading Trainer recognition.

With ample depth & size, Mountain View boys basketball team aims high

By Pete Borello
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

This is Kevin Mack's seventh season as coach of the Mountain View High boys basketball team, and he's never had a roster as big as this one. Not even close.

The Spartans' roster stands at 21.

"It's a lot," Mack said. "More than I expected to keep."

But basketball is booming at Mountain View – nearly 40 players tried out for the team – and Mack said just cutting down to 21 was difficult.

Because only five of them can be on the court at the same time, sacrifices must

be made. Mack said he conveyed this to the squad before the season, sitting down each player to tell him what to expect as far as playing time.

"They understand (the situation)," he said, "and they've bought into playing for the person next to them."

Of course, there are some advantages to having a robust roster. The Spartans "have a lot of size and depth," Mack said, and "practices are competitive."

That's benefited Mountain View in games, the coach noted, with the team off to a 4-2 start. Opening the slate with wins over Los Gatos, Prospect and Fremont, the Spartans dropped a one-point game to

Leland in the Westmont Tournament final, then routed Leigh at home. Mountain View next faced St. Francis in the Merv Harris Classic at Serra, falling 51-45 Dec. 11.

"We had chances in that game; we were right with them," Mack said. "I'm proud of the way we came out – with no fear. And we competed without one of our best players."

That would be Patrick Kane. The 6-foot-4 senior is also a standout in volleyball and was playing in a tournament that weekend. Kane is Mountain View's second-leading scorer, averaging 10.5 points per game, and the team's best re-

bounder at seven per contest.

"It's great to have him back," Mack said of the forward, who didn't play as a junior because the pandemic pushed the season to spring and conflicted with volleyball. "He's having an outstanding year so far."

Senior guard Joey Peir is the sole Spartan to average more points per game (13.2), and he also tops the team in 3-point shooting. The third-year varsity player has made nearly half of his shots from beyond the arc (13-of-27).

Forward Joe Brown, who joined the team late due to football, is the other

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Sports

MVLA boys soccer team takes title



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MVLA Leicester Black, an under-13 boys team from the Mountain View Los Altos Soccer Club, recently won the MVLA Fall Cup at Twin Creeks. The squad went 4-0 at the tournament and beat Los Gatos United 4-3 in the final, a game decided by penalty kicks. Front, from left: Nicolas (Coco) Subotovsky, Varun Panicker, Brendan Crosson and Mateo Santiago. Back: Coach Maqui Reyes, Shlok Chowdhury, Peter Oshatz, Jonah Walker, Anthony Sgroi and Joshua Johnson.

SPARTANS

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Mountain View player averaging double-digit points (10). The returning starter has made 12 shots from 3-point range.

“He’s probably our most talented player,” Mack said of the 6-foot-4 senior. “He’s a special player who will probably end up being our leading scorer.”

Point guard Ryan Davenport and center Jack Pillsbury, both seniors, round out the starting lineup. Davenport, who shares captain duties with Peir, “has made humongous strides this year,” Mack said, while the 6-foot-5 Pillsbury “is a great paint protector.”

Getting defensive

For Mack, the Spartans’ success starts with defense.

“We press full court to wear teams down, and we’ve done a good job of that,” he said. “And in the half court, we’ve done a good job staying connected.”

Mountain View, allowing just under 44 points per game, averages 12.5 steals and 2.5 blocks per contest.

Defense and depth have gone hand-in-hand, according to Mack, as the Spartans can bring in waves of fresh players to turn up the pressure.

Key reserves include backup point guard Dylan Louie – the team’s lone sophomore – junior guard Jackson Kim and post players Will Edmondson and Aidan Gefken, a junior and senior, respectively.

“Dylan is one of the first guys off the bench and is doing a great job,” Mack said. “Jackson is really fast and athletic. ...

Will brings a lot of energy and rebounds well. Aidan has been a pleasant surprise; he brings a lot of physicality.”

It’s no wonder Mack is excited about the Spartans’ potential this season. He expects them to compete with the likes of Los Altos, Palo Alto and perhaps Homestead for the SCVAL De Anza Division title.

“Our team goals are, No. 1, to win the De Anza and, No. 2, to win CCS,” said Mack, whose squad reached the Central Coast Section Division I semifinals a season ago. “I don’t think those are unrealistic goals.”

Mountain View is scheduled to open league 7 p.m. Jan. 4 at home against Milpitas. The Spartans have several non-league games before then, including at 6 p.m. Thursday versus visiting Silver Creek.

Local high school & community college sports schedule for Dec. 22-28

HIGH SCHOOL

Boys basketball

Today

St. Francis at Campolindo in Moraga, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Silver Creek at Mountain View, 6 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday

Los Altos and Mountain View in first round of Santa Cruz Warriors/Aptos High Tournament at Kaiser Permanente Arena in Santa Cruz, TBA

Girls basketball

Today

St. Francis at Aptos, 6 p.m.

Mountain View at Leland, 7 p.m.

Monday

Mountain View in first round of Del Mar Tournament, TBA

Tuesday

San Luis Obispo vs. St. Francis in first round of St. Francis Holiday Tournament, 3 p.m.

Los Altos vs. Pinewood in first round of St. Francis Holiday Tournament, 6:15 p.m.

Mountain View in second round of Del Mar Tournament, TBA

Girls soccer

Tuesday

Mountain View at Bullard in Fresno, 2 p.m.
Santa Clara at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE

Women’s basketball

Today

Foothill at Hartnell, noon

TBA: To be announced

Schools

MVLA shares updates on teacher housing, COVID-19 numbers

By Angela Tam

Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

A proposed affordable housing project will offer 12 units for Mountain View Los Altos High School District teachers and staff.

The MVLA Board of Trustees received an update at their Dec. 13 meeting from Kelly Hollywood of the nonprofit Mercy Housing – one of the co-developers of the project, which aims to help school employees afford to live in the area.

In 2018, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian proposed that county-owned property at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto be used to create affordable housing for teachers and city employees who work in the general vicinity. The Board of Supervisors agreed to repurpose the land and contribute financially to construction of housing.

Simitian also secured the commitment of local cities and school districts – including the Los Altos School District, which received a similar update on the project last month – to find additional funding for the project.

According to Hollywood, the

complex will have 110 units, which include studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. The units are divided among five school districts, with each district receiving 12 units. The units will be offered to eligible participants via lottery.

Hollywood said the current distribution of MVLA's 12 units will be three studios, seven one-bedrooms and two two-bedrooms.

"About a year ago, we reached out to (MVLA) and surveyed teachers and staff within the district about their household size, their income, their salary ranges, and we tried to place that accordingly," she said. "We did that to each of the participating districts."

Hollywood said the county is asking for a contribution of \$600,000 from MVLA by April, equating to \$50,000 per unit. Participating school districts and the county will forge an agreement for administering the funds.

Demolition on the current site is set for the fall, with the project breaking ground next winter. Construction is slated for completion in early 2024. Mercy Housing Management Group will manage the units.

Other agenda items

• MVLA Superintendent Nellie Meyer reported that 617 students and staff members were tested for COVID between Dec. 1 and Dec. 12. One person from the MVLA District Office and three people from Mountain View High tested positive. Meyer said the positives appear to represent a slight uptick, and suspected the number could be slightly higher in coming days.

"We are continuing to test, and we're seeing a lot of people who are coming back from Thanksgiving or who are getting ready to go on trips using our testing locations," she said, which include sites at Los Altos High, the District Office and MVLA's Adult School.

• The first meeting of MVLA's Family Partnership Council is scheduled 5 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Alta Vista High School multipurpose room, 1325 Bryant Ave., Mountain View.

The meeting will include representatives from elected bodies across the district; district administration, site administration and the MVLA Board of Trustees; teachers and staff members; and members at large from the community appointed by the superintendent. Parents



ANGELA TAM/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

The building on county-owned land at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto, above, is set to be demolished in the fall to make way for an apartment complex featuring affordable housing for teachers.

will represent underrepresented populations at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools; the Parent Teacher Associations; the MVLA Special Education Advisory; and the Alta Vista High parent group.

"This is an effort led to gather representative information from our community," Meyer said. "This will be a forum to discuss initiatives that we are looking at as a district, and to explain more thoroughly different endeavors that we are taking."

• According to Mike Mathie-

sen, MVLA associate superintendent of business services, the district remains in good financial health and is projected to remain so for the next few years.

However, Mathiesen said, revenues are smaller than initially anticipated, due to a shortfall in property taxes collected. MVLA budgeted for a 6% growth in property taxes, while the actual growth rate this year totaled 4.85%. Mathiesen noted it's the first time in eight years that actual growth was lower than budgeted growth.

LASD board lifts mandate on outdoor masks; also changes math curriculum

By Angela Tam

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Two closely watched regional subjects – school masking and math curriculum changes that impact tracking – came under discussion at the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees meeting Dec. 13.

The board took action to change outdoor masking rules and adopt some, but not all, of a math curriculum developed by the San Francisco Unified School District.

Annual reorganization also occurred, with unanimous approval as Steve Taglio became president of the board, Jessica Speiser became vice president and Bryan Johnson became clerk.

COVID update

The board discussed plans to change LASD's policy from requiring outdoor masking to strongly recommending the practice but allowing it to be optional. LASD Superintendent Jeff Baier said the policy, which was already enacted at the junior-high school level Dec. 6, had begun with minimal impact on overall behavior.

"We still saw a high percentage of people wearing masks, probably in the mid- to high-90%," Baier said. "People are still largely choosing to wear masks."

Based on the success at the junior high schools, elementary schools will move to strongly recommended, but optional,

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Schools

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outdoor masking Jan. 10.

Although countywide COVID case rates are ticking up, the district has not yet experienced a notable increase. All district schools other than Oak Avenue identified at least one COVID case between Aug. 1 and the beginning of December, ranging from one positive diagnosis at the district's preschool and Blach Intermediate School to seven cases at Santa Rita.

"The numbers are still quite low at one or two cases each of the past three or four weeks," Baier said.

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center partnered with LASD to host vaccine clinics at Almond and Santa Rita Dec. 9 and 13. The clinics offered the Pfizer vaccine only, including both doses of the vaccine and the booster shot, to all eligible Santa Clara County residents. Follow-up dose appointments will be scheduled with patients in January at the same location. Residents may attend the January clinic for a first vaccine shot, but they will have to attend a different clinic for

their follow-up shots.

"(The clinics) are going well," Baier said. "We are very appreciative of the partnership with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to help make this happen."

Math curriculum

LASD adopted the San Francisco Unified School District's TK-5 math curriculum in June, and Sandra McGonagle, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, gave an update at the board meeting. She discussed implementing the new program and addressed concerns about aspects of the SFUSD approach that have made headlines in recent months.

McGonagle said the curriculum teaches elementary school math concepts in a way that builds a strong depth of understanding. She noted that LASD has not adopted the "pathways and framework" new to SFUSD, instead picking up only the curriculum – standards-based lessons that build a course of study by grade level and strategically build concepts and skills from year to year.

SFUSD chose to move away

from tracked math pathways, but McGonagle said LASD has no similar plans.

"Our students do incredibly well, and in the sixth-grade year, (are) able to have some options, and even further options when they hit seventh grade," McGonagle said. "We know that our students who get into Algebra or Geometry Honors do very well by and large, and transition well into high school."

The framework adopted by SFUSD – but not by LASD – is a guiding document in a given subject area, which includes essential learning experiences, subject-specific skills, values, attitudes and key learning areas.

McGonagle said LASD does not plan to include the social justice concepts explored in a math context under the SFUSD framework. Although LASD teachers are piloting lessons developed to teach social justice standards in the classroom as per the recommended framework of the LASD equity taskforce, these lessons are stand-alone lessons.

For more on the board meeting, including an update on the Educator Effectiveness Fund, visit losaltosonline.com.



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'Celtic Christmas' show set for tonight in MV

Town Crier Report

Tomásean Foley's "A Celtic Christmas" celebrates its 26th anniversary with a performance scheduled 7 p.m. today at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Billed as a family-friendly event, the nationally touring show re-creates the joy of Christmas Eve in a remote farmhouse in Foley's native parish of Team-pall an Ghleanntáin in the west of Ireland in the 1950s. It was a time when the neighboring families would gather around the fire to grace the wintry night with traditional Irish Christmas carols, knock sparks off the flagstone floor with their dances and fill the night with the laughter of their stories.

"When I was a child, it was around the fireplaces of my neighbors' thatched cottages that I experienced the last remnants of the old communal way of life," said Foley, who also directs the show. "The family was the center of the community then and the community was the center of life itself, the shining axle around which the great wheel of the universe revolved. Stories, music, song and dance were the spokes of that slowly turning wheel."

Tickets are \$35-\$63.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 903-6000 or visit MVCPA.com.

'Wonderful' ending

TheatreWorks production closes Sunday in Palo Alto

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley celebrates the holidays with "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," running through Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto. The play also may be viewed online.

The holiday-themed production – adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra and Jo Swerling – offers the classic 1946 film as a 1940s-era radio play, complete with live Foley-style sound effects.

The story of George Bailey's love, loss and redemption on Christmas Eve features five actors – Moses Villarama, Sarita Ocón, Luisa Sermol, Phil Wong and Todd Cerveris – who take on dozens of roles and provide all of the live sound effects in the play. Giovanna Sardelli directs.

Shows are slated 2 and 7:30 p.m. today, 8 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday. The Lucie Stern Theatre is located at 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

In-person ticket prices start at \$30; savings are available for educators, seniors and patrons 35 and under. Masks are required. Patrons also must present a vaccination card, a photo of the card or a



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Mary (played by Sarita Ocón) and George Bailey (Moses Villarama) share a moment in "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." The TheatreWorks Silicon Valley production closes Sunday in Palo Alto.

digital vaccine record with matching ID at the door.

Streaming tickets are \$25; those who purchase them will be emailed a link to watch the program at home on their

computer, smart TV or other streaming device.

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Business & Real Estate

Changes at Charleston

As leases expire, big retailers depart MV shopping center

Town Crier Staff Report

Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy and REI have already closed at Charleston Plaza in Mountain View, but PetSmart remains open – for now.

“The PetSmart Mountain View, Calif., location will be closing,” PetSmart social media specialist Maddie Hiemstra wrote in a recent email to the Town Crier. “As of now, the store plans to be open through the holiday season, but does not have a set closing date or plan for relocation.”

Bed Bath & Beyond and Best Buy did not relocate the stores they closed at the shopping center earlier this year (the latter also has a store on El Camino Real in Mountain View), and REI moved to Sunnyvale.

Once PetSmart departs, all four buildings at the back of the shopping center will be vacant.

“The city was recently made aware that the large retail leases at Charleston Plaza were expiring this year,” John Lang, Mountain View’s economic vitality manager, told the Town Crier. “According to the real estate brokers representing the property owner (TIAA of New York



PHOTOS BY PETE BORELLO/TOWN CRIBER

PetSmart, above, is the last big retailer at Charleston Plaza, but it will soon leave the Mountain View shopping center as well. Bed Bath & Beyond, from top left, Best Buy and REI closed their stores earlier this year.

City), there was mutual interest by both the retail tenants and property owner not to renew.”

The other businesses at the 15-year-old Charleston Plaza – including Chipotle, Erik’s Deli Cafe and Starbucks – continue to operate. According to Lang,

“there is a strong desire by the property owner to maintain the small retail pads fronting the site as retail.”

As for those back buildings, don’t expect them to be demolished to make way for housing or office space – despite the rumors posted on Nextdoor.

“The Charleston Plaza has a General Plan designation of Industrial/Regional Commercial and Zoning designation of MM (General Industrial),” Lang said. “The property owner is interested in securing new tenants consistent with the current/existing zoning.”

Will future recessions become shorter?

By Artie Green

The recession that began in February 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic officially ended in April 2020, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private, nonpartisan organization.

That makes the two-month COVID recession the shortest in U.S. history, and by a wide margin.

The second shortest – only six months – occurred in 1980. By comparison, the so-called Great Recession of 2008 lasted for 18 months, and the country did not recover from the 1929 Great Depression until 1933, 43 months later. The average length of the 33 recessions since the 1850s was 17 months.

Is there a reason the COVID recession was so short, and could that be the beginning of a trend to shorter recessions in the future?

I’m speculating somewhat

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because the data is quite sparse. But there is a possible correlation between the amount the federal government is willing to spend to prop up the economy during a recession and the recession’s length.

Last year the U.S. plowed more than \$2.5 trillion into keeping businesses and families afloat, and the result was a severe but quite abbreviated GDP and stock market decline. Data from the St. Louis Fed suggests that the federal government’s financial support programs after the 2008 recession totaled approximately \$1.8 trillion in today’s dollars, with the subsequent 18-month downturn the result. During the Great Depression, according to Bond Capital, the total government stimulus amounted to only roughly \$800 billion,

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Business

Online sellers best beware of scammers

Better Business Bureau

Selling items on an online marketplace like Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace can be an easy way to make extra money and get rid of things you don't need. However, the Better Business Bureau warns, scammers are using a clever trick to target sellers and set up a phone number in their name.

How the scam works

You list an item and get an immediate response from a potential buyer. The "buyer" claims to be very interested in your item but wants to make sure you are legitimate first.

The scammer asks for a phone number so that he or she can text you a verification code. The scammer then asks you to reply with the six-digit code on the platform where your item is listed.

Sounds reasonable, right?

But the scammer is actually setting up a Google Voice number
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linked to your phone number. If you send the verification code, the scammer will be able to complete the account setup. Then, the scammer can use that phone number to conceal his or her identity.

Or, if a scammer gets your Google Voice verification code and other information about you, he or she can pretend to be

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and a nearly four-year recession was the outcome.

It could be argued that a massive and rapid injection of capital by the federal government does have some beneficially limiting effect on economic downturns.

As a side note, the 1929 depression was not the longest in U.S. history. That distinction goes to the panic of 1873, caused primarily by rampant speculation in the hot new technology of the time – railroads. That economic downturn lasted from October 1873 through March 1879, during which time there were at least 100 bank failures. Be glad you weren't around then.

We still don't know the longer-term consequences of the additional trillions of dollars of debt the U.S. has accumulated during these downturns. Some

you and open new accounts in your name.

One seller told the BBB about his experience listing an item on Facebook Marketplace and getting a response from an interested buyer.

"He asked if he could call/text me," the seller said. "Then, I agreed and he said, 'OK, first I want to verify you. If you're real, I will trust and meet you. Can I send the verification code to your phone number?'"

economists fear another extended period of rampant inflation, while others view it as simply replacing lost productivity (that is, no major impact).

In any case, given the apparent success of economic stimulus programs during times of economic stress, it's unlikely that politicians from either major party would risk doing nothing after the next recession-triggering event occurs. In other words, there's reason for hope that the length of future economic downturns could be shortened.

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



At that point, the seller got suspicious and asked if it was a scam. He didn't hear from the scammer again.

Preventing the scam

There are ways to avoid this scam.

• Guard your personal information.

You don't need to give someone your phone number to make a sale on an online marketplace. Be sure you know who you are speaking with before you share it. Never give out your phone number in public social media posts.

• **Watch out for red flags.** Avoid making transactions with people who offer you deals that sound too good to be true (for ex-

ample, overpaying for an item you listed for sale) or people who pressure you to make a deal quickly.

• Understand marketplace policies.

Most online marketplaces encourage you not to take transactions outside of the platform. If someone asks you to carry out transactions elsewhere, be wary. Understand how the platform you use verifies both sellers and buyers – and stick to its guidelines when selling and buying items.

For more tips, read the BBB article on such scams at tinyurl.com/f9s8bdv7.

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Born in Kingston, NY the youngest of 6 children of Charles Bond Pearson and Mary Elizabeth (Forde) Pearson, Bob was a warm, loving man with a gregarious personality, quick wit and an infectious sense of humor and laugh.

Bob was very accomplished personally, academically and professionally. After completing High School he served in the Navy during the Korean War based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. It was there that he married his High School sweetheart Marilyn Jean Winnie. He then attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY on the GI Bill and studied Mechanical Engineering graduating at the top of his class. He spent his career in Sales/Sales Management for GE, IBM, Memorex and lastly his own business that he started - East West Computers. In 1970, during his time at Memorex, he accepted a position as Western Regional Sales Manager and moved the family from New York to California and lived in Los Altos, CA for 51 years.

Bob valued and enjoyed time with his family and friends, he held them close and was always there for them - communication was what he did better than anyone, it was truly who he was.

Bob was the consummate adventurer enjoying time on his and Marilyn's boats over the years, their Motorhome that they traveled all over North America in, skiing, fishing and time at their second home in Incline Village, NV/Lake Tahoe. He also enjoyed daily walks and was an avid reader.

Bob is survived by Marilyn Pearson his wife of 65 wonderful years, their three children and their spouses - Kimberly Lynette MacBeth (Edward), Tamara Gaye Pearson, Robert Sheperd Pearson Jr (Kimberly) and their two grandchildren Andrew Gordon MacBeth and Lauren Alicia MacBeth.

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Cooper Service Company FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680551

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cooper Service Company, 1023 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a trust, Patricia Nancy Grimm, Successor Trustee, 1023 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2016. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF JIE CHEN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390892

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

Proposed Name: Nina Jie Chen

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 02/22/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/24/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

Ly Law Offices FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680295

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Ly Law

Offices, 510 N. 1st Street, Suite 221, 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, Huan Dinh Ly, 3102 Summer Creek Drive, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/01/2021. (12-01,08,15,22-21)

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MANGALA SAVADI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390685

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

Proposed Name: ANITA KINAGI

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 03/01/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/22/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SANJANA ARORA AND SWAPNIL L SHAH ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Sanjana Arora and Swapnil L Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Siddharth Swapnil Shah

Proposed Name: Nick Shah

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.

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CITY OF LOS ALTOS PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

1. ZTA 21-005 - City of Los Altos - Density Bonus Ordinance Zoning Text Amendment Recommend adoption of Zoning Text Amendment ZTA 21-005 to the City Council modifying the Los Altos Density Bonus Ordinance pursuant to recent changes to state law. This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines (Jolie Houston, City Attorney, Erik Ramakrishnan, City Attorney's Office)

The Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM via a conference call. Please go to the following links to identify the conference call number: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-planning-commission-meetings> <https://www.losaltosca.gov/planning-commission/page/planning-commission-58>

Plans and detailed information are available for review at Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750 or sent via email to planning@losaltosca.gov.

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NEXT MEATS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680968

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: NEXT MEATS, 649 Sobrato Lane, Campbell, CA, 95008 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious

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