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Montclair Elementary School in Los Altos reopened last month, above. Its district faces sizable financial challenges.

School closures 'back on table' after CUSD parcel tax fails

By Zoe Morgan
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The Cupertino Union School District will once again consider permanently closing schools, along with a host of other impactful cuts, after voters rejected a parcel-tax proposal from the district last week.

Measure A would have levied a \$398 annual tax on each parcel of land within CUSD's boundaries, raising an estimated \$14 million annually for the cash-strapped district. It needed two-thirds approval to pass but received only 59.34% support, as of the ballots counted by the Town Crier's Monday press deadline – more than 7 percentage points shy of the required margin.

"I'm certainly disappointed and I'm also concerned

about (CUSD's) financial future," CUSD Board of Education President Jerry Liu said. "I think we're going to have to make some tough decisions."

The CUSD Board of Education placed the parcel tax before voters in an attempt to raise revenue to address long-running financial challenges. The district has faced declining enrollment and repeated budget cuts in recent years, and last fall the board considered closing multiple schools to save money.

That prospect met with strong opposition from parents, who turned out to board meetings in large numbers, signed petitions and organized protests. Board members ultimately decided to put the parcel tax on the ballot, saying that if it were approved,

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County warns BCS over enrollment disparities

By Zoe Morgan
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Bullis Charter School is failing to adequately enroll certain underrepresented student groups, the Santa Clara County Board of Education

warned last week. If the imbalance isn't addressed, the school's charter could be at stake, which it requires to operate.

The board voted 6-1 at a May 5 meeting to authorize issuing a notice of concern to BCS, laying out the alleged violations and giv-

ing the school a chance to remedy the situation. The school's charter is due to come before the county board for renewal next school year.

According to county officials, underrepresented groups at BCS include English learners,

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ZOE MORGAN/TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos Downtown Farmers' Market debuted for the season last week.

New operator & vendors, fewer hot meals at this year's Los Altos farmers' market

By Eliza Ridgeway
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New faces were hard to identify behind the masks that filled State Street for a second straight year of pandemic marketing, but the new vendors were easier to pick out as Los Altos' Downtown Farmers' Market debuted Thursday afternoon.

The Los Altos Village Association sponsors the seasonal event in partnership with a market operator, this year Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, a Concord-based nonprofit that operates markets around the Bay Area, including in Cupertino and San Jose. California Farmers' Markets Association, the Los Altos' market's previous operator, continues

to run the Sunday morning market in downtown Mountain View.

LAVA executive director Scott Hunter said the market manager selection process this year included a request for proposals, followed by interviews to explore what different associations could offer. In addition to providing food and entertainment downtown,

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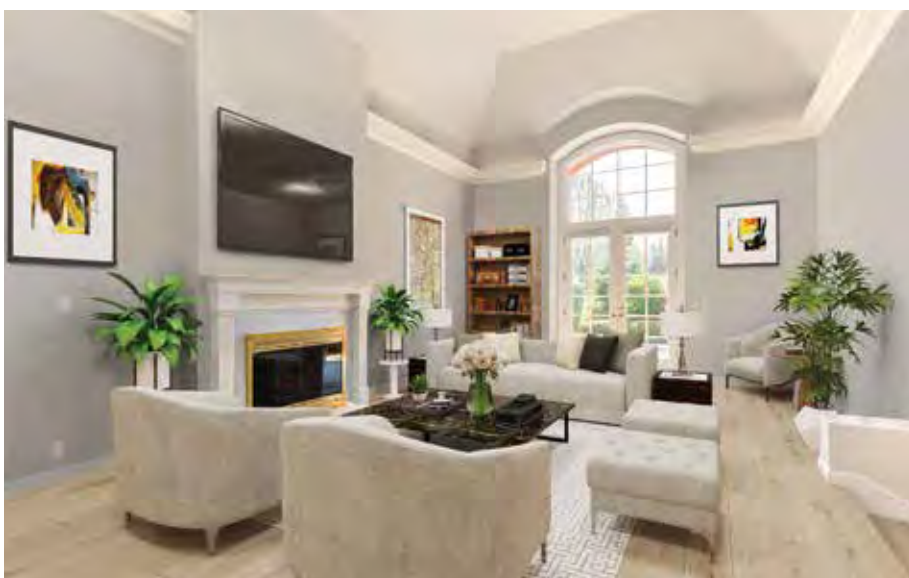


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Online Comments

The back-and-forth between Los Altos City Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and Los Altos resident and activist Kenan Moos continued to draw the most conversation online, but readers talked about how to help during the COVID-19 crisis in India and joyful subjects, too.

Los Altos Kiwanis is leading a fundraiser to directly buy the

Oxygen Concentrators and other equipment from trusted vendors and supplying them to the hospitals directly. We will make sure that every dollar donated is used to buy and install the equipment to combat the virus in small-town hospitals.

Please do contact me for more details: sarojpathak@losaltoskiwanis.org.

— Saroj Pathak

Blach Intermediate School's gain is Santa Rita's fond loss, according to families commenting

on the move for principal Greg Land. He's graduating up a few grades with the following recommendations.

This gentleman is brilliant. May the force be with him for his next adventure!

— Cyrille Daujean

Blach families, you are in fantastic hands!

— Andi Bloom Barnett

Lucky, lucky Blach. The new principal at Santa Rita has big shoes to fill indeed.

— Eileen Tse

Corrections

• "Parking relief is on the horizon for Rancho San Antonio preserve," an article in the Town Crier's May 5 edition, misquoted a speaker at the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors meeting April 28 and introduced her comment out of context. The article text should have read:

"Elizabeth Montgomery, an avid hiker, runner and cyclist in the area, wants board members to seriously consider some of their consultant's recommendations to address the parking challenges at Rancho, including the possibility of constructing a parking structure."

"I certainly understand the desire to keep the open-space feeling like a nature preserve, but this is the 21st century, and I think land is

so precious here in Silicon Valley," Montgomery said. "We absolutely have to use what we've got as efficiently as possible."

• Last week's article on new administrators in the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District stated that Michelle Bissonnette did not reply to an interview request. Due to a technical error on the Town Crier's part, Bissonnette never received the email seeking comment.

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News

Housing project can go forward without troubled developer



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A sign for Dutchints Development LLC is still on display outside 5150 El Camino Real, site of a proposed housing complex.

By Bruce Barton
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The 196-unit, high-density housing project at 5150 El Camino Real, approved by the Los Altos City Council in 2019, can move ahead even if the original developer is no longer involved.

The 3.8-acre, 76,500-square-foot property is currently in receivership due to the ongoing financial struggles of Dutchints Development LLC. The Los Altos-based Dutchints and its managing director Vahe Tashji-

an face numerous legal challenges alleging mismanagement and misappropriation of investor funds. Dutchints is in default on its \$41 million loan on the property, secured in 2018.

The problems have prevented development from moving forward. However, a new property owner could choose to develop the site using the approved plans, according to Los Altos' community development director Jon Biggs.

"The entitlements run with the land, so a new owner could submit construction documents

and the building permit application and, once a building permit is in hand, begin building what the city council has approved," Biggs said last week. "No need to go back to the city council and get another approval for the current project on the books."

The approved project calls for 172 condos and 24 townhouses, with 28 of them affordable. Approvals also included plans to convert an adjacent 24,000-square-foot lot at 745 Distel Drive into a park. That

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Police Blotter

Battery

May 6, 1:49 p.m.: 0-100 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 6, 3:46 p.m.: 500 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

Residential burglary

May 6, 3:09 a.m.: 500 block of Palo Alto Avenue, Mountain View

May 7, 2:40 p.m.: 500 block of San Antonio Road, Mountain View

May 7, 3:09 p.m.: 100 block of Infinity Way, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

May 8, 12:10 a.m.: 1500 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Theft

May 5, 6:12 a.m.: 2200 block of West Middlefield Road, Mountain View

May 6, 11 a.m.: 1000 block of Oak Avenue, Los Altos

May 7, 3:06 p.m.: 1900 block of Montecito Avenue, Mountain View

May 7, 5:31 p.m.: 1000 block of McKenzie Avenue, Los Altos

May 7, 9:53 p.m.: 600 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

May 8, 6:37 a.m.: 2500 block of Fairbrook Drive, Mountain View

May 8, 2:33 p.m.: 600 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

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COURTESY OF LIFEMOVES MOUNTAIN VIEW

Through a public-private partnership, Mountain View now offers 100 units of interim, transitional housing for unhoused people in the area.

Mtn. View interim housing project designed to support area's homeless

By Bruce Barton
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Mountain View is now offering housing — along with help — to the area's homeless.

Through a public-private partnership, 100 units of interim, transitional housing are available in the northern end of the city to accommodate up to 124 people. The prefabricated, modular units are private and

include bathrooms. Completed in just six months, the project also includes a children's playground and a pet area.

City officials celebrated the opening of the new housing community last week with members of the non-profit homeless housing group LifeMoves, county and state officials, and a representative of Google.org. Google's philanthropic arm contributed a \$1.5 million grant to the proj-

ect. At the virtual grand opening, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian were among those singing the praises of the project.

"We now have a safe and secure site that will serve individuals experiencing homelessness and provide the care and services 24/7 to help them return to permanent housing," said City Manager Kimbra
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Cal Water promotes conservation amid drought

By Megan V. Winslow
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The North American Drought Monitor map divides regions throughout the country into six color-coded categories ranging from white (no drought) to maroon (exceptional drought).

Susan Cordone, a conservation coordinator with California Water Service, or Cal Water, shared the California map's April 27 iteration with registrants of a May 5 virtual presentation. At the time, the website swathed most of California in orange (severe drought). By Thursday, red denoting extreme drought had overtaken much of the state, including the Bay Area.

"We all know that droughts cycle throughout the years, and we are now in our second dry year, which is why we're talking again," Cordone said during the presentation. "I would say there's been a lot of interest in hearing information about water conservation. We can look at this one visual and know why."

The Los Altos Chamber of Commerce hosted last week's event, which attracted a modest audience that included Los Altos city employees, City Councilmembers Sally Meadows and Jonathan Weinberg, and Gary Hedden, president of the
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News

Los Altos resident's camera offers a peek into the secret lives of coyotes

By Megan V. Winslow
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There are several moments during the footage when she appears to look directly at the camera lens, a wary gaze within her mismatched eyes. Her teeth, so adept at puncturing the hide of rodents and rabbits, gently grasp Akdu, who lies limp in her mouth. She steps forward and backward before doubling back to complete a circle, and then she's off, passing the camera with her pup and exiting the frame.

Vivek Garud of Los Altos' Highlands neighborhood captured the video of the coyote mother and her four pups – Akdu, Pakdu, Jakdu and Lakdu – departing their makeshift den beneath his deck May 3. He posted the footage to social media networks, including Nextdoor and YouTube, later last week.

"Nice names for the pups," a Cupertino woman commented on Nextdoor. "Thank you for sharing the video. Always seen coyote as being harmful. So this video is different and shows their delicate side."

A follow-up video shows the mother coyote returning to retrieve three more members of her brood.

Coyote season

Female coyotes give birth in April or May and produce litters of between four to eight pups, according to Project Coyote, a Northern California nonprofit that promotes wildlife conservation. Up to 70% of young die within their first year.

The canines are not uncommon within parts of Los Altos near Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, like the Highlands, or within Los Altos Hills. Animal control officers with Palo Alto Animal Services, or PAAS, the contracted partner for those two towns, often respond to calls about injured, sick or aggressive coyotes.

In recent weeks, PAAS lead animal control officer Cody Macartney has attempted to trap a limping, mangy coyote known



S.M. LIEU/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A coyote patrols Byrne Preserve in Los Altos Hills. Several Peninsula residents have recently spotted coyotes in the area.

to frequent the Adobe Creek area around Los Altos Avenue and Alta Mesa Memorial Park on Arastradero Road. A Los Altos resident is assisting him.

"I had brought out a trap and some bait, and she was monitoring the trap daily in her yard," Macartney wrote in an email to the Town Crier. "I even put the trap in the creek for a couple days with no luck. The coyote is obviously not interested in what we have planned, but I have already made arrangements with the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley to take it if we can catch it."

Coyotes are generally active in the area through September, Macartney noted.

On Thursday, a Los Altos resident who lives on Stagi Court near El Monte Avenue called Macartney to report the death of nine of his chickens courtesy of a female coyote that appeared to have recently given birth. Based on the location, Macartney doesn't think

the Stagi Court coyote and the Highlands coyote are the same animal.

Macartney shared some tips to help the Stagi Court man safeguard his remaining birds: keep them inside later in the morning, ensure garbage cans and other potential food sources are secured and invest in deterrents such as automatic sprinklers, sprays and even fence rollers, which dislodge four-legged marauders.

As for Garud, his impromptu wildlife sanctuary didn't remain vacant for long. On Thursday, he posted a video of a bobcat inspecting the site.

"Open House Today: Prospective buyer checking out high end property in bay area," he wrote on Nextdoor. "Housing market is indeed very hot."

To watch Garud's coyote videos, visit youtu.be/FyddIxRAW6M and youtu.be/tlf-bBIEBu4.

To learn more about coyotes, visit projectcoyote.org.



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Los Altos Hills seeks citizen scientists to save local oaks

By Megan V. Winslow
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Los Altos Hills resident Sue Welch's Edgerton Road property is surrounded by dense foliage and perched above a steep ravine cradling a creek. It's an idyllic spot, but the cool, shaded habitat is prime territory for Sudden Oak Death, or SOD; in the past decade, the disease has claimed six of Welch's majestic oak trees.

"I call it 'SOD central' in the town," she said.

SOD can infect a number of plant species but is known to kill only four: coast live oaks, California black oaks, Shreve oaks and tanoaks. There is no treatment. Leaves turn brown and sap oozes from trunk bark. Eventually, the tree dies, leaving the decimated remains susceptible to both falls and wildfire.

"As soon as the leaves turn brown, it's gone. You need to cut it down," said George Clifford, a Hills resident who lives near Moody Road, another SOD hot spot.

Both Welch and Clifford are members of the Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee (OSC), a group that has coordinated with the UC Berkeley Forest Pathology and Mycology Laboratory each year since 2009 to bring the lab's annual SOD Blitz

to town. Between April and June, coastal California communities from the Oregon border to the Santa Barbara County border are dispatching citizen scientists, volunteers who collect suspicious tree leaves and record the suspected presence of SOD for the lab. The Bay Area Peninsula effort, which includes residents from Los Altos Hills, Portola Valley and Woodside, begins Friday and ends Tuesday.

Most years, Blitz participation is limited to a handful of OSC members, but Welch and Clifford are hopeful about attracting more volunteers in 2021, perhaps even parents intent on making the activity fun and educational for their pandemic-weary, cooped-up kids. The OSC is particularly interested in recruiting anyone willing to survey the east side of Interstate 280, which has been underrepresented in past blitzes.

'Plant destroyer'

Sudden Oak Death is a disease caused by the *Phytophthora ramorum* pathogen. The genus, *Phytophthora*, means "plant destroyer" in Greek, and it includes many other species of ecologically devastating species, like *Phytophthora infestans*, the same water mold that triggered the infamous Irish Potato Famine of the 19th century.

Researchers believe SOD



COURTESY OF MATTEO GARBELOTTO

Citizen scientists jot down the GPS coordinates of a tree featuring signs of Sudden Oak Death. UC Berkeley's annual SOD Blitz is underway through June in California.

entered California in the 1980s through the importation of ornamentals such as rhododendrons and camellias to plant nurseries from Asia. Tanoaks and California bay laurels are the primary species known for spreading the disease, and they do so by shedding spores carried by wind and rain. So far, these vectors and others have managed to transmit SOD to approximately 20% of coastal California forests.

As SOD thrives in cool, wet

environments with dense canopy cover, introduction along the Peninsula likely initiated within the forests around Skyline Boulevard, according to Matteo Garbelotto, leader of the UC Berkeley lab and of the SOD Blitzes. From there, the disease descended into the Santa Cruz Mountain canyons and gradually inched east.

"It's getting worse in that, inevitably, every time we have a Blitz, we identify new out-

breaks," Garbelotto said.

He pointed to the 2019 Blitz, during which volunteers detected SOD in Del Norte County for the first time, and to last year's Blitz, when they helped uncover E1, a new, more aggressive variant of *Phytophthora ramorum* in the same area. Up until then, E1's range was considered limited to Europe.

Record rainfall in 2017 coincided with the infection of
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DEVELOPER

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property — offered in exchange for paying park in-lieu fees — has gone through foreclosure, according to property records. Absent the park, the developer is on the hook for an estimated \$9.5 million in park in-lieu fees.

A Santa Clara County Superior Court judge April 28 granted a preliminary injunction preventing Dutchints from selling the 5150 El Camino property until lawsuits are settled.

"It is abundantly clear that defendant Vahe Tashjian has grossly mismanaged (the 5150 property) despite having raised at least \$21 million in investments and private loans, and receiving eight offers to purchase the property," attorneys for numerous investors said in April 21 court documents.

Plaintiffs fear they are "at risk of losing their entire investment," according to court

documents.

Tashjian denied the allegations, blaming the pandemic of the past year for financial troubles, which he vowed to rectify.

"Defendants ... argue that plaintiffs should wait and see whether Mr. Tashjian can somehow negotiate a sale of the property that will make everyone whole," the plaintiffs said in court documents. "This argument is ludicrous and, frankly, delusional."

The 5150 investors are suing Dutchints for breach of contract and fiduciary duty, among other charges. Two of the investors have filed a complaint in intervention, also granted in an April 28 court decision, because their shares increased. Others are suing over diluted profits.

Tashjian and Dutchints are involved in at least 14 separate lawsuits in the county pertaining to misappropriation of funds.

News

Downtown community plaza clock undergoes repairs, back on time



BRUCE BARTON/TOWN CRIER

The city of Los Altos recently fixed the green town clock at Los Altos Veterans Community Plaza.

By Bruce Barton
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The time is right for the green town clock at Los Altos Veterans Community Plaza.

The city of Los Altos recently repaired the landmark clock, which was not keeping accurate time and made some odd noises.

Public Works director Manuel Hernandez said he had been working on a fix since March 2020.

“I happened to notice the really bad-sounding chime,” he said. “Over the summer and fall, I started to receive calls about the time being incorrect, so I knew I had to seek out a public-clock repair company. I don’t think it is well-known, but finding someone to fix a public clock is not easy. Searching all over the West Coast, I was lucky to find someone in Oregon and worked up a scope of work in December. Ordering the parts at the beginning of the year, they came in several months later.”

Workers fixed the clock April 27.

“We basically replaced all the internals: new chime, clock system, face lighting and programming,” Hernandez said. “We should be all good for a while now. Sounds good, looks good and, above all, keeps the correct time.”

The town clock was purchased by Louise Spangler and dedicated in 1993. Spangler, who died in 2019, donated the clock in memory of her husband, former city council member Denny

Spangler, who died in 1993.

The clock was installed as part of a renovated downtown plaza, located at the intersection of Main and State streets in downtown Los Altos.

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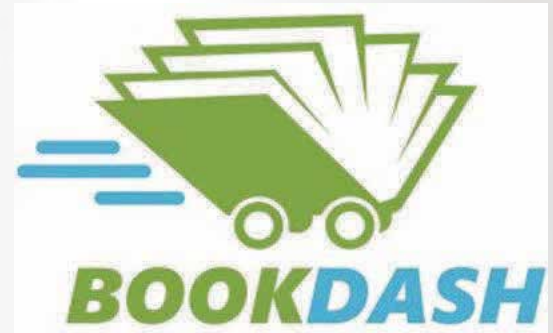
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News



COURTESY OF MATTEO GARBELOTTO

Big Sur tanoaks show signs of Sudden Oak Death. Once the leaves turn brown, it's time to cut down the tree, experts say.

OAKS

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several manzanita species within Santa Cruz County, Garbelotto said. Although manzanita was previously identified as a potential host of the pathogen, it typically grows in warmer, drier climates considered less hospitable to SOD.

“This is kind of an unforeseeable consequence of the pathogen becoming a very good generalist, meaning that it can infect almost every plant that we know of,” Garbelotto said. “The limiting factor is not so much the plant. It’s really the environment: Is the environment favorable or not?”

Sentinel trees

California bay laurel trees serve as both the most active spreaders of *Phytophthora ramorum* and the most helpful indicators of its presence. Although SOD doesn’t kill bay laurels, the trees are quick to reveal signs of infection on their leaves, including brown lesions on the tips, irregular margins and yellow halos bordering blackish spots. Inspecting bay laurels for these telltale signs is much easier than detecting SOD in oaks, a process that requires chipping away at tree bark.

SOD Blitz volunteers are asked to designate 20 seconds per each of the four “sides” of bay laurel trees in their vicinity, examining leaves on the lower branches for necrotic tips. Suspect leaves are collected within envelopes, and sampled trees

are recorded by GPS coordinates. The trunks are physically marked with colored tape or aluminum tags to alert other volunteers that a survey is complete.

Leaf samples that test positive for SOD are used to populate the Berkeley lab’s ever-growing SODMAP app, a free guide for calculating an area’s risk for the disease. By consulting the app, California homeowners can determine whether they should take action to protect their oaks like fortifying them with fungicides, as Clifford does, or by sacrificing their bays, as Welch has done. (Garbelotto advises it’s time to start weighing options once SOD creeps within a kilometer or so of a property.)

So far, more than 3 million people have consulted the SODMAP app, and Garbelotto considers that a testament to the work of volunteers who donate their time each year to make UC Berkeley’s database richer. In 2020, 267 participants surveyed 21,943 trees and helped determine their average estimated true infection rate, 7.4%.

“I’m very proud of Californians doing this,” Garbelotto said. “It warms my heart to see that people can collaborate on these important issues.”

Free SOD leaf collection kits are available Friday through Tuesday in front of the council chambers at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road.

To view UC Berkeley SOD Blitz training videos and for more information, visit sodblitz.org.



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McCarthy, during the May 6 event.

LifeMoves CEO Aubrey Merriman said his organization provides “a safe, comfortable, private space” for homeless residents, but also “intensive case management and support services” that result in “proven outcomes.” He noted that most LifeMoves clients transition through the interim housing in 90-120 days.

The new community is part of the state’s Project Homekey program, which has provided more than 6,000 units statewide across 94 projects, Newsom said during his talk. He added that the project came in on time and under budget.

The Mountain View housing site, located off Leghorn Street, is one of 26 LifeMoves communities in the Bay Area, Merriman said.

“This is an incredible day for our city,” said Mayor Ellen Kamei. “Here in Mountain View, we continue to address homelessness in a caring, supportive and responsive manner.”

Finding a solution

The city has long tried to help its unstably housed residents, many of whom are living in their vehicles. A 2019 count found 606 homeless residents in the city.

“The folks that this project is going to serve are folks who need more than just a roof over their heads,” Simitian said. “They are going to need case management, onsite help and

housing support and classes ... and all kinds of services that will help them stabilize into their next and better place.”

Simitian called the new development “a celebration of the kind of progress that partnership provides.”

Merriman emphasized how interim housing provides immediate solutions.

“While permanent housing is ultimately the long-term goal, it’s expensive and takes years to build,” he said. “LifeMoves Mountain View is a successful use case for how to build rapid, high-quality, flexible interim housing solutions using state-of-the-art, prefabricated, modular construction.”

LifeMoves bills itself as Silicon Valley’s largest provider of interim housing and supportive services for those experiencing homelessness. Other project partners include the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the County of Santa Clara, private philanthropies and private-sector donors including Google and LinkedIn.

“Especially during the pandemic, we are proactively working to respond to the needs of all members of our community,” Kamei said. “More than ever, we need to be flexible, be creative and be collaborative. Thank you to all of our partners for believing in us and LifeMoves. We now have the Project Homekey interim housing community ready to serve our most vulnerable populations.”

For more information, visit lifemoves.org/homekey.

EPA resident stabbed at Mountain View bar

A 29-year-old Pleasanton man is in custody, held under suspicion of attempted murder, after a stabbing that took place Sunday at the Sports Page Bar and Grill.

The victim of the incident, a 19-year-old East Palo Alto man, suffered a single stab wound to his upper body, but he

is expected to survive, according to a Mountain View Police Department press release.

MVPD police officers responded to the Shoreline Boulevard restaurant at approximately 1:30 a.m. Sunday, the release stated. They arrested Ronald Ferrari after Sports Page security officers identified

him as the suspected attacker.

MVPD K9 Thor helped locate the discarded knife used in the incident, the press release noted.

Police request that anyone with additional information on the incident email Det. Matthew Hom at matthew.hom@mountainview.gov.

– Megan V. Winslow

DROUGHT

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GreenTown Los Altos Board of Directors.

State mandates loom

The 2018 passage of two California State Legislature bills, Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668, increase the pressure on urban water retailers like Cal Water to implement efficiency standards. By Nov. 1, 2023, and every Nov. 1 thereafter, they are required to submit annual reports on water use objectives as well as actual water use. Through Jan. 1, 2025, the standard for indoor residential use is 55 gallons per capita daily, but it will continue to decrease over time. Standards for outdoor residential water use, water loss due to leaks and use for outdoor commercial, industrial and institutional landscaping are yet to be determined. A water retailer’s failure to report and to meet objectives could lead to penalties including conservation orders and civil liability.

In 2020, California customers across 24 districts saved approximately 43 million gallons of water by taking advantage of conservation programs including plumbing fixture replacements and irrigation upgrades. Within Cal Water’s Los Altos District, which includes Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, residents conserved 5 million gallons last year.

Some district customers may be incentivized by rebates. The largest, \$150, is earned through the purchase of high-efficiency clothes washers for residences and, for businesses, the purchase of a high-efficiency urinal.

“Thank you residents and

businesses in the Los Altos district,” Cordone said.

Conservation efforts

Cal Water’s 2020 conservation stats lag behind those of the year before, when customers across 22 districts saved approximately 204 million gallons of water, including 10 million gallons attributed to the Los Altos District.

But because annual water savings vary from year to year for various reasons, it’s important to keep a district’s lifetime savings in mind, said Robert Seeley, a Cal Water outreach specialist, in an email sent to the Town Crier after the meeting.

When considering the cumulative effects of water conservation programs Los Altos Hills District customers participated in between 2011 and 2020, for example, the programs are expected to save 750 million gallons in their lifetime, according to Seeley.

“California Water Service has and continues to emphasize conservation as part of our daily lives and in taking that holistic approach, longevity and duration become the number which indicate true conservation,” he wrote.

Water use within the district is on the rise.

State Water Resources Control Board data from 2015, at the height of the 2011-2017 California drought, reveals Los Altos District residents used 122 gallons of water daily per capita, an average calculated for the summer months of June, July and August. Over the course of summer 2020, residents used 180 gallons daily per capita on average during those three months. Compare that to statewide stats of 117 gallons during summer 2015 and 137 gallons during summer 2020.

A few participants at the May 5 meeting, including Los Altos resident Joe Maleti, past chairperson of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce board, surmised the COVID-19 pandemic might have led to increased water consumption because remote work means more people are home during the day.

“With the COVID situation kicking in and now they’re telling us to wash our hands all the time – it’s like everything’s against water conservation,” Maleti said.

Cal Water reps did not address that theory during the meeting, but Seeley later responded to a Town Crier query about it.

“I wouldn’t rule out potential impacts the pandemic may have had on water usage,” Seeley wrote in an email. “COVID-19 has affected so many aspects of daily life. ... With that being said, likely no singular factor is responsible for water usage and we remain dedicated to helping our customers conserve water and integrate conservation into their daily lives.”

Seeley noted Cal Water has taken measures to limit disruptions from maintenance and infrastructure upgrades during the pandemic and voluntarily placed a moratorium on service shut-offs before an April 2020 executive order signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom mandated doing so.

“At the onset of the pandemic California Water Service recognized how important access to clean, safe, reliable water was in fighting this virus,” he wrote.

To obtain a free Cal Water conservation kit, visit calwater.com/kit. To learn about Cal Water rebates, visit calwater.com/rebate.

BLOTTER

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Trespassing

May 6, 2:03 a.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 7, 12:03 p.m.: 800

block of Leong Drive, Mountain View

May 7, 12:19 p.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 7, 4:55 p.m.: 200 block of Main Street, Los Altos

May 7, 8:56 p.m.: 0-100

block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 7, 9:53 p.m.: 500 block of East Middlefield Road, Mountain View

May 8, 7:51 a.m.: 1200 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

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MARKET

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the event generates revenue for LAVA used for other business-boosting activities in the downtown area.

Downtown business interests also drove another change this year – fewer ready-to-eat hot food vendors along State Street. The extremely long line for baked potatoes and roast corn from Chava's indicated an enthusiastic interest, and the crepe vendor and Roli Roti roast chicken trucks had returned. But the Indian, Mexican and barbecue from previous years were gone, at least for now.

Hunter said LAVA wanted to focus on selecting vendors that offered totally different food from the options in downtown restaurants, in a move to bolster attendance at brick-and-mortar restaurants even on market nights. He said the policy was likely to evolve over time based on feedback and the experiences of local merchants.

"We want to make sure that



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A sizable crowd, above, turned out to the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market Thursday to peruse the offerings, right.



our businesses are supported first, and provide the market for our community second," Hunter said, noting that disappointed diners looking for their favorites from last year said they understood the rationale – even if they didn't totally agree.

The market is not currently running at full capacity to ensure spacing between stalls that allows for distanced lines

as people queue up for food. In weeks to come, as market operators can study the crowd and California potentially further lightens COVID-19 requirements, more booths may be added, according to Hunter. Pandemic-related rules for local events are changing rapidly across multiple regulatory agencies, but Hunter said he anticipated they would local-

ly continue to require masks throughout the summer based on their own preference and their understanding of what Los Altos residents find most comfortable. Samples and wine may return to the market later this summer, again depending on how pandemic restrictions shift over time.

"You're still going to want to be safe – you can still re-

quire masks if you want to; it's not going to be a free-for-all," Hunter said of what local businesses anticipate in the summer.

The Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market is scheduled 4-8 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 30 on State and Third streets.

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Group offers to help with council conflict

On behalf of Los Altos Community Voices, the statements of the Los Altos City Council members at the April 27 meeting convince us that it is past time for the council to accept responsibility and act with a sense of urgency to take concrete steps to resolve the divisive and untenable situation between Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and activist Kenan Moos.

We are ready and able to assist you, as needed and desired, in developing a solution.

Los Altos Community Voices Steering Committee: Robin Abrams, Curtis Cole, Kim Cranston, Cathy Lazarus, Bill Sheppard and Marie Young

Accelerate transition to renewable energy

Following is a response to the article "Flying cars? New Los Altos business looking to make it a reality" (Town Crier, April 28).

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," said Eleanor Roosevelt.

I believe the future will belong to Los Altos company ASKA for manifesting their beautiful dream of electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles. As a diehard fan of the movie "Back to the Future," I know that flying cars

Letters to the editor

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Drop us a line at 138 Main St., Los Altos 94022, Attn: Editor, or email letters to bruceb@latc.com. Because editorial space is limited, please confine letters to no more than 200 words. Anonymous letters will not be published.

were supposed to be here in the year 2015. We seem to be at least a decade behind where we should be in transportation and energy innovation due in part to our addiction to fossil fuels.

To usher in this better future we dream of, we need to break our addiction and accelerate the transition to renewable energy. The very best way to do this is to support Carbon Fee and Dividend climate legislation, as proposed in H.R.2307. Economists estimate H.R.2307 will cut carbon emissions by 30% in the first five years, help us achieve net-zero carbon emission by 2050 and create clean energy jobs in the process.

Reduced carbon emissions, a healthier planet and flying cars – what's not to love?!

Carlos Rodriguez Santiago
Mountain View

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Los Altos City Council members prepare breakfast for city staff in 1984. Pictured, from left, are Harry Kallshian, Roger S.C. Eng, Frank Verlot, Jane Reed, Penny Lave and Bob Grimm.

What's all this about RHNA?

By Anne Paulson

You may have heard that Los Altos is required to build approximately 2,000 new homes in the next 10 years. You may have been hearing about the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation, or RHNA. What the heck is all this? It sounds like a lot.

Let's start with the housing element. Every eight years, each city in California is required to make a housing element, the part of a city's general plan that deals with housing. In the housing element, we have to, among other things, say where new housing can be built. It is now time for Los Altos to make its new housing element for 2023-2030. We have to make a housing element, or face severe consequences.

The first reaction a lot of Los Altosians have is, "We should say we're not going to build any new housing." But we can't do that. Every time a housing element cycle occurs, the state tells regions how many new housing units (that is, homes for people) they have to plan for in the next eight years, and the regions tell each city how many homes it has to plan for. Because we're in a housing crisis this cycle, the California State Legislature has introduced new laws, and the numbers are dramatically higher than in past cycles. These numbers are the RHNA. For 2023-2030, the agreed-upon method assigned 1,958 homes to Los Altos.

That part is done. Now the city needs to figure out how to plan for 1,958 new homes over eight years. Nearly half of these have to be market-rate homes, and the rest must be affordable for moderate-income residents (up to \$169,900/year for a family of four) or low-income residents (up to \$112,150/year for a family of four).

It's important to note that the city of Los Altos is not required, itself, to build any buildings. We're required to set the table for housing, to provide places for housing to be built and get rid of impediments to home building. Nobody is going to force any property owner to build anything.

Accessory dwelling units are one way we'll chip away at our RHNA. Under the recently liberalized

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housing laws, Los Altosians are building many more ADUs (backyard cottages or in-law units), each of which counts as one home toward our RHNA.

For the rest of our required low-income housing, we'll have to zone for some higher-density low-income homes. According to Jon Biggs, Los Altos' community development director, the city expects to plan for this higher-density low-income housing along El Camino Real and San Antonio Road. We can use a zoning overlay, so builders are allowed additional density only for all-affordable buildings, making the lots more attractive to affordable-housing developers.

And then we'll have to figure out how to zone for the rest of the market-rate and moderate-income homes. We have a lot of choices. Some can go downtown, where we're already seeing new housing; maybe some in Loyola Corners; maybe some down south near the Lucky supermarket.

Individual citizens will have many avenues to be involved in these choices, including public forums, workshops and other ways to make our voices heard.

We shouldn't underestimate the consequences of attempting to evade our legal responsibilities. If we don't get a housing element approved by the state, then the state can and will impose draconian punishments. The city can be sued by the state's attorney general, or outside groups, potentially eliminating Los Altos' ability to issue building permits and make land-use decisions. Any city without a housing element also loses access to state housing and transportation funds. These consequences would be catastrophic for our city.

We have the opportunity to work together as a community, move forward with our legal responsibilities and ensure Los Altos is an affordable and beautiful city for generations to come.

Anne Paulson is a member of the Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance.



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Garden Club meeting spotlights succulents

The Garden Club of Los Altos has scheduled Debra Lee Baldwin to discuss succulents at its monthly meeting, slated 1-3 p.m. May 25 via Zoom.

Members can learn how succulents enhance the beauty and practicality of the garden and outdoor living areas. Whether a garden is large and established or on a small balcony, Baldwin will offer simple tips for tending to the easy-care, low-water plants. Known as the “Queen of Succulents,” she will introduce readily available varieties, explain their care and show how to combine them in fresh and appealing ways – both in landscapes and creative container gardens.

An award-winning garden photojournalist and author, Baldwin launched global interest in succulents in 2007 with her first book, “Designing with Succulents.” She also wrote two other best-sellers, “Succulents Simplified” and “Succulent Container Gardens.” She contributed to Sunset magazine for more than a decade and applies the “Sunset aesthetic” to everything she does: books, photos, presentations, newsletters, articles, social media, and more. Her YouTube videos have accumulated more than 6 million views.

In 2017, the San Diego Horticultural Society presented Baldwin its lifetime achievement award.

To access the Zoom link and for membership details, visit thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

Museum to review Mills Act Thursday

The Los Altos History Museum is scheduled to host a panel discussion, “Historic Preservation Through the Mills Act,” featuring the owners of landmark properties, 7 p.m. Thursday via Zoom.

In an effort to preserve the history of Los Altos, the city adopted the Mills Act in 1987, state legislation that provides an economic incentive program that lowers property taxes for

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Input needed for Los Altos’ Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Town Crier Report

Los Altos kicks off virtual opportunities this week for residents to offer their input on potential actions the city can implement to fight climate change.

The call for feedback, which supports the development of Los Altos’ Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), follows a charge to re-evaluate the existing plan’s outdated measures to better address the significant impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on the community.

The former Climate Action Plan, implemented in 2013, aimed to deliver a 17% reduction in emissions by 2020. The latest

roadmap will evaluate the city’s current progress, determine new targets on emissions reduction and create a plan that mitigates other possible climate hazards.

“The impact of greenhouse gases poses a risk to the Los Altos community, especially to our most vulnerable populations,” said Emiko Ancheta, the city’s sustainability coordinator. “Updating the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan will strengthen our community’s resilience by creating a framework the city can strive toward to become more environmentally sustainable.”

Local residents are urged to share their thoughts in an online survey; the survey will remain open through June 6.

The community engagement process also will include a workshop in June featuring an informational presentation and interactive activities to help facilitate input from participants. A second survey will follow to gain insight on the developed recommendations.

To submit questions or comments, email environment@losaltosca.gov. The feedback provided will assist the Environmental Commission and city staff as they craft a CAAP that serves all segments of the community.

For more information on the survey or the development of the CAAP, visit losaltosca.gov/caap.

Pets featured in drive-by parade



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The annual Los Altos Kiwanis Club Pet Parade is scheduled 10 a.m. Saturday in the downtown area. Above is a photo from the 2018 event. This year’s event is a car parade. Participants will be asked to remain in their vehicles to ensure a COVID-safe experience. The theme of this year’s parade is “The Healing Power of Pets,” and those who adopted a pet during the COVID crisis are encouraged to drive their animals in the parade. Mel and Maddy Kahn, longtime El Camino Hospital benefactors, will serve as grand marshals. The parade route is abbreviated this year, running along State Street from First to Fourth streets. The parade will be broadcast on KMTV and livestreamed on the internet. For more information, visit losaltoskiwanis.org.

AAUW speaker set to discuss sustainability

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos/Mountain View American Association of University Women has scheduled Jasneet Sharma, director of the Office of Sustainability for Santa Clara County, to serve as keynote speaker for its Zoom meeting 2-3 p.m. May 27.

Sharma provides leadership for implementing sustainability goals, policies and projects for the county. The Office of Sustainability emphasizes coordination with nonprofit organizations and other community groups to minimize the effects of climate change, eliminate historical environmental injustice and educate residents on sustainability strategies.

The AAUW prioritizes issues affecting women, including environmental justice, sustainability and equity in opportunities, especially in STEM professions. The program will focus on individual actions in support of sustainability in housing, education, employment and the environment.

The meeting will be interactive, with Sharma presenting several slides at a time and then asking for comments, questions and other feedback.

Local AAUW branch members will receive an invite to the meeting in advance of the date. Non-members who wish to join the event can email Claire Noonan at c.noonan@yahoo.com. Include full name and email to be added to the invite list.

For more information, visit lamv-ca.aauw.net.

Museum offers educational resources online

Town Crier Report

As part of their third- and fourth-grade curriculum, every spring local public and private schools and home-schooled students take field trips to the Los Altos History Museum to experience California history. Due to the pandemic, last year the museum was forced to halt in-person tours, and many students missed the educational opportunity. To make the lessons available while tours remain on hold, the museum’s Education Committee developed three online versions of some of the key information offered in person.

The Education Committee, chaired by Anne Roberts, comprises former teachers responsible for writing the content and leading the educational tours focused on local history for third-graders in April, and on California history for fourth-graders in May. The committee also partners with the Los Altos Historical Commission to sponsor the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest, which has run for 38 years.

“The school tours have been held since before the current museum opened, when it was still the History House,” Roberts said. “Since we were unable

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First Friday moves Los Altos



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The monthly First Friday event last week featured a “Dancing in the Streets” theme. Members of the Spartan Dance Club from Mountain View High School perform a jazz dance, above. They also offered spectators an impromptu dance lesson at Veterans Community Plaza in downtown Los Altos. First Fridays feature special hours for restaurants and shops, live entertainment, promotions and themed games and activities. For more information, email Jamie Lucia at drjamie@sbcglobal.net or visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

CHAC events designed to ‘Unlock Inner Strengths,’ address mental health

Special to the Town Crier

The nonprofit Community Health Awareness Council has scheduled a series of free online weekly events in May, Mental Health Awareness Month, aimed at informing, inspiring and helping individuals and families begin to heal after a difficult year.

Collectively titled “Unlocking Our Inner Strengths with CHAC,” and presented in partnership with LinkedIn Corp., the events are held weekly through May 26.

Topics are designed to appeal to a wide range of audiences and include ways to build lasting connections virtually and in person, the role that mental wellness plays in motivating local teens, self-care and support across diverse communities, and tips for parents to help their teens navigate and succeed in a

complicated world.

Registration is open for both remaining events, slated 6:30-7:30 p.m. After each program, presented in the form of a panel discussion, participants may remain online for an additional half-hour for an optional question-and-answer session.

The two remaining events:

- **May 19:** “Parenting Teens Doesn’t Have to be Painful”
- **May 26:** “Self-Care and Support Across Diverse Communities”

The Mountain View-based CHAC provides affordable mental health care.

Co-sponsors of the series include Google Inc. and Santa Clara Family Health Plan. Additional sponsorships are available.

To register and for more information on the events or sponsorships, visit chacmv.org.



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AACI, Simitian schedule panel series on Asian-American experience

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Asian Americans for Community Involvement and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian have scheduled a series of virtual panel discussions in May under the theme “Understanding the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Experience,” featuring a group of AAPI leaders and community members.

The three discussions aim to provide a foundation for understanding the AAPI community, including its culture and history, origins of prejudice and violence, and notions of identity within the AAPI community.

The panels are slated 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 and May 27. According to organizers, the panelists’ titles are for identification purposes only and are not intended to suggest organizational endorsement.

The lineup:

• **Thursday: “Our Diverse AAPI Community.”** Who’s who in the AAPI community? What are their histories, stories and experiences? What are their similarities and differences? Panelists include Pawan Dinghra, author and professor at Amherst College; Michele Lew, CEO of The Health Trust; and Natalie Masuoka, author and associate professor and chairperson and of Asian American studies at UCLA.

• **May 20: “Prejudice and Violence.”** Where does the prejudice come from? What causes the violence? What can people do about it? Panelists include California Attorney General Rob Bonta; Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Johnny Gogo; and Helen Hsu, lead outreach specialist, staff psychologist, Asian-American specialist and lecturer at Stanford University.

• **May 27: “Notions of Identity.”** How does the AAPI community see and describe itself? How is it seen and described by others? Panelists include Foothill College president Thuy Thi Nguyen; Phillip Yun, CEO of the World Affairs Council; and a repeat appearance by Dinghra.

To register for a panel and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/understandingaapi or aaci.org.

Taking a stand

Simitian said the program has been in the works for months and predates the most recent surge

in anti-Asian incidents. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which seemed a “particularly appropriate time for the series,” he noted.

“Over the last year, and in recent months, our communities – our friends, family, colleagues and neighbors – have experienced a resurgence in harassment and violence,” Simitian said. “It’s ap-

palling and unacceptable.”

Like other elected officials, he said he has been able to participate in public rallies.

“But a rally is not enough to break down long-standing prejudice, violence and exclusionary practices,” Simitian added. “Real change requires understanding – a willingness to listen, engage and do the necessary work. I hope

that people will join AACI and me to better understand our county’s diverse Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities.”

Sarita Kohli, president & CEO of AACI, said she is “deeply outraged” by the racially motivated attacks and crimes against Asian Americans.

“We need to come together as a community and stand against

xenophobia, hate and violence,” Kohli said. “AACI is honored to join Supervisor Simitian and provide an opportunity for discussion and understanding about the diversity of experiences that exist within the AAPI community. We hope that knowledge and empathy will empower our communities to support each other and heal together.”



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The virtual event will enable art lovers to view and buy local art online. Buyers will be supporting a charitable cause, with 15% of sales donated

to DrawBridge, a nonprofit organization that provides free arts programming for underserved and homeless children.

More than 100 artists are displaying 600-plus pieces of art, including paintings, fiber arts, mixed media, jewelry, sculptures and ceramics. Except for photographs and prints, the art is one-of-a-kind.

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Social Scenes



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Former Los Altos Hills Mayor Courtenay C. Corrigan, above left, hosted a virtual Hawaiian Happy Hour fundraiser for WomenSV, a local organization that serves survivors of domestic abuse, April 29 at her home, with Damon Casatico, right, as auctioneer. Corrigan taught attendees how to mix three summer cocktails.

WomenSV founder Ruthven Darlene, above right, discussed coercive control and the services her nonprofit provides. To donate, visit womensv.org/donations.



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homeowners who maintain the historical and architectural character of their qualified properties.

In Los Altos, 14 structures have been designated Mills Act properties, the first of which was the Winchester-Merriman House on Edgewood Lane, built in the 1800s and the oldest residential home in the city. Another designated property is the Adams House on Pepper Avenue, built in 1906. The owner, Jon Baer, will join the panel of homeowners at the museum's program.

To attend the free program, sign up at losaltoshistory.org/MillsAct.

SV@Home marks housing month

Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) has scheduled a series of events in May to mark Affordable Housing Month.

The events – all free and online – will answer questions such as why housing costs so much, where to start if interested in building an accessory dwelling unit and how people are attempting to solve homelessness.

Scheduled events include:

- **Thursday:** “Virtual Affordable Housing Tour,” presented by the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing, which is leading the process for 330 Distel Drive,

an all-affordable project in Los Altos

- **Friday:** “The Future of Housing in Silicon Valley: The Cost of Housing,” presented by SV@Home

- **May 19:** “Safe Parking Best Practices,” presented by Palo Alto Forward

- **May 21:** “The Future of Housing: Innovative Government Action,” presented by SV@Home

- **May 25:** “Affordably Housing California’s Essential ‘Missing Middle,’” hosted by Catalyst Housing Group

To register, for a list of events and for more information, visit siliconvalleyathome.org/events/#affordable-housing-month.

‘Beyond the Canvas’ display comes to library

“Beyond the Canvas,” an art exhibition sponsored by the Zhaoyu Cultural Foundation, is on display at the Los Altos main library through June 1.

The exhibition features the work of five students of master painter Yuming Tseng: Cleo Chen, Ariel Hong, Ashley Qiu, Richard Shi and April Wu.

The Los Altos main library is located at 13 S. San Antonio Road. Library hours, reduced during the pandemic, are 1-6 p.m. daily.

For more information on the exhibition, visit scld.org/los-altos-library or booksandme.org.

MUSEUM

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to meet in person the past two springs, we wanted to find a way to reach out to the students.”

VirtualEyes Media recently produced a 3D tour of the museum’s historical J. Gilbert Smith House for the general public. The committee then approached the company about creating one geared to third- and fourth-graders. The virtual lesson includes interactive elements, such as clicking an apricot icon to ring a doorbell or trigger text boxes of information. Sharon Barkoff narrates the tour, which progresses through the parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, laundry porch and upstairs bedrooms, including the kids’ room.

In the “California Agriculture” lesson, or “Cal Aggies” for short, docent Kaye Loughmiller teaches about the farming of

apricots on a tour of the apricot cutting shed and sulphur drying shed, and Anne MacPherson gives an overview of the equipment used in local agriculture, including the walnut huller and tractor.

A downloadable PDF lesson titled “Stepping into the Wondrous World of Anna Knapp Fitz” provides an introduction to the paintings of the local artist and a view of Los Altos in the early days. The lesson includes questions for students to think about and ends with suggested activities inspired by the painter.


“We hope students and their families will participate in these online lessons,” Roberts said. “They can be used by teachers in classrooms or by families at home, and are now available to students who don’t normally visit the museum.”

To access the free educational resources, visit losaltoshistory.org/StudentTours.

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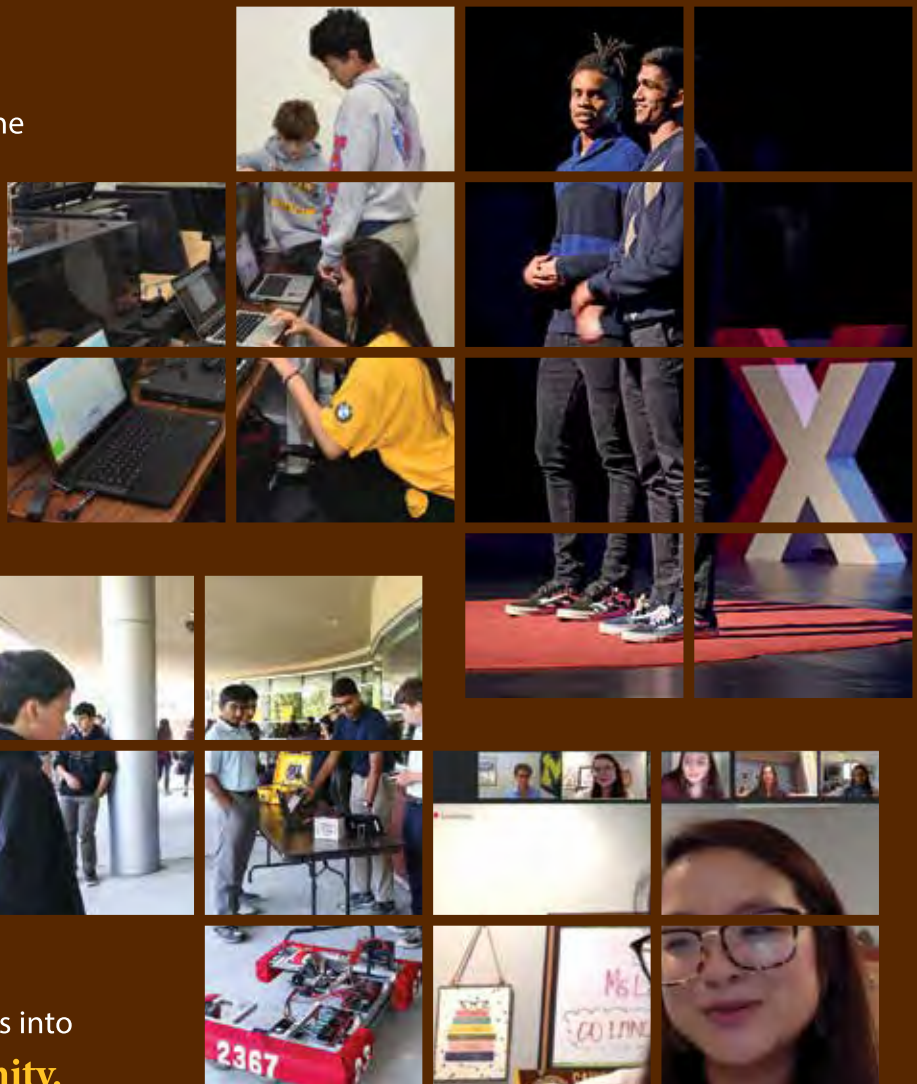
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Schools

Los Altos High earns national Green Ribbon for sustainability

By Zoe Morgan

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Los Altos High School students and staff have long worked to make the campus more environmentally friendly, and last month the federal government recognized the school for its efforts.

The U.S. Department of Education named Los Altos High a 2021 Green Ribbon School, making it one of five only California schools to earn the award this year. The Green Ribbon Schools program honors schools for their sustainability practices.

Students from the school's Green Team club spearheaded the application process, in collaboration with teachers, administrators and other adult advisers.

"(The award) sets us up to recognize our role as a leader in terms of sustainability and then almost gives us responsibility to promote and foster our culture of sustainability," Green Team co-president Audrey Chang said.

The Green Ribbon Schools award takes into account a school's work across a range of areas, including the steps enacted to reduce environmental impact, how environmental edu-



ZOE MORGAN/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A student parks his bike at Los Altos High last month, a sustainable practice Green Team encourages.

cation is incorporated into the curriculum and how the school is improving the health and wellness of its students and staff.

Los Altos High received a state-level Green Ribbon Schools award in 2019, but this is the first time the school has been recognized at the national level.

When Los Altos High applied for the 2019 award, the timeline was tight and the application had to be completed quickly, said Margaret Capetz, Green Team's other co-president. This time around, the team was able to use its previous application as a starting point, reviewing and fine-tuning it to reapply.

That involved interviewing teachers, students and staff to gather more information about sustainability on campus, Chang said, as well as improving how the application described the school's efforts.

"Los Altos High School is an awesome school – we're an amazing school in terms of sus-

tainability," she said. "The first time we documented it, we just caught a glimpse of how we performed in terms of sustainability, and this time it was a more holistic picture."

Team effort

Chang stressed that though students in Green Team worked to complete the application, the sustainability efforts themselves are far broader and involve the work of people throughout the district.

Assistant principal Galen Rosenberg said the school's push to be more sustainable has been a long-term commitment over roughly the past decade that has required support from the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District's board and administration, as well as from students and various community groups.

Steps the school has taken include erecting solar panels and onsite battery storage, installing electric-vehicle charging stations and constructing environmentally friendly buildings.

Although some decisions were made at the district-level, Rosenberg said students also

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Three local middle schoolers qualify for robotics world championships

By Karuna Chandran

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Three local boys recently participated in the middle school VEX IQ Robotics competition in Dublin and emerged victorious, earning a Create Award at the state championships and a ticket to the world championships.

"So when we qualified for states, I was just really proud, and I was quite surprised that our team was able to beat most of the other teams in California because we had only come together for about a few months, and this was our first time doing VEX," team member Philip Oberhart said of the March event.

The partnership between Mountain View resident Philip, who attends Bullis Charter School, and fellow middle schoolers Ben Sandland (Ocean

Grove Charter School) and Aaron Kang (Cupertino Middle School) of Los Altos began when Ben – taking classes from home – decided to form his own team because he could not form one at school.

As the trio began the build process, they had a lot of logistics to consider.

"One challenge was finding an available time where all three of us could come together and work on the robot together, because in the first few months when we started building this robot, the schedule was kind of scattered," Philip said. "It was taken very casually, but then as time moved on, we became more serious about it and then we started actually trying to plan out times when we could come together as one group."

In an effort to facilitate their meetings, Ben's father, Nathan

Sandland, acted as the team's coach. He and the other parents worked together to arrange team meetings and help the boys stay on course amid the pandemic.

"Probably almost any eighth-grade (and seventh-grade) boy is, especially when you get multiple of them together, pretty rambunctious," Nathan said. "I think setting clear goals for not necessarily focusing on long-term goals but the short-term goals, and what is it that we need to do before that competition and helping them see that there were things they needed to do immediately in order to make it to those goals, was a good solution to that."

Budding engineers

Each boy had his own motivation for completing the robot.

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COURTESY OF NATHAN SANDLAND

Ben Sandland, from left, Aaron Kang and Philip Oberhart recently qualified for the VEX IQ Robotics world championships.

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BCS

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Hispanic students, those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged and students with disabilities.

County board member Peter Ortiz supported sending BCS the notice of concern, saying he believes as the school's authorizing body, the board is responsible for oversight and that BCS has an obligation to serve a population of students reflective of the local school district, which it is failing to do. Ortiz added that the notice of concern isn't a final judgment, but is meant to inform BCS that "there are inclusivity issues that we are watching very closely and we would like them to rectify."

"As elected leaders, it's our job to govern in the public's best interest, and we cannot stand idle when we're having these concerns raised," Ortiz said.

According to Mefula Fairley, director of the county's charter schools department, the pupil balance at BCS has "long been a concern" to the county.

Thomas Yih, a BCS parent and member of the school's board, spoke at the county's meeting, urging that board not to approve sending the notice. He called the suggested justification for potentially not renewing the school's charter "especially troubling." Because more students apply than BCS can admit, the school conducts a lottery with preferences approved by the county, Yih said. He added that the proportion of most student groups at BCS has stayed relatively steady, with the only large decrease in the number of white students.

"We ask that you refrain from authorizing or delegating authority for a notice of violation unless and until the staff presents substantial, factual evidence that BCS is not complying with the law," Yih said. "Otherwise, the county board is tainting what should be a fair renewal process, in violation of BCS' right to due process."

The one board member who voted against sending the notice of concern was Joseph Di Salvo, who said that though he believes BCS should be enrolling a more diverse student body, he couldn't support the motion without seeing specific enrollment data and a copy of the letter the county will send BCS.

"I will not be supporting this motion, but I strongly support and will not be able to vote for renewal unless Bullis has a population serving lots more underserved

kids than they currently serve – however they have to get there," Di Salvo said.

He added that there are ways to make that happen, even with the school's lottery process.

Comparative numbers

At last week's board meeting, county staff did not present specific numbers to back up the enrollment disparities it alleged. Grace Mah, the board member whose territory encompasses the Los Altos School District, asked county staff for more information about the data it is basing its assessment on, but she still voted in favor of sending the notice of concern.

In an interview, BCS Superintendent Maureen Israel said the school is proud of its diversity and wants to serve all students, but doesn't have the enrollment capacity to admit everyone who applies. She added that the school wants to review and understand the data the county is using.

"We definitely are a school that is open to any and all families, and we encourage all families to join us," Israel said.

Although no enrollment numbers were shared at last week's meeting, publicly available data from the California Department of Education shows that in 2020, the charter school enrolled lower proportions of the four student groups the county identified, compared to LASD.

At BCS, 1.4% of students were socioeconomically disadvantaged, per the state's data, compared with 6% for LASD. English learners make up 5.7% of BCS students, compared to 11.1% in LASD. Students with disabilities account for 6.7% of BCS' population versus 9.5% of LASD's. At BCS, Hispanic students total 3.9% of the student body, whereas they make up 8% of LASD's students.

At last week's meeting, some local residents spoke during the public comment portion, supporting sending BCS the notice of concern. Among the commenters was Vaishali Sirkay, LASD's board president, who called the move a "critical step in the right direction."

"Especially now that BCS has grown to almost 1,100 kids, the staggering inequity in their enrollment becomes truly intolerable and of a magnitude that we cannot ignore," Sirkay said. "I personally find it inconceivable and irresponsible that an organization receiving public funds can continue practices that have only proven to sustain and exacerbate its exclusivity."

GREEN

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have played an important role in green initiatives on campus, including spearheading a ban on the sale of single-use plastic bottles, changing the school's parking permit system and encouraging more students to walk or bike to campus.

"They really do that work – the students really do," Rosenberg said. "I do not think we would have made the progress we've made without the student group over the years doing these things and supporting the larger effort – and we definitely wouldn't have gotten the award without them."

Sybil Cramer, Green Team's parent liaison, said receiving national recognition may mean the school can help other schools interested in taking similar environmental actions.

"If they can have a voice on the national level, any way that we can be helpful, we are glad to be helpful," Cramer said.

Next steps

Now that Los Altos High has received the national Green Ribbon Schools award, Green Team members hope to take further actions as a club, school and district. Possible next steps include continuing to work toward being zero waste.

According to Capetz, Green Team also wants to broaden the diversity of its members and increase involvement across the student body. That may include collaborating with groups such as the Latino Student Union and Black Student Union, Capetz said.

"There's so many green-minded students on campus, but not all of them are in Green Team or involved with us," she said.

Chang said Green Team wants to focus on issues of environmental justice, recognizing that underrepresented groups are the most impacted by climate issues.

On the local level, one example is that Los Altos High students who live in less affluent parts of Mountain View often

have a more difficult commute to school, having to cross major roads like El Camino Real, Rosenberg said.

"There's no doubt that kids coming from Mountain View elementary schools to Los Altos High School are taking a more precarious commute to get here," he said. "I think that encourages parents to drop their student off, rather than let them bike or walk."

According to Rosenberg, the school is working with the city of Los Altos to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety for students. Green Team also wants to reach out to Graham and Crittenden middle schools in Mountain View to work with them on implementing green initiatives.

"Los Altos is in a very privileged area, and I think we've used this privilege and been really able to make Los Altos a shining star for sustainability," Capetz said. "But the next step is to reach out and really help others and lift them."

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Schools

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schools wouldn't be shut down to save money, though they left the door open to closures for other reasons, such as declining enrollment.

Now that voters have shot down the tax, the board is going to once again consider a whole host of budget cuts, including school closures, Liu said. The district already has a list of potential cost-cutting measures. Beyond shutting down schools, options include increasing class sizes, having

one principal cover multiple schools, furlough days and eliminating librarians.

"I know that the question on everybody's mind is: Are we going to close schools? It's back on the table – and nothing is off the table right now," Liu said.

As for the likelihood that schools are closed permanently, he said the board will first need to take a close look at the district's current financial situation in the coming weeks. The board plans to review its options at a May 20 meeting, and Superintendent Stacy Yao said it's also possible a special meeting could

be called earlier.

Yao called Measure A's failure a "setback" for CUSD, but added the district will regroup and find a path forward. Although the focus will be on providing the best possible education, she acknowledged the likely cuts will impact students.

"It's going to (have an) effect throughout the entire district," Yao said. "It's not going to be an impact on one or two schools – it really is a districtwide impact."

According to Liu, it's going to be about making tradeoffs and choosing the least bad option from a series of unpalatable choices. At the same time, he said the district has an obligation to follow the will of the voters.

"The voters have told us what they'd like to see – and it's our job to work within the parameters of what the voters tell us, which is at this point no new revenue," he said.

Weighing options

Some of the cuts could happen as early as next school year. Options such as furlough days, not filling vacant positions and having a district-level administrator also work part-time as a principal could all be imple-

mented this fall, Yao said. A school could even theoretically be closed for next school year, she said, with the staff and teachers shifting to other campuses.

Measure A's failure comes just over a year after the district tried unsuccessfully to pass a different parcel tax. Measure O, which voters rejected in March 2020, would have levied a \$125 tax per parcel. It failed by a virtually identical margin to Measure A last week, receiving 59.71% support, below the required two-thirds.

The district knew putting another measure on the ballot would be costly, estimating it could total approximately \$1 million, and some board members publicly questioned whether it was likely to pass. The cost of running an election is generally split among the measures on the ballot, and Measure A was the only item up for a vote last week.

Despite the cost and risk of failure, the board voted unanimously in January to place the parcel tax before voters, saying they wanted to give the community a final chance to support the district before moving ahead with school closures. Liu said

last week he personally feels school closures are a "monumental enough decision" to justify going back to voters.

"It's serious enough that in my mind, it's worth checking with the voters on this, because once you close a campus, it's going to be hard to bring it back," he said.

As for why Measure A failed, both Liu and Yao said it would take time to analyze the causes. However, Liu said one factor may be dissatisfaction with the district's school reopening plan.

Some parents have criticized CUSD for keeping schools closed for over a year – campuses reopened last month – and there is an active recall effort against Lori Cunningham, who was board president last year.

Despite Measure A's failure, Liu said he believes there's increased recognition of the district's financial situation, and one of the takeaways is the need for "better communication and engagement" on the district's part.

"We shouldn't be talking to the community only when we need help," he said. "It's something that should be a regular part of what we do."

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ROBOTICS

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Philip and Aaron, for example, wanted to have a place to channel their creative energy and compete with other like-minded individuals.

"I've been in the robotics (world) since the summertime of last year," Philip said, "and I just enjoy robotics because I like all the different types of things that robots can do, and all the different types of things that we can try and make robots do, such as make certain things or pick up different types of items."

The VEX parts used for the state competition are similar to LEGO bricks, but with more long, conjoining pieces. Trying to accomplish their goals with such a robotics setup proved to be a lesson in trial and error, Ben said.

"At first, we decided maybe we should go with a scissor lift and so we built it," he said. "It was very big and it was very heavy. ... And so we moved on to our second idea and that was a forklift, a multi-stage forklift. We saw the idea in an older group of robotics. And we

thought that was a great idea. And then we implemented it into plastic VEX parts. It took a while, but we were finally able to make a stable forklift, which was quite hard."

Other than the construction itself, the budding engineers had to work on the programming side of the event, as one of the competition modes was autonomous, with the team relying entirely on code.

"Our programming is very, very long lines of code; especially for autonomous, it has to say every single command that it's going to do," Ben said. "And one special thing that we used in our programming was called 'functions,' and they would do a list of tasks – like, say 'lift riser' a certain amount, and we could use that multiple times, but it was a lot. And so we just put in a function and that function becomes a little block and then you can put it in there and the code looks much cleaner."

Problem solving

While the team ultimately decided not to go to the world championships after discovering that the format was altered

to accommodate the pandemic, the boys said they still got a lot out of the experience. They learned how to handle setbacks and keep moving forward despite them.

"After (a step in) the competition where we completely failed, we started to think about what happened and we tried to identify a problem," Philip said. "We felt pretty bad about it, but then after that, we decided, well, OK, this is just one fail, and we'll have a second chance in a few months. So, from in between that time and the next competition, every once a week we would meet together as a group, and then we would try and fix that bug (having to do with) the autonomous program."

Aaron added that robotics is something he plans to pursue in the future.

"I think I'll definitely proceed (with robotics) in high school because I don't want to be stuck with math, doing math all day," he said. "It's definitely better to code, make robots; definitely helps more than just doing that."

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

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Eagles get defensive

Undefeated LA girls limit last four foes to under 30 points

By **Pete Borello**
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The Los Altos High girls basketball team is off to its best start of the millennium. With three wins last week, the Eagles improved to 7-0.

"They work hard, play as a team and play good defense," first-year head coach Erik Stuart said in explaining his team's success.

The defensive effort has been especially apparent in recent games; Los Altos held its last four opponents under 30 points.

"We pride ourselves on defense," Stuart said. "We've been playing solid team defense."

The host Eagles crushed Fremont 48-12 Saturday in non-league action, limiting the Firebirds to just five points in the second half. Earlier in the week, Los Altos swept Saratoga by scores of 30-20 and 53-28 in SCVAL De Anza Division play.

Senior guard Jamie Baum – averaging a team-best 16.3 points per game – didn't make a field goal in the first game against Saratoga, but Stuart said she played an integral role in the



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Los Altos High guard Jamie Baum averages 16.3 points per game.

Girls Hoops Roundup

May 4 home win.

"With no field goals, it may have looked like she had a bad game, but in reality, she had a pretty darn good game," he said. "She was 5-for-6 from the line, had eight rebounds, two steals, two assists and no turnovers. And she defended their best guard and

held her to two points."

Fellow senior Mone Sekiguchi scored a team-high eight points in the contest and contributed 10 in Friday's win at Saratoga. Baum tallied 14 points in that game, while freshman Macy Watson added 11 points and a season-best 17 rebounds.

In Saturday's rout of Fremont, Baum paced the Eagles with 15
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Foothill athletes get OK to train after long layoff

By **Pete Borello**
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Last week marked the return of sports at Foothill College. There won't be any games this spring, but the Owls are at least training again after more than 13 months off.

"We're super excited," said Foothill women's soccer coach Owen Flannery, who noted prior to last week's return that he had not been on campus since February of 2020. "I've been talking to the kids every week about how they're feeling, and they are over the moon about training again."

Foothill and the district's other community college, De Anza in Cupertino, are the last of the 17 schools in the Coast Conference to allow their athletic teams to gather on campus for training. Fourteen of the schools are already doing more than that, competing in actual games as part of the California Community College Athletic Association's Spring Season 2.

While Foothill spokesperson Simon Pennington said, "We respect the decisions made by our fellow schools," he stands behind the district's more cautious approach amid the COVID-19

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Los Altos, Mountain View teams won't participate in CCS playoffs

By **Pete Borello**
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The Central Coast Section playoffs are on, but not for Los Altos and Mountain View highs.

Encouraged by recent changes in the California Department of Public Health guidance regarding youth sports, the CCS Executive Committee recently voted to move forward with section playoffs in all team sports for CCS Season 2.

Just days later, the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League Board of Managers – which includes the principals of Los Altos, Mountain View and 12 other public schools in the county – unanimously voted against allowing SCVAL athletes to participate.

SCVAL Commissioner Brad Metheany declined to comment on the decision – made at a special meeting held April 29 – when contacted by the Town Crier last week.

The board had tabled the playoff discussion at its previous three meetings. Some

members wanted to wait and see what the CCS decided – the section approved team playoffs April 26 – and a few expressed concerns about having their schools compete beyond graduation.

"It's disappointing, but it's out of our control," Mountain View High baseball coach Kris Mims said. "We're disappointed, but we have to move on."

Mountain View High athletic director Shelley Smith acknowledged that he has received emails from parents unhappy with the league's decision, but not that many.

"It's been limited," he said Thursday, "and I think that's because we did a pretty good job of being proactive – we communicated with our coaches, and they communicated with the parents about what was going on."

As soon as the SCVAL chose to go its own way early this year – forgoing the section's two-season schedule for a three-season slate that granted each sport six weeks of competition – Smith said it was fairly clear that the

playoffs were off the table.

"We knew we were probably not going to be able to that," he said. "But at the time, we made the decision for the right reasons, and we're getting the right results. It's an opportunity to get everyone on the field and play."

SCVAL Season 3 sports will finish right around the time CCS Season 2 concludes at the end of the month, but sports played in the league's previous seasons don't sync up with the playoffs.

"The timing is awkward for a sport like soccer that ended in April," Smith said. "The playoffs don't start until May 22 – that's a whole month delay."

The SCVAL's decision leaves only two local schools eligible for postseason play: St. Francis and Pinewood. The Lancers and Panthers play in the West Catholic Athletic League and West Bay Athletic League, respectively.

The CCS plans to have team-sport playoffs for basketball, soccer, baseball, softball,
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Sports

Spartans rally late to edge Pioneers in boys hoops

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

The Mountain View High boys basketball team overcame a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat host Cupertino 38-33 Friday night.

After making just one 3-pointer over the first three quarters of the SCVAL De Anza Division game, the Spartans hit three of them in the final stanza – two courtesy of Ryan Bahar. The senior's top-of-the-key 3 with 2:18 left put Mountain View up 33-30, its first lead since the opening quarter.

The Pioneers cut their deficit to one on Erik Chu's drive, but Bahar soon swished another trey – this time from the right corner – to make it 36-32 with 38 seconds to go.

"Ryan's shots were huge," coach Kevin Mack said of his 6-foot-2 forward, who finished with a team-high 15 points. "He stepped up and hit some big 3s for us."

Jake Ellegood split free throws on Cupertino's next possession, closing the gap to 36-33 with 23 seconds remaining, and his team intentionally fouled the Spartans until they were in the bonus. The strategy nearly worked – Mountain View went to the foul line twice and missed the front end of a 1-and-1 – but



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Mountain View's Ryan Bahar, shooting against Los Altos in a game last year, scored 15 points in Friday's win at Cupertino.

the Pioneers weren't able to get off another shot. The Spartans corralled the rebound after their first errant free throw, and Andrew Lau stole Cupertino's half-court pass after the second.

The Pioneers quickly fouled Lau to stop the clock, and the senior guard calmly sank both free throws to seal the win with 2.3 seconds on the clock.

"Those were huge free throws," Mack said. "Andrew has been so solid for us. Defensively, he's a smart player."

Yuval Hod made some key defensive plays as well. The senior guard scored Mountain View's first points of the fourth by turning a backcourt steal into a layup.

"I think that turned the game for us," Mack said. "It shifted the momentum."

Hod also made two steals in the third, converting the first into a layin. He totaled 12 points.

Joe Brown added five points, including a fourth-quarter 3 that Mack called "huge." The junior's right-corner trey narrowed the Pioneers' lead to 30-28, prompting them to call a timeout with 4:03 left.

Mack described the win as "a mirror image of Wednesday's game," in which the Spartans rallied in the second half to prevail 49-39. Down five at intermission, host Mountain View outscored Cupertino 26-11 the rest of the way.

"In the first half (of both games), we were average on the defensive end and picked it up in the second half," Mack said. "I feel like we've turned the corner defensively; now we have to do it for a full game."

The Spartans entered this week on a five-game winning streak that includes a 56-52 victory over rival Los Altos May 3. Mountain View (3-0 league, 5-2 overall) is scheduled to visit Homestead 7:30 p.m. today.

day in a non-league game.

The Panthers, who earlier in the week whipped Woodside Priory 66-25, improved to 5-0.

Four Panthers scored double-digit points Friday: Una Jovanovic (21), Annika Decker (16), Chance Bucher (13) and Courtney Thompson (12).

FOOTHILL

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pandemic.

"We understand it was difficult, but we felt we made the right decision," said Pennington, Foothill's interim associate vice president of college and community relations, marketing and communications. "We are sorry we couldn't do it earlier, but on one level, we're not. Safety is at a premium."

Pennington added that Foothill's top priority is "the health and safety of students, faculty, staff and their families." By keeping the campus closed to students since the start of the pandemic – except for those in the allied health programs – "We had no COVID cases related to things happening on campus," he said.

The decision didn't sit well with everyone, however. Pennington confirmed that several student-athletes transferred out of Foothill and De Anza, enrolling at nearby community colleges so they could at least continue training.

Flannery said three of his players transferred, though they may return in the fall to play for the Owls.

"Two of our best players went to West Valley – I actually told them they should go there and train – but it looks like they're coming back," he said. "The other went to Cañada. She's a great player, and a good kid, who's thinking of transferring to a four-year (college). I'm still hopeful she'll come back."

Most of the student-athletes who left Foothill weren't able to do more than train this year, because "a limited number of schools are participating (in



Pennington

Spring Season 2)," according to Pennington. "It's very piecemeal."

Foothill, for example, offers only two sports included in Spring Season 2: softball and tennis.

According to statistics provided by the CCCAA, 60% percent of the state's community colleges opted in for Spring Season 2.

Pennington said Foothill is "planning to have a full season in the fall." Teams were allowed to start training – outdoors in cohorts – May 3. Workouts were limited to one 90-minute session in each of the first two weeks, "then we get to meet two times a week," Flannery said. "After a month, we can practice as much as we want, as long as no one gets sick (with COVID-19)."

Flannery noted that his team last played a game in November 2019. Although he currently has only 18 players and is seeking more recruits, he expects the Owls to be a contender come September.

"We usually start practicing Aug. 15, so I'm jazzed that we can get an early start," he said. "We will be very good by September 1. I think we can be better than ever."

BASKETBALL

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points and Aliyah McPherson scored 12.

Los Altos faces defending league champ Lynbrook this week. The Eagles were set to visit the Vikings (7-1) Tuesday,

after the Town Crier's deadline, and host them 6:15 p.m. Friday.

"We'll have our hands full," Stuart said.

Pinewood rolls on

The area's other undefeated girls team, Pinewood, blew out host Half Moon Bay 84-38 Fri-



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Sports

PLAYOFFS

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lacrosse, team tennis and boys volleyball. According to the section's website, playoffs would start as early as May 22 (soccer) and run as late as June 19 (baseball).

The CCS also announced in a press release that it has received permission at the county level to move forward with the boys

Swept by Spartans, Eagles bounce back in baseball

Town Crier Staff Report

The Los Altos High baseball team capped what coach Gabe Stewart called "a rough week" by edging Pioneer 4-3 Saturday in nine innings. The non-league win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Eagles, who opened the week with a 15-2 loss to Los Gatos and then lost twice to rival Mountain View in De Anza Division play.

Los Altos (6-7 overall) won Saturday's game in walk-off fashion, with James Flynn driving in Cole Rafferty with a single in the bottom of the ninth. Aaron Parker, who homered in the eighth, earned the win in relief.

A day earlier, host Mountain View (8-2) blanked Los Altos 3-0 behind the pitching of Gabe Barrett. The senior, who threw a no-hitter a week earlier, struck out 14 batters and walked none

and girls golf championships at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch. Those events are scheduled June 1 and 8 for the boys and June 9 for the girls.

A few more sports may soon be added to the playoff docket. According to the release, section officials "are actively working with the six counties that compose the CCS regarding individual sports that are outdoors. Their approval is required prior

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in a complete-game effort. His younger brother Liam drove in what proved to be the winning run with a single in the second.

The Spartans beat the host Eagles 10-3 in the series opener May 5. Mountain View jumped to a 10-0 lead in the second. Liam Barrett totaled three RBIs. Starter Chase Yocum earned the win.

Nick Teng went 3-for-4 for the Eagles.

St. Francis split its two-game league series with Valley Christian last week. The Lancers beat the Warriors 4-2 Thursday behind the bat of Ryan Lee (three RBIs) and fell to them 10-0 Saturday. St. Francis is 10-5 overall.

Softball

Jessica Oakland belted two homers as St. Francis improved to 15-0 with Friday's 10-1 shellack-

ing of Mitty. The junior drove in five runs in the home win. Sydney Stewart also homered.

These sports include swimming and diving, and track and field. If approved, the swim meet would be May 27-29 at Independence High; the track semifinals and finals would be June 12 and 19, respectively, at a site to be determined.

Due to the CDPH guidance, the CCS Executive Committee determined that individual tennis, wrestling, badminton and

Boys tennis

Mountain View beat Lynbrook and Wilcox last week to raise its record to 5-2 in the SCVAL El Camino Division.

The Spartans took care of the Vikings 5-2 May 4, with top singles player Tyler Wong winning in straight sets to remain undefeated. Mountain View cruised to a 6-1 victory over the Chargers Thursday, helped by a straight-set win by Josh Agupugo, who was filling in at No. 4 singles, according to coach Frank Smyth.

Boys lacrosse

Despite five goals and an assist from Bailey Lunn, Mountain View fell 10-7 to Burlingame May 5. Joey Davancaze and Nolan Neagu added a goal each for the host Spartans.

gymnastics championships will not happen this spring.

"While it was the intention of the CCS to hold these events this year, the myriad of obstacles has presented itself to be too great for these events to occur," the release stated.

Those participating in sports with playoffs will not advance beyond CCS. The California Interscholastic Federation, which governs the state's high school

sports, announced April 28 that only Southern California teams will have regional championships.

"With only two of the six Northern California region sections offering championships at this time (Central Coast Section and Oakland Section), it is not feasible for the State CIF to conduct Northern California Regional Championships," CIF officials explained in a press release.

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Boys basketball

Today
Los Altos at Cupertino, 7:30 p.m.
Mountain View at Homestead, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis at Bellarmine, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Bellarmine at St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.
Cupertino at Los Altos, 7:45 p.m.
Homestead at Mountain View, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday
St. Francis at Christopher, 4 p.m.
Los Altos at Fremont-Sunnyvale, 4:30 p.m.
Santa Clara at Mountain View, 5:30 p.m.
Monday
Pinewood at Harker, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball
Today
Menlo at Pinewood, 5:30 p.m.
St. Francis at Presentation, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Pinewood at Sacred Hear Prep, 6 p.m.
Lynbrook at Los Altos, 6:15 p.m.
Monta Vista at Mountain View, 6:15 p.m.
Presentation at St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pinewood at Palo Alto, 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Pinewood at Woodside Priory, 5:30 p.m.
Homestead at Los Altos, 7:30 p.m.
Milpitas at Mountain View, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Today
Cupertino at Los Altos, 4 p.m.
Palo Alto at Mountain View, 4 p.m.
Thursday
Bellarmine at St. Francis, 4 p.m.
Friday
Los Altos at Cupertino, 4 p.m.
Mountain View at Palo Alto, 4 p.m.
Saturday
St. Francis at Bellarmine, 11 a.m.
Los Altos at Leland, noon
Monday
Los Altos at Los Gatos, 4 p.m.
Mountain View at Santa Clara, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
Mitty at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Softball

Today
Valley Christian at St. Francis, 4 p.m.
Thursday
Los Altos at Fremont-Sunnyvale, 4 p.m.
Mountain View at Wilcox, 4 p.m.
Friday
St. Francis at Mitty, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Fremont at Mountain View, 11 a.m.
Milpitas at Los Altos, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
Los Altos at Homestead, 4 p.m.

Mountain View at Milpitas, 4 p.m.

Boys soccer

Thursday
St. Francis at Bellarmine, 7:15 p.m.

Girls soccer

Tuesday
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Thursday
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Nutrient-rich dandelion greens hark back to grandmother's kitchen

By Blanche Shaheen

While health food enthusiasts sing the praises of kale, transforming the plant into smoothies and chips or adding the greens to casseroles and burgers, there is one medicinal plant that deserves at least as much attention: the dandelion green. As dandelion greens grow anywhere from front lawns to parking lots, many dismiss them as pesky weeds, but in fact they are medicinal herbs that are edible from the flowers to the leaves and roots.

Dandelions should not be seen as an invasive weed, but rather as a source of super-nutritious green vegetables. Dandelion greens are rich in vitamins A, C, E and K, as well as antioxidants. They make a great substitute for spinach, kale or Swiss chard, as they have an earthy, nutty and pleasingly bitter taste, similar to endive or radicchio. They are

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known to fight inflammation, aid in digestion and detoxify the body.

Dandelion leaves can be harvested any time of the year, but they are most tender and less bitter during the springtime. Currently you can find them at farmers' markets, with their large leaves and firm pinkish stems.

If you are feeling adventurous and want to pick dandelion greens in the wild, they are one of the best beginner plants for those who are new to foraging. Dandelion greens grow all over the world and thrive in many different types of climates. They prefer to grow in the coolness of the shade but can still grow in hotter climates with direct sunlight. Ideally, dandelion flowers should be picked

later in the morning when the blooms are completely open and dry – just make sure they are not doused with pesticides.

Unlike dandelion greens, dandelion flowers have a delicate and sweet flavor. They can be used to make dandelion tea or even jelly, and make a unique addition to sweet and savory baked goods. Dandelion roots are boiled as a tea to reduce water retention and improve liver function.

Balancing out the bitterness

To prepare the greens for eating, try the technique of parboiling. While some might think boiling vegetables leaches out the nutrition, in reality this cooking method can increase

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Parboil dandelion greens, or other local alternatives, before sautéing with onions.

COURTESY OF BLANCHE SHAHEEN



Review: Medal-winning selections help California stand out at annual Great American Beer Festival

By Derek Wolfram

While 2020 may not have been anyone's favorite year for a host of reasons, it was a great year for California breweries at the Great American Beer Festival, with 63 of 272 medals being awarded to California breweries.

Following are a variety of medal-winning Golden State-brewed beers I've had the opportunity to enjoy over the past few months.

• **Clandestine Brewing, San Jose: Agent Provocateur, Gold Medal, German-Style Doppelbock.** Deep brown with a creamy, persistent beige head and ruby highlights, the aroma showcases rich malt complexity, with intense toasted bread

Cheers!

and toffee character, as well as light perfumy yeast esters and subtle herbal noble hops. Similarly, the flavor is dominated by intense dark bready maltiness, while simultaneously coming across as well-attenuated and not particularly sweet. With just enough hop bitterness to provide a pleasant balance, the beer is moderately full-bodied with medium carbonation, a smooth, creamy mouthfeel and no alcohol heat from the 8.2% alcohol by volume (ABV). The finish is clean and semi-dry, with toasted malt character remaining the star of the show.

• **Firestone Walker Brew-**

ing Co., Marina del Rey: Propagator Series' Wookey Jack, Gold Medal, American-Style Black Ale. Regularly produced from 2012 to 2016, but only occasionally brewed in small batches since then, Wookey Jack took home its third Great American Beer Fest gold medal in 2020. The beer appears black in color, with ruby highlights and a rich, thick, creamy tan head. Citra and Amarillo hops supply bright peach and orange citrus notes in the aroma. While light delicate roast and spicy rye add complexity to the flavor, citrusy hop bitterness (65 International Bitterness Units) and flavor dominate, providing an overall impression that emphasizes IPA characteristics over typical dark

beer elements. Bright carbonation and medium body provide a surprising lightness that completely disguises the beer's 8.3% ABV. The dry, complex finish highlights substantial bitterness that combines hoppy character with subtle hints of coffee-like roast.

• **GameCraft Brewing, Laguna Hills: Umbeereon Schwarzbier, Bronze Medal, German Dark Lager.** With a light fluffy tan head atop a black liquid, the beer features a roasted malt aroma similar to a stout, with herbal noble hop notes present as well. On the palate, it has an interesting combination of medium body with definite dryness. Based on

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San Jose-based Clandestine Brewing's Agent Provocateur Doppelbock offers a hint of toasted bread and toffee.

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Springtime asparagus risotto, the easy way

By Rita Held

The cooking method for my asparagus risotto recipe is not traditional, but even without constant stirring, the result is excellent. Traditional risotto is very creamy, and the rice is firm to the bite. You'll find the rice continues to absorb liquid as it sits after cooking.

Asparagus Risotto

- 1 pound asparagus spears
- 1 cup diced ham (optional)
- 4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup white cooking wine*
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups Arborio rice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram or sage
- 1/3 cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano or Pecorino Romano cheese

Wash asparagus and break off tough ends. Cut spears into 1- or 2-inch pieces; set aside. Measure ham; set aside. Combine chicken broth and cooking wine; warm up in microwave.

In 6-quart pot, melt butter with olive oil. Add onion, garlic and rice. Over medium-high heat, cook and stir 3-4 minutes; do not brown. Stir in warm broth and cooking wine. Increase heat to high and bring to boil. Immediately reduce

Cooking Simply

The flavors of grated cheeses vary – start with 1/3 cup, then add more if desired. Many of the other ingredients also can be varied to taste or convenience – in place of asparagus, use 2 cups fresh peas or thawed

frozen peas. If you have mild white wine on hand, use that with a pinch of salt in lieu of the cooking wine.

Serve risotto as a main dish (four servings) or as a side dish (approximately eight servings), and you can halve the following recipe using a 4-quart saucepan.

Rita Held is a Los Altos resident.



COURTESY OF RITA HELD

Asparagus and lemon peel make this risotto a bright spring meal.

heat to low, cover and cook 10 minutes. No need to stir.

Stir in asparagus, ham, lemon peel and marjoram or sage. Continue to cook, covered, on medium heat, 3-4 minutes. Taste rice to ensure it does not

overcook. Rice should be al dente and rather soupy. Stir in cheese. Remove from heat and serve immediately.

If desired, sprinkle with additional cheese and serve with a side salad.

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the mouthfeel, I expected more sweetness, but it is refreshingly dry while highlighting maltiness at the same time. The coffee-like roasted malt dominates the palate, though a sturdy hop bitterness (25 IBU) from Pahto hops is also present, and the finish is a smooth, clean balance of roast and traditional Tettnanger hops. The 6% ABV is somewhat stronger than a traditional Schwarzbier, which does not at all detract from the quality of the brew.

• **Hop Dogma Brewing Co., Half Moon Bay:** Venti Is Large, Bronze Medal, Coffee Stout or Porter. Deep dark brown in color with a dense, persistent tan head, Venti Is

Large has an unmistakable coffee aroma, but it is a mildly sweet, creamy milk chocolate mocha coffee without a hint of burnt or acidic dark roast notes. Similarly, on the palate it is ridiculously smooth, with distinctive light coffee and chocolate character and absolutely no harshness whatsoever. Brewed with Catahoula Coffee and vanilla, the beer has a mild smoothness that suggests the presence of lactose, but none is used in the brew. The finish is also lightly smooth and slightly sweet, with long-lasting pleasant coffee character. Despite the substantial 7.2% ABV, no harsh alcohols are present.

• **Alvarado Street Brewery, Salinas:** Mai Tai PA, Bronze Medal, American-Style Strong Pale Ale. Pouring a

crystal-clear pale yellow color with a frothy white head, the brew's tropical hop aromas of pineapple, grapefruit and papaya leap from the glass. Very light malt is simply a vehicle to deliver bracing piney hop bitterness (45 IBU) and pungent, resinous hop flavors to the tongue. At 6.5% ABV, Mai Tai is light-bodied with bright, prickly carbonation, and the beer's incredibly dry, crisp, bitter finish abides long after the last sip. For a SMASH (Single Malt And Single Hop) beer made with only two-row malt and Mosaic hops, the complexity is striking.

Derek Wolfgram is a Certified Beer Judge and an officer of the Silicon Valley Sudzers homebrew club. For more information, visit sudzers.org.

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nutrient bioavailability for the dark, leafy greens that contain oxalates, organic compounds that reduce the body's ability to absorb nutrients. Oxalates bind to minerals and block their absorption, preventing the body from absorbing them from the plant. Boiling the greens for just five to 10 minutes will remove a good amount of oxalates.

My grandmother, who is still alive at age 99, eats dandelion greens regularly, and intuitively knows how to prepare them for maximum nutrient absorption. One of her favorite preparations is the popular Lebanese/Palestinian dish of braised dandelion greens called Hindbeh. In this dish, the bitter greens, a rich source of iron, are parboiled, then paired with lemon juice, olive oil and aromatics such as onions and garlic. The vitamin C in the lemon juice assists with iron absorption while mellowing out the bitterness of the greens. The fat from the olive

Hindbeh

- 1 pound dandelion greens, trimmed, washed and chopped (you can substitute other greens such as collard or mustard greens, kale, spinach or Swiss chard)
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2-3 cloves of garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons sumac
- 3 tablespoons fruity extra-virgin olive oil
- Juice of one large lemon

Remove any yellow leaves from dandelions. Wash well, then finely chop. Bring water to boil in pot, then add dandelion greens and boil over medium heat for approximately 10 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water, then squeeze until dry.

Heat olive oil in large skillet, then add onions. Sauté for approximately 4 minutes, until translucent. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute longer. Add greens and sauté for approximately 2 minutes. Add lemon juice, sumac and salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle with more olive oil if desired, and serve warm or cold.

oil helps the body absorb vitamins A, C and K, so not only does this ingredient combination make bitter greens more palatable, but nutritionally more bioavailable. Sweet caramelized onions and garlic add depth of flavor to balance out any bitterness.

As a child, I didn't think

twice about eating these lemony greens, as they were buttery, sweet and tangy all at once. You can eat these greens plain or as a side dish. I preferred tucking them into pita bread with Middle Eastern spreads such as Labneh kefir cheese or hummus. You also can mix these greens with qui-



COURTESY OF ARYA PINO

Find dandelion greens at farmers' and produce markets, or take a page from your ancestors and forage for the greens.

noa and feta cheese for a main course.

Los Altos resident Blanche Shaheen is a journalist, host of the YouTube cooking show "Feast in the Middle East" and cookbook author. For a video tutorial of her Hindbeh recipe, visit this story at losaltosonline.com.

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Eats on State Street

By Eliza Ridgeway
Staff Writer/elizar@latc.com

When the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market returned Thursday, familiar vendors reappeared, a few were missed in their absence and a few new faces debuted.

Menlo Park-based newcomer Little Sky Bakery's reputation clearly preceded it – the enormous cookies, pull-apart challah rolls and whole-grain breads proved a sought-after prize. Seller Leah Shanson said they're hoping to double the supply they bring

next week after completely selling out by 5:30 p.m., a feat given that the market had only opened at 4 p.m.

Because the pandemic shut down Hidden Villa's typical plant sale, farm intern Alyssa Lang brought \$3 tomato starts in varieties such as Sungold, Lemon Boy and Early Girl. Skeins of the organic farm's spun sheep's wool (\$25) seemed particularly timely, as the annual shearing had occurred earlier that day.

The Finest-Edge knife-sharpening enterprise returned in a shiny new form this year with

a purpose-built van for onsite knife sharpening. Co-owner Liana Uno accepted knives for work and wrapped the finished jobs in newspaper under the watchful eye of canine assistant Coco Beanz, noting that someone had, indeed, paid for a sharpening with kibble (as offered on the sign denoting means of payment).

Albany-based Ocean View Brew Works' co-owner Vonnie Davidson enjoyed the novelty of pulling pints for market-goers as well as selling cans of primarily beer but also a raspberry hard seltzer. Los Altos is unusual locally as an "open container" city, with no explicit ban on drinking alcohol on downtown streets. That allows for beer walks, wine strolls and market pints.



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Scenes from the market: Hidden Villa farm intern Alyssa Lang, top far left, brought tomato seedlings to the market and reported more were en route throughout the month. Ocean View Brew Works co-owner Vonnie Davidson, top center, poured pints, while knife-sharpening entrepreneur Liana Uno, middle center, took and returned blades. Newcomer Ventana Organic Produce, bottom center, stocked beets of various colors. Wool from Hidden Villa's sheep, top right, and honey from Campbell's Honey Ladies, above right, joined fresh produce on offer.

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Stepping Out

TheatreWorks livestreams Felder's 'Anna & Sergei' Sunday from Italy

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will offer viewers the world premiere livestream of Hershey Felder as Sergei Rachmaninoff in "Anna & Sergei" this weekend.

A new work by and starring virtuoso pianist/performer Felder, the show will be performed live from Florence, Italy, 5 p.m. Sunday. It will be streamed on-demand through May 23.

"Anna & Sergei" explores the little-known story of a strange meeting of Russian piano virtuoso Rachmaninoff and Anna An-

derson, a woman who claimed to be Princess Anastasia, the sole surviving member of the Romanov Dynasty. Set in the Beverly Hills house in which Rachmaninoff died in 1943, the show features the composer's most famous music.

The production also will include guest stars soprano and actor Ekaterina Siurina as Natalia Alexandrovna Rachmaninoff and Igor Polesitsky as Dr. Golitzin.

Tickets are \$55 per household; proceeds benefit TheatreWorks.

For tickets and more information, visit TheatreWorks.org.



TheatreWorks is offering streaming access to the world premiere of Hershey Felder's "Anna and Sergei" this weekend.

COURTESY OF EIGHTY EIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

PA Players presents first in-person show of year

'Tea for Three' opens today at Lucie Stern

Town Crier Report

Palo Alto Players returns to in-person theater for the first time since being shuttered in March 2020 with an outdoor staged production of "Tea for Three: Lady Bird, Pat & Betty," scheduled to run today through May 23.

The play offers a look at life in the White House for three

first ladies: Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Betty Ford.

Staged outdoors in the Lucie Stern Community Center's patio, the production combines in-person performances with online video access.

Palo Alto Players' artistic director Patrick Klein directs three Bay Area actresses making their return to the company: Gwendolyne Wagner (as Lady Bird Johnson), Gabriella Goldstein (Pat Nixon) and Patricia

Tyler (Betty Ford).

In-person performances are slated 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. On-demand streaming runs 9 a.m. May 19 through 11:59 May 23.

Limited in-person tickets are \$40; on-demand streaming access is \$20.

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

New Works Festival wraps up Saturday

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley streams an advance look at future productions in New Works Festival Online, scheduled to run through Saturday.

Transforming the annual festival into a virtual experience, New Works Festival Online offers digital audiences the opportunity to view new plays and selections from new musicals and learn more about the development process in conversations with the playwrights.

Among the musical highlights: a sneak peek at the indie folk-rock musical "Lizard Boy," being revisited with updated material before it launches TheatreWorks' 51st season this fall, and a digital theater/rap piece inspired by the themes from "The Merchant of Venice" by the group Bay Area Theatre Cypher. Plays include two works examining the impact and ramifications of the Muslim travel ban – one a comedy exploring friendship in the time of war and the other a drama celebrating the human spirit during crises that divide – as well as a semi-autobiographical dance theater piece about memory, grief, forgiveness and freedom.

Streaming access is available at pay-what-you-can pricing (\$10 minimum).

For tickets and more information, visit theatreworks.org.

'Pear Slices' continues run

Town Crier Report

The Pear Theatre in Mountain View presents "Pear Slices 2021" through May 23.

The short-play showcase features original works from Pear Playwrights Guild members. Co-directed by Troy Johnson and Melinda Marks, the vignettes are presented as a filmed-live video performed by a single cast of actors. The plays range from dramatic to comical, adversarial to romantic.

Matthew Fyffe's comedy "A Stable Family" is about Joseph, a new dad struggling with the responsibilities of raising his first son, born in a stable in Bethlehem in 0 A.D.

Leah Halper offers two shorts. "Yes Yes Maybe" is the dramatic story of a not-so-young man in Buenos Aires asking his family tough questions. "Hello Heriberto" centers on a woman in labor and her partner as they rush to the hospital while struggling with other challenges.

Carol Wolf presents "Don't Let Go," in which a

community of blind primitives help one another through a fearful landscape of dangers.

Bridgette Dutta Portman's "Wheel of Fortuna" follows a riotous game show set in ancient Rome (sort of).

Meghan Maugeri's "Power(less) Pete" is about a man who sinks into an existential crisis during the summer of 2020.

In Barbara Anderson's "Sequestered," a couple struggles to find time together after their online, lockdown schedules become jam-packed.

Peggy Powell offers two short plays. "Roadside Attraction" is about two visitors to a Museum of Oddities in the middle of nowhere who undergo an odd experience. "Keepsake" follows Keira as a lab prepares to bring back her husband, who has been cryogenically frozen for decades.

Streaming-access tickets are \$30-\$34.

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Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. Masterpiece
4. It's higher on the hwy.
7. Bull markets
10. "All over the world" singers, for short
11. Cat-like sound
13. Naught
14. Summer at a ski resort, e.g., 2 words
16. _____gow poker
17. Airport authority, abbr.
18. Leftover piece of cloth
20. Bumbling
22. Good, in Guadalajara
23. Fortitude
24. Mural legend Jan
26. Can. province
27. Diamonds, slangily
28. 601, in old Rome
31. Pines
33. Honker
34. Hot casino destination in China
36. Doesn't own
37. Results in, 2 words
39. Caribou kin
40. Corn serving
41. Octogenarian's birthday

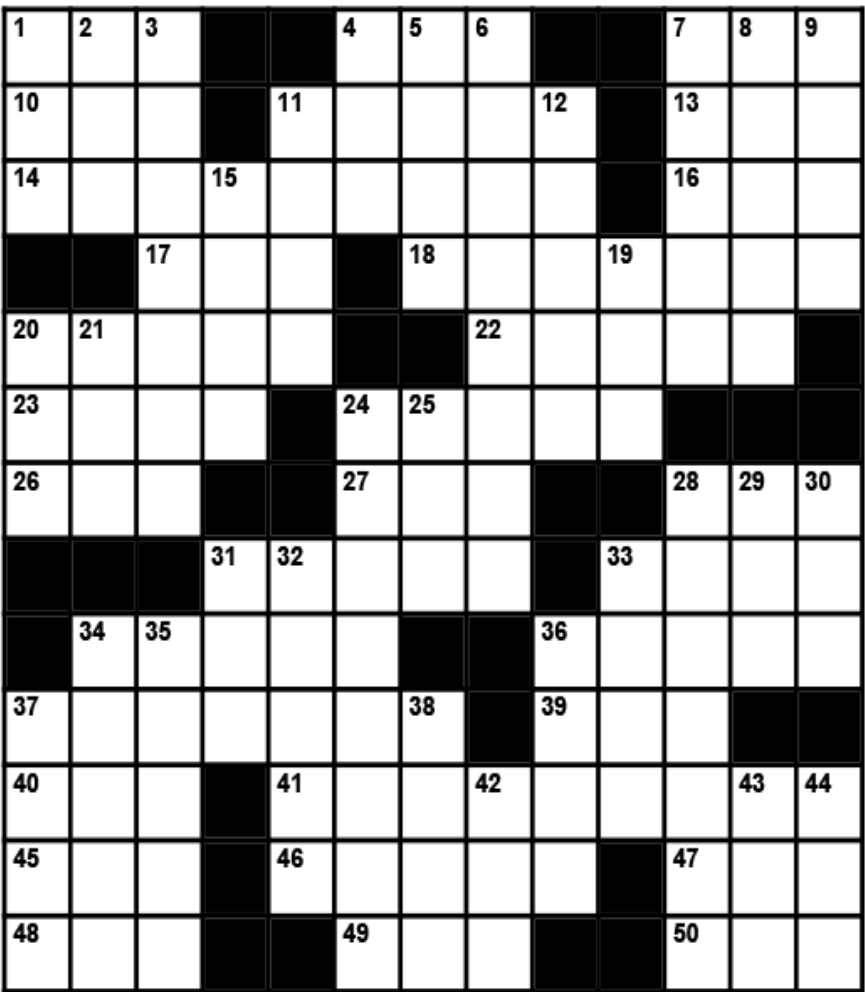
45. "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
46. Indian classical musical instrument
47. Drapers' meas.
48. _____degree
49. Alpha rhythm readout, for short
50. Concorde or Tupolev plane, abbr.

Down

1. GM's Prizm, once
2. "The Lord of the Rings" figure
3. Mtn. View boulevard
4. "Alice in Wonderland" (2010) star Wasikowska
5. El _____, Tex.
6. Farewells
7. Let loose
8. Baby grand, e.g.
9. Buttonhole, e.g.
11. Beef, e.g.
12. Not acceptable
15. Depletes, as strength
19. Debussy's "La _____"
20. "Here _____ Again" (1987 Whitesnake hit), 2

- words
21. Convent dweller
24. Little details
25. Cardiology chart, for short
28. Braying beasts
29. PC component, abbr.
30. Electees
31. Digital readout, for short
32. Refuges
33. Prefix with pad
34. Destined
35. Disgusted pirate outburst
36. Back home for good, abbr.
37. Economical
38. Shrek, for one
42. "Easy Rider" bike
43. Six-pointers, for short
44. D.D.E.'s predecessor
— **Los Altos clues bolded.**

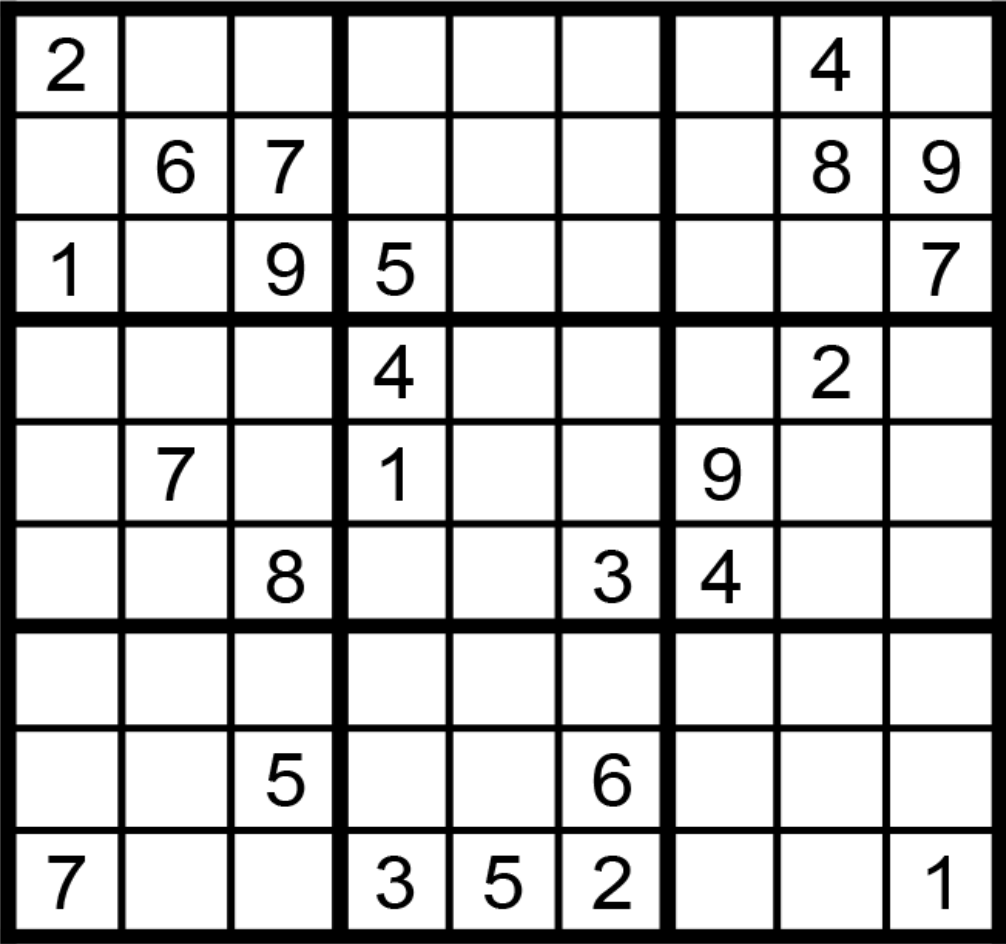
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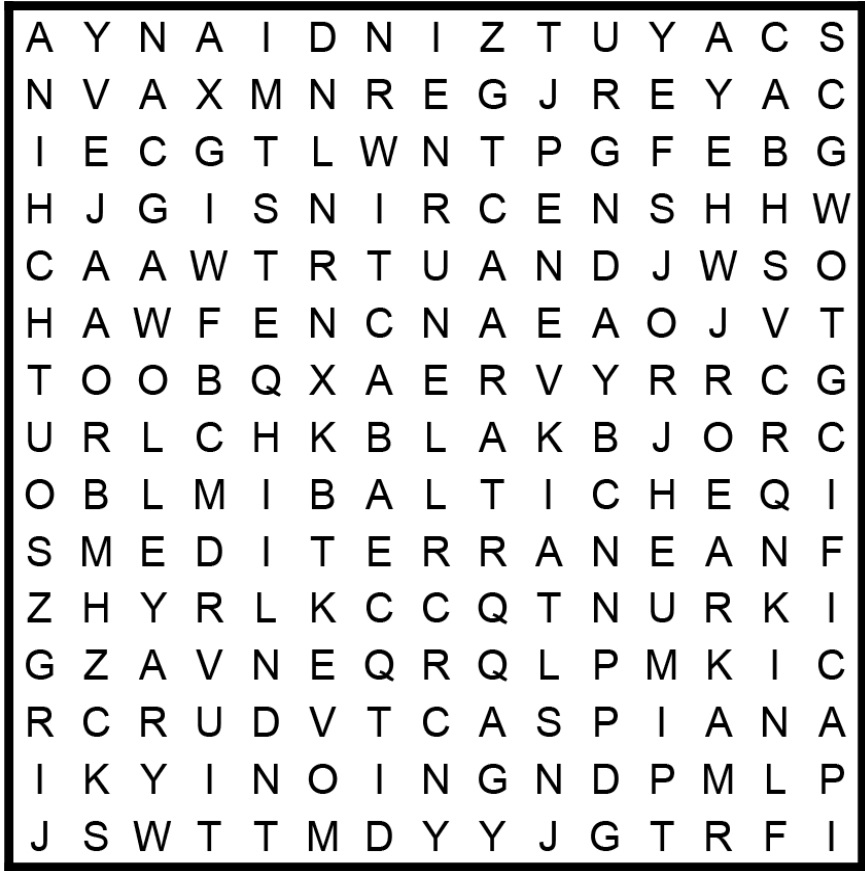
Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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Fifteen words related to oceans and seas are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find it.

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An old downtown Los Altos building has a new look after a recent face-lift. Built in 1962 at 199 First St., the 27,000-square-foot, three-story office and retail building – a rarity in Los Altos – underwent extensive interior and exterior renovation with a modernized building system. “A complete remodel from A to Z,” said Anthony Kamm of Redwood City-based Sequoia Realty Services. Sequoia represents the owner, an affiliate of Dostart Development Co. LLC in Palo Alto, which is leasing retail space on the bottom floor. Dostart, a commercial real estate development firm, purchased the property in 2019. It was once owned by Kentucky Fried Chicken executive Pete Harman. The remodel began early last year and wrapped up in March.

Before going on vacation, be sure to protect your home

By Owen Halliday

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, many people are turning their thoughts to a long-awaited trip away from home, where they have been sheltering, Zooming, studying, working and playing for more than a year now.

If you are considering a trip away from home, here are some answers to questions you should think about before you depart.

Q: We plan to be away from home for at least two weeks. What should we do to get our house ready?

A: Making your house look lived-in is very important. Consider investing in some simple timers you can plug a light into. Set the timers to go off at different times during the day.

Contact the post office and

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arrange to have your mail held until after you return. Make sure you don't have any packages due to arrive after you depart.

If possible, ask a trusted neighbor or friend to stop by – a great job for a neighborhood teenager – every day to check on your house to make sure no mail, packages or newspapers have arrived, or that a sprinkler hasn't sprung a leak.

Tell your immediate neighbors that you'll be gone so they can let you know if a moving van shows up. (Don't laugh, it has happened!)

If you employ a gardener, keep the service up while you're out of town to ensure your house looks as tidy and lived in as possible.

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You can't predict the future, so plan for it.



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1413 Brookmill Road, Dea Trust to Bhargava Family Trust for \$2,720,000
120 Coronado Avenue, Benjamin 2000 Trust to Los Altos 2021 LLC for \$3,950,000
737 Filip Road, RK Survivors Trust to Chaghajerdi Trust for \$3,725,000
360 Fontainebleau Terrace, D. & L. Landi to N. & T. Bhanse for \$4,100,000
121 Merritt Court, S. & G. Ballabio to Kirpalani Family Trust for \$4,818,000
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271 Pine Way, Koelling Family Trust to Y. & M. Maas for \$1,940,000
2035 San Luis Avenue, D. Chu to M. & J.

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FTB pushes the extension to claim refund for tax year 2016 to Monday

Special to the Town Crier

The California Franchise Tax Board has pushed the extension to Monday for individual state taxpayers to claim a refund for tax year 2016.

State Controller and FTB Chairperson Betty T. Yee said this gives individual taxpayers extra time to collect money owed to them on their 2016 tax returns.

"Many people who were not required to file do not realize they could have years' worth of tax credits due to them, which could have a big impact on their finances in these challenging times," she said.

Taxpayers normally have four years to file a claim for a state tax refund in California. Tax year 2016 state income tax returns were due in 2017, so the standard four-year statute of limitations for claiming a refund would have expired April 15 of this year. With the postponement, individual taxpayers who are due a refund may now file their return for the 2016 tax year no later than Monday to claim their money.

Similarly, the IRS recently announced an extension to Monday for individual

taxpayers who are due a refund on their tax year 2017 federal income tax returns. The IRS normally has a three-year statute of limitations to file a claim for a federal tax refund.

Taxpayers claiming a state refund for previous tax years can find Form 540 on the FTB's forms locator (ftb.ca.gov/forms/search) for the applicable tax year.

In addition, the FTB has begun contacting more than 448,000 taxpayers who have California income but did not file a 2019 state income tax return. For most taxpayers, the deadline to file a 2019 state tax return was Oct. 15.

Taxpayers will have 30 days to file a state tax return or show why one is not due. For people who do not respond, FTB issues a tax assessment, which includes interest and penalties, using income records to estimate the amount of state tax due.

Some taxpayers may have earned too little income to require them to file a tax return. However, if they had wage withholding or they made estimated tax payments, they must file a tax return to get any tax credits or refund they are due.

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Q: What about security?

A: Motion-sensing lights can be a big deterrent for burglars. You can buy them online or at a local home-improvement store. Many are solar-powered and can be mounted most anywhere.

Security cameras also can be very helpful, both as a deterrent and as evidence if a break-in occurs. They are a bit more work to install, but they certainly will give you peace of mind. There are many doorbell options – including Ring, which allows you to “answer” your door even when you’re not home.

Many police departments will do an occasional drive-by of your house if you notify them in advance.

Q: What about insurance?

A: If you are planning to be away for more than a month, it’s a good idea to check with your insurance company to make sure they don’t have a policy about “vacant” homes. Often you would need to be gone for more than 60 days for this to kick in, but it’s a good idea to check.

Q: What should I do to protect the physical house itself?

A: Keep your thermostat set at a reasonable “away” temperature, but don’t

turn it off completely. It’s good to not let your house get too cold or too hot. Turn off the valves to your washer just in case they spring a leak while you’re gone.

Check all your window locks, and consider putting a rod in the slider tracks of any sliding doors. Move your cars into the garage if at all possible. If not possible, remove any valuables, especially garage door remote controls. Unplug your toaster, coffee pot, computers (not the modems), TVs, etc., in case there is a power surge. Adding a small padlock on any gates will help keep people out of your backyard.

Remember that many crimes are ones of opportunity, where a burglar spots a door, window or gate left unlocked, or newspapers piling up. Make sure your neighbors or house sitter know how to get in touch with you should something happen to your house while you are off enjoying some much-needed rest and relaxation.

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10067 Byrne Avenue, Singh Trust to S. & Q. Zhou for \$3,930,000

11097 Flowering Pear Drive, Y. He to Y. & C. Nge for \$1,500,000

10440 Johnson Avenue, Yang Family Trust to V. & S. Jain for \$2,416,000

10204 Judy Avenue, T & J Trust to Thakkar Trust for \$4,300,500

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10250 Lockwood Drive, A. Kuo to M. & P. Inbarajan for \$2,780,000

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10173 Riedel Place, Morley Family Trust to M. & G. Batra for \$3,000,000

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20500 Town Center Lane No. 197, Y. & A. Ehrlich to Q. Weng for \$1,220,000

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Total sales: 22

Lowest sale: \$587,000

Highest sale: \$3,975,000

Average sale: \$1,848,800

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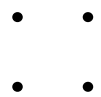
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP #2010-100)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees for the LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County ("District"), will receive proposals up to but not later than 5:00 p.m. PT May 24, 2021 ("Deadline") for the District's Request for Proposals for HVAC Controls for the procurement and installation of the following:

HVAC Controls System across three (3) sites

Persons or companies interested in submitting a proposal may obtain a copy of the complete RFP by contacting the District's Program Manager: Laura Fudge, TerraVerde Energy, LLC, laura@terraverde.energy, (415) 314-7505.

Proposals must be submitted as described in the RFP. It is the sole responsibility of the person submitting a proposal to ensure that the proposal is delivered on time. The District will not be responsible for, nor accept as a valid excuse for a late proposal delivery, any delay in mail service or other method of delivery. Any proposal submitted after the Deadline may be rejected by the District.

Please refer to the complete RFP for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Randy Kenyon
Assistant Superintendent
Los Altos School District, Santa Clara County, State of California
(05-12,19,21)

070-T

Be Merry LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN673272

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

069-T

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

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Q CLEANER AND ALTERATIONS, 2061 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the state-

ment can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Ngoc Hoai Nguyen, 1135 Peidmont Road, San Jose, CA, 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (05-12,19,26,06-02-21)

068-T

Legal Notice of Annual Report Availability

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Annual Report for the Johnson Tri-Dom Foundation (JTD) (Empl#77-0145481) is available on or after April 15, 2021 at its principal office located at 1635 Candace Way, Los Altos, CA 94024 during regular business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days after the date this notice is published. JTD is a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the IRS Code, and is tax exempt under 501(c)(3). To request an inspection contact Cecilie Vaughters-Johnson, Chief Financial Officer at (650) 961-3312. (05-12-21)

067-T

Title Order No.: 95524625 Trustee Sale No. 85324 Loan No. G19079272 APN: 182-28-049 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/21/2019. 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 6/2/2021 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 9/3/2019 as Instrument No. 24269965 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by: CENTRAL LAH, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, A NEW YORK CHARTERED BANK, 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, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse located at 191 North 1st Street San Jose, CA 95113, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued 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 described the land therein: PARCEL B, OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL MAP FILED AUGUST 16, 2011, IN BOOK 846 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGES 30 THROUGH 33, INCLUSIVE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS. 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: 27983 CENTRAL DRIVE LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94022. 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 trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$4,195,557.25 (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 of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 5/4/2021 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCINCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 85324. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the In-

ternet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOX-POSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 85324 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; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; 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. (05-12,19,26-21)

066-T

LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF FILING OF REPORT OF SEWER CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR TAX YEAR 2021-22 A N D NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO SAID REPORT Notice is hereby given that a report of sewer charges to be collected on the Santa Clara County Tax Roll for Tax Year 2021-22 was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Los Altos pursuant to Section 5473 of the California Health & Safety Code on May 7, 2021. The report is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. For an appointment to view the report or additional information please call 650-947-2610 or email achelemengos@losaltosca.gov. On June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to the report. The City Council public hearing will be held via tele/videoconference at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Members of the public may participate via computer at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1480318380> Agenda, reports, and additional public participation details will be posted May 27, 2021, please visit <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/regular-city-council-meeting-34> Andrea Chelemengos, MMC Los Altos City Clerk Publication Twice: Town Crier May 12, 2021 May 19, 2021 (05-12,19-21)

065-T

File No.: 18-10088 APN: 160-69-048 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER CALIFORNIA STATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 05-18-2018. 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 06-09-2021 at 10:00 AM, At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse located at 191 North 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 990 Reserve Drive, Suite 208, Roseville, CA 95678, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 05-24-2018 as Instrument 23940524 Book - - Page - - of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/ cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by PAK-SHUN LEI, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 160-69-048 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 167 CHETWOOD DRIVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043 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 satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$13,501.26. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a 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 Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 18-10088. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet 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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 18-10088 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. DATE: April 28, 2021 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee ANDREA FISK, Authorized Signature (05-12,19,26-21)

063-T

NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE PALOMO CASE NO. 21PR189806

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Mary Louise Palomo AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sara Palomo Wilder in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sara Palomo Wilder be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE AMENDED 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 AMENDED PETITION requests

authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (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 on 05/24/2021 at 9:01 am in Dept. 5 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST. SAN JOSE CA 95113 DOWNTOWN SUPERIOR COURT. 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 (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: Frank H. Russow State Bar No. 64550 Law Offices of Frank H. Russow 1195 Main Street Santa Clara, CA 95050 Telephone: (408) 892-6140 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/21 CNS-3465008# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-05,12,19-21)

059-T

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND FIXTURE FILING DATED 4/17/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 2020-100511 On 05/26/2021, at 10:00 AM, the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse located at 191 North 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113, Beacon Default Management, Inc., a California corporation ("Trustee"), as duly appointed trustee under that certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust") dated 04/17/2014 executed

Public Notices

by Mountain View Holdings, LP, a Delaware limited partnership and Sunnysvale Holdings, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Trustor"), recorded on 04/21/2014, as Instrument No. 22572815, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, State of California, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check made payable to Beacon Default Management, Inc. (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of. PERSONAL PROPERTY: See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part of. TAX PARCEL NO: 161-11-012 and 313-01-054 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above-described property is purported to be 860 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040 and 910 E. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Directions to the property may be obtained pursuant to a written request submitted within ten (10) days from the first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of COMM 2014-CCRE17 Mortgage Trust Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, the present beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, in care of the Trustee at the address listed below. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including, without limitation, fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest and default interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, charges, fees and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$43,687,372.17. The "Beneficiary" has elected to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code Section 9604(a) (1)(B) and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the estate described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale all of the personal property and fixtures described in the Deed of Trust. The Beneficiary reserves the right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at the Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the trustee's sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee are: Beacon Default Management, Inc. 30101 Agoura Court, Suite 203 Agoura Hills California 91301 Trustee's Sale No. 2020-100511 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Stox Posting & Publishing, LLC Phone: (714) 929-1034 Sale Line: (844) 477-7869 Website: www.stoxposting.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at

a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2020-100511. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

Dated: April 16, 2021 BEACON DEFAULT MANAGEMENT, INC a California corporation, as Successor Trustee Selina I. Parelskin, Authorized Signatory EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION PROPERTY ONE: 860 E EL CAMINO REAL, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA The land referred to is situated in the County of Santa Clara, City of Mountain View, State of California, and is described as follows: PARCEL ONE: All of Parcel A, as shown on that certain Map entitled "Record of Survey being a portion of Lot 1 of the Arques Subdivision No. 1 (Book I, Page 25) and lying within the City of Mountain View, California" which Map was filed for record in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Santa Clara, State of California on May 29, 1964 in Book 179 of Maps, Page 25. PARCEL TWO: A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and for the installation and maintenance of public utilities, over a strip of land 16.00 feet in width, the Northwestern line of which is described as follows: Beginning at a point in the Northeastly line of El Camino Real (100.00 feet in width) at the Southwesterly common corner for Parcels A and B, as said road and parcels are show upon that certain Map entitled "Record of Survey of a portion of Lot 1 of the Arques Subdivision No. 1 (Book I, Page 25) and lying within the City of Mountain View, California" which Map was filed for record in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on May 29, 1964 in Book 179 of Maps, Page 25; thence from said point of

beginning North 14° 52' 00" East along the dividing line between said Parcels A and B, for a distance of 300.00 feet and the terminus of said easement. APN: 161-11-012 PROPERTY TWO: 910 E FREMONT AVENUE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA The land referred to is situated in the County of Santa Clara, City of Sunnyvale, State of California, and is described as follows: All that portion of the Quito Rancho being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the old San Francisco-San Jose Road with the Easterly line of Wolfe Road (extended Northerly) and running thence along the Easterly line of Wolfe Road, and the extension thereof Northerly South 0° 25' East a distance of 520.25 feet to a point in the Westerly extension of the Northerly line of Lot 11, Block 6, Tract No. 360 Ray-Nor Park Map No. 1, recorded September 3, 1946 in Book 11 at Pages 42 and 43 records of Santa Clara County, California; thence North 89° 43' 00" East along said Westerly extension and the Northerly line of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 6 of said Tract No. 360 a distance of 329.69 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 7, Block 6; thence North 0° 23' West along the West line of said Tract No. 360 and the Northerly extension thereof a distance of 520.25 feet to the center line of said Old San Francisco-San Jose Road; thence South 89° 43' West along said center line a distance of 330 feet to the point of the beginning. EXCEPTING THERFROM all that portion thereof as conveyed to the County of Santa Clara, by Deed recorded July 31, 1963 in Book 6128 at Page 4 of Official Records being described as follows: Being a portion of that certain 4.00 acre parcel of land described in Deed recorded in Book 1270 of Official Records, at Page 296 in the Office of the Recorder of said County, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Old San Francisco-San Jose Road with the Easterly line of Wolfe Road (extending Northerly) said point of beginning being the Northwest corner of said 4.00 acre parcel; thence South 0° 5' East along said extension and Easterly line of Wolfe Road, 135.19 feet; thence North 9° 02' 44" East 30.41 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right; thence Northerly and Easterly along the arc of said tangent curve, to the right, having a radius of 80.00 feet and a central angle of 90° 08' for a distance of 125.85 feet to the point of tangency with the Southerly line of said Old San Francisco Road; thence North 0° 17' West at right angles to said Southerly line 25.00 feet to the point of intersection with the center line of the Old San Francisco Road; thence South 89° 43' West along said centerline 85.25 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 313-01-054 EXHIBIT "B" PERSONAL PROPERTY The following property, rights, interests and estates of grantor shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Property." All terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Deed of Trust and the Loan Agreement (hereinafter defined). (a) Land. The real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Land"); (b) Additional Land. All additional lands, estates and development rights hereafter acquired by grantor for use in connection with the Land and the development of

the Land and all additional lands and estates therein which may, from time to time, by supplemental mortgage or otherwise be expressly made subject to the lien of the Deed of Trust (the "Security Instrument"); (c) Improvements. The buildings, structures, fixtures, additions, enlargements, extensions, modifications, repairs, replacements and improvements now or hereafter erected or located on the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the "Improvements" shall not include any such property owned by tenants under the terms of their respective Leases (as hereinafter defined), except to the extent grantor has a right or interest therein; (d) Easements. All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, permits, licenses, rights of way and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and the reversions and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, dower and rights of dower, curtesy and rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of grantor of, in and to the Land and the Improvements and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto; (e) Equipment. All "equipment," as such term is defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (as hereinafter defined), now owned or hereafter acquired by grantor, which is used at or in connection with the Improvements or the Land or is located thereon or therein (including, but not limited to, all machinery, equipment, heating, ventilation or air conditioning equipment, garbage equipment and apparatus, incinerators, boilers, furnaces, motors, furnishings, and electronic data-processing and other office equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by grantor and any and all additions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing), together with all attachments, components, parts, equipment and accessories installed thereon or affixed thereto (collectively, the "Equipment"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Equipment shall not include any property belonging to tenants under Leases except to the extent that grantor shall have any right or interest therein; (f) Fixtures. All Equipment now owned, or the ownership of which is hereafter acquired, by grantor which is so related to the Land and Improvements forming part of the Property that it is deemed fixtures or real property under the law of the particular state in which the Equipment is located, including, without limitation, for the avoidance of doubt, all Fixtures and Personalty (as defined in that certain Loan Agreement made between grantor and beneficiary (as the same may be amended, restated, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Loan Agreement")) all building or construction materials intended for construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of or

installation on the Property, construction equipment, appliances, machinery, plant equipment, fittings, apparatuses, fixtures and other items now or hereafter attached to, installed in or used in connection with (temporarily or permanently) any of the Improvements or the Land, including, but not limited to, engines, devices for the operation of pumps, pipes, plumbing, cleaning, call and sprinkler systems, fire extinguishing apparatuses and equipment, heating, ventilating, plumbing, laundry incinerating, electrical, air conditioning and air cooling equipment and systems, gas and electric machinery, appurtenances and equipment, pollution control equipment, security systems, disposals, dishwashers, refrigerators and ranges, recreational equipment and facilities of all kinds, and water, gas, electrical, storm and sanitary sewer facilities, utility lines, and equipment, (whether owned individually or jointly with others, and, if owned jointly, to the extent of grantor's interest therein) and all other utilities whether or not situated in easements, all water tanks, water supply, water power sites, fuel stations, fuel tanks, fuel supply, and all other structures, together with all accessions, appurtenances, additions, replacements, betterments and substitutions for any of the foregoing and the proceeds thereof (collectively, the "Fixtures"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Fixtures" shall not include any property which (i) tenants are entitled to remove pursuant to leases except to the extent that grantor shall have any right or interest therein and/or (ii) belongs to tenants under the terms of their respective Leases; (g) Personal Property. All furniture, furnishings, and Inventory (as defined in the Loan Agreement) objects of art, machinery, goods, tools, supplies, appliances, general intangibles, contract rights, accounts, accounts receivable, franchises, licenses, certificates and permits, and all other personal property of any kind or character whatsoever as defined in and subject to the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, whether tangible or intangible, other than Fixtures, which are now or hereafter owned by grantor, together with all accessories, replacements and substitutions thereto or therefor and the proceeds thereof (collectively, the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of grantor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interest, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where the Property is located (as amended from time to time, the "Uniform Commercial Code"), superior in lien to the lien of the Security Instrument and all proceeds and products of the above; (h) Leases and Rents. Subject to Section 1.2 of the Security Instrument and the Loan Agreement, all leases (including, without limitation, ground leases, subleases or subsubleases), lettings, licenses, concessions or other agreements (whether written or oral) pursuant to which any Person is granted a possessory interest in, or right to use or occupy all or any portion of the Land and the Improvements, and every modification, amendment or other agreement relating to such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements entered into in connection with such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements and every guarantee of the performance and observance of the cov-

enants, conditions and agreements to be performed and observed by the other party thereto, heretofore or hereafter entered into (collectively, the "Leases"), whether before or after the filing by or against grantor of any petition for relief under 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Bankruptcy Code") and all right, title and interest of grantor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder and all rents, rent equivalents, moneys payable as damages or in lieu of rent or rent equivalents, additional rents, revenues, issues and profits (including all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses), income, fees, receivables, deposits (including, without limitation, security, utility and other deposits) accounts and receipts from the Land and the Improvements whether paid or accruing before or after the filing by or against grantor of any petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the Debt and the performance of the Other Obligations; (i) Condemnation Awards. Subject to the terms of Section 6.4 of the Loan Agreement regarding grantor's right to and/or the application of such amounts, all Awards or payments, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to all or any portion of the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including, but not limited to, any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of such right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property including, without limitation, any award or awards, or settlements or payments, hereafter made resulting from (i) condemnation proceedings or the taking of all or any portion of the Improvements, the Equipment, the Fixtures, the Leases or the Personal Property, or any part thereof, under the power of eminent domain; or (ii) the alteration of grade or the location or the discontinuance of any street adjoining the Property or any portion thereof; (j) Insurance Proceeds. Subject to the terms of Section 6.4 of the Loan Agreement regarding grantor's right to and/or the application of such amounts, all Insurance Proceeds in respect of the Property under any Policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any Policies, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, in connection with a Casualty to the Property; (k) Tax Certiorari. All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with any reduction in Taxes or Other Charges charged against the Property; (l) Conversion. All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, Insurance Proceeds and Awards, subject to the terms of Section 6.4 of the Loan Agreement regarding grantor's right to and/or the application of such amounts, into cash or liquidation claims; (m) Rights. The right, during the continuance of an Event of Default, in the name and on behalf of grantor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with re-

spect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of beneficiary in the Property; (n) Agreements. All agreements, contracts, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of grantor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the happening of any default hereunder, to receive and collect any sums payable to grantor thereunder; (o) Trademarks. All trade-names, trademarks, servicemarks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property; (p) Accounts. All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by grantor with respect to the Property, including, without limitation, all accounts established or maintained pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Clearing Account Agreement or the Cash Management Agreement; together with all deposits or wire transfers made to such accounts and all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other property held therein from time to time and all proceeds, products, distributions or dividends or substitutions thereon and thereof; and (q) Other Rights. Any and all other rights of grantor in and to the items set forth in Subsections (a) through (p) above. 152176983.1 (05-05,12,19-21)

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HOPTONIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674260

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: HOP-TONIC, 1627 S 7th 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: a Corporation, Hermitage Brewing Corporation, 1627 S 7th St., San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (04-28-21,05-05,12,19-21)

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Daya Design FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN673982

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Daya Design, 2245 Sierra Ventura Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on

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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, Azita Firouzi, 2245 Sierra Ventura Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/10/2003. (04-21,28-21, 05-05,12-21)

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**Native Vista Gardening
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN673903**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Native Vista Gardening, 781 Vista Grande Avenue, 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, Sandra S. Morgans, 781 Vista Grande Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/11/2021. (04-21,28-21, 05-05,12-21)

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**CLEOPHA
SHARON ZAUNER**



Cleopha Sharon Zauner passed away on April 2nd, 2021 in Los Altos, CA with her loving family by her side. Cleo was born in 1942 to Jack and Catherine Pelton in Cass City, Michigan. She had dreams to see more of the world and a desire to help people, so she decided to become a nurse and enrolled in St. Mary's Nursing School.

While at nursing school, she met and ultimately married the love of her life, John Zauner, and they enjoyed 60 wonderful years together. She loved what she did and enjoyed a full, long career in healthcare - retiring just a few years ago. She spent the last part of her career at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital as a Critical Care nurse bringing much peace, comfort and compassion to the countless patients and family members that she cared for and interacted with. Over the years, Cleo also found time to volunteer at many organizations close to her heart.

Cleo loved many things including spoiling her grandkids, spending time at the Delta, traveling the world, working on crosswords, cooking and most of all spending time with her family.

She was strong willed, determined, passionate, accomplished and open minded. She loved traveling as it allowed her to spend time with those she loved and see the world! Despite spending the majority of her adult life in California, Michigan always held an incredibly special place in her heart.

Cleo was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and spouse. She is survived by her husband, John Zauner; her son, Mike and his wife Mitzi and children Monet and Max; her daughter, Jennifer and children Travis and Makayla; her sister Jacqueline and her husband Bill and children Aimee and Chris; her brother in law Fran and her late sister in law Joy and children, Ben and Tiffany - each of whom she loved and touched deeply.

Cleo will be missed and her memory will forever live in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice.



**NORA EVANS
BUYS**



Nora Evans Buys left 'this veil of tears', as she used to say, on April 11, 2021. She spent her final months in the Sequoias Health

Center in Portola Valley. After almost 10 years at the Sequoias, making friends, hosting family visitors, and serving as the Vespers coordinator,

Nora re-married and lived with her 2nd husband, Dr. Frank Berry of Los Altos, who died on Feb. 7.

Many people carry her forever in their hearts. These include her four children, Richard, Robert, Barbara, and Kathryn Buys; her 5

grand-children, her 6 great grand-children, and countless friends and cousins. Nora and her first husband, Norman Buys,

fostered a life-long very close friendship with 3 other families (Weiss, Besson, Alexander) and was a 2nd Mom to many of those kids. Together, those 4 families created love, joy, and fun. Nora is the last of those elders to grace us with her presence here on Earth.

Nora was born in 1926 in Tienstin, China to missionary parents who met in Tienstin but were from the same small town, Turner, Maine.

She often told stories of China, particularly of times spent in Beidaihe, swimming in the ocean, and reading book after book. She treasured her

time at school in Tongzhou and talked about all the people whose lives her parents touched.

Nora came to the United States in 1941 and lived in Montclair, New Jersey where she later married Norman Buys. They had their first three children in New York and then moved to Sunnyvale, CA in 1956 and had their 4th child in California.

Nora loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren fiercely and with steadfast dedication. She fostered friendships through Bible Study Fellowship, two different churches, writing seminars, Torah study at Beth Am, and through her kids. A friend of someone she loved was an immediate friend of hers. Nora held the equality of all close to her heart and aligned her actions with her values in everything she did. Her favorite moments included playing with a child, laughing with a friend, singing in the choir, or listening to the Mozart flute and harp concerto, or swimming in a lake or ocean. There's a new rose garden blooming beyond the veil!

**DONALD "DUANE"
ELLISON**



Donald "Duane" Ellison, 90, passed away on April 27, 2021 at Sunrise Senior Living in Burlingame, a Loving & Caring community.

Born in San Francisco, beloved son of Earl Ellison Sr. (deceased) & Maxine Ellison (deceased), brother of Earl Ellison Jr. (deceased) & Pauline Peck (deceased). Duane lived most of his life in Palo Alto where his father Earl Ellison Sr. had opened a family business in 1929 that later came to be known as Ellison's Body Shop. Duane worked as a car detailer at the family business before becoming a full time Artist. He also worked briefly for the City of Palo Alto as a commercial artist.

He attended Jordan Junior High School, Palo Alto High School and San Jose State University and later completed more studies at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. He also was a member of AMICA due to his extensive collection of musical instruments. Duane formerly entertained his AMICA friends in his home. He had wonderful parties with live music. Duane was especially fond of Ragtime music, music of the twenties, thirties & forties & the old classic movies. He also had a wonderful sense of humor & an eye for details. He was an excellent Artist.

When Duane was living in his home in Palo Alto, he lived with his roommate, Dan Stofle, for over 40 years along with his full-time caregiver, Steve Fargie, who moved from Australia to take care of Duane. He loved dogs and always had dogs in his life. Dan & Steve bought Duane a miniature Australian Shephard puppy named Matilda. She was a significant faithful comfort for Duane always sitting on his lap or laying on his bed.

Duane was very fond of his cousin Beverly Price (deceased) & her husband Carl (deceased). He was frequently visited by his niece Cheri-Ellison Carroll & his Great Nephew Michael Beer & Michael's two sons, Aaron & Allen.

Special thanks to the Staff @ Sunrise of Burlingame for their endless hours of love & care for Duane. We are also grateful for the Staff @ VITAS Hospice for their care. A very special thanks to Duane's caregiver, Steve Fargie, who spent immeasurable years caring for his friend Duane.

Services will be held at Alta Mesa Memorial Park on Friday, May 7th @ 11:30am..

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EVENTS

Friends of the Los Altos Library Used Book Sales. Adult and children's books, hardbacks and trade paperbacks \$2; small paperbacks and media \$1. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and May 23. Fresh inventory each sale. Cash only. Masks and social distancing required. Proceeds benefit the Los Altos libraries. Los Altos History Museum Patio, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoslibrary-friends.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.

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.

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.

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.



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