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Pups on parade



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

With an assist from their owners, dogs big and small – along with two cats and even a pair of guinea pigs – took part in Saturday's Dog Costume Parade at the Village at San Antonio Center in Mountain View. Approximately 50 animals were registered for the parade. The free community event was held in and around the dog park, of course, and drew a sizable crowd.

San Rafael Gatekeeper Project moves forward to City Council

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) last week approved the Rowhouse Gatekeeper Project, moving to allow residential construction on the 924-940 block of San Rafael Avenue.

Currently, this area is zoned for general industrial use. If approved by City Council, the project would create 36 new housing units. This includes nine below market rate (BMR) units, allowing for developers to enact density bonus laws.

At the Oct. 21 EPC meeting, commissioners voted in the project's favor. They called attention to several aspects

that they found overall beneficial to the city of Mountain View.

"I would say, it's pretty hard not to like this because we're going to be redeveloping underutilized industrial space," said commission member Hank Dempsey. "That's a pretty good plot of land to put housing on, especially dense housing."

Other commission members showed appreciation for the variety of housing options offered through the project, calling attention to the space potentially afforded to families.

"I like the BMR units and I like that there are different

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Los Altos Hills decides to return De Anza expedition plaque, with some key changes

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The town of Los Altos Hills has decided to reinstate its plaque commemorating the De Anza Expedition through early California.

However, the new plaque will commemorate the 1976 expedition recreation instead of

the historic expedition which took place in 1776, given that the historic expedition did not pass through the town.

Los Altos Hills City Council made the decision at its Oct. 15 meeting, with the Los Altos Hills History Committee discussing specifics at its Oct. 20

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What’s your Halloween costume this year?

Interviews and photos by Max Asmar, Town Crier Editorial Intern
This week, we met up with folks at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers’ Market to ask: What’s your Halloween costume this year?



“It’s going to be a trio costume with my friends: Alvin and the Chipmunks. Me and my friends were looking at costumes that we could do together and this one piqued our interests and it’s fun.”

– Ahaan Basu, Los Altos



“I’m going to be Katniss Everdeen from “The Hunger Games.” I love the series. There is a new (movie) coming out in a month from now. ... It’s called “Sunrise on the Reaping.” It’s going to be super good and I think it’s very current with the times, and she is a tough character.”

– Dana Manor, Los Altos



“Me and my friend are going between different options right now, but we are probably going to do Barbie and Raquelle. (Raquelle) is the girl (in the animated series of) “Barbie” who is really jealous of her, where they’re... like frenemies.”

– Ella Bujanover, Mountain View



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Los Altos Hills sees a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions

Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Los Altos Hills' findings for the year 2024 show an overall decrease in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, when compared to the baseline set in 2005.

Government operations have already met their 2030 goal, with a GHG emissions decrease of at least 30%. However, Environmental Initiatives Committee secretary Steve Schmidt noted that it was unlikely for community GHG emissions to meet this same goal, showing approximately a 20% decrease from the town's baseline.

Schmidt presented a summary of these findings at the committee's Oct. 22 meeting. Committee members discussed actions that could be taken, based around the most prominent GHG producers. No definitive actions were taken nor motions passed.

"Basically, this is an accounting of our greenhouse gas emissions in the town," Schmidt said. "You can't manage something until you measure it."



AVA ACHARYA/TOWN CRIER

The rising popularity of electric vehicles, as well as increased accessibility of charging stations, are part of why Los Altos Hills is seeing lower automobile GHG emissions.

Schmidt's presentation, compiled by Schmidt alongside committee chair Anand Ranganathan and committee vice chair Mike Salameh, identified police fleet automobile use and employee commute GHG producers within

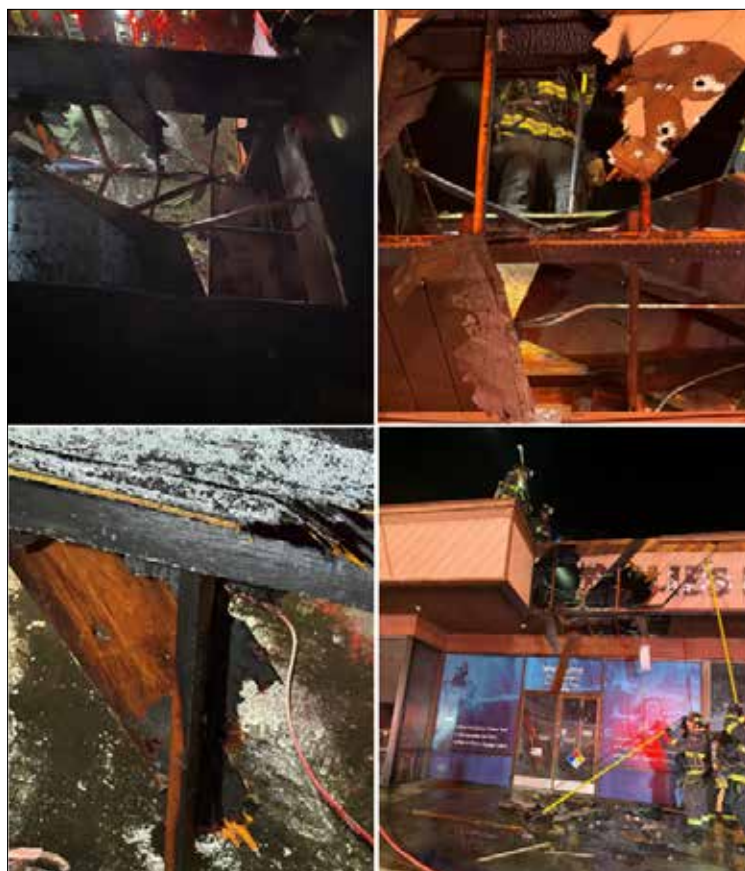
town government operations.

Within community emissions, the largest producers are residential heating, auto travel and air travel. Specifically, the presentation pointed to residential leaks, which were included in residential heating

data, as an area with great potential for improvements.

"Leakage is a huge problem because it's methane, which is 90 times as potent as CO₂," Schmidt said.

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COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Damaged caused by a Mountain View fire on Oct. 21.

Mountain View Fire Department responds to call on Oct. 21

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Mountain View firefighters responded to a call reporting smoke from a commercial building on the 1900 block of West El Camino Real on Oct. 21. Emergency responders received the call at 9:06 p.m. and arrived on the scene at 9:11 p.m.

The fire was extinguished with no reported injuries. Although the cause of the fire has not been determined, it originated on the building's front exterior wall, where an electric sign had been removed earlier that day.

Damage to the building is estimated to be \$30,000.

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Los Altos City Council candidates' forum

Town Crier Staff Report

This is the sixth in a series of questions we put to the candidates running for Los Altos City Council. This week's question: Houses in Los Altos cost \$4 million and up. What strategies do you think we should adopt to provide some lower cost options to new residents?



"Too many families are priced out of Los Altos. Town-homes, the "missing middle" between luxury homes and low-income housing, offer young families and down-sizing seniors a realistic path to ownership. Sherwood Triangle shows promise, and the new state law AB 1751 speeds approval. I'll champion such practical homes."

– **Larry Lang**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4



"We need to expand housing choices beyond single-family homes and implement new state housing legislation that creates opportunities, modernizes standards, and removes financing barriers. I support streamlining permitting and proactively partnering with developers to create attainable housing for teachers, essential workers, young families, and seniors while preserving our neighborhood character."

– **Anky van Deursen**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2



"Los Altos should extend deed restrictions on below-market-rate (BMR) units for the building's entire life, ensuring lasting affordability and preventing displacement. The city should increase required BMR percentages while encouraging smaller homes, accessory dwelling units, and well-placed multifamily housing that preserve neighborhood character and welcome diverse residents in our community."

– **Lynette Lee Eng**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2

GREENHOUSE

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Committee members discussed ways to encourage residents to ensure their heating systems are leak free, or incentivize residents to switch to more eco-friendly heating solutions.

Schmidt noted that, typically, air travel is not included in city-wide GHG emission reports. However, personal air travel posed too large an emission source to ignore.

"We decided to include it largely because it is one of the

largest components in many of our households, and it's the residents that have control over that," Schmidt said. "It's us as residents that get to determine how often we fly planes for personal use."

Schmidt pointed to air travel as an area for potential improvement, but said that the numbers presented are approximations as personal air travel emissions can be difficult to measure on a town-wide scale.

While automobile travel is still a main GHG emissions producer in either category,

Schmidt noted an overall decrease in auto emissions when compared to the 2005 base.

The committee credits this, in part, to the growing popularity of eclectic vehicles, as well as the growing accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations.

Moving forward, the Los Altos Hills Environmental Initiatives Committee intends to maintain its partnership with Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) and continue community outreach and educational efforts surrounding sustainability.



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Currently, this site is zoned for industrial use, but if approved by City Council, the site could host several multi-family housing units.

SAN RAFAEL

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sizes, including three and four bedroom units,” said commission member Tina Pham.

The project was planned and applied for by Prometheus Real Estate. Representatives from the real estate group noted building design choices that intended to align with a proposed city park across the street, as well as an emphasis on native biodiversity in outdoor common spaces.

Representatives also said that similar projects have been

approved, and pointed to outreach and coordination with the surrounding community.

“You’re making a good faith effort to engage the community, and I appreciate that,”

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Paul Donahue

said commission vice chair Paul Donahue.

In addition to this, city staff noted the project’s draft initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) report found that the project would

have no significant negative environmental impact.

This project will be presented to the City Council in November. Official building permits have yet to be acquired.

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The original De Anza Expedition plaque, currently on display at the Los Altos History Museum. The plaque was previously on display in Edith Park, but it was removed due to misleading language.

PLAQUE

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meeting.

The De Anza Expedition signifies a key period in the colonization of early California. Led by Juan Bautista de Anza, Spanish colonials and missionaries established the first route over land between Mexico and California.

This journey resulted in the expansion of Spanish-colonial power in the region, as well as the founding of several Bay Area missions.

In celebration of 200 years since the creation of the United States and since the original expedition's conclusion, a commemorative drive recreated the journey in 1976.

This drive passed through the town of Los Altos Hills, after which the town commissioned a plaque in commemoration, to be displayed in Edith Park.

The plaque was later removed due to misleading language surrounding the original expedition's path. Currently,

the plaque is on display at the Los Altos History Museum as part of the exhibit "The Spirit of '76: Reflecting on America's 250th."

The new plaque will include a clearer and more accurate inscription.

'We're not putting up a statute to honor De Anza here. We're just saying that there was a reenactment of his passage here.'

Paul Donahue

While the resolution to replace the plaque passed, Councilmember Stanley Mok noted the harm done to Indigenous peoples in California as a result of Spanish colonialism. Mok voiced concerns that a commemorative plaque would celebrate this brutality and glorify a time period of great suffering.

"I really don't believe that it should be put up, and the reason why is because of what happened when the explorers came to California and ended up enslaving the indigenous peoples and ended up indoctrinating them," Mok said.

However other council members, including Mayor Rajiv Bhateja, argued for the expedition's historical importance in terms of education, noting that education surrounding certain topics does not necessarily equate to celebration.

"We're not putting up a statute to honor De Anza here. We're just saying that there was a reenactment of his passage here," said Councilmember George Tyson.

While specifics and timing of the plaque's return still need to be coordinated, the new De Anza expedition recreation plaque will be on display in Edith Park. Additionally, the history committee discussed possibly planning a public unveiling, but as of yet there are no concrete plans for such an event.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF MARGIE ALVING/LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Costumed Grant School students attend a Halloween Parade in 1971. The school, part of the Cupertino School District, closed in 1979. That site is now home to Grant Park in south Los Altos.

Letter to the Editor

In defense of Roja

I am writing to express my vehement disagreement with Maria Crowder's recent food review of Roja ("A beautiful setting, but service missed the mark," Oct. 12). As a local resident who dines at Roja roughly four times a month since its opening, I have found the restaurant to be nothing short of impeccable in every way.

While Ms. Crowder's single-night experience with a party of five apparently suffered from pacing issues, it does a massive disservice to a stellar local business to paint their entire operation with such a negative brush. In my dozens of visits – ranging from busy Friday night dates to mid-week dinners – the service, especially James' welcoming and gracious nature has been flawless, the

staff kind, and the execution of the kitchen utterly consistent.

Roja has breathed incredible life into the old ASA space. From their masterfully prepared filet mignon to their gorgeous McFarland Springs Rainbow Trout, tasty sustainable fish specials and wonderful seasonal salads and fantastic handcrafted cocktails and table-side wine service, it represents true fine dining right here in downtown Los Altos. Ms. Crowder's review missed the mark far more than the restaurant did.

I encourage our community to ignore the unfair critique and experience this neighborhood culinary gem firsthand.

Angela McConnell
Los Altos



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Local YMSL chapter builds beds for children in need

SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos-based Young Men's Service League (YMSL) Rancho Chapter recently partnered with nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) for its biennial Ultimate Gift project. The Sept. 19 event brought together 93 volunteers, including high school students and their mothers, to build 78 beds for children in need, according to organizers. Together, participants contributed 308 service hours toward providing children with a safe and comfortable place to sleep.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor. The organization builds and delivers handmade beds to children ages 3-17 who otherwise sleep on floors, couches or other makeshift arrangements. Each bed comes complete with



COURTESY OF TAMI DICKINS

The Young Men's Service League Rancho Chapter recently partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 78 beds for children in need.

a mattress, pillow and bedding. The bed-building event was organized as an assembly line across approximately 20 workstations, with volunteers working in sync to cut lumber

to size, drive screws into the bed frames and brand each finished frame with a hot iron. Some students assembled the front and back sections of the frames, gaining hands-on ex-

perience using power tools. SHP prioritized safety by providing personal protective equipment, including goggles, masks and gloves. SHP supplied the lumber,

tools, workspace and experienced volunteers, while YMSL members provided the manpower needed to bring SEE YMSL, PAGE 10

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Los Altos Kiwanis member installed as Lt. Gov. for Division 34

By Katherine Manassero
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The Kiwanis Club of Los Altos is celebrating one of its own this fall as longtime member J.W. Smith has been installed as the 2026–2027

Brian Dahlquist. Club members, family and Kiwanians from throughout the division gathered to mark the occasion.

In his new role, Smith will serve as the key link between the district and the clubs

volunteer leadership position, running Oct. 1 of this year through Sept. 30 of next year.

“My main goals echo those of our governor: more service, more leadership, more membership and more fun,” Smith said. “I want to support and

nator, Pet Parade coordinator, Tree Lot lead and Compassion Week project co-chief.

“We’re proud to see one of our members step into this leadership role, and we know J.W. will serve the division with the same dedication our club has seen for years,” said Art Carmichael, longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.

The local club meets every Tuesday at the Neutra House and supports local youth and community programs, including Circle K and Key Clubs in area schools.

For more information on the club or to attend a meeting as a guest, see losaltoskiwanis.org or email [Patricia Parfett at pparfett@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.Parfett@gmail.com).

‘My main goals echo those of our governor: more service, more leadership, more membership and more fun.’

J.W. Smith

Lieutenant Governor for Division 34 of Kiwanis International’s California-Nevada-Hawaii District.

Smith was formally sworn Sept. 26 at an installation ceremony in Rinconada Park, presided over by District Gov.

within Division 34, visiting each club, supporting its leaders, encouraging membership growth and helping clubs carry out Kiwanis’ mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time. The role is a one-year

help our clubs, particularly with new Key Clubs that have formed over the past several months.

Smith brings many years of Kiwanis experience to the position, including service as club president, ROV coordi-

YMSL

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the project to life. After hours of teamwork, volunteers enjoyed a lunch catered by a local taco truck.

“Being part of the Ultimate Gift event was a meaningful experience,” said Joshua Leung, a Class of 2028 member of the YMSL Rancho Chapter. “It was rewarding to know that just a few hours of teamwork and hands-on work with power tools could help provide dozens of children with a warm, safe bed of their own.”

The 78 beds built during the event are expected to help 78 Bay Area children enjoy the comfort and security of having a bed of their own. According to SHP, the need for beds remains constant throughout the year.

For more information on SHP, see shpbeds.org. For more information on YMSL, see ymsl.org.

Paid Political Endorsement Letters

Indu Kadambi

It is a pleasure to see the outstanding caliber of candidate INDUKADAMBI running for LAH council leadership and protection of the Los Altos Hills community. She focuses on the safety and protection of our community based on her excellent experience as a Fire Commissioner. Our key priority is to provide fire protection.

Personally, I served for 16 years on the Los Altos Hills Fire commission and fully understand the commitment and amount of effort required to fulfill the role and responsibilities.

Public safety and financial management are strategically important. Additionally, the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department must be carefully managed and listened to closely as to what the residents need and want for protection.

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Both the late Jitze Couperus and I supported INDUKADAMBI, since both of us served on the Fire Commission.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,

Dorothy Duffy Price

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Lynette Lee Eng

I am very happy to see Lynette Lee Eng running for City Council again. During her previous service as a Council member, Lynette was always accessible and responsive to residents. She listened to their different perspectives and concerns, helped address neighborhood issues, asked questions for deeper understanding, and then worked toward practical solutions.

What I especially admire about Lynette is how wholeheartedly she embraces community and makes a genuine effort to bring people together. She understands that a strong community is built on rela-

tionships, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to the place we call home. She reaches out to people and encourages residents to work together rather than apart. To Lynette, community is not just about attending meetings or solving problems; it is about helping people feel connected, valued, and included.

Her dedication to bringing people together and strengthening the bonds among neighbors is one of the qualities that makes her such a valuable public servant. She recognizes that when people feel heard and work together, our entire community benefits.

I am confident Lynette will serve District 2 and all of Los Altos exceptionally well. Her experience, compassion, and genuine commitment to community make her an excellent choice for City Council. I wholeheartedly support her candidacy.

**Cyndel Podich and
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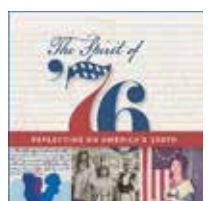
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The free event is open to the community.

The festival showcases the school’s orchestra, choir, band, dance and theater programs. There will be food and face painting as well. The afternoon concludes with the LAHS marching band performing its 2026 show, “Metamorphosis,” on the football field at approximately 3:15 p.m.



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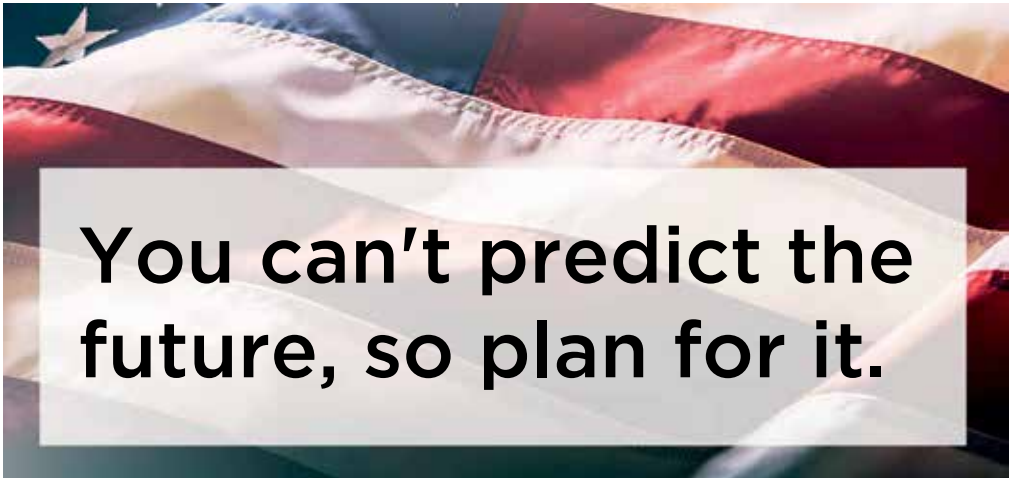


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POST president Clark talks open space at Morning Forum

By Liz Nyberg
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

In his Morning Forum talk earlier this month, Gordon Clark told the audience to go take a hike. He meant it literally, encouraging everyone to go hiking on the lands preserved by the Peninsula Open Space District (POST).

Clark has been president of POST since last year. He received his master's at Yale University in environmental management and worked for land trusts in Maine and Alaska.

In 2007, he joined POST as a conservation project manager to focus on land acquisition. He later served as a hybrid manager on both land and fundraising teams.

During his talk, titled "Connected Landscapes: Linking Land, Wildlife and Communities," Clark also explained what POST does, and how. POST's mission is to protect and care for open space on the Peninsula for the benefit of all. In its 49 years, POST has protected 98,000 acres of open space. POST looks to identify large properties that have streams or ponds on them, or are adjacent to existing parks or preserves. It then builds relationships with land owners so that when the owner wants to sell or explore conservation options, they know that POST



KATHRYN TOMAINO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Gordon Clark, president of the Peninsula Open Space District, speaks to the Morning Forum audience about the organization's mission statement and latest developments.

can pay the appraised value of their land.

SEE FORUM, PAGE 13

Measure D Paid Political Endorsement Letters

Dear Editor:

Ellen Wheeler of the LWV says we should worry about lawsuits if Measure D passes because our Housing Element would be decertified and Builder's Remedy triggered. The city has already refuted those claims.

Yet the LWV supports these scare tactics promoted by the measure's opponents – including Kim Cranston of LACC who goes so far as to write Nextdoor posts comparing Measure D to Hitler's "Big Lie" in Mein Kampf.

Rather than worry about the cost of phantom lawsuits, I worry about public money already spent on potential parking plaza changes.

In 2023 Council earmarked half a parking plaza for a theater. Although the Los Altos Stage Company (LASC) promised never to ask for public money, Council gave them \$300,000 in 2025 to hire professional fundraisers because – unsurprisingly – no major donors had come forward to fund construction. If built, a theater would be a

city structure requiring public funds to staff and maintain – while we're still paying over \$600,000/year on a \$10 million community center loan.

The theater spawned plans for a park and 3-story garage taking three public plazas, with the city committing \$2.3 million public money to a consultant to design the park. Then-Mayor Fligor voted against that expenditure saying product specifics were lacking.

Wheeler says the LWV "supports housing for all Californians, including for low and middle-income families." Me, too. Measure D isn't going to prevent housing downtown or anywhere else and it's not going to take away parking spaces.

Wheeler says the LWV "believes in representative government and holding elected officials accountable." Me, too.

Who's accountable for investing in a theater when many live venues have shuttered and movie screens are going dark? Who's accountable for hiring a \$2.3M con-

sultant to do Post-it polls on what amenities should be in a park when no decision has yet been made to build one? Who's accountable for claiming a 3-story garage will replace surface parking when there's no source of construction funds?

And who's accountable for that \$10 million community center debt fee? A 2017 survey showed residents would be willing to spend \$25 million on a new community center, but the mayor at the time said we could afford \$35 million or \$40 million without debt, so the budget was increased.

Representative democracy doesn't seem to be working too well.

If you think you're smart enough to vote on public land use, if you think you deserve a voice in public land use decisions, if you can see through the opposition's fearmongering ... you will vote Yes on Direct Democracy and Yes on Measure D.

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FORUM

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Once the land is purchased, POST is already working with a public agency to which it will transfer the land. POST

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“You can drive for 45 miles of highway that is on the edge of one of the most significant metropolitan areas in the world and not hit a traffic

where else in our country because of our marine layer and funky habitat of cold summers and warm winters.”

He noted that public access is about building regional trails. One of POST’s bold vi-

build a 2.5-mile trail from Pigeon Point Lighthouse – the tallest lighthouse in coastal America – to Ano Nuevo State Park, home of elephant seals. This portion would connect to the Coastal Trail.

Wildlife connectivity is a key area of focus, he said, particularly in Coyote Valley, south of San Jose. POST collaborated with other agencies to prevent Cisco from building its global headquarters on 7,000 acres there 25 years ago. Such a development would have prevented wildlife from moving east to west from the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Diablo range, and also to the Gabilan Range.

Clark said it is important for the predators to be able to move about in the region, so they do not become inbred and go ex-

ting. This means buying and protecting land in the wildlife corridors – improving culverts and structures that wildlife can use to move under or over the roads and freeways in the area.

He said another key area of focus is the small farmlands along the San Mateo coast. POST has protected 24 farms so far. It helps farmers get funding and access to water, and to tap into funds for building housing for their work forces.

To donate to POST and for more information, see [Openspacetrust.org](https://www.openspacetrust.org).

Morning Forum is a membership speakers series presented both in person at the Los Altos United Methodist Church and online. For membership information, see [morningforum.org](https://www.morningforum.org).

‘You are driving past public beaches and farmland that is growing artichokes, leeks and Brussels sprouts that do not grow anywhere else in our country because of our marine layer and funky habitat of cold summers and warm winters.’

Gordon Clark

works with and conveys land to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, National Park Service and California Fish and Game, along with some redwood-preserving agencies.

light,” Clark said of land POST has preserved. “You are driving past public beaches and farmland that is growing artichokes, leeks and Brussels sprouts that do not grow any-

sions is to develop a coastal trail 1,200 miles long, from Oregon to Mexico. Another goal is to create a bay to sea trail from San Mateo to the coast.

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Information about flood insurance can be obtained from private insurance agents, or by contacting the National Flood Insurance Program customer service line at 1-800-427-4661 or www.floodsmart.gov.

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Pre-Halloween happenings in & around town

S.M. LIEU/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Top Left, top right, bottom right: Mountain View's annual Monster Mash took place Saturday at Rengstorff Park. Costumes were encouraged at the family friendly event, which featured activities for kids, live performances and treats.

SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Middle Left: Local wine enthusiasts, some of them in costume, attended Friday night's Downtown Los Altos Witches & Warlocks Wine Stroll. The Los Altos Village Association event combined Halloween spirit with wine tasting. There was live music as well, with Los Altos band Fully Funded dressed for the occasion.

Bottom Left: Los Altos Hills resident Melissa French's Witches Night Out brought together nearly 40 local women dressed as witches Thursday night in downtown Los Altos. They made stops at Amandine, Haru and Rustic House for cocktails, food and Halloween fun.

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Schools

Foothill-De Anza Area 4 candidates weigh funding, housing

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Two candidates for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Education outlined their priorities for district spending and student housing during an Oct. 2 forum ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

Liang Chao and Bill Wilson, who are competing for the open Trustee Area 4 seat, addressed the district's transition to a community-supported funding model, its \$898 million Measure G bond and ways to better connect the colleges with students and local communities during the virtual forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale.

Under the new funding model, local property tax revenue exceeds the amount the district would otherwise receive through the state's enrollment-based funding formula. As a result, enrolling additional California students no longer brings the district additional state funding, making decisions about how to allocate existing resources more consequential.

Chao argued that the district should focus on improving edu-

cational opportunities rather than trying to increase enrollment. She compared Foothill-De Anza with West Valley-Mission Community College District, saying both have similar budgets, but Foothill-De Anza serves roughly twice as many full-time-equivalent students.

"We should look at what kind of better services we could provide with the funding we have," Chao said.

Wilson stressed cost control and coordination with neighboring districts. He suggested coordinating with neighboring districts so they could serve some of the students who currently attend Foothill-De Anza.

Chao and Wilson offered different approaches to overseeing Measure G, the district's \$898 million bond for facilities and other capital projects.

Wilson said trustees should set priorities, approve contracts and monitor whether projects stay on budget and schedule. He also mentioned the role of a citizens advisory committee in oversight. He highlighted solar panels installed during his time on the Fremont Union High School District board as an ex-



SCREENSHOT FROM OCT. 2 FHDA FORUM

Foothill-De Anza Community College District Area 4 candidates Bill Wilson and Liang Chao sit side by side during an Oct. 2 forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale.

ample of an investment that reduced operating costs.

Chao urged the district to seek outside funding rather than rely entirely on bond proceeds. She noted San Mateo County Community College District's success in securing state funding for student housing, contrasting it with Foothill-De Anza's purchase of a building using college funds after, she said, the district missed a funding opportunity.

The candidates also took different approaches to the district's role in addressing housing needs.

Chao said community colleges should focus primarily on education but help address barriers facing students and employees. She supported partnerships to provide housing

and suggested exploring home-sharing programs connecting students with seniors.

Wilson said housing insecurity can directly affect academic success, recalling a student he taught who was living in her car. "That is not okay," he said.

He supported expanding student and faculty housing and working with local governments to address the region's housing shortage.

On other student services, Wilson emphasized food security and mental health counseling, while Chao advocated for more flexible course schedules for working students, better access to board meetings and practical resources such as campus cooking facilities and medical services.

Both candidates favored stronger ties between the colleges, local employers and communities, and agreed that trustees should set policy and oversee district leadership rather than manage day-to-day operations.

Chao, Cupertino's vice mayor and technology professional, cited her local government experience and perspective as a current Foothill-De Anza student. Wilson pointed to 16 years on the Fremont Union High School District board and his experience teaching mathematics at De Anza College.

The two-year Area 4 seat is held by Pearl Cheng, who was appointed to the board and is not seeking election.

MVWSD candidates discuss budget, student achievement

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

With the Mountain View-Whisman School District facing a projected \$8 million budget shortfall, four candidates for its Board of Trustees discussed district spending, student achievement and public trust during an Oct. 14 candidate forum.

Incumbents Devon Conley and Bill Lambert and challengers Quintin Riis and Sundar Subbarayan outlined their priorities ahead of the Nov. 3 election, which will determine who fills two board seats.

Conley pointed to changes she has pursued to strengthen financial oversight, including a new vendor-approval process, canceling \$2.7 million in planned district-office renova-

tions and establishing a budget advisory committee. She also made district credit card statements public.

As trustees weigh further cuts, Conley said school sites should help identify priorities. She said the district must reduce ongoing expenses instead of rely on reserves to cover the deficit.

Lambert made rebuilding community trust a priority. On academics, he stressed the importance of early literacy, saying students should be reading at grade level before third grade. He cited enrollment trends as a challenge for long-term planning and efficient use of facilities. On the budget, Lambert said the district should prioritize the needs of individual schools and protect staff who work directly with students. He added that personnel

cuts would likely be necessary.

Candidates discussed achievement gaps and findings from the district's Orenda Education Study, an independent review of programs and services. Conley said the study identified weaknesses in assessment and data systems, program design, system alignment and an overload of initiatives. She described district efforts to address those findings, including developing its own assessments, setting district-wide instructional standards, protecting core instructional time and creating a new strategic plan. She said COVID-era spending coincided with a surge of initiatives that crowded the school day. The district has since worked to realign schedules and protect instruction time.

Riis called for reviewing ad-

ministrative spending while restoring learning opportunities for students. He highlighted consultant costs and district-office salaries. He also said teachers should be paid well enough to live in Mountain View. To expand academic options, he proposed more hands-on learning, such as shop classes and maker spaces, along with the restoration of gifted education for high-achieving students. He also warned against excessive classroom screen time.

Subbarayan urged trustees to examine vendor contracts more closely and improve reporting on which district programs are effective. He said broad performance categories can obscure changes in students' achievement and favored more precise measures of student progress. He cited artifi-

cial intelligence as a potential tool to help teachers tailor instruction to students' needs.

Candidates differed in their approaches to family outreach. Riis proposed translating important communications, including field-trip permission slips and emails, into Spanish. Conley said the district already provides translation services and has a Spanish-speaking engagement facilitator at each school, but added that parent-to-parent connections could strengthen outreach. Lambert suggested drawing on Spanish-speaking teachers and staff to connect with families and encouraging schools to bring parents together. Subbarayan proposed recruiting community representatives to help reach families whose voices are less often heard.

Bullis settlement revises charter renewal condition

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Bullis Charter School (BCS) can continue using its established admissions preferences under a recent settlement with Santa Clara County that resolves two lawsuits over the school's 2024 charter renewal and a public records request.

Approved by the Santa Clara County Office of Education Board and the BCS board in September, the settlement requires the school to dismiss its pending state and federal lawsuits with prejudice, meaning the claims generally cannot be brought again. Neither party admits liability or wrongdoing, and each will pay its own legal fees and costs.

BCS must continue making good-faith efforts to recruit a diverse pool of applicants reflective of the Los Altos School District (LASD) community. The settlement says compliance will be measured by those efforts, not by whether the school meets numerical targets for particular student groups. The county board also confirms it will not require BCS to achieve racial population balance with the district.

The dispute began in August 2024, when the county board renewed BCS' charter with con-

ditions based in part on a staff recommendation that the school had not adequately served all students who wished to enroll during the previous charter term. Under the settlement, the county board acknowledges Bullis' position that the evidence did not support a finding that the school had excluded any student who wished to attend.

BCS challenged the renewal conditions in court and separately sued the county over its response to a public records request for demographic analyses and other materials related to the county's

decision. The school argued that the county had not turned over all the records it sought. The county argued that its primary statistical analysis was already included in the staff report presented during the renewal process. BCS said the records would help it understand the basis for the renewal conditions.

In June, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Helen Williams overruled the county's demurrer, allowing the records lawsuit to proceed. The ruling did not determine whether BCS was entitled to additional records.

BCS said it continued using admissions preferences for local residents, siblings and staff families, as well as a priority window for low-income applicants while

the lawsuits were pending. The school said the disputed condition did not affect applicants' chances of admission.

BCS also provided a 2024 demographic analysis by King Consulting. According to the analysis, Hispanic/Latino students accounted for 4.1% of BCS enrollment and 9.6% of LASD enrollment in 2023-2024, compared with an average of 37.7% across Santa Clara County school districts. The analysis focused on Hispanic/Latino enrollment and does not establish how Bullis compares with LASD across all demographic groups.

The county Office of Education provided a copy of the settlement but did not provide additional comment.



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Sports

Perkins' kick return lifts Spartans to homecoming victory

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Micah Perkins saved Mountain View High's homecoming.

After Palo Alto scored to take a one-point lead with 30 seconds left in Friday's football game, Perkins returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown that put the Spartans ahead for good, 51-46.

It marked the fourth TD of the night for the senior, who caught three scoring passes from quarterback Ishan Devarapalli. In addition, senior running back Ethan Vo rushed for three touchdowns.

Defensively for the Spartans, Rhys Kellett made a crucial pass breakup that saved a potential Paly TD and fellow junior Brad Smith intercepted a pass in the second half.

The win kept Mountain View in the playoff race; the Spartans improved to 1-3 in the PAL De Anza Division and 4-4 overall. The visiting Vikings fell to 1-2 in league and 5-3 overall.

Mountain View travels to Burlingame (1-2, 6-2) for a 7:15 p.m. league game Friday.

— Kellen Scanlon contributed to this report



KELLEN SCANLON/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Mountain View High receiver Micah Perkins looks to haul in a pass Friday against Palo Alto. The senior caught three touchdown passes and returned a kickoff for an 85-yard TD that won the game for the Spartans.

Foothill overpowers Santa Rosa 28-14 behind rushing attack



MICHAEL XU/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Foothill College quarterback ESean Johnson looks for room to run in Saturday's game at Santa Rosa. He rushed for two touchdowns in the Owls' road win.

By Michael Xu

SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

On the road and in front of a hostile crowd, the Foothill College football team overcame an early deficit to dispatch league opponent Santa Rosa Junior College 28-14 Saturday.

The win boosted the Owls' record to 2-1 in the Northern California Football Conference National Division-Bay 6 League and 4-4 overall.

Led by running back Elijah Smith's 197 rushing yards, Foothill's offense piled up a season-high 439 yards. The freshman turned in one of the best individual performances of the year, averaging 7.9 yards per attempt and scoring on runs of 39 and 45 yards. Sophomore running back Boxer Kopcsak-Yeung added

103 all-purpose yards, while quarterback ESean Johnson rushed for a pair of touchdowns.

The Owls' defense contributed to the victory by holding the Bear Cubs (0-3, 1-7) to just 205 yards of offense.

"We have a lot of trust in each other as a unit, and we knew that if we played with intensity and stick to the game plan, we're going to get chances for our offense to do their thing," said cornerback Trisshon Wright, who had four tackles as part of a Foothill defense that tallied five sacks and two interceptions.

After conceding an early touchdown to fall behind 7-0, the Owls responded with 28 unanswered points and held Santa Rosa scoreless for almost 50 minutes. The Bear Cubs were no match for Foothill's physical-

ity, as Smith and Kopcsak-Yeung imposed their will in the ground game, extending drives and controlling the tempo of the contest.

Smith's longest run of the day came in the third quarter, when he burst through the line of scrimmage and broke two tackles on the way to the end zone to help Foothill go up 28-7. Santa Rosa countered with a TD late in the fourth, but the Owls went on another long drive to run out the clock.

"Our guys played hard today and executed well," Foothill head coach Matt Raivio said. "We'll regroup, have another good week of practice, and be prepped and ready to go for the next game."

The Owls host City College of San Francisco (2-1, 4-4) at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Eagles lock up third place and berth in CCS playoffs

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Shaking off its shutout loss to Los Gatos, the Los Altos High flag football team won both its league games last week to secure a playoff berth.

The Eagles edged host Santa Clara 13-12 Oct. 19 and beat Wilcox 24-18 two days later at Los Altos. The wins solidified the Eagles' third-place standing in the SCVAL De Anza; they improved to 6-3 in league and

16-4 overall with two games remaining before next week's Central Coast Section playoffs kick off.

The victory at Santa Clara,

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Sports



ALEXANDRA DONGNGUYEN/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos High quarterback Sabrina Neal runs past the Wilcox defense for a first down in last week's game. She later rushed for the winning touchdown with under a minute to play.

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which coach Gabe Stewart described as “an epic comeback,” guaranteed Los Altos a berth in the postseason. The Eagles entered the fourth quarter trailing 12-0, only to score back-to-back touchdowns in the final eight minutes to escape with the win.

Quarterback Sabrina Neal scored Los Altos’ first TD on a 1-yard run, then tossed the point-after pass to Erin Jesensky. After the Eagles’ defense forced the Bruins to punt with

just under four minutes to play, Neal engineered a pass-heavy drive that put Los Altos back in the red zone. With less than a minute left, a scrambling Neal connected with Jenesky for what proved to be the winning score.

Neal finished with a team-best 138 yards rushing on 18 carries. Jesensky caught a team-high three passes for 19 yards and added an interception on defense.

Oct. 21 against Wilcox, Los Altos needed a 44-yard TD run by Neal with about 15 seconds

to play to prevail. The Eagles held an 18-6 edge early in the fourth quarter, but the Chargers tied the game with just more than a minute left.

Neal led Los Altos in rushing with 151 yards on 18 carries, two of which resulted in TDs, and the senior passed 141 yards and a score. Charlotte Wolfe caught a team-high seven passes for 60 yards and Maya Stern added two receptions, one of them for a TD. Stern also contributed on defense, making two interceptions. Jesensky picked off a pass as well and tallied nine tackles.

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Local homes dress up with Halloween style



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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Plenty of Los Altos residents are in the Halloween spirit this year, based on the number of homes and yards decked out for the holiday. A skeleton, ghost or inflatable creature can be found in almost every neighborhood.



KAYLIN YI/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Being organized can save you money

By Lyn Rogers

CONQUERING CLUTTER

We've all heard the phrase, "You need to spend money to save money." It's true in so many facets of our lives.

Good quality items last longer and prevent us from repurchasing the same things over and over again in a short amount of time because they either break down or degrade faster. The same thing holds true in whether your home is organized or in utter chaos.

That chaos usually involves clutter. There's an anonymous quote that reads, "Look around. All that clutter used to be money."

Starting in the kitchen, if your pantry or food cup-

boards look like someone emptied grocery bags and randomly placed items in there and quickly closed the doors, you'll never figure out what you have on the shelves. Do you have 10 containers of salt or just one? You're pretty sure you have the bouillon cubes for that special dinner, but just in case, you buy another package, only to discover later that you have enough to make dinner for the neighbors for the rest of the decade!

Finding out too late that the marshmallows you needed for today's candied yams are hard rocks, that the spice containers for the holiday feast are rusty or that the

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canned peaches for the birthday dessert are marked “Best before 1999” is sadly all too common in many homes. In the average American home, roughly 30% to 40% of purchased groceries end up in the trash. Reorganizing the pantry with labeled shelves and containers helps you avoid accidentally stockpiling foods, aids in keeping track of expiration dates, and prevents unintentional food waste.

In the garage, my motto is,

“If you can’t see it, you can’t find it,” which means you might need a “lost” tool for an immediate problem (like a plumbing issue) and then buy

drawers and cabinets (and then immediately returning them to their “home”) prevents repurchasing expensive tools over and over again.

There’s an anonymous quote that reads, ‘Look around. All that clutter used to be money.’

another of the same tool because you can’t find it. We all know people who own several of the same tool, but they’re found throughout the garage. Keeping tools in labeled

Keeping your finances organized is another way to save money and avoid late fees. If you’re finding that remembering to pay bills is an issue, using auto pay can eliminate the

paper and online reminders, plus avoid potential shut-offs and late fees. Keeping other bills, such as medical, in an easy-to-use filing system on your desk or command center will help to remind you to pay them in a timely manner.

Perhaps you’re spending money on unnecessary or unwanted subscriptions, in which case paying attention to bank statements is a must so they can be canceled. Also, keep all tax records neatly organized and easily accessible so you can maximize your deductions at

tax time and lessen the panic when it’s time to file.

Being organized saves money by preventing duplicate purchases, reducing food waste, eliminating late fees and curbing impulse shopping.

As Benjamin Franklin famously said, “For every minute spent organizing, an hour is earned.”

Los Altos Hills resident Lyn Rogers is a professional organizer and owner and CEO of Lyn At Your Service. For more information, see LynAtYourService.com.

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Stepping Out

PA Players brings 'Addams Family' to Lucie Stern Theatre



SCOTT LASKY/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The cast of Palo Alto Players' 'Addams Family' includes Jackson DuBoi (as Pugsley), from left, Kylie Abucay (Morticia), Tony Gonzales (Gomez) and Astraea Parker Brown (Wednesday).

By Lara Leon

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Palo Alto Players' production of "The Addams Family," opening this weekend, is a campy, family-friendly musical that uses its famously peculiar characters to ask what "normal" really means, according to director Janie Scott.

The musical previews Oct. 30, opens Oct. 31 and runs through Nov. 15 at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

"The Addams family are about as different as you could get," Scott said.

The characters began as Charles Addams' cartoons in The New Yorker in the 1930s and have since been adapted into a 1960s television series, several feature films and a 2010 Broadway musical, with a book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and music and lyrics by Andrew Lipa.

Scott said that history means audiences of every generation know some version of the family.

The musical follows Wednesday Addams, who has fallen in love with a young man from a conventional Ohio family. When the two families meet for dinner, both must confront their differences.

Scott said that clash allows the show to explore family,

loyalty and acceptance by examining "what is really normal and what isn't, and how we all kind of construct our lives around those ideas."

This is Scott's third time directing the show. She first directed and choreographed it at Palo Alto Players about 11 years ago, in her first production with the company. Scott said this time she is focused solely on directing, and a cast member from that original production is choreographing.

Scott said each version takes on a new identity through its cast and design team.

"It's the same script, and it's the same music," she said. "But it's just a different color."

One of her biggest choices this time involved the ensemble: the Addams ancestors, who rise from the family crypt in shades of gray for an annual reunion. Scott created 11 ancestors, ranging from a Neanderthal caveman to a 1930s aviator, and said each character was built around the performer playing it.

Although the Addams family is often associated with dark humor, Scott said the production's comedy is upfront and vaudevilian – and suitable for all ages.

"Families can come see this show," she said.

Tony Gonzalez, who plays Gomez Addams, said he grew up watching the character on tele-

vision and in film and had long hoped to play him.

"He's just so fun and mysterious and ridiculous at the same time," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez added that he focused on finding the humanity beneath Gomez's eccentricity. That side of the character comes through most in "Happy/Sad," a song Gomez sings to Wednesday.

"He's going through things that a lot of parents go through when their children are growing up and getting ready to take on their own life," he said.

With rehearsals starting in mid-September, Gonzalez said the cast bonded quickly, much like the family they portray.

"Everybody brings their own peculiarities and weirdness to the table, and we come together with those differences and become stronger together," he said.

Gonzalez said he hopes audiences leave entertained and reminded that differences are what make people special.

"After all, normal is overrated," he said, "and being a little peculiar is what makes life interesting."

Performances are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$53-\$73.

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Business & Real Estate

Los Altos teen's board game named finalist for toymaker award

By Kaelyn Tan

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Biology and board games may seem to be worlds apart, but for Los Altos resident Bryce Mikolajczak and his Cell Quest team, they go in tandem.

Cell Quest is a board game about cell organelles created by Mikolajczak and several other Lynbrook High School students. The game is a finalist for Young Innovator of the Year at this year's Toy & Game Innovation Excellence Awards (TAGIE), which take place Nov. 6 in Rosemont, Illinois.

Mikolajczak designed the game and oversaw the project team. Cell Quest hit the market last year.

Mikolajczak said his interest in board games began through family tradition.

"I've been playing a lot of board games with my family for many years, since I was young," the senior said.

As he started high school, Mikolajczak began to not only enjoy board games, but to de-

sign one. Initially, Mikolajczak said he wanted to create a board game about the immune system, but he changed his mind when he discovered the game Sabobatage, which served as an inspiration for Cell Quest.

"I was playing that game, and then in biology class at school, we were learning about the parts of a cell," said Mikolajczak. "So, I thought, 'Oh, this might be a great way to make a better game because it's not nearly as complicated.'"

As Mikolajczak moved forward with his new idea, the then-freshman recruited a few team members to aid him, including Lynbrook senior Sophie Wang, who is responsible for the game's graphic designs. Wang said she has been practicing art for over a decade and is interested in product design.

"When I saw this opportunity (to be an illustrator for Cell Quest) a few years ago, I thought this was a great way for me to take the fine art



COURTESY OF BRYCE MIKOLAJCZAK

Bryce Mikolajczak of Los Altos poses with Cell Quest, a board game he designed about cell organelles. The game is a finalist for Young Innovator of the Year at this year's Toy & Game Innovation Excellence Awards.

side of it and also apply it to ... packaging, graphic design, and product design standpoint," Wang said.

For Wang, the opportunity was more than a gig. Wang added that illustrating for Cell Quest helped her develop skills beyond graphic design.

"I learned to compromise, take critique, and kind of bend my style ... to (Mikolajczak's) feedback," Wang said.

During the game's development, the Cell Quest team headed into biology classrooms, including ones at Lyn-

brook, to test out the product and receive feedback. Mikolajczak said his team has taken steps to align the high school biology curriculum with the board game content.

"For instance, on every single card, we've made it so that there are facts on the board of what they do, and so that way it kind of teaches biology, and also through the set collecting aspect, it shows ... the difference between the various types of a cell," Mikolajczak said.

Not long after Cell Quest was completed, Mikolajczak

applied for the 2026 TAGIE Awards, which are known as the Oscars for toymakers. Mikolajczak said becoming a finalist validates his hard work through the years.

"It ... shows the work that I put into making Cell Quest, and also the effort that I put into making all these materials," Mikolajczak said. "I felt like it was worth it..."

Cell Quest is available for sale online for \$24.99. To purchase the game and for more information, visit cellquest.square.site.

\$3,998,000 is the magic number in Los Altos real estate

By Alex Wang

SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

If you follow Los Altos real estate, you may have noticed a curious pattern this fall. Almost every week, a home comes on the market priced at or just under \$3,998,000. And almost every one of them sells well above that number, often by \$1 million to \$2 million.

Since March, seven Los Altos homes have listed at or near this price, and they look remarkably alike on paper: a flat lot of 10,000 square feet or more, a modest older house of roughly 1,000 to 2,000 square feet and dated condition. What buyers are competing

for is not the house. It is the land. A flat, regular lot of this size in Los Altos leaves room to remodel, expand or build new – and that flexibility draws deep competition.

The trend traces back to March, when our team listed a three-bedroom home of about 1,157 square feet on Paco Drive at \$3,998,000. It drew five strong offers and sold for \$5,108,000. Since then, the number has taken on a life of its own.

The most dramatic example came in September on Hillview Avenue. Listed at \$3,998,000 on a 12,600-square-foot lot, it drew 26 offers – 14 of them all cash – and the seller accepted an offer around \$6,700,000.

Because Hillview is a probate sale, the story may not be over: California probate sales generally require court confirmation, and other buyers can overbid at the hearing. Under the state's overbid formula, the minimum opening bid at confirmation works out to roughly \$7,035,500. Probate has exceptions and every case is different, so buyers and sellers in probate should consult a real estate attorney.

There are other examples that tell the same story in smaller numbers. A Riverside Drive home listed at \$3,988,000 drew 14 offers and sold for \$5,123,000. A two-bedroom home on North Clark Avenue

– located across from a school and between two busy streets – still drew about a dozen offers. Perhaps most telling was a house on Chelsea Drive: weaker condition than any home in the group and a back yard beside a school basketball court, yet it listed at \$3,880,000 and sold for \$4,880,000.

Why does the strategy work? Pricing just under \$4 million brings in the widest possible pool of buyers and then lets competition, not the list price, determine the final number. For sellers of flat lots of 10,000 square feet or more, the results show how strong demand for Los Altos land is right now, even when the house itself is small or

tired. It is not a formula for every home, though. Condition, lot shape, street and timing all matter, and one home in the group is pending after a single strong first round offer rather than a bidding war.

For buyers, the practical advice is simpler: Expect multiple offers and a first-round deadline, have financing ready and lean on an agent who knows the local market and its agents, because the list price is only where the conversation starts.

Alex Wang is a Los Altos resident, Realtor and founder of Rainmaker Real Estate. For more information, text or call (650) 800-8840 or visit AlexWang.com.

Downtown LA Farmers' Market wraps up Thursday



MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The threat of rain brought fewer people than usual to last week's Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market, but it's a good bet there will be more attendees this week. Not only is the weather expected to be sunnier, but Thursday also marks the final market of the year. In addition, there will be an opportunity to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin. The market runs 4-8 p.m. on State Street. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/FarmMktLA.

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Mountain View

1915 Mount Vernon Court, #16, S. Liu to J. Mason for \$470,000
701 N. Rengstorff Ave., #6, D. Bushnell to J. & S. Cho for \$607,500
21 Moonbeam Drive, Davis Mut-suko 2021 Trust to W. & E. Liu for \$1,050,000
539 Walker Drive, R. Liu to H. & L. Du Chan for \$1,210,000
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- Classic ranch with designer appointments throughout and private rear yard
- 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths
- Approximately 2,393 square feet (not confirmed by Compass)
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- Designer kitchen with large island beneath an operable skylight, quartz counters, and Carrara marble backsplashes
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- Lot size of approximately 9,492 square feet (not confirmed by Compass)
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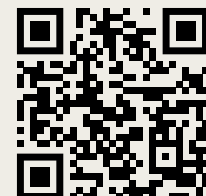
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THE LOS GATOS BARBER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730715

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE LOS GATOS BARBER, 114 Royce Street, Suite C, Los Gatos, CA, 95032, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Alain Mirzaei, 6232 Hopi Circle, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Alain Mirzaei / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/28/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

261-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. OASIS LAUNDRY CENTER, 5397 Camden Ave, Unit C, San Jose, CA 95124 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 06/12/2026 Under File No. FBN727684 Full Name of Registrant(s): THREE MOON SKY LLC, 6121 Ocean View Dr, Oakland, CA 94618 This business was conducted by: a limited liability company This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on October 06, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN731002 (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

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OASIS MODERN LAUNDRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN731003

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: OASIS MODERN LAUNDRY, 5397 Camden Ave #C, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): THREE MOON SKY LLC, 6121 Ocean View Dr, Oakland, CA 94618. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/01/2026. /S/ Mai-Tuyen Ho / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 10/06/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

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Starlighters FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730917

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Starlighters, 1626 Hollingsworth Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Richard Lundgren, 1626 Hollingsworth Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Richard Lundgren / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 10/01/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

258-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. MILLS MORTGAGE BROKERAGE, 599 Tuscarora Drive, San Jose, CA 95123 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 07/10/2025 Under File No. FBN717834 Full Name of Registrant(s): Dorette Mills, 599 Tuscarora Drive, San Jose, CA 95123

This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on October 05, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN730982 (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

257-T

HOUSE OF AZADEH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730808

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HOUSE OF AZADEH, 197 2nd Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): MAISON AZADEH, 45 Manzanita Court, Millbrae, CA 94030. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Jean Massih / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/29/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

256-T

SNACK2ME FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730560

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SNACK2ME, (2) SNACK2ME, 2157 O'Toole Ave Suite 20, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): TO GO CATERING INC., 2157 O'Toole Ave Suite 20, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Youngmin Kim / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/22/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

255-T

NOR CAL CLEANING SERVICES INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730933

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NOR CAL CLEANING SERVICES INC., 2155 Lanai Ave Apt 39, San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): NOR CAL CLEANING SERVICES INC., PO Box 21458, San Jose, CA 95151. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/01/2026. /S/ Andy Alvarez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 10/01/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

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NOR CAL NETWORKS SERVICES INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730934

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NOR CAL NETWORKS SERVICES INC., 2155 Lanai Ave Apt 39, San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): NOR CAL NETWORKS SERVICES INC., PO Box 21458, San Jose, CA 95151. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Andy Alvarez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 10/01/2026. (10-14,21,28-26,11-04-26)

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HEADSTONE MUSIC & MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730877

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HEADSTONE MUSIC & MEDIA, 3903 Apt D Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto,

CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): LED-DYWORLD LLC, 3903 Apt D Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Anthony Leddy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/30/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

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BAY AREA LIFE MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730818

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BAY AREA LIFE MANAGEMENT, 3398 Saint Marys Place, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Amy Schawan, 2010 El Camino Real #2120, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Amy Schawan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/29/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

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SESSIONS WITH MYLAN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730401

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SESSIONS WITH MYLAN, 775 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): OPUS ARCADE, INC, 775 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ MyLan Biermann / This statement was filed with the

County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

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UNKNOWN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730435

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UNKNOWN, 255 S Rengstorff Ave #12, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Francesca A. Barrientos, 255 S Rengstorff Ave #12, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/16/2026. /S/ Francesca A. Barrientos / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/17/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

248-T

Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729974

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts, (2) VG Beads, (3) Virginia's Garden Speech Therapy, (4) VG Speech, (5) The B.E.A.D. Project Initiative, 1200 Arthur Ct, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad, PO Box 3066, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/31/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

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Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by non-profits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to avaa@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

EVENTS

Wednesday travel nights – Discovering America on the backroads. Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Los Altos Main Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Orchard Room. Share the experiences of Bruce Berger and Pam Perkins as they travel America's highways and byways, chronicling lesser-known sights, events, parks, and people across 16 states in 23 days. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

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Collaborative Agencies Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE) presentation with Resilient Los Altos. Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. The Loma Prieta earthquake stopped the World Series, dropped a freeway, and showed us the vulnerabilities of a disconnected network and community. From that experience, CADRE was born — a network of community-based organizations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, volunteers, and businesses working collaboratively to enable effective disaster preparedness and mitigation processes. Ahead of El Niño winter storms, hear how Loma Prieta changed the landscape of disaster preparedness and response and leave with simple empowering steps to stay prepared. Attendance is free and open to the public.

She serves/she served: Silicon Valley and beyond. Nov. 11, noon. Delmas Ave. and Santa Clara St., San Jose. The Santa Clara County Women's Veterans Coalition, in association with She serves/she served, is inviting currently serving military women and women veterans of every generation to walk together in the San Jose Veterans Day Parade. As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, let's show Silicon Valley the women whose service and leadership continue strengthening our communities.

Wags and Wishes: An elegant evening to support pets with chronic illness and the families who love them. Nov. 14, 5:30-9 p.m. The Women's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Diesel's FootPrint will host its inaugural Wags & Wishes benefit at The Woman's Club of Palo Alto. The evening will bring

together members of the veterinary, business, philanthropic and animal welfare communities to help make chronic care possible for more pets and their families. Guests will enjoy a seated dinner paired with local wines, a thoughtfully curated silent auction and conversations with leading veterinary and animal behavior professionals. Tickets are \$250. For more information, visit dieselsfootprint.org/get-involved/wags-wishes.

The Davin-Levin Duo – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series. Nov. 15, 3:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Emily Levin, Principal Harp of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Colin Davin, Director of Guitar Studio at Shenandoah Conservatory, present a unique instrument combination in a memorable and dynamic chamber music experience. Reserve tickets at arts4all.org/events.

CSMA Merit Scholars Winter Concert – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. CSMA Merit Scholar student ensembles and soloists perform favorite selections in the popular annual event. Join us to experience the joy of music from these outstanding rising stars. Reserve tickets at arts4all.org/events.

Coffee Together. First Tuesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. Red Berry Coffee, 145 Main St. Group for widowed and divorced folks over the age of 60. Combat the loneliness epidemic by taking a small step in connection. Meet others navigating life after 60 without a partner. For more information, check out instagram.com/coffeetogetherlosaltos/

Life Celebrations

CHRISTIAN JOEL TACY



*January 26, 1966 –
October 8, 2026*

Christian “Chris” Joel Tacy passed away on October 8, 2026, at WakeMed Cary Hospital in Cary, North Carolina, at the age of 60, due to complications from diabetes and pneumonia. A vibrant and spirited man, Chris will be dearly missed by his family and friends, who will remember his energy, his passion for life, and the love he had for those closest to him.

Chris was born on January 26, 1966, on a cold, snowy night in Montreal, where his father, Robert (Bob), was studying dentistry and his mother, Madeline (Maddy), was working as a surgical nurse. His childhood was full of new places and new adventures: two years in Portland, Oregon, while Bob studied orthodontics, then a few years in Bethesda, Maryland, where Bob worked at the National Institutes of Health. In 1970, the family settled in Los Altos, California, the place Chris would always call home.

Chris attended St. William, St. Francis, and Woodside Priory schools. A talented athlete, he participated in a variety of sports and brought enthusiasm and competitive spirit to all his pursuits. Following high school, he attended Saint Mary’s College, graduating in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

Chris started his career in customer service at Computerware, then moved into public relations at Brough Communications and Weber Shandwick. But his true passion ultimately led him to the world of automobiles. He founded Velocity Auto Group, a concierge car service in Los Altos. Through his business, Chris helped clients find and secure specialty cars, combining his personal passion with a commitment to serving others.

In 2000, Chris married Erin Bergamo, and together they made their home in Los Altos, where they welcomed their two beloved daughters, Amelia and Siena. The family’s adventures took them to Ascot, England, for three years, and later to Cary, North Carolina. Chris and Erin

divorced in 2020, but his daughters remained at the center of his life.

Chris is survived by his daughters, Amelia, who attends Yale University, and Siena, who attends New York University, both of Palo Alto; his parents, Robert and Madeline Tacy of Los Altos Hills; and his brother, Mark Tacy of San Jose. He is also survived by his brother, Shannon Tacy; sister-in-law, Nicolette (Vandeneynde) Tacy and nephew Kieran (KJ) of Bend, Oregon.

Chris will be remembered for his vibrant personality, spirited nature, love of automobiles, and the many experiences and memories he shared with those around him. His life touched family and friends in the places he called home, from California to England and North Carolina.

Though his passing leaves a profound sadness, the memories of Chris and the mark he made on the lives of those who knew and loved him will endure. Chris will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all that knew him.

A private family memorial and burial will be held on November 25th at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Cupertino, California.

NANCY LOUGHRIDGE



*December 3, 1927 –
October 3, 2026*

Nancy Loughridge, 98, of Los Altos, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2026, just shy of her 99th birthday — a milestone she fully intended to reach.

Born and raised in her beloved San Francisco, Nancy grew up during the city’s golden era. As a young girl, she walked the Golden Gate Bridge on opening day in 1937, and her father often took her to Kezar Stadium to watch the 49ers — memories she cherished throughout her life.

Nancy married her husband, Charles Loughridge, and together they raised six children in Los Altos, where she lived for more than 65 years. After losing both a son and her husband, she rebuilt her life with remarkable resilience, founding Scott

Credit Service, which she later sold before becoming the acquiring firm’s top salesperson.

An artist throughout her life and a devoted 49ers fan, Nancy was known for her optimism, kindness, and unwavering support for those around her.

Nancy was the mother of six children; Meg, Jeff, Paul, Katherine, Scott and Trish; nine grandchildren, Ben, Molly, David, Allana, Emma, Scott, Jessica, Nicole and Nathan; and seven great-grandchildren, Jack, Xavier, Mookie, Zachary, Zoie, Joey and Jakob.

A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, November 8, 2-4pm, at the Garden House, Shoup Park, Los Altos.

MARVIN “MARV” PATTERSON



*June 27, 1940 –
July 21, 2026*

Marvin “Marv” Patterson passed away on July 21, 2026, at his home in Clive, IA. Born on June 27, 1940, in Ontario, OR, and raised in Washington, he maintained a lifelong connection to the Pacific Northwest, even after moving to the Midwest. Marv beautifully defined his life through his three greatest passions: his career as an electrical engineer, his deep love for his wife Mary Lou and their family, and his joy of flying as a pilot.

After graduating from the University of Washington and launching his career at the Pt Mugu Pacific Missile Range, Marv began a highly successful, decades-long tenure at Hewlett-Packard, where he developed market-leading plotters and eventually served as Director of Corporate Engineering. Following his time at HP, his career evolved into running his own consulting business and authoring three books focused on product development and innovation. During his retirement he transitioned into academia, teaching continuing education courses at Stanford University, the University of Wisconsin, and various online programs.

Marv was a deeply devoted father and uncle who bonded with his children over shared activities, summer nights reading J.R.R. Tolkien, and

a lifelong passion for flying. While working at HP, he met Mary Lou Simmermacher. That meeting blossomed into a deep, enduring love and marriage. Together, they blended their families into a tight-knit household of seven, woven together by humor, affection, and aviation.

Marv earned the first of his three pilot’s licenses shortly after starting work at Pt Mugu. This ignited a lifelong love for aviation. He took great joy in deeply understanding the complex aerodynamics of flight and spent countless hours perfecting his piloting technique. He transformed family vacations by trading the traditional car for an airplane and transporting his loved ones across the skies. As a consultant, he took immense pride in piloting himself to business assignments, famously delighting in stunning Xerox and other clients by landing at small private airfields when major commercial airports were closed by winter storms.

At the age of 86 Marv passed peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family. Marv is survived by his wife Mary Lou; his children Brad, Brian (and Patricia) and Bonnie (and Mike); his stepchildren Daryl (and Raj) and Craig (and Kelley); his grandchildren Sean, Molly, Lily and Will; and his nieces and nephews, Rhonda, Ron, Randy, Roger and Linda.

All family, friends, and colleagues are welcome to join the Celebration of Life.

November 20, 2026 10:30am PST
Los Altos United Methodist Church
655 Magdalena Ave.
Los Altos, CA 94024

THOMAS (TOM) FRANK SMITH



*July 24, 1945 –
October 3, 2026*

In Loving Memory – Thomas (Tom) Frank Smith, beloved husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend, passed on October 3, 2026, at 81, while doing something he loved – fly fishing.

He will be remembered for his kindness, strength, sense of humor, and the love he gave to those around him. He touched many lives throughout his years and

leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever.

Tom was born in Ypsilanti, MI on July 24, 1945 to Dorothy and Don Smith. He lived in Ypsilanti and graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1967, when he moved to the Bay Area. His career started with Hallmark cards and continued until he and his two partners, Steve Andrews and Jim Evans, bought McWhorters which was a “whole lot more than a stationary store”. They successfully built and sold McWhorters in 1996. Tom continued his success with investments in real estate and a commercial real estate brokerage. Tom always loved the deal.

He is survived by Karen his wife of 26 years, children Eric Smith (Michelle), Kim Kenyon (Sanford), Jennifer (James), and stepchildren Russ Melbye (Jeanine) and Jill Melbye (Phil Perry), and sister Jane Fuller of Ypsilanti, MI, and Michigan family. Tom was preceded in death by his daughter Shannon and brother-in-law Don Fuller. Tom was also blessed to have nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, along with many dear friends whose lives he touched.

Tom always had a kind word, an interest in what you were doing, and loved to help people. He loved fly-fishing, traveling with Karen and friends, cheering on the Niners, Giants and Sharks, playing poker with buddies, and growing and pouring his home-grown wine “Toren Vineyards”.

We will miss his “hey bud/hello dear” greeting, humor, tenaciousness, and thoughtfulness, to name a few.

He and Karen built a wonderful life together, including a lifetime of memories, love and family. Tom was a welcoming face at Los Altos United Methodist Church as an usher, a Community Service Agency “Home Town Hero”, a long time Los Altos Chamber member and past President, and was involved in numerous other community and civic organizations.

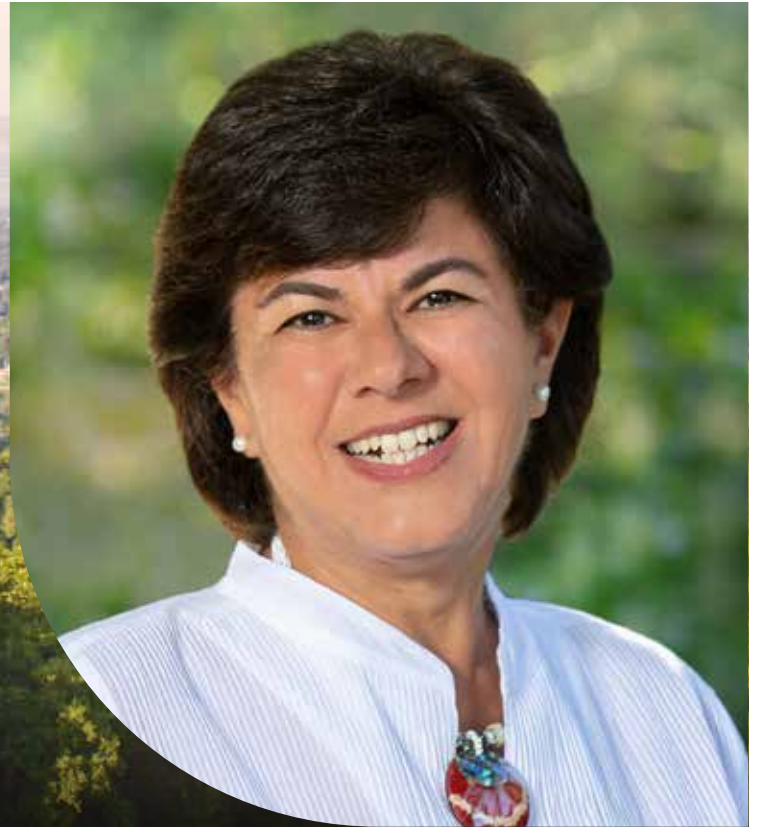
Though he is no longer with us, Tom’s love, his spirit, and the memories shared will remain in our hearts forever. He was deeply loved and will never be forgotten.

A memorial service is planned on Friday, November 13, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Los Altos United Methodist Church (655 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos) with a reception to follow at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Thomas F. Smith Memorial Fund at Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF.org).



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