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LAH gets a break on garbage contract

Council moves to lessen SB 9's impact

By Megan V. Winslow
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Per contractual terms, GreenWaste Recovery needed consent from its municipal customers to proceed with its sale to an international conglomerate. Twenty other cities signed off on the transfer of their respective franchise agreements to MIP V Waste LLC, a Macquarie Asset Management subsidiary, but Los Altos Hills pushed back to save residents more than \$4 million over the 15-year term of the town's franchise agreement with the garbage hauler, new City Manager Peter Pirnejad said Thursday.

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Museum's holiday event is back



PHOTOS BY SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER
"Happy Holidays, Welcome Back!" reads the sign on the door of the historical J. Gilbert Smith House, above, at the "Catch the Spirit" event hosted by the Los Altos History Museum Nov. 17. Festivities included caroling by Schola Cantorum of Silicon Valley, right, home-baked sweets and holiday boutique shopping. The inside of the Smith House is decked out as it would have been for a 1930s-era Christmas.



Returning parade faces parklets challenge

Town Crier Staff Report

A lot has changed since the last downtown Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade in 2018. The COVID pandemic over the past 18 months had people fighting for their lives and businesses fighting to stay open. The introduction of parklets and outdoor dining proved a lifeline for local restaurants.

The parklets downtown, however, pose a challenge, as the parade is scheduled to return Sunday for the first time in two years. It was rained out in 2019 and canceled in 2020. Will hundreds, if not thousands, of parade spectators mix with numerous parklets occupying portions of Main and State streets, located in front of the sidewalks where the parade viewing takes place?

"We understand the challenge of the parklets," said Scott Hunter, executive director of the Los Altos Village Association.

But he pointed to two earlier downtown events this year, the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival and the weekly Farmers' Market on State Street, that operated smoothly with their presence.

Hunter said the restaurants have been asked not to sell spectator space for the parade. The bulk of viewing will be from the

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Record number of clients seeking help from CSA

By Katherine Simpson
Special to the Town Crier

With the holidays approaching and COVID-19 vaccinations now available to children ages 5-12, the pandemic may seem an afterthought. But for the staff of Community Services Agency in Mountain View, demand hasn't let up since it began in March 2020.

"It's not back to normal," executive director Tom Myers said. "It's a new normal."

When the state's eviction moratorium ended Sept. 30, rental assistance became even more important, according to Myers.

"We're finding more and more people are ... falling into the conundrum of having to figure out: 'What do I pay for in order to pay for the rent? What do I give up?'" he said.

CSA estimates that 1,200 families in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View may be at risk of eviction in the upcoming months.

Although CSA doesn't have a final tally of how many families have faced eviction, "we are still concerned that we're talking about over 1,000 families that may be at risk," Myers said.

CSA's LaDrea Clark added that she gets

calls from people seeking rental assistance even though she works primarily as a volunteer coordinator.

"They just want to talk to somebody," she said.

Clark noted that she's also received emails that read, "Please help me."

What sets this year apart from last year, according to CSA, is the lack of volunteers and donations to match the high demand for services – a demand that remains similar to 2020.

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And the haunted honors go to

Thanks again to all who participated and voted in the Town Crier's 2021 Spooky Stories contest. We had announced that Julia Im was our first-place winner for her story "Haunted House." Our second-place winner is Jilly Lou Jaros of Los Altos Hills for "The Vampire Girl" and third-place goes to Sabina Bhagat of Mountain View for "The Black Cat and the Pumpkin Patch on the Moon." The three are receiving cash prizes of \$35, \$20 and \$10, respectively.



Correction: A Nov. 10 article on State Senate Bill 9 incorrectly reported it was signed into law last month. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the bill Sept. 16.

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Battery

Nov. 21, 12:58 a.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 11:26 a.m.: 1900 block of Rock Street, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 12:11 p.m.: 800 block of Park Drive, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 1:48 p.m.: 1000 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 1:58 p.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Commercial burglary

Nov. 21, 4:51 p.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Residential burglary

Nov. 20, 5 a.m.: 27700 block of Canyon Road, Los Altos Hills

Nov. 20, 7 a.m.: 1700 block of Mora Court, Los Altos

Nov. 21, 9:41 a.m.: 1000 block of Montclair Way, Los Altos

Nov. 21, 10:52 a.m.: 1900 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 1 p.m.: 28500 block of Matadero Creek Lane, Los Altos Hills

Nov. 21, 7 p.m.: 200 block of View Street, Mountain View

Sex crime

Nov. 21, 6:50 p.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Theft

Nov. 20, 1 p.m.: 200 block of East Middlefield Road, Mountain View

Nov. 20, 1:10 p.m.: 100 block of First Street, Los Altos

Nov. 21, 11:52 a.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Nov. 21, 9:29 p.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Trespassing

Nov. 21, 12:15 p.m.: 1000 block of Grant Drive, Mountain View

Theater, parklets on tap for Los Altos council Tuesday

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Los Altos City Council members face a packed agenda at next Tuesday's meeting, where issues ranging from a downtown theater to the fate of downtown parklets and an unusual reconsideration of a just-approved Packard Foundation application await their discussion.

Also on tap: a draft of objective standards for single-family homes in the wake of the passage of controversial State Senate Bill 9. The bill allows subdivision of single-family lots, allowing up to four units with ministe-

rial approvals.

On Tuesday, the council will consider a memorandum of understanding between the city and Los Altos Stage Company that would "hold" downtown parking plaza space for a potential theater in the years ahead.

Mayor Neysa Fligor proposed the idea as a way to help the New Theater Working Group attract donor interest. Fligor emphasized that the move did not include a financial commitment from the city, but opponents feared a theater could be a financial drain on the budget. In the wake of projected city budget constraints, one speaker at the Nov. 9 council

meeting referred to the theater proposal as "a right idea – it's just the wrong time."

Theater supporters, however, touted the idea as a boon for downtown social and economic vitality.

The council also is set to discuss the future of the parklets, which have provided additional downtown restaurant seating in the wake of indoor COVID-induced restrictions. The council is scheduled to consider a permanent program, one that could involve fees. Due to pandemic hardships, restaurants

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sidewalks and intersections.

"Absolutely no viewing in front of the parklets," urge members of the Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade Association.

The association published a list of viewing guidelines on its website at losaltosparade.org and in the Town Crier (see page 24). They include the usual pleas for people not to reserve space with furniture, tape, rope, signs or chalk.

"We are encouraging viewers to mark areas with chairs and small blankets," said Los Altos Police Capt. Katie Krauss. "The viewing guidelines also emphasize that no personal items will be allowed in the roadway while the roads are still open to traffic."

Police Chief Andy Galea said organizers and volunteers are ready to help.

"We are not sure which businesses with parklets will be open, but in any circumstance, the space will be available for viewing and will most likely limit viewing from the sidewalk," he said. "Families arrive early to save their spots that they



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A Festival of Lights Parade float maneuvers during a past event. The presence of downtown parklets means a tighter squeeze for parade entrants in 2021. The parade is set for Sunday.

have had had, going back many years, so the event organizers and volunteers are prepared to help the best they can. No doubt we will see some creativity to get a better look at the parade."

Nancy Schneider, a member of the all-volunteer, 30-member Festival of Lights Parade Association, acknowledged a tighter squeeze with the parklets for

the floats, marching bands and costumed performers, but the widths – 19 feet for State Street, 22 feet for Main – are workable.

The parade – in its 44th year with the perennial theme "A Child's Holiday Fantasy" – will feature 55 entries, including 21 floats and eight marching bands, involving as many as 1,200 participants. A new Santa float and

a fully automated, newly renovated "Shredders" float will be part of the lineup.

The parade is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start at First and State streets and will travel down State, then up Main Street and along First before ending at Whitney Street.

For more information, visit losaltosparade.org.

Los Altos Hills' first ALPRs could be active by January

By Megan V. Winslow
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Los Altos Hills has nothing to hide. Pretty much anything anyone would want to know about the town's soon-to-be-deployed automatic license plate readers, or ALPRs, including their locations, will eventually be available on its official website.

"We're trying to show everyone where they're at so that the crooks know where they're at," said Capt. Rich Urena of the San-

ta Clara County Sheriff's Office. "The reality is that we're going to have so many in town that the goal is that if crooks are coming to town, we're going to know they're in town. We're going to be able to figure out which street they used and catch them."

Urena and Cody Einfalt, town management analyst, provided a brief update on the surveillance system last week during the monthly "Coffee with the Sheriff" presentation.

Los Altos Hills is contracting with Flock Safety to place 40 of the public safety systems provider's ALPRs along major thoroughfares into and out of town. Installation and the first year of service will cost \$110,000. The intention is to discourage crime and to help the Sheriff's Office solve crimes when they do occur. In September, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a policy to

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“What has fallen a little bit is the number of people who are donating and volunteering,” Myers said.

Clark added, “Things are opening up, so maybe that’s the reason.”

Myers encouraged anyone who needs help – or thinks they might – to call or drop by CSA to get in touch with a case worker.

“Don’t wait until the end of the month to come and see us,” he said. “Come and see us as soon as possible, because to prevent homelessness is so much easier and so much cheaper than to actually try and house someone who is homeless.”

Myers, a longtime Los Altos resident, noted that CSA has taken on 15 times more rental assistance cases than in pre-pandemic years and has distributed more than \$5 million in rental assistance since March 2020.

As CSA looks ahead to the holidays, Myers and his staff hope to provide more direct financial assistance, allowing clients the discretion to spend as needed. Whether it’s offering direct payments or moving away from a toy-based to a gift-card-based program for Christmas, the focus is on economic empowerment for clients.

“Everything we do here is about choice,” Clark said, “because it gives them dignity.”

The city of Mountain View recently authorized a \$1 million



PHOTOS BY KATHERINE SIMPSON/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Community Services Agency clients await help at the Mountain View nonprofit’s headquarters last week.

donation to CSA to provide direct financial assistance to city residents who seek help at the organization.

CSA is located at 204 Stierlin Road. For more informa-

tion on volunteering, call (650) 968-0836 or email Clark at lclark@csacares.org.

For more information on the agency and its services, visit csacares.org.

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have been using the street space free of charge.

“Prior to the pandemic, Los Altos had an approved parklet ordinance,” City Manager Gabriel Engeland said. “During the pandemic, the regulations on the current ordinance were changed to make it easier for businesses to place a parklet and comply with the program. The request on (Tuesday) is to adopt a new permanent ordinance based on what we learned from the first program and the one that is in place now.”

Elsewhere on the agenda, the Packard Foundation design review application for its downtown Los Altos headquarters, approved by the council at its Oct. 26 meeting, is back before

the council after Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, part of a 3-2 vote in favor, asked for the item to be reconsidered. He based his request on his belief that information regarding protected trees to be removed under an application for a parking lot expansion at 374 Second St. “did not find their way into the staff report and, therefore, into the record.”

Weinberg joined Vice Mayor Anita Enander and Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng, both of whom opposed the initial application, in voting to agendaize the item for Tuesday’s meeting.

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, the council will review draft objective standards developed in the wake of SB 9’s passage. The law is set to take effect Jan. 1.

A subcommittee involving two members of the city’s De-

sign Review Commission aided city staff in drafting the standards, which include setbacks and building sizes, among other elements.

“Since more than 75% of Los Altos is zoned for single-family residential use, this will have an immediate impact on the review of design review applications by the Community Development Department,” according to a city staff report. “After adoption of the immediate standards by the city council, a more detailed set of regulations can be prepared in 2022 to enhance the criteria Los Altos uses to review single-family homes.”

The council meeting is set for a 7 p.m. start, and is being held virtually.

To access the meeting, visit the city’s website at losaltosca.gov.

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Applicants are required to complete the Santa Clara County online application at: <http://tinyurl.com/m3rdl8s>

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest to District 5 Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian at: Supervisor.simitian@bos.sccgov.org

Letters of interest can also be sent by email to clerk@lahcfd.org or mailed to:
District Clerk, Los Altos Hills County Fire District,
P.O. Box 1766, Los Altos, CA 94023-1766.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors makes the final appointment.

Applicants are invited to attend LAHCFD Commission meetings by videoconference or by teleconference: (602) 333-2017 or (888) 204-5987 (US Toll Free) Access code: 822528#. Contact clerk@lahcfd.org for details.

The LAHCFD Board of Commissioners meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

To find out more about the LAHCFD, visit the District website at www.lahcfd.org If there are any questions, please email clerk@lahcfd.org or leave a message at (650) 949-1044.

News

MV police arrest man on drug-related charges

A 21-year-old former Mountain View resident faces a number of charges after a local investigation connected him to the attempted online sale of narcotics.

Mountain View Police Department officers arrested Dalon Haley, 21, Nov. 3 on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance for intended sale; offering for sale/transportation a controlled substance; bringing a controlled substance into a jail facility; and five outstanding warrants from neighboring jurisdictions, according to an MVPD press release published Nov. 15. At the time of his arrest, Haley lived in San Francisco.

Detectives with the MVPD's crime suppression unit began investigating Haley's case Nov. 2, the

release stated. They allege he was peddling oxycodone on the internet at the time. The drug has been traced to fentanyl overdoses in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area overall.

When officers tracked Haley to the 2400 block of Charleston Road, a search of his vehicle revealed cash and several bottles of various pills they have connected to illegal activity, according to the release.

"Our detectives worked quickly to identify this suspect and to ensure these pills did not make it onto the streets of Mountain View," Lt. Armando Espitia said. "I am proud of their efforts and their dedication to keeping our community safe."

— Megan V. Winslow

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"We really took this opportunity to leverage as much as we could possibly get," Pirnejad told city council members during their monthly meeting.

He recognized and thanked city staff and residents who worked together to negotiate better terms for the town.

The compromise between the town and GreenWaste somewhat resolves what Councilmember Linda Swan referred to Thursday as a "real thorn in the side of a lot of residents." It means less-expensive rates and the likely return of some services like collection on narrow, steep streets, which became more expensive with the signing of the original agreement in July 2019; GreenWaste has pledged to work with the town on a revised collection plan.

Councilmember Stanley Q. Mok, also pleased, repeated a Spanish maxim he shared when announcing the possibility of better rates to the Environmental Initiatives Committee in October.

"As they say, 'más que nada' — something is better than nothing," Mok said. "So this is really a great win for the city of Los Altos Hills."

Temporary solution to SB 9

The council spent much of Thursday's relatively zippy, four-hour meeting discussing an urgency ordinance to govern housing development expected come Jan. 1, when California Senate Bill 9 goes into effect. Council members approved the ordinance text planning commissioners had suggested, with some minor tweaks to help protect the town from future civil litigation, like that described in a

letter San Francisco-based housing advocacy group YIMBY Law sent them late Thursday.

"Passing and extending this ordinance will serve no purpose other than to signal to the public that your town is an elitist, exclusionary community who would rather face an embarrassing, expensive lawsuit in order to remain elitist and exclusionary than to follow the law," the letter stated.

Council members repeatedly bristled at the suggestion of elitism. Mok said it's not incumbent on current Hills residents to make the town affordable to everyone.

"If we don't do anything today, then that basically means that SB 9's going to come full force to us, and we'll just have a line of contractors lining up to ministerially divide the lots that we have," he said. "So, I think that before that happens, we have to do something."

SB 9's authors hope the law will create more housing by removing barriers impeding the subdivision and increased density of single-family residential lots; it limits a governing body's ability to regulate what structures are developed on split lots.

But Los Altos Hills prides itself on its 1-acre-plus properties, and town staff and residents hustled to create the urgency ordinance, which offers property owners incentives to keep their land intact and limits development opportunities for those who choose to subdivide. There are exceptions and numerous conditions for each route.

Owners who don't divide are allowed up to four structures on the property: a primary residence; an accessory dwelling unit; a junior accessory dwelling unit; and an "SB 9" unit that may vary in size depending on whether certain setback and

floor-area calculations are met.

The ordinance limits owners undertaking an SB 9 subdivision to two structures on the new lot: a primary residence and an SB 9 unit or two SB 9 units. All newly constructed units must be affordable to residents earning incomes in the "low" (between 50 and 80% of the area median income) and "very low" (less than 50% of the area median income) ranges, a condition that could help the town reach its Regional Housing Needs Allocation, state-imposed requirements for the construction of housing across income levels.

As of the ordinance's approval Thursday, it is in effect for 45 days. It's possible for the council to extend the ordinance during noticed meetings for up to two years, but they cannot change its text.

Mayor Kavita Tankha characterized the council's actions as a necessary stop-gap employed until there is sufficient time to develop a more thoughtful reaction to SB 9 in the form of a permanent ordinance.

The council's approach to SB 9 is a method for discouraging density that could place a rural community like Los Altos Hills at risk, she explained.

"To me," Tankha said, "it's about making sure that any development that happens starting Jan. 1 is not at risk, it's not in areas that could pose a threat to life and safety, whether it's in a fault zone, whether it's in a high fire-risk zone, a flood zone. So that's the intent as far as I'm concerned."

For full details on GreenWaste franchise changes and urgency ordinance rules, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov. Find the agenda for the Nov. 18 city council meeting and download the agenda packet, which includes supporting materials.

Pets In Need terminates contract during animal cruelty investigation

By Megan V. Winslow
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The contracted provider of animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills intends to sever ties with the Palo Alto shelter through which local services are offered.

Pets In Need (PIN), headquartered in Redwood City, and the city of Palo Alto signed a five-year, \$3.4 million contract in 2019 to govern operations at Palo Alto's East Bayshore Road shelter. Its provisions allow either party to terminate the agreement without cause after giving a one-year written notice. Citing the city's alleged failure to complete needed repairs at the shelter, PIN executive director Al Mollica provided that notice in a Nov. 15 letter sent to Palo Alto City Manager Ed Shikada. Just days later, PIN announced Mollica's intention to resign.

"PIN's board and Al are currently working out details including the exact

date of his departure," according to a statement from the nonprofit organization. "The board will be meeting over the next few days to determine an interim management structure, plans for the recruitment of a new executive director, and other important transitional items."

Last week's abrupt announcements were made amid the Palo Alto Police Department's ongoing investigation of three PIN employees suspected of contributing to the heatstroke deaths of seven puppies. Mollica did not mention the investigation in his letter to Shikada, but the organization's board of directors briefly addressed it in a statement emailed to the Town Crier Nov. 15. The newspaper routinely partners with PIN to feature a "Pet of the Week" profile of an adoptable dog, cat or the occasional rabbit.

"The events of Aug. 2nd are tragic, and we have been working to cooperate with the criminal investigation, to support our

employees through this process, and to carry out an internal review process, but events since then have only exacerbated a long-standing difficult working relationship with the City," according to the statement.

A PIN attorney's May 11, 2021, letter to Shikada and a city attorney urged kennel repairs to ensure the safety of PIN staff and animals and suggested civil litigation as a potential remedy if the problems are not addressed.

Misdemeanor charges

Pets In Need is a "no-kill" organization, and its employees routinely travel to shelters in other parts of the state that do permit euthanization to collect animals that are more likely to secure adoption in the Bay Area. On Aug. 2, PIN staff members Patricia Santana Valencia, Margaret C. Evans and Ingrid Anne Hartmann drove a transport van to the Central Val-

ley to retrieve as many as 28 animals, including a litter of seven pit bull/Labrador retriever puppies, according to a Palo Alto Police Department press release. Temperatures in that region that day rose to between 90 and 100 degrees, and the women discovered the puppies were unresponsive when the van returned to the Palo Alto shelter. They sought emergency medical help from veterinary staff members, but the puppies could not be revived.

On Oct. 25, a judge signed arrest warrants for Valencia, Evans and Hartmann, and officers detained and cited the three women on charges of animal cruelty and neglect, two misdemeanors, the following day.

Whether the animals transported in the van had adequate access to air conditioning is a matter of contention among police, PIN executives and PIN staff.

For a longer version of this article, visit losaltosonline.com.

ALPR

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ensure the technology is used appropriately.

Einfalt said the town's "soft goal" for the project is to start with 10 cameras and have them up and running by January.

Thwarting burglaries

Residential burglary is considered the most serious of the crimes that routinely occur in Los Altos Hills, and a series of them in 2020 – seven in February and seven in March – prompted residents and the city council to start researching

camera surveillance.

The Sheriff's Office's "crime index" for Los Altos Hills indicates there were 16 residential burglaries reported this year through October, a 30% decrease from the 23 reported through the same time period in 2020.

Most of the burglaries that took place in 2020 occurred when the homes' regular occupants were away for several days, Urena said. He reminded his audience that the Sheriff's Office offers free patrol checks.

"It's obvious that had we had information about the resident being gone for an extended period of time, maybe we could

have done something about that," he said. "Maybe we could have drove by, checked it out."

It's not possible to pinpoint the days and times of seven (44%) of the residential burglaries reported through October this year because they were not discovered right away. Of the remaining nine, the most common day for the crime was Thursday (three incidents), followed by Wednesday (two). One burglary each took place on a Monday, a Tuesday, a Saturday and a Sunday, and none took place on a Friday. The most common time of day was evenings between the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight (37%), followed by

days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. (19%). None took place during the early morning hours of midnight to 7 a.m.

Success stories related to the use of ALPRs in nearby jurisdictions indicate the technology might prove useful in Los Altos Hills, too, Urena said.

"Our neighbors here in Los Gatos and further south in Morgan Hill – and even in Milpitas – have seen a significant increase in catching some of these crooks, so we're hoping we can do the same," he said.

To learn more about crime in Los Altos Hills and access the Sheriff's Office's link for a patrol check request, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov/251/Public-Safety.

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Being thankful for the Los Altos community and its civility

By Neysa Fligor

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and reflect on our blessings.

Like many of you, I rarely take the time in my busy daily routines to stop and be thankful. Thanksgiving, however, is a time when I do pause to celebrate, reflect and give thanks.

With the loss and challenges we have faced individually and as a community these past two years, I know it is difficult for many people to be thankful this Thanksgiving. During my family's Thanksgiving meal, we always go around the table and each person has to say at least one thing, no matter how small, for which they are grateful this year.

From the Mayor's Desk

One of the things I will share this year is that I am thankful to live in this beautiful community with all of you. We have an abundance of community engagement, volunteerism and philanthropy; we recently opened our new community center; the city is offering in-person services and programs again; and our vaccination rate for residents 12 and older is 95%, and we now have access to vaccines for children 5-11 years old.

During the past two years, we have seen our residents, including students, find ways to help and support one another, and we are fortunate to have

community partners like Community Services Agency and the Community Health Awareness Council providing needed services to our residents.

We are also slowly and safely bringing back many of our Los Altos traditions, such as the Festival of Lights Parade.

I am also thankful that we live in a community that values civility. Civility refers to when individuals are polite and courteous to one another in behavior, speech and writings, even when they disagree, and it is not a surprise that a breakdown in civility can undermine our democracy and local governmental processes.

As I said to a group recently, in Los Altos we talk a lot about preserving the character, and there are many things

worth preserving here. But ensuring that we continue to live in a community where we respect one another, stand for the truth and look for opportunities to lift each other up is special and truly what will set us apart from other communities and something we should all work together to preserve.

Although we will continue to face many challenges over the next several months, I hope that as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we can all take the time to reflect on our blessings, no matter how small, and to be grateful that we live in a city that is indeed a great place to live and raise a family.

Happy Thanksgiving, and please be safe!

Neysa Fligor is mayor of Los Altos.

Letters to the Editor

Former mayors oppose land-sale ordinance

We former mayors of Los Altos convened in 2018 to defend representative democracy against an attack by Measure C. The only actions that currently require voter approval are mandated by the state. Voters must approve tax increases and any changes to voter rights such as term limits. We elect our representatives to handle everything else because we do not have the time, inclination nor experience to manage city business. Our nation's foundation is based on

the wisdom of representative democracy.

Measure C proposed to add to voter responsibilities the management of city properties. The city council could buy property, but Measure C proposed that the council could not sell nor lease property without voter approval. The voters wisely rejected Measure C.

Now the city council has proposed (ordinance 2021-477) that voter approval shall be required to sell or subdivide the Los Altos Civic Center land, unless a later council changes its mind. This ordinance pretends to shift some responsibility for land management to the voters and away from the council.

This is a waste of city staff time and money for cosmetic politics. If it turns out to be like the camel's head in the tent, then this ordinance is a dangerous move against efficient government.

**Past Los Altos mayors
Marge Bruno, Roy Lave,
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and Frank Verlot**

Good news: Thanks to Town Crier for 75 years

Kudos and congratulations to the Town Crier for 75 years of nonstop local news.

You have made us laugh, you have made us cry, you have even made us shake our heads in disbelief at our picayune behavior. Through you, we have learned how generous Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View folks are. With your help, we have watched our future generations receive accolades throughout their education. We want to thank you for keeping us abreast of all the happenings in our community over all these years.

For the last 75 years, the Town Crier has given so much to us. In a time when local newspapers have been struggling, let's keep supporting them with paid subscriptions and advertising so that they can continue to keep us informed for the next 75 years.

Applause to you again for a job well done!

**Chuck and Ilona Lindauer
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Waterworks

By Andy Dolich

Are you back navigating through your favorite supermarket (or whatever the proper terminology is these days)?

Come to think of it, how far back was it when food emporiums introduced entire aisles devoted to water? I'm not talking about the water fountain at the back of the store, but the multitudinous H2O choices you have to deal with while rolling through your favorite food store in search of agua.

Hmm, let's see, I just want some boring bottled water. No, I don't have a Ph.D. in hydration marketing. This is way more complicated than calling out customized caffeine at your favorite java joint. How does one make a choice of wetting their whistles without seeming out of step with the coolness factor?


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Can I just get a glass of water from the tap? What type of tap? Is it filtered?
Oh, one other environmental point. How many of these plastic bottles have now become islands in the stream and oceans with a half-life of several centuries?
Does anyone drink from a hose these days?

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



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2021 Town Crier Holiday Fund

Help One Child: Supporting foster, adoptive and at-risk families

• **Mission:** Help One Child aspires to strengthen foster, adoptive and at-risk families by providing education, a supportive community and tangible resources.

• **2021 update:** The reach of the local nonprofit – founded by Los Altos Hills residents Mark and JoAnne Morris nearly 30 years ago – continues to grow, according to executive director Valerie Crane. Help One Child now offers support services to children and families in six Bay Area counties, forming partnerships with child welfare agencies, community-based organizations and local churches in each county it launches in.

These days, 18 months into the pandemic, Crane said Help One Child sees teenagers in its network as one of the greatest segments impacted. The organization has addressed this by creating two virtual support groups: one for parents of teens and the other for the teens themselves.

Another new effort, “Tips and Tidbits,” features short

Help One Child

Location: 858 University Ave., Los Altos

Founded: 1993
Annual budget: \$715,000

Staff: 5 full-time, 4 part-time staff; more than 2,500 volunteers

Information: helponechild.org

videos that provide education on foster care and adoption to the general public.

“We realized many years ago that the greatest impact we could have on a child’s life was to equip their caregiver with a community of peers and practical parenting tools,” Crane said. “By doing that, the caregiver is better supported and resourced, making an impact on the child day in and day out.”

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** Help One Child plans to allocate much of the



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Children participate in Help One Child’s Signs of Hope camp, above left. Above right, a volunteer assists with Help One Child’s Support a Senior program. At right are Help One Child founders JoAnne and Mark Morris of Los Altos Hills.

money to web design in an effort to transform its site into a resource for individuals interested in foster care, for the families it serves and for the churches it partners with.



Child Advocates of Silicon Valley: Mentoring, advocating for foster youth

• **Mission:** Child Advocates of Silicon Valley strives to support every Silicon Valley foster child, from newborn to age 21, who has experienced abuse, neglect and/or abandonment by ensuring they have the nurturing support of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASAs are volunteers from the community appointed by a judge to be a mentor, advocate and voice for the child. Their intervention reduces the impacts of experienced trauma.

• **2021 update:** To better serve children, Child Advocates dedicated staff and resources to specialty areas that better equip CASAs to help children thrive. The nonprofit also launched partnerships with eight local organizations that have agreed to offer free resources, programming and/or admission for activities CASAs can enjoy with their foster children. Partners include Children’s Discovery Museum, Happy Hollow Park and Zoo and FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** The Holiday Fund assists with Child Advocates’ continuing drive to match as many Santa Clara County foster children with court-appointed representation as possible.

Donations lead to connections such as the one between Joelle, a CASA, and Zianna, a 17-year-old, driven fos-

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Location: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, Milpitas

Founded: 1986
Annual budget: \$3.4 million

Staff: 33 employees; 677 CASA volunteers

Information: childadvocatessv.org

ter youth. With college on the horizon, the two spent the pandemic working on college applications, applying for scholarships and navigating financial aid. With Joelle’s support, Zianna is attending UC Davis, is enrolled in several programs to support her transition into college and has received scholarships and funding to cover housing, tuition and books.

To further ensure Zianna was set up for success, Joelle visited the Child Advocates CASA Store to secure a bicycle, laptop and essential dorm room items for Zianna.

Funding also helps with the recruiting and training of new volunteers as well as supporting current CASAs and youth as they navigate life and the foster care system.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, founded in 1986, provides resources for local foster children from birth to age 21 who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment.



2021 Town Crier Holiday Fund

CSMA's Artistic Intelligence program: Making music and art accessible

• **Mission:** The Community School of Music and Arts ensures the arts are accessible to all, including special-needs participants in its Artistic Intelligence program, which has operated for more than a decade.

• **2021 update:** Approximately 100 youth and adults from AbilityPath and Morgan Autism Center took dance, music and art classes with CSMA faculty in 2021.

"Participating in the weekly art and music classes provided by CSMA has been an incredibly gratifying experience for our clients," said Sara Cedano, community integration program director at Morgan Autism Center. "Through art expression, our participants get the opportunity to learn something new about themselves, including their talents and interests."

Cedano added that the center's staff members "get to witness their growth, individuality and joy through these classes."

Artistic Intelligence students come to CSMA with a range of strengths and chal-

lenges, and the curriculum is designed to support their development, no matter what their starting point.

"This year, we are delighted to continue our relationships with AbilityPath and Morgan Autism Center as we chart a path forward to continue serving students online and, increasingly, in person," said Jennifer Mineer, CSMA program manager. "Each class offers the opportunity for expression and creativity, and our teachers work diligently to tailor each class session to the students in attendance. These individual explorations have a far-reaching impact on participants as they discover more about their abilities during the classes. We are excited to foster curiosity, discovery and creativity together."

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** Holiday Fund donations subsidize the Artistic Intelligence program and enable students from AbilityPath and Morgan Autism Center to participate.

"Donations from the Holi-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CSMA

Students in CSMA's Artistic Intelligence program are all smiles as they display their artwork. The school's program ensures the arts are accessible to special-needs participants.

day Fund provide dedicated funding for these important partnerships," said Vickie Scott Grove, CSMA executive director. "The Artistic Intelligence program is at the heart of our mission of 'Arts for All,' and we are very proud of the students' accomplishments."

CSMA Artistic Intelligence program

Location: 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

Founded: 1968

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Staff: 160 staff and faculty members; approximately 30 volunteers

Information: artsforall.org

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Community

Autism specialist describes the myriad challenges among clients

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Christine Chiang's son is a high-functioning 10-year-old, "very curious about the world, very adventurous," she said.

But his autism poses myriad challenges. Frustration can turn to anger and lashing out – a physical as well as emotional struggle for families.

"The biggest fear I have, in my situation, is that he will let out his feelings in a physically aggressive way," Chiang said.

Her son was enrolled in school, but she took out and opted to home-school him. She feared the impacts on the other kids.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes autism spectrum disorder as a developmental disability causing "significant social, communication and behavioral

challenges."

People with autism communicate and learn in different ways than other people – their abilities can range from gifted to severely challenged, according to the CDC.

Silicon Valley, with its collection of brilliant technical minds, has long been recognized for having more than its share of people on the autism spectrum. One of the most famous people with autism, animal behavioral guru Temple Grandin, told the Mercury News in 2014, "Half of Silicon Valley's got mild autism."

But while geeky genius can be a byproduct of autism, those on the high end of the spectrum can experience suffering, along with their families, that lasts a lifetime.

Underserved population

Los Altos Hills resident Saba Torabian is mother to two boys



COURTESY OF SABA TORABIAN

Saba Torabian embraces her two boys, Cameron, left, and Ryan.

with autism. She said children with autism and their families are "one of the most underserved populations. ... These families end up on wait lists that are years and years long."

An adjunct professor of psychology at San Jose State University, Torabian was driven to start the Mountain View-based Intervention Center for Autism

Needs (ICAN) in 2017. The center provides in-home and center-based applied behavioral analysis and speech therapies, nutrition consultations and marriage and family therapy for parents and siblings. ICAN also conducts research to improve treatments.

Torabian speaks with kindness and empathy, but also ur-

gency as she relates the frustrations of families that have been underpaid or rejected by their health insurance. She bemoans the shortage of qualified service providers.

"Not many people know what's going on in this field, and the reason for this is because most of these families who are affected are too exhausted and have no time to advocate or speak up mainly due to taking care of these children with special needs," Torabian said. "Most of them are suffering from mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety themselves, and they just go through the motions of day in and day out taking care of these kids."

She told the story of a tech entrepreneur who became a stay-at-home dad to care for his 17-year-old son with autism. She

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Local authors participate in book-signing event Sunday

Town Crier Report

Three writers who specialize in chronicling the multicultural story of the Bay Area are joining together for a book signing 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Recycle Bookstore 275 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell.

The event will kick off the holiday season and coincide with the Campbell Farmers' Market. Organizers of the signing suggest signed and inscribed copies of their books are the perfect gift idea for Christmas – especially as so many of Santa's other surprises might just be stuck in containers off the California coast.

Journalist and Los Altos native Robin Chapman, who writes the Town Crier's "Santa Clara Valley Lives" column, will be signing "California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley" (2013) as well as "Historic Bay Area Visionaries" (2018), her book on six of the region's multicultural heroes.

Author Jan Batiste Adkins will sign her three books on the Black experience in the region: "African Americans of San Jose and Santa Clara County" (2019); "African Americans of Mon-

terey County" (2015) and "African Americans of San Francisco" (2012).

Menlo Park's Barbara Wilcox will feature her book, "The Story of Camp Fremont: World War I Army Training by San Francisco Bay" (2016), the tale of the little-known U.S. Army base that sprung up near Stanford University in 1918 and vanished almost as quickly. It is a timely tale, as Wilcox tells how the camp battled the 1918 flu pandemic a century ago.

The three authors are friends who met through their publisher, Arcadia Publishing, and its subsidiary, The History Press.

The book signing will follow COVID protocols, with the authors stationed outside in front of the store – weather and the pandemic permitting. Masks are required for everyone inside the store.

For more information on the authors, call Sarah Haynes at Arcadia Publishing at (843) 853-2070, ext., 199, or email shaynes@arcadiapublishing.com.

For more information on the event, call Recycle Bookstore at (408) 370-3514 or email recyclecampbell@gmail.com.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. City Council Minutes: Approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting (A. Chelemengos)
2. Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report: Receive the Invst. Portfolio Report through 09/30/2021 (J. Furtado)
3. Contract Amendment: Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the existing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bellecci & Associates for inspection services for the Annual Street Resurfacing and City Alley Resurfacing Project. The agreement will amend the not-to-exceed amount from \$64,688 to \$82,516 (G. Watanabe)
4. Ordinance No. 2021-477 - Restriction on the Los Altos Community Center Site: Adopt Ordinance No 2021-477 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos adding a new Chapter, 11.13, entitled "Restriction on the Los Altos Community Center Site" to Title 11, Miscellaneous Property Regulations, of the Los Altos Municipal Code that will prohibit: (1) the sale or transfer of title of the Los Altos Community Center Site without voter approval. (J. Biggs)
5. Resolution No. 2021-58 -Suicide Prevention Policy: Adopt Resolution No. 2021- 58 establishing a Suicide Prevention Policy (I. Silipin)

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Park in-Lieu Fee Update: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-56 of the City Council of the City of Los Altos modifying Park in-Lieu Fee on the FY 2021/22 Fee Schedule for the City of Los Altos Continued from the meeting of November 9, 2021. (J. Sandoval)
7. Reconsideration of D20-0008 - Packard Foundation - 374 Second Street: Reconsideration of Design Review Approval (D20-0008) for parking lot modifications and installation of carport structure at 374 Second Street and affirm the October 26, 2021 Council approval to allow the modification of the existing parking lot and construction of the carport structure. (S. Golden)
8. Resolution No. 2021-57 Objective Standards for Single Family Residences: Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos establishing Objective Standards for Single Family Residences to implement Senate Bill 9 (J. Liu, E. Ramakrishnan)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. City of Los Altos Parklet Program Guide: Approve the City of Los Altos Parklet Program allowing restaurants to continue outdoor dining. (A. Carnesecca)
10. Memorandum of Understanding - Los Altos Stage Co.: Consider and approve execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) wherein the City of Los Altos agrees to hold certain Downtown Parking Plaza(s) for a period of up to five-years to allow for exploration of a downtown theater. (J. Houston)
11. American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures: Discuss potential uses of the American Rescue Plan Act dollars; identify projects or programs for which American Rescue Plan Act dollars can be used, if any, and provide direction to staff as necessary (J. Maginot)
12. Formation of Police Station Council Subcommittee: Consider formation of a City Council Police Facility Subcommittee, and if formed, appoint no more than two Council Members and provide direction to the Subcommittee on its role and scope. (Council Initiated)
13. Tentative Council Calendar: Conduct Quarterly Review of Tentative Council Calendar and provide direction to staff. (A. Chelemengos)

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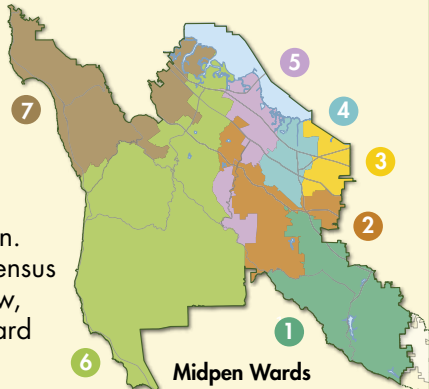
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Community Briefs

'Hear for the Holidays' competition underway

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

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

The deadline to enter is Tuesday, with the winner announced

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

"With so many people facing a tough situation this year, 'Hear for the Holidays' is an excellent opportunity for us to help out someone in our community who wouldn't otherwise feel able to invest in hearing treatment," said Deborah Clark, audiologist and co-owner of Pacific Hearing Service.

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

To access a nomination form and for more information, visit pacifichearingsservice.com.

Volunteer awards luncheon slated Dec. 3

Tickets are available for the annual Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Joint Community

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AUTISM

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described him as always begging for help. She paid a visit to the house and saw "all these locks and chains" on the doors to contain a physically strong young man unable to verbally express himself.

"It's a huge struggle to find suitable providers," said Chiang, who described hours on the phone seeking appropriate treatments for her son. "A lot of them are overcapacity. Many did not accept insurance plans."

Despite the shortcomings, Chiang said the autism services in the U.S. are downright "abundant" compared with the rest of the world.

There's an obvious reason insurers are trying to find loopholes to exempt themselves from providing autism care – it's a fi-

nancial black hole. According to the Autism Speaks organization, costs of care in the U.S. are projected to rise to \$461 billion by 2025, up from \$268 billion in 2015.

Paying for services is one thing, finding people to perform them is another. Turnover in the mental health field is significant, Torabian said. Reimbursements from insurers are low and so too is the pay for therapists.

"They could make the same amount of money at Starbucks, where they're not going to get punched and hit," she lamented.

Schools also are overwhelmed.

"They simply do not have the budget, manpower or resources," Torabian said.

There are not enough doctors who can diagnose, much less provide support for families after diagnosis, according to Torabian.

"The story becomes even more painful after they become adults," she added. "They literally have no place to go and end up living in their parents' basements. The combination of all the above make this world one big mess for this population."

Despite the disheartening circumstances, Torabian soldiers on, much to the appreciation of her clients. Chiang describes Torabian as a "superhero."

"The clinic has completely transformed our lives," she wrote in a Yelp review. She called ICAN "a personable and professional clinic that was completely child-centered, flexible, understanding, and easy to work with."

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Volunteer Service Awards luncheon, set to return as an in-person celebration.

The 38th event is scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the

Crowne Plaza in Palo Alto.

Founded in 1983, the ceremony recognizes residents from both communities who have devoted much of their time to volunteering for local causes.

Awardees are selected by a 12-member committee appoint-

ed by the two city councils.

This year's honorees include Ellen Barker, Sally Chaves, John Conover, Stephanie Dauer, Robert Elson, Kit Gordon, Ron Labetich, Jan McDaniel, Ronald Pellegrini and Julia Zarcone.

In addition to this year's 10

honorees, the event will feature remarks from Gabriel Engeland and Peter Pirnejad, the city managers of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, respectively, who both assumed their positions this year.

The two are slated to discuss

volunteering and its importance to the culture of a community.

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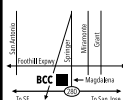
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Schools

St. Simon Parish celebrates National Blue Ribbon designation with flag-raising ceremony



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Los Altos Mayor Neysa Fligor and St. Simon Student Council president Evan Lee mark the school's recent Blue Ribbon award at a campus ceremony Nov. 18.

By Angela Tam
Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

St. Simon Parish School celebrated its designation as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School last week with an on-campus flag-raising ceremony.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program highlights the achievements of students, educators and families. St. Simon earned the Exemplary High Performing School award, which means its students placed in the top 15% in English language arts and mathematics, as measured by state assessments or national tests.

St. Simon was among 28 public and private elementary, middle and high schools in California and 325 schools nationwide to receive the honor. This is the second time the school – located on Grant Road in Los

Altos – has achieved Blue Ribbon status.

St. Simon Catholic Parish's pastor, Father Brendan McGuire, opened the Nov. 18 ceremony with a schoolwide prayer. In addition to the school's students and staff, Los Altos Mayor Neysa Fligor attended the event.

"On behalf of the city of Los Altos and the entire city council, I bring congratulations," Fligor said. "Congratulations to St. Simon on its 60th anniversary ... and (its designation) as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School."

In recognition of the Blue Ribbon award, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo gave the school a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Although she was unable to attend the ceremony, Eshoo also sent St. Simon a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

LASD provides update on teacher housing project, Educator Effectiveness Fund

By Angela Tam
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The proposed affordable housing development for local teachers and school staff is on track and expected to break ground within the next two years, according to an update at last week's Los Altos School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Maegan Pearson, associate vice president of development at the nonprofit Abode Communities – the project developer along with the nonprofit Mercy Housing – shared the latest news on the apartment complex, set for construction at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto, a 1.5-acre county-owned site.

The project has been in the planning stages for the past few years, a response to high housing prices in the area that affect schools' ability to attract and retain teachers and staff.

In 2018, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian spearheaded the proposal, securing approval from his fellow supervisors to repurpose the land and

to contribute funding. He also solicited a commitment from local cities and school districts – including LASD – to find ancillary funding to support the project.

According to Pearson's report, the complex will feature 110 below-market-rate units, including studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, and 112 parking spaces. Twelve units will be designated for LASD, a mix of sizes.

"Right now, the distribution – which is not finalized – is that (LASD) would get three studios, seven one-bedrooms, and two two-bedrooms," Pearson said at the Nov. 15 meeting. "Those units will (have) rent affordable to the range of 60% area median income to 140% area median income."

The county requested a contribution of \$600,000 from LASD, equating to \$50,000 per unit. LASD trustees voted in 2018 to earmark the funds for the project. Participating school districts and the county will collaborate on an agreement for administration of the funds.

Demolition on the site is expected to begin next fall, with on-site construction set to break ground in winter 2023. Construction is scheduled to wrap up around the first quarter of 2024. Mercy Housing Management Group will manage the units.

Professional learning

Sandra McGonagle, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, briefed trustees on the disbursement of nearly \$1 million to LASD through the state's Educator Effectiveness Fund. The money, allocated for 2021-2026, is intended to support professional learning for administrators, teachers and classified staff. McGonagle proposed the funds be directed to:

- Depth and Complexity Prompt Training and Coaching, to help challenge students.
- Practical Strategies for Inclusion and Modification, for special-education students.
- Early Childhood and Childhood Development Training and Coaching, to expand the transitional kindergarten program.
- Advanced Literacy Certifi-



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The building on county-owned land at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto is set to be demolished in fall 2022 to make way for a new apartment complex offering affordable housing for teachers.

cate Training, to support emerging early readers and writers.

- LASD Professional Learning Hub, to train all teachers to support all students in their learning.

Trustees are expected to make a decision on use of the funds at the December board meeting.

County health clinic

Superintendent Jeff Baier presented a "Resolution in Support

of Establishing a County Health Clinic in the Northern Portion of Santa Clara County," as the northern part of the county currently lacks a public hospital or clinic.

Trustees approved the resolution unanimously, favoring the establishment of a county health clinic with the goal of supporting the physical health and well-being of LASD students as well as those in surrounding districts.

Schools

LASD trustees may lift outdoor mask mandate

By Angela Tam

Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees issued an update on COVID-19 data at its meeting last week, painting a primarily positive picture that could lead to scrapping the outdoor mask mandate.

Between Aug. 1 and Nov. 10, LASD reported at least one COVID case at each of its nine schools, with the exception of Oak Avenue. Santa Rita had the most with five cases.

According to Superintendent Jeff Baier, the numbers are relatively low compared to Santa Clara County as a whole; the county currently has a seven-day rolling average of 177 new cases.

LASD continues pooled testing of staff and students with Concentric, a process that has experienced high participation, approaching 90% for the district's seven elementary schools on average and approximately 65% for Blach Intermediate and Egan Junior High schools. From the pooled testing, LASD detected three positive cases and one indeterminate. No additional positives resulted from follow-up testing.

"Early detection and following the protocols from the California Department of Public Health are really helping to stop that spread," Baier said at the Nov. 15 meeting.

All children ages 5 and up are now eligible for vaccination; only nine LASD transitional kindergartners who are not yet 5 years old are ineligible. A total of 96% of LASD staff members are vaccinated.

Masking outdoors

Given the high vaccination rates of LASD staff and junior-high students, a sustained low case rate, well-established campus safety protocols and a well-enforced indoor mask policy, Baier urged trustees to consider lifting the district's outdoor mask mandate.

Trevor Marshall, parent of an LASD third-grader, opposes the mask mandate for outdoor settings, arguing that the rate of transmission outdoors is significantly lower than indoors.

"It's important for kids to stay in shape. ... We want them

exercising vigorously outdoors," Marshall said during public comment at the meeting. "I used to live in Denmark, and they never masked their kids under 12, even indoors in school ... also in Sweden and the U.K. and other states, and they haven't had issues with kids getting horribly sick."

Marshall expressed concern about the long-term effects of masking on children's language and emotional development. He said his third-grade son struggles with enunciation, and he believes that kids need to see each other's mouths to learn language.

Trustee Jessica Speiser said the board should begin to push for "strongly recommended" rather than mandated outdoor masking at the junior high schools, as junior highers are mostly vaccinated. She suggested eliminating the mandate after the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

"As for our elementary school students, they are not fully vaccinated yet," Speiser added. "We're starting to see them in school and get vaccinated, but it's their first dose. I'd like us to (revisit the outdoor mask policy) when we have percentages similar to the junior high schools."

Trustee Bryan Johnson agreed with Speiser, noting that local high schools do not mandate wearing masks outdoors, instead strongly recommending the practice.

"They have not had big outbreaks, and the high school is a lot denser than Blach and Egan," Johnson said. "So, I think that science points that that's still a reasonably safe recommendation. I defer a little bit to the junior high administration about when it would be least disruptive to make that change, but I think there's no reason not to make it sooner than later."

Johnson said he understands the concern for safety at the elementary schools, but he believes it would be safe to abolish the outdoor mask mandate, pointing out that students already eat lunch together outside unmasked, and that there has been no outdoor or indoor transmission within LASD schools.

Trustee Vladimir Ivanovic,

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Khan Academy Kids offers free yoga, mindful movement lessons

Town Crier Report

Surf Yoga, Animal Yoga and Dino Yoga are among the videos now available on the free early-learning app Khan Academy Kids, a result of a new partnership with Alo Gives.

Alo Yoga, a Los Angeles-based company with a mission to spread mindful movement, inspire wellness and create community, launched in 2007.

"As families return to routines of school, work and day care, it's more important than ever to provide a fun way for young children to unwind," said Khan Academy Kids founder and CEO Caroline Hu Flexer in a press release. "We're delighted to partner with Alo Gives to provide free yoga lessons that encourage mindfulness and well-being."

In each video, yoga teachers guide children through a routine for mind and body. The videos are designed to teach kids to quiet their minds, find calm when challenged, mute negativity and gain focus so that they can learn more easily.

"Spreading mindful movement is Alo Yoga's mission, and Alo Gives is our nonprofit dedicated to sharing that with children," said Danny Harris, co-founder of Alo Yoga and Alo Gives. "Through our partnership with Khan Academy Kids, we are able to help students learn yoga and meditation's powerful, life-changing lessons at a young age to alleviate anxiety, promote learning and build emotional and physical resilience."

The videos are available on the Apple App Store, Google Play and Amazon Appstore.

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however, warned of the possibility of an uptick in COVID cases when the winter months begin, referencing reports that some states are experiencing large increases in infection rates, even though they were considered leaders in fighting the virus earlier in the pandemic.

Although trustee Steve Taglio said he is comfortable with the idea of dropping the junior-

high mask mandate, he proposed a round of testing after the Thanksgiving break. If the number of positive cases matches the number of cases prior to the break, Taglio recommended moving to the California Department of Public Health's guideline of only "strongly recommending" outdoor masking.

Board president Vaishali Sirkay supported removing the mask mandate not only for junior highers, but also for elementary schoolers.

The board ultimately agreed to Jan. 10 as the target date for lifting the mandate for the elementary schoolers. For junior highers, trustees agreed with Speiser's suggestion to axe the mandate after the Thanksgiving break, allowing LASD time to prepare for testing and preventing a potential upward climb in cases within the elementary school population by observing how doing away with the outdoor mandate affects the junior-high population.



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Sports

Lancers rally to beat Bears in Open semis

Town Crier Staff Report

For the second straight week, the St. Francis High football team fell behind early in a playoff game. And just like in the Central Coast Section Open Division quarterfinals, the Lancers rallied to win by a wide margin.

Top seed St. Francis – down 14-0 after one quarter and 21-7 late in the second – bounced back for a 49-28 home victory over No. 5 Menlo-Atherton in Friday's semifinals.

The Lancers narrowed their deficit to seven with 11 seconds left.

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Sports on the Side

Tree lot opens Friday at Mtn. View High

The Spartans Tree Lot opens Friday at the Mountain View High football stadium. Trees also will be sold via delivery. Proceeds benefit MVHS athletics. Operating hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Friday, then 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and 5-8 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call (650) 407-1932 or visit SpartansTreeLot.com.

MVHS Turkey Trot set for Thursday

The 12th annual Spartan Turkey Trot is scheduled Thanksgiving morning on the Mountain View High track, with a virtual option offered Thursday through Sunday. In-person registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, and the 5K run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m. The kids races follow at 9:30 and the Spartan Mile at 10 a.m. The top three males and females in the 5K and Spartan Mile win prizes. Virtual participants who submit their results can download and print a finisher's certificate. Registration is \$15-\$40 and includes a T-shirt. Proceeds benefit Mountain View High athletics. To register and for more information, visit SpartanTurkeyTrot.com.

Fast-moving Sharks sink Eagles in DV semis

SF-Watsonville's running attack too much for host Los Altos; MV also ousted from playoffs

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

While desperately needed amid the drought, the rain that fell Friday night didn't do the Los Altos High football team any favors as it hosted St. Francis of Watsonville in the Central Coast Section Division V semifinals.

The sixth-seeded Eagles ended the dry first half with a 28-21 lead, pulling ahead on Jimmy Flynn's 16-yard pass to Zach Fagin with 16 seconds left. The steady drizzle in the second half seemed to slow down Los Altos' passing game, but it didn't bother the seventh-seeded Sharks and their run-oriented offense. Behind its potent ground game, St. Francis scored four touchdowns in the third quarter en route to a 56-35 win.

"It certainly didn't help us that it was raining," Eagles coach Dave DeGeromino said. "I don't know if Jimmy's ever thrown a wet ball."

Flynn, 11-of-15 passing for 200 yards in the first half, was 3-of-12 for 52 yards in the second half and threw two interceptions.

"This towel only does so much," said the sophomore, grabbing the small towel tucked into his pants. "Eventually the ball gets wet and that's most definitely a significant factor (when passing), but that's just an excuse at the end of the day."

Flynn and his receivers had to contend with a slippery ball, and the Los Altos defense had to deal with slippery Sharks. The Eagles (8-4) struggled to contain St. Francis' three-back attack after the first quarter, at the end of which Los Altos led 7-0 on a broken-play touchdown



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Los Altos High halfback Mingaang Park lands in the end zone after a 23-yard run Friday.

by Mingaang Park, who picked up a fumble in the backfield and raced 23 yards to paydirt.

St. Francis (9-3) answered less than a minute into the second quarter on Johrdan Garibay's 1-yard run, but a bad snap on the PAT enabled the Eagles to stay ahead. Los Altos extended the lead to 14-6 on its next drive, capped by Greg Schumann's 5-yard run. Flynn's 33-yard pass play to Fagin, who weaved through three defenders, set up the score.

The Sharks responded again, as Nathaniel Madrigal-Hernandez scored a TD on a 1-yard run and then caught a pass for the two-point conversion to knot the game at 14.

It wasn't tied for long; Fagin, using his track speed, returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a score. Another answer by St. Francis – a 12-yard run by Garibay, who spun his way into the end zone – left the Los Altos offense with only 1:21 to work with before halftime. That proved more than enough time to retake the lead; Flynn completed a 17-yard pass

to Cole Rafferty and a 32-yarder to Thomas Schumann before Fagin scored.

"We came out and moved the ball well, and it seemed like we could do whatever we wanted on offense in the first half," DeGeromino said, "but it got away from us a little bit in the second half. We couldn't stop that run game."

The Sharks opened the second half with another run-heavy drive (they threw only four passes and rushed for 505 yards Friday), scoring to tie the game at 28. After a three-and-out series by the Eagles, St. Francis went ahead on Madrigal-Hernandez's 5-yard run.

Capitalizing on a Flynn interception, the Sharks added to their lead about a minute later when Diego Wolfe ran for a 27-yard TD. All of a sudden, Los Altos found itself down 42-28 with 4:17 remaining in the third.

The Eagles cut the deficit in half on their next drive, as Rafferty caught a 29-yard pass between two defenders in the left side of the

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Parker and Oakland named high school athletes of year by San Jose Sports HOF

Town Crier Staff Report

Two athletes from local high schools were honored at the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame 2021 Induction Ceremony and Dinner Nov. 16 at SAP Center.

Aaron Parker, who graduated from Los Altos High last spring, was recognized as the 2020-21 Male High School Athlete of the Year, while St. Francis High senior Jessica Oakland was celebrated as the 2020-21 Female High School Athlete of the Year.

A four-year varsity baseball player for the Eagles, Parker hit .489, posted an on-base percentage of .583, drove in 107 runs and slugged 26 homers in his career.



COURTESY OF DONN KINE

Aaron Parker, left, stands with NFL great Ronnie Lott at the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner.

The catcher is now a freshman on the UC Santa Barbara team.

Oakland plays softball and basketball. In softball, she hit .612 with a state-leading 19 homers last year, leading St. Francis to a perfect season. She has committed to play softball for the University of Minnesota.

LAHS sisters finish in top 25 at state golf championships

By Pete Borello

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The Thai sisters made the most of their one and only year playing together on the Los Altos High girls golf team. Senior Sophie and freshman Cami both competed on the very last day of the season – Nov. 16 at the state championships in Pebble Beach.

The Thais were among only 54 high school golfers in California to qualify for the event, and both sisters placed in the top half of it. Sophie finished 17th by shooting a 2-over-par 73 at Poppy Hills Golf Course, while Cami came in 23rd with a 75.

No medals, but many memories for the Thais.

Prep Sports Summary

"I was really excited," Cami said of competing at state with her sister, "especially since it was Sophie's last year on the team and our first time there."

And it almost didn't happen. Cami had to win a sudden-death playoff at the Northern California championships a week earlier in El Cerrito to land the ninth and final individual berth at state.

"I was so nervous for Cami," said Sophie, who had seized the seventh spot. "I really wanted her to make it to state my senior year."

Arriving on the Monterey Peninsula the day before state, the

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end zone. The senior totaled six catches for 108 yards.

Three plays later, Madrigal-Hernandez broke several tackles, and perhaps the Eagles' spirit, on a 39-yard scoring scamper.

Now trailing by two touchdowns with a quarter to go, Los Altos went to the air but couldn't get its passing attack on track. Flynn threw an interception, and the Eagles failed to complete a pass in the fourth.

"We will all remember this," Flynn said of the loss. "We will most definitely come back next year with this picture in our minds and will come out hungry."

Los Altos, in the playoffs for the first time in five years, last made the semifinals in 2006.

Spartans stymied

Mountain View scored the first and last touchdown in Saturday's CCS Division III semifinal, but host Sacred Heart Cathedral pro-



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Los Altos High's Cole Rafferty catches a touchdown pass between two defenders Friday.

duced six TDs in between to rout the Spartans 42-14 Saturday.

The seventh-seeded Spartans (6-6) scored on the game's opening drive, only to see the No. 3 Fighting Irish (5-7) put up four unanswered TDs by halftime. By the end of the third quarter, Mountain View trailed 42-7.

This marked the Spartans' first semifinal appearance since 2002.

"That was my highlight," Cami said. "It happened after I had been a little frustrated because I should have made a birdie on the hole before that."

Helped by her long drives, Sophie had three birdies. She twice saved par by draining long putts.

"On (hole) 8, I saved par with a 10-footer, and that shifted the momentum for me on the last hole," said Sophie, who rebounded from back-to-back double bogeys with pars on her final two holes.

Sophie has verbally committed to Dartmouth College. Cami said she aspires to play college golf as well.

Girls volleyball

St. Francis faced a familiar foe in last week's NorCal Open Division final – a Mitty team it went 2-2 against prior to the Nov. 16 match for regional supremacy. The second-seeded Monarchs won this time, beating the visiting No. 8 Lancers in four sets.

Madison Pietsch tallied 13 kills for St. Francis (20-12).

Girls basketball

Saturday
Mountain View at Los Gatos, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Los Altos at Piedmont Hills, 7 p.m.

Boys soccer

Tuesday
Los Altos at Monta Vista, 3:30 p.m.
Mountain View at Pioneer, 7 p.m.

Cross-country

Saturday
Los Altos girls, Mountain View boys and St. Francis boys and girls at state championships at Woodward Park in Fresno, 8:30 a.m.

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left in the first half on Josh Perry's 10-yard pass to Dillon Golden and Matthew Karic's extra point. Nicolas Andrighetto set up the TD with an interception that put his team at the Bears' 32 with a minute to go.

The second half was all St. Francis (11-0). Camilo Arquette's 1-yard run, coupled with Karic's kick, tied the game at 21 midway

through the third, and the Lancers took their first lead on another 1-yard rush by Arquette early in the fourth.

M-A threw an interception on its next drive, a pass snatched by Arquette, leading to Perry's 1-yard TD run.

The Bears (9-3) clawed back with a touchdown midway through the fourth, trimming St. Francis' lead to 35-28, but the Lancers quickly countered with Viliami Teu's 48-yard scoring

scamper about a minute later.

After another M-A turnover, Arquette crossed the goal line on a 1-yard run to seal the victory.

Arquette's 117 yards rushing was surpassed only by Teu's 148.

Perry was 8-of-12 passing for 120 yards, and he rushed for 41.

St. Francis plays No. 2 Serra (10-1) in the final 7 p.m. Friday at Westmont. When the teams met Nov. 6 at Serra with the West Catholic Athletic League title on the line, the Lancers won 44-21.

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Thais had ample time to prepare for an experience few sisters get to share.

"We stayed in a hotel and shared a room," Sophie said. "It was comforting for her to be there with me."

The sisters went their separate ways once they hit the course, playing in different threesomes. Cami's group teed off at 10 a.m. and Sophie's about 10 minutes later. They both began on the back nine in conditions that Sophie described as "super foggy."

Cami, one of the few freshmen to qualify for state, was determined to soak it all in.

"I wanted to really enjoy the experience," she said. "I was happy to be there and had no expectations. I tried not to put too much pressure on myself and just take it one shot at a time."

Cami's best shot came on the fifth hole, where she sank a 20-foot putt for her lone birdie.

Prep sports schedule for Nov. 24-30

Football

Friday
St. Francis vs. Serra in CCS Open Division final at Westmont, 7 p.m.

Boys basketball

Saturday
Los Altos at Soquel, 1 p.m.
Mountain View at Los Gatos, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Design Tech at Pinewood, 6 p.m.
De Anza at Los Altos, 6:30 p.m.
Wilcox at St. Francis, 7 p.m.



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River rock and wood shingle

A Los Altos farmhouse restoration proves trickier than anticipated

By Eliza Ridgeway
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When Daniil and Divya Reouk moved back to the Bay Area in 2015 after a stint in Los Angeles for medical school, they started house hunting in the south Los Altos area. Daniil, who works in corporate finance, and Divya, a newly minted doctor, were looking at just a few houses that might fit their budget, and knew that they might need to pick a fixer-upper and slowly work on it over time.

When they spotted a Grant Road farmhouse with accessory dwelling unit potential for visiting family from overseas, they were intrigued by its possibilities. But committing to a historical house, it turns out, involves a lot more than gradual updates over time. Their work on the house at 1365 Grand Road ultimately led to recognition from the city, which honored them with this year's Historic Preservation Award for "commitment to historic preservation and diligent compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation." The award recognized not just the specialness of the house, but the epic scope of their project as it stretched from months to years.

A house with history

"The house itself was in really bad shape," Daniil Reouk said. "It was owned by one family since it was built in 1913, when it was a farmhouse on a large apricot farm that extended all the way from Grant Road to Highway 85 – a large chunk of south Los Altos was the owner's apricot farm. His name was Holt."

The Holt home was located in the midst of what was once a 900-acre ranch, cultivated from the 1850s onward with grain and fruit orchards and subsequently subdivided lots. When the Holt family purchased the

land in 1913, grandson Ronald Holt noted in an oral history, only two other houses were yet located along the length of Grant Road. Although orchards persisted around the house, Oliver Holt, the first owner, worked as a theater projectionist and mail carrier, and his son Donald Holt also worked as a mail carrier and in construction, in addition to military service.

The Reouks hired an architectural firm to prepare a historical resource evaluation of the property, investigating its significance and eligibility for the Mills Act, a preservation incentive program. The house is also included in Los Altos' Historic Resources Inventory. The two-story, wood-frame house, finished with unpainted wood shingles, boasts a gable roof with lower shed and projecting bay roofs, with an overall style reminiscent of both the Shingle style (1880-1900) and the Craftsman style (1905-1920s). Its projecting eaves with soffit boards, exposed purlins and decorative shingles would warm the heart of an ardent preservationist, but the unusual brick sill and river-rock base along the western end of the house catch the eye of even a casual onlooker.

Thanks to the home's Mills Act application, the Reouks have a lengthy report on the home's history. The Holt family initially inhabited the farmhouse and then retained the property but rented it out, splitting it into upstairs and downstairs apartments. There lay the first challenge for the Reouks when they purchased the home.

"To get a mortgage and buy it, we had to demolish the (apartment divider) wall at our own expense," Reouk said. Other challenges were obvious – "The heating was original, the electrical was knob and tube, barely working; it was not much of a livable house. But I was really



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The Reouk family lofted their historical farmhouse to rebuild a foundation on the way to updating its interior.



excited about it."

The \$2 million house had been on the market for a while when they found it, on a relatively busy street and with no potential as a developer's teardown due to its historical status. The Reouks wanted to remodel the house's interior and rehabilitate or replace windows and shingle, brick or stone where necessary on the exterior, as well as replace the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

"We were half-brave, half-foolish," Reouk said. "We were really fascinated by the architecture, really loved the old garden that is behind it, with a huge oak tree at the back, a big oak tree at the side and a huge redwood tree in the middle of the garden. We

felt like we could really feel the connection to the house."

They originally planned to exclusively remodel the interior and hoped to move in within six months of buying. That didn't go as planned. They discovered fairly quickly that the house's old brick foundation presented a major earthquake question mark. Although it was built not long after the 1906 earthquake, with some good supports, and had survived the Loma Prieta quake in 1989, the contractors who visited balked at working on a potentially unstable brick foundation. After bouncing back and forth between the city and various contractors for ideas, a structural engineer convinced them they needed to rebuild a

foundation if they wanted to be sure the house would survive the next major earthquake.

Rebuilding from below

"Rebuilding the foundation is a huge endeavor. It's a little bit of a nightmare," Reouk said. "There was that river-rock stone that covers the front of the house and the side of it, which is a historically relevant feature, and that stone was tied to the original foundation. If you were to dig around that, that stone will not be supported and is going to fall."

Ultimately, the Reouks concluded that if they were rebuilding the foundation, they might as well dig it out and build a

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basement at the same time, adding space to the 2,400-square-foot house that would have value in the long run. It took nearly 10 months to get permits from the city. They were on a tight budget and trying to manage contractors themselves rather than hiring an architect as coordinator, which did not smooth the permit process. Finding a team that could handle the rescoped, relatively complicated foundation project, which involved levitating the house into the air while excavating and pouring a new concrete foundation, also caused a project delay – and budget increase. Ultimately, the six-month timeline grew to four years, with 10 months of permitting, a year and half of foundation work and another year and a half to rebuild the house from the inside.

“We took it down to studs and tried to re-create the Craftsman features of the house, large windows and framing around the doors and windows,” Reouk said, describing the unusual wood windows characteristic to the house and the laborious process of removing, saving and then faithfully replacing stairs from the home’s many entries with help from detailed drawings. An experienced mason had to catalogue, move, store and then replace the river-stone facade, individually numbering and labeling the stones and testing dozens of grout mixtures to find a color that matched the original used more than a century ago. After striking out repeatedly, they discovered that sand unearthed from around the house during the excavation provided the crucial yellowish tone from the past.

The Reouks started this saga living in an apartment in Mountain View – but as they ran out of money, years into the process, they decided to move onto the property, fitting the couple and their two kids into the one-room ADU-like space the Holt family had built in the detached garage. Reouk noted that his family likes to travel and has benefited from a learned perspective that in other parts of the world, as well for many in U.S., a family sharing a 300-square-foot space is not unusual.

“We thought, ‘Other people live like that. It’s not a huge deal. It’s not comfortable, but



COURTESY OF DANIIL REOUK

The Reouk family’s 1913 farmhouse features an open-space plan designed for modern living – including a kitchen, at long last.

it’s doable,” Reouk said. “It had a bathroom, which was a good thing, but it didn’t have a kitchen, so we put a sink outside. We somehow survived.”

After a year and half of getting by in the garage, they moved into the house as work continued in its basement and yard, which wrapped up earlier this year. Ultimately, their \$400,000 budget for renovation tripled and they gained experience with recruiting contractors from as far as Santa Cruz and Salinas to do specialized work on a budget.

The city’s role

The city’s historians intermittently traverse Los Altos doing windshield surveys in neighborhoods the city has identified as being historical to identify properties with potential to become landmarks in partnership with their owners. Margo Horn, a member of the Los Altos Historical Commission, said the city wants to encourage and applaud residents who value the history of the city.

“Los Altos is a very young city – it was established in 1952 – and when there’s development here, it’s easy to just bulldoze historic resources. We need to balance building for the future with preserving our historical resources,” Horn said.

Homeowners willing to do that work can receive a tradeoff, in the tax deduction that comes with Mills Act designation. But others can be part of the historical inventory without the Mills Act. Any property more than 50 years old might qualify, and the commission emphasizes that a historical home should still be a comfortable, livable house, Horn noted. Historical preservation focuses primarily on external aspects of a house, particularly those visible to the larger com-

munity from street-side views.

Sean Gallegos, the associate planner for Los Altos who liaises with the Historical Commission, explained that when you buy a house considered historical, the California Environmental Quality Act views it as a protected resource. That means you can’t demolish a historical structure without going through a full environmental review process, and even then demolition pretty much only happens if you allow the structure to degrade to the point that it is no longer historical. But Gallegos pointed out that in general it is property owners themselves who seek out historical designation.

“People who buy historic homes typically are passionate about historic preservation,” he said. “I talk to real estate agents all the time – when a historic home comes on the market, I will try to meet with them and be very careful so that we can keep people informed and know that they have tremendous opportunities for historic preservation, and typically they love it and will even restore it and often do additions.”

As the pandemic began, Gallegos said, restoration applications fell to zero, but prior to that it was typical to see three to five significant preservations in a year, and four to 10 minor modifications.

“Being historic doesn’t affect someone’s ability to even gut the interior of a home,” he said. “We comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s standards of rehabilitation, which allow for adaptive use of historic buildings so that they grow, and comply with different needs for society – how we utilize homes now, versus in the ’20s and ’30s.”

For more information on landmark homes around Los Altos, visit bit.ly/LosAltosPreservation.

Stepping Out

'Nutcracker' opens Friday in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

Pacific Ballet Company's 30th annual production of "The Nutcracker" is scheduled to be performed this weekend at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

The traditional holiday ballet for all ages follows young Clara as she journeys to the Land of Sweets with her Nutcracker Prince.

Pacific Ballet's dancers will greet audience members as they enter MVPCA's Main Stage.

Standard two-hour performances (with one intermission) are set for 6 p.m. Friday and 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday. A children's performance (Act I only) is slated noon Sunday, followed by an autism/sensory-friendly performance (Act II only) at 2 p.m.

All patrons are required to wear masks.

Tickets are \$15-\$30.

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

Pear presents 'Eight Nights' & 'The Thanksgiving Play'

Town Crier Report

Mountain View's Pear Theatre continues its 20th season with a second round of Pear Pairings, which this time features "Eight Nights" in repertory with "The Thanksgiving Play." Opening last week, the plays run through Dec. 12.

Jennifer Maisel's "Eight Nights" won the 2021 Ovation Award for Best Playwriting. The drama chronicles the legacy of trauma, stemming from dark eras of human history, the ensuing ripple effect it has on multiple lives and the power and resiliency of the human spirit.

Holocaust survivor Rebecca Blum arrives in America at 19 and observes Hanukkah in the same apartment during eight nights over eight decades (from 1949 to 2016). She, her family and friends wrestle with vanquishing a haunting, shared past, and warmly unite to celebrate the holiday season.

"How do people go on after something (traumatic) like this happens to them?" Maisel said. "From African-American slave culture to Japanese Americans in the internment camps to the

people who were in the Holocaust and the Armenian genocide, people survive and move on in varying ways. ... (This play) is about people finding a way to live after surviving loss and trauma, and witnessing how that brings joy to the future."

The cast includes Chris Mahle (as Erich Blum), Maria Marquis (Anna Blum and Rebecca), Skylar Rose Adams (Rebecca Blum, Amy and Nina), Max Mahle (Aaron), Anthony Doan (Steven and Inge), Sinjin Jones (Benjamin) and Rolanda Bell (Arlene and Lacey).

"The Thanksgiving Play" comes from award-winning playwright and choreographer Larissa FastHorse. The farce follows three woke white theater artists trying their best to put on a play about Thanksgiving without offending anyone. Spoiler alert: It does not go well.

"The Thanksgiving Play" is really about performative wokeness," FastHorse said. "It's about four people showing how



The cast of Pear Theatre's "The Thanksgiving Play" includes Max Mahle, clockwise from left, Maria Marquis, Chris Mahle and Skylar Rose Adams.

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woke they are, more specifically, trying to create a culturally sensitive first Thanksgiving play for children during Native American heritage month, and how enlightened they are without maybe actually being it. ... The play challenges the myths surrounding Thanksgiving, and how celebrating the holiday erases and flattens indigenous experiences."

The cast comprises Chris Mahle (as Caden), Skylar Rose Adams (Alicia), Maria Marquis (Logan) and Max Mahle (Jaxton).

Michael Champlin directs both productions.

Performances of "The Thanksgiving Play" are slated 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Performances of "Eight Nights" are scheduled 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, along with 7:30 Dec. 9. Audiences are capped at 60 people to allow an empty seat between each group. Masks and proof of vaccination are required.

Tickets to each show are \$35-\$42.

The Pear Theatre is located at 1110 La Avenida St.

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Business & Real Estate

Interior designer recognized for work on Hiroshi restaurant

By Sophia Yao
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The American Society of Interior Designers recently honored Vicky Tsai with its Gold Award for commercial design for her work on Hiroshi, the Japanese restaurant in downtown Los Altos.

“I think (the interior design) is both inviting and gives a luxurious feel, but it’s also not over the top; it’s very comfortable and it’s pretty unique,” Hiroshi general manager Kevin Biggerstaff said.

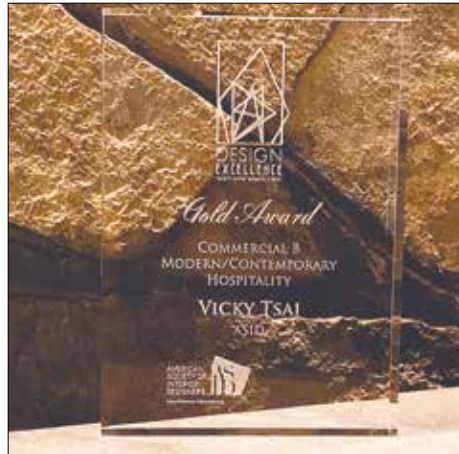
Biggerstaff added that the interior design of the restaurant gives people a sense of warmth and calm. Some elements used to create the sense of peace, including wood and a stone waterfall, add to a modern Japanese feel, he noted.

“The combination of colors and textures, the stone waterfall as the backdrop for the sushi bar and the woods are all imported from Japan, so they have a very luscious texture to them and also feel very warm and authentic,” Biggerstaff said.

Tsai, who has won the award four times, said a picture taken in Oregon inspired the waterfall, and the texture and sound of the waterfall became a core concept.

Tsai joined the project as lead architect and to serve as a communications liaison with an architect in Tokyo.

“At the beginning, the client had an



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Interior designer Vicky Tsai has won a national award for her work on Hiroshi, located in downtown Los Altos.

architect in Tokyo design the space, and they needed someone local to translate,” she said. “And at one point, I kind of took over, modified and developed the concept, and then we had to change a lot of things, too.”

Tsai ran into a few difficulties with the seating for the restaurant.

“We had a hard time with the seating because the owner originally wanted it to be a very private space, but the seating requires that you can see through from the outside,” the San Jose resident said. “We had to build another wall, between the facade and the actual restaurant.”



Biggerstaff admires the special touch Tsai brought to the project.

“She has a very, very unique aesthetic that does not hit you in the head,” he said. “She’s great with design, she’s a good sketch artist and she’s able to put into reality what she sees on paper.”

Tsai – who also has designed several homes in Los Altos – described the restaurant’s aesthetic as a minimalistic look with a spiritual element to it.

Biggerstaff said Tsai’s Chinese and Japanese background – as well as the time she spent attending school in Japan – helped her bring a cultural touch to the

restaurant.

“I was born there, so I knew exactly what the vision of the client is,” Tsai said of her Asian roots. “They wanted a very authentic one.”

Biggerstaff hopes the award will generate more attention for Hiroshi, located at 328 Main St.

“I think it’s good for some publicity, letting people know about the restaurant,” he said. “Not a lot of people know about us because we’re kind of small, unique and hidden.”

For more information on Hiroshi, visit hiroshi328.com.



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Boston Private-Silicon Valley Bank to close its Los Altos location in February; PA branch will remain

Town Crier Staff Report

Boston Private-Silicon Valley Bank is closing its Los Altos branch on San Antonio Road, a reflection of shifting customer needs.

Bank officials will be shuttering the Los Altos office effective Feb. 15 but plan to maintain an office in Palo Alto.

“We chose not to renew our Los Altos lease as client behavior is changing and many are utilizing our digital capabilities for more routine transactions,” a Boston Private spokesperson, said in an email to the Town Crier last week. “We anticipate an extremely smooth transition for our clients impacted by the consolidation of our Los Altos office into our Palo Alto location,

and look forward to continuing to serve the financial services needs of our Peninsula-area clients and community.”

Earlier this year, SVB Financial Group, the parent company of Silicon Valley Bank, announced it had acquired Boston Private Financial Holdings, the parent company of Boston Private Bank, for \$900 million. Boston Private assumed ownership of Borel Private Bank & Trust Co. in 2012. Borel opened its Los Altos branch in 2005.

The Los Altos branch is located at 345 S. San Antonio Road. The Palo Alto branch is located downtown at 420 Cowper St.

For more information on Boston Private-Silicon Valley Bank, visit BostonPrivate.com.

Business & Real Estate

Transactions

Los Altos

714 Arroyo Road, Heley Family Trust to E. & S. Kolay for \$6,010,000
1691 Austin Avenue, Loretz Construction Inc. to A. & P. Mittal for \$4,995,000
1614 Clay Drive, Trautman Family Trust to L. & M. Thattai for \$4,400,000
1988 Deodara Drive, M. Palomo to O. & M. Lee for \$3,815,000
275 E. Edith Avenue, Clifford Trust to S. & K. Chen for \$4,460,000
1 W. Edith Avenue Unit B210, Green Trust to Huang Trust for \$1,380,000
2037 El Sereno Avenue, Fosnaugh Trust to M. & P. Aragonda for \$3,450,000
561 Fremont Avenue, M. Castain to Valentine Family Trust for \$3,200,000
476 Guadalupe Drive, L. Gulbransen to Koduvayur Trust for \$4,150,000
311 Hawthorne Avenue, R. Roman to SF21G LLC for \$3,800,000
428 Hawthorne Avenue, K. & A. Najarian to J. & M. McCoy for \$5,508,000
830 Laverne Way, Stoneham Trust to Laverne Homes LLC for \$5,000,000
648 Leaf Court, Morgan Trust to M. & D. Punjani for \$4,930,000
96 Los Altos Avenue, Limbach Family Trust to Camp Trust for \$5,425,000
1400 Montclair Place, C. Song to Ma Trust for \$4,450,000
500 Patrick Way, E. 1997 to Y. & W. Gong for \$4,500,000
1563 Plateau Avenue, F. Komlos to R. & H. Chen for \$4,280,000
1001 Ray Avenue, Valerie Trust to P. & S. Patel for \$4,025,000
682 N. San Antonio Road, Rainy Day Holdings LLC to Filo Family Trust for \$2,287,500
575 Tyndall Street No. 1, Saito-Tun Family Trust to Biggs Trust for \$1,265,000

Los Altos Hills

11880 Francemont Drive, Hirsch Trust to G. & N. O'Rourke for \$5,150,000
25703 Lomita Linda Court, Stitt Trust to M. & K. Yadappanvar for \$9,550,000
11000 Magdalena Road, W. Budworth to V. & S. Mohsenzadegan for \$4,028,000
13641 Roble Alto Court, J. Pavlina to F. & L. Sun for \$5,000,000

Mountain View

1296 Abraham Court, K. Toraskar to I. & H. Unlu for \$2,565,000
1550 Alison Avenue, W. Chen to X. & Y. Cui for \$2,930,000
2466 Alvin Street, E. Todd to D. & W. Chang for \$2,058,000
1063 Bonita Avenue, Y. Wang to X. & B. Yang for \$2,020,000
275 Calderon Avenue, Summerhill Calderon Avenue LLC to Pbhbgbjk Calderon LLC for \$5,310,000
2052 Colony Street, Y. & N. Barry to M. Liu for \$1,405,000
2088 Colony Street, Maldonado Trust to C. & J. Alcazar for \$975,000

108 Dalma Drive, White Trust to M. & N. Chandrasekaran for \$2,050,000
1109 Doyle Place, Kanze Family Trust to M. & H. Wong-Toi for \$2,325,000
100 W. El Camino Real No. 62, B. Ng to M. & M. Andonov for \$978,000
1059 Jackson Street, P. Chandran to K. & J. Owen for \$2,000,000
50 E. Middlefield Road No. 15, N. & O. Sharon to I. & N. Singh for \$799,000
642 Midrock Cors, Suzuki Trust to G. Martinez for \$1,010,000
1956 Montecito Avenue, Redwoods at Montecito LLC to Y. & J. He for \$1,962,000
344 Oaktree Drive No. 1305, M. Lai to Y. Zhang for \$1,280,000
189 Ortega Avenue, Larraux Family Trust to W. Miao for \$1,075,000
733 Reflection Way, T. Hasegawa to P. & S. Palkar for \$1,765,000
765 N. Rengstorff Avenue No. 22, K. Latham to D. Huang for \$1,000,000
2328 Rock Street, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to C. & S. Kang for \$1,644,000
324 Scarlett Terrace, Redwoods at Montecito LLC to E. & Y. Kim for \$1,499,000
2105 Showers Drive, Ma Trust to S. & M. Ebtehaj for \$1,277,000
1916 Silverwood Avenue, H. Lee to J. Luther for \$895,000
656 Taylor Court, Walker Drive LLC to R. Li for \$828,000
2340 Toledo Circle, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to E. & D. Tang for \$1,875,000
1527 Tyler Park Way, A. & B. Khorashadi to M. & D. Kirkby for \$1,526,000

Cupertino

21181 Hazelbrook Drive, Bowers Survivors Trust to S. & W. Wu for \$3,235,000
19899 Lindenbrook Lane, Y. & V. Liu to L. & M. Wu for \$2,500,000
20860 McClellan Road, Carlotto Trust to District McClellan LLC for \$7,300,000
10172 Parish Place, Sallan Family Trust to J. & S. Han for \$1,860,000
1468 Primrose Way, P. & R. Ramchurn to Home Light Hms R/E LLC for \$2,850,000
10138 Ridgeway Drive, Veenarameesh Family Trust to S. & Y. Yoon for \$1,850,000
7689 Squirewood Way, Habeeb Family Trust B to M. & Y. Zhang for \$2,400,000
19999 Stevens Creek Boulevard No. 219, Baliga Family Trust to A. Baskaran for \$940,000
20500 Town Center Lane No. 271, D. Yu to A. Boone for \$280,000

Overall

Los Altos
 Total sales: 20
 Lowest sale: \$1,265,000
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 Average sale: \$4,066,500

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Watch out for this new take on government scams

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Scammers have long impersonated government officials, but their new tactics are more intimidating than ever before, according to the Better Business Bureau.

Here's how this new twist works and how to avoid falling victim to it.

How the scam works

You receive a letter in the mail that looks official. It claims to come from a court or law enforcement agency. Scammers combine personal information collected from data breaches with official-looking seals and watermarks to make the correspondence seem legitimate.

The letter informs you that you have violated federal or state statutes and offers you two choices: cooperate as a witness or face indictment for serious crimes. Unfor-

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tunately, choosing to cooperate as a witness requires you to pay thousands of dollars in "legal fees." But scammers don't stop there.

Whether or not you respond to the letter, they follow up with a call. Con artists use scare tactics, threatening you with jail time or other serious consequences if you don't pay up. The more you engage with these scammers, the more aggressive they may become.

One person reported this kind of experience on the BBB Scam Tracker.

"I received a voicemail message to return a call to the Dane County Sheriff's Office," the person said. "When I called, a man said I was summoned to court and was notified by mail of this summons. I kept questioning him about this mailing. The man knew my address and middle name."

How to avoid the scam

Here's how to avoid such a scam:

- **Verify correspondence with government agencies.** If you receive a piece of mail or a call that seems suspicious, take a step back and make sure it's legitimate before you take any action. Call the government office directly, using the official phone number, to verify the communications are real.

- **Don't engage with scammers.** As soon as you know you are dealing with a scammer, cease communication. Stop answering calls, letters or emails, and block any numbers that have called you about the scam.

- **Report government impostor scams to the FBI.** Help the FBI catch scammers by reporting your experience online at ic3.gov.

For more tips on how to avoid scams, visit BBB.org/SpotAScam.

TRANSACTIONS

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Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 4
Lowest sale: \$4,028,000
Highest sale: \$9,550,000
Average sale: \$5,932,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 25
Lowest sale: \$799,000
Highest sale: \$5,310,000
Average sale: \$1,722,000

Cupertino

Total sales: 9
Lowest sale: \$280,000
Highest sale: \$7,300,000
Average sale: \$2,579,400

Transaction information is obtained from public county records and is provided by CalREsource.

Latest jobs report indicates that California's employment numbers increased dramatically in October

Town Crier Report

Data released Friday showed California saw a dramatic rise in employment last month.

The latest jobs report indicates the state created a nation-best 96,600 new jobs in October.

It was welcome news for Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"California has again created more new jobs than any other state, averaging six-figure job growth for nine months straight – an unprecedented achievement as our economy continues to recover

from the pandemic," he said in a press release.

Other takeaways from the jobs report:

- California has now regained 1,828,500, or 67.4%, of the 2,714,800 jobs that were lost in March and April 2020 due to the

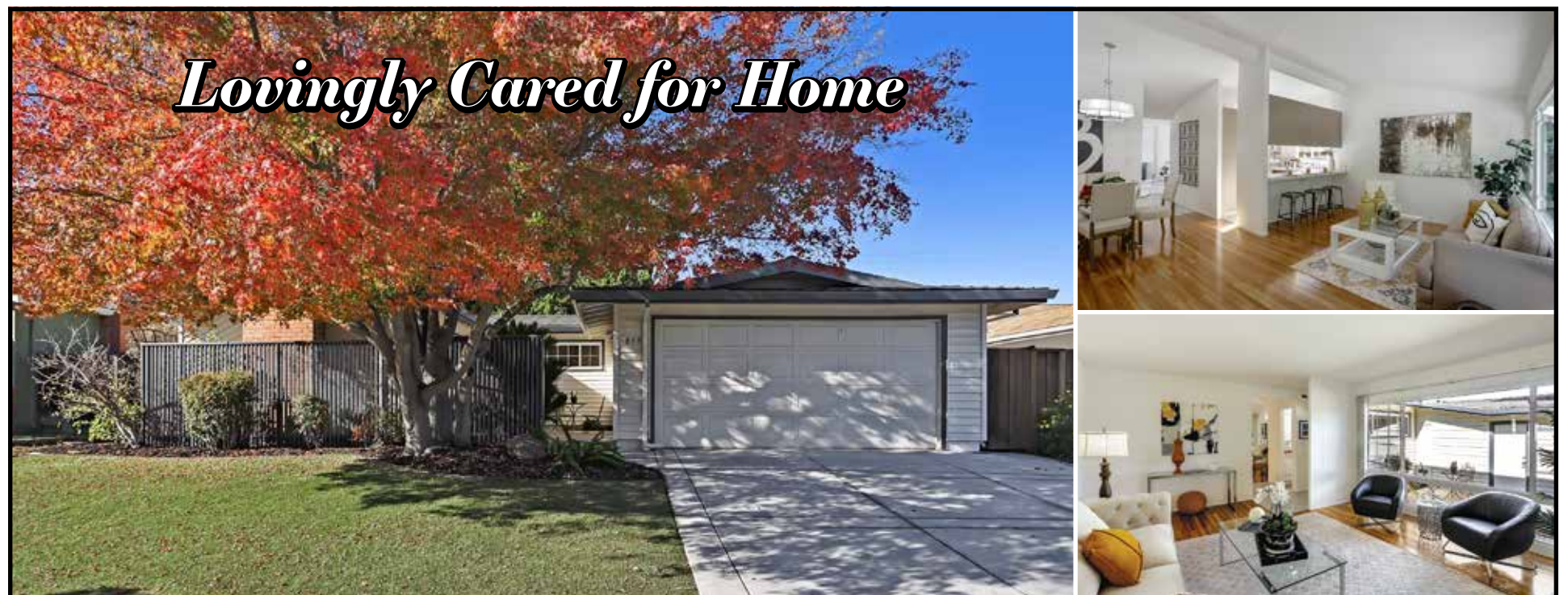
COVID pandemic.

- The state's gain of 96,800 nonfarm jobs accounted for roughly 18.2% of the nation's 531,000 overall jobs gain in October.

- From February through October, California averaged more

than 100,000 payroll jobs gained each month, helping lead the nation in job growth in 2021.

- Ten of California's 11 industry sectors gained jobs in October, with professional and business services leading the way with 39,500.



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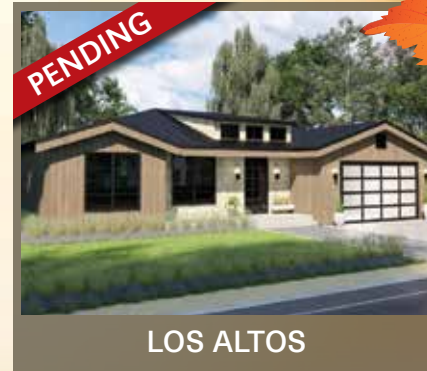
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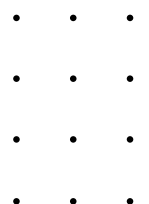
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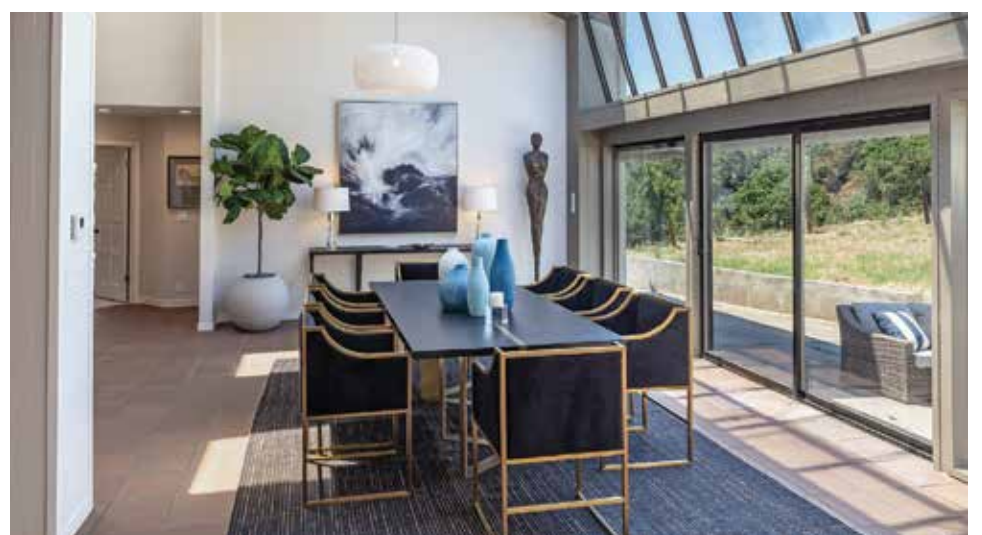
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EXHIBITS

Chinese Calligraphy. Works by students from the Palo Alto Chinese School. Through Nov. 30. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. scclld.org/locations/LA.

"The Art of Living History." Fine art exhibit by local artist Robert Schick that records the transformation Santa Clara Valley went through in front of his eyes. Art walk and talks 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 4. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222.

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum. Memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models connected with the former Naval airbase. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, Mountain View. \$3-\$8; free children under 12 and active military. Photo ID required for adults. (650) 964-4024; moffettfieldmuseum.org.

AUDITIONS

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

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

Schola Cantorum. Choral group invites talented adult singers of all musical and cultural backgrounds to audition. Previous college choral experience preferred. Rehearsals 7:15-10 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. (650) 254-1700; info@scholacantorum.org.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

505-2048; Nisaleone@sbcglobal.net.

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

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

Garden Club of Los Altos. Garden or floral expert speaks at each meeting. 1:20 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December). Virtual meeting on Zoom. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte. Guests \$5. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

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

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

Morning Flow Yoga. Led by Duanni Hurd. 7-8 a.m. Saturdays. Yoga of Los Altos, 377 First St. \$13.50-\$18; Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. (650) 600-8108.

Parent-Child Gym, Swimming, Drama, Sports, Art, etc. YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula El Camino Branch, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. (650) 969-9622.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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. (650) 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. (650) 940-1824; paloaltobridge.org.

Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area. Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. (650) 961-3539; ffsba.org.

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

Assistance League of Los Altos. Nonprofit volunteer group that develops and runs programs benefiting children and others in need in nearby communities of Santa Clara County. Year-round volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. 169 State St., Los Altos. (650) 941-2410; losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

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

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

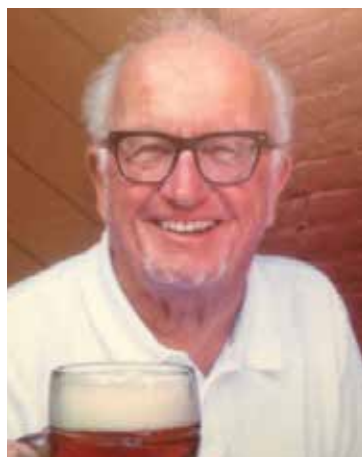
Sons in Retirement, Southern Peninsula Branch 5. Devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. Small group of men who get together each month to socialize, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (650) 299-9479; sirinc2.org/branch5.

Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Open to women 18 and up, regardless

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OBITUARY NOTICE

DR. PETER "PAUL" KRONFELD



January 30, 1933 - November 12, 2021

Paul Kronfeld was born in Vienna, Austria on January 30, 1933 and passed away at the age of 88 on November 12, 2021. After finishing high school in Vienna, Paul came to the United States for college. He received his BA at Wesleyan University and his MD at Columbia University of Physicians & Surgeons in New York City. In 1960, Paul briefly returned to Vienna to marry his high school sweetheart, Lili ("Gigi") Haeussler. In 1966, after his internship and residency, Paul moved his family to California where he was appointed Chief of Anesthesiologists at the US Public Health Service in San Francisco's Presidio. In 1968, Paul and Lili moved with their two daughters to Los Altos. Paul served as a staff anesthesiologist at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View for 30 years until his retirement in 1998.

Paul had numerous outside interests. He was an instrument-rated private pilot and flew his Cessna 182 all over the US, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Paul miraculously survived an engine failure at 5000 feet resulting in an emergency landing from which he escaped unscathed. A member of the Los Altos Golf & Country Club, Paul was an avid tennis player. His favorite partner was his patient daughter, Barbara. On the court, Paul said, "yours", meaning "you run down that drop shot!" Paul played tennis until he was 85 years old. In his younger years, Paul raced his 420 sailboat in the cold waters of the SF Bay, capsizing frequently. An avid card player, Paul was a

tournament bridge player achieving the rank Life Master. A strong believer in physical fitness, Paul could be seen at the YMCA gym almost daily until Covid-19 shut the doors.

Most of all, Paul enjoyed spending time in Tahoe where he and his family and friends spent summers boating and hiking, and winters skiing. Paul also enjoyed travelling back to Austria for family visits.

Paul enjoyed art museums, books (biographies, history) and good movies. But music was his greatest love. His musical taste was universal, ranging from opera (Wagner, Mahler) to Broadway shows, pop, jazz, and rock. Paul was quoted as saying, "Good music nurtures the mind and soul."

Paul and Lili were married for 55 years. Paul was preceded in death by his wife who passed away in 2015. Paul is survived by his daughter, Claudia Kiachian, and her husband Jerry, and daughter, Barbara Wilbur, and her husband Dave; his three beloved grandchildren, Tori, Tommy and Jack Wilbur; his sister Ellie Andrews in San Gabriel; sister-in-law Dancica Haeussler in Vienna, and his nieces, nephews, and cousins in Vienna and California. The family would like to thank his special friend, Peggy Austin, for her love and support. A private family celebration of life in his honor is being planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the El Camino Health Foundation or the American Cancer Society.



MARIAN M. STARKEY



October 1, 1926 -
October 30, 2021

Resident of Los Altos

Marian Starkey was born on October 1, 1926 to Bly and Martha Myers in Ohio. In 1947, Marian married her high school sweetheart, Gerald Starkey, who became an aeronautical engineer in the Air Force. Marian graduated with a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Ohio State University and worked as the manager of the special hematology laboratory at Stanford Medical Center. After retiring from Stanford, Marian worked at H & R Block as a tax preparer.

Marian is survived by her brother, Allen Myers and his wife Chris Dusek and their son, Alfredo Myers. Marian is survived by her son, Fred Starkey and his wife, Andrea Starkey, and their three children, Joel Starkey, Alicia Brewer, and Marcella Shook. Marian is survived by her great-grandchildren, Paige Starkey and Seth Starkey. Marian is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Starkey, and her husband, Scott Stapleton.

Marian loved giving service to others in her church community, her neighborhood and in other organizations. She loved her family and gave unconditionally her talents and treasures to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marian was known for being a good listener, for being positive in every situation, and for always lending a helping hand to anyone in need.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 11 am at Bridges Community Church at 625 Magdalena Avenue in Los Altos with a luncheon to follow. For further information, contact Cynthia Starkey at starkeysunshine@gmail.com

RICHARD ANTHONY COUSINS



July 8, 1926 -
November 9, 2021

Richard Anthony Cousins, a long time Pleasanton resident passed away November 9, 2021 at the age of 95.

Richard was born in San Jose CA to Anthony Garchitti and Genevieve Cousins. At the age of 5 he was adopted along with his brother Robert by his grandfather Guy and Grandmother Edna Cousins and raised by them. He attended Herbert Hoover Jr. High School and Bellermine Prep until he joined the Marines at the age of 17. He served in WWII and the Korean War.

Richard married Santa Ciardelli November 13, 1949 and raised a family in Santa Clara, CA.

Richard worked in the dairy industry starting as a milkman for Golden State Farm's and worked his way up to management until his retirement from Knudsen.

Richard then owned and operated Gourmet Works in Los Altos along with his family until his second retirement.

Richard and Santa moved to Pleasanton where they lived until his death.

His #1 passion (next to mom) was playing golf. His nickname ACES came about because he hit 4 holes in one during his golf career. He was a Marshall at Callipe golf for 16 years and golfed until he was 93.

Richard aka "Big R" had a huge personality and will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife Santa Cousins, his 4 children, Steven Cousins (Cynthia), Bruce Cousins (Susan) Kathy Starkey (Gary) and Craig Cousins (Aggie) his 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A mass will be held on Monday, November 22, 10 am at St Augustines in Pleasanton, reception immediately following.

of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. It focuses on supporting military and veterans, awarding students in the American History essay contest and providing scholarships to Foothill College students. Meets monthly (September-May) and virtually. (650) 796-9165; losaltosdar@gmail.com.

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Percussionists and other musicians welcome. Rehearsals Wednesday nights, Blach Intermediate School, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. conductor@fswinds.org.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. Non-profit mixed choir of local citizens who enjoy singing a cappella. Outdoor rehearsals 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays. Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, 858 University Ave. peninsulaharmony.org.

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women residing in Los Altos Hills. Activities include luncheons, social events, book groups, bridge, card games and a travel-interest group. (650) 917-9221; pamelajtaft@gmail.com.

Sons In Retirement, Mid-Peninsula Branch 51. Open to retired men who want to make friends and participate in activities such as golf, hiking, biking, bowling and travel. Monthly lunch meetings with guest speakers. 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of the month. Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place, Los Altos Hills. (650) 930-0510; SIR51.org.

Los Altos Library Great Books Group. Meets 7-9 p.m. every third Tuesday. Los Altos Library, 13. S. San Antonio Road. (650) 961-7380; MVD1131@aol.com.

Mothers Uniting Mothers (MUMS). For moms of young kids interested in getting to know other moms. 9:30-11:30 a.m. every other Wednesday. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Childcare provided. mums.laumc.org.

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

Peninsula Clef Hangers. Women's choral group seeks singers for fall and spring concerts for seniors and other groups. Rehearsals 7 p.m. Thursdays. Lytton Garden, 437 Webster St., Palo Alto. (650) 947-3322.



Public Notices

CONFIDENCE COACHING U FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680446

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CONFIDENCE COACHING U, 4671 Albany Circle, #134, San Jose, CA, 95129 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business 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, Rashmi Mansabdar, 4671 Albany Circle, #134, San Jose, CA 95129. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/18/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

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GARBOZO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680413

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: GARBOZO, 259 N 9th St, San Jose, CA, 95112 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Bayleen Soria Solorio, 259 N 9th St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

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Powerhouse Liquors FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680354

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Powerhouse Liquors, 909 E Duane Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, Golden Field CA Inc, 1355 McCandless Dr #771, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

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TECHSERVICEUSA LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680371

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: TECH-

SERVICEUSA LLC, 2785 S Bascom Ave, Apt 2, Campbell, CA, 95008 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company, TECHSERVICEUSA LLC, 2785 S Bascom Ave, Apt 2, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/20/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

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DEEP CLEANING SOLUTION SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680179

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: DEEP CLEANING SOLUTION SERVICES, 3135 Impala Dr #2, San Jose, CA, 95117 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, Reyes Martinez Santiago, 3135 Impala Dr #2, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/18/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

195-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF PRITAM PRAKASH PRADHAN AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV385697

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

Proposed Name:
PAUL PRAKASH PRADHAN

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 01/11/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/9/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

194-T

KFO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680208

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

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SNACK DRAGON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680105

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

189-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARILYN JUNE PECK. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAURA WHITMORE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LAURA WHITMORE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/15/22 at 11:00AM in Dept. 504 located at 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101 Court appearances may be made either in person or virtually, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Virtual appearances must be made using the department's Microsoft Teams ("MS Teams") video link; or by calling the department's MS Teams conference phone number and using the assigned conference ID number. The MS Teams video conference links and phone numbers can be found at www.sdcourt.ca.gov/ProbateHearings. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner KRISTINA R. HESS - SBN 206492 KR HESS LAW, P.C. 6540 LUSK BLVD., STE C176 SAN DIEGO CA 92121 TELEPHONE: (858) 461-6844 11/17, 11/24, 12/1/21 CNS-3528428# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (11-17,24-21,12-01-21)

188-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF CHI WEN CHU ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV389923

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Chi Wen Chu

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
a. Chi Wen CHU
b. Wendy Chu
c. Chi-Wen Chu

Proposed Name:

a. Chiwen Wendy CHU
b. Chiwen Wendy Chu
c. Chiwen Wendy Chu

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 02/15/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/4/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

187-T

PREMIERE BUILDERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680003

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

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ALL BAY DEMOLITION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679884

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ALL BAY DEMOLITION, 1570 Almond Way, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County

that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Abonfilio E Guzman, 1570 Almond Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/14/2021. (11-10,17,24-21,12-01-21)

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THE PHO CABIN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679850

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: THE PHO CABIN, 200 State St, Los Altos, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Kyle Macey, 1493 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA 95129. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/15/2021. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

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Final Phase Cleaning FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679964

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

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

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

2807, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-3,10,17,24-21)

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Silicon Valley Fitness FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN679430

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

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