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County moves into lowest risk tier, pandemic restrictions ease further



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Walgreens pharmacist Megan Shang gives Zakari Ladwig-Scott a COVID-19 vaccine shot at a May 23 clinic on Foothill College's campus. For more on Foothill's efforts to vaccinate students, see page 17.

By Zoe Morgan
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With COVID-19 cases falling and vaccination rates rising, Santa Clara County last week moved into the least restric-

tive tier in the state's reopening framework, and local officials are eliminating many of the safety requirements that had previously been in place.

The county entered the yellow tier, the lowest level, May 19. In addition to the loosened

state-level restrictions the yellow tier confers, county health officer Dr. Sara Cody rescinded the county's existing health order and replaced it with a less restrictive one.

"We are in a very different and
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Los Altos City Council resolution backs activist, calls for unity

By Bruce Barton
Town Crier Staff Writer

The Los Altos City Council was scheduled at Tuesday's council meeting to consider a resolution backing a young Black activist

in a long-running dispute with an Asian-American council member. The meeting occurred after the Town Crier's Monday print deadline.

The text of the resolution, revealed May 17, essentially defends and supports Kenan

To find out the results of the council meeting, visit losaltosonline.com.

Moos in his assertion that he was unfairly targeted as a source of Lynette Lee Eng's discomfort after she received texts from

Moos at a meeting last November.

Following her Nov. 24 abstention on a police reform vote

tos high schools are scheduled to hold their graduation ceremonies June 4 at PayPal Park, the soccer stadium where the San Jose Earthquakes play. Los Altos High seniors will graduate at 4 p.m., with Mountain View's ceremony at 7 p.m.

Each graduating senior is allowed four spectators, and
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ERIC DAVIDOVE/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Mountain View and Los Altos high schools held drive-in graduation video viewing ceremonies last year due to the pandemic, above. This year, the schools are planning outdoor ceremonies with social distancing.

Local high schools plan in-person graduations

By Zoe Morgan
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Local high school seniors are set to walk the stage at graduation next month with their classmates in a live, in-person ceremony, albeit one that still includes pandemic precautions.

Mountain View and Los Al-

about third-party oversight, Moos sent Lee Eng texts expressing opposition over her decision. He wrote that her name "will be all over the papers," prompting Lee Eng to publicly state she was concerned for her and her

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Andrew Yee, a frequent freelance photographer for the Town Crier, snagged first place in the 2020 California News Publishers Association's "Artistic Photo" contest for this image, taken from a Highway 101 pedestrian bridge in Mountain View as wildfire smoke obscured the sun at midday. Also in this year's California Journalism Awards, former reporter Eric He took first place for a profile of Los Altos Mayor Neysa Fligor, and schools reporter Zoe Morgan placed third for coverage of youth and education.

Correction: Last week's newsletter to subscribers contained inaccuracies about the Los Altos City Council's consideration of a resolution on the Lynette Lee Eng-Kenan Moos dispute. The council majority did not draft the resolution – three members agreed to bring a discussion back to the May 25 council meeting, with Mayor Neysa Fligor and Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg working on the action item. Councilmember Sally Meadows suggested agendizing a discussion on the issue. She had no role in crafting the resolution.



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Hills pursues max fines to thwart license plate reader misuse



MEGAN V. WINSLOW/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

The Los Altos Hills City Council plans to employ automatic license plate readers, seen above in Portola Valley, but is looking to impose fines on any potential misuse of the data.

By Bruce Barton
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Los Altos Hills City Council members want to employ license plate reader technology to help nab the bad guys. But they also want to ensure that residents' right to privacy isn't threatened.

The council discussed last week appropriate penalties for any potential misuse of automatic license plate reader (ALPR) data. The council approved an ordinance May 20 that adds ALPRs to the town's municipal code to impose penalties on violators. But council members balked at what they deemed the inadequate financial penalties reflected in the current code, starting with \$100 fines.

"One hundred dollars is not even a slap on the wrist," Councilmember Linda Swan said.

Following council direction, town management analyst Cody Einfalt said he and town attorney Steven Mattas are working on establishing the maximum amount for fines that can be issued by a public entity.

The town's current municipal code has a four-step penalty phase, with \$200 for the second infraction, \$500 for the third and a misdemeanor charge for the fourth violation within a year.

"I would like to peg this at the highest (fine) possible, whatever is permissible," Mayor Kavita Tankha said. "It's important to take the privacy concerns of our residents

very seriously."

"I agree it should be very high," said town Planning Commissioner Jim Waschura. "It may be important to delineate the type of violation. ... My biggest concern is that some corporate entity decides that using this data might be good for training their machine algorithms or for some other purpose."

In response to an increase in residential burglaries, the council adopted an ALPR policy in March regulating use, management and data retention. In April, the council passed a resolution authorizing an agreement with Flock Safety as the town's ALPR vendor.

The plan includes 40 cameras at various locations, intended "to deter crime, alert law enforcement to known criminals entering an area, and help solve burglaries that have recently occurred," a town staff report stated. Last week's ordinance allows the town to impose penalties. According to town staff, the amounts for fines can be added into the ordinance without delaying its adoption. A second reading of the ordinance will be waived at the next council meeting, set for June 17, and it will take effect 30 days after that.

Because the town contracts with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, the county Board of Supervisors must approve deputies' use of the ALPR technology. A proposal is scheduled to come before the board of Supervisors at its June 22 meeting.

Police Blotter

Auto burglary

May 23, 7:10 a.m.: 100 block of North Whisman Road, Mountain View

May 23, 5:25 p.m.: 1900 block of El Camino Real, Mountain View

Battery

May 21, 8:38 p.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 21, 9:56 p.m.: 1700 block of Wright Avenue, Mountain View

May 21, 10:24 p.m.: 2400 block of Whitney Drive, Mountain View

May 23, 1:04 p.m.: 400 block of Moffett Boulevard, Mountain View

May 23, 1:48 p.m.: 1000 block of North Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View

May 23, 4:04 p.m.: 2400

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Los Altos Hills council prohibits drones in Byrne Preserve

By Bruce Barton
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Powered model vehicles, including drones and remote-control cars, are not welcome at Byrne Preserve in Los Altos Hills.

The city council last week voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance prohibiting their use in the 55-acre nature preserve, though at least one council member wanted to go further. Councilmember Lisa Schmidt supported banning them at all seven of the town's open-space preserves, noting they should all apply because of their natural surroundings.

But town officials focused on Byrne, determining that powered model vehicles were "not suitable for use" because they posed a "public safety concern." Bans are already in place at Purissima Park riding arena and

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S.M. LIEU/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A group relaxes in Los Altos Hills' Byrne Preserve, above. The city council last week voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance prohibiting powered model vehicles, including drones and remote-control cars, in the nature preserve.

News



ZOE MORGAN/TOWN CRIER

Santa Clara County is seeing dropping numbers of COVID-19 cases and increasing vaccination rates.

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much safer place than we have been before,” Cody said at a May 18 press conference. “As a result, we are able to make some significant changes in our county.”

The previous “risk reduction order” from October is no longer in place, and the new order is “very simple,” with just three requirements, according to Cody: Businesses and government entities determine the vaccination status of their personnel; they follow additional safety rules for unvaccinated people; and COVID-19 cases continue to be reported to the county.

If someone declines to report their vaccination status to their employer, county counsel James Williams said the employee must follow the safety rules that apply to those who haven’t been vaccinated.

All other local requirements are being retired, Williams said, including the directive to maximize telework and the mandate for businesses to submit and implement a social-distancing protocol.

Moving into the yellow tier also means health restrictions implemented by the state are loosened, including limits placed on restaurants and bars, gyms and movie theaters.

Although the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased its masking recommendations last week, California is keeping its existing mask rules in place until June 15. After that, the state will allow those who are fully vaccinated to forgo a

mask indoors in most circumstances.

Currently, face coverings are required indoors regardless of vaccination status, except in one’s own home or in limited other circumstances. Outdoors, those who are unvaccinated have to wear a mask unless they can maintain physical distancing, but fully vaccinated people don’t have to wear a mask outdoors in most settings.

At the outdoor press conference May 18, Cody, Williams and other officials didn’t wear masks, which Cody said was to model the current guidance.

“I will admit to you, it is difficult after wearing this mask for so long to feel comfortable without it on – despite the fact that I am vaccinated,” Cody said. “It’s going to take time for many of us to make that change.”

Vaccination push

County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg expressed her gratitude to county residents for the steps they’ve taken to fight the pandemic, pointing to COVID-19 case rates “declining sharply” and saying that “tremendous progress” has been made with vaccinations.

“We are getting closer to pre-pandemic normalcy,” she said. “The light at the end of the tunnel is brighter and closer than ever, because the residents of Santa Clara County have stepped up.”

The COVID-19 case rate is one-third of what it was a month ago, Cody said, and the rate of COVID tests coming back positive sits at roughly 0.5%, the

lowest the county has recorded. Most notable, Cody said, is the fact that more than 75% of county residents age 16 and older have had at least one vaccine shot, and nearly 60% are fully vaccinated.

County officials urged residents who remain unvaccinated to sign up to get their shot. Vaccines are available to those 12 years old and up, and the county is offering drop-in opportunities at various sites. More information on getting vaccinated is available at scfreevax.org.

“We have a clear path out of this pandemic,” Cody said. “The COVID vaccines authorized by the Food and Drug Administration are incredibly safe and incredibly effective.”

In addition to preventing illnesses, hospitalizations and death, Cody said the latest research shows the vaccines preventing people from spreading COVID-19.

Williams similarly encouraged people to get vaccinated, saying there’s no better time and appointments are now easy to obtain.

“There’s really no excuse,” he said. “Based on everything we know, this is our best pathway forward, and we urge everyone to get vaccinated right now.”

Although the county is still pushing to get more people vaccinated, Cody struck a positive tone, saying she feels optimistic “for the first time in a long time.”

“Let’s all look forward to a wonderful summer, where we can all be and feel a bit safer, and return to normal,” she said.



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DRONES

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Westwind Community Barn, where horses are present. Horse riding also occurs at Byrne Preserve.

The council voted unanimously at its April 15 meeting to introduce the ordinance, even as Schmidt suggested bans beyond Byrne. The town's Parks and Recreation Committee April 19 voted against extending the ban to all preserves, including Juan Prado Mesa, O'Keefe, Saddle Mountain, Rhus Ridge, Murietta Ridge and Central Drive.

Councilmember George Tyson said the committee felt a blanket ban was "too draconian," and pointed out that changing the ordinance at its second reading would delay passage by a month.

The council left open the opportunity for town committees to recommend a second ordinance prohibiting the model vehicles at all open-space preserves.

Parking safety

Later at the council's May 20 meeting, Mayor Kavita Tankha gave voice to residents' concerns over parking along Altamont Road and

along Page Mill Road at the edge of Byrne Preserve.

Resident John Lewis, who lives near Foothills Park in neighboring Palo Alto, cited safety issues with pedestrians crossing Page Mill to reach the park, reminding the council that a pedestrian was killed in the area in 2015.

"We continue to see a large number of people crossing Page Mill," he said. "If steps are not taken, it's only a matter of time until there is another accident at this location."

Tankha noted "concerns over increased parking – along with that, Byrne Preserve users concerned over what restrictive parking would look like. My question: Do we want to do something about it so both stakeholders are happy?"

City Manager Carl Cahill said he would work on a compromise solution to bring back to the council.

Firearms storage

The council last week unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance requiring safe storage of firearms. The directive also would require users to report lost or stolen firearms.

The ordinance is intended to

prevent accidental shootings or deaths by suicide. According to a town staff report on the ordinance, a 2018 Santa Clara County Public Health Department report estimated that one in 10 adults in the county keeps a firearm in his or her home. The department reported that 11% of injury deaths in the county are related to firearm injuries, with an average of 81 deaths per year resulting from firearms from 2012 to 2016.

Kelly Traver of the group Moms Demand Action said 80% of school shootings can be traced to an unsecured firearm.

"Safe storage is entirely constitutional," she said, adding that users can still access firearms for self-protection in a matter of seconds.

Councilmember Linda Swan called gun safety an "extremely important issue."

"I just heard of a 4-year-old girl who picked up a gun and killed herself," she said.

"We have a very bad gun violence epidemic in our country right now," Traver said. "If it saves one innocent life, this ordinance will be worth it."

The city of Los Altos is in the process of drafting a similar firearms storage ordinance after city council approval at its April 27 meeting to proceed with one.

DISPUTE

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family's safety. According to the council resolution, Moos – co-founder of the social justice group Justice Vanguard – clarified that his comments were not meant as a threat after Lee Eng made her statement.

The story over the rift has been picked up nationally and internationally, with Fox News and the Daily Mail of London both writing about the issue last week.

Although the council resolution "does not seek to punish, embarrass, or discipline any city council member or member of the community, nor does it question how anyone may have felt when they read the text messages," the statement clearly sides with Moos and his contention that Lee Eng's misleading statements from November were neither clarified nor corrected.

The resolution reads in part: "In his text messages to Councilmember Lee Eng, Mr. Kenan Moos DID NOT physically threaten Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng; DID NOT mention Councilmember Lee Eng's family, or threaten them in any way; and DID NOT call Councilmember Lee Eng racist."

Moos and his supporters have

repeatedly demanded an apology from Lee Eng, while Lee Eng's supporters say she is being bullied. Some observers have said council meetings have turned divisive and unproductive.

The proposed resolution comes after Councilmember Sally Meadows suggested at the May 11 council meeting that the council intervene. Councilmember Anita Enander has said Moos and Lee Eng should resolve the matter themselves and the council shouldn't get involved.

The resolution, scheduled to be read at Tuesday's council meeting, noted the council is "taking the leadership role necessary to respond to concerns raised by the council's constituents over the last six months to bring this issue to resolution." It asks "the community join us in finding ways to move forward and to unite our community."

The proposed resolution, however, may further divide, in the minds of some residents. "The city council should not take sides," wrote Doug Krause. "This is an impasse between two people and it should be resolved outside City Council meetings times. ... Any 'solution' that supports Kenan Moos and condemns Lynette is unacceptable."

Moos and his supporters have



Moos



Lee Eng

BLOTTER

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block of Whitney Drive, Mountain View

May 23, 4:37 p.m.: 700 block of Continental Circle, Mountain View

Burglary

May 21, 3:15 p.m.: 300 block of First Street, Los Altos

May 23, 8:14 p.m.: 1000 block of Wistaria Lane, Los Altos

Indecent exposure

May 22, 10:59 a.m.: 300 block of Walker Drive, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

May 22, 10:17 a.m.: 1900 block of California Street, Mountain View

Theft

May 21, 9:54 a.m.: 100

block of Eldora Drive, Mountain View

May 21, 10 a.m.: 500 block of West Middlefield Road, Mountain View

May 21, 2:07 p.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

May 21, 4:12 p.m.: 700 block of Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

May 22, 10:54 a.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

May 22, 12:41 p.m.: 2600 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 22, 2:38 p.m.: 0-100 block of Flynn Avenue, Mountain View

Vandalism

May 21, 6:07 a.m.: 2600 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

May 21, 8:34 p.m.: 2600 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

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GRADUATION

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students will be seated spaced out, with guests in pods by family.

Mountain View High Assistant Principal Jon Robell called the theme of the year “flexibility,” as the district has worked to plan a graduation ceremony in line with health requirements.

“It’s going to be a different experience, but at the same time it’s going to be an exciting and fun event,” he said.

In planning for graduation, the high schools worked together to coordinate their ceremonies and surveyed students and parents to get their input.

“As a district, we set the goal that we’d have the main, most important aspects of our planning be aligned, because it’s better for students (and) it’s more clear for our community,” said Los Altos High Assistant Principal Suzanne Woolfolk.

In multiple surveys, seniors voted to hold graduation at PayPal Park rather than on campus. By using the soccer stadium, there’s enough space to allow

each school’s full senior class to graduate at one time and to accommodate spectators.

Los Altos High School student body president Jessica Dooley said that for her, the ceremonial aspect of being on campus was a big draw, as well as the convenience for families with transportation challenges, but that she’s grateful and excited for the ceremony that’s planned.

“I’m happy that we all get to be together and also get to have our family and friends there,” Dooley said. “There are just tradeoffs to every (plan) – there’s no perfect solution.”

If the ceremony had been held on campus, there wouldn’t have been enough space to fit all the students, as well as spectators, Woolfolk said, adding that Los Altos High administrators had wanted to run graduation onsite, and are excited for its return in future years.

After watching siblings and friends graduate in the past, Mountain View High senior class president Josh Lillie said it was important to him that he and his classmates get the chance to graduate in person

as one group, rather than being split into multiple smaller ceremonies, which being at PayPal Park allows.

“Ultimately, although it would have been nice to have an onsite graduation, I think it’s more important to prioritize unity rather than ... being fragmented, especially after what this year has looked like,” he said.

Pandemic precautions

To accommodate the COVID-19 health requirements that are in place for PayPal Park, all seating will be pre-assigned and other health precautions will be followed, Woolfolk said. Students will be physically distanced in the stadium, with three empty seats between each graduate and two empty rows between each one that’s occupied. Each student’s guests will be seated together as a pod, spaced out from other groups. With all that spacing, Woolfolk said nearly the entire stadium will be filled.

Students who don’t feel comfortable attending in person will still get their names

read during the ceremony. At Los Altos High, approximately 45 students are opting to stay remote, Woolfolk said.

Community television station KMVT is planning to run a livestream of the ceremonies, and will also produce an edited video afterward, Woolfolk said. The livestream link will be available on the high schools’ website on the day of graduation. At the stadium, there will be a large LED screen showing the proceedings, so attendees can see what’s happening up close.

The San Jose Earthquakes are donating the use of their facilities, with the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District paying only for staffing, said Woolfolk, whose husband used to play for the Earthquakes. That’s the same arrangement the district had last year, when the Earthquakes let the high schools hold drive-in graduation ceremonies in the tailgate parking lot. This year, the schools will be using the stadium itself.

Woolfolk estimated the stadium ceremonies will cost a maximum of \$15,000 per

school this year, while the onsite ceremonies before the pandemic typically ran at an estimated \$10,000 each. However, with pandemic health requirements, even an onsite ceremony would have been more costly, she noted.

According to Robell, there’s been a “positive reception” to the graduation plans, though students still have a lot of questions, because it will be a new experience.

“The kids are just excited to be together – that’s the bottom line,” Robell said. “They’re excited to be at an event together (and) have spectators attend.”

As Lillie looks ahead to his graduation, he said he’s personally thankful his family will be able to be there to support him as his name is read, and he’s excited as senior class president to get to read other students’ names and say a few heartfelt words to the crowd.

“I’m really excited to see the pride on my classmates’ faces, because they deserve every bit of that,” Lillie said. “Graduating from high school is a big deal. For a lot of us, it’s the biggest accomplishment to date.”

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Editorial

Ups and downs on recent events

We're bringing out our thumbs as we assess recent local news events.

Thumbs-up: To Los Altos City Council approval of a new Emergency Operations Center at the police station site. The new EOC will provide more space – and more secure quarters – for ham radio operators and other emergency personnel to do their jobs. Moving the EOC next to the police station also allows personnel to better coordinate efforts with police. On a related matter, the city needs a new police station, as the current old building is too small and inadequate. We hope the council continues to see this as a priority.

Thumbs-down: To the initial attempt by Los Altos City Council members to address the ongoing political logjam between Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and local activist Kenan Moos. The council had on its Tuesday agenda a proposed resolution that on one hand called for unity, but on the other took sides in the debate by asserting that Lee Eng offered untruthful comments that impacted Moos back in November and did not correct them. The council is in a no-win position by issuing a statement on something this divisive. The most appropriate action is to continue to push for mediation with a neutral third party.

Thumbs-down: To the May 4 defeat of the Cupertino Union School District's Measure A parcel tax, which would have provided needed financial relief for south Los Altos parents and students in the cash-strapped district. Granted, the 67% threshold for approval is difficult to achieve, and district officials didn't do themselves any favors by greatly increasing the amount of the tax, even after the last parcel tax attempt failed in March 2020. But now agonizing discussions over school closures loom. The district deserves better.

Thumbs-up: To everyone in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View for playing a part in the county's move into the yellow tier of its COVID framework last week – the tier with the fewest public health restrictions. Los Altos posted especially strong vaccination numbers, with more than 90% of the population 16 and older having had at least one shot. Continue to follow the rules – we're nearly there.

Peek into the Past

Taken in 1988, this photo shows chef Lawrence Chu outside his restaurant, Chef Chu's, in Los Altos. The iconic restaurant is a hit with locals as well as internationally known celebrities who have visited from time to time – including singer Justin Bieber.

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Letters to the Editor

BCS too exclusive to sustain

Regarding the article "County warns BCS over enrollment disparities" (Town Crier, May 12), I have two questions:

1. Why has it taken so long for Bullis Charter School's failure to adequately enroll certain underrepresented student groups to be questioned by the Santa Clara County Board of Education when it has been a "given" for years to anyone paying attention?

2. How can BCS possibly feign surprise when they have consistently allowed the situation to exist and be sustained?

This could possibly be viewed with a bit of candor if it hadn't impacted the excellent Los Altos public schools so deeply. BCS has often been referred to as a private school funded by the public schools.

What a boon not to face the challenge of large numbers of English learners or the socio-economically disadvantaged.

Students of value in their own right, but necessitating different approaches.

Few if any Individualized Education Programs to deal with.

Spanish-speaking students? Special education? All challenges for contemporary public schools to face today, yet according to the data from the California Department of Edu-

cation, BCS has consistently enrolled lower proportions in these groups.

Having observed this "exclusivity" of BCS, sustained and expanded for years, all the while financed by public school funds, I hope it is now time to realize that it is too unrealistic and exclusive to allow to go on.

Joan Mather
Los Altos

Compromise needed on drones in city parks

I received our copy of the April 28 Town Crier, with the discussion of banning drones at city parks ("Los Altos Hills council eyes banning drone use in preserves").

Sometimes I'm so disappointed in our residents. The only solution to something you don't like appears to be to petition the city council to ban it completely.

Where is it written that the noisy minority is the arbiter of everything people are allowed to do?

I've done my share of hiking in the foothills. A drone is a momentary distraction, no more intrusive than an aircraft landing at SFO or a (leashed) dog barking at a rabbit. They aren't the end of the world.

If the city council feels compelled to do something, I'd urge them to be inclusive in their thought process.

Los Altos has earned a reputation as a town that is stuck in the 1950s – never wanting anything to change. Regulations like that posed by Sue Welch simply tell younger residents, "Your hobby isn't important, and we really don't want you here anyway."

If the city has no obligation to provide space for every hobby (like roller skating or drone flying), I'd venture to guess that those younger residents also might think the same about a community center or a library.

Rather than an outright ban, how about an "alternate weekend" plan that allows drones on some weekends and prohibits them on others? Whatever happened to the sense of compromise?

Doug Smith
Formerly of Los Altos

The clock is back, and residents are happy

We are happy to note that the clock in the downtown triangle is finally working again.

Yes, we are all on our devices these days, but the clock reminds us that Los Altos is at heart a small community, with a real center.

Thanks to city staff, and the clock mechanic who came from out of state to fix it.

Hope it keeps ticking now.
Don and Lizabeth Burch
Los Altos

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Sidewalk Interview

Interviews and photos by Ted Simon



Regarding the pandemic, do you think things are starting to return to normal? (Asked in downtown Los Altos)



I believe wearing a mask is going to be the new normal – I mean, while you’re in town. I enjoy the outdoor seating areas, and things are starting to come alive.

Carin Powers
Los Altos



I feel like things are coming back very slowly, and I’m hopeful, but we still have a lot of ground to cover before they will be back to normal again.

Mike Orlando
Los Altos



Slowly, awfully slow. The good thing is they now allow people to walk in the streets without a mask. They now have the choice to eat outdoors or indoors. I would really like the kids to be allowed back in school.

John Nicholson
Los Altos



I would say that because of COVID-19, everyone will still be a little more distant. People are going to be a little more cautious now and in the future, even though things are going back to normal.

Dominic Vera
Los Altos



Everyone is getting their vaccines slowly and, at least for me, now the vaccines are open for my age, so once I get it, I feel like things are going to be a lot more back to normal.

Kate Rose
Los Altos



Yes. I feel like it is getting back to normal. Kids are back in school. More people are out and walking. And traffic is coming back.

Bella Wang
Los Altos

Los Altos needs 21st-century police headquarters

By John Fennell

How is it that Los Altos has a very professional, very effective 21st-century police department operating out of a 1960s building?

The first priority and highest responsibility for any city council is public safety. That means – first and foremost – strong, well-supported professional police and fire services. I would suggest that it is past due for the Los Altos City Council to begin planning for the funding and construction of a new, modern police building.

I’m rather puzzled by the notion that somehow we should proceed to fund and build an Emergency Operations Center that is a satellite building located somewhere in the general vicinity of the current decaying police building. That makes no sense and is not cost-effective.

I think a survey would reveal that any up-to-date, modern police building is going to have an Emergency Operations Center situated within the police headquarters. Los Altos should be planning to do the same.

Other Voices

Just north of us, Atherton and Palo Alto have recognized that they had decrepit, hopelessly out-of-date and unsafe police buildings (like Los Altos). Both are doing something about it. Atherton is building a new town center (on a scale similar to what we’re doing at Hillview) and had the prescience to include new police facilities in that project. And Palo Alto has just approved moving forward on a new police headquarters. To the south, Mountain View and Santa Clara replaced their antiquated 1960s-era police facilities long ago.

Los Altos needs to get with it. To continue to attract and retain high-quality career professional peace officers and to give them the tools needed to do their job, we need to provide a much better and safer police facility.

John Fennell is a Los Altos resident and former member of the city’s Citizens’ Police Task Force.

Cancel culture comes to Los Altos City Council

By Stephen Haber, Jim Jolly and Freddie Wheeler

Censorship in America has a new name – cancel culture, the public shaming of someone for expressing a view that does not conform to orthodoxy.

The mechanics of cancel culture is a display of dominance and submission. The person doing the canceling – the canceler – turns a complex problem about which reasonable people might disagree into a binding moral certainty. He or she is then in a position to express indignation, stage a public “show trial” and then drive the person being canceled from his or her job, social network or public office. Along the way, the canceler may demand a series of apologies from the canceled, but the apologies are a secondary goal; the real goal is power over other people.

Alas, cancel culture seems to have made its appearance in the Los Altos City Council. Its clearest expression is the campaign waged by three members led by Mayor Neysa Fligor against Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng. Fligor and councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Sally Meadows are pressuring Lee Eng

Other Voices

to apologize for stating that she was concerned for her safety and that of her family after receiving a series of texts sent to her by a constituent during a city council meeting.

True to the mechanics of cancel culture, Fligor turned a complex problem into a binding moral certainty. It does not require a Ph.D. in psychology to know that different people will respond differently to a perceived aggressive act, and that the variance in those responses will be a function of differences in personal circumstances. Accordingly, it is Lee Eng’s perception of texts sent to her by a constituent that should matter, not Fligor’s perception of them. Nevertheless, in her statement at the April 27 council meeting, Fligor put herself in the position of judge and jury regarding the texts in question: “When I read the messages, my reaction was different because I did not see anything in the message that would make me believe that something would happen to Councilmember Lee Eng or her family.”

Fligor then went on to exorcise Lee Eng: “As a leader, Councilmember Lee Eng, we sometimes have to do things that we may not be comfortable doing, because, again, it’s in the best interest of our community.”

When Lee Eng refused to apologize for expressing concern for the safety of her family, Fligor then permitted a show trial that has now gone on for the past 10 city council meetings. The mayor has allowed some constituents to use “Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda” as a forum for public denouncement of Lee Eng. That show trial was scheduled to enter into a new phase at the May 25 city council meeting, when the council was expected to vote on a resolution to condemn Lee Eng for “refusing to address the concerns of her constituents.”

We respectfully suggest that the council reject this resolution, and in so doing reject cancel culture. The world has seen show trials being used to stifle dissent before. They did not end well. Let us not hold them in our town.

Stephen Haber, Jim Jolly and Freddie Wheeler are members of the Los Altos Residents Steering Committee.

Community

LAH resident still fostering U.S.-Japan relations after 50 years

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Nobuko Saito Cleary has been a bridge builder for most of her 50 years in the United States. The longtime Los Altos Hills resident has spread the culture of her native Japan to local institutions such as Hidden Villa, the Los Altos History Museum and the Community School of Music and Arts, and has produced documentaries that carry messages of empathy and understanding.

Saito Cleary's work has not gone unnoticed. In 2018, the Japan Society honored her with a Golden Award for her work. The Japanese government commended her in 2015 for her dedication to maintaining good relations with the U.S. Hidden Villa recognized her work this month – Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – for creating the annual Japanese Cultural Day at the preserve. The May event, featuring Japanese music, dance, art and food, is suspended this year due to the pandemic.

Hidden Villa representatives said Saito Cleary was inspired by the “generous spirit” of founders Josephine and Frank Duveneck, who decried the internment of Japanese civilians during World War II. She served on the Hidden Villa Board of Trustees and founded the cultural day in 2015.

Saito Cleary continues her passionate diplomacy to this day. She “virtually” returned to her alma mater, Northeastern



COURTESY OF NOBUKO SAITO CLEARY

The former first lady of Japan, Kayoko Hosokawa, center, brought children with autism from Japan for a U.S.-Japan “Friendship Concert” at the Community School of Music and Arts in 2014. Los Altos Hills resident Nobuko Saito Cleary, left, and Vickie Scott Grove, CSMA executive director, flank Hosokawa.

University, Thursday to participate in the university's Asian American Center panel discussion on “Paper Lanterns.” The 2016 film, which lists Saito Cleary as producer, chronicles the quest of historian and atomic bomb survivor Shigeaki Mori to find the identities of 12 American military prisoners of war who perished among 140,000 when the atom bomb devastated Hiroshima in 1945. Mori tracked down the families of the missing POWs to notify them and provide closure.

Like the film's message, it is important to Saito Cleary to promote understanding and empathy across both American and Japanese cultures.

She recalled her first time in America as a liberal arts major at Northeastern in

1970. Her parents didn't want her to leave Japan.

“My dad told me, ‘If you go to America without our blessing, I want you to promise me to make sure you'll build a bridge between America and Japan, and then someday you will learn English and give a talk at the United Nations,’” Saito Cleary said.

In 2018, Saito Cleary fulfilled her father's promise, presenting a discussion on “Paper Lanterns” at the UN.

“That was my highlight of my life,” she said. “I believe (“Paper Lanterns”) shows how one man's moral belief in the humanity of all people can result in so many good things. We learn that healing and friendship among different cultures

and people can be established. We recognize that horrors of war must be avoided, as people all want the same things: love, family and peaceful existence.”

Bridging the cultural gap

The UN appearance is among a string of high-profile achievements for Saito Cleary during her decades-long quest to bridge the cultural gap. She started in the business world, creating Cross Cultural Communications in 1985 to help high-tech companies like Applied Materials succeed in doing business with Japan. Jim Morgan was Applied Materials CEO at the time.

“Jim was in Japan 34 times while working for Applied Materials and admires Nobuko's efforts via her consulting company to increase and improve trade between the U.S. and Japan,” said Jim's wife, Becky Morgan, a former state senator. “With trade and friendship, there are good political relations, and we believe Nobuko has been a significant factor in improved relations. Her friendships with ambassadors and consulate generals of the two countries enhance communications.”

Saito Cleary's involvement is both local and international, and varied. She has contributed to several programs at the history museum and provided her own oral history.

She has played a major role in the success of the Community School of Music

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Los Altos foundation awards \$220K in grants to 51 nonprofits

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Community Foundation recently awarded \$220,000 in grants to 51 local nonprofit organizations and programs based in or serving the communities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Mountain View. The grants represent the most organizations supported and funds provided in a single grant cycle since LACF's founding in 1991.

LACF provided ongoing unrestricted operating or project support to its nonprofit partners through its Community Grants program. Its 2021 Nonprofit Recovery Fund – a special fund created in response to an un-

precedented rise in applications during LACF's most recent spring grants cycle – provided additional funding as organizations moved into the recovery phase of the pandemic.

"I'm so grateful that our communities stepped up to help LACF support our local nonprofits through our grants and strategic collaborations," said Adin Miller, LACF's executive director. "Together, we are positioning our local nonprofits to re-emerge successfully from the pandemic and make an impact in our communities moving forward."

Organizations and projects awarded grants demonstrated

impact in the areas of community vitality, education, employment equity/readiness, environment, disability services, food insecurity, health and safety, and mental health.

The grants support programs and initiatives such as the Bay Area Furniture Bank's furniture program for chronically homeless seniors moving into stable housing, Jeremiah's Promise's coaching program for youth in transition and technology support for the Mountain View Spanish Civic Leadership Academy's community-based leadership program.

"Thanks to LACF for believing in and supporting our mis-

sion of promoting dignity and stability for families and individuals transferring from homeless situations," said Ray Piontek, executive director of the Bay Area Furniture Bank. "LACF was the first major contributor to provide us with startup funds five years ago and has proven to

be our most loyal supporter ever since."

For a complete list of LACF's 2021 spring grant recipients, visit losaltoscf.org/recent-grants.

For more information on LACF grants, visit losaltoscf.org/grants.

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and Arts in Mountain View. As chairperson of Japanese programs at the school, she's brought talented Japanese artists to perform there, including those with special needs. She helped organize a "Friendship Concert" in 2014 at Tateuchi Hall, featuring performers with autism.

Inspired by a desire to create better understanding and acceptance of those with special needs, Saito Cleary co-produced her second film, "Challenged," starring the Japanese drum group Zuiho Taiko, which comprises intellectually challenged musicians. The film won an award at the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific Film Festival in 2020 in the international division.

"I have been working with these people since 2012 to have the opportunity to witness a more inclusive society," she said. "In Japanese culture, if there is something wrong, you don't speak up – they hide it. Parents didn't want to show autistic kids. When we brought them to America, their expression changed, they were so happy and active. (Being here) gave them confidence."

Prolific fundraiser

Recognizing that Japanese people are at high risk of contracting glaucoma, Saito Cleary has been heavily involved in raising funds for the San Francisco-based Glaucoma Research Foundation. Over 10 years, she helped raise \$5.6 million. She's also contributed to the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation.

More words of praise for Saito Cleary

Nobuko Saito Cleary and her husband, Dr. Gary Cleary, have made a significant contribution to the arts and to multicultural programming at Community School of Music and Arts. Both have served on the CSMA Board of Directors and numerous committees.

The Clearys also played a key role in building a permanent home and performance hall for CSMA through their personal giving and tireless advocacy. Ms. Cleary's recent efforts on behalf of the school have focused on orchestrating celebrations of Japanese culture and U.S.-Japan friendship. She is a past recipient of CSMA's Special Recognition Award for Leadership in Arts Advocacy.

– Vickie Scott Grove, executive director, Community School of Music and Arts

Nobuko Saito Cleary is such an amazing human. She tirelessly works to make our community more vibrant, healthy and just. Hidden Villa has been fortunate to be one of the organizations to which she dedicates her energy.

Her contributions to the community through Hidden Villa have been multifaceted. Nobuko served on Hidden Villa's Board of Trustees for two consecutive terms, from 2006 through 2016, giving her input on strategic direction, generously providing funding, sharing her valuable cultural perspective and connecting Hidden Villa with her extensive network of individuals and organizations.

– Chris Overington, executive director, and Marc Sidel, deputy director of development, Hidden Villa

Supporting Saito Cleary in her efforts has been her husband of 28 years, Gary Cleary, an entrepreneur and scientist in drug delivery systems and polymer technologies. She said Gary has always encouraged her to follow her dreams and try new things, as well as offering financial support to her causes.

"To me, it is very enjoyable to help the community," Saito Cleary said, "and then I learn

from them what they think about my culture or my country, and that gives me a new direction or new idea."

Her efforts have clearly paid off.

"Nobuko is generous with her time and resources on behalf of several nonprofits and her friends," Morgan said, calling her "a smart, talented and committed member of our community."



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How a covert abuser wages 'scorched earth' campaign on partner

By Ruthven Darlene

Following is the second in a three-part series on covert domestic abuse.

The photo of her fish tank now becomes Exhibit A in the covert abuser's own case against his partner, a case he has been building for

a while now. He has already begun planting those first few seeds of doubt in the minds of mutual friends after discovering she has been secretly consulting attorneys. He sees this as the ultimate act of infidelity – his own indiscretions involving massage parlors, call girls and the occasional, short-lived affair pale by comparison.

Once in a rare, vulnerable moment, he confided in her how to wage guerrilla warfare against an adversary through a campaign of strategic character assassination. You begin by dropping the odd comment periodically to mutual friends and colleagues, sprinkle some truth in with the lies to make the lies more credible and then follow up with a consequence that looks reasonable in light of the unfortunate circumstances.

The game goes something like this:

"Sarah never really liked the domestic life. She was always more career-driven. She never really wanted children. I was so glad when we got pregnant, but I saw the change that came over her. Gradually at first, but later when the drinking started, that's when I really started to get concerned about the safety of the children. She decided she didn't want to work anymore – so I was carrying the bills for both of us, which I still didn't mind because, of course, I loved her. But recently, she has stopped doing anything around the house as well. I don't mind making all the meals and looking after the kids, but it's the flashes of temper that are starting to worry me."

Confronting Domestic Violence

You can add a few flourishes by keeping her up all night, then provoking her until you get a reaction and then film just the reaction, using it as but one example of her "many random meltdowns."

Total surrender

It's not a single blow, it's death by a thousand cuts – until, when she leaves, the gloves come off altogether. He files a restraining order against her, asks the court for full legal and physical custody or gets her put on a mental health hold, and their mutual friends nod sadly, thinking they saw this coming.

In this way, mutual friends are recruited as allies and persuaded to take sides. Neutrality is never an option with this kind of covert abuser. You are either for him or against him.

And if you're against him, God help you.

What is the goal of the war game?

Total surrender, total destruction.

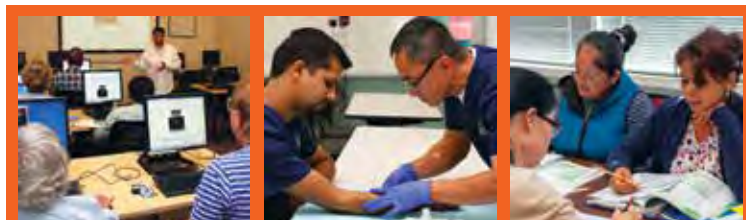
It's Genghis Khan, where it's not enough to win. His intimate partner – now intimate enemy – must lose, and lose everything. One survivor calls it the "scorched earth" campaign.

The mistake she often makes is to think that by negotiating, giving in on some issues, settling for less than she is entitled to, he will settle, choose peace and eventually stop dragging her back to court, if only for the sake of the children.

On the contrary, the children become trophies of an endless war, and he will often set out to take them away from her by hook or by crook or, failing that, to weaponize them, slowly poisoning their minds against her or threatening to cut them off financially if they dare to "choose" her over him.

Part 3 in the series will explore the consequences of this kind of war.

Ruthven Darlene, M.A., is founder and director of the nonprofit WomenSV, which provides a range of services for women – and some men – experiencing domestic violence. For more information, call 996-2200, email info@womensv.org or visit womensv.org.



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Community Briefs

Input needed for climate action plan

The city of Los Altos seeks residents' input on potential actions the city can implement to fight climate change.

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

Local residents are urged to share their thoughts in an online survey; the survey will remain open through June 6. The community engagement process also will include a workshop in June featuring an informational presentation and interactive activities to help facilitate input from participants. A second survey will follow shortly afterward to gain insight on the developed

recommendations.

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

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

AAUW speaker covers sustainability

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

Sharma provides leadership in implementing sustainability goals, policies and projects for the county.

The meeting will be interactive, with Sharma presenting

several slides at a time and then asking for comments, questions and other feedback.

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

ADU presentation set for today

The Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance has scheduled the virtual presentation "What's New About ADUs?" 7-8:15 p.m. today.

Twenty-two residents filed for permits to build accessory dwelling units in Los Altos in 2020. Given the interest, the LAAHA panel will describe the process of building an ADU.

Participants will include three ADU developers and planners with the city of Los Altos.

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Spiritual Life

Bridges Community Church welcomes new pastor

By Cheryl Caligaris
Special to the Town Crier

Bridges Community Church of Los Altos' new pastor, Dan Stockum, begins his tenure with support and enthusiasm from the faith community.

"Dan is a great communicator, and his sermons always provide an opportunity to learn and grow, said Fritz Mueller, Elder Board chairman. "I look forward to implementing his vision for increasing our impact in the community."

Carrie Miller, a longtime church member, added that Stockum has a "passion for cultivating a welcoming community" centered on reaching people wherever they are in their faith journey.

"With this mindset, Dan has challenged church attenders to roll up their sleeves and reach people beyond the four walls of the church," she said.

Originally from Ohio, Stockum has spent most of his life in the South, serving at churches in Georgia and Alabama. From an early age, he had a feeling that he was supposed to be a pastor.

"I began to understand that it didn't matter how much money I made if I wasn't doing what I was created to do," Stockum said. "Simultaneously, I had begun volunteering for the high school ministry at my church, and every time I did so, I felt free and alive."

With guidance from pastors he said totally captivated him, mentors who spent significant time with him and a group of friends who encouraged his faith, Stockum gave into his calling.

"I was tired of swimming upstream against the current of where God wanted me," he said.

Stockum and his wife, Beth, have been married since 2007. Other than spending time with Beth and their two young sons, he enjoys cooking, eating, traveling and the outdoors – especially



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Dan Stockum is the new pastor at Bridges Community Church of Los Altos.

related to National Parks in California. He earned his Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., and is working toward a doctorate from Southern Seminary, with a special interest in community building.

Bridges Community Church, founded as Grace Bible Chapel in 1940 and later incorporated as First Baptist Church of Los Altos before the name change to Bridges in 2010, is located at 625 Magdalena Ave.

"To serve here is to stand on the faithfulness and accomplishments of decades of church members. Without them, we wouldn't be here," Stockum said. "Being the pastor of such a church is a humbling responsibility, to say the least."

Sujana Panthulu, chairperson of Bridges' deaconesses, said the church body looks forward to Stockum leading into the next generation.

"Jesus is the hope of the world, and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world," she said. "I believe that Pastor Dan with his heart and Ph.D. research focusing on community building will lead us to be the missionary church, the light in our local community."

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Deadline nears for MVHS scholarships

The Mountain View High School Sports Boosters are accepting applications through 6 p.m. Friday for a pair of \$1,500 scholarships they will award to a male and female athlete next month. To be eligible, an applicant must be a Mountain View High senior who has participated in two or more seasons of a sport (including at least one on varsity) and has a minimum GPA of 2.5. The application requires a recommendation from a coach and writing an essay. Scholarships may go toward a two- or four-year college, a trade school or a qualifying continuing education program. For an application and more information, visit mvhssportsboosters.org/scholarships.

MVLA Strong 5K set for next month

The sports boosters clubs at Los Altos and Mountain View high schools are once again joining forces for the MVLA Strong virtual 5K walk/run. Scheduled June 4-6, the community event raises money for Community Services Agency. Last spring's inaugural 5K raised more than \$3,000 for Mountain View-based CSA. Registration is \$10. To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/9azme2mc.



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Los Altos High's Jocelyn Lee, above, heads toward third base in Thursday's game against Los Gatos. Shelby White, right, throws a pitch. Lee drove in the winning run and White didn't allow a run.

Eagles eke out a win

LA edges Los Gatos 1-0 to secure first place

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Shelby White's pitching performance wasn't a surprise – the Los Altos High senior has been dominating batters all season – but the biggest hit in the Eagles' biggest win of the softball season came from an unlikely source.

Jocelyn Lee, who entered Thursday's battle against Los Gatos with just one hit all year, ripped a triple to left field in the fifth inning that scored the lone run in a game that ultimately decided first place in the SCVAL De Anza Division.

"That was clutch," Eagles coach Robert Herrera said of the senior shortstop's two-out RBI. "Jocelyn was ecstatic, and I'm so

happy for her."

Host Los Altos (10-1) mustered only two hits in the 1-0 victory and needed a little luck to make Lee's matter. With one away, catcher Emeline Gaunce reached first base on an error and was subsequently replaced by courtesy runner Paola Lara-Espinoza. Stefania Bilyeu then moved her to second with what Herrera called "a beautiful bunt" – her first of the season. That set the stage for Lee, who belted the ball past the left fielder and all the way to the fence line.

"That was a great triple by Jocelyn," winning pitcher White said. "Once she hit the ball, I knew Paola was going to score."

In the top half of the fifth, Los Gatos (8-2) nearly scored. The



Wildcats loaded the bases with one out, but White induced a pop up in foul territory and a fly ball to right to end the threat.

"I think that me and Em (Gaunce), my catcher, work well in high-pressure situations and we have major trust in the team," White said. "I'm actually more calm. It's a good feeling to know that your team has your back."

No more so than in the seventh, when right fielder Franchesca Baker preserved the victory by making what may have been the catch of the day. Addie Payne – one of Los Gatos' most dangerous hitters – launched a ball to deep right that Baker raced backward to track down, reaching out to snare it for the final out.

"That was a fantastic way to

end it," Herrera said.

Minutes later, the Eagles learned that third-place Mountain View (7-3) had lost, guaranteeing that Los Altos could not be caught in this final week of play. Although this Thursday's league finale between the rivals won't alter the Eagles' league standing, Herrera said his team is still motivated to beat the host Spartans. Mountain View handed them their lone loss of the season.

"It was our first game, and we only had eight players because of conflicts with Season 2 (sports)," he said of the 2-0 defeat, "so we had to call up some JV players."

White added that she is eager for the rematch; the April 22 game is the only blemish on her

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COURTESY OF AMEETA MUKHERJEE

Ashwin Mukherjee plays No. 1 doubles for the Los Altos High boys tennis team.

LA, MV tennis teams find CCS success; Pinewood girls hoops now 12-0

By Pete Borello

Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

The Los Altos and Mountain View boys tennis teams extended their pandemic-shortened seasons by making the Central Coast Section playoffs, with both squads advancing beyond the first round last week.

The Eagles edged Los Gatos and Mitty by 4-3 scores to reach the quarterfinals, where they were overwhelmed by top-seeded Menlo Friday. The undefeated Knights prevailed 7-0. Los Altos finished the season 12-1.

The Spartans got past San Mateo 4-3 in the opening round, but they fell to Saratoga 5-2 the next day. Mountain View played San Mateo shorthanded, according to coach Frank Smyth, who had to replace a

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player at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles.

The Spartans went 7-4 this year.

Girls basketball

Pinewood has yet to be tested, entering this last week of the regular season having beaten all 12 of its opponents by at least 20 points. The Panthers last week won their four games by a combined 286-156.

Pinewood had a different leading scorer in every game. Annika Decker went 7-for-11 from the field and finished with 17 points in the 69-49 win at Woodside Priory May 18. In the Panthers' two other West Bay Athletic League games, Courtnei Thompson totaled 20 points in the 81-18 rout of Notre Dame-Belmont Thursday and

Chance Bucher put up 19 in Friday's 75-51 victory over Menlo. In Saturday's 61-38 non-league win over Bishop O'Dowd, Una Jovanovic scored 22 points.

Depleted Los Altos split its two games with Homestead last week to go to 7-3 in the SCVAL De Anza Division. The Eagles – down to six players due to injuries before calling up two members of the junior varsity team last week – beat the Mustangs 50-43 May 18 and fell to them 44-37 Friday.

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SAMANTHA ZAGHA/TOWN CRIER

Jovanovic

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record this year.

The Eagles' ace improved to 6-1 with Thursday's win and dropped her ERA to 0.66. White surrendered eight hits to the Wildcats, but she also recorded seven strikeouts and walked just one batter.

"It was fun (Thursday)," she said. "Before this year, we always

lost to Los Gatos, so it was great to be able to pull through."

Los Altos is guaranteed a berth in the Central Coast Section playoffs, set to begin June 7. The Eagles' record and league standing could warrant a spot in the CCS Open Division, comprising the top eight teams in the section.

"I'm a little worried about that, but I guess that's our reward for doing well," Herrera said with a chuckle.

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"We're patching ourselves together, as they say, with Band-Aids and baling wire," coach Erik Stuart said.

In last week's home win, senior guards Jamie Baum and Mone Sekiguchi played the entire game, finishing with 23 and 12 points, respectively.

"They do not want to come out," Stuart said of his team captains, adding that Sekiguchi was just getting over an upper-leg injury. "They want to be on the floor every minute they can."

Sekiguchi capped the second quarter with a 3-pointer and opened the third with another that extended Los Altos' lead to 31-20. The Eagles twice pushed that advantage to 17 points – on a long jumper by Tara Davari (in her first varsity game) midway through the third and then on Baum's top-of-the-key 3 with just more than a minute left in the quarter.

Los Altos didn't hit a 3 in Friday's road loss (0-14), and shot just 25% from the field. Sekiguchi tallied 14 points and Baum had 11.

Boys basketball

Mountain View dropped out of first place in the De Anza Division with Saturday's 55-44 loss at Santa Clara.

The Spartans slipped to 8-2 in league and the Bruins, who also beat Mountain View May 15, improved to 8-1. Each team has only two games left before CCS.

Baseball

Down eight runs in the third, Los Altos rallied to defeat Wilcox 12-11 in extra innings Friday.

After Nick Teng tripled to score Colby Cook in the seventh, Cole Rafferty walked with the



SAMANTHA ZAGHA/TOWN CRIER

Nick Teng, fielding a grounder earlier this season, had two key hits for Los Altos last week.

bases loaded to put the Eagles up 11-10, only to see the Chargers tie the game in the bottom of the frame.

In the eighth, Teng came through again by hitting an infield single with the bases loaded to score pinch runner Gareth Cartier. Los Altos' one-run lead held up this time, as reliever Aaron Parker pitched a 1-2-3 inning to earn the win. The senior also contributed at the plate Friday, driving in five runs with a homer and double.

The Eagles, who earlier in the week lost 8-6 to the Chargers and 4-1 to Los Gatos, went to 4-7 in the De Anza Division. Los Altos' overall record dipped to 10-10 with Saturday's 9-7 non-league loss at Leigh. Parker slugged two homers and Rafferty hit one.

Track and field

Los Altos split last week's De Anza Division dual meet at Lynbrook, with the boys prevailing 75-51 and the girls falling 73-54.

The boys, undefeated at 5-0, won 11 events May 19.

John Zhai claimed the high jump (5 feet, 8 inches) and triple jump (41-10.5), and finished second in the long jump (20-09.5), which teammate Joshua Kung won (21-03.75).

Jimmy Dessouki took top

honors in the 300-meter hurdles (40.50 seconds), ran on the Eagles' victorious 4x100 (44.36) and 4x400 (3:34.56) relay teams. The senior also placed second in the 110 hurdles (15.80), an event won by teammate Shawn Toney (15.47).

Los Altos dominated the distance races, with Kevin Andrews winning the 1,600 run (4:31.70) and Hans Holst the 3,200 (9:58.31). The Eagles also received wins from Reece Enthoven in the 400 dash (54.42) and Charlie Atkins in the 200 (23.13).

Megan MacKenzie led the Los Altos girls (3-2 in league), winning every event she entered. The sophomore finished first in the long jump (16-03.5), triple jump (38-0) and 200 dash (26.49), and she also ran on the Eagles' winning 4x400 relay team (4:16.92).

Maddy Randall, also part of the relay, won the 800 run (2:21.31) and Maura Kelleher captured the high jump (4-10).

Soccer

The St. Francis boys and girls lost their CCS playoff openers in similar fashion Saturday, both falling by 2-1 scores in overtime.

The sixth-seeded St. Francis girls fell to No. 3 Leigh in the Open Division quarterfinals, while the No. 6 St. Francis boys lost to No. 3 Menlo-Atherton in the Division I quarters.

The Los Altos boys, the third seed in Division II, dropped a 1-0 decision at home to No. 6 Monta Vista in Saturday's quarters.

Boys lacrosse

Bailey Lunn and Remy Briens each scored a goal in Mountain View's 13-2 loss at Palo Alto last week. The Spartans conclude their season at 4 p.m. Friday against visiting Los Altos.

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Los Altos at Milpitas, 7:30 p.m.
Mountain View at Palo Alto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
Milpitas at Los Altos, 7:45 p.m.
Palo Alto at Mountain View, 7:45 p.m.

Girls basketball

Today
Pinewood at Lynbrook, 3:30 p.m.

Friday
Wilcox at Los Altos, 6:15 p.m.
Gunn at Mountain View, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday
Los Altos at Fremont, 4:30 p.m.
Santa Clara at Mountain View, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Today
Los Altos at Santa Clara, 4 p.m.

Mountain View at Homestead, 4 p.m.

Thursday
St. Francis at Valley Christian, 4 p.m.

Friday
Valley Christian at St. Francis, 3 p.m.
Santa Clara at Los Altos, 4 p.m.
Homestead at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Softball

Today
Presentation at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Thursday
Los Altos at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Track & field

Thursday
Fremont at Mountain View, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Los Altos and Mountain View at Santa Clara Valley Athletic League finals at Los Gatos, TBA

Girls tennis

Today
CCS team semifinals at TBA, 4 p.m.

Friday
CCS team finals at TBA, 4 p.m.

Boys lacrosse

Friday
Los Altos at Mountain View, 5 p.m.

Girls lacrosse

Today
Palo Alto at Mountain View, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming & diving

Today
CCS diving finals at Santa Teresa, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday
CCS boys swimming trials at Santa Teresa, 2 p.m.

Friday
CCS girls swimming trials at Santa Teresa, 2 p.m.

Saturday
CCS boys and girls finals at Santa Teresa, noon

Boys golf

Today
CCS regionals at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, 7:30 a.m.

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Students raise funds for local nonprofits

Mckayla Kao, an eighth-grader at Bullis Charter School, and her brother Marcus Kao, a fifth-grader at the school, are raising money for two nonprofit organizations by selling products with their own original designs online.

The siblings are selling water bottles, T-shirts, laptop sleeves and other items that feature their own art, including drawings of a sleepy sloth, an elephant with a basketball and a pig eating ice cream.

Proceeds will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula and Pets In Need, the contract provider of animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

To view the items available for purchase, visit redbubble.com/people/moomookao.

Lecture covers search for intelligent life

University of Rochester astrophysics professor Adam Frank is scheduled to deliver a free, illustrated, nontechnical lecture on "A Little Talk About Aliens: Techno-Signatures and the New Science of Life in the Universe," 7 p.m. today.

The virtual presentation is part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series through Foothill College.

Thanks to the discovery of thousands of planets orbiting other stars, the introduction of new observing technologies and increased support from the public and private sectors, a new science of looking for "techno-signatures" is emerging in the search for intelligent, civilization-building life in the universe, according to a press release from Foothill College.

Frank's presentation will unpack the frontier area and discuss what counts as a techno-signature, how to be systematic in thinking about exo-civilizations and their evolution, and what techno-signatures can tell people about the future.

To watch the talk live, or a recording afterward, visit youtube.com/SVAstronomyLectures.

Foothill holds on-campus student vaccine clinic

Community college aims to remove barriers to getting COVID-19 shots

By Zoe Morgan
Staff Writer/zoem@latc.com

When Foothill College student Naylea Macias received a text from the school informing her of a free vaccine clinic on campus May 22, she said it felt like the perfect time to get her first shot.

Macias had been watching friends and family get vaccinated and knew she also wanted to, but she wasn't sure how to find an appointment at a convenient time and location. When the text came from Foothill, she jumped at the opportunity.

"I knew where it was and how it was happening, so it made me feel more prepared," said Macias, a 2020 Los Altos High School graduate.

That was one of the reasons Foothill decided to run the vaccine clinic on campus – to give students the chance to get vaccinated in a convenient and familiar location, with the aim of "decreasing barriers and increasing access," said Angela Su, director of Foothill's pharmacy technology program.

"The genesis of this (clinic was) trying to encourage our students and our community to



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Walgreens pharmacist Eileen Lee gives Foothill College student David Park a COVID-19 vaccine shot at a May 22 vaccine clinic on campus.

get vaccinated," Su said.

At the May 22 clinic, 67 students got vaccinated, which is 75% of those who made appointments. According to Su, that's a typical percentage based on information from other vaccine sites. The clinic at Foothill was run in partnership with Walgreens, whose pharmacists administered the shots. Foothill students, staff and others also volunteered at the clinic. The college has an existing relationship with Walgreens, with Foothill pharmacy technician students completing externships at Walgreens.

Walgreen's district manager Clarisse Tu said she hoped by bringing the clinic to campus, more students would be able to get vaccinated.

"Really, it's just our effort to try to help as many people get vaccinated as possible," Tu said.

Expanding access

According to Su, part of making the clinic accessible was publicizing that the vaccines are available and free for students from all backgrounds, including those who are undocumented, don't have insurance or are international students.

Another aim was to provide access for students of color, given the racial disparities in both COVID-19 infection and vaccination rates, said Ram Subramaniam, dean of Foothill's STEM division. In Santa Clara County, 74% of residents ages 12 and up have gotten at least one vaccine dose, while for Latino residents that number is just 56%.

Getting students vaccinated is also an important part of working toward reopening Foothill for in-person classes in the fall, Subramaniam said.

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CUSD board slated to meet tonight to discuss budget



ZOE MORGAN/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Students play on the playground last month at Montclair Elementary School, the one Cupertino Union School District campus located in Los Altos.

By Zoe Morgan
Staff Writer/zoem@latc.com

The Cupertino Union School District Board of Education is slated to hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. today to discuss the district's budget in the wake of a failed parcel-tax measure earlier this month.

Voters rejected Measure A, which would have raised approximately \$14 million annually for CUSD through a tax of \$398 on each parcel of land within the district's boundaries. The measure would have lasted eight years and would have replaced an existing \$250 parcel tax.

In a May 4 special election, the tax received majority sup-

port but failed to reach the two-thirds threshold required to pass, with 59.34% voting in favor and 40.66% against. That's over seven percentage points shy of the needed margin.

The board placed Measure A on the ballot as a way to bring in more revenue for the district, which has seen repeated budget cuts in recent years as enrollment has dropped. Last fall, the board considered closing multiple schools in an attempt to save money, but the idea met with strong opposition from parents. Board members ultimately voted unanimously to put the parcel tax before voters, saying that if it passed, schools wouldn't be

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closed for financial reasons.

With the tax's failure, board president Jerry Liu told the Town Crier earlier this month that the possibility of school closures is "back on the table," along with other potential cuts.

At tonight's meeting, the board is set to receive an update on the district's multi-year budget and "discuss steps to create long-term fiscal stability in CUSD," according to the agenda.

The supporting documenta-

tion detailing the material to be covered had not been posted as of the Town Crier's Monday afternoon press deadline.

The board had originally intended to review the budget situation earlier this month, but Liu said in a text that they decided to wait and call the special meeting today so that Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent state budget update could be incorporated in the district's planning.

Today's meeting is set to be held over Zoom. To view the agenda, visit go.boarddocs.com/ca/cusdk8/Board.nsf/vpublic.

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"We are anxious to be back on campus," he said. "We do not like Zoom education and we want to be here to serve our students – and I think our students want that from us. To do that safely, we do have to have as many people vaccinated as possible."

Seeing society open back up and knowing that school may be resuming in person this fall, Foothill student David Park decided getting vaccinated was the best way to protect both himself and his sister, who has pre-existing health issues.

"I think it's just a no-brainer to vaccinate yourself and try to do your best to keep your family safe," Park said.

Even though the vaccines are new, and Park said he feels there are still a lot of unknowns, he believes vaccination isn't just about protecting himself and his own family, but also doing his part to help society achieve herd immunity. At the same time, he said it can be frustrating to see others not getting vaccinated.

"But the only thing you can do is control what you can control, and try to help out society in the way you can," Park said.

Vaccine hesitancy

Both Subramaniam and Su talked about working to address vaccine hesitancy. The college held a four-part COVID-19 vac-



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Walgreens pharmacist Megan Shang gives Foothill College student Zakari Ladwig-Scott his COVID-19 vaccination card.

cine education series, covering topics such as explaining how the vaccines work and debunking myths around them.

According to Subramaniam, people have various reasons for their reluctance to get vaccinated, including having pre-existing medical conditions, misconceptions about needing to pay for the vaccine and worries about immigration status being a barrier.

"And of course, the numerous false information that's out there on the internet about vaccines," he added.

When trying to address the worries of someone who is unsure about being vaccinated, Subramaniam said it is important to be respectful and empathetic. Su said she always asks why the person is hesitant, so she can understand their particular concerns.

"If you know the 'why,' then you can gently address it in a way that's appropriate," Su said.

Although the May 22 vaccine clinic drew 67 students, it had capacity for 150. Subramaniam said the limitation isn't vaccine supply at this point, but recruiting people to get their shots.

The first on-campus clinic was organized in just a couple weeks, but Subramaniam said Foothill is planning to hold more in the future and will think through ways to further expand access, including potentially offering rides to the vaccination event.

For more information on getting vaccinated in Santa Clara County, visit sccfreevax.org.

To watch Foothill College's COVID vaccine education series, visit foothill.edu/sli/events/covid-series.html.

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Shouldering the pain: Don't let it keep you up

By Kim Gladfelter

Let's face it: Pain and sleep aren't a great mix. People in pain often struggle to fall asleep, wake up frequently throughout the night or fail to enter restorative deep sleep stages once they do manage to get a few Zzzs. This is something I hear about a lot from my patients – especially those who come to see me with a stiff, painful shoulder.

Staying Active

I'm not surprised shoulder pain is so effective (unfortunately) at keeping people awake. As the most mobile joint in the body, a healthy shoulder requires coordinated action of dozens of muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones to function properly. The increased mobility can increase the margin for error, meaning the shoulders are often at risk of injury.

The problem, of course, is that losing sleep over a painful shoulder can actually worsen the pain and delay healing, not to mention cause other problems associated with sleep deprivation – low mood, memory problems and an increased risk of other health conditions. Not getting enough sleep has even been associated with reduced vaccine effectiveness, which has huge implications for anyone preparing to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

I encourage anyone with persistent shoulder pain to see a physical therapist, who can help them find relief. In the meantime, let's take some time to better understand this common phenomenon and what you can do about it.

Shoulder pain causes

Repetitive overhead movement, advancing age, accidents and poor posture are primary risk factors for shoulder problems such as tendinitis,

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Prioritizing mental health: CHAC's teen advisers teach community about 'unlocking inner strengths'

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Some people don't realize the importance of good mental health until later in life, if at all. Local teens active in the Community Health Awareness Council are prioritizing it in their lives. And it's already paying off.

"Mental health is super important – if you're not at peace with yourself, it's hard to do anything else," said Riley, a St. Francis High School junior who is a member of CHAC's Teen Advisory Council.

Riley and other members discussed during a May 12 workshop how embracing the tools of mental wellness helped them deal with challenges ranging from managing busy schedules to coping with the pandemic.

In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, CHAC offered four weekly online workshops under the theme

"Unlocking Your Inner Strengths with CHAC." Held each Wednesday, the workshops covered various topics. For the first, May 5, CHAC clinicians highlighted techniques used to connect with clients remotely during the pandemic. The May 12 event, "Self-Empowerment Through Expression," featured nine Teen Advisory Council members talking about how they use mental health skills in their lives and the need for future leaders to prioritize it. The teen council returned May 19 for a workshop on better understanding between parents and teens, titled "Parenting Teens Doesn't Have to be Painful!" The final event, scheduled 6:30 p.m. today, will feature a panel discussion on "Self-Care & Support Across Diverse Communities."

Advocates for mental health

CHAC leaders tout the benefits of the Teen Advisory Council, an
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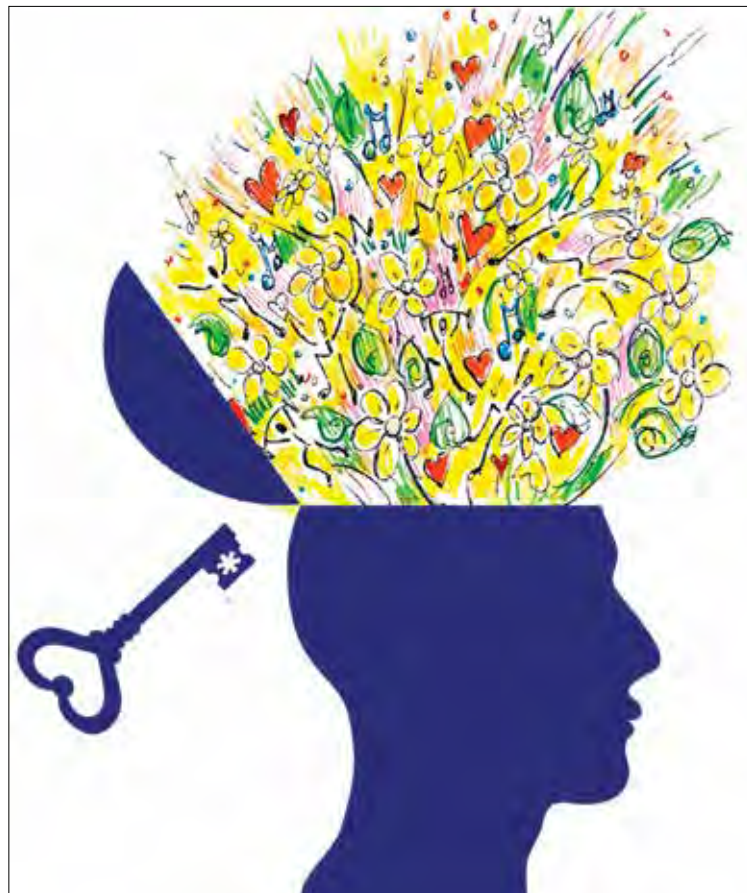


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Wellness tips help deal with return-to-work anxiety

By Reena Vokoun

As we continue to progress through the pandemic, and California prepares to reopen June 15, many employees will be returning to the office in the summer or fall. While these are positive changes as we work toward finding our new normal, for many, they are prompting stress, anxiety, fear and uncertainty.

Passion Fit

To deal with the challenges, below are four wellness tips for reducing return-to-work anxiety.

Communicate with co-workers

If you have fears of returning to the office due to lingering risks of COVID-19, child care concerns or preferring to work remotely or in a hybrid model, tell your manager, team and/or business partners what's on your mind. Clearing the air and



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Returning to the office can prompt stress, anxiety, fear and uncertainty for many, but there are steps that can help make the transition easier.

sharing what you need and want for your future working arrangement is an important factor in your ability to continue to be successful on the job.

Ask questions, and get further clarification if needed, about continued vaccinations, COVID testing, safety protocols and requirements, office layout and distancing of desks, work-from-home policies, travel policies, and more. And then don't be afraid to negotiate so that you

can feel most comfortable going forward.

Communicate with family

As work and school schedules between you and your family continue to evolve and change, keep the lines of communication open at home as well. After spending over a year together under one roof while working or attending school virtually, returning to the office or campus and/or traveling will be a huge adjustment for everyone. Share how you're feeling about it, and encourage others in the family to do the same so that everyone can support one another and be on the same page about what each person needs during

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the transition period.

Some may be struggling more than others, or each person's struggles could happen at different times – that's OK and to be expected. The important thing is to provide empathy, support, safety and love for one another.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle

Burn off stress through exercise, healthy eating, sleep and mindfulness practices. Now is an especially important time to leverage your wellness toolkit to deal with what lies ahead. Make sure to move your body and burn off stress through getting at least 30 minutes or more of exercise each day. Eat plant-based foods that will fuel and nourish you and continue to protect your immune system as you venture back out in the world. Prioritize your sleep so that you can feel rested and have more energy. And indulge in mindfulness practices such as yoga, meditation, hiking in nature or listening to calming music to combat feelings of anxiety.

Be flexible

Be flexible and prepared for more changes ahead. If there's anything this past year has taught us, it's that change is inevitable. So, the more you can be flexible and prepared for any changes ahead, the more you'll be mentally and physically ready to deal with it. You'll also learn to be resilient and will help model for your family and those around you at work and in your community to do the same.

This is my final Your Health column article for the Town Crier, as my family and I are moving to San Diego in June. It's been such a pleasure writing for the Town Crier over these past four years. Wishing everyone a Happy Global Employee Health and Fitness Month, and best of luck returning to work and staying healthy in these changing times.

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osteoarthritis, frozen shoulder, impingement syndrome and rotator cuff tears. These conditions are associated with tissue damage, inflammation, swelling, stiffness and pain that can interrupt daily activities ranging from getting dressed to throwing a tennis ball to your dog.

Many people notice their shoulder pain gets even worse at night. This could be for a number of reasons, including:

- **Sleeping position.** Many people prefer to sleep on their side, but lying directly on the affected shoulder feels too uncomfortable. This forces them to toss and turn until they find an acceptable position – and may cause them to wake up with a yelp if they roll over onto their affected side in their sleep.

- **Being still.** Lying down in bed changes the relative position of your shoulder, diminishes the effect of gravity in the joint and allows the muscles and tissues to relax. Together, these changes can slow blood flow in the area and contribute to stiffness and worsening inflammation. If you struggle with a problem such as hypermobility or instability, you may even find

your upper arm bone resting out of alignment when your body is in a horizontal position. Ouch!

- **Mattress and pillow.** Super-thick pillows and very firm mattresses can strain many tissues of the neck and shoulder.

- **Cognitive and neurochemical changes.** Emotionally and mentally, many of us simply perceive pain differently at night. Without other activities to keep us busy, we may focus on how uncomfortable we feel and how little sleep we're getting, which can lead to a vicious spiral of worry and stress.

Anecdotally, I've even noticed that nighttime breathing patterns can influence a person's shoulder pain. Most people breathe through their mouths as they sleep, which could strain the jaw and other tissues in the neck and shoulder area. Conversely, nasal breathing helps reduce pain and calm the nervous system, so going eight hours without it may prevent natural relief.

When you can't sleep

I mentioned that consulting with a physical therapist is one of the most effective solutions for nighttime shoulder pain. Once we diagnose your underlying condition and identify

its contributing factors, we can implement a personalized treatment plan that will directly address your symptoms and help your shoulder heal. In the meantime, consider these strategies for managing your pain and getting better sleep:

- **Use supportive pillows.** For example, sleep on your nonaffected side and place a pillow between your knees and under your affected arm. Also try sleeping on your back with a pillow under your knees and another pillow tucked under the affected arm.

- **Exercise.** Perform gentle range-of-motion exercises at the neck and shoulder before and after bed.

- **Practice good sleep hygiene.** Go to bed at the same time every night, have a relaxing nighttime routine, dim the lights in the evening, avoid eating too close to bedtime, minimize alcohol and caffeine intake, and make your bedroom dark and cool.

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idea that came from a Homestead High School student who reached out to CHAC after she co-founded a mental health awareness club on her campus.

According to Carol Mellberg, CHAC director of special programs, the council since its inception more than two years ago has successfully destigmatized and advocated for teens' mental health.

"One of their first projects was to collaborate with CHAC to update our middle school Teen Talk curriculum to better reflect teen perspectives and needs," Mellberg said. "And these teens have been participating in CHAC's clinician training program, sharing with CHAC's new clinicians the approaches and tools they find most helpful. ... Over this past year, this 10-member group of teens has been on the frontlines of COVID and mental health by bringing in an innovative buddy program to our elementary school kids to promote connection, play and peer mentoring."

A common thread among the teen speakers was a desire to help others overcome their challenges.

"Mental health is kind of looked down upon – people don't really talk about it that much," said council member Richard, a junior at Homestead High. "I wanted to see some change in that – I really value it, because when you're doing something artistic like drawing or flute or something, it's really hard to bring out that passion if you're worried about something else."

Riley offered as an example how she uses a mental health skill to cope.

"Junior year has been very tough," she said. "Balancing sports, clubs, volunteering – the demands that teens put on themselves are huge. So I've tried to slow down and listen to my body and mind's stress signals, and I try to find a way to course-correct if I'm doing too much."

Kelly, a junior at Los Altos High, noted that her awareness of and involvement in mental health issues helps her cope effectively with her anxieties.

"I started stepping outside my comfort zone a lot more," she said, after joining the advisory council. "Since the start of the pandemic, I started feeling the need to do more things in my community because there's just so many problems, and I thought maybe I could fix at least a few

of them."

As she spoke to a virtual audience of 40-50 people May 12, Kelly said she is learning to "push past that anxiety."

"I think if people have more knowledge about mental health problems in general, then they'll be able to deal with them and it would make a really big difference," she said.

'Complicated problem'

According to Colin, who attends Homestead High, mental health struggles are on the rise.

"I feel like the mental health crisis within society is getting worse, and I think the general population is trying to ignore it – especially during the pandemic," he said. "I think that issue is becoming more apparent – people are struggling with mental health and personal motivation. I've run into more people who have struggled with these issues in the last six months than I think I have in the last six years."

Having suffered from a lack of self-esteem and being in a "dark place," Colin said, "I want to do what I can to make sure other people don't end up there. ... Mental health pretty much influences everything that we do – (it's) difficult to improve in my opinion because it's not something you can buy or earn, and that makes it a really complicated problem."

Riley added that future leaders need to champion mental health, because the "message needs to come from the top down."

"If adults and teens aren't hearing it from leaders, then they're less likely to take on the message that mental health is important," she said.

Marsha Deslauriers, CHAC executive director, emphasized the importance of connection.

"The pandemic has been hard on all of us, but our teens and young adults have been impacted the most," Deslauriers said. "We do best when we're recovering from this pandemic through positive connection with one another and truly listening to one another."

Mountain View-based CHAC has been providing health-care services to individuals and families in the local community for nearly 50 years.

An accompanying sidebar for this article, "Five ways for teens to de-stress," is available online at losaltosonline.com.

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Tenor Carlos Enrique Santelli and soprano Vanessa Becerra star in Wolf-Ferrari's "Il segreto di Susanna," part of Opera San Jose's latest digital offering, "Love & Secrets: A Domestic Trilogy."

SJ Opera offers 'Love & Secrets'

Town Crier Report

Opera San Jose's latest digital offering, "Love & Secrets: A Domestic Trilogy," is available for viewing through Monday.

The fully staged production comprises three tales of passion and yearning, as couples contend with the tumult, joys and heartache of love.

"For couples around the globe, this extended period of quarantine has forced romantic relationships into uncharted territories," said Opera San Jose general director Khori Dastoor, a Los Altos resident. "The rhythm of domestic life has been disrupted and challenged as never before. Despite prolonged physical closeness, feelings of isolation emerge, inviting questions about the very foundations of partnership as each person evolves, both as individu-

als and in relation to one another."

Dastoor curated the original collection of three chamber operas, directed by Opera San Jose resident director Tara Branham. Music director Joseph Marcheso and resident conductor Christopher James Ray lead members of the Opera San Jose Orchestra in "Love & Secrets."

The three short operas making up the trilogy include Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari's "Il segreto di Susanna," Ned Rorem's "Four Dialogues" and Tom Cipullo's "The Husbands."

"Il segreto di Susanna" is a drawing-room comedy of errors in the 19th-century Italian opera buffa tradition, in which an innocuous secret threatens a young newlywed couple's chance at happiness. Conducted by Marcheso, the one-act opera features resident artists soprano Vanessa Becerra, baritone Efraín Solís and tenor

Carlos Enrique Santelli.

"Four Dialogues" is based on the poetry of Frank O'Hara. It's a classic guy-meets-girl tale marking one couple's relationship from love's first blush to the pangs of its bitter end. The opera stars Santelli and local soprano Marnie Breckenridge.

"The Husbands," based on William Carpenter's prose poem "Rain," centers on people who have kept their departed spouses forever present in their hearts. Conducted by Ray, the 10-minute work features resident artists mezzo-soprano Ashley Dixon and baritone Eugene Brancoveanu.

Tickets are offered on a pay-what-you-can basis of \$15, \$25 or \$40 per household. Those who buy tickets by Monday will have 30 days to view the production.

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Midpen's Wild & Scenic Film Festival closes Friday

Town Crier Report

The third annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, jointly sponsored by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Peninsula Open Space Trust, opened virtually last weekend and runs through Friday.

This year's free festival is a two-hour program featuring 14 award-winning short films, each running from two to 15 minutes. Centering on the environment, topics range from wildfire management to the culture of local Indigenous peoples.

"The films of the Wild & Scenic Festival this year com-

bine beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling," said Mark Medeiros, senior manager of community engagement at POST. "For this year's presentation, we've selected works that we believe will inspire Bay Area film and nature fans to find ways to get involved and make a difference."

Featured films include "In the Land of My Ancestors," "Fighting Fire with Fire" and "Immolation."

"Ancestors," directed by South Asian photojournalist Rucha Chitnis, is about settler colonialism in the Bay Area. It spotlights one Ohlone elder who has devoted her life to preserving the culture of her Indigenous ancestors.

"Fire," directed by filmmaker

and UC Davis alumna Sinead Santich, delves into the Native American cultural tradition of burning. It follows a California tribal leader teaching UC Davis students about preparing the land, igniting the fire and restoring the landscape.

Filmed over several years, "Immolation" – directed by San Francisco-based filmmaker and cinematographer David Elkins – documents the destruction and rebirth of California lands, a cycle caused by wildfires.

Although film viewing is free, advance registration is required.

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'Smuin al Fresco' wraps up this weekend

Town Crier Report

Smuin Contemporary Ballet's "Smuin al Fresco" – featuring fresh programs highlighting Smuin Songbook favorites and an unveiling of all-new dancer creations – is slated to run through Sunday.

Prerecorded at an outdoor venue, each program stars a different pod of Smuin dancers performing highlights from founder Michael Smuin's canon of classi-

cal and pop favorites and playful solos.

The final offering, "Off-stage/Onscreen 2021," will be streamed 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Sunday. The program unveils new dance films choreographed, danced and recorded by Smuin's artists in outdoor settings around the Bay Area.

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Growing kindness: Shared garden cultivates community

By Carolyn Snyder
Special to the Town Crier

“Grow kindness” says a sign sprouting in the middle of a bountiful garden that is home to dozens of plants from arugula to zebra tomatoes.

It’s an indication of the special nature of Soil&Water Garden, a shared community garden project that has roots in Mountain View’s Heritage Park, a 1.2-acre gem on Rengstorff Avenue.

“Our mission is to connect our community through gardening,” said Soil&Water founder Kavita Dave Coombe. “We are a group of greater Mountain View residents with a shared interest in gardening, fresh food and cooking. We want to cultivate a space where people can gather, garden, create and learn from each other.”

In a “shared” community garden, as opposed to a community garden, the members collectively design, plant, harvest and enjoy it – donating any sur-



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Susan Harder works in the Soil&Water Garden, a shared community garden in Mountain View.

plus harvest.

After Soil&Water’s small start in a resident’s backyard, Coombe and others pushed for project funding and city approv-

al, eventually being rewarded with both. It became a project of Los Altos Community Foundation, received a grant from Google and support from the Ki-

wanis Club of Mountain View. In December 2016, the city of Mountain View awarded the use of land at Heritage Park.

A month later, volunteers

began working the park’s 2,200-square-foot demonstration garden. The city provided a garden shed, built the fencing and installed irrigation.

For the past four years, the garden has been serving volunteers and their children, engaging members through biweekly workdays and, prior to the pandemic, hosting community events such as the History Harvest Festival and do-it-yourself activities like salve making. A handful of volunteers has kept the garden growing during the pandemic, albeit on a smaller scale.

Nurturing the garden – and one another

On a recent garden workday, Coombe was watering while her daughter was among a small group of preschoolers nearby learning about gardening. Before her involvement with Soil&Water, she wasn’t a gardener per se but took it up because of her children. Teaching children where food comes from

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Align the design: Bathtubs, art and outdoor kitchens

By Sherry Scott

Over the past year, I’ve been fielding questions for Town Crier readers that may at first feel like overwhelming design conundrums. However, once the problems are broken down into simple and logical parts, the solutions are often quick and easy fixes.

To help readers find practical solutions to their design challenges, and more accurately describe the types of answers I aim to provide, I’m renaming this column “Quick Design Fixes.” As always, I welcome questions and feedback from readers.

Q: What should you do when you’d love to have an elegant, free-standing, deep-soaking

Quick Design Fixes

bathtub, but there is not enough room for it to have space on all sides?

A: Some might not know that two-sided tubs with a shape similar to stand-alone tubs are available. They are intended to be installed against two walls, on one short and long side, while the other two sides are nicely curved with a thin top edge – just like on the free-standing alternative.

These corner designs offer plenty of opportunities to be creative with the design of the two walls. They can be turned into niches with a wide shelf for beautiful objects and favorite bathing products.

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The storage function can be enhanced with a special finish on the wall such as wood, tile or stone. Wood paneling helps bring the outdoors in, as well as create a handsome backdrop for potted and trailing plants (the moisture in a bath is an added bonus for them). Mirroring the same wood on a

window casing or sill is an additional upgrade for a minimal added cost.

Another smart addition would be to install hidden LED lighting to illuminate the niche. The location and type of faucet are the jewelry that completes the composition. There are dozens of metal finishes, plus black or white, as an alternative to the usual polished chrome plumbing fit-

tings. Picking where to put the faucet is another opportunity for creativity. These can be wall-mounted or floor-standing for a more dramatic and sculptural effect. Voila – a small corner becomes a star!

Q: We're nearing the end of a remodel, turning our home into a modern space with tall windows, and we are finding our collection of smaller art

and photographs doesn't quite fit with our higher ceilings. How can you make this type of modern house feel like a home?

A: One very important starting place is to have an understanding of what you are dealing with now. The common wisdom of "you can't change Mother Nature" applies here. In other words, rooms with tall ceilings and large

windows must have art that is in balance with these proportions. When the size and scale of art stands up to the scale of a room, both the art and architecture are enhanced and can then live up to their design potential.

The type of room is of no consequence. Just as a living room benefits from beautiful to-scale art, so does a bedroom or staircase. The design of all of the spaces contributes to the feeling and enjoyment of the overall home.

Q: We are looking for a way to keep our neutral outdoor kitchen area and stainless-steel appliances from appearing bland, but we don't want to add color. Is there anything else we can do to create more visual interest?

A: Outdoor spaces already have a lot of color. Plants and the sky are hard acts to outdo. In areas where there is a lot of green foliage or colorful plants, it is advisable to create design interest and a little design "tension" with texture and/or pattern. By using patterned concrete floor tiles, also known as pavers, in a neutral color, you will create a more special area that draws the eye. This is one single element that can change an entire outdoor space.

In addition to concrete pavers, which have become popular again with lightning speed, natural stone in honed and hammered finishes is classic. Porcelain tile pavers in large sizes, up to 3 and even 4 feet long in some cases, create more of a monolithic statement, but with a change of texture, color and or layout, porcelain tiles can still be the main design attraction.

Depending on your preference, pavers can create a sense of fun and whimsy, or provide a statelier background. The pattern choice is up to the individual. It is a good idea to align the design with the architectural style of the home for value and style longevity.

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Your Home

Using the outdoors to inspire interiors

By Celeste Randolph

Growing up in California, I've always been fascinated by Big Sur: the knotted driftwood, the jagged rocks, the miles of coastline and the way the water turns from teal to deep blue to gray. I remember the wind whipping through my hair as I sat in the backseat of my parents' Rambler, windows down, driving Highway 1 to Big Sur for the day. It was a magical escape to nature – a complete departure from my childhood in the suburbs.



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Using various fabrics and textures when designing a space can bring natural elements into the home.

By Design

As a designer, the dramatic landscape of Big Sur continues to inspire my work. We're seeing a shift in interiors that reflects a return to nature. Hand-blocking techniques are quickly replacing traditional prints, and unprocessed fabrics are gaining popularity. Surrounding ourselves with various fabrics and textures brings natural elements into the home and creates a sense of comfort. Home itself becomes a nature-inspired escape.

Engage the senses

Great design is a sensory experience. The spaces that draw us in are the ones that engage all the senses: the sights, sounds and smells that remind us of home. Touch and texture can create a sense of comfort, calm and rest. There's something about the feeling of sinking into a velvet armchair and getting lost in a book, the soft blanket you reach for while watching Netflix on the couch or the cool marble countertop while rolling out pizza dough.

A textured home has character. The grain of a worn dining table is familiar and sets the stage for time spent lingering over many dinners. Natural woods such as walnut and white oak age beautifully, taking on a slightly different color and feel over time. Elegant stoneware is timeless, earthy and elegant in any space.

Layer fabrics

I love accessorizing a living room with throw pillows covered in repurposed grain sacks or nubby wool, and tossing a

crocheted mohair throw over the sofa. The stamping process of hand-blocking feels organic and delightfully imperfect. Layering a variety of textures feels both stimulating and calming, creating both visual and tactile interest.

The nubby wools, welted linens and fringed wools are delightfully 1970s – but without the itchy kitsch. These upgraded textures feel organic and fresh rather than dated. Creams and blues lighten these blankets and pillows to work in any space.

Clients ask me again and again, "Why wool?" My answer: lanolin in the wool makes cleanup easier, and wool has a great feel on any surface. Just like a dress in polyester or acrylic doesn't feel the same as wool or silk, a wool rug or throw lends both comfort and authenticity to a space.

When I was designing a client's beach house, I incorporated rich texture, creating a feeling that's cozy and fresh for both foggy coastal days and

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is among the organization's primary objectives.

"Gardening at home isn't as much fun as being a part of a community where you learn from each other," Coombe said. "We're not only nurturing the garden, but also the community."

For volunteer Susan Harder, the best thing about the garden has been learning about the

"strong connections" that exist between produce and a person's sense of place.

"A lot of the crops we choose as a community to grow are important to people culturally ... reminding them of the 'taste of home.' Some of these foods are not readily available in standard grocery stores," she said. "Especially during the pandemic, when many of us have been unable to travel to places we call 'home,' this has been an impor-

tant source of comfort and connection with others."

Rhubarb and kohlrabi are Harder's reminders of home. For someone else, it might be okra or a particular bean variety. The important thing to her is that there's room for all of the plants to grow together in the garden. However, she wishes her two children would be more open to trying the produce she brings home.

She mimicked their reaction

this way: "Here comes Mom bringing home something else green from the garden. What now?"

Soil&Water has been a haven for Harder and other volunteers during COVID.

"I personally have enjoyed every moment in the garden," Archana Gurunathan said. "It gives total peace of mind working there. It is more like a stress buster."

Shree Krishnamurthi calls it

a "refuge," a "space to put aside stress and worries that fill our minds, to spend a few hours with Mother Nature. It's my weekly meditation."

Dulce Munoz views Soil&Water as a connection to the environment.

"Having somewhere people in our community can interact and ask about what's growing is so fulfilling since it means people want to know more about the food we all eat," she said.

Among Soil&Water's objectives are teaching sustainable farming techniques in an urban setting and demonstrating how gardens can be grown on a small scale and be aesthetically pleasing year-round. Knowledge gained through hands-on experiences can be applied to container gardening and home garden plots.

"All ages are welcome to volunteer and no experience is necessary," Coombe said. "Bring a mask, gloves, a hat and a water bottle and come to learn by doing."

Workdays are held 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Volunteers can simply show up; however, in practice, most prefer to send an email by way of introduction.

To register for a workday, email soilandwatergarden@gmail.com. For more information, visit soilandwatergarden.org.

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summer heat. A gorgeous wool rug bound in beige linen in the living room ties in perfectly with a hand-knotted wool and silk rug in the dining room. The result is luxurious, soft and still durable under bare feet.

Combine a linen headboard with a rich walnut side table, pillows in various sizes and colors, and a buttery leather chair. Or pair a tufted headboard with luxe velvet and linen pillows in jewel tones. Rugs anchor the space, tying together colors and textures to create a cohesive look.

Get inspired by your favorite natural escape, textures that evoke a sense of comfort and pieces infused with history and meaning. Then layer textures for a home that feels welcoming and effortless.

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Adopting a rescue dog? Watch out for phony fees

By Steve MacFarland

During COVID-19, so many people adopted dogs that they emptied local shelters. If you are looking to rescue a furry friend, watch out for scams.

The Better Business Bureau has received complaints of a puppy scam that is targeting people who want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue operation, with scammers impersonating real animal shelters or posing as individuals wanting to rehome an animal.

How the scam works

You are looking to adopt a dog, and you find an animal shelter or individual online wanting to rehome a puppy. You message them for more information and receive a convincing, heart-tugging backstory.

In one recent BBB Scam Tracker report, a scammer claimed to be finding a new home for her poodle after a car accident left her unable to care for the dog. In other cases, scammers impersonate real animal shelters.

In this version of the puppy scam, the scammer may not charge for the dog. Instead, they ask for a refundable deposit to “hold” the pup or request payment to ship the pet to your home. Most scammers ask

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you to pay through a digital wallet – Zelle was mentioned in several reports – or use a pre-paid debit card or gift card. Although this scam mostly involves dogs, it also can include cats and other pets.

After you pay, the problems start. One victim reported driving to the “shelter” to pick up his or her new dog, only to find no such address existed.

“I called, and they texted me that they are coming down with the puppy. I asked them where and no answer,” the victim said. “Finally, after 10 calls, the phone was not accepting any calls. By then, it was quite clear I am not getting the puppy and I’m out \$300.”

In other versions of the scam, the con artists offer to ship the dog. But first you must pay for emergency vet visits, additional shipping fees or even a COVID-19 test. The scammers ask for more money to resolve the problem, often promising to refund it after the pet is delivered. They may even claim that the pet will be euthanized if you don’t pay up. Once they’ve gotten your money, scammers disappear. The dog never existed.



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Rachel Meisels, shelter operations manager at Pets In Need’s Palo Alto location, holds Jade, a dog that was up for adoption early this year. People who don’t adopt an animal from a vetted shelter like Pets In Need run the risk of falling prey to online scammers, according to the Better Business Bureau.

Scam prevention

To avoid pet adoption scams:

- **Never buy or adopt a pet without seeing it in person.** This is the best way to ensure you aren’t caught in a con.
- **Do an internet search of the pet’s image.** If you find a puppy online, upload the pet’s photo to a reverse-image search. If you find multiple pet adoption sites using the same picture, it’s probably a scam.
- **Use money transfers with friends only.** Protect yourself from scams by

only using money transfer apps for their intended purpose – sending money to people you personally know.

For more information on puppy scams, visit tinyurl.com/4bwduj8y. To report a scam, visit bbb.org/ScamTracker. For more information on scams and how to avoid them, visit BBB.org/AvoidScams.

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

Are you a thoughtless investor?

By Artie Green

A thoughtless investor is someone who invests in something without performing any kind of due diligence on its risk/return profile or on whether or not it makes sense for his or her particular financial situation and goals.

Usually those who skip the due diligence end up relying on others for advice. If it’s a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional, I’m pretty confident – based on my knowledge of the training involved – that the investor is likely to be fine. I’m less sanguine when it’s a friend or relative offering the advice (especially when unsolicited), and least of all when it’s from a social media platform such as Reddit.

What brought this on? My growing concern with extremely illogical valuations of esoteric investments such as Dogecoin. One in particular was allegedly

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started as a joke and has now accumulated more than \$50 billion. That’s a lot of real money currently being thrown at an investment that is impossible to value, much of it by younger investors who have no history with nor understanding of basic investment concepts. The consequences can be painful. I speak from experience.

When I was in my 20s, I was a thoughtless investor. “Clueless” might actually be a better term. On the advice of a friend, I had started following a popular newsletter author at the time named Joe Granville. He was a technical analyst who claimed to be able to read signals and predict market turns. He was also an entertainer who spoke vehemently and dramatically (somewhat like Jim Cramer today). At a live

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


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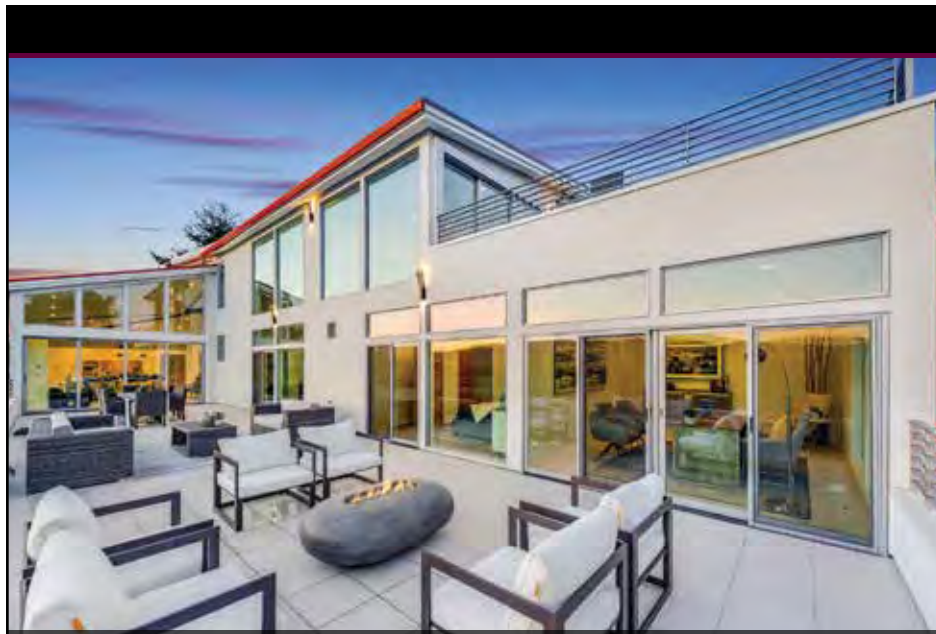
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presentation I once attended, I remember him frequently calling anyone not following his advice a “bagholder.” We would all laugh as if it were a kind of punch line to his routines. His newsletter was so influential that once after he sent out a “sell” message by phone to his subscribers, so many of them sold stocks the next day that the entire market dropped.

One time Granville announced that General Motors’ stock price would increase by something like 10% within the next eight weeks. I literally put all my savings into GM call options (which leverage the money you can make when the stock price goes up). When the options subsequently expired worthless – because the stock price had actually gone in the opposite direction of Granville’s prediction – I had ended up losing approximately half my money.

Valuable lesson

Although the loss stung acutely at the time, in hindsight it was a valuable lesson that started me on the path of education regarding capital market investing and ultimately led to what I know today. It also wasn’t overly expensive because I hadn’t yet accumulated a lot of savings.

But the risk these days is much greater for inexperienced investors using platforms

like Robinhood that make it easy to day-trade extremely speculative investments. If you can be lucky enough to buy something like Dogecoin right before it jumps 400% in a week, you can also be unlucky enough to be holding it when it falls 800%. And you could be gaining or losing hundreds of thousands of leveraged dollars in the process. The worst outcome in my view would be if a negative experience scared away someone from investing at all.

If you are new to investing and have a parent or relative who works with a CFP, ask if the adviser would be willing to educate you on investment basics. We do this all the time with our clients’ adult children, and I’m sure any CFP would. If you’re on your own, find an unbiased source of educational advice such as the Financial Investment Regulatory Authority’s online investment classes (finra.org/investors/learn-to-invest).

Capital market investing is one of the most effective ways of growing your savings for your future needs, but only if you don’t do it thoughtlessly.

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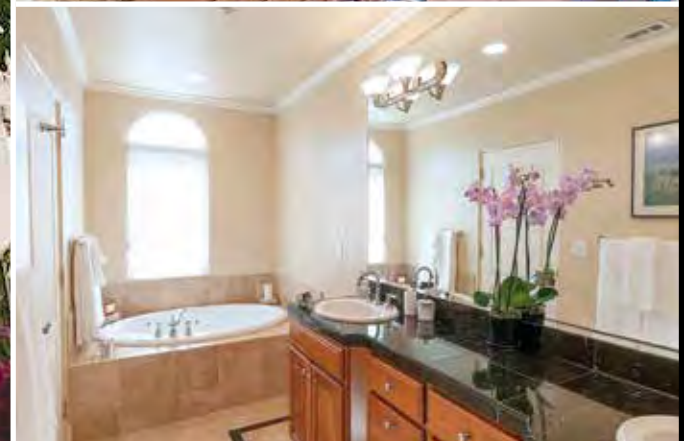
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Obituary Notice

RUDOLPH BAHR JR



Rudolph Bahr Jr. was born on June 19, 1923 in Brooklyn and passed peacefully on May 11, 2021 in the house he had owned in Mountain View since 1957. He graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School in 1941 and from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1945. He was commissioned into the Navy in the summer of 1945 and spent a year on active duty in Guam. He joined Sylvania as an electrical engineer on Long Island in 1946 and then went to Bell Labs in 1952. He married Jane Watkins in 1953 and their daughter Jean was born a year later. Rudy returned to Sylvania in 1955 when he was offered the chance to move to the Bay Area and he remained an employee of that company (later GTE) until his retirement in 1993. He was based in Mountain View but enjoyed international projects with extended stays in Italy, England, Japan, the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Germany, Israel, and Cyprus.

Rudy took up amateur radio in high school and remained an active member of the "ham" community through the final months of his life. He had a garage full of equipment, most of which he built himself. He enjoyed providing communications for foot races and served as an Assistant Emergency Coordinator in Mountain View ARES/RACES for over 20 years.

Rudy often said that the keys to living a long life were to keep active and make younger friends. He did both. He began commuting to work by bike in the mid-1960s and continued biking into his early 90s. In retirement he hiked twice a week with friends in Bay Area parks. After his wife Jane passed in 2009, he became a regular member of the Monday and Thursday "coffee society" of GTE retirees. He also arrived early each Sunday before mass to make coffee for the Thomas Merton Center in Palo Alto. In his final decade he enjoyed visits with his daughter Jean in Madison, Wisconsin and joining her each summer at the Santa Fe Opera.

Rudy is survived by his daughter Jean Bahr and son-in-law Tom Brocher, who were fortunate to be able to stay with him through this past year as his health declined due to cancer. A gathering to celebrate his life will be scheduled later this year. Gifts in his memory can be directed to the Peninsula Open Space Trust or to KQED.

DAVID GARY COLE



David Gary Cole passed away peacefully on May 6, 2021 in Mountain View, California.

David was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 14, 1948 and his family moved to Santa Clara, California when he was 5 years old. He attended Wilcox High School and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in English Literature. While on track to obtain his teaching credential, David took ownership of Sterling Custom Upholstery, which he ran continuously and successfully for 50 years. He will be sorely missed by the Sterling family and extensive customer base throughout Silicon Valley.

David was an avid storyteller and known jokester, entertaining his fellow Rotarians at the Mountain View Rotary Club where he was active for nearly 40 years. He selflessly volunteered in his spare time for a variety of community causes and never met a stranger he couldn't have a chat with. David thrived on spinning hilarious, yet potentially inappropriate, yarns to whoever would lend an ear. His "Sunday Funnies" social media posts were quite the hit, building up a devoted following among family and friends. He was a larger-than-life character and cherished time spent with a cocktail in hand, golfing, and traveling the world with his lovely wife by his side.

David is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cindy Goldmann Cole, as well as three children: Garrett Cole, Jennifer Akers, Jamie Cole; five grandchildren: Kayden, Fiona, Taylor, Justin, and Cooper; and one great granddaughter, Kennedy. He was preceded in death by his son James Cole in 2011, as well as his parents and two brothers Richard and Michael. He also leaves behind his brother Patrick Cole, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Mountain View Rotary Club. Donations may be made by check, credit card or Paypal. Please make checks payable to: "Rotary Club of Mountain View LEF" and mail to the following address: Rotary Club of Mountain View, PO Box 390280, Mountain View, CA 94039.

Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to peteb@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable). Note that some items may be postponed or canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

Guided Meditation. Thirty-minute guided meditation session with instructor Manisha Kumar to inspire regular meditation. 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

Meditation group. Meditations

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

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

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

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

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

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

MVLA Adult Orchestra. Musicians sought; all orchestral instrumentalists welcome. Full 60-member orchestra is sponsored by Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education. (408) 421-5193.

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. gberystal@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 pro-

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

Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Open to women 18 and up, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. The chapter promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. It focuses on supporting active-duty military and veterans, awarding students in the American History essay contest and providing scholarships to Foothill College students. Meets monthly (September-May) and virtually. 796-9165; losaltosdar@gmail.com.

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. 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. 930-0510; SIR51.org.

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

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

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

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

Public Notices

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF EDWARD DE JESUS CRUZ ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV382179

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: EDWARD DE JESUS CRUZ

Proposed Name: EDWARD DE JESUS GREGOR

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 07/27/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 5/20/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede (Judge of the Superior Court (05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

078-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE No. 21-305-SCL: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 7, 2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLA- NATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On JUNE 16, 2021 at 10:00 am, at the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Court-house, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, Ca. 95113, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as the Substituted Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 2713 Ramos Court, Mountain View, Ca. 94040 APN: 197-25-057 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest

bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (408) 374-7204 or visit this internet website www foreclosureco.com using the file number assigned to this case 21-305-SCL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (408) 374-7204 or visit this internet website www foreclosureco.com using the file number 21-305-SCL assigned to this case to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Shoushan P. Tashjian, Trustee under the Tashjian Trust Agreement dated September 10, 1996, as Trustor, Recorded on February 7, 2020 as Instrument Number 24399611 in

Book n/a at Page n/a of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$820,563.83. To verify the opening bid call (408) 374-7204, before the sale date. The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060 By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer Date: May 19, 2021 This office is assisting the Beneficiary in collecting a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose whether received verbally or in writing. NPP0374064 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 05/26/2021, 06/02/2021, 06/09/2021 (05-26,06-02,09-21)

077-T

JR Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674862

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: JR Construction, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127 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, Jorge Dominguez, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/20/2018. (05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

076-T

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN URBAN WATER MANAGE- MENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PLANS CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE – LOS ALTOS DISTRICT

California Water Code (CWC) sections 10610 through 10656, known as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act" (Act), require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) at least once every five years. UWMPs support a water supplier's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands under defined conditions. The UWMP must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The UWMP must also address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management. Further, Section 10632 of the CWC

requires that every urban water supplier shall prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as part of its plan (UWMP). Section 10632.2 provides that, "An urban water supplier shall follow, where feasible and appropriate, the prescribed procedures and implement determined shortage response actions in its water shortage contingency plan...or reasonable alternative actions, provided that descriptions of the alternative actions are submitted with the annual water shortage assessment report pursuant to Section 10632.1." The WSCP will be incorporated as an appendix of the UWMP. One of Cal Water's service areas is the Los Altos District, which serves Los Altos and portions of Cupertino, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale, in Santa Clara County. As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its UWMP that will address the water service conditions in the Mid-Peninsula District. It is Cal Water's intent to adopt that UWMP, and the incorporated WSCP, and file that plan as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county within which Cal Water provides service no later than 30 days after adoption. Schedule of upcoming actions: On or about May 24, 2021, an electronic copy of the Draft 2020 UWMP and WSCP will be available for review. After a public review period, a public meeting to receive comments on the Draft UWMP and WSCP Plan for the Mid-Peninsula District will be held online on June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The electronic copy of the UWMP, WSCP, and additional information on the public meeting, including a link to participate, is available at the following internet address: <https://www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp-review/> If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP or WSCP, you may send your comments via email to PlanningInfo@calwater.com. Cal Water will receive comments on the Draft 2021 UWMP and WSCP from May 24 through June 9, 2021. Please share this notice with others that may have interest in this matter. 5/26, 6/2/21 CNS-3470054# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-26,06-02-21)

074-T

STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL & INFANT CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674905

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL & INFANT CARE, 201 Covington Road, 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, KJM, INC, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/02/1997. (05-19,26,06-02,09-21)

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Gelatt Partners FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674958

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Gelatt Partners, 738 Leona Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Carol Gelatt, 738 Leona Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/01/2001. (05-19,26,06-02,09-21)

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Be Merry LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN673272

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Be Merry LLC, 221 Hope Street #156, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because

the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company, Be Merry, 1182 Nilda Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (05-12,19,26-21, 06-02-21)

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

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Q CLEANER AND ALTERATIONS, 2061 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the 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, Ngoc Hoai Nguyen, 1135 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA, 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (05-12,19,26,06-02-21)

068-T

Title Order No.: 95524625 Trustee Sale No. 85324 Loan No. G19079272 APN: 182-28-049 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/21/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/2/2021 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 9/3/2019 as Instrument No. 24269965 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by: CENTRAL LAH, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, A NEW YORK CHARTERED BANK, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse located at 191 North 1st Street San Jose, CA 95113, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: PARCEL B, OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL MAP FILED AUGUST 16, 2011, IN BOOK 846 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGES 30 THROUGH 33, INCLUSIVE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 27983 CENTRAL DRIVE LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94022. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$4,195,557.25 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 5/4/2021 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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File No.: 18-10088 APN: 160-69-048 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER CALIFORNIA STATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 05-18-2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06-09-2021 at 10:00 AM, At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Court-house located at 191 North 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 990 Reserve Drive, Suite 208, Roseville, CA 95678, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 05-24-2018 as Instrument 23940524 Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by PAK-SHUN LEI, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 160-69-048 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 167 CHETWOOD DRIVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any in-

correctness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$13,501.26. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 18-10088. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an 'eligible tenant buyer,' you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an 'eligible bidder,' you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869,

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