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Having a time at the Arts & Wine



Thousands of spectators filled downtown Los Altos over the weekend for the 44th annual Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival. They were treated to myriad activities, a wide range of live entertainment and food, and, of course, arts and wine. The weather, with highs in the low 70s, assured a successful, well-attended festival, according to Scott Hunter, executive director of the host Los Altos Village Association. Hunter said there were no major incidents, and the few complaints centered on downtown's lack of wireless and Wi-Fi service. He noted one family had trouble reconnecting via cell-phone due to spotty coverage. The action culminated Sunday in a performance from headlining band The House-rockers, which featured Mike Vanderhule of the band Y&T sitting in on drums.

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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER



State rejects Los Altos housing element plan again; frustration sets in

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Los Altos' pursuit of a compliant housing element is proving to be frustrating.

For the second time this year, the state rejected the city's plan for meeting housing needs over the next eight years. The plan, which mandates accommodation of 1,958 new units by 2031, is vital for the city's future land-use policy. A lack of compliance can lead to the state's usurping of local zoning controls and allow for denser housing development under a lenient "builder's remedy" in state law.

"In short, they are requesting additional information on our sites inventory as it relates to the nonvacant sites," said Nick Zornes, the city's development services director, of the state's response. "Essentially, they would like to know the

probability of redevelopment over the next eight years and if they are suitable sites for development or not."

City officials are looking to expedite communications with the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which is responsible for approving the housing element. Zornes said he is working on resubmitting the document sometime this month.

Mayor Sally Meadows was not pleased with the news of the latest housing element rejection, pointing to the lack of an even playing field in the approval process.

"Both questions HCD asked in their latest letter on June 30 we have previously addressed with them and answered thoroughly," Meadows said Friday. "We have already had a constructive discussion with HCD

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Online Poll of the Week



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Around Town

Celebrate north Los Altos history at museum event

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos History Museum has scheduled a Neighborhood Block Party for residents of north Los Altos 5:30-7 p.m. July 20 at the museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road.

The event will provide an opportunity for residents to connect with one another, explore photos from the collection of key landmarks and share their experiences of growing up or living in the neighborhood.

The museum's permanent exhibition, which focuses on place-based storytelling, has played a role in preserving the history of the local community. As part of the initiative, the museum is hosting neighborhood parties, creating a space for both new and long-term residents to come together and share stories rooted in the past, present and future of their specific neighborhoods.

The event will offer a platform for attendees to engage in conversations, share personal memories and strengthen community connections.



COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

This residence at 530 Cherry Ave. was among the early homes in north Los Altos that have stood since as early as 1912.

Among the highlights of the event will be an exhibition of photos of the north Los Altos neighborhood displayed on a large screen. Attendees can witness the neighborhood's evolution by viewing houses that have stood since as early as 1912, as well as empty lots that once held homes.

"This Neighborhood Block Party is a wonderful occasion for community members to deepen their understanding of local his-

tory," said Sophia Abarca, the museum's curator of collections. "Through shared experiences, we aim to foster pride and appreciation for the North Los Altos neighborhood."

Wine and refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Admission is \$10 per person; free for museum members.

For tickets and more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/BlockPartyNoLA.



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Police Blotter

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Commercial burglary

July 5, 2:08 a.m.: 900 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Financial crime

July 5, 4:08 p.m.: 1700 block of Fordham Way, Mountain View

July 6, 5:52 p.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

Grand theft

July 8, 5:30 p.m.: 100 block of Main Street, Los Altos

Health and safety code violation

July 6, 5:27 a.m.: 1000 block of Villa Street, Mountain View

Robbery

July 7, 11:46 a.m.: 500 block of North Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View

July 7, 4:48 p.m.: 200 block of Mariposa Avenue, Mountain View

Sex crime

July 6, 8:34 a.m.: 500 block of San Antonio Road, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

July 7, 3:22 p.m.: Intersection of Plaza Central and Second Street, Los Altos

July 8, 3:40 a.m.: Intersection of Plaza North and Fourth Street, Los Altos

July 8, 5:39 p.m.: 300 block of First Street, Los Altos

Theft

July 5, 10:49 a.m.: 1000 block of Morton Avenue, Los Altos

Vandalism

July 5, 9:50 a.m.: 1000 block of Christina Drive, Los Altos

July 5, 11:21 a.m.: 1900 block of California Street, Mountain View

— Christina Casillas

Mtn. View establishes new housing department

By Christina Casillas

Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

The city of Mountain View established a stand-alone Housing Department July 1 aimed at advancing inclusive housing programs and affordable housing project plans.

The Housing Department existed previously as a faction of the Community Development Department, but city officials allotted \$57.2 million, or approximately 10% of its budget expenditures, to set up the new department, which will focus on rent stabi-

lization, affordable housing and tenant protection policies. Funding came from money dedicated to affordable housing, not from the general fund, according to city spokesperson Lenka Wright.

The department comprises two divisions: Affordable Housing and Rent Stabilization.

Although the department will substantially address affordable housing projects, it will also be involved in developing some market-rate projects if issues the department focuses on are identified.

“Projects involving market-rate devel-

opments will remain with the city’s Community Development Department,” Wright said. “However, the market-rate developments will continue to be coordinated with and reviewed by the Housing Department for any requirements related to the city’s Below-Market-Rate affordable housing program, tenant relocation assistance and replacement of existing residential units that would be demolished by the new market-rate project.”

In line with the city’s proclaimed focus

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Museum event fascinates with STEM



S.M. LIEU/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The wonders of science and the love of apricots made for a day of education and family-friendly fun at the Los Altos History Museum’s annual Apricot STEM Fair, held July 1. The event offered experiential activities focusing on how science, technology, engineering and math can create a more climate-resilient world.

State funding to help retrofit Los Altos EOC

Town Crier Staff Report

Assemblymember Marc Berman reported Monday that he secured \$500,000 in the 2023-2024 state budget to retrofit the Los Altos Community Center to house the Emergency Operations Center.

“The last few years have shown that the best time to invest in emergency preparedness is now,” said Berman, a Democrat who represents Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. “Despite a budgetary downturn, I am thrilled to have secured \$500,000 in the state budget to retrofit the city of Los Altos’ Emergency Operations Center.”

Berman added that the project is a “great example of good governance as it is both fiscally prudent and forward thinking. The unfortunate reality is that our communities are at constant risk, whether that be from floods or fires or earthquakes. The retrofitted Emergency Operations Center will keep Los Altos safer when the next emergency strikes.”

“This grant will go a long way,” said Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows. “The recent storms underscored the need for a more robust emergency response network in Los Altos. The project is already underway and the additional resources this grant

provides will significantly advance the project timeline. Ultimately, our emergency response personnel will be better equipped to respond to the needs of the community during emergency situations.”

The winter and early-spring storms highlighted the need to improve the city’s emergency response network (see story on page 7). The Los Altos Community Center meets all of the requirements as an essential services building, but it needs to be retrofitted to house the EOC. The retrofit will include electrical upgrades and repairs, and the acquisition of communications equipment and a generator. The project is approved and advancing through the design planning phase.

“We are moving forward with the final design piece, which included the sizing and placement of the generator,” said City Manager Gabriel Engeland. “We are going to use one generator to power the EOC, Community Center and (Los Altos Youth Center) once it is converted to offices. This will allow a secure and redundant backup of our IT network.”

According to Engeland, the construction and retrofit process should begin soon.

MV police seek suspect in Bay Trail assault

Town Crier Report

Mountain View police are searching for a man who allegedly grabbed and inappropriately touched a teen girl who was jogging on the Bay Trail July 5.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., a man walking his bicycle stopped the 17-year-old Palo Alto resident on the trail, according to a city of Mountain View press release. He allegedly asked her if she spoke Spanish and if she knew how to get “back to a hotel,” but he did not state which hotel.

The victim reported that the suspect wrapped his arm around her, grabbed her shoulder and pulled her toward him after he asked to view a map to the hotel on her cellphone. She quickly pushed him away and fled.

She then flagged down a female passerby who walked with her to her car. The victim reported the incident to the Mountain View Police Department the following day.

The teen described the suspect as between 30 and 40 years old with a medium build, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a dark complexion and short, black, wavy or straight hair.

He was last seen wearing a dark T-shirt, pants and tennis shoes.

Anyone with information on the suspect is urged to email MVPD Detective Angelica Espitia at angelica.espitia@mountainview.gov.

News

VTA's new program reimburses emergency transportation costs

By Grace Gao
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's new pilot program, Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH), covers costs for emergency transportation in situations where quick public transportation is unavailable.

VTA provides public transportation services throughout the county, including the Los Altos area.

Launched last month, the program reimburses commuters up to \$125 for unscheduled taxis, rental cars, carshare vehicles, rideshare companies like Uber, public transportation and microtransit (such as shuttles for hire), according to a June 13 press release.

Individuals must be at least 18 years old and work or attend school in the county to qualify for the program. To be reimbursed, they must have taken a sustainable transportation mode to work or school and have a VTA GRH account.

"The program is still in its first month, so no one has requested a reimbursement yet,"



GRACE GAO/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The VTA is offering help for those encountering costs for emergency transportation.

GRH project manager Chad Steck told the Town Crier in an email. "However, we have experienced a steady growth in the user base since inception."

Qualifying emergencies include personal injury, illness, home emergency, child care or elder care emergency and vanpool vehicle breakdowns. Participants can receive up to six reimbursements each year, or a total of \$500 in reimbursements.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air underwrites the GRH program, Steck said. Ultimately,

he added, VTA wants to limit barriers to sustainable transportation and give commuters the flexibility to handle emergencies.

"The program is designed to encourage commuters to use a sustainable mode of transportation as their preferred choice of transportation to work or school," Steck said. "The end goal is to improve air quality and reduce motor vehicle emissions by decreasing the amount of single-occupancy vehicles on the roads."

To create a GRH account and for more information, visit grh.vta.org.

ELEMENT

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this week to clarify this, again."

According to Meadows, Los Altos is being "held to a different standard than other cities."

"Our consultants, who work with many cities throughout the state, have flagged this disparate treatment to HCD," she said. "I have alerted Assembly-member Marc Berman's office to these issues, although we're hopeful that the meeting with HCD this week has helped open a more constructive dialogue so we can move forward quickly."

The state has already approved sixth-cycle housing elements (2023-2031) for Mountain View and Los Altos Hills, finding them to be "substantially compliant."

HCD objections

HCD's June 30 letter said Los Altos falls short in its inventory of land "suitable and available for residential development," including "vacant sites and sites having realistic

and demonstrated potential for redevelopment."

"The element relies on non-vacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of the housing needs for lower-income households," wrote Paul McDougall, HCD program manager, "which triggers requirements to make findings based on substantial evidence that the existing use is not an impediment and will likely discontinue in the planning period (2023-2031)."

The latest revision also didn't fully "promote and affirmatively further fair housing opportunities," the latest HCD letter stated, including more alternative housing for single-family neighborhoods that make up approximately 90% of Los Altos.

"Examples include creating more housing choices and affordability in single-family neighborhoods beyond complying with law," the letter said, "targeting funding, home-sharing, more than one junior accessory dwelling unit per single-family structure, enhancing capacity, affordability and

housing choices on religious institutional sites."

"The sticking block, I think, is Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing," said Anne Paulson of the Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance. "I think the reviewer wants to see the city allowing more density on at least some single-family parcels. Los Altos Hills did that, with a plan to allow conversion of single-family houses to duplexes or triplexes. Los Altos Hills also committed to adding additional (unspecified) programs in 2028 if more than 20% of their ADUs are unoccupied, which will be true – there is no way 80% of Los Altos Hills' ADUs have people living in them."

As long as Los Altos' element is not compliant, the city will be vulnerable to builder's remedy applications – applications that supersede city zoning to allow mega-dense housing as long as 20% of the units are deemed affordable housing.

"We already have one builder's remedy project, and we remain vulnerable to more builder's remedy projects," Paulson said.

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News

Mtn. View, county add to Safe Parking lot

Town Crier Report

The city of Mountain View added 17 spaces for oversized vehicles at the Shoreline Lot B Safe Parking site last month.

The lot, part of the city's Safe Parking Program, provides safe, free, temporary parking locations for Mountain View residents and families who live in their vehicles. Residents in the program also receive case management services and access to water, restrooms, wash stations and other resources.

Most residents who park in the lots stay for approximately

287 days. According to a June 28 city-issued news release, Shoreline Lot B serves up to 180 residents monthly.

"Thanks to strong partners including the County of Santa Clara and operator MOVE MV, Mountain View's Safe Parking Program is providing a secure, safe environment where community members who live in their vehicles can temporarily stay," said Mayor Alison Hicks in the release. "Our city has grown to become the largest safe parking provider in the region with the capacity for up to 114 parking spaces at five locations. With this latest expansion of the Safe

Parking Program, Mountain View can serve even more residents in need as they work to transition to more stability."

The new spaces were announced during a news conference at Shoreline Lot B, which included officials from the city, the county and MOVE Mountain View.

MOVE, an organization founded in 2016 that partners with cities and operates safe parking locations across the Bay Area, runs Mountain View's Safe Parking lots. The lots enable residents to get back on their feet in a safe environment, according to MOVE representatives.

HOUSING

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on housing policies that promote equity and inclusivity, the department will oversee development of some affordable housing projects outlined in the city's newest housing element, which secured state approval in May.

"The new Housing Department will be directly involved in 22 work plan projects related to the implementation of the 2023-2031 housing element, 18

as the lead and four as co-leads," Wright said.

Department director

City officials hired Wayne Chen to serve as the department's housing director. Chen served as the city's assistant director of community development until Monday, his first day as department head.

"I am extremely pleased to promote Wayne Chen as Mountain View's first Housing Director," said City Manager Kimbra McCarthy in the release.

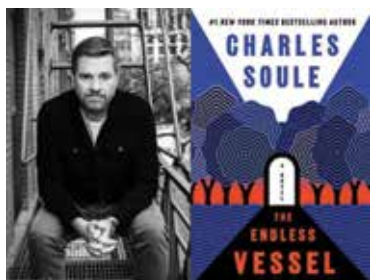
"Wayne has a demonstrated commitment to our community and he is widely recognized throughout the region for his experience leading significant and complex housing projects. ... His innovative mindset and creativity in finding housing solutions, especially for affordable housing, will serve the City and Housing staff well in the years to come as we build a new Housing Department and advance the ambitious projects in the City's Housing Element."

Chen joined the city's Community Development Department in 2016 as housing and neighborhood services manager, and in 2018 was promoted to assistant director. He oversaw implementation of the Below-Market-Rate Housing Program, the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act and the Notice of Funding Availability program, which allows for the development of 100% affordable housing projects.

In an interview with the Town Crier, Chen said among his priorities is reducing accessibility barriers, thus encouraging access to housing and related resources.

"Reducing barriers would be something we have to make it easier for folks to participate in developing strategies, such as tenant displacement strategy, having interpretation services or translation, documents translated into different languages, whether it's Spanish, Chinese or Russian," he said. "That will help get people to understand what we're talking about, what the issues are, and for them to feel like they have a voice and that they can contribute to the discussion and help to shape policies for council consideration."

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City’s failings during storm prompted emergency prep improvements

Town Crier Staff Report

The summer sunshine of July makes the inclement weather of March seem like ages ago. For the city of Los Altos and many of its residents, however, the wind and rain storms, while costly, provided valuable lessons in emergency preparedness. The wild winds of March 14, in particular, resulted in some eye-opening totals in terms of damage and responding manpower.

According to a memorandum presented to the city council last month, police dispatch received 204 storm-related calls for service stemming from traffic collisions, downed trees blocking roadways, trees falling on power lines and vehicles, and downed live wires. Power disruptions affected landline and cellphone service for extended periods. PG&E outages left some residents without power for more than two days. The March 14 storm impact cost the city more than \$50,000 in damages, including



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Fallen trees were a common occurrence in the aftermath of powerful winds during March storms.

\$15,000-\$18,000 for a gate repair at the city’s Maintenance Service Center on Fremont Avenue, \$20,000-\$27,000 for tennis court fence replacement at McKenzie Park and \$6,000-\$8000 for roof repair at the Blach Intermediate School gymnasium. The city has applied for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Among the various problems city workers encountered:

- Traffic signals did not have backup power and remained

out citywide.

- The police station lost power and the backup generator failed to turn on initially. The 911 system had limited backup power and was “within minutes of failing,” before a temporary fix was applied, the memorandum stated.
- Two cars along Foothill Expressway were hit by fallen trees, with one person sent to the hospital. A police vehicle was hit by a fallen tree. A fallen tree at Oak Avenue School resulted in minor injuries to a student.

- Ten homes were initially red-tagged after tree damage but later downgraded to yellow (restricted access).
 - The Blue Oak pump station, without power, had to be monitored around the clock in the March 14-17 time frame. The city resorted to generator power, then lost that power after running out of fuel.
 - In the storm’s aftermath, sewer workers discovered that a contractor had mistakenly paved over sewer and storm drain manhole covers on Berry Avenue, rendering them inaccessible.
 - In some cases, residents did not know who was responsible for post-event debris on their properties.
- “Some residents left debris on the curb for over a month,” the report said.
- Poor cellphone reception made it difficult to communicate with city staff. Workers discovered that key maintenance equipment was outdated and unreliable, including generators, a backhoe and a loader. The citywide traffic signal

blackout meant workers had to assemble makeshift stop signs for every intersection. City officials determined that the Los Altos Emergency Operations Plan should be updated to improve communications protocol, including holding a kickoff meeting at the beginning of an emergency event that includes all emergency response leads and requiring that all Emergency Operations Center staff have access to one another’s cellphone and home phone numbers. Action steps in the memorandum included: setting up a group messaging platform for more immediate communication; updating the EOC plan; training all staff on their roles and responsibilities in an EOC response; re-establishing use of a Motorola radio system “until cellular communications is more reliable in Los Altos”; upgrading and replacing equipment needed during emergency events; and installing battery backup systems on city traffic signals.

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Comment

Letters to the Editor

Errors, omissions in Lee Eng piece

We agree with Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng in her Town Crier article of July 5 that resident participation in local government is critical and that transparency is crucial to encourage engagement.

However, it's not enough to say one believes in transparency; elected officials must also act transparently, and in this instance Councilmember Lee Eng falls short, as there are important inaccuracies and omissions in her Town Crier piece.

She does not explain that the Open Government Policy was rescinded unanimously by the council at its June 27 meeting since most items were either removed or already covered by recently revised council norms.

Councilmember Lee Eng is also critical of the change that members of the public can no longer remove an item from the consent calendar, but, in fact, any member of the public can ask a council member to do so,

as they have done in the past.

We support the council's unanimous decision to rescind the Open Government Policy due to redundancy of council norms and to improve the efficiency of our city's decision-making.

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

Hills should partner on wildfire prevention

Outstanding to see all the effort the Los Altos Hills County Fire District is putting into wildfire prevention, especially with the goat grazing at Byrne Preserve.

However, it's not clear to me why there isn't better coordination with Palo Alto to do the same at Esther Clark Park, as that 23-acre preserve is surrounded on all sides by dozens of Los Altos Hills homes. A bit short-sighted?

**John Zeisler
Los Altos Hills**

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Peninsula Times Tribune photographer Bob Andres took this photo of Robleda Road in Los Altos Hills on a summer day in 1983.

Los Altos aging? Not a problem

By Allyson Johnson

The Mercury News ran a feature story a short time ago about the aging of the Bay Area. The article noted all sorts of issues associated with an aging population, including lack of economic growth, strain on medical resources, declining school population, shortage of labor and declining property tax revenues as seniors age in place.

I take issue with the article's negative spin. What about the advantages of a mature population? These include:

- **Lower crime rate.** The prime age cohort for crime is historically 18-29. With an older population, the crime rate plummets. Los Altos is one of the safer communities around, judging by the brevity of the weekly reports of criminal activity in the Town Crier.

- **Community stability.** With a population that ages in place, traditions can be built and maintained. Longtime residents are accustomed to the Kiwanis Pet Parade in the spring, the Los Altos High Homecoming Parade in the fall and the Festival of Lights Parade on Thanksgiving

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weekend. On a smaller scale, our street has held a Labor Day block party every year for decades, missing only a couple of years during the pandemic. It's the longtime residents who keep it going.

- **Local wisdom shared.** Want to know how to keep raccoons from ravaging your lawn? How to deal with gophers gorging on your vegetable sprouts? How to protect your fruit trees from foraging squirrels? Ask your longtime resident neighbor.

Curious about why Los Altos High has a Tom Burt football field, a Leo Long track and a Dude Angius gymnasium? The oldest person on your block can tell you who these people were and why they are honored.

- **Active volunteer groups.** Here are just a few of the many volunteer groups largely made up of seniors that enhance our community: The Garden Club of Los Altos maintains the beautiful gardens around the

History House, while other senior volunteers serve as docents at the History Museum; the League of Women Voters holds voter education panels for every election; Green-Town Los Altos educates and advocates for the environment, as well as plants trees and preserves local history through its popular senior-led bike tours; the Los Altos Community Coalition disseminates information about local issues through Zoom meetings and panels; Los Altos Stage Company has kept local drama alive and vibrant; and Friends of the Library of Los Altos supplies extra copies of best-sellers, raises funds through its used-book sales and supplements paid staff with many volunteer hours of book shelving.

Imagine what it would cost to replace these services on the open market.

Rather than bemoaning the potential costs of an aging population, let us instead appreciate the many benefits our older citizens provide.

Allyson Johnson is a longtime Los Altos resident. Read her blog at allysonjohnson.com.

Community

A century between them



ROBIN CHAPMAN/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Richard Abbott, 100 years old (and headed for 101 in October), the oldest member of Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, holds the church's youngest member, newborn Calvin Moore, son of Union's pastor David Moore and his wife, Kaidi. Abbott and the baby got together at the church's 47th annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Help One Child, the Los Altos-based nonprofit group that supports foster and adopted children and their families in the Bay Area.

Friends of Stevens Creek Trail group displays quilt ahead of annual race

Town Crier Report

Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, a nonprofit group that promotes community pride and involvement in the completion, enhancement and enjoyment of the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek trails and wildlife corridors, is celebrating its 30th anniversary by exhibiting a quilt made from Trailblazer Race T-shirts.

The Trailblazer quilt is on display at the Los Altos Community Center through Aug. 3.

It will subsequently be on display in Cupertino later in August and in Mountain View in September, leading up to the next Trailblazer Race.

The quilt was donated by Jan and Tom Frankum. Tom was a Friends board member from 1997 to 2007 and served as president in 2000-2001. A running enthusiast, he remains active in the Friends.

The 29th annual Trailblazer Race is set for Sept. 24, starting and ending at the Microsoft Silicon Valley Campus, 1045 La Avenida St., Mountain View. The event includes a 10K run (8:30 a.m.), a 5K run (8:45 a.m.), a 3-mile walk (8:30 a.m.) and kids' races (9:45 a.m.).

To register and for more information on the race, visit stevenscreektrail.org/Events/trailblazer.html.

For more information on Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, visit stevenscreektrail.org.



JIM MEYERSON/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

A quilt commemorating nearly 30 years of Trailblazer Races along Stevens Creek Trail is currently on display at the Los Altos Community Center. The quilt features event T-shirt designs from over the years.



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Exhibition showcases student artwork

Nearly 200 works by local high school artists who participate in Art Changes Us will be on display at the “Artists Rising” exhibition, scheduled 2-4 p.m. Saturday in Creekside Center on the campus of

Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave.

Art Changes Us is a non-profit program that encourages teens to discover purpose through art. Works include photographs, paintings and graphic design posters of landmarks in Los Altos and Mountain View.

All works are available for purchase, with proceeds supporting the tuition-free programs of Art Changes Us and

its student-artists, most of whom are striving to become the first in their families to pursue higher education.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on Art Changes Us, visit artchangesus.org.

Tour de Hope benefits Hope's Corner

The Tour de Hope fundraiser supporting Hope's Cor-

ner programs is scheduled 3-5 p.m. July 20 at the El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View.

The event is a friendly competition among stationary bike teams of three to five people to see which team can pedal the farthest over 60 minutes. Team members will take turns pedaling, jumping on and off their bike as they wish – or get tired.

Festivities will include a raffle, music, prizes, snacks

and drinks. Mountain View City Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga will serve as event master of ceremonies.

The Mountain View-based nonprofit Hope's Corner provides nutritious meals, showers and laundry services, among other resources, to the area's underserved residents.

To register and for more information on the event, visit tourdehope2023.eventbrite.com.

Summer Fun Fridays hit downtown

Los Altos First Fridays and Dogma are co-hosting Sizzling Summer Fun Friday events in downtown Los Altos in July and August.

Activities include pop-up live performances from eight bands around the downtown area on Fridays.

For more information, call First Friday events chairperson Jamie Lucia at (650) 823-3315 or visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

Local parish hosts blood drive

St. Nicholas and St. William Catholic Parish is scheduled to host a blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 30 at St. William Hall, 611 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos.

To make an appointment to donate, visit vitalant.org and use the blood drive code “SNSW.”

Exhibition focuses on water management

The Los Altos History Museum's latest exhibition, “Drip, Dry, Flood: Orchard Water Management,” runs through Oct. 8 in the J. Gilbert Smith House Gallery.

Harnessing the scarce water resources of the Santa Clara Valley has been a challenge for more than 100 years. The display showcases how orchardists have tackled the challenge historically and today.

Visitors will have the opportunity to read personal stories that add a human touch to the historical narrative; explore photographs of orchards, well diggers and early water systems; examine blueprints and photos of iconic tank houses; and peruse a 1928 catalog from an irrigation company.

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/DripDry.

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Los Altos Library hosts slew of events this month

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The Los Altos Library is scheduled to host a variety of free events in July. Details on each event follow.

• **7 p.m. Thursday:** The Peninsula Astronomical Society is set to present a talk by amateur astronomer Francesco Meschia on narrow-band imaging and taking space images in light-polluted environments.

• **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday:** A tradition at the library since 1998, Bay Area Games Day offers an opportunity to learn a new board game or play an old classic.

• **10:30 a.m. Monday:** The library hosts a se-

ries of meditation and mindfulness courses featuring a 20-minute meditation and a 10-minute Q&A with instructor Manisha. The courses continue 10:30 a.m. July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7.

• **11 a.m. July 20:** A watercolor workshop with instruction by Andrea Chebelev from A Work of Heart Studio is designed for adults and teens. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

All events will take place at the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

For more information on these and other events, call (650) 948-7683 or visit scld.org/events/losaltos.

Watch for "In a Nutshell" every Monday on the Town Crier's Instagram page at [instagram.com/losaltostowncrier](https://www.instagram.com/losaltostowncrier).



COURTESY OF PATRICIA EVANS

Residents and community leaders gather at last year's National Night Out, an annual event aimed at making neighborhoods safer.

National Night Out set for Aug. 1

Town Crier Report

National Night Out is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1, with Los Altos residents joining forces with communities across the country to strengthen police-community relations, heighten crime prevention awareness and build community.

Local residents, Block Action Teams, Community Emergency Response Teams and amateur radio operators are en-

couraged to organize an event such as an ice cream social, a potluck or a block party in their neighborhoods.

Los Altos police officers will stop by events that are registered, and streets can be blocked off if organizers file a request. The deadline to register and request a street closure is Friday.

For applications and more information on the event, visit losaltosca.gov/police/page/national-night-out.

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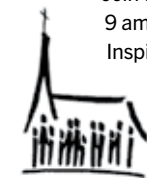
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Sports

Sports on the Side

LAHS honors athletes of year

Before school let out in June, Los Altos High recognized its athletes of the year for each class. They included seniors **Zach Fagin**, **Tessa Player** and **Lauren Soobrian**; juniors **Aidan Cuppet**, **Manu Shankar**, **Jasleen Sidhu** and **Sahra Sutaria**; sophomores **Aaron Baum**, **Tyra Bogan**, **Weston Carballar**, **Alex Halpin** and **Emily Soobrian**; and freshmen **Tiernan Braun**, **Sophia Boschken** and **Max Morelle**.

Rec swims offered at MV's Eagle Park

The city of Mountain View offers recreation swims 1:30-5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 4 at Eagle Park Pool, 650 Franklin St. The cost for residents is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$11 for families; nonresidents pay \$5 for kids, \$6 for adults and \$20 for families. The fee for all spectators is \$3. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/98xe7xts.

NFHS puts out call for sports officials

Due to a shortage of high school officials for almost every sport, the National Federation of State High School Associations seeks referees and umpires throughout the country for the next school year. These are paid positions, hours are flexible and training is provided. To apply and for more information, visit highschoolofficials.com.

Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs a varsity coach for boys tennis, junior varsity coaches for boys soccer, girls soccer and badminton, along with a diving coach. If interested, email athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at michelle.noeth@mvla.net. Mountain View High needs a varsity girls lacrosse coach and an assistant coach for cross-country. If interested, email athletic director **Tim Lugo** at

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A dual threat

Playing singles & doubles, Los Altos native leads college tennis team to national title

By **Pete Borello**
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

After playing No. 1 doubles on last year's Claremont-Mudd-Scripps women's tennis team, Alisha Chulani was asked to do even more as a sophomore this season. The Los Altos resident pulled double duty, competing at No. 1 singles as well.

And just like a year ago, Chulani's efforts helped the Athenas win the NCAA Division III national championship in the spring – again at the expense of the University of Chicago.

"It was a busy semester managing two," the St. Francis High graduate said of playing singles and doubles. "But I have the full support of my team, which helps me perform at my best."

Chulani and her team last month were honored at the White House for being the best, joining the other 2022-23 NCAA champions at the inaugural College Athlete Day. CMS was among the 52 sports teams that shared the stage with Vice

President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff at the June 12 event.

"We got a text from our coach (about being invited), but we weren't sure if it was a joke or not," Chulani said. "Being on the stage with the vice president was a super cool experience, and it was awesome to see all the national champions there together."

For CMS, getting there was no lob shot. Despite being the defending champs, Chulani said the Athenas weren't the clear favorite to win it all.

"This year's team was completely different," she said, adding that four starters from last year's squad had graduated. "We came into this year wanting to make a name for ourselves. We tried to set our sights on working hard and not focusing on last year."

CMS nearly went undefeated in the fall and winter, with its lone loss coming to Chicago in the ITA national indoor final March 5 in Kentucky. The 5-1 setback only seemed to

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COURTESY OF THE CHULANI FAMILY

St. Francis High graduate Alisha Chulani hoists the national championship trophy her college tennis team won in Florida.

Cardinals, Giants finish 1-2 in Little League Majors division



COURTESY OF LORI MCKINNEY

The champion Cardinals and runner-up Giants commemorate this year's Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Little League Majors division title game recently played at Purissima Park. Front, from left: Leo Brasil, Ben Peterson, Conrad Bose, Colton Seibel, Charlie Dietz, Winston Hurd, Cooper Eltherington and Asher Dolby. Back: Kai Rodriguez, James Corso, Kellan Coan, Aaron Mixter, Enzo Hwang, Levi Klayko, Mac McFarlane, Derek Galensky, Parker Lee, Tyler Lee, Vince Bachman, Amay Berry and Zane Bernhardt. Not pictured: Yicheng Sun.

Sports



COURTESY OF THE CHULANI FAMILY

Alisha Chulani, second row on the right, and several other NCAA champions stand behind Vice President Kamala Harris, speaking at the podium, at last month's inaugural College Athlete Day at the White House. Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff stands next to Harris.

TENNIS

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strengthen the Athenas' resolve.

"It wasn't ideal, but it didn't discourage us," Chulani said. "It helped us focus on Florida."

Orlando, to be exact, which hosted the national championships in mid-May. Getting there required CMS to beat several formidable teams – including conference rival Pomona Pitzer. The Athenas topped the Sagehens in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference final and again in the NCAA regional finals.

That punched the team's ticket to Florida, where CMS defeated Amherst and Emery

to set up the rematch with Chicago in the final.

"Chicago was undefeated going in," said Chulani, whose team hadn't lost since facing this foe in March, "and we knew it wasn't going to be easy."

The Athenas prevailed 5-3, becoming the first team to win back-to-back national titles in a decade. Chulani and doubles partner Nikolina Batoshvili won their match 8-4; Chulani's singles match went unfinished because CMS clinched the match before it was over.

"It was very exciting," Chulani said of her team's effort. "Once we showed up in Florida, we had extra confidence. We were more powerful and jelled

through the tournament."

Chulani didn't lose any of her singles matches in the post-season (two of the five went unfinished) and was 3-2 in doubles. For her performance in the playoffs and regular season, Chulani was named Harvey Mudd College's Athlete of the Year.

"That was kind of surprising," the engineering major said of receiving the plaque from her coach. "It was awesome, but winning the national championship with my team was the best."

Could a third-straight title be in the offing?

"Hopefully," Chulani said. "Fingers crossed."

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tim.lugo@mvla.net. St. Francis High seeks varsity assistants for cross-country and girls water polo; JV head coaches for cross-country, field hockey, boys water polo and girls water polo; JV assistant coaches for field hockey, girls volleyball and boys water polo; a freshman head

coach for field hockey; and a freshman assistant coach for girls volleyball. To apply, visit tinyurl.com/5fxum2ex.

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Schools

Gunn High grad finds passion for fashion at Los Altos shop

By **Adrienne Mitchel**

Staff Writer/adriennem@latc.com

Nina Chen said her first fashion design was “really bad.” It was a colorful, poorly fitted, tulip-printed dress made of fabric sourced from an estate sale.

Years later, Chen – a fashion student at Syracuse University who realized her passion for design while working at a Los Altos sewing shop – found herself competing for a chance to have one of her designs manufactured and brought to market next fall. Challenged to create a plus-size design made of black Ponte knit fabric, she submitted a design called the “Tulip Dress.”

And the Tulip Dress won.

“My head went blank when I heard that I won,” Chen said. “When I heard my name, I had to double check. I was like, ‘Is it me? You mean Nina Chen?’”

In addition to the mass production of her Tulip Dress, which will be available for purchase this fall on the OneStop-Plus (OSP) website (onestop-plus.com), and a percentage of the dress’ sales, Chen received a \$500 prize from Syracuse and a paid summer 2023 internship with OSP in New York.

“Because I didn’t grow up

very wealthy, clothing was a way for me to see if I could blend in with everyone,” the Palo Alto native said. “When I would go to church, I would wear the same old blue polka-dotted dress. So, designing clothing was a way for me to pretend like I was part of this other world where I could wear whatever I wanted.”

About four years ago, Chen came across a shop that played a formative role in her love of fashion design. She was walking her usual route home from Gunn High when she noticed the dry cleaners had been replaced by a sewing shop. Mesmerized by an expensive dress form displayed in the window, she walked right in and introduced herself to the shop owner.

“Right away, we had a personal connection,” said Erika Harrington, owner of Needles Studio on State Street. “The way that she talked to me was so heartfelt, and her interest in what I was doing was so genuine. I loved seeing that this younger person was curious about fashion.”

After their first interaction, Chen knew she would do whatever it took to land a job at Needles. Harrington recognized Chen’s passion, and she

hired Chen as the shop’s first employee.

“Everyone at Gunn High School was doing STEM, and none of the STEM, robotics or coding programs were really clicking for me,” Chen said. “But art and fashion had been something that always resonated. So, I was like, ‘If I have fun at the shop, maybe I should pursue this in earnest.’ And I definitely ended up having fun at the shop.”

Risk brings reward

Needles Studio, which relocated from Palo Alto to downtown Los Altos, taught Chen about home sewing and broadened her perspective on fashion.

“Especially in the early years, I had a lot of free time working in the shop to explore and do my own creative projects when no customers were in and there wasn’t anything to troubleshoot,” Chen said. “I was allowed to explore, use patterns and sew. And so that really was a big push in me pursuing fashion in college.”

Chen, a first-generation college student, had some doubts about colleges accepting her for their fashion programs. But with encouragement from

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Fashion student Nina Chen, left, poses with a model wearing Chen’s Tulip Dress, a design that will be mass manufactured in the fall and that won her a summer internship in New York City.

Local teen and his cousin combine forces to win national competition

By **Kaavya Mehrotra**

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Living three time zones apart didn’t stop Los Altos teen Ashwin Mukherjee and his cousin Rohan Chanani from succeeding in a national science competition.

The pair recently won the U.S. Department of Energy’s 2023 AlgaePrize. The second-year competition challenges students from across the country to develop creative solutions for real-world algae and bioenergy issues.

“We had the most challenges in figuring out how to best allocate our time within the bounds of being a high school student, doing homework, sports, clubs and college applications,” said Mukherjee, who graduated from Los Al-



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Ashwin Mukherjee, left, and cousin Rohan Chanani explain their project during an April interview at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

tos High School in June. “And then, we also had to figure out how to collaborate because we had two people in two different places in two different time zones.”

Chanani, a student at The

Paideia School in Atlanta, said he and Ashwin “both wanted some sort of research project specifically within science and possibly computation because it had been more of an interest of mine where scientific

research had been more of an interest of his.”

To accommodate both interests, the cousins took an online bioengineering and computational biology course through the Institute for Systems Biology (ISB).

There, they met Jake Valenzuela, Ph.D., an ISB research scientist. The cousins told the doctor they wanted to create a project together, and he suggested making a machine-learning algorithm that could recognize the number of algae cells in microscope images taken with a cellphone.

“Dr. Valenzuela was our way to get our foot in the door to start brainstorming for the project,” Chanani said.

In August 2021, the team developed their cell-counting algorithm into a web application, Algaeorithm, which they

submitted to the Congressional App Challenge. They soon received funding from Silicon Valley Clean Energy as part of its Education Fund.

They entered a proposal in the inaugural AlgaePrize competition in March 2022 and garnered praise. A month later, Algaeorithm was chosen as an AlgaePrize finalist, the only high school team selected among teams of undergrad and graduate students. By being named a finalist, they also received \$5,000 in funding.

“Over the time after we received the funding, we used the money to work on our project then submitted our final results (in March 2023),” Mukherjee said.

A year from their selection as finalists, they presented

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Harrington, who was one of her “biggest cheerleaders,” she was accepted into multiple fashion programs.

“It was validating that people saw potential in me,” Chen said. “I took a risk, and the risk paid off.”

Now interning at OSP in New York, this is the first summer Chen isn’t helping out at Needles Studio.

“It’s so funny because all the little girls who come in the shop to take sewing classes, they all love Nina,” Harrington said. “They’re all like, ‘Where’s

Nina? When is Nina coming back? Is she going to teach this summer?’ It makes me a little bit sad to say, ‘Nina is probably not going to be here for any more summers. She’s onto bigger and better things.’ But, in the big picture, I’m so happy for her. She’s just going to do really exciting things.”

After her internship ends, Chen will start her senior year at Syracuse and work on creating her senior collection.

“She is going to go places far beyond the shop,” Harrington said. “So, I’m beaming with pride at how very accomplished she’s becoming through all of her own work.”



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Nina Chen cuts fabric at Needles Studio in downtown Los Altos in 2021. The shop played a formative role in introducing Chen to the world of fashion, and Chen was the shop’s first employee.



COURTESY OF ASHWIN MUKHERJEE

Ashwin Mukherjee, left, and cousin Rohan Chanani stand outside the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., last April.

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Algaeorithm to a panel of judges at the AlgaePrize competition weekend in Golden, Colo. They received the Best Presentation award and were named one of the five champions, an honor that came with \$10,000.

In the future, the two hope to integrate Algaeorithm into

the ISB curriculum to make it more accessible to high school students across the country.

“Ideally, as many high school students as possible can have access to (Algaeorithm) so that they can be introduced to the potential of algae a lot earlier than they would be with the current resources available,” Mukherjee said.

Mukherjee will attend USC in the fall to study engineer-

ing, business and design, while Chanani is bound for Stanford University to study math and computer science.

To watch a short video of their project, visit tinyurl.com/3yd45w4t.

For more information on the project, visit algaeorithm.com.

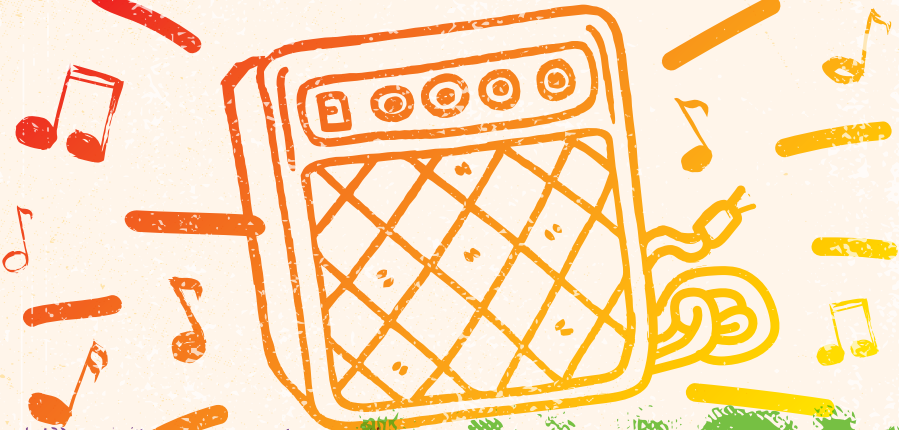
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Stepping Out

Bond leaving TheatreWorks for Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley announced last week that artistic director Tim Bond will depart the company later this week to take the same position with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Bond has been with TheatreWorks since March 2020.

"It is with a heavy heart that I leave the TheatreWorks community that I have come to know and love, that has embraced me and my work," Bond said in a press release. "I had hoped to serve here longer, continuing to expand the legacy of founder

Robert Kelley. But my former artistic home has asked if I can return to support it during a critical period, and I am compelled to return there."

Giovanna Sardelli is scheduled to assume the position of interim artistic director Friday. Affiliated with TheatreWorks for more than 15 years, she currently serves as the company's artistic associate and director



Bond

of new works.

"I have loved TheatreWorks from the very first work I directed here and consider it my theatrical home," Sardelli said in the release. "While I have enjoyed the past two decades of creating works at theaters in New York and across America, I learned during the pandemic what it is like to settle down in one place and become grounded in a community. This is the place I was hoping to stay, and having this opportunity is both exciting and gratifying."

For more information on TheatreWorks, visit theatreworks.org.

Mercy & The Heartbeats to perform Thursday evening at Hillview Park

Town Crier Report

The city of Los Altos presents a series of free summer concerts set to run through July 27 at local parks.

Launched by the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Department earlier this month, the concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

This Thursday's concert at Hillview Park, 97 Hillview Ave., features Mercy & The Heartbeats. Comprising six seasoned musicians, the Bay Area dance band plays covers of popular

music from the 1970s to today.

Carnaval is set to take the stage July 20 at Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave. Based in San Francisco's Mission District, the band covers songs by Santana.

SambaDa is slated to close the concert series July 27 at Hillview Park. The band with strong Brazilian influences plays original music with its own Samba-reggae-funk fusion style.

For more information, visit losaltosca.gov/parksrec/page/summer-concert-series.

PYT presents 'Cinderella' Friday on outdoor stage

Town Crier Report

Peninsula Youth Theatre's annual Theatre in the Park series continues with "Cinderella," scheduled Friday afternoon at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' outdoor Park Stage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

All Cinderella wants is a night away from her cruel stepmother and stepsisters. When her fairy godmother grants her wish, one night at a ball changes her entire life.

Children in PYT's summer camp program perform 45-minute fairy tales and other children's stories 3 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 11. Admission is free.

For more information on the series, call (650) 903-6000 or visit mvpca.com.

Billy Martini plays Friday in MV

Town Crier Report

The Billy Martini Show, a 1970s tribute band, is set to perform at the city of Mountain View's Concerts on the Plaza series 7:30 p.m.

Friday at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/5n7wybf5.

Pocket Opera performs 'Tosca' Sunday afternoon in downtown Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

Pocket Opera's production of "Tosca" is slated 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Created by noted Italian composer Giacomo Puccini, the opera follows the renowned Italian soprano Flavia Tosca. Tosca finds herself in a high-stakes situation in which the evil Baron Scarpia presents her with a choice: either she must give herself to him or her lover Mario will face death. What will she choose?

Elly Lichenstein (stage director) and Mary Chun (music director) helm the production. It stars Michelle Drever (as Flavia Tosca), Alex Boyer (Mario Cavaradossi) and Spencer Dodd (Baron Scarpia).

Tickets are \$30-\$75, with discounts available to those under age 30 and seniors.

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

Your Health



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My Digital TAT 2 facilitates conversations about the role technology plays in everyday life.

Nonprofit My Digital TAT2 helps students navigate social media use

By Abbie Thompson
Town Crier Editorial Intern

In Silicon Valley, technology and social media use are integral parts of everyday life for many kids and adults. Studies reveal that the average age of those entering the digital world continues to drop.

Silicon Valley-based nonprofit organization My Digital TAT2 works with students, parents and school administrators to educate them on ways to thoughtfully engage with technology and social media.

“Our mission is to facilitate conversations about the role of technology in our lives,” said Jennifer Mineer, executive director of My Digital TAT2. “Specifically, when we work with young people, we really want them to understand the long-term impact of what they live online.”

The organization’s name was born out of the fact that essentially everything done on the internet is permanent – just like a tattoo.

Mineer explained that because students lack fully developed prefrontal cortexes, there is often a lack of understanding of long-term impact of online behavior. The program intends to help students and parents alike understand how to navigate the digital world.

In the spring, the organization received a grant from Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation aimed at addressing adolescent mental health.

In addition to receiving the grant, My Digital TAT2 hopes to become more involved in the community through its new

partnership with Mountain View’s Community Health Awareness Council. CHAC facilitates the training of counselors that often go on to work with students at schools that use My Digital TAT2’s services.

“By bringing on health care partners, specifically mental health care partners

like CHAC, we’ve been really excited to be able to close that dialogue gap,” Mineer said.

By partnering with CHAC, the organization has the ability to serve students, parents and the counselors that serve the students. Mineer explained that the partnership assures students that “every adult who’s significant in your life has had some training on what it means to be a kid in a digital world.”

Because it’s located in Silicon Valley, Mineer said My Digital TAT2 will turn to local students for advice on what the digital world is actually like – separate from how tech developers prescribe online life to be used.

“I think in this area, we do a lot of translating, if you will, between native tech users and intergenerational tech users,” she said.

For My Digital TAT2, gathering the actual experience of young people online through advisory boards is the most useful guide for navigating conversations and educating about the digital world.

“We work really hard to make sure that we are telling the story of the young people’s experience,” Mineer said. “We’re not speculating. We’re synthesizing their voices.”

For more information, visit mydigitaltat2.org.

The road to movement Overcoming exercise obstacles

By Erin Paruszewski

How often does the thought of “I should be exercising more” show up for you? Movement, whether it’s officially “exercise” or not, is good for you. It stimulates happy hormones, increases blood flow and circulation in your body and has innumerable benefits for both physical and mental health. It’s safe to say that most people know this, but it doesn’t make prioritizing it any easier.

Exercise is often put on the back burner because life, and all its stressors, stands in the way. Summer can be a particularly challenging time, as schedules often change significantly with the introduction of vacation travel, kids home from school and increased social engagements such as weddings, family reunions and backyard barbecues. While we wouldn’t miss out on an event, we tend to skip out on exercise. As a result, we miss out on the benefits it provides. The good news is that a little goes a long way, and gentle consistency pays off.

If you’re having a hard time fitting it all in, try these tips.

• **Put it in your calendar.** If you’re anything like me, nothing happens if it’s not on your to-do list or in your calendar. Either I’m very busy and must make time to get everything done efficiently, or I have no structure to my day and therefore nothing gets done. In either case, the best way to manage my time is to schedule the things that are most impor-

tant and do those first. Think of the top three or four things you want to prioritize each day – for example, work meetings or appointments, meals and movement. If it doesn’t make the list of priorities and doesn’t make it into your calendar, chances are it won’t happen. Treat your self-care time as you would an important doctor appointment. If you wouldn’t skip that, don’t skip out on yourself.

Mindful Movement

• **Find an accountability buddy.** Exercise is more fun with a friend. It’s the reason why the transition from team sports as a youth to exercise as an adult is so challenging. The built-in accountability disappears, and we are left to self-schedule and self-motivate. If you have a hard time prioritizing yourself, add a friend into the mix. Sadly, we prioritize showing up for others more than we do ourselves. However, you can flip this human phenomenon on its head and make a date with someone else, and, by default, make a date with yourself. Whether in-person or virtually, agree to meet at a specific time and location. Check in and offer support by holding one another accountable. A tennis clinic, a running or walking group and a group fitness class are all great ways to inspire more connection, camaraderie and accountability.

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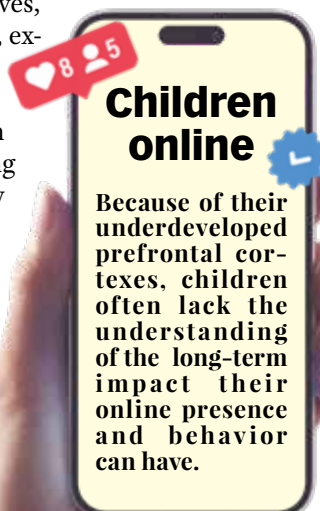


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• **Change the channel.** Is it hard for you to carve out time in your own space? Do you have time to honor your self-care when you are right there and available to answer family members' questions and respond to their every need? I know how you feel. The struggle is real. One option is to change locations. Go for a walk, take your streaming workout and yoga mat to the park, meet up with a friend at their house. If what you are doing isn't working, change the channel to increase inspiration and decrease distractions.

• **Take advantage of the season.** Summer schedules present challenges when it comes to fitting it all in. The advantage is that the days are longer and generally the weather is nicer. Get up early and enjoy the sunlight. Sunlight first thing in the morning has a host of health benefits, such as boosting serotonin, which increases energy and focus and helps keep you calm. Not a morning person? Go for a walk after dinner. This will not only help you digest your meal, but if you are a dessert person or late-night snacker, it can help change the channel on that as well.

• **Make it fun.** I learned this one from my role as mother. My kids don't love to exercise.



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Exercise can be made fun with new routines and by bringing a friend.

In fact, when I refer to a family hike or a walk downtown as "exercise," they resist by complaining nonstop. Instead, we make walks and hikes about something else, such as an outing for the dog, a way to spend time with friends or a means to acquire something. That could be anything from grabbing something from the grocery store to earning screen time. Everyone has their currency, and identifying it, including your own, makes movement fun versus feeling like punishment.

• **Give yourself grace.** More is not more when it comes to exercise, especially if the guilt from "not doing enough" leaves you feeling stressed. Doing

something, even a trip to the mailbox or a 10-minute walk around the block, is better than nothing. Resist the temptation to set goals that are too lofty, as you will get discouraged if you can't meet them and may end up doing even less. When you do something, celebrate it. Giving yourself credit for the small stuff will lead you to an upward spiral. More on that in next month's column.

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Business & Real Estate

Head West Marketplace heads south to Los Altos

Pop-up market with local offerings set for July 30 along State Street

By Adrienne Mitchel

Staff Writer/adriennem@latc.com

State Street is hosting more than the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market and the Arts & Wine Festival this month – a pop-up market is scheduled July 30.

Bay Area-based Head West will offer homemade candles, jewelry, ceramics, textiles and more at booths run by local artisans 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on State Street from Second to Fourth streets. The family- and pet-friendly event will also feature live local music.

Head West has organized markets in Oakland, San Francisco, Alameda and Berkeley, but this will be its first outing in the South Bay.

"We're always looking for something new to do, a way to revamp, a way to bring people into town," said Scott Hunter, executive director of the Los Altos Village Association (LAVA). "We want to be able to have people discover us, see what's here, kind of lift the coat of invisibility, and let the outside world know that there's a great place to come and shop and eat."

While some local residents expressed concerns that Head West could take away business from brick-and-mortar merchants already established in Los Altos, Hunter assured that it won't. He attended a Head West Marketplace in Berkeley and asked the opinions of local

shops on Head West.

"(Local business owners) all knew of it and acknowledged it and were complimentary of it," Hunter said. "It was something that they thought added to the atmosphere and the vibe on the weekend when they were here."

The idea started over a year ago when Shannon Geary, community marketing manager for Los Altos Community Investments (LACI), contacted Jimmy Brower, founder of Head West. Inspired by the success of the Los Altos Farmers' Market, Geary thought a makers' market would be a perfect addition to downtown.

"I've been to three of their events now, and people just seem happy," said Robert Hindman, managing director of LACI. "Kids are smiling, they're there with their parents, people are listening to music, the makers are happy to sell their creations. It's just a joyful event."

Complementary offerings

Brower launched the first Head West Marketplace in 2017 in Emeryville, with the goal of creating an affordable and accessible space for local merchants to sell handcrafted, small-batch goods. The idea came to Brower after he sold his handmade goods in various Bay Area marketplaces and felt the markets were slightly ex-



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Head West plans to bring its pop-up market to downtown Los Altos at month's end. It will be similar to the one in Alameda, above and below, that featured local vendors and live music.

clusive and pricey. Although he now lives in the high desert of Southern California due to Bay Area housing prices, Brower aims to keep the market local.

"I wanted to create something that folks can come to and be like, 'Oh, there's my neighbor. I didn't know that they were a ceramicist,' or 'I didn't know that they were a candle maker,'" Brower said. "I'm super excited to be able to bring Head West to State Street in Los Altos so that local creatives there can have a space to call their own, to pop-up shop and connect with their customers and followers and gain

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Professors' research reveals which political party is better for economy

By Artie Green

David Leonhardt, a reporter at The New York Times, uncovered research from a pair of Princeton University economists who statistically compared economic performance under all American presidents since Harry Truman.

Alan Blinder and Mark Watson found that growth was better under Democrats than under Republicans, regardless of whatever measure was used. In particular, real GDP growth (that is, above inflation), one of the most common measures of economic performance, showed a large difference. The results were also statistically significant, meaning they can't be

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explained by coincidence or luck.

It made no difference which party controlled Congress. The pattern also held regardless of the level of deficit spending in each of the different administrations (which surprisingly was higher under the Republican presidents). The results suggest that among political events, economic performance is most influenced by presidential election outcomes. That's been far from intuitively obvious to me, let alone that Democrats have so consistently held the edge.

Much of Blinder and Watson's research also focuses on trying to understand the causes of the difference. They believed that greater business and consumer spending under Democratic presidents were key contributors to economic growth, particularly during the first years of their administrations.

But there's no evidence that the difference was caused by better fiscal or monetary policies implemented by either party. The two researchers suggest that the Democrats might have benefited more from lesser oil shocks (possibly due to foreign policy), greater defense spending, higher productivity and possibly stronger concurrent international economic growth. The latter

implication is that the U.S. does better when the rest of the world also does better. But they caution that more study is needed.

Leonhardt goes further in surmising that it might be because Republican economic policy since 1980 has been based almost exclusively around tax cuts for the wealthy. He asserts that there's no evidence that tax cuts improve economic growth except when tax rates have been very high, a situation not seen in the U.S. for many decades. Recent cases in point: The GDP growth rate did not increase after President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cut, yet did improve after President Bill

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331 Carmelita Drive, A. Roper to Poon Trust for \$4,500,000
275 Chiquita Avenue, Laforge Trust to H. & R. Barrett for \$2,500,000
505 Cypress Point Drive No. 47,

Hornyak Trust to S. White for \$565,000
81 Devonshire Avenue No. 11, Bever Trust to T. & R. Rudolph for \$760,000
1502 Ernestine Lane, Kelly Trust to M. & L. Han for \$2,706,000
500 W. Middlefield Road No. 84, Moynihan Living Trust to L. & M. Mettias for \$480,000
2595 W. Middlefield Road, Q. Deng to K. & A. Lee for \$1,618,000
2265 Mora Place, Zhang Family Trust to Y. & Y. Wu for \$1,835,000
575 Pettis Avenue, B. Mu to D. Brown for \$4,500,000
880 San Simeon Drive, Sato Trust to M. & S. Jonnalagadda for \$1,616,500
3359 Shady Spring Lane, E. & S. Fu to D. & S. Sun for \$3,500,000
3360 Shady Spring Lane, X. Ye to Y. & H. Yang for \$4,450,000
1792 Wagner Avenue, McMillan Trust to D. & P. Sheridan for \$1,950,000
638 Willowgate Street Unit B, Ogata Trust to Z. Wang for \$2,250,000
878 Windmill Park Lane, Z. Shao to M. & A. Behal for \$2,650,000
3463 Woodstock Lane, George & Harriet Bro Trust to S. & S. Maheshwari for \$3,500,000

Cupertino

10093 Amador Oak Court, A. & P. Kumar to H. & Y. Geng for \$1,830,000
1038 Cranberry Drive, Railey-Williams

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MARKET

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support in an area that they live in.”

Downtown Los Altos businesses can apply for a booth at the Los Altos Head West Marketplace at 50% off the rate for other merchants, and LAVA is working with Los Altos businesses to set up sidewalk sales during the market.

“Head West wants to make sure that the merchant corridor in which it pops up mutually benefits from the discovery of the patrons that are coming to this area, so there’s no sentiment of com-

petition or distraction,” Brower said. “We already know that State Street and downtown Los Altos has an amazing food scene, there are great places to shop, lots of merchants with home goods and the like. Head West just adds as a complement to what’s already being offered.”

Head West Marketplace will be back in Los Altos Oct. 29, and if the two events are a success, the parties involved said they will look forward to more Los Altos Head West events in 2024.

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Business & Real Estate

TRANSACTIONS

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Trust to C. & C. Tian for \$2,280,000
7611 Elderwood Court, Fang Trust to R. & A. Kumar for \$2,955,000
21103 Gardena Drive, Beltrano Trust to S. & K. Ganguly for \$1,675,000
10740 Gascoigne Drive, Rui Trust to N. & S. Patil for \$4,000,000
20669 Scofield Drive, J. Shan to S. & R. Perve-la for \$2,900,000
20488 Stevens Creek Boulevard No. 1708, L. Wei to S. Lee for \$790,000
7998 Woodlark Way, X. Li to K. & J. Chien for \$2,804,000

Overall

Los Altos

Total sales: 9
Lowest sale: \$1,050,000
Highest sale: \$5,500,000
Average sale: \$4,162,200

Mountain View

Total sales: 17
Lowest sale: \$480,000
Highest sale: \$4,500,000
Average sale: \$2,472,400

Cupertino

Total sales: 8
Lowest sale: \$790,000
Highest sale: \$4,000,000
Average sale: \$2,404,300

– Cal Resource

NEST EGG

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Clinton's tax increase in 1993. Numerous economists with whom Leonhardt shared the data were unable to offer an explanation. I can't either. But the takeaway for investors and savers remains what it always has been. Don't alter your strategy according to the latest presidential election or any political outlook you may have. Continue to follow your investment strategy. You might miss out on an opportunity or two, but if you're confident in the way you or your financial planner constructed your investment portfolio, you likely won't go wrong in the long term.

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR

2023 City Council Audio Video Upgrade (Equipment and Installation) and Lighting Project

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received by the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside "Bid For 2023 City Council Audio Video Upgrade (Equipment and Installation) and Lighting Project."

2. WORK DESCRIPTION. The Town of Los Altos Hills, in Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed bids for furnishing labor, materials, and equipment required to complete the project in the City Council chambers, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and materials as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made thereof. The scope of the project is to upgrade the City's AV equipment that is used to facilitate public meetings, and display digital images, such as PowerPoint presentations and viewing of maps. The system must include control of audio and projection systems and be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and California accessibility requirements (collectively, "Accessibility Requirements").

3. WORKING DAYS. The base bid work under this Contract is to be completed in **ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180)** working days from the award of contract. Additional working days will be added to the Contract depending on final awarded work.

4. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. A Class "C-7" and/or "C-10" Contractor's License is required for this work, which constitute a majority of the work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

5. BID DEPOSIT. A Bid Deposit equals to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid shall be placed in the sealed proposal. The Bid Deposit shall be in one of the following forms: cash, cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Town, or bidder's bond in favor of the Town executed by an authorized surety company.

6. PERFORMANCE BONDS. Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in Section 4-2 of the Special Provisions will be required from the successful bidder.

7. TOWN'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS. The right is reserved, as the interest of the Town may require, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality or minor irregularity in the bids.

8. PRE-BID METING. A **mandatory** pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Town of Los Altos Hills Town Hall located at 26379 Fremont Road in the Town of Los Altos Hills. This meeting is to inform bidders of project re-

quirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. This meeting includes a visit to the site. Bidder's attendance is mandatory.

9. GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

10. OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the office of the City Clerk, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (b) Complete sets of plans and contract documents are available online. Please email dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov for the link. (c) Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at fifty- dollars (\$50.00) per set and are obtainable from the Town of Los Altos Hills. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents. An additional charge of \$10.00 will be made for each set of Contract Documents sent by regular mail with the U.S. Postal Service.

11. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS. Any bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the public notice for the opening of bids only by written request for the withdrawal of the bid filed with the Director of Public Works. The request shall be executed by the bidder or his/her duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a bid does not prejudice the right of the bidder to file a new bid. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid will not be received after that time nor may any bid be withdrawn after the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids.

12. RELIEF OF BIDDERS. As stated in the California Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5110, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the Public Works Director written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

13. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS. More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected. Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected.

14. PREVIOUS DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL OR OTHER PREVEN-

TION OF BIDDING. A bid may be rejected on the basis of a bidder, any officer of such bidder, or any employee of such bidder who has a proprietary interest in such bidder, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

15. RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERIFYING CONTRACT ADDENDA. All bidders shall verify if any addenda for this project have been issued by the Town of Los Altos Hills. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all requirements of Contract addenda are included in the bidder's proposal.

16. ESCROW FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT IN LIEU OF RETENTION. Pursuant to the California Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the Town to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of said California Public Contract Code Section 22300.

17. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR) REQUIREMENTS. This Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, a contractor may not bid, nor be listed as a subcontractor, for any bid proposal submitted for public work on or after March 1, 2015, and contracts entered into on or after April 1, 2015, unless the contractor and its subcontractors are registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. The Bidder and its Subcontractors must be registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, subject to limited legal exceptions under Labor Code section 1771.1.

/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk
July 12, 2023
July 19, 2023
(07-12,19-23)

176-T

ENKA JAPANESE IZAKAYA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696889

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ENKA JAPANESE IZAKAYA, 500 Lawrence Expy Suite A100, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): WIN RESTO LLC, 500 Lawrence Expy Suite A100, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Stephanie Novelita / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/30/2023. (07-12,19,26-23,08-02-23)

175-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF EDWIN PERLA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 23CV418332

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

Proposed Name:
a. Ava Elisabeth Perla

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 objections is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/17/2023 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: 07/05/2023
/s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo
Judge of the Superior Court
(07-12,19,26-23,08-02-23)

174-T

Los Altos NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

Beginning July 31, 2023, the water bills of California Water Service (Cal Water or the company) customers in the Los Altos District will reflect a pass-through of higher charges for wholesale water, groundwater replenishment, and retail power incurred by the company. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the state agency that regulates Cal Water, has determined that expenses for energy and wholesale water are not under the company's control, and that a pass-through of those costs to customers is just and reasonable if properly calculated. On or around July 14, 2023, Cal Water will submit Advice Letter 2488 to request authority to increase its annual revenue in the Los Altos District by \$4,391,492, or 8.9%, to account for the higher costs incurred in providing water service to customers. Pending the CPUC's review of Cal Water's calculations, the rate increase will be effective on July 31, 2023. With the increase, a typical monthly bill for a Los Altos residential customer with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter who uses 10 CCF (which is 1,000 cubic feet or 7,480 gallons) of water per month will increase by \$7.40, or 8.6%. However, water rates will also be recalculated to reflect a lower cost of capital ordered by the CPUC, which will slightly offset this bill increase when rates go into effect on July 31.

A copy of Advice Letter 2488 is available on the internet at <https://www.calwater.com/rates-advice-letters/> (please select the Los Altos District from the drop-down menu), and may also be obtained from the company's local offices by calling (650) 917-0152. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mailing the Rates Department at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, or by calling (408) 367-8200 and asking for the Rates Department. Cal Water offers many programs to help you manage your water bill including a Customer Assistance Program (CAP), (formerly, low-income ratepayer assistance program (LIRA)), water conserving appliance rebates, and other conservation programs. Please visit our website at www.calwater.com to take advantage of these opportunities. Protests and Responses. Anyone may respond to or protest this filing. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in its evaluation. A protest objects to the filing in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based, and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow Commission staff to properly consider the protest. The grounds for protests are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the filing.
2. The relief requested in the filing would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies.
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the filing contains material error or omissions.
4. The relief requested in the filing is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding, or
5. The relief requested in the filing requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the filing process, or
6. The relief requested in the filing is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission).

A response or protest must be made in writing and received by the Commission's Water Division by August 3, 2023, the end of the comment period. The response or protest should be sent to the CPUC (by email to water.division@cpuc.ca.gov, or by mail to the Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102) and to Cal Water (by email to cwswrates@calwater.com, or by mail to the Rates Department, California Water Service Company, 1720 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95112). CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY
7/12/23
CNS-3717878#
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER
(07-12-23)

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DUOVIGINT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696937

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DUOVIGINT, 211 Hope Street #391242, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DUOVIGINT LLC, 211 Hope Street #391242,

Mountain View, CA, 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Nima Lotfizadeh / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/03/2023. (07-12,19,26-23,08-02-23)

172-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RACHAEL A. SHRYNE AKA RACHAEL ANN SHRYNE CASE NO. 23PR194898

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: RACHAEL A. SHRYNE AKA RACHAEL ANN SHRYNE A Petition for Probate has been filed by BETH A. ZIB in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that BETH A. ZIB be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 07/21/2023 at 9:01AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: ANGELA PE-TRUSHA, 2826 E STREET, EUREKA,

CA 95501, Telephone: (707) 798-6030
7/5, 7/12, 7/19/23
CNS-3716761#
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER
(07-05,12,19-23)

170-T

JCHAN DESIGNS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696587

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JCHAN DESIGNS, 723 University Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jessica Chan, 723 University Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/07/2018. /S/ Jessica Chan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/20/2023. (07-05,12,19,26-23)

167-T

Discovery Management FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696629

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Discovery Management, 355 Burnett Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sonia Vijay Chheda, 355 Burnett Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/12/2020. /S/ Sonia Vijay Chheda / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/21/2023. (07-05,12,19,26-23)

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'OHANA MARTIAL ARTS CENTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696644

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 'OHANA MARTIAL ARTS CENTER, 2310 Homestead Rd. Suite H, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): OHANA MARTIAL ARTS CENTER, LLC, 57 Waterford Court, Campbell, CA, 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jennifer Lowe-Weiler / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/21/2023. (07-05,12,19,26-23)

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APN: 132-17-023 TS No: CA05000066-23-1 TO No: 230074396-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section

Public Notices

2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2.). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 11, 2017. 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 August 2, 2023 at 09:00 AM, At the Gated North Market Street Entrance, Santa Clara County Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 19, 2017 as Instrument No. 23653853, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by JOHN N. CHRISTIANSEN, as Trustor(s), in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST 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: 2421 RAMONA ST, PALO ALTO, CA 94301 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 without covenant or warranty, express 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 the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$185,376.85 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000066-23-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000066-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 22, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000066-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD:

711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0436869 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 07/05/2023, 07/12/2023, 07/19/2023 (07-05,12,19-23)

163-T

Pianocello Studios FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696219

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Pianocello Studios, 2231 Boxwood Drive, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jordyn Garcia, 2231 Boxwood Drive, San Jose, CA, 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/02/2023. /S/ Jordyn Garcia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/02/2023. (07-05,12,19,26-23)

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MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE THERAPY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696316

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE THERAPY, 870 E El Camino Real #69, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jeff Prusmack, 870 E El Camino Real #69, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Shawn Delgado-Prusmack, 870 E El Camino Real #69, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jeff Prusmack / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/07/2023. (06-28-23,07-05,12,19-23)

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Bridgepoint at Los Altos FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696049

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bridgepoint at Los Altos, 1174 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KC Los Altos GP, LLC, 5790 Fleet Street, Suite 300, Carlsbad, CA, 92008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/06/2001. /S/ Lisa O'Neal / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/26/2023. (06-28-23,07-05,12,19-23)

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PICO LIFE SCIENCES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695800

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PICO LIFE SCIENCES, 1250 Grant Rd., #304, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Maria Martins, 206 Flynn Ave, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/18/2023. /S/ Maria Martins / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/18/2023. (06-28-23,07-05,12,19-23)

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BOTTOM SHELF BOOKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696607

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) BOTTOM SHELF BOOKS, (2) MY BOTTOM SHELF BOOKS, 1508 Vista Club Circle, Apt 203, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rachel Renee Peckham, 1508 Vista Club Circle, Apt 203, Santa Clara, CA, 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/20/2023. /S/ Rachel Renee Peckham / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/20/2023. (06-28-23,07-05,12,19-23)

158-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GERTRUDE J. O'CONNOR CASE NO. 23PR194765

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GERTRUDE J. O'CONNOR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRETT J. O'CONNOR in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRETT J. O'CONNOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/13/2023 at 9:01AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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155-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MARIA ENRIQUETA SANCHEZ ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 23CV417606

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

- a. Maria Enriqueta Sanchez
- b. Mary Enriqueta Sanchez (AKA)
- c. Mary E. Sanchez

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Proposed Name:
a. Mary Enriqueta Sanchez

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 10/10/2023 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: 06/16/2023 /s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo Judge of the Superior Court (06-28-23,07-05,12,19-23)

154-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF KIMIE EVA MOMOKI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 23CV416378

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

Kimie Eva Momoki

Proposed Name:
Eva Kimie Momoki

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 09/19/2023 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: 05/23/2023 /s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo Judge of the Superior Court (06-21,28-23,07-05,12-23)

151-T

Grandview restaurant FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN694826

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Grandview restaurant, (2) Mt Hamilton grandview restaurant and venue, (3) Mt Hamilton restaurant, 15005 Mt Hamilton Rd., Mt Hamilton, CA, 94140, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): GVSJ LLC, 2021 The Alameda Suite 380, San Jose, CA, 95126. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2022. /S/ Maurizio Carrubba / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/25/2023. (06-21,28-23,07-05,12-23)

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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).

PRESENTATIONS

"Roadtrip in the French Countryside." John Trudeau takes attendees on a photographic journey through the countryside of the Dauphinè region in southeastern France. Part of the Los Altos Library's Wednesday Travel Nights. 7 p.m. July 26. Free. 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 948-7683; scclld.org.

EXHIBITS

"An Artist's Playground." Solo art exhibit featuring acrylics and mixed media paintings by local artist Rachel Tirosh. Through September. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222; losaltoshills.ca.gov.

EXHIBITIONS

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

AUDITIONS

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

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Seeks percussionists players and other musicians. Rehearsals Wednesday nights at Mountain View High School. conductor@fswinds.org.

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

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Local ESL class. Learn the Eng-

lish language. Small-class size with individual attention. Materials provided. 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Union Church Campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Register at Unionpc.org (search ESL).

Jazzercise Dance Mixx and Body Sculpting. Live on Zoom seven days a week. Free trial class. First 10 consecutive classes \$39. Full-time members also have free access to Jazzercise Live on-demand. (408) 505-2048; Nisaleone@sbcglobal.net.

Adult Ballet Class. Led by Leslie Friedman over Zoom. 9:30 a.m. Fridays. \$48 for four classes; \$15 drop-in. livelyfoundation@sbcglobal.net.

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

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 \$5 per class. Registration: foothill.augusoft.net.

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

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

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

Los Altos Art Club. 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. losaltosartclub.com.

InSpirit Healing Rooms. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms.

InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.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 travel interest groups. (650) 814-9037; totequeenmichelle@gmail.com.

Sons in Retirement, Branch 5. Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. Activities include golf and bocce ball. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (408) 391-1078.

Chess. New group. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Free. (650) 400-0353; bengk@att.net.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. Los Altos based nonprofit mixed chorus of local citizens who enjoy singing a cappella. Rehearsals 7:15-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Luther Hall, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. peninsulaharmony.org.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Los Altos Chapter. Nonpolitical women's service organization preserving the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence through work on local historic preservation projects, genealogy research, service to veterans, environmental conservation and other community projects. Founded in 1950, the chapter typically meets the third Friday of the month. LosAltosDAR@gmail.com; losaltos.californiadar.org.

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

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. Social activities for 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.

OBITUARY NOTICE

BARBARA G. KESSLER, PHD



*August 31, 1931 –
June 18, 2023*

Barbara Goodman Kessler was born on August 31, 1931 in Washington, D.C. and passed away on June 18, 2023 in Palo Alto, CA. She was 91.

She attended Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. where she studied the Clarinet and graduated in June 1953.

Barbara married Floyd Kessler on December 28, 1952 in Washington, D.C. They moved to California and eventually settled in Palo Alto in 1958. While raising a family with three children she further pursued her education. In 1971 she earned a M.A. Degree in Music from San Jose State University; a M.S. Degree in Psychology from San Jose State University in 1974; and her PhD from Saybrook Institute in 1984.

Barbara's career included teaching private clarinet lessons to children out of her home. She developed and taught classes in the application of existential philosophy at Canada Jr. College and through De Anza College. Barbara was a Licensed marriage, family and child counselor in private practice in Palo Alto.

She enjoyed playing clarinet in the Foothill College Symphony Orchestra, and traveling with her husband to Europe for vacations. She is also a 23 year breast cancer survivor.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Floyd Kessler; three children, Susan Kessler (Joe Theisen) of Napa, Alan Kessler (Lori Rucker) of Austin Texas, Lori Hutchins (Craig Hutchins) of Citrus Heights, CA, and grandchildren Jacob, Dylan, and Rachel.

Private services were held at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, CA.

JOHN P. MURPHY



*July 15, 1950 –
May 22, 2023*

Murphy, John Patrick - died Monday, May 22, 2023, in Walnut Creek, CA, formerly of Oakland, CA. The youngest child of Leo Thomas & Margaret Maxine (Irvin) Murphy, John was born on July 15, 1950 in Norwalk, OH. The family moved to Sacramento when he was a young boy and he later attended UC Davis and UC, Hastings College of the Law in 1975. In 1973 he married Linda Christine Rudd in Sacramento. John & Linda made their home in the Bay Area & had 3 children. In 1981, the family moved to Virginia when John was appointed the General Counsel for the Veterans Administration under President Reagan. The family returned to Oakland after his time with the VA and eventually John joined the California Supreme Court as a staff attorney where he remained until his retirement in 2014. Having no prior experience with soccer, John began refereeing youth soccer when his son, Sean, took up the sport. Eventually he served as the Cal North Chairman of California Youth Soccer America. John volunteered with the state Bar writing & grading Bar exams. John is survived by his wife, Linda, their children & families, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Patrick (Baidra Prochnow) Murphy of Mountain View, Mr. & Mrs. James Brennan (Kelly Short) Murphy of Oakland, & Miss Katherine Elizabeth Murphy of Virginia, 5 grandchildren, Aidan Murphy, Leo & Logan Murphy; and Oliver & Xavier Tennessee. He also leaves behind a sister, Mary Corcoran, a brother, Bob (Dee) Murphy, nieces & nephews: Cindy Corcoran Ames, Jeff (Jamie) Corcoran, Erin (John) Wooldridge & Kyle Murphy; and many great-nieces & nephews. Internment at East Lawn Memorial Gardens in Sacramento with his wife's family. Éirinn go Brách.





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