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Saluting the Class of 2023

Students took on challenges, while taking time for public service



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Graduating Mountain View High School seniors perform the “turning of the tassels” last week, above; far left, Los Altos High School principal Wynne Satterwhite, retiring after 19 years on the job, participates in the commencement ceremony; and left, Los Altos High graduate Angelina Pedraza celebrates her milestone with family.

By Jennah Pendleton

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With caps thrown, diplomas received and classrooms empty, local seniors’ high school journeys culminated in graduation ceremonies at their respective schools.

Members of the Class of 2023 were approaching the end of their freshman year of high school when the COVID outbreak forced a lockdown in March 2020. The following few years saw students navigating months of remote learning, returning to in-person instruction and confronting all of the challenges that came with being together as the virus raged on and then transitioning out of that emergency period to reach some semblance of a normal high school experience.

The confusing and often painful few years were no doubt difficult, but the challenges

also offered opportunities to establish a new normal informed by equity and justice.

Members of this year’s senior class have received recognition for their outstanding achievements, many featured in the Town Crier over the years.

The academic accomplishments of this year’s graduating class are impressive. Ashwin Mukherjee of Los Altos High was honored alongside his research team as a champion in a U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored competition. Samantha Hsiung of Pinewood School earned an honorable mention in the Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum’s Literary Contest, one of only six submissions to win a prize in the national competition.

Other student projects benefited the community – two seniors at Mountain View and St. Francis high schools teamed up with

GreenTown Los Altos to develop resources to help influence homeowners in the community to transform their lawns to drought-tolerant landscapes. Eagle Scout and Mountain View High student Mihir Srivastava restored a memorial at Gardner Bullis School in honor of Don Edwards, a Los Altos Hills teen who died in a car accident in 1996 at age 16. Los Altos High senior Michael Young created his own nonprofit, The Science Kit, to encourage underrepresented youth to feel more confident in pursuing STEM disciplines. Mountain View High’s Marissa Tsoi also created a STEM-oriented initiative with an aim to empower more young girls to participate in STEM and robotics activities.

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New bumps on Cuesta present safety concern

By Bruce Barton

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Longtime Cuesta Drive resident Liza Coe was out in front of her Los Altos driveway when she was nearly hit by a vehicle swerving out of its lane to avoid one of the newly installed single-lane speed tables.

“I went out to get my mail and saw some cars coming – didn’t think anything about it,” she began. “And when I turned back, the car had actually driven up onto the sidewalk. Oh, God, because we have those asphalt sidewalks and (the vehicle) was cutting around the table.”

Coe jumped back as two other cars swerved out of their lanes, following the first car.

“It kind of scared the what-ever out of me,” she said.

A week later, she was backing out of her driveway to go toward Springer Road.

“There was a car coming down the street the other way. ... I continued my back-out and by the time I backed out and went to move forward, the guy had cut around the table and I was staring into the front end of a Ford F-150.”

The Ford quickly got back in its lane, but it was enough for Coe to take her case to the May 31 meeting of the city’s Complete Streets Commission.

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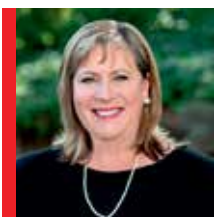
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Graduation 2023 Outtakes



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Candids from last week's commencement ceremonies at Los Altos and Mountain View high schools: Above left, a thirsty doggie gets an offer of water during Los Altos High festivities; above right, two enthusiastic graduates embrace at Los Altos High; and right, orchestra instructor Ricky Alegria takes a selfie with his musicians during Mountain View High exercises. The Town Crier's complete graduation coverage begins on page 14.



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News

Police Blotter

MV man arrested for selling narcotics

Police arrested Mountain View resident Robert Melendo, 33, last week in connection with narcotics sales that also endangered a young child.

After Mountain View Police Department Crime Suppression Unit detectives learned of alleged sales at a home on the 200 block of Velarde Street, they entered the home on a search warrant and detained three people, including Melendo.

During their search of the home, detectives found suspected methamphetamine, fentanyl and other drugs. Detectives also believed drugs could have been sold from the location, where a child of one of the detainees lived and was in regular proximity to the narcotics.

The child was placed in the care of family members, and Melendo was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail on child endangerment and numerous narcotics sales and transportation charges.

One of the other detainees was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant from a neighboring police department. The third detainee was released without arrest.

Auto burglary

June 9, 9:54 a.m.: 1000 block of Alford Avenue, Los Altos

June 9, 10:04 a.m.: 1000 block of Alford Avenue, Los Altos

June 9, 10:16 a.m.: 1000 block of Alford Avenue, Los Altos

Residential burglary

June 11, 4:51 a.m.: 1900 block of Rock Street, Mountain View

Resisting an officer

June 11, 12:47 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

Stolen vehicle

June 9, 8:50 a.m.: 1000 block of Alford Avenue, Los Altos

— Christina Casillas

Venomous snake allegedly seen in Los Altos yard

By Christina Casillas

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Los Altos residents in the Woodland Acres neighborhood are on the lookout for a non-native, venomous snake after a resident allegedly spotted one in his yard June 1.

Kim Cesena of Woodland Acres posted on Nextdoor about the experience her neighbor Jim Denz had that same day. Neither Cesena nor Denz responded to interview requests from the Town Crier.

“A neighbor found a Redheaded Krait snake in his front yard today,” Cesena wrote. “It slithered under his porch – Making sure everyone is aware until this gets caught – watch for your dogs outside and your kids and be careful when being by trash bins, wood piles and keep your windows up in cars. If you are really anxious about this, give animal control another call to get them out. This snake is venomous and illegal!”

Cody Macartney, lead officer at Palo



FROM WIKIPEDIA

Did a Woodland Acres resident spot a Redheaded Krait snake in the neighborhood? Inquiring minds want to know.

Alto Animal Control, which also serves Los Altos, said the department responded to a call from Denz but couldn't locate the snake.

“We were sent out on a call for a snake and the reporting party suspected that the snake may have been shipped here from an Asian country, and it was loose in his yard,” Macartney said. “And my officer, Officer Jeanette Washington, responded and

didn't see the snake at the time.”

Because the snake is believed to be from another country, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is involved. Redheaded Kraits are native to Indochina, Borneo, Peninsular Malaysia and some Indonesian islands, according to a July 2022 scholarly article on the medical use of the snake's venom. Redheaded Kraits bites are relatively rare, but no antivenom exists for it, the article stated.

Denz reported that the snake may have come from lumber he believed his neighbors imported from an Asian country; his neighbor, Yitong Zhou, said none of the lumber was imported from Asia.

The snake could also be an escaped pet, Macartney said.

Although many in the Nextdoor thread, and Macartney himself, noted that some native snakes have markings similar to those of the Redheaded Krait, potential

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CUESTA

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The same day of the meeting, she said her son got into another close call when he backed out onto Cuesta, heading toward Springer, and a vehicle behind him passed him on the opposite side of the road to dodge a speed table.

“A lot of residents are complaining about these new speed humps that just got installed on Cuesta Drive,” Chris Testi wrote to the Town Crier in early April. “A significant portion of drivers just swerve around them, I see that happening every single time I bike or drive on that road. This is extremely dangerous: The other night while I was biking home, I almost got run over by a car that was avoiding the last speed hump and came into my lane, completely crossing the double yellow line.”

In a letter to City Manager Gabriel Engeland, Testi wrote: “I'm pretty sure that if a police officer was hiding there for just an hour, he would catch dozens of cars speeding around these.”

Ongoing monitoring

The speed tables are the latest in a series of traffic-calming attempts for the Los Altos thoroughfare, spanning four years. After years of complaints from residents in the Cuesta neigh-



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Motorists are swerving around the newly installed single-lane speed tables on Cuesta Drive, raising safety concerns.

borhood, the city installed a first set of speed bumps between the El Monte Avenue and Springer Road intersections. After some complained they didn't reduce speed enough, the city officials tried again with asphalt tables decried as exceedingly high. When the Santa Clara County Fire Department informed the city the speed tables were not compliant, the city earlier this year removed the old tables and installed new rubberized “split-lane” tables that met the fire department's 3-inch height requirements. The split-lane design was intended for fire trucks to move around the speed tables in the event of an emergency. Trouble is, other hurried motorists picked up on the maneuver as well.

Police officers said they are keeping an extra eye out on Cuesta, and city plans call for additional traffic-calming options to deter the swerving out of lanes.

“We have been monitoring it and continue to do so,” Sgt. Michael Taylor said. “We have observed the same ... with vehicles swerving around the speed tables. As with any new traffic pattern or markings, there is always an adjustment phase. We're hoping our presence out there will help to deter some of these bad drivers. Unfortunately, we do not have any numbers that would say how often this is occurring, but our officers have been monitoring the area and will continue to do so.”

City officials also plan on ad-

ditional improvements along Cuesta, according to Marisa Lee, the city's transportation services manager. Lee said the improvements are targeted at deterring swerving in both directions. They include Botts' Dots down the centerline to create a rumble-strip effect and delineators, or vertical elements, at the edgeline of each table. Lee did not have a timeline for when the improvements would be installed.

“The police department has been issuing citations for swerving,” Lee said. “I have been in contact with a number of residents. The city and PD will continue to monitor.”

Coe thinks one solution is curbed sidewalks along Cuesta to deter the traffic table evaders.

“We've kind of clung to this idea of the rural nature of Los Altos, which I'm totally behind. ... But I think we also have to come to grips with the fact that Cuesta is not a rural street,” she said. “It's a thoroughfare and it's got a lot of traffic. Some of the neighbors I've talked to said, ‘Why don't they just put sidewalks in with curbs?’ Because at least that would prevent people from coming up onto the sidewalk and provide some amount of protection for walkers and bikers. That seems reasonable to me.”

News

CHAC closing clinic to balance budget; supes to contribute \$1M

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Leaders of the Mountain View-based Community Health Awareness Council are discontinuing clinic services as they grapple with a large budget deficit heading into the next fiscal year.

The clinic, which has provided mental health counseling to 300-400 clients over the past two years, will go on “hiatus” effective Aug. 1, according to Anne Ehresman, interim executive director. The decision came May 24 after CHAC’s board discussed the budget for 2023-2024. CHAC faces a \$750,000 budget deficit as fiscal year 2022-2023 ends.

“Getting to a balanced budget that is based only on confirmed revenues required difficult choices that we did not take lightly,” Ehresman said in a letter to staff. “But, we must focus our resources on the programs that are funded, rather than continue to operate programs at a significant loss.”

She noted that some staff positions will be impacted, with staffers notified this month.

“We have been exploring collaborations and partnerships that may allow us to restructure,” Ehresman said in the staff letter. “We will revisit this decision when additional resources/opportunities become available.”

Later, in an email to the Town Crier, Ehresman added: “It’s been a little tricky to communicate with our partners that our school partnerships are strong and stable while needing to reduce services at the clinic because of the operating deficit in that area of our budget.”

CHAC’s partnerships with local school districts are fully funded, Ehresman said, as are the nonprofit organization’s Family Resource Centers. CHAC serves



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

CHAC personnel stand in front of their Mountain View headquarters. The nonprofit needs new funding to offset a budget deficit.

nearly 6,000 students in 35 K-12 schools. But the clinic, which allows payment on a sliding scale or no payment at all, is operating in the red.

“We’ve tried to not turn anyone away,” Ehresman said. “(But) we currently have no dedicated revenue stream for the clinic.”

Help on the way?

There is hope on the horizon. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is considering a possible partnership that could involve acceptance of Medi-Cal reimbursements. In addition, supervisors were scheduled at Monday’s budget hearing (held after the Town Crier’s print deadline) to consider a \$1 million contribution to “help maintain mental health services in Santa Clara County,” according to a county staff report.

The action comes after supervisors, led by District 5 Supervisor Joe Simitian, asked county staff May 9 to look into ways of helping the cash-strapped nonprofit, celebrating 50 years of operations this year.

“The challenge that CHAC has had is that they have not ever gotten the organization qualified to be a medical recipient, which means that they do the work and incur the costs but don’t get reimbursed for it,” Simitian said. “And obviously,

that’s not a sustainable model.”

Simitian said the goals for CHAC are three-fold: “Make sure that the organization is stabilized financially, then move quickly to get them medically qualified so that they can start to receive income for the good and important work they do. And then, while all that’s going on, we have to have a conversation about what CHAC wants to see in the way of organizational and governance structure in the years ahead.”

Even if the \$1 million in county funding is approved this week, Ehresman said it takes several months for funding to materialize. But she said she was “encouraged” by the county proposal.

“There is a path back, and it’s a pretty clear path, not necessarily an easy one,” Simitian said. “But it begins with Medi-Cal eligibility for Medi-Cal reimbursement.”

Simitian said supervisors recognize the importance of mental health services.

“These are not services people can do without, so if you don’t have a county operation, then you have to rely on your local nonprofits and you have to make sure they stay strong and capable of delivering the services,” he said.

For more information on CHAC, visit chacmv.org.

SNAKE

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misidentification can’t be verified.

Animal Control Services would only follow up on the situation if another sighting is reported, Macartney noted, and officers would attempt to secure the snake if it’s confirmed to be a Red-headed Krait and the correct protective gear is available.

“If the reporting party’s theory was correct, that it was shipped here, I would assume the game wardens might want to take custody of it,”

he said. “And it either would be sent to a facility that can, you know, take these types of animals or maybe back to its native land.”

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, snakes are most active at dusk and dawn. To prevent potential snake bites, avoid piles of leaves and tall grass whenever possible, wear boots and long pants when outdoors and avoid wood and rock piles where snakes can hide.

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Mountain View hires new police chief from within ranks

By Christina Casillas

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The city of Mountain View recently hired Capt. Mike Canfield as its new police chief. Canfield, who has been part of the Mountain View Police Department for nearly 25 years, will take on the new role beginning June 26.

Canfield succeeds Chris Hsiung, who retired as chief last December. Former Police Chief Max Bosel served as interim police chief while the city searched for a new chief.

Holding such a position wasn't even a thought at the beginning of his career, Canfield told the Town Crier. He said his

focus was on learning the skills needed to serve responsibly as police officer and connecting with the community.

"Later on, I had some really wonderful mentors. A number of our exceptional chiefs, Bosel and Hsiung specifically, were really instrumental and influential in my evolution and growth as a police officer and as a police manager," Canfield said. "And that was really helpful for me to start to see how I could have a broader impact on our community and our department."

In addition to being promoted to police lieutenant in 2014 and to captain in 2020, Canfield has had operational, command and supervisory experience in

patrol, support and investigation services. While lieutenant, he served as watch commander and oversaw training functions, crisis negotiations, department personnel and the SWAT team.

"Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated a commitment to collaboration, embodying the highest standards of public service, and taking immense pride in earning the trust of the community," said City Manager Kimbra McCarthy in a press release announcing Canfield's appointment. "We are fortunate to have the best law enforcement professional within our own ranks to fill this important position."

Canfield was also appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Board, established in 2020 to make recommendations and provide input to the city council, city manager and police chief based on public input on topics related to community policing.

"I learned a lot supporting the really important work that



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Mike Canfield is set to begin his new role as Mountain View police chief June 26.

the Public Safety Advisory Board does," he said. "Being an advisory body, the work that they provide, the insights that they have, and the research that they do is invaluable to the police department and to the police chief."

Canfield noted there is always room for improvement, and he

will focus on listening to department input and community voices to improve the Mountain View Police Department.

"The top priority for me is to connect with our people, to sit down and have conversations about areas for growth and areas for improvement, both internally in our building with our officers and our professional staff, but also with our community," he said.

Canfield hopes to continue to work with community organizations including but not limited to Community Services Agency and the Day Worker Center.

He also looks forward to collaborating with other local police chiefs, including Los Altos Police Chief Angela Averiett.

"I have deep, deep roots in the city and in the community, for which I'm grateful, and I'm looking forward to working with our broader community, but also with our local police chiefs," Canfield said.

Santa Clara County child abuse, neglect reports drop in summer

By Christina Casillas

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As schools let out for summer break, the County of Santa Clara's Department of Family and Children's Services expects a historical trend of decreased child abuse and neglect reports to continue – not because the number of abuse or neglect cases decline, but because children aren't in contact with mandated reporters over the summer.

In 2022, the highest number of child abuse and neglect reports in the past four years was reported; though approximately 28,170 reports were filed, fewer than 20% came during the summer months.

Reports were down overall in 2020, with 22,815 across the year, 5,045 of which were made during the summer months, reflecting a decrease in cases when children weren't regularly in contact with mandated reporters while sheltering in place during the pandemic, according to Damion Wright, Department of Family and Children's Services assistant director.

As specified in the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act passed in 1980, mandated reporters include administrators and employees in professions that require regular contact with and supervision of children.

"Mandated reporters are employees who come into regular contact or supervise children, which includes teachers, counselors, mental/behavioral health therapists, health care professionals, to name a few," Wright said in an email. "As such, with the onset of the summer months, children come into less direct contact with mandated reporters."

Mandated reporters are required to call the Child Abuse and Neglect Center immediately when they observe or reasonably suspect a child is being neglected or abused, and follow up with a written report within 36 hours of the incident.

An in-person investigation is needed depending on the facts provided in the report, Wright said, and a social worker will respond to the child's home and assess for all types of ne-

glect and abuse in a thorough investigation.

"This process will consist of investigative interviews, collateral contacts, consultation with experts where appropriate, records review where appropriate and an assessment of the family's strengths and needs," he said. "Ultimately the investigating social worker will determine whether the allegation of abuse or neglect is true. If the allegation is found to be true, the social worker will determine what services and supports can be provided to ensure the child's safety in the home."

Children often show common signs of abuse and neglect when they interact with mandated reporters.

Signs of neglect include poor hygiene, untreated illnesses or injuries and ill-fitting and weather-inappropriate clothing, according to Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Guidelines.

For signs of the types of neglect and abuse, visit tinyurl.com/cachildabusesigns.

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No-parking restrictions are in effect along Moody Road near Moody Court in Los Altos Hills after a county resolution June 6.

County supervisors act to make roadway safer

Town Crier Report

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution last week prohibiting parking on Moody Road, located in an unincorporated area adjacent to the town of Los Altos Hills, with the aim to improve road safety for residents.

The board's action June 6 came in response to a request from residents for parking restrictions on Moody Road near the intersection of Moody Court. County staff determined that establishing a "No Parking" zone from dawn to dusk could improve line of sight and enhance traffic safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians on Moody Road.

The newly implemented restriction will take

effect on the south shoulder of Moody Road from 700 feet west of Moody Court to 1,000 feet east of Moody Court.

"This is a simple parking management measure that can literally save lives," said County Supervisor Joe Simitian, whose District 5 includes Los Altos Hills. "At the very least, by improving sight lines, Moody Road will be safer not just for area residents, but also drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians."

Simitian lauded local residents, who, he said, "saw a pattern and spoke up about it." He added that he was pleased "local residents spoke up, and they were heard."

Signage denoting the new "No Parking" zone on Moody Road is scheduled for installation this summer.

Portola roadwork



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Portola Avenue, home to Egan Junior High School and Bullis Charter School, recently received a street resurfacing treatment, part of an ongoing citywide project that includes resurfacing, signage and striping, as well as school route improvements fronting each public school. According to Marisa Lee, Los Altos transportation services manager, Portola improvements include enhanced pedestrian crosswalk striping that will make the crossings more visible to drivers to boost pedestrian safety, and updated school crosswalk signage. "There will also be new sharrow markings in both directions – bicycles and vehicles already share the roadway on this corridor, and the sharrow markings alert drivers to the presence of bicycles and direct bicycles to the ideal place to ride within the lane," Lee said.

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Letters to the Editor

City must enforce dog park regulations

The following is an open letter sent to the Los Altos City Council.

I would like to address my concerns regarding the proposed alterations to the dog park at the civic center, as these changes might potentially create more issues than they aim to solve.

Currently, we have a single enclosed dog park and two spacious open fields, one designated for soccer and the other for baseball.

Walking through the civic center multiple times a day, I have observed that the open fields are utilized more frequently by dogs than the fenced dog park.

This situation is unlikely to change without proper enforcement. Great ideas, like no gas blowers established 20-plus years ago is a good idea, but we still have not designed a method to enforce the ordinance.

I kindly request that you prioritize the enforcement of dog park regulations before diminishing the availability of our library services. Removing valuable parking spaces from a heavily utilized library could potentially exacerbate existing problems.

Leslie Sims
Los Altos

LA council: Reconsider dog park location

I'm guessing many of you are dismayed to know a big sum has been allocated by the Los Altos City Council for a dog park study. And yet I have learned that there was a survey just a few years ago on this same issue – of both the need and best location for a dog park.

The number one spot, chosen overwhelmingly then, was the park behind the Chamber of Commerce.

I am guessing that the few homeowners nearby objected. If they have dogs, they would be fortunate to be close to a dog park. If they don't have dogs, they still have the advantage of being in the center of town.

The mayor has told me that the dog park location close to the library is a "done deal." I beg the council to reconsider.

Just drive into that area on a weekend and you may easily encounter cars trying to park for a wedding/event at the beautiful patio of our History Museum, a matinee at the Los Altos Stage Company, a soccer game on the field, events at the civic center and (with over 750 patrons a day) our library.

Please, Council, don't add more to this vibrant town square!

Cathie Perga
Former Library Commissioner

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Rev. Thomas Landels, second from left, and wife Jessie and friends enjoy the beach in Carmel on a sunny August day in 1937. The Landels were taking a break from their busy schedules at home in Los Altos. Thomas was the pastor of Union Church, and Jessie served as the town's postmistress and librarian.

3 reasons why theater is 'not a good idea'

A new theater downtown is not a good idea.

1. Using a downtown parking plaza for a new theater is ridiculous. Parking downtown is tight, especially now with outdoor eating taking lots of street parking.

2. We already have a theater at the community center, where there is lots of parking. If needed, renovate the existing theater or build a new one there.

3. Perhaps it's time to put this issue on the 2024 ballot, and let Los Altos voters decide.

Rita Cartalano
Los Altos

I had seen the show in San Francisco and at TheatreWorks, but I was amazed at the talent, direction and professionalism of the cast and crew of this production.

The advantage of the small stage made the show more intimate and powerful than the productions I had previously seen.

The leads playing George and Dot were musically excellent.

I have not given a show a standing "O" in many years, but I was on my feet for this one. Bravo!

Steve Gill
Los Altos

LASC production draws rave review

I recently attended the Los Altos Stage Company's production of "Sunday in the Park with George."

As an actor/singer, I went

Parked cars present safety hazard

Now that loading and unloading has been eliminated on Almond Avenue at Los Altos High, it has moved to Jardin

Drive on the back side of the school.

The move resulted in removing a significant number of parking spots along Jardin. Fewer parking spots has put more pressure on streets intersecting with Jardin. As a result, there is a safety issue that has been more obvious.

On each connecting street, students park cars wrapped around the corner. These cars block the view of drivers traveling on Jardin and making a right turn onto the cross streets. The blind turn endangers students, pedestrians and cyclists. And it increases the chance of a head-on collision with drivers on the cross street approaching Jardin.

I think the solution is to paint the corners red for at least two car lengths on the Jardin cross streets before someone is injured.

Bob Sutis
Los Altos

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People

Scouting News

Troop 31 honors Eagle Scouts

Los Altos Troop 31 recently recognized four members for earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement attainable in the Scouts BSA program. Since its inception in 1911, only 4% of Scouts have earned the rank after a lengthy review process.

The new Eagle Scouts and their projects:

- Scott Mello installed a paver pathway at Menlo Church so that churchgoers have access to outdoor facilities. He chose the project because he knew it would benefit the church and said he is grateful to leave a last-



COURTESY OF SAIRA NAQVI

Troop 31's new Eagle Scouts include Greg Schumann, from left, John Sutter, Scott Mello and Nasir Naqvi.

ing gift to the community. Mello recently graduated from Los Altos High School and plans to pursue a biotechnology degree in the fall.

- Nasir Naqvi oversaw the refurbishment, repair and installation of Linux and related

software on 150 Chromebooks. The computers were donated by local school districts for distribution to underserved youth in the Mountain View area. A freshman at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Naqvi is studying computer science and economics.

- Greg Schumann demolished and rebuilt a circular wooden bench that surrounded a tree at his church. He said he chose the project because he wanted to give back to the church community. Schumann is studying microbial biology at UC Berkeley.

- John Sutter rebuilt a collapsing fence that surrounded



COURTESY OF LIZ PARK

Troop 37 honored its new Eagle Scouts – Ben Conner, from left, Mitchell Johnson, Jack Park and Will Park.

the nursery at Los Altos Lutheran Church. He attends the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Troop 31 meets at Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave.

For more information on Troop 31, visit troopwebhost.org/Troop31LosAltos.

Troop 37 welcomes new Eagle Scouts

Scouts from Los Altos Troop 37, all of whom graduated from Los Altos High School last week, recently received recognition for attaining the Eagle Scout rank.

The new Eagle Scouts and their projects:

- Ben Conner rebuilt a planter box at Springer School and replanted it with drought-tolerant plants.

- Mitchell Johnson built a community lending library for Gardner Bullis School that can be used from the school's parking lot.

- Jack Park built a library book return box for Santa Rita School that can be used from the school's parking lot.

- Will Park built exercise ramps for dogs to use at the Pets In Need shelter in Redwood City.

For more information on Troop 37, visit troop37losaltos.com.

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Submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements to Bruce Barton at the Town Crier, 138 Main St., Los Altos 94022. To request an announcement form, call (650) 948-9000, ext. 301, or email bruceb@latc.com. Completed forms and photos may also be sent via email.

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People

Scouting News

Troops recognize new Eagle Scouts

Troop 37 and Troop 201 of Los Altos held an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony at Covington School June 3 to recognize the troops' four new Eagle Scouts.

This was the first time a joint Eagle Court of Honor was held for Scouts in Troop 37 and Troop 201. Both troops are chartered with the Rotary Club

of Los Altos.

The new Eagle Scouts and their projects:

- **Timothy Chien** of Mountain View designed, built and installed planter boxes at Khan Lab School's lower school campus with help from the students and parents of the school.

- **Lansing Crawford** of Los Altos refurbished the kindergarten garden at Covington School, planting native plants and adding pathways.

- **Paige Kasso** of Los Altos created a sensory path at Covington School by using her skills to design an interactive

path on the ground and walls. The path allows students to work off excess energy and develop gross motor skills while following the path down the school corridor.

- **Everett Lai** of Los Altos designed and built a rope fence at Covington School and a picket fence at Springer School. The Eagle projects were built to protect gardens from being trampled.

Troop 37 was founded in 1917. For more information, visit troop37losaltos.com.

Troop 201 was chartered in 2019. For more information, visit troop201losaltos.com.



COURTESY OF LAUREN HASENHUTTL

Four Scouts from Troop 37 and Troop 201 recently earned the rank of Eagle. Pictured, from left, are Everett Lai, Timothy Chien, Paige Kasso and Lansing Crawford.



COURTESY OF KELLY CHEN

Graduates from the Young Men's Service League include, front, from left: Graham Cooks, Grey Fondo, CJ Blastos, Sam Dyke, Alex Yue, Eric Chang, Zackery He and Nicholas Shen. Back: Kevin Peercy, Eric Mohageg, George Heller, Casey Jones, Ryan Brown, Alex Mohageg, Kai Kumagai, Noah Crane, Miles DiLeo, Tanner Muret, Kyan Agdassi, Michael Chen, Ali Azzgomi, Daara Alavi and Andrew Fu. Not pictured are Kabir Chaudhry, Logan Detrick, Aarush Kachhawa, Jackson Kim, Lance Nguyen and Eric Tseng.

Young Men's Service League celebrates 29 graduates

Town Crier Report

The Young Men's Service League Rancho Chapter honored 29 graduating seniors at the first all-chapter, in-person banquet in four years April 30 at the Los Altos Community Center.

The nonprofit YMSL provides mother-son volunteer service to local community philanthropies and develops leadership skills in its young men through a national meeting curriculum and defined jobs within the chapter. The program is a four-year commitment for young men in grades 9-12 and their mothers.

Kelly Chen, outgoing president and co-founding board member, co-moderated the program, which recognized members' achievements in philanthropy hours, meeting leadership and mother-son work. Ben Pribe and Kevin Tam, from the founding Class of 2018, pre-

sented the graduating seniors.

The young men and their mothers served more than 6,600 hours during their four-year commitment. Their work included collecting food for West Valley Community Services, packing and serving food at Second Harvest Food Bank, stocking at Habitat for Humanity and repairing bikes for Silicon Valley Bike Exchange.

This year, the 29 seniors – the largest class graduating from YMSL to date – gave back to the chapter by making food for 155 members and young men at the kickoff meeting in August, creating a video of a mock business meeting that was incorporated into national chapter training and making videos featuring philanthropy tips.

During the program, mother and son Judy and Graham Cooks received the Rancho Lesley Williams Service Award for serving more than 182 cu-

mulative hours together. Seniors Alex Mohageg, CJ Blastos, Eric Mohageg, Eric Tseng, Graham Cooks, Jackson Kim and Nicholas Shen earned the Senior Leadership Award for serving 115-plus hours over four years, serving as an officer at least once in their four-year commitment and attending a high number of YMSL meetings.

"YMSL really creates a close-knit community that promotes philanthropy and citizenship like no other," said former YMSL president Eric Tseng. "Being part of YMSL has taught me and prepared me with so many skills that you don't just pick up on your own. The experience showed me that YMSL isn't some rigorous, high-commitment organization; it's one in which you can truly have fun and get to know others around you."

For more information, visit ymslrancho.org.



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Community

Los Altos High student hosts fundraiser for Syrian youth

Special to the Town Crier

Los Altos High School student Dia Hemanth has organized the HighLite College Conference, a free, virtual conference for high school students to gain insights from incoming college freshmen about navigating high school and college admissions. The event is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The conference, a benefit for Jusoor, an international nonprofit with the mission to maximize the potential of Syrian youth through education, will feature admissions experts as well as incoming college freshmen from top colleges across the country,

who will share their experience with student attendees.

Hemanth started HighLite to create a community of high school and college students who support one another.

Session topics for the day will range from admissions experts touching on brainstorming outstanding personal statements to preparing for the SAT/ACT and getting ready for college admissions, according to Hemanth, while college freshmen panels will focus on answering questions about high school courses, extracurriculars and college admissions.

HighLite organizers are requesting donations, all of which will sup-

port Jusoor. Everyone who donates \$25 or more will automatically be entered into a raffle to win prizes including one-on-one guidance from speakers at the conference.

Hemanth volunteers with Jusoor's refugee education program and high school program. Jusoor's goal is to change the lives of 1 million Syrian youth affected by years of conflict by 2031.

Space is limited, so prospective attendees are encouraged to reserve a spot in advance.

To register for the conference, visit highlite.eventbrite.com.

For a list of conference speakers and panelists, visit the Instagram account @highlitecommunity.



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Los Altos business owner Elson receives Patriotic Employer award

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The award, bestowed for “contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America’s National Guard and Reserve Force,” was presented by John Fisher, ESGR Northern California representative.

Elson is married to Lt. Col. Christopher L. Elson, public affairs officer, 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard and director of Discovery Challenge Academy in Lathrop.

She has supported her hus-

band’s military career, taken care of their family and run her businesses and their household during his three overseas mobilizations, countless training exercises and state emergencies over the course of their 30-year marriage.

Elson is a businesswoman, mother, daughter, interior and kitchen designer, and equestrian. Born and raised in Napa Valley, she is an accredited designer who specializes in full-service interior and kitchen design.

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Community Briefs

Downtown hosts summer Fun Fridays

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

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

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

LA main library offers teen lock-in

The Los Altos main library is scheduled to host an after-hours teen lock-in 7-9 p.m. Friday in the library’s Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

The evening, made possible by the Friends of the Library of Los Altos, will include games, minigolf, a marshmallow hunt, prizes, pizza and snacks.

The event is open to youth ages 12-17; no adults allowed.

All attendees must fill out and turn in a permission slip to be allowed into the lock-in.

Advance registration is required on the library event calendar.

To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/yc2j5f8c.

Exhibition on pioneer women opens Thursday

The exhibition “Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women” is set for display at the Los Altos History Museum Thursday through July 23.

The traveling exhibition from Exhibit Envoy features 30 first-person accounts collected from women who journeyed by land or sea to settle throughout California prior to Jan. 1, 1854.

For more information on Exhibit Envoy, visit exhibitenvoy.org.

For more information on the exhibition, visit losaltoshistory.org/PioneerWomen.

Museum seeks input on Heritage Orchard

The Los Altos History Museum seeks public input on restoring the city’s historical Heritage Orchard in the second in a series of Third Thursday discussions, “Conversations and Reflections: Orchard Restoration,” scheduled 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at the museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road.

Jane Packard, Ph.D., will lead the discussion.

Cost is \$10; free to members. Registration is required.

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Stepping Out

'Steel Magnolias' enters 2nd week in downtown MV

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents a new look at the comic drama "Steel Magnolias," a production that opened last weekend and is set to run through July 2 in Mountain View.

Robert Harling's play centers on a tight-knit group of Southern women who flock to Truvy's beauty parlor to get their hair done, dish gossip and provide strength and support through life's joys and tragedies.

TheatreWorks' production features a multicultural cast that aims to offer a deeper look at how women from various backgrounds regard the sanctity of having their hair done.

Actor/director Elizabeth Carter makes her TheatreWorks directing debut. The cast includes Jasmine Milan Williams (as Shelby), Dawn L. Troupe (M'Lynn), Lisa Strum (Truvy), Alexandra Lee (Annelle), Marcia Pizzo (Clairee) and Nancy Carlin (Ouiser).

Harling wrote "Magnolias" as a coping mechanism to deal with the death of his sister from diabetic complications following the birth of his namesake nephew. Originally a short story intended to help his young nephew learn more about his deceased mother and her coterie of Southern friends, it evolved into a play that enjoyed an acclaimed run Off-Broadway in 1987 before being made into a film. It has since been revived on Broadway and as a 2012 film.

Performances are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Tickets are \$30-\$95.

For tickets and more information, call (877) 662-8978 or visit TheatreWorks.org.

PA Players opens 'Puffs' this weekend at Lucie Stern

Town Crier Report

The Palo Alto Players production of the Off-Broadway comedy "Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" is scheduled to open Friday and run through July 2 at the Lucie Stern Theatre.

Matt Cox's play is based on the world of Harry Potter but places its focus on the stories of the wizarding classmates who just happened to be there while Potter saved the world. Not destined to be the heroes, the characters are just trying to make it through school.

Kristin Walter directs a cast that includes Will Livingston (as Wayne Hopkins), Nicholas Athari (Oliver River), Michelle Skinner (Megan Jones) and Tiffany Nwogu (Narrator).

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Pocket Opera performs 'Orpheus' in Mtn. View Sunday

Town Crier Report

Pocket Opera's "Orpheus in the Underworld" is scheduled 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Are Orpheus and his beloved

wife Eurydice on the outs? She has taken a lover in Pluto, the god of the Underworld, but public opinion – ever alert – ensures that all of Olympus stay on their toes.

Jacques Offenbach wrote the score, which features the "In-

TheatreWorks postpones 'Alice Bliss'

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley recently announced the postponement of its world premiere production of the new musical "Alice Bliss," originally scheduled July 12 through Aug. 6 at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

TheatreWorks executive director Debbie Chinn attributed the postponement to pandemic-related revenue loss, mostly due to subscription attrition.

"We feel it is prudent, both to ensure that this show receives the first outing it deserves and to ensure that TheatreWorks maintains its own fiscal stability in the coming months and years," Chinn said.

Patrons with tickets for "Alice Bliss" can choose to convert their tickets into New Works Festival passes, exchange their tickets for any performance of "Steel Magnolias" (running through July 2 in Mountain View), donate their value back to TheatreWorks or receive a full refund.

For more information, visit TheatreWorks.org.



Los Altos Stage Company's "Sunday in the Park with George" stars Michael Rhone from left, Alycia Adame and Rob Cadwallader.

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LA Stage Co.'s 'George' continues run at Bus Barn

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Stage Company's final production of the season, "Sunday in the Park with George," is set to run through June 25 at Bus Barn Theater.

Written by Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics) and James Lapine (book), the musical was inspired by Georges Seurat's famous painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." The play merges past and present into truths about life, love and the creation of art.

The Broadway production of the musical won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama and was nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Alex Perez directs the local production, which stars Rob Cadwallader as George, Alycia Adame as Dot and Michael Rhone as Jules.

Performances are scheduled 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays at Bus Barn, 97 Hillview Ave.

Tickets are \$20-\$40.

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Schools

Breaking barriers: MVHS grad sang, danced his way to success in new country

By Jennah Pendleton
Staff Writer/jennahp@latc.com

When Cristian Villanueva Menjivar was on his tumultuous journey from El Salvador to California in search of a new life of safety and opportunity, he never imagined just how much success he would experience by the time he graduated from Mountain View High School.

Menjivar walked across the stage and received his diploma Thursday adorned in medals and regalia representing his academic and extracurricular achievements, drawing cheers from the many people who supported him over the past year and a half.

Menjivar hails from a town in El Salvador close to the Guatemala border, a prime area for drug trafficking. One day when he was walking to school, Menjivar was stopped by several men

looking to initiate him into a gang. He denied them, but Menjivar and his family knew that his refusal could put his safety in jeopardy. They ultimately decided that the high school junior should immigrate to the U.S. and live with his aunt and uncle to avoid drug trafficking gangs and pursue a better-quality education.

"I knew that there would be more opportunities for me to pursue an education, to get access to public health and just have a better life in general," Menjivar said.

Productive partnership

The teen arrived in Mountain View in January 2022 speaking little English but full of drive and curiosity. Former Mountain View High principal Steve Hope met Menjivar shortly after the new student started classes, when his



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Cristian Villanueva Menjivar accepted his diploma at his graduation ceremony June 8.

choir teacher identified him as a student who needed extra help to be able to fully participate in choir and be able

to graduate on time.

Menjivar brought credits with him
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Defying expectations: Alta Vista grad reaps rewards of hard work

By Adrienne Mitchel
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No one thought he would graduate on time, including himself.

But Eriberto Acevedo Erostico defied all expectations and walked at Alta Vista High School's graduation ceremony Thursday.

Within the last semester, Acevedo Erostico earned 97 credits, the equivalent of 1 1/2 years' worth of schoolwork, all while working approximately 30 hours a week to help support his family.

"To be honest, I didn't really think I was going to graduate because I knew I had a lot of subjects that weren't even completed," he said.

Acevedo Erostico started his high school journey at Los Altos High, where he fell behind in his schoolwork. After three years of struggle, he transferred to Alta Vista, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District's continuation school, where he received the individual attention he needed to improve his performance in the classroom.

"Without the staff at Alta Vista, I would not have been able to graduate on time," he said.

But Acevedo Erostico was being humble. It wasn't entirely the staff that allowed him to graduate on time – Alta Vista's plan was for him to graduate after summer. It was his hard work and dedication that allowed him to walk with his peers before summer began.

"I remember just giving him a bunch of work to take home," said Lisa Falsetti, one of Acevedo Erostico's teachers. "And I thought to myself, 'This is a lot of work. He probably will get through maybe half of this.' And he would always bring it back. And he would have it done. I was just always just

surprised because I knew how long it took."

And it did take a long time. Acevedo Erostico said he usually stayed up till 3:30 or 4:00 a.m. doing homework.

His daily schedule was packed. School started at 9 a.m. (but he admitted he was usually 15 minutes late) and ended at 2:30 p.m. After school, he would head over to his job at Poke Bar in Mountain View and work 3-8:30 p.m. After clocking out, he showered, ate dinner and worked on homework until 3:30 or 4 a.m. Then he'd go to bed and start the process over again.

"Even though I was mentally and physically tired, I really didn't think about how much work I had to do," Acevedo Erostico said. "I would mostly focus on the end goal, which was finishing and graduating."

And his motivation to graduate on time was so strong, that despite his schedule, he would continue to ask for more work.

"I'll remember him coming in, smiling, and just asking for more (work). 'Can I get some more? Can I get some more?'" Falsetti said. "I think he really wanted to make his family proud, especially his mom."

Motivated by Mom

Acevedo Erostico's mother was a major motivation in his goal to graduate on time.

"She's always supporting me in everything I want to do," he said of his mom. "Even if she didn't see me doing good, she still always had faith in me that I was going to be something. And that's what motivates me to do better in life."

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Eriberto Acevedo Erostico received his diploma from Alta Vista High principal Suzanne Woolfolk at his graduation ceremony June 7.

Overcoming challenges: LAHS grad aces academics, advocacy

By **Jennah Pendleton**
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When Quetzalli “Quetzi” Hernandez moved to Mountain View from Campbell for high school, she felt isolated at times in the affluent Los Altos High student body. She knew that, unlike her family, most of her classmates’ family members were college educated and could help their children navigate academics.

“I felt like there was a possibility that (school) wasn’t for me, that it wasn’t something for my family,” Hernandez said. “I felt kind of ‘othered’ being in a school with students who have generations of education in their family, and it’s not even a question for them.”

That “question” Hernandez referred to was whether or not she would go to college. Fortunately, in her freshman year Hernandez was identified by a teacher as a prime candidate for Advancement Via Individual Determination, a program designed to prepare high school students – especially those who are ethnic minorities, low-income or would be first-generation college students – for success in four-year colleges and universities. Hernandez said joining AVID was life changing.

With support from AVID and the MVLA Scholars program, Hernandez built on her natural intelligence and determination throughout high school, earning high grades and serving as an active member of her community.

Longtime MVLA Scholars mentor Barbara Carroll met Hernandez at the beginning of her senior year and was immediately struck by the student’s energy and positive attitude.

“She was a flower that just opened up in the sun,” Carroll said. “The more we spoke in that very first meeting, I could just see her relaxing. It was very obvious to me that she was so happy to have a mentor and that it was going to work with her as far as how desperately she wanted to succeed.”

This year was one of the most critical for Hernandez, as she would be applying for college and scholarships. The previous summer she interned for



COURTESY OF QUETZALLI HERNANDEZ

Quetzalli Hernandez graduated from Los Altos High Thursday and will attend UC Davis in the fall.

a Stanford University research lab under professor Agnieszka Czechowicz and then joined professor Maya Kumar’s lab as a research intern during the school year. Both experiences solidified her interest in medical research, and it became clear to her that she would like to study medicine.

Carroll and Hernandez spent hours together working on applications and essays, but the work was not done when the applications were sent. Then, Carroll helped Hernandez research as many scholarships and grants as possible to ensure that the low-income student would be able to afford her college education.

Support system

Amid the demanding college application process, Hernandez was an active volunteer

at local homeless shelters. In school, she was a part of the Latino Student Union and the Students for Haiti Solidarity club, which advocates for human rights for the people of Haiti. Hernandez was even featured in the Town Crier two years ago when protesting the Biden administration’s deportation policies alongside fellow Haiti club members and faculty adviser Seth Donnelly.

“She has this fire in her that she wants to make everything right,” Carroll said. “If it’s wrong, she wants to make it right. If somebody’s voice isn’t being heard, she wants to be that person’s voice.”

Hernandez’s background as a low-income Latino student informed her understanding of socioeconomic inequality

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Groups of students protested in solidarity with their sister school in Haiti as well as with the students of Oakland schools when they were facing closures. Several students organized events that included charity art exhibitions, blood drives, a Relay for Life fundraiser and Out of the Darkness suicide prevention walks.

The Town Crier would also like to recognize its senior interns, Los Altos High’s Kaitlyn Huang and Karuna Chandran and Homestead’s Niyatee Jain, who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to high-quality journalism and have become invaluable members of the paper’s editorial

team.

These anecdotal examples cover only a fraction of local graduating students’ accomplishments. Some students excelled simply by surviving four years of school and making it to graduation despite personal and social hurdles.

Also worthy of praise are the many dedicated teachers, classified school employees, administrators, tutors, parents, mentors and educational nonprofit leaders who helped students reach the graduation ceremony stage.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 from the Town Crier staff.

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from his school in El Salvador, but he lacked U.S. requirements, including English and U.S. history, which he would have to make up for during the summer. Hope, a former history teacher, volunteered to help him.

Hope and Menjivar met after summer school every day to work on English-language skills. While communication was difficult in the beginning due to the language barrier, Hope's background in teaching English as a second language in Asia and Menjivar's desire to learn made for an extremely productive partnership – Menjivar completed both history and English credits, freeing up a slot in his senior schedule for choir and enabling him to enroll in Dance Spectrum, the school's dance program, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

"I want to illustrate his work ethic, how much he wants to know and how many questions he asks, because he wants to learn and he wants to under-

stand," Hope said.

Menjivar said he "had never sung before" and only joined choir because it was placed on his schedule upon arriving, but he quickly fell in love with the class, despite the overwhelming challenge of having to learn the English lyrics. Less than two years later, Menjivar sang the National Anthem front and center at last week's Mountain View High commencement ceremony with the Madrigals, the school's advanced choir.

"When he stands up there in front of hundreds and hundreds of people in the choir and sings – it's just, it's phenomenal," Hope said.

Similarly, Menjivar had never trained in dance but said he was "blown away" upon seeing the Dance Spectrum show last spring and signed up for a jazz dance class in the fall.

"I found it really difficult to be a beginning jazz dancer having never danced, so keeping up with the steps was difficult, and then in choir, learning the English lyrics was really hard

for me," he said. "And then with math and English and all my other academic classes, it was all very challenging, but I just did it."

Menjivar cited Hope and assistant principal Daniella Quiñones as invaluable beacons of support and motivation through his schooling at Mountain View High. It was really helpful to him to have an administrator who spoke Spanish and was always eager to help him, he said of Quiñones.

Mutual respect

While Hope and Quiñones were each instrumental in Menjivar's success, the gratitude goes both ways. Both educators teared up when speaking of Menjivar and his impact on the school community.

"He is who America should be. And I can get into politics and all the things about people saying (about immigrants) and all this kind of stuff. But this," Hope said, pointing at Menjivar across the table, "this is what makes us who we are as a country."

Quiñones expressed her pride in Menjivar and wants stories like his to be the rule, not the exception.

"As a school administrator, and as a teacher, students like Cristian are so few and far between, because a lot of them have such incredible barriers here in the community that they're just not able to make it to graduation or to Foothill College," she said. "One thing I've noticed about Cristian is that he is incredibly determined, and also super curious. He asks a lot of questions and he wants to know everything. And a lot of students don't have the ability to access that inner determination because of their challenges overcoming trauma and barriers in the community, many of which are financial."

Following graduation, Menjivar plans to get a job and enroll in night classes at Foothill College to continue becoming more proficient in English. He plans to reunite with his family in El Salvador when the time is right.

Menjivar's quotes were given in Spanish and translated by Quiñones.

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and taught her to be an active community member, but it was Donnelly's U.S. history class that instilled in her a sense of urgency and responsibility.

"He basically told me, 'If

you're not going to fight for it, who is?'" she said of Donnelly's influence. "And that's something that I think about to this day. If it's not going to be me, then who would it be?"

Hernandez is heading to UC Davis in the fall, where she will continue her focus on medi-

cine sparked during her time at Stanford. UC Davis was among her top choices because of its state-of-the-art facilities.

She is proud of how far she has come, Hernandez said, but she gives a lot of credit to those who have helped her make it this far – especially Carroll.

"I love Barbara," Hernandez said. "Barbara has been an amazing mentor to me. And I'm so lucky that I got her and that we were able to connect in the way that we did."

The two will remain in close contact as Carroll continues to support Hernandez through

her first couple years of college, helping her navigate the academic and social challenges of higher education.

"All the challenges that I had were overcome not by my own power, but with the support and with the love and care of so many other people around me," Hernandez said the day of her graduation. "And I'll always be grateful to everyone who helped me and is going to celebrate with me today."

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Acevedo Erostico aims to be the first person in his family to graduate from college, with the intention of giving back to his family. Fixing up cars is a huge passion of his, and he would love to own his own automotive repair shop in the future. He plans to attend and complete De Anza College's Automotive Technology program.

"I think he's going to do great (at De Anza)," Falsetti said. "He's very resilient, and a very hard worker, and I'm so proud of him."

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Rohan Agarwal
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Carlos Alfaro Rodriguez
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Guerrero
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Saarang Bondalapati
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Finlen Bouchard
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Parker Boyd
Navreet Brar
Maxwell Brown
Jolise Burch
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Ian Celestino
Yerin Cha
Alyssa Chai
Connor Benjamin Chan
Daija Chandar
Andrew Chang
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Graduation

Alta Vista High School Class of 2023

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Erostico	Jessica Oliveros
Jason Angeles-Arreola	Magallon
Julian Chavez	Janet Ortiz Soto
Riley Coates	Aliah Pimentel
Guadalupe Cruz-Sanchez	Hernandez
Ari Egan	Daniel Pulido
Lataipouvalu Finau	Lavinia Luseane Pulu
Cesar Garcia Gonzalez	Nicholas Quiles
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Jasmine Herrera	JanCarlo Sanchez
Jaxen Lapena	Maryori Santizo Godinez
Jose Lopez	Anaiyah Talaga
Spencer Lorenzen	Monique Temores
Neo Medina Bernardino	Diego Vera Olivares
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Tejas Oberoi
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* Will earn diploma from home high school

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Claudia Ulloa
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America Baltazar Garcia
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Dylan Baxter



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Brissa Dominguez Gutierrez
Maria Duenas
Alavise Duke
Rashel Galindo
Lesly Garcia Nunez
Ferdinand Geronimo
Alma Gonzalez
Jeanette Gordon
Brianda Guzman Soto
Melaine Hernandez
Chunping Huo
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Esther Lee
Elijah McClenton
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Joshua Mora
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Ana Belen Pineda
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Kristina Rogers
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Damaris Martinez Ruiz
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Brenden Morgan
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Jocelyn Ortiz Madrigal
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Graduation

Homestead High School Class of 2023 (local graduates only)

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B

Sejal Bandil
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Clement Damien Boulon

C

Charlie Jacob Castaneda
Karuna Eva Chandran
Michael Kevin Chen
Clarence Zachary Choy
Graham Thomas Cooks
Caitlyn Elizabeth Cox

D

Theodore Michael
De Swiet
Averie Anne Derham
Miles Stephen Di Leo
Chloe Grace Dupin

E, F

Ayden Sophia Marwan
Eways
Roxana Faridjoo
Benjamin Arthur Fejes
Ilai Friedman
Ayaka Fujita

G

Abhishek Vivek Garud
Kinjal Govil
Leslie Marianne Gray
Huai Guan
Nicholas Patrick Guidi

H

Lela Rose Hanson
Katelyn Elizabeth Hasser
George Haralambos Heller
Kyle Huang

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Abigail Carol Isbell
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Madhavi Karthik
Matthew Hyunsu Kim
Milan Basak Krishnappa
Kai Christopher Kumagai
Mikaela Josephine Minyi Kwan

L

Sophie Ai Lin
Ivan Wai Yip Loh
Megan Thomasina Lucas
Adrienne Faith Lum

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Simran Kiran Mundkur
Tanner David Muret



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R

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Sofia Myriam Ruhf

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Stolyar

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Emmert
Cambria Cook
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Eli Cordera
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Tayler Dance

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Mahaut de Boisset
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Logan Detrick
Kirit Dhillon
Alex Di Vitantonio
Jonathan Dimas
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Eli Dosaj
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Aramis Duenas
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Graduation

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Devon Kaskade
Mariam Kianpour
Sally King
Rathi Kolappa
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Zaid Issa

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Mitchell Cyril Johnson
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Asha Vinay Joshi

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Siminoff
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Elliot Grant

Jayden Harris
Hannah Helmy
Chase Higgins
Shinmu Jiang
Sarika Lakhani
Aaron Lee
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Jason Liu

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Heidi Purnama
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Darian Tabrizi
Conrad Wong
Sophie Wu
Ethan Zhang

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Beste Karatas
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Paige Marie Kasso
Erin Sophia Kau
Noah Isaiah Kaufman
Elyssa Marie Kennedy
Anisha Keshavdas
Sonia Khan
Viktor Maciej Kieturakis
Miu Kikuchi
Logan Burroughs Kim
Barali Kitiyakara
Tyler James Klemens
Lance Mitchell Kluge
Yumi Serena Koren
Manasvini Kothari
Jeffrey Tsui Kraskouskas
Harshwardhan Kumar
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Jacqueline Lara

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Mieke Anne Lawlor
Artis Lay
Dylan Yassir Lazaro
Bracamontes
Hyungjoon Lee
Maxwell Chi-Lun Lee
Kaitlyn Jenna Lee
Kristen Emi Lee
Maximus Lee
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Ellie Lin
Evan Xander Lingo
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Lopez

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Grey Lunk
Stormalong Hugo Lunt
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Toby Huynh

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Noah Isaacson
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Aya Iwata

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Kyle Jhong
Ayan Jhunjunwala
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Alexander
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Ava Keshavarzi

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Tai Livnat
Gabriela Lizcano
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Zachary Lovell
Henry Lovell
Isaac Lui

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Sebastien Maes
Anna Maller
Sidharth Mandava
Natalie Mark
Evan Markelz
Valeria Markova
Angel Marron Sanchez
Remi Martin
Ronan Martinez
Sara Massone
Theresa Mattia
Katherine McCarthy
Jonathan McCartney
Liam McGloin
Max McGregor
Lindsay McKinley
Dante McClure
Kaeya Mehta
Matthew Mello

Devan Melwani
Lincoln Mendenhall
Hannah Meng
Emmanuel Meza
Kali Micetich
Alexander Miller
James Miller
Henry Miranda Carrillo
Alexander Mohageg
Eric Mohageg
Arman Mohammadi
Quinn Monahan
Itzel Morales
Toki Morimoto
Sophie Morrill
Landon Muir
Logan Muir
Jaycael Mukarhinda
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Nicholas Murray
Alon Mutter

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Kimia Nejad
Francesco Newman
Kyra Niyogi
Layla Nordin
Tyler Norris
Precious Nyarko

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Neve O'Sullivan

Diego Ochoa
Calvin Olsen
Benjamin Olson
Kathryn Onyett
Jack Orrock
Alexis Ortega Flores
Yarely Oseguera-Chavez
Jackson Otto
Bryson Owens

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Arman Pakravan
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Luca Paliska
Alvina Palma Cuesta
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Skanda Palyam
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Suraj Pappu
Kaanchan
Parameswaran
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Julie Park
Lindsey Park
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Jayant Patil
Nico Patron
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Kelly Peir
Ricardo Pena-Rivera
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Victoria Phan
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Hannah Powell
Myleta Powell
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Kaitlin Pratt
Victoria Prince

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Gonzalez
Ella Rasmussen
Milo Rathbun
Sandra Ravishankar
Saskia Remsberg
Alice Rennie
Dayanara Reyes
Andre Rishel
Souf Rivkin
Guy Robbins
Camilla Robinson

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Graduation

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Karisma Manglore
Andre Gascon Mangune
Katharine Josephine Manson
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Javier Alesandro Mariona
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Bianca Alexis Martinez
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Tiffany Matute
Austen Maximillian
Shannon Kathleen McCabe
Sean Patrick McGrath
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Lindsey Mejia Joseline
Castillo
Emma Katherine Mell
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Isabel Maritza Mendez
Natalie Desiree Mendoza
Anthony Mendoza
Jake Meyer

Kira Caroline Meyer
Irina Violeta Mihaila
Mara Rose Mihanovic
Steven Anthony Millan
Abraham Gabriel
Millan-Enriquez
Hanna Mills
Colin Jorgen Mills
Jacob Zade Mitani
Tarika Modi
Jens Mohr
Maria Fernanda Monge
Gonzalez
Martin Thomas Montalvo
Alexia Jessica Mora Angeles
Chloe Manon Lee Morelle
Daniela Moreno
Raiden Robert Mori
Sarah Aoki Mosalem
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Ashwin Mukherjee
Melina Masako Murai
Gandolph George Muscarella

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Shreya Narra
Jacob Monroe Nash
Charles Henry Nath
Kian Nazari
Dalia Ximena Neri
Gabriela Mary Niechwiej
Jordan Sagar Nieves
Adam Nisman
Ryan Plens Brandt Nogueira
Desmond Maxwelll Norris

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Tejas Oberoi
Jackson Richard Okumura
Salma Nichole Olaya

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Cristian Alexis Ordonez
Rebeka Andrea Orozco
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Alexandra Ortiz Galvan
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David Palacios Martinez
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Julio Paredes
Alexandria Sierra Pargett
William Peter Park
Shinyoung Park
Chloe Yejin Park
Jackson Stuart Park
Angelina Rose Pedraza
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Liana Meiling Peterson
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Tania Amit Prabhu

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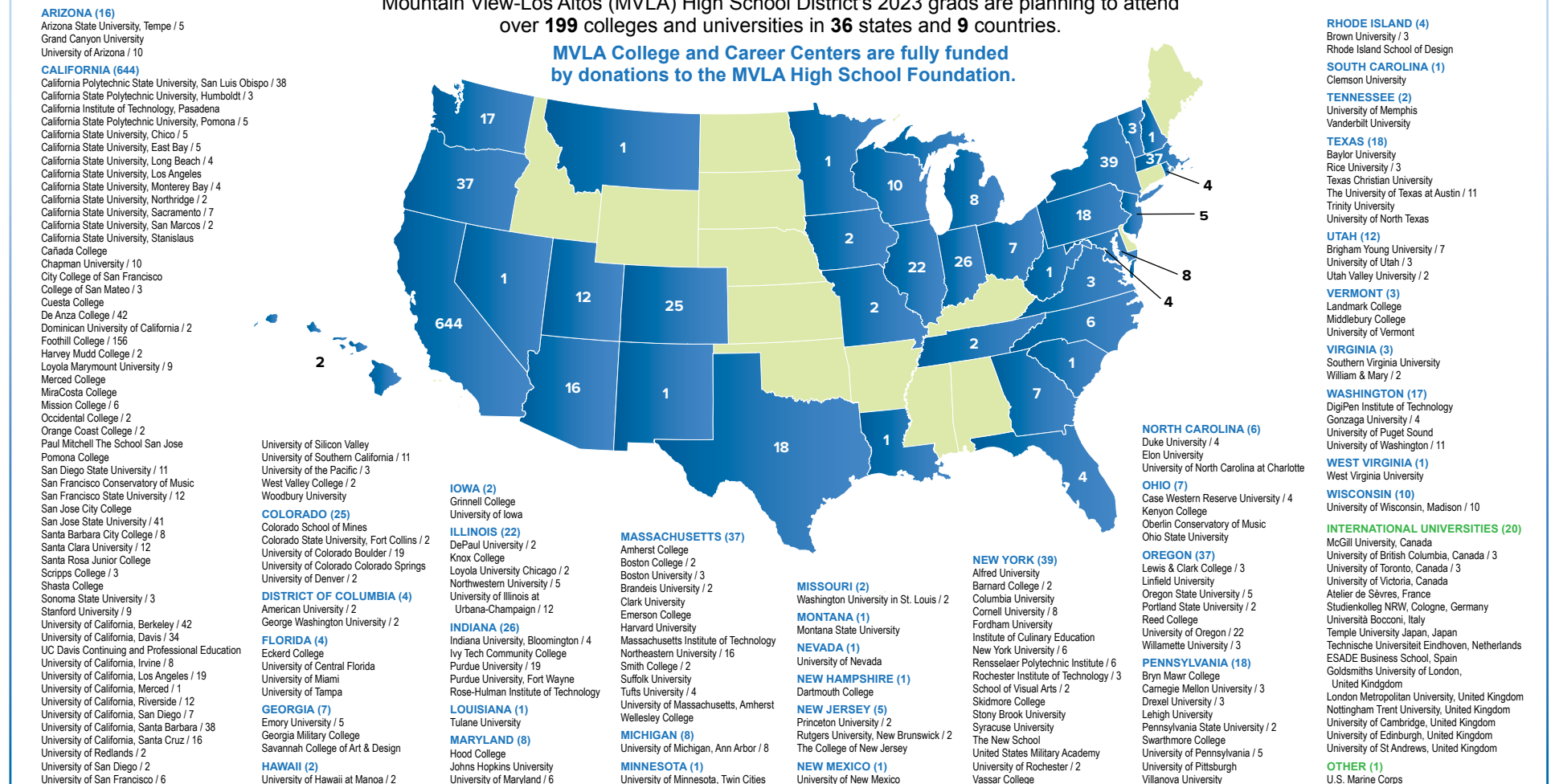
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Alto Neuroscience advances mental health treatment

By Adrienne Mitchel

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If you've driven down San Antonio Road across from downtown Los Altos, you've likely seen a sign that reads "Alto Neuroscience."

But what you don't see is that within the unassuming brown building, psychiatrist and neuroscientist Dr. Amit Etkin and his team are developing a system to accurately treat people suffering from mental health conditions.

"As a psychiatrist, you understand very acutely the frustration of not finding the right treatment," Etkin said. "As a patient, the need for something new is paramount."

Etkin explained that people with the same psychiatric disorder can respond differently to the same treatment. Because of this, traditional psychiatry operates through a trial-and-error approach, where patients are prescribed drugs until finally one works. However, this approach prolongs personal suffering, and patients may give up before the proper drug is prescribed.

How can the problem be solved? Etkin and his team developed an artificial intelligence-enabled biomarker platform that matches biomarkers in patients' brains with the correct drugs. Therefore, a patient displaying a particular biomarker can be matched with a particular drug.

"Our clinical timelines and stages are such that within the next few years, I think we'll have some pretty good answers, and a few years after that, some



COURTESY OF DR. AMIT ETKIN

As founder and CEO of Alto Neuroscience, Dr. Amit Etkin aims to make a major impact in the mental health field.

drugs on the market," Etkin said. "It's no longer like a science project. It's really a high-impact company looking to change a really big sector of health care and of just how people experience the world around mental health."

Reaching new heights

Etkin always knew he wanted to be a scientist. As a 10-year-old, he idolized Albert Einstein and was fascinated by thought experiments. After earning his medical degree and doc-

torate, he became a professor at Stanford University, running a lab focused on determining why people with the same psychiatric disorder respond differently to the same drug.

But he wanted to solve problems, not just write about them.

"When you're in a university and publishing papers, you're doing basic science – you don't really know how true and important the work that you're doing is," Etkin said. "But applied science is where you're trying

to solve real problems – that's really where the impact is to be had."

He left Stanford in 2019 to start Alto Neuroscience, naming it after both Palo Alto and Los Altos – Palo Alto for its Stanford origin and Los Altos for its location. The word "Alto," Latin for "high," also symbolizes the company's goal of hitting the heights of bringing science to impact.

Now, over three years later, Alto Neuroscience comprises a team of
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Maintaining sobriety on Independence Day is not an impossible task

By Michael Leach

Summer can often seem synonymous with alcohol, which can be particularly challenging for someone recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction. The Fourth of July holiday is associated with heavy drinking.

It can be challenging to enjoy the festivities without compromising sobriety. It can also be challenging for hosts to be conscientious about a guest who is in recovery or not drinking. However, staying sober this Independence Day is not an impossible task.

July 4 is America's top beer-drinking holiday. Consumers spend an estimated \$1 billion on beer during the holiday, and more than \$450 million on wine.

"Excessive alcohol consumption is common during the Fourth of July, and there are challenges for people in sobriety," said Marcel Gemme, CEO and founder of Addicted.org. "Fortunately, there are practical ways to stay sober and enjoy the Fourth of July celebrations."

Alcohol is easily accessible. In Santa Clara County, approximately 82% of residents ages 18 and older reported consuming

alcohol, according to the county's Substance Use Assessment, and approximately two-thirds reported having a drink in the past 30 days.

Tips for staying sober

Consider the following pointers.

- **Surround yourself with supportive people.** A support system is a crucial part of recovery. You don't have to avoid social situations; attend with other sober people or people who support your life. Wherever you decide to go, you always have the option to leave.
- **Bring your own drinks**

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and focus on the food. There are numerous options for non-alcoholic beverages and mocktails. Bringing your own drinks helps avoid people pushing alcohol and those individuals who don't take "no" for an answer. Also, encourage hosts to provide nonalcoholic options.

- **Have an exit strategy if things become too much to manage.** For example, drive yourself, or have a way home.

Staying sober and driving yourself is the best way to stay alert and focused. Generally, drunken driving incidents increase on the Fourth of July.

- **Find somewhere other than a party to celebrate.** No rule says that the Fourth of July should be celebrated with a huge backyard party. There are many different ways to mark the holiday, whether local festivities, beaches, sports games or smaller gatherings.

The most important thing to remember is not to suffer in silence. Don't be afraid to speak

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How physical therapy and Pilates can address, manage back pain

By Kim Gladfelter

Back pain is among the most common physical problems many people experience at some point in life.

It can be caused by many factors, including poor posture, incorrect lifting techniques or body mechanics, repetitive stress, sustained positions, sports-related injuries, accidents or trauma, musculoskeletal conditions,

post-operative care and underlying medical conditions.

Surrounding areas also can contribute to pain, such as muscle tightness, abdominal weakness and lack of hip mobility. A weak or poorly functioning pelvic floor also may be a reason for why you experience chronic back pain that doesn't resolve with conventional treatment.

Seeing a physical therapist who specializes in the back and pelvic floor can signifi-

cantly improve the quality of your life. Most people experience a gradual onset of pain that makes it challenging to figure out why back pain happens in the first place.

Back pain may be a dull ache, burning sensation, numbness, tingling or sharp pain that starts in your lower back. It may also radiate down one or both legs. Oftentimes the hip and sacroiliac joint in the back of your pelvic girdle are involved.

You may experience back pain only with certain activities, or you may feel constant pain. You may feel pain in your back when you do something as simple as bending over to pick up a pencil or putting on socks. Back pain may also occur after an injury, such as a fall or lifting something heavy. It is often the result of muscle strain, ligament damage, degenerative discs that sit between the vertebrae or a pinched nerve in the spine. Symptoms can range from mild to severe or chronic.

Physical therapists are licensed health-care providers who specialize in the treatment of physical injuries or



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Physical therapy that incorporates therapeutic Pilates is an effective treatment for lower back pain, according to PhysioFit owner and physical therapist Kim Gladfelter.

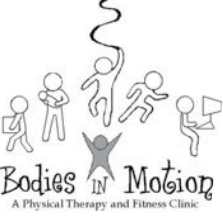
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limitations. We can help you learn how to manage your back pain and discomfort and prevent future episodes. A physical therapist can work with you to develop a program that focuses on regaining mobility, flexibility, strength, stretching, balance, coordina-

tion and conditioning. You also can learn about proper body mechanics for lifting objects. Through the use of hands-on techniques such as active and soft tissue release, we help you manage your pain and improve your activity level and quality of life.

A physical therapist who works in a more nontraditional small practice typically
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Fremont Hills club members said they welcome "our sister clubs and the surrounding Los Altos Hills community to join us in this act of solidarity to save lives."

Cookies and juice will be provided to those who donate.

Registered donors will be entered in a drawing to win tickets for four premium seats behind home plate at a San Francisco Giants game. Also, each registered donor will receive a \$15 eGift card, with many options to choose from.

Donors are required to register online and select a time at sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/12252. Use the

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For donor eligibility requirements and more information, email Clayton Toller at ctoller@stanford.edu or visit stanford-bloodcenter.org/donate-blood.

ECH receives honor for maternity care

El Camino Health has once again been named a "five ribbon" hospital, receiving top honors on Newsweek's 2023 list of America's Best Maternity Hospitals.

The distinction recognizes facilities that have provided exceptional care to mothers, newborns and their families, as verified by Statista Inc.

El Camino Health delivers more than 5,000 babies annually and is currently expanding the women's hospital on its Mountain View campus in a \$149 million project to accommodate more families. The goal of the expansion is to create an environment that will deliver the most advanced science in medicine to ensure superior care for every step of the patient journey. Facility improvements include:

- 66% more patient rooms in

labor and delivery

- 44% more patient rooms in the mother-baby unit
- 20% more neonatal intensive care unit beds

A new NICU and maternity unit is scheduled to be finished this summer, with the fully remodeled facility set for completion in 2024. El Camino Health is currently the only health-care system in the Bay Area with a dedicated women's hospital.

"Prestigious honors like this underscore why El Camino Health delivers more babies than any other health-care provider in the area," said Dan Woods, CEO of El Camino Health. "Families choose to deliver here because we have excellent physicians and seasoned caregivers, and soon we will have a completely remodeled women's hospital."

Three data sources were used for the evaluation:

- Nationwide online survey (hospital managers and health-care professionals with knowledge about maternity processes were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals in the U.S.)

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What's the deal with intermittent fasting?



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Intermittent fasting is based on cyclical fasting and eating times.

By Erin Paruszewski

The term “intermittent fasting” has become prevalent over the past decade. Intermittent fasting is an eating plan that cycles between scheduled periods of fasting and scheduled periods of eating, also known as “eating windows.”

The concept is simple and nothing new. Fasting, in some form or another, has been around for centuries and has been practiced for different reasons. However, the recent increase in popularity and adoption of intermittent fasting is due to

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its promised positive health outcomes.

There is a lot of information out there about intermittent fasting that can be both overwhelming and polarizing. Following is an abbreviated attempt to summarize the “what” of intermittent fasting and synthesize the plethora of information into a succinct and informative format. This information is educational in nature and is not

intended to serve as medical advice. Always consult your doctor before making changes to your health practices.

There are many definitions of “fasting,” including time-restricted and day-restricted eating, and a combination of the two. Fasting can be as simple as not eating between dinner and breakfast, or the fast can be longer and more involved. A 16:8 is a common fasting schedule, meaning you fast for 16 hours and consolidate any eating into an eight-hour window.

There is also 5:2 fasting, which means you eat normally five days a week and eat a restricted number of calories the other two days. In addition, there is alternate-day fasting, which means you alternate eating normally with eating either nothing or eating very minimally.

Intermittent fasting is shown to have many potential benefits. When combined with a healthy diet, intermittent fasting may improve insulin sensitivity, blood pressure, cholesterol, focus and sleep. And, most notably, people intermittently fast to lose weight.

The theory behind fasting is that when you give your body a break from its primary source of fuel, glucose, it

turns to the secondary source and starts metabolizing fat.

This not only helps with weight loss, but also can help curb cravings, provide more sustainable energy and reduce inflammation in the body.

However, fasting isn't ideal for everyone, and there are potential risks, including under-fueling, especially before a workout, feeling dizzy or light-headed or overeating

during the eating window. It can also be dangerous when combined with certain conditions or medications.

The biggest risk, and the one I see the most in the fitness industry, is disordered eating.

Unfortunately, intermittent fasting has become a socially acceptable way for people to skip meals and

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has more consistent one-on-one time to help you develop a program that fits your needs and personal goals.

This is a great option if you are looking for a noninvasive, natural solution. Additionally, some physical therapists who are in settings with more time to be thorough can provide lifestyle advice and education on how to improve your physical health and prevent further flare-ups.

Therapeutic Pilates

Back pain may stop you from playing with your kids or grandkids, gardening, sitting, getting out to do other activities you enjoy or even getting out of the house for a walk. Physical therapy is a very effective treatment for lower back pain. Some physical therapists success-

fully integrate Pilates into the sessions to help control your back pain. You may find this helpful long term to manage chronic back pain.

Pilates is most successful in helping to control your back pain when you have individual time with a physical therapist or instructor skilled in therapeutic Pilates. This is feedback I have heard from many patients and clients over the years who successfully manage pain with consistent individualized guidance and modifications as needed. It can transform your ability to have or return to a more active lifestyle.

If you decide to use Pilates to help with back pain, note that when it comes to safety considerations while doing Pilates exercises, there are several important things to keep in mind.

- Proper form and alignment are essential for avoiding

injury. Ensure that you are guided with the correct posture and positioning for each exercise before executing it.

- Use appropriate equipment to give your body the necessary support and stability to help with proper movement.

- Focus on using smooth, controlled movements as opposed to jerky or quick ones; this will help you maintain proper form when performing the exercises.

- Always listen to your body. If any exercise is causing pain or discomfort, stop immediately and ask for guidance or advice from a qualified physical therapist or instructor trained in therapeutic recovery.

Kim Gladfelter is owner, physical therapist and Pilates instructor at PhysioFit Physical Therapy & Wellness in Los Altos. For more information, visit physiofitpt.com.

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“This is a shift in how we think about psychiatric disorders,” Etkin said. “We’re no longer just talking about symptoms. Now, we’re diagnosing you as having a particular type of brain process of interest for a drug. It becomes, ‘Here’s what’s going on in my brain; here’s why I’m taking this medication.’ I think that

changes a lot – that changes stigma, that changes the desire of people to engage with and maintain in treatment.”

So now when you drive down San Antonio and see the “Alto Neuroscience” sign, just know that like mental health, there’s more inside than what you can see.

“We’ve really enjoyed being part of this community, and hopefully people are proud of us as a Los Altos company,” Etkin said.

For more information on Alto Neuroscience, visit altoneuroscience.com.

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up if you’re having a bad time or feeling anxious or stressed. Call or text someone and reach out for help.

Just because you’re sober doesn’t mean you have to stop having fun. The Fourth of July is an exciting and eventful day for millions of Americans. Stay-

ing sober means you can truly celebrate and appreciate what Independence Day is all about.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a health-care professional specializing in substance use disorder and addiction recovery. He is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and contributor to the website [Recovery Begins](http://RecoveryBegins.com) (rehab-center.com).

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undereat, which can be physically and hormonally devastating, as well as lead to a disordered relationship with food.

Is intermittent fasting right for you?

Review the following information before determining whether to pursue an intermittent fasting plan.

- As with all diet and exercise trends, different things work for different people.

There is no one-stop shopping that universally works for everyone. Know your body and your “why.”

- Fasting between dinner and breakfast (also known as the 12:12) is generally regarded as a safe practice, as your body needs time to rest, digest and restore.

- Prolonged intermittent fasting (that is, 16:8 or all day) is generally found to be more

effective for adult men and postmenopausal women.

- Intermittent fasting is not recommended for pregnant and nursing women, children and adolescents, or for those with hypoglycemia or diabetes.

- Intermittent fasting is not recommended for those with a history of eating disorders or disordered eating.

- Intermittent fasting is more complicated in premenopausal women and is not recommended during the third week of one’s cycle, as it can disrupt the production of progesterone. Consult your physician for guidance.

- Fasting 16-plus hours is a stressor on your body. It can be a healthy stressor if done in moderation, but it can also put the body in a protective state. Too much fasting or undereating can cause your body to slow down, including metabolism, thyroid function, sex hormone production

and digestion.

If you are considering intermittent fasting, remember:

- Consult with your health practitioner.

- Do not fast for more than 24 hours. When your body goes into starvation mode, it may start storing fat for fuel versus burning it.

- Hydrate. Your body is made up mostly of water, and 20% of your daily intake comes from food. When fasting, you need extra water to compensate. You can also drink other zero-calorie drinks like coffee or tea, but recognize that they can be dehydrating so you may need extra water to compensate.

- Eat nutrient-dense, nourishing foods. Fasting is not permission or justification to eat whatever you want when you break your fast.

- Pay attention. Just because something works for a while doesn’t mean it’s going to serve your best interests longer term. You may have to adapt your practices over time.

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Plasma donation is an impactful, meaningful way to give back to the community this summer. By donating plasma, you can help people like Mabelle Pecoraro.

Pecoraro lives with Hereditary Angioedema (HAE), a rare disease that can cause attacks of swelling, and often pain, in specific parts of the body, including the stomach, hands, feet, arms, legs, genitals, throat and face. Like with many serious and rare diseases, the therapies used to treat HAE require human plasma donations.

"Plasma donors directly impact my ability to live a full and productive life," Pecoraro said. "Therapies made from these donations allow me and my son, who also lives with HAE, to receive ongoing treatment for our conditions."

Plasma, a straw-colored liquid that carries red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets, helps maintain a steady level of blood pressure, supports the immune system and delivers critical nutrients to cells.

Plasma donations are used to replace crucial proteins people living with rare and serious diseases lack, and to produce therapies that treat diseases such as primary immune deficiencies, hereditary angioedema, hemophilia, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin deficiency and various bleeding and neurological disorders.

There is a critical and ongoing need for plasma donations, as these life-saving medicines treat people in more than 100 countries around the world. Every year, it takes more than 1,200 plasma donations to treat one hemophilia patient, more

than 900 plasma donations to treat one Alpha-1 patient and more than 130 plasma donations to treat one primary immune deficiency patient.

"Plasma donors do the amazing, as plasma is used to develop life-saving therapies for people living with rare and serious diseases," said Rachpal Malhotra, M.D., head of plasma donor safety at CSL Plasma, which has locations in Hayward and Stockton. "We encourage those who can donate to visit a nearby CSL Plasma donation center."

Eligible, qualified plasma donors also receive payments in connection with donating plasma.

To donate, individuals must be in good health, between the ages of 18 and 74, weigh at least 110 pounds and have had no tattoos or piercings within the past four months. Donors must also meet the health and screening requirements and have valid identification with a permanent address.

The collection process takes approximately 90 minutes after the first donation.

Donors should drink four to six 8-ounce glasses of water, fruit juice or other caffeine-free liquid at least two to three hours before donation, avoid caffeinated beverages, avoid alcohol of any type for 24 hours beforehand, eat a meal prior to donation and get adequate sleep.

"I thank all donors and encourage anyone who is considering donating to remember that doing so does make an impact for people like me and my son," Pecoraro said.

For more information on plasma donation, visit cslplasma.com.

visit newsweek.com/rankings/americas-best-maternity-hospitals-2023.

For more information on El Camino Health, visit elcaminohealth.org.

HICAP assistance available for seniors

The Los Altos Adult 50+ Program offers one-hour Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) appointments for seniors 1-4 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month with HICAP specialist Nancy Lee.

To schedule an appointment, call (650) 947-2797.

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To submit your resume or to nominate someone you know, please email nominations@elcaminohealth.org.

All application materials are due by June 20, 2023.

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- Medical key performance indicators (with a focus on indicators relevant to maternity care, such as a hospital's rate of cesarean births)

- Patient satisfaction data

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 10,000 medical professionals to participate in the survey. Only 384 winners were recognized on the America's Best Maternity Hospitals 2023 list, with 159 institutions receiving top honors, including El Camino Health.

For the full list of recipients,



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Sports

Sports on the Side

SF golfers compete at section finals

St. Francis High's Sam Baumuller and Max Oberweis-Manion placed 44th and 64th, respectively, at last month's Central Coast Section golf championships. Baumuller shot a 79 and Oberweis-Manion carded an 89 at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

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; and a diving coach. If interested, email athletic director Michelle Noeth at michelle.noeth@mvl.net. Mountain View High needs a varsity girls lacrosse coach, a JV head coach for girls volleyball and an assistant coach for cross-country. If interested, email athletic director Tim Lugo at tim.lugo@mvl.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.

NFHS puts out call for sports officials

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

CIF's free newsletter offered to parents

The California Interscholastic Federation, the governing body for the state's high school sports, issues a free monthly newsletter via

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Egan & Blach athletes are terrific on the track at league, county finals

By Pete Borello
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Based on the results of last month's middle school league and county meets, the local high schools should continue to have formidable track and field teams in the coming years.

A slew of athletes from Egan Junior High and Blach Intermediate School followed stellar performances at the league finals with strong showings at the county championships.

Egan's seventh-grade girls team won its division at the Valley Athletic League finals and claimed the county crown a week later at the Silicon Valley Middle School Championships.

Egan coach Steve Apfelberg said the school's "talented seventh-graders won and placed highly in multiple events" at the VAL finals hosted by Graham Middle School May 16 and 17. They racked up 90 points, doubling the score of second-place Miller. Teams from four school districts in the area participated in the meet.

Two members of Egan's seventh-grade squad won individual events: Maya

Meltz (100-meter dash) and Fernanda Mendieta (65 hurdles). Both girls were also on the Vikings' victorious 4x100 relay team, along with Dylan Harrison and Makayla Mase. Egan placed first in the 4x400 relay as well; the team included Dylan, Ava Belton, Anneliese Braun and Caroline Bygholm.

In addition, Anneliese finished second in the 65 hurdles, triple jump and shot put, while Makayla was the runner-up in the 100 dash and placed fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus. Three more Vikings placed among the top five in their respective events: Olivia Cheng (fourth in long jump), Linnea Amren (fourth in discus) and Chloe Gamiz (fifth in high jump).

Egan's seventh-grade girls were just as dominant at the county meet, held May 23 at Westmont High. The Vikings totaled 71 points – a whopping 40 more than second-place Kennedy. Thirty-four schools from three leagues in Silicon Valley took part in the annual meet.

"The point parade resulted from a slew of top-eight showings," Apfelberg said.

Fernanda won the 65 hurdles, just as she did at the league finals, and was also on



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE APFELBERG

Egan Junior High's seventh-grade girls track team, above, placed first at both the league and county championship meets. The team comprised Ava Belton, from left, Makayla Mase, Fernanda Mendieta, Dylan Harrison, Caroline Bygholm, Maya Meltz, Anneliese Braun, Olivia Cheng and Chloe Gamiz. Egan eighth-graders Yuto Kaplinsky, below from left, and Sabrina Neal proudly wear the gold medals they received for winning the boys triple jump and girls high jump, respectively, at the county meet.



the triumphant 4x100 relay team with Maya, Makayla and Dylan. Egan's 4x400 relay team of Anneliese, Ava, Caroline and Dylan took home another first-place award as well.

Anneliese placed in three individual events: the 65

hurdles (second), triple jump (third) and shot put (fourth). Maya came in second in the 100 dash. Makayla was fifth in the shot put and sixth in the 100 dash.

The Vikings had three seventh-place finishers – Ava See TRACK, Page 31

Bay Area teams battle for championship at international golf tourney in Mtn. View

Town Crier Staff Report

One Bay Area team edged another for first place at the inaugural ODIN Golf x Save Par Shindig, an international golf tournament for recreational players held June 3 at Shoreline Golf Links in Mountain View.

Winning team Dart SZN of Hillsborough shot 13-under par to beat Sandy Pars Podcast from San Rafael by a stroke. Members of the championship team included Mike Van Anthony, Ryan Kerbs, PJ Hudec and Matt Novak.

Twenty-one teams competed in the event, including the Misfits from Los Altos/Mountain View.

Jordan Lunetta, a Sunnyvale native who graduated from St. Simon Parish School in

Los Altos, organized the ODIN Golf x Save Par Shindig.

The scramble-format tournament for novices to scratch golfers offered \$10,000 in prizes, according to Lunetta, and registration sold out in just 20 minutes.

The event was streamed on Instagram. "Many of our community members first met online on Instagram – in some cases, several years ago – so it was the first time we all got together in person," said Lunetta, co-founder of ODIN, which sells golf balls and apparel.

There are plans to take the tournament on the road to other parts of the country, he added.

For more information on the tourney, visit tinyurl.com/4t8jvnhx.



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Brian O'Reilly of the team Duffin' Up hits a shot at the ODIN Golf x Save Par Shindig June 3 at Shoreline Golf Links.

Blue comes through



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The MVLA Soccer Club's Madrid Blue girls team won the 2023 NorCal State Cup U12 championship earlier this year in Modesto. Madrid Blue beat the California Odyssey 1-0 in the final. A few months before that, Madrid Blue played up an age bracket and won the NorCal Fall League U13 Premier Division. Front, from left: Laila Alqadah, Kaylani Ahn, Sienna Ranaweera, Lily Meltz, Kinsley Ozawa, Taylor Kim and Faith Vronis. Back: Coach Guillermo Talancon, Chandra Morales, Natalie Stavrakos, Grace Schweigert, Claire Shin, Josie Daniel, Caroline Mortimore, Grace Wagner, Makena Mercer and Olivia Gluchowski.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE KANE

Blach Intermediate School's seventh-grade boys 4x100 relay team, left, commemorates winning its race and setting the meet record at the county championships. Team members included Colin Ching, from left, Kel Scanlon, Jasper Lee and Martin Markov. At right, Martin also wears the gold medal he received for winning the boys 100 dash at last month's meet.

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(triple jump), Linnea (discus) and Chloe (high jump) – and Olivia placed eighth in the long jump.

Along with the seventh-grade girls, Egan's eighth-grade boys and girls "turned in some incredible performances" at the county meet, according to Apfelberg.

Yuto Kaplinsky paced the boys by winning the triple jump and placing sixth in the long jump. John Becker secured second in the discus, Micah Ng finished fourth in the triple jump and Ryan Apfelberg was seventh in the 100 dash.

For the girls, Sabrina Neal won the high jump, Natalie Erdell placed third in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump, while Emilia Chen finished eighth in the long jump.

Falcons flourish, too

Blach "qualified a good amount of athletes for the (county meet)," co-head coach Steve Kane said, led by the eighth-grade boys. That team came in second at the league finals and fourth at the Silicon Valley meet.

Three of these eighth-graders placed among the top eight in at least one individual event. Falcons finished one-two in the long

jump, with Rimu Torrie claiming the event and Ryan Wong earning runner-up honors. Le Richardson took third in the triple jump.

Martin Markov starred for the seventh-grade boys, winning two gold medals for Blach. He placed first in the 100 dash and also anchored the Falcons' victorious 4x100 relay team. The foursome of Martin, Jasper Lee, Colin Ching and Kel Scanlon bested its record-setting win at the league finals (50.00 seconds) with a county-record time of 49.03.

Martin's winning time of 11.87 in the 100 dash at the league finals was also a meet record.

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email for parents/guardians of student-athletes in California. It aims to keep parents informed of issues such as health and safety, eligibility and state championships. To subscribe and for more information, visit cifstate.org.

Free pickup hoops slated Sundays in MV

Silicon Valley Basketball hosts free pickup games 9:30 a.m. to noon Sundays on the outdoor courts at Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. All skill levels, ages and genders are welcome. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/52bhe58v.

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Business & Real Estate

Alkalign closes local studio, but classes continue online

By Christina Casillas
Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

Although downtown Los Altos-based exercise and wellness business Alkalign Studios held its last in-person classes Saturday, Alkalign CEO and founder Erin Paruszewski said all classes will continue but be conducted differently.

Alkalign has been offering classes via livestream since the pandemic forced people indoors, and Paruszewski said classes will now be taught in an online format that encourages interaction among students and instructors.

Many Alkalign clients believe that a tight sense of community set the studio apart from other gyms, and Paruszewski said that atmosphere will remain as students take classes from the comfort of their own homes.

“We can say hello to their family members and their pets. We invite people to jump on early, stay after, catch up – all the things we do in the studio, you know?” Paruszewski said of the new format. “Share what TV show you’re watching, tell us where you’re traveling this summer, all those things. It’s



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO
Erin Paruszewski, right, leads a class at Alkalign Studios earlier this year. She held her last in-person class at the studio Saturday.

interactive instead of being what we call ‘one to many.’”

“One to many” classes are those that are one-way, such as a class led by an instructor who is visible to students, but students aren’t visible to the instructor.

Classes are available to those with a monthly membership, which costs \$99, and includes

the livestream classes, class recordings and digital programs.

Connections to continue

Paruszewski’s brick-and-mortar studio at 249 First St. had been struggling since the pandemic, and she said while its closing is heartbreaking –

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ADRIENNE MITCHEL/TOWN CRIER

JPMorgan Chase won’t confirm if the First Republic Bank branch in Los Altos, above, may be among those closing this year.

First Republic’s Los Altos branch could be among those closing, but JPMorgan Chase isn’t saying

The future of the First Republic Bank branch in downtown Los Altos remains uncertain after JPMorgan Chase acquired the struggling bank May 1.

JPMorgan Chase is set to close a quarter of the First Republic offices, according to Peter Kelley, JPMorgan Chase and Co. California spokesperson, but isn’t “confirming locations at this time” – or exactly when that will happen.

“After a thorough review, we have decided to close 21 former First Republic Preferred Banking Offices by the end of 2023, representing a quarter of the offices we acquired,” he said. “These locations have

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relatively low transaction volumes and are generally within a short drive from another First Republic office. Clients should expect to continue to receive the same level of service with seamless access to their money.”

Along with the branch at 400 S. San Antonio Road in Los Altos, First Republic has a location just a few miles away in Mountain View. That office is located at 401 San Antonio Road, Suite 68.

– Christina Casillas

When it comes to stock investing, this time really is different

By Artie Green

“This time really is different.” How many times have you heard that phrase?

In the context of investing, it usually means something fundamental has changed in the way capital markets operate. The implied consequence is that you can no longer rely on the way things worked in the past to make investment decisions about the future.

But were you ever able to do that in the first place?

There is a trading technique called technical analysis used by many investment aficionados. They believe that patterns seen in past trading activities and securities prices can be used to predict future price movements. Technicians use historical price charts to search for patterns to which they’ve given descriptive names such as “head

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and shoulders” or “double top/bottom reversal.” Their expectation is that such patterns will repeat themselves. They also calculate lines of support or resistance as indicators for when to buy or sell stocks.

It should be no surprise that the concept of pattern recognition has so much appeal. Our ability to see patterns is one of the most basic learning techniques of the human brain. We apply it so often that there’s even a word to describe our tendency to see patterns in random data where there are none. It’s called “apophenia.” Could the patterns observed by technical analysts be nothing more than that?

In reality, publicly traded markets don’t have memories. Every minute of

every day, buyers and sellers renegotiate prices for each and every available security. It makes no difference what Apple Inc. stock sold for yesterday. Or last week. Or even last year.

What matters to investors right now is how they expect it to perform in the future. The price of a stock at any moment in time is the price that buyers and sellers of that stock agreed to at that moment.

Why would past Apple trading patterns have any bearing on that?

A year ago, Apple’s profitability outlook was different. Investor sentiment was also a far cry from what it is today. Back then everyone was preoccupied with inflation.

Today, it’s banking and debt ceiling political brinkmanship. Even if some of the price movements happened to match, why would you expect the same price pattern from last year to play itself

out in the same way this year?

There are statistical techniques that can be used to help with investment portfolio allocations and other investment decision making. But not to predict price changes – especially in the short term.

So, the next time you hear someone in the investment world say, “This time is different,” you can agree with them. When it comes to investing, every time is different.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors (DBA: Perigon Wealth Management, LLC, a registered investment advisor). For more information, visit cognizantwealth.com.



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Transactions

Los Altos

739 Anderson Drive, Fowler Trust to L. & F. Sun for \$3,650,000

1019 Crooked Creek Drive, Bennett Trust to F. & M. Ramanathan for \$4,030,000

492 Deodara Drive, S. Bae to Balaji & Rupa Trust for \$4,002,000

1378 Don Kirk Street, C. Dye to M. & J. Ma for \$3,660,000

754 Edge Lane, Russell-Gilford Trust to Q. & Y. Song for \$5,180,000

110 W. Edith Avenue No. 1, Roberts Trust to W. Zou for \$1,680,000

132 Hawthorne Avenue, Sun & Lu Family Trust to Chen Trust for \$8,650,000

1070 Mercedes Avenue No. 20, J. Fletcher to M. Jeswani for \$985,000

11721 Putter Way, Gahari LLC to V. & V. Kori for \$3,025,000

Los Altos Hills

28635 Matadero Creek Court, A. & L. Liu to Nukala Family Trust for \$8,355,000

Mountain View

914 Boranda Avenue No. 4, Daugusta Trust to S. & F. Bleibel for \$1,045,000

1101 W. El Camino Real No. 202, M. & M. Kiskis to S. & S. McRitchie for \$1,540,000

149 Gladys Avenue, W. Yang to C. & Y. Wang for \$1,570,000

2040 W. Middlefield Road No. 12, J. Pusateri to Rusanov Family Trust for \$1,404,000

620 Willowgate Street No. 4, S. Bhattacharya to E. & J. Freche for \$1,580,000

Cupertino

10647 S. Blaney Avenue, Y. Lv to W. & C. Li for \$2,800,000

20308 Northwest Square, Costandi Trust to Gallo Trust for \$1,165,000

10416 Paradise Drive, Bin & Ying LLC to X. & Y. Wu for \$2,850,000

21947 Shattuck Drive, Bauman Family Trust to Y. & K. Lee for \$3,310,000

10270 Sterling Boulevard, SF21G LLC to Golden Granite LLC for \$1,625,000

10081 S. Tantau Avenue, X. Zhang to Akella Family Trust for \$2,420,000

10310 Walnut Circle, Yu Trust to 10310 Walnut Circle LLC for \$2,763,000

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Average sale: \$1,427,800

Cupertino

Total sales: 7
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Highest sale: \$3,310,000
Average sale: \$2,419,000

Transaction information is obtained from public county records and provided to the Town Crier each week by Cal REsource.

Deadline to be exhibitor at July's tech showcase in Mtn. View extended to this Thursday at noon

Town Crier Report

The deadline to apply to be an exhibitor at next month's eighth annual Technology Showcase in downtown Mountain View has been extended to Thursday.

The outdoor event, co-sponsored by the city of Mountain View and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, is an opportunity for local tech-oriented companies to showcase their ideas and products to a wide audience. It is open to entrepreneurs, startups and

established businesses.

The showcase is slated 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20 in Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St.

Free and open to the public, the event typically attracts hundreds of people.

There is also no cost to be an exhibitor. Those who register to do so by noon Thursday will be granted use of a booth that includes a 6-foot table, a white table cover and two chairs. Each exhibit space is 10 feet long by 10 feet wide.

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she was seven months pregnant with her first child when she launched the business more than 13 years ago, so it's older than her children, she noted – it was time to let it go.

"It's been a lot to process," she said. "I've been stressed about the finances, I've been stressed about the mental health of the community and what we're all going to do after the closing and how we're going to find community and connection. But I'm also, I think, feeling relieved at this point. It's just been so much stress."

Paruszewski learned last December that the business would have to leave its First Street location after receiving an email related to showing the studio to potential renters.

For a long time, she added, her emotional and physical health have deteriorated from trying to keep the business afloat, and she's experienced burnout that has affected the enthusiasm with which she approaches projects.

While Paruszewski expects to take

the summer to refocus and spend time with family, she said she's of the "never say never" mindset when it comes to opening another brick-and-mortar studio.

In addition to focusing on the livestreaming service and adding new features to the platform, Paruszewski plans to host workshops, deliver presentations in the community and pursue various health-related passions.

"We are also doing small-group training and focusing more on rehab – so, people who have injuries or have gone through a surgery and want to get back to moving and have sort of graduated from (physical therapy) but aren't quite ready for the next thing, that's our sweet spot."

Paruszewski said she's looking forward to the future and the plans she has for writing, speaking and educating.

"That isn't just limited to Los Altos anymore," she said. "I can do it anywhere across the world, so that's exciting."

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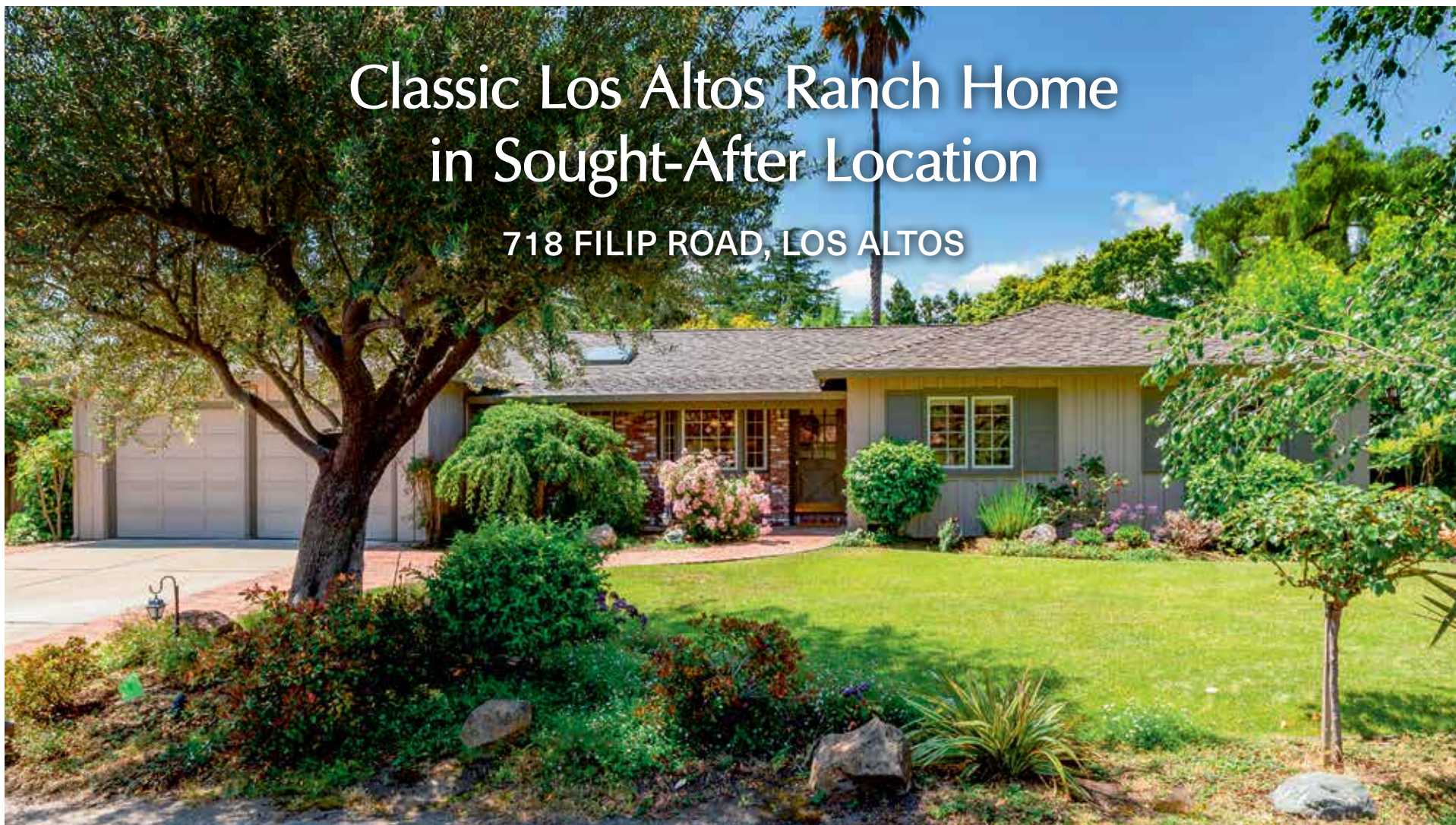


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Public Notices

I FEEL YOUR PAIN MASSAGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696140

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: I FEEL YOUR PAIN MASSAGE, 422 South Murphy Avenue Suite #3, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Joshua Gonsalves, 13144 Monroese Street, Saratoga, CA, 95070. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/26/2018. /S/ Joshua Gonsalves / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/31/2023. (06-14,21,28-23,07-05-23)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOS ALTOS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-XX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Los Altos will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS AMENDING CHAPTER 6.16 NOISE CONTROL OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR THE LOCATION OF NEW AIR CONDITIONING AND AIR HANDLING EQUIPMENT.

This ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. **REVIEW OF INFORMATION:** The staff reports and other supporting documents regarding this Ordinance are available for public review on the City's website at www.losaltosca.gov or at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Fridays. Copies of the Ordinance being considered for adoption are on file with the City Clerk and are open to public inspection. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (650)-941-2620 if you would like to schedule an appointment to review this document. Response to this Notice may be made verbally at the Public Hearings and/or in writing before the hearings. Written comments may be made to the City Council by email at or letter (for mail or hand delivery) to:

Melissa Thurman, City Clerk
City of Los Altos
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022
Any challenge of the proposed Ordinance in court may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearings described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior, to the public hearing. An opportunity will be given at said hearings for all interested persons to be heard. Questions regarding this may be directed as follows:

Nick Zornes, Development Services Director (650)-947-2635 (06-14-23)

145-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MATHEW ALEXANDER SNIDER, JR CASE NO. 23PR194637

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MATHEW ALEXANDER SNIDER, JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SANDRA LYNN SNIDER in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDRA LYNN SNIDER 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: 06/22/2023 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. Attorney for Petitioner TRENTON M. DIEHL DIEHL LAW FIRM, APC 404 W. PINE STREET, #7 LODI, CA 95240 (209)310-2903 (06-07,14,21-23)

143-T

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Le Mon SPA, 2580 California St, Ste J, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BeMe Global Inc, 1590 Oakland Rd, B112, San Jose, CA, 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Meng Li / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/19/2023. (06-07,14,21,28-23)

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D2E STRATEGIC ADVISORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696117

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: D2E STRATEGIC ADVISORS, 580 Georgia Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jaya Pandey, 580 Georgia Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/25/2023. /S/ Jaya Pandey / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/31/2023. (06-07,14,21,28-23)

142-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF RITURAJ KIRTI & MADHUBIKA DHAR AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 23CV416741

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Rituraj Kirti & Madhubika Dhar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Tanya Kirti

Proposed Name: Mel Kirti

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 09/26/2023 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: 05/31/2023 /s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo Judge of the Superior Court (06-07,14,21,28-23)

141-T

MADURAI BIRYANI HOUSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695443

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MADURAI BIRYANI HOUSE, 1028 E El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SAI MADURAI VENTURES INC., 1235 Valerian Ct Apt #2, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/11/2023. /S/ Ravichandran Ramanujam / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/05/2023. (06-07,14,21,28-23)

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Inflexio FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695928

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Inflexio, 1271 Poplar Ave #301, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Chun Kit Lai, 1271 Poplar Ave #301, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/09/2014. /S/ Chun Kit Lai / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/23/2023. (06-07,14,21,28-23)

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ARTIFICIAL TURF EXPRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695958

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ARTIFICIAL TURF EXPRESS, 370 Umbarger Rd, San Jose, CA, 95111, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HEAVENLY CONSTRUCTION INC, 370 Umbarger Rd, San Jose, CA, 95111. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2013. /S/ Troy Scott / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/24/2023. (05-31-23,06-07,14,21-23)

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HEAVENLY GREENS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695959

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HEAVENLY GREENS, 370 Umbarger Rd, San Jose, CA, 95111, Santa Clara County.

The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HEAVENLY CONSTRUCTION INC, 370 Umbarger Rd, San Jose, CA, 95111. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2001. /S/ Troy Scott / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/24/2023. (05-31-23,06-07,14,21-23)

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SCOUT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695942

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SCOUT, 3485 Victor Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): UH-OH LABS INC., 3485 Victor Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/25/2023. /S/ Cameron Ball / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/23/2023. (05-31-23,06-07,14,21-23)

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PURPLE LABS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695971

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PURPLE LABS, 427 Medoc Court, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Nikki Lacey, 427 Medoc Court, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/23/2023. /S/ Nikki Lacey / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/24/2023. (05-31-23,06-07,14,21-23)

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SPOC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695820

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SPOC, 2085 E Bayshore Rd #50264, Palo Alto, CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SPOC, 2085 E Bayshore Rd #50264, Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/01/2023. /S/ Gregory Morawietz / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/18/2023. (05-31-23,06-07,14,21-23)

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SF2 CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695711

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SF2 CONSTRUCTION, 217 Ada Ave Apt 30, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Andrei Lofman, 217 Ada Ave Apt 30, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2023. /S/ Andrei Lofman / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/16/2023. (05-24,31-23,06-07,14-23)

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DELL FEDDI MUSIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN694612

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DELL FEDDI MUSIC, 1346 E San Antonio St, Apt 208, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lendell D Ray, 1346 E San Antonio St, Apt 208, San Jose, CA, 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2010. /S/ Lendell D Ray / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/11/2023. (05-24,31-23,06-07,14-23)

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MILREPCO SALES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695513

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MILREPCO SALES, 1305 Arbor Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Arnold J Karmin, 1305 Arbor Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/26/2013. /S/ Arnold Karmin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/09/2023. (05-24,31-23,06-07,14-23)

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AVITA MD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695682

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AVITA MD, 827 Altos Oaks Dr Ste 4, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Patricia Sitnitsky PC, 827 Altos Oaks Dr Ste 4, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

ed above on: 05/01/2023. /S/ Patricia Sitnitsky / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/15/2023. (05-24,31-23,06-07,14-23)

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KSP PROPERTIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN695645

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KSP PROPERTIES, 737 Northampton Dr., Palo Alto, CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Terry Neil Shuchat, 737 Northampton Dr., Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/11/1989. /S/ Terry Neil Shuchat / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/12/2023. (05-24,31-23,06-07,14-23)

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OBITUARY NOTICE

RICHARD O. FIMMEL & EDELTRAUD "JUDY" FIMMEL



Our beloved parents, Richard O. Fimmel and Edeltraud "Judy" Fimmel, passed away peacefully in April 2023 in their Los Altos Hills home. Their lives spanned the Great Depression, World War II, the Space Age, Vietnam War, and the arrival of the Computer Age.

Born November 29, 1924, on the family farm in Somerville, New Jersey, Richard attended a one-room schoolhouse, and he discovered his life-long passion for the piano, becoming music director and organist for his church at the age of 14. The family survived the Depression by selling eggs, milk and produce grown on the farm, supplemented by his father's sale of homemade beer and applejack during Prohibition. Richard enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and on Christmas Eve 1944 crossed the English Channel into France where, upon his arrival, he learned that the troop ship he was originally assigned to had been sunk by a German U-boat.

Richard served in General George Patton's Third Army at the Battle of the Bulge. Because of his fluency in German, in May 1945 he was assigned by the Office of the Adjutant General as one of the first American soldiers to enter the Mauthausen and Gusen concentration camps to interview the survivors. Richard then became Public Safety Officer for a region of Austria and was based in Scharding on the Austrian-German border, where he was in charge of the police, prisons, border security, passports and travel passes. Upon finding the local prison severely overcrowded with Austrians and Germans whose crime consisted

of nothing more than illegally crossing the border in an effort to get home, Richard ordered the prison guards to load over 200 prisoners into trucks where, under heavy submachine gun guard, the prisoners expected the worst. "I took them out in the woods by the border with Germany and I told them 'Okay, now, you Germans, go that way, and you Austrians, go that way, and get lost, I don't have room for you in prison'" and the overcrowding was solved.

Judy was born on September 3, 1927, in Hindenburg, Germany, where she ran track events with her local youth sports club. When Germany invaded Poland on her 12th birthday, her life and that of her family changed forever. As the Russian army was entering Hindenburg, Judy was sent by her mother to see if there were any trains leaving the city and learning there were none, she ran home while under intense shelling by the Russians. "My father had told me that if you hear the whistle of the shells overhead, you're safe because the shells have already passed you. So, when I heard the shooting, I ducked into doorways until I heard that whistle, and then I ran on." When she finally got home, Judy was told that she and her brother, mother, and grandmother, had 15 minutes to gather their belongings and get on a firetruck driven by their neighbor so they could flee the battle. Strafed by planes and skidding on icy roads, the firetruck crashed, killing many on board. After several weeks on foot, scrambling from town to town during the freezing winter looking for

food and shelter, the family was able to board a train that was leaving the battle front and ended up in Scharding, Austria, where they and other refugees were taken in by various local families until the war ended.

Judy and Richard's life together began when she came to his office for a travel pass to visit relatives in Germany. Richard recalled: "In came this adorable, cute, little blonde and I spoke to her through my interpreter, even though my German was much better than his". The pass was approved and days later Richard searched the area and finally located her swimming with some friends. "I got out of my jeep and started talking to her in German, trying to arrange a date with her, which really bothered her a lot because I had pretended not to speak German when she was in my office." Judy apparently got over it and after a brief courtship, they were married in Linz, Austria, in May 1946.

Judy immigrated to America and after Richard got home from the war in November 1946, Judy studied English at Somerville High School and Richard obtained a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University. After working at the United States Research Laboratory at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he helped design and build the world's first mobile digital computer (MOBIDIC), Richard accepted a position with Ampex Corporation in Redwood City and the family moved to Los Altos Hills in 1960.

In 1963, Richard joined the Pioneer Project Office at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field. Pioneer was a series of eight spacecraft missions that performed first-of-their-kind explorations of the Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus. Pioneers 10 and 11 were the first spacecraft to traverse the asteroid belt, travel to Jupiter and Saturn, and achieve escape velocity from our solar system. As Project Science Chief for Pioneer 10 and 11, Richard was responsible for planning and operation of all science experiments on-board the spacecraft and he was frequently interviewed for television and by the press during important milestones of the missions including the spacecrafts' encounters with Jupiter and Saturn. During the final 14 years of his NASA career, Richard was Project Manager for all Pioneer Missions. He wrote many scientific papers that were published in both domestic and international

journals, authored four books about the Pioneer Missions, and received numerous NASA Achievement Awards including two Exceptional Service Medals.

Throughout his career, Judy was at his side. Often with little notice, Judy would prepare dinner and welcome out-of-town guests working on the Pioneer Project to their home, and their two children frequently found themselves sharing the table with the likes of Dr. James Van Allen and other world-renowned scientists. She enjoyed finding that special something to decorate the home and was always up to date on current world events. Judy was the consummate hostess and conversationalist and could speak with people of all ages and backgrounds on any subject. The Fimmel home became the favorite hangout of their children's friends and Richard and Judy became lifelong friends with many of them. Invitations to their annual caroling party were always in high demand, as were the many evening get-togethers on the patio around the fire pit.

Richard and Judy were active in the Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, Los Altos Sister Cities, and the Palo Alto Elks Lodge. They travelled frequently throughout the world on behalf of NASA and Sister Cities and to visit friends and relatives and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Scharding, Austria. Richard pursued his love for music throughout his life, playing organ and piano at the church, singing in the choir, and performing in the Elk's Club annual Big Show. He loved to play his Steinway grand piano and the house was often filled with the sounds of him playing his favorite classical pieces and songs with Judy joining him on the vocals.

Richard and Judy are survived by their daughter, Sandra Fimmel of Sunnyvale, whose dedication allowed her parents to remain in their home until the end, their son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Janet Fimmel of Woodside, cousin Ingrid Stahl of Sunnyvale, and many relatives and dear friends throughout the United States and Europe. Richard and Judy were warm, loving and always interesting people whose 77-year marriage was an inspiration to many. Theirs was a special relationship and a remarkable journey and they will be sorely missed.

NANCY MARTEN



April 1, 1940 –
May 30, 2023

Nancy Louise Marten, 83, devoted mother of Matthew Thomas Marten and Nicholas James Marten, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 1, 1940.

Nancy graduated from the University of Michigan and moved to California in 1962. There she married Bill Marten, and had her sons, Nick and Matt, the most treasured parts of her life. After her divorce, Nancy continued to work as a medical professional for many years, and was deeply valued in her role.

In addition to her sons, those left to cherish Nancy's memory include her Aunt Olly, niece Carrie, son-in-law Steve Palmisano, grandson Noah Fortino-Young, her extended Palmisano family, ex-husband Bill Marten, and her beloved community of friends that touched into the many areas of life that she enjoyed, including playing bridge, hiking, book clubs, music, and theater.

Nancy was adored by her close-knit community of friends, and they gathered together often for lunches and outings. Her friends lived in her heart as an extended family, and they all took care of each other, just as family would, offering care during sickness and celebrating birthdays in grand style.

Nancy's greatest joy in life was people: her sons, family, and many close friends. Her great legacy is her radiant and loving heart. Nancy always brought a positive and caring attitude to all she did. She made people feel that they belonged, with great acceptance and openness to all ways of being, and a willingness to accept each person completely, just as they were. We honor Nancy's loving radiance as a gift to this world.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Environmental Defense Fund or Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, organizations that were important to Nancy.



OBITUARY NOTICE

ELLEN CLARK



February 20, 1947 –
June 1, 2023

After a long battle with primary progressive aphasia, Ellen Clark passed away peacefully on June 1, 2023 with friends and family near.

Ellen was born on February 20, 1947 in Denver, Colorado to loving parents Margerie and Walter Moranville and beloved brother John. Ellen graduated from Adams State College and while attending met her future husband Bill. Ellen and Bill were avid runners, and she went on to complete 13 marathons and innumerable road races. She was a loyal member of West Valley Track Club and the Stanford chip running group.

Ellen raised her two children while also tutoring at St. Williams school and directing the Willy's Road Race. She became the PE teacher at St. Joseph's Mountain View where she worked for 15 years, which was one of the great joys of her life.

Ellen was the founder and president of the Sustainable Living Foundation, which raised over six hundred thousand dollars to support Makumbi Orphanage in Zimbabwe as well as the community gardening network in Pilar, Paraguay. Ellen was the director of the Zimbabwe run and cultural fair, with its two-way philanthropy model of helping others while learning.

Ellen was an active community member in Los Altos, mentoring students who then became lifelong friends, meeting daily with her coffee klatch, volunteering at St. William's church, and attending Spanish classes.

Ellen had a passion for children and working on projects that helped others, particularly the Zimbabwe run. She adored people and her warm and vibrant personality helped to create community.

Ellen is survived by her beloved husband Bill, daughter Teresa and son-in-law Dave, son Will and daughter-in-law Kristin, and granddaughters Antonia, Ellie, and Lucia. Ellen had so many connections that she also considered to be family.

The family welcomes donations in Ellen's memory to Makumbi orphanage

in Zimbabwe via the Sustainable Living Foundation at zimbabweparaguay.net. Her celebration of life will be held at St. William's church in July with reception to follow.

SUSAN LAWSON



November 16, 1940 –
May 7, 2023

Susan Brott Lawson, 82 years of age, passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California after fighting a courageous battle with cancer for four plus years.

Susan was born November 16, 1940 in Freeport, Illinois to Dr. Everal and Anita Brott. They lived in Lena, Illinois. Susan was the younger of two children. She is survived by her older sister Elaine Brott Hoos, her son Matthew and his wife Karen, her granddaughter Natalie, three step-grandchildren Kalani, Anthony and Kaili Markle, step-great grandson Kalani Markle, her nephew David Hoos, her niece Delaine Staffen, and Delaine's three daughters Megan Dutton, Amanda Henke, Nicole Staffen.

Susan graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors and a degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1962. Upon graduation, she set off for California with three of her Alpha Phi sorority sisters. She often spoke of how much fun they had starting new lives and careers, but most importantly the four of them became lifelong friends. In 1964 she married William Lawson Jr. of Menlo Park, California and was married for 26 years. She became an accomplished Software Engineer and when son Matthew was born, she worked part time as a consultant. Years later she went back to work full-time for TRW from where she retired 20 years ago.

Susan enjoyed and cherished her years of retirement. She liked playing the piano and for over 30 years she sang in the choir at LAUMC, where she also served on the Worship Arts and Arts Alive Committees. She enjoyed her book and hiking groups, traveling

companions, and cherished the friends she made along the way. Susan created an amazing network of close friends in her community where she resided for nearly 60 years. She was a great dog lover, with a special affinity for Golden Retrievers.

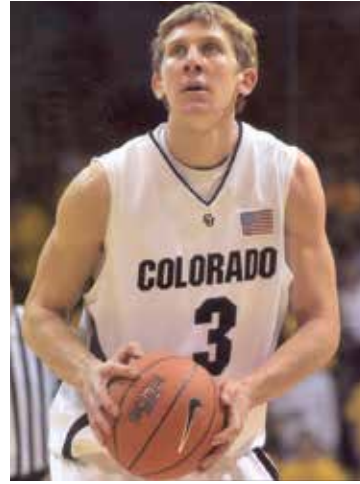
After retirement, Susan returned to her love of art, which had been a passion of hers since childhood. She joined a Plein Aire painting group and began to work with oils, pastels, and watercolors. Some of her works were exhibited in local shows and displays over the past 20 years. Her love of hiking, especially her favorite trails at Rancho San Antonio, combined with painting outdoors gave her serenity. Nature was the inspiration which brought her inner peace.

Susan was a brilliant, talented, and independent woman with a heart of gold. A devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. She always saw the best in people, even when they may have been at their worst. She loved her family and friends unconditionally. Susan was one of the most caring and generous people you could ever meet. To know her was to love her, and for all of those who had the opportunity of sharing time with her, she was a blessing.

A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on June 24 at the Los Altos United Methodist Church on Magdalena Ave. in Los Altos. Reverend Dr. Dirk Damonte will be leading the service.



MATTHEW FAVARO



July 20, 1988 –
May 24, 2023

With his mother at his side, Matthew John Coblenz Favaro passed away on May 24, 2023, despite the valiant efforts of his healthcare team at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC). Matt succumbed to lung failure after a decade-long battle with an immunodeficiency disease.

Matthew was born on July 20, 1988, at Stanford Hospital, the only child of Deborah Coblenz and BJ Favaro. He was a healthy, bouncing baby boy who started to walk at nine months and never stopped moving until the day he left this world to rest in peace. Matt was raised in Los Altos and Mountain View and attended Bullis Elementary, Egan Middle School, and Los Altos High School. He used his boundless energy to excel in youth sports, including AYSO soccer, Los Altos Hills Little League baseball and NBJ club basketball, eventually settling on basketball as his favorite sport. Matt was a standout basketball player at LAHS, lettering two years for the varsity team and was selected MVP his senior year. He graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 2011 with a B.S. in Anthropology. The highlight of his collegiate experience and his life was becoming a walk-on member of the CU basketball team for two seasons – his "One Shining Moment."

Matt's battle with his illness began during his final year at CU-Boulder. No longer able to play basketball, Matt developed a passion for cycling and decided to pursue his interest in art and photography at The Art Institute in Los Angeles. Unfortunately, his health challenges followed him to L.A. which prevented him from completing his postgraduate studies. Matt then relocated to Bend, Oregon in 2015 where he used his creative talents to design and build a custom tiny house from scratch, which he lived in for 18 months after transporting it to the South Bay in 2017. Matt found respite from his declining health through his art and talent for playing percussion instruments. He had an amazing ability to pick up any musical instrument and learn to play it in a matter of hours.

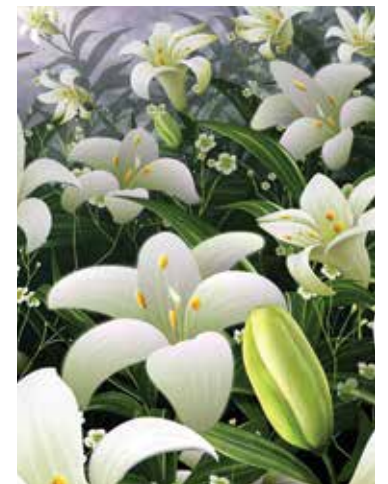
He loved drawing by hand and on his iPad to produce thoughtful and humorous greeting cards and had most recently begun writing and illustrating children's books.

Being a talented and self-taught builder and creator, he dabbled in property management, construction, and set design building for photo/video shoots and stage plays when he returned to the Bay Area. As his illness started to take its toll, Matt had to give up many of the things he loved to do and devote more of his time and energy to his daily medical needs, including countless hospital stays. Matt would not give up, always holding on to the hope that his health would improve. He worked every day towards this goal. Matt never lost his sense of humor, empathy, generosity, and kindness for others, even though he had every right to pity himself. Matt regularly shared food, water, and clothing with people experiencing homelessness in the neighborhood surrounding his apartment; and in kind, they looked out for him when he stopped to catch his breath during his daily walks, asking him if he needed help. Matt touched many lives with his huge heart, not the least of which the doctors, nurses, and support staff at SCVMC, who became his second family. Matt was a registered organ donor. As his final selfless act, someone in this world will soon have improved vision seeing the world through Matt's eyes, as his corneas were the last gift he gave on this earth.

Matt leaves behind his loving parents, Deborah Coblenz, BJ Favaro and stepmom, Amy Favaro; his aunt and devoted godmother, Cheryl Coblenz Barratt; his many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and the Trant family who loved Matt dearly.

A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on July 23, 2023, at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA. Indication of your intention to attend would be appreciated no later than July 16 here: <https://forms.gle/J9Ldf2DexzDDz8fq6>.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Valley Health Foundation: <https://valleyhealthfoundation.org/ways-to-give/donate.html>

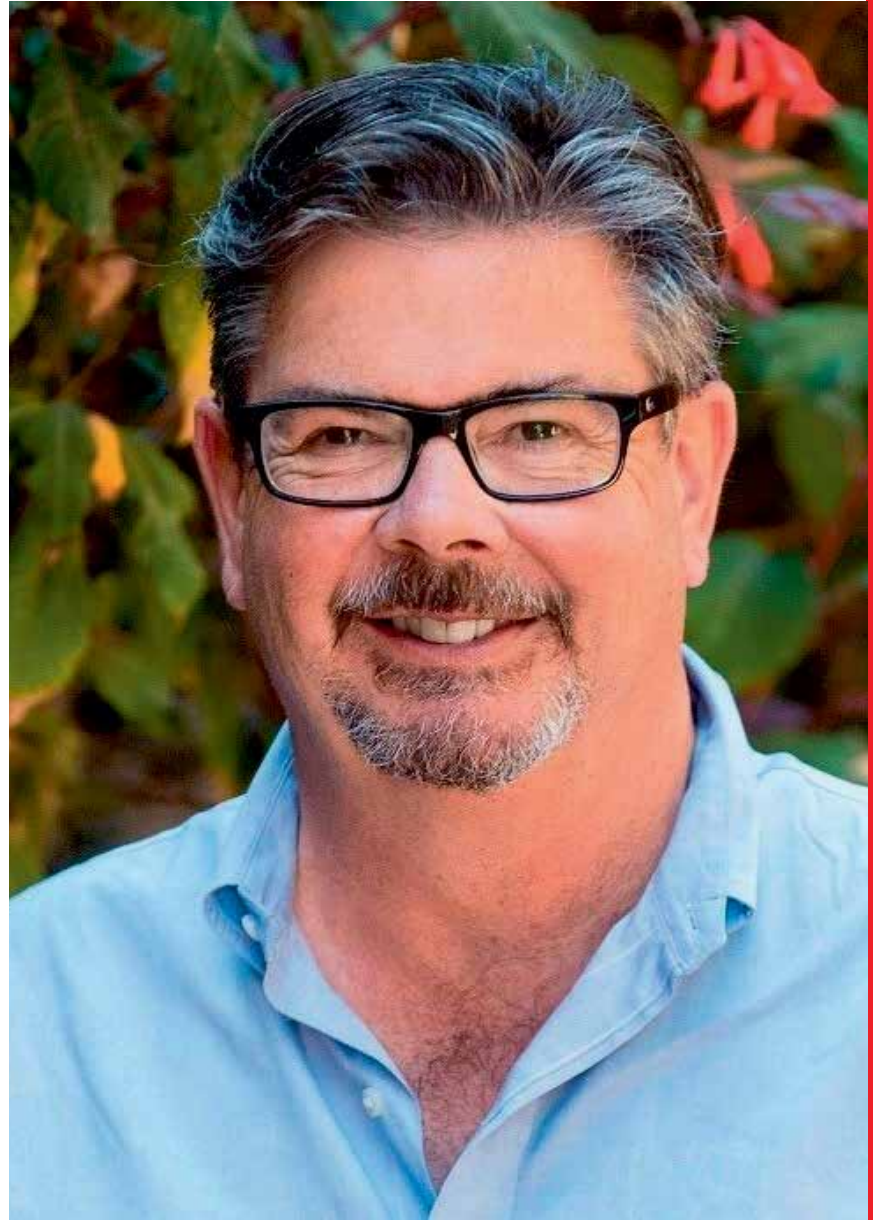




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