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## MV concert has everyone in a dancing mood

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## Controversial housing bills could be nearing vote

By Eliza Ridgeway  
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The California State Legislature returned from recess last week, and one of the most watched bills drawing local attention should see a vote within days.

Two pro-housing bills, if passed, might have the biggest impact on the state's housing since Proposition 13. Both of the new bills expand the use of "ministerial approval," which refers to a criteria-based approval process not subject to public, commission or council review.

Senate Bill 9, which passed the State Senate in May, moved from committee to a second reading in the Assembly as of Monday. Senate Bill 10, which passed the State Senate in June, is in its third reading in the Assembly. Local activists from both sides focus their attention now on Assembly-member Marc Berman, one of 80 legislators whose vote counts among the 41 needed to send a bill to Gov. Gavin Newsom's office Sept. 10. Newsom will sign – or veto – what he receives by Oct. 10.

Everyone involved in the debate agrees that the bills dramatically shift power to state agencies and bypass local consultation and environmental analysis. Will allowing for more, smaller homes in single-family neighborhoods ultimately

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## County officials introduce new emergency comm system

By Megan V. Winslow  
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Hazing skies menacing the Bay Area in recent days have provided a reminder of yet another raging California fire season, including the voracious Dixie Fire burning in Feather River Canyon north of Sacramento.

The same web-based application used to evacuate residents threatened by that 726,000-acre blaze – and by others firefighters are currently battling across the state – is now operable in Santa Clara County too should the need arise, local officials informed Los Altos Hills residents last week.

Santa Clara County Fire Department Battalion Chief Tyler Mortenson, a project lead for deploying Zonehaven locally, described the platform Aug. 17 during Sheriff's Office Capt. Rich Urena's monthly "Coffee with the Sheriff" virtual presentation.

"It's live, and we've trained with all of our battalion chiefs, we've trained with our law enforcement partners," Mortenson said. "We've trained with county communications, and we're ready to implement this should the need arrive."

Zonehaven facilitates first responders' communication to See **COMM**, Page 7

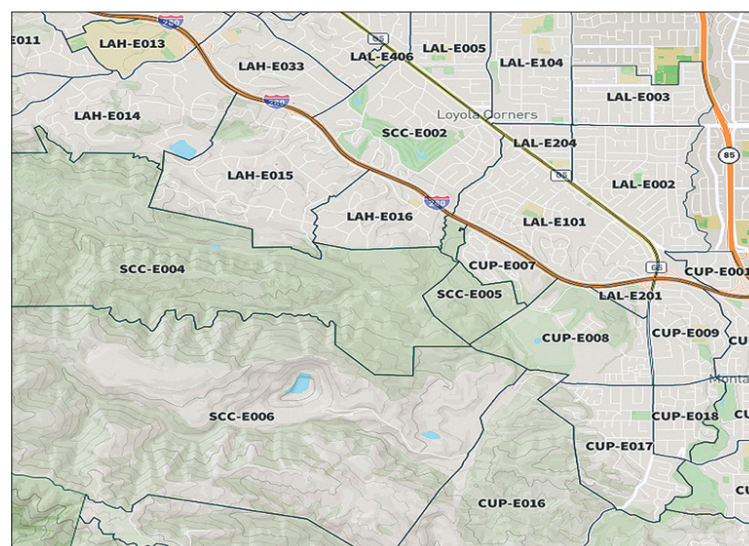


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# Latest Happenings



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Farida Abdelhak spent a month studying invasive species in Byrne Preserve this summer.

## Summer's-end study

If you strolled through Los Altos Hills' Byrne Preserve this summer, you may have stumbled across Los Altos High School sophomore Farida Abdelhak at work alongside a trail. The Los Altos resident spent part of her break identifying invasive species for a research project studying the impact of walking trails in local preserves.

She told a roving reporter who passed by that volunteering in the preserve to remove invasive plants spurred her interest, particularly as she learned about visitors potentially introducing contaminants – like Sudden Oak Death – and foreign seeds on their shoes.

“With all the merits the trails bring us, we sometimes fail to look at their downfalls,” she said. “I hope my research can shine a light on the impact of the trails and possibly spark a push for less distributive trails and education on how we as a community can protect our preserves.”

Abdelhak added, “As a kid, I didn’t spend much time in nature since nature-related activities weren’t popular in Egypt, where I grew up. Despite this, I was always fascinated by nature, whether it was a flower in the park or the way the Nile river flowed when I went on boat rides.” She credited a school visit to Yosemite with catalyzing that interest once she moved here.

*Did your household host a summer inquiry or creative project worth sharing? Email reporter Eliza Ridgeway with the details at [elizar@latc.com](mailto:elizar@latc.com).*

*Los Altos resident Nancy Bremau is one of the commissioners convening “A Celebration of Women: Honoring Community Heroes” 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The virtual event honors three local heroes and explores the local impacts of national and international policies intended to uplift girls and women. For more information, visit [bit.ly/SCCwomen](https://bit.ly/SCCwomen).*



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# News

## Friends of Library agreement would allow 10 more years at LA Civic Center

By **Bruce Barton**  
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**F**riends of the Library of Los Altos has proposed a 10-year draft license agreement for use of land at the civic center to continue providing services.

The agreement, scheduled for Los Altos City Council review at Tuesday's meeting – held after the Town Crier's print deadline – calls for continued use of temporary facilities at the civic center for storing, sorting, pricing and selling donated books.

In a letter to the council, the long-standing volunteer support group noted that the agreement offers an interim solution.

"It is not looking for a permanent location, simply a realistic bridge to a long-term home in a new library building or other suitable building in the civic center," according to a Friends statement.

The agreement also would complete work begun in January 2020. Founded more than 60 years ago, Friends of the Library raises and donates approximately

\$150,000 annually to fund a range of library programs and materials.

"Our contributions enable more educational and enrichment opportunities than would be possible from (Santa Clara County Library District) funds," Friends representatives said in their Aug. 8 letter to the council.

Friends currently operates two storage sheds – one 12-foot-by-16-foot and the other 12-foot-by-18-foot – between the Los Altos History Museum and police station, as well as a 28-foot-by-48-

foot portable structure near the Hillview Soccer Field. In addition, the group uses a small space inside the main library. The storage arrangements would continue under the agreement.

If approved, the proposed agreement would serve to decrease the Friends' collective anxiety about continuing to function – a concern that arose in 2019 when the group faced the possibility of being moved off the civic center to make way for

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## Responders share crime, fire safety tips

By **Megan V. Winslow**  
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**R**epresentatives from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department hosted an online forum Aug. 12 to educate residents about crime and fire-related safety.

Below the Town Crier highlights some key presentation points, courtesy of Sheriff's Deputy Jarvis Bui and Fire Department community risk specialist Jennifer Ceynowa.

### Crime

- Be wary of any entity that requests payment or compensation by gift card or wire transfer.
- Confirm soliciting charities are registered with the Better Business Bureau or respective state entity.
- Hang up on any caller claiming to represent the IRS; the agency does not contact taxpayers by phone.
- Do not share personal information with anyone who randomly contacts you.
- Regularly check bank accounts for fraudulent activity.
- Shred all documents containing personal information.
- Be aware of telephone spoofing applications capable of mimicking real law enforcement phone numbers.
- Erect "Beware of Dog" signs and signs advertising security systems (even nonexisting ones) to deter burglars.

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## Los Altos facilities set to reopen to public Sept. 7

Town Crier Report

**T**he city of Los Altos is scheduled to begin reopening public facilities for in-person service Sept. 7.

Shortly following Santa Clara County's initial health order last year, Los Altos closed its city facilities to the public, transitioning services to online or over-the-phone. The return to full service will offer residents in-person attention with adjusted facility hours and new safety protocols.

The new city facility hours:

- **City hall, 1 N. San Antonio Road:** 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays
- **Police department, 1 N. San Antonio Road:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
- **Maintenance Service Center, 707 Fremont Ave.:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (closed alternate Fridays)

"We recognize the pandemic is not over and have taken the appropriate steps to reopen our facilities," said City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "We are eager

to serve the community in person again and welcome residents back to our facilities safely."

Air purifiers and plexiglass dividers have been installed at city hall and other front counter spaces to ensure the safety of staff and visitors. To reduce crowding within the lobby, visitors are asked to wait outside until called by staff.

The regular cleaning and sanitization of high-touch surfaces will continue, alongside the presence of hand sanitizer and physical distancing signage.

Prior to the reopening, staff will be equipped with training, resources and support to maintain a high level of safety in their service, according to city officials.

Many of the practices implemented during the pandemic will remain for added flexibility and accessibility of city services, including filing permits, applications, plans and other documents online, as well as meeting with staff virtually.

Engeland emphasized the county Public Health Department's increasing concern over the growing number of COVID delta variant cases and Los Altos' role in helping decrease the spread.



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**Los Altos city officials plan to reopen facilities, including city hall, in early September.**

"It is a requirement inside city facilities that all employees and visitors wear masks and practice physical distancing," he said. "We will also continue offering online services and virtual appointments to lessen the number of visitors to our facilities."

Vaccinations continue to be the most effective way of preventing the spread of COVID, according to public health officers. The September opening date will allow unvaccinated staff adequate time to consider getting vaccinated. City officials continue to monitor the situation and will re-evaluate the newly implemented measures after 30 days.

*For more information on adjusted facility hours and services, visit [losaltosca.gov/cityservices](https://losaltosca.gov/cityservices).*

## Supes finalize agreement with Midpen to protect ridgeline

Special to the Town Crier

**T**he Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Aug. 17 reinforced protection of local hillsides and habitat with a unanimous vote to approve a memorandum of agreement between the county and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

One goal in the partnership is thwarting Lehigh Southwest Cement Co.'s efforts to disturb the ridgeline as part of expansion efforts. Supervisors Joe Simitian, whose Dis-

trict 5 covers Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, and Otto Lee championed the original proposal brought before the board in June.

Midpen and the county will share enforcement of the preservation easement – granted in 1972 – that protects land adjacent to Rancho San Antonio County Park, owned by the county and managed by Midpen, and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, owned and managed by Midpen.

The agreement grants Midpen the right

to monitor and inspect the protected ridgeline and surrounding habitat that is part of the Lehigh Cement Plant & Quarry property, and enforce identified violations of the ridgeline easement through the process contained in the agreement.

"This is another step in the right direction to preserve our hillside views and their habitat for the benefit of the environment, the critters and the people who call the Peninsula and West Valley home," Simitian

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# News

## Police make arrest 2 decades after murder

By Megan V. Winslow  
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More than 21 years after a Mountain View Police Department murder investigation began, detectives made an arrest in the cold case Aug. 18.

The MVPD announced the arrest of Stockton resident Charles Morris, 70, in a press release published Thursday.

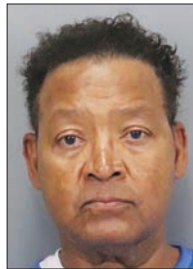
Detectives connected Morris to the April 27, 2000, death of Michael Wallace during their initial investigation, but they lacked sufficient evidence to arrest him, according to the release. Both men were inmates at the now-defunct Mountain View work furlough facility on Middlefield Road, and detectives believe Morris shot Wallace because he mistook him for someone he previously argued with.

“Another individual there that night who appeared similar in physical description to the employee was standing in the lobby of the building while Wallace was standing down an adjoining hallway,” the release stated.

A bullet shot from a gun outside the facility traveled through a window and hit Wallace inside.

Investigators began re-examining the case in 2019 and were able to build a case against Morris through witness interviews and crime scene evidence, the release stated.

MVPD spokesperson Katie Nelson said investigators are not currently disclosing information about the evidence that led to Morris’ arrest.



Morris

## BILLS

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benefit affordability and housing access? The new rules will speed up a sometimes stiflingly slow, subjective and complicated process that has, in recent years, stymied local housing developments for years at a time. Yet existing homeowners would face the uncertainty of what might be built next door or down the street from them. A recent “owner occupancy” amendment seeks to quell fears that investors will scoop up and split lots – SB 9 now requires applicants to attest that they will occupy one of the housing units for a minimum of three years after splitting a lot.

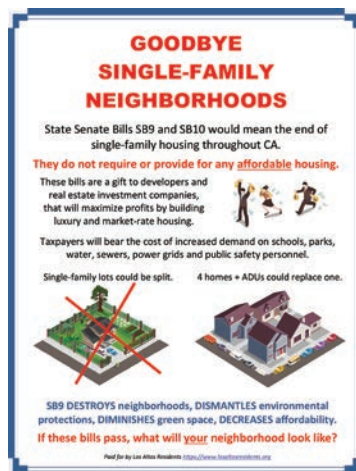
In its current form, SB 9 would allow for a split of single-family home lots, and building up to two houses on each new, smaller lot. SB 10 allows upzoning parcels to 10 units in certain urban areas. Both bills would exempt relevant projects from environmental review.

Supporters say that with more opportunities for housing, affordability will increase as well. Critics say that developers will profit from new market-rate housing opportunities, but affordability may in fact decrease as lot values go up and older, modest homes are demolished for new, expensive builds.

Neither bill addresses affordable housing, nor do they make any special requirements for SB 9 and 10 housing projects to build or finance new public infrastructure.

### Ceding local control?

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills host few (or none) of the urban areas targeted by SB 10, but



A flier issued by opponents of State Senate Bills 9 and 10 at a recent town hall promotes a doomsday-like scenario if the housing bills are approved.

their councils have been critical of SB 9, with Los Altos Hills unanimously opposing the bill in March and Los Altos council members arguing that it requires amendments. The League of Women Voters of California has endorsed both SB 9 and SB 10.

Los Altos Hills resident Duffy Price said many residents are unaware of the pending state bills and respond with dismayed vigor when informed, so she has been helping connect friends and neighbors to the online events. More than a thousand participants joined an online forum sponsored by advocacy groups United Neighbors and Livable California earlier this month.

“We can’t let Sacramento remove our local control, and Sacramento is trying to do that,” she said. “We don’t want to live in a society where the government comes and tells you how it’s going to be.”

Price pointed to Los Altos Hills’ founding, in 1956, by a group of residents committed to

preserving open spaces and low density – “We have to protect our ability, as a public person, to have a say in what’s going to happen,” she said.

### Evolving mindset

Anne Paulson, a member of the Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance who supports the reforms proposed in the bills, attended the online forum as well and said she was intrigued to hear support for upzoning and housing density along El Camino Real.

“I look forward to their actual support when we try to do that,” Paulson said with evident skepticism.

In the forum, SB 9 opponents cited building new, affordable housing concentrated in commercial corridors as a better solution than rezoning single-family neighborhoods. This marks a distinct change. Only a few years ago residential activists in Los Altos vehemently opposed many housing developments along El Camino Real, including a lengthy battle pitched against a three-story condo development at 5100 El Camino Real – approved in 2005 – which now looks modest in comparison to the new projects stretching along that corridor.

The forum and other events organized by Livable California and United Neighbors offered guidance on how a resident can speak up and influence the legislators set to vote soon, an exercise in direct lobbying and social media use also underway among the Yes In My Backyard residents like Paulson.

To read the text of the bills and decide your own stance, visit this story at [losaltosonline.com](https://www.losaltosonline.com).

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## Los Altos Hills residents define ideal city manager characteristics

By Megan V. Winslow  
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Los Altos Hills' next city manager should be communicative and exhibit proactive leadership skills, according to the results of an online survey released last week.

The city council, which will

ultimately select the town's new chief executive, initiated the survey to incorporate resident input as part of the process of selecting longtime city manager Carl Cahill's successor. He announced his retirement in April and is departing at the end of October.

Although only 26 people of an estimated 8,400 populace

responded to the five-question, anonymous survey, their free-form answers mostly reflect criticism Cahill has faced in the past from those who believe he failed to develop a long-term vision for the town, to properly manage contracts and to engage with residents.

The next city manager should possess "strong leadership and senior management skills; proactive, strategic nature; desire to assist residents in achieving their goals; open, honest, fair; good communication skills; good financial and contract management skills and experience," one person wrote Aug. 12.

Some respondents referred to the new city manager as a "he," while others used the pronoun

"she." Regardless of gender, specifically which management skills are required of this person?

"All of them," according to one opinion.

"The candidate should exhibit extraordinary negotiating skills and be prepared to deal with highly educated, skillful people who expect to get their way," another person wrote.

Among the ongoing town issues residents want the new city manager to prioritize and address are wildfire risks, crime prevention, staff retention and proposed state housing legislation that threatens Los Altos Hills' single-family residential zoning.

Question No. 5 – "Is there

anything else you would like the city council to consider when selecting a new city manager?" – elicited a somewhat personal comment requiring redaction.

"Do your job and quit listening to vocal community members that seem to have their own agenda," the resident wrote. "If (censored) wants to run the town, he should run for office or apply for the town manager role."

The survey closed Aug. 13, the same day the job's application period closed. The city council will likely make a selection within weeks, according to executive recruiting firm Bob Murray & Associates.

**To review the full survey results, visit [bit.ly/3iUBAI2](http://bit.ly/3iUBAI2).**

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### RIDGELINE

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said. "We are experiencing record highs, drought conditions and destructive fires that come from human impacts to the environment; here we have the opportunity to say, 'Enough.' With Lehigh's proposal to essentially chop the top off the ridge line, it was apparent that a strong enforcement partner like Midpen would help us ensure long-term protection of the hillside."

Midpen's mission and role is to protect and preserve Rancho San Antonio and other open spaces in perpetuity, according to Yoriko Kishimoto, Midpen board member and chair of the

agency's Lehigh Quarry ad hoc committee. The Midpen board formally approved the agreement unanimously at its Aug. 16 board meeting.

"Monitoring and, if needed, enforcing the ridge line easement granted in 1972 will be a powerful tool to preserve this key viewshed and one of the world's biodiversity hot spots while also buffering noise and air impacts," Kishimoto said. "We thank the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to collaborate on this important action to protect the public interests."

In addition to the cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and

Cupertino, advocates for the environment expressed their support for the agreement, including Green Foothills, the Sierra Club, Mothers Out Front, the Audubon Society, Muwekma Ohlone, the Greenbelt Alliance, the Clean Creeks Coalition, the Santa Clara Valley Native Plant Society, Grassroots Ecology, Bay Area for a Clean Environment, Operating Engineers Local 3 and Teamsters Local 853.

**For a link to the agenda and video stream for the Board of Supervisors' discussion and the vote (found under item 33), visit [sccgov.igm2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_Meeting.aspx?ID=13226](http://sccgov.igm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=13226).**

### TIPS

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- Call the agency associated with the stranger at the front door to confirm they are who they say they are.

### Fire

- Set a timer or wear an oven mitt as a reminder of oven and stovetop cooking.
- Never try to relocate burn-

ing objects; extinguish flames by cutting off their oxygen supply.

- Turn stovetop pot handles inward.
- Keep a fire extinguisher at the ready and know how to use it.
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- Ensure power strips feature surge protectors and do not over-

load them.

- Remove lint from a clothes dryer after every cycle.
- Install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Keep cellphones, glasses and a pair of sturdy shoes near the bed to ensure rapid escape.
- Never return to a burning building.

**For more information on upcoming fire safety webinars, visiting [sccfd.org](http://sccfd.org).**

### FRIENDS

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construction of the new Los Altos Community Center. Friends volunteers have maintained that proximity to the main library is vital to continued operations. The council in January 2020 agreed to let Friends remain in the civic center if the group bore the cost of its facilities.

The locations on the civic center campus, as well as within the Los Altos main library, that have been assigned to Friends are advantageous in that they are close to the library, the community center and the Los Altos Youth Center.

"All of these locations are central to our operations and sales activities," the group said in its letter to council. "With-

out easy access to them, Friends would not be able to function successfully."

Friends reps said the 10-year time frame would provide "stability for our organization, allowing us to make operational plans to streamline book processing and accommodate new sales channels knowing that we will not have to start over again in just a few years."

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# News

## Los Altos Hills council balks at expanding law enforcement presence at \$450K price tag

By Megan V. Winslow  
Staff Writer/meganw@latc.com

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office reps will have to highlight deficiencies in their own service if they hope to justify up to \$450,000 in supplemental costs tacked onto Los Altos Hills' annual \$2 million public safety budget.

Capt. Rich Urena's comments about increased service response times were not enough Thursday to convince some city council members of the necessity of adding a full-time swing-shift deputy to the town's law enforcement roster; Mayor Kavita Tankha and Councilmember Linda Swan told Urena they expect concrete data at the September council meeting before the council seriously considers directing nearly half of the town's \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward a new deputy's salary, benefits and equipment.

"Every time (Urena) has presented to us, we've always lauded him for the fact the Sheriff's Office has always met the response times," Tankha said. "So, that's why I was curious to see, have we not been meeting our response times these last few months? I just wasn't aware of this."

During the last three complete fiscal years, the Sheriff's Office met all its contractual target response times for priority 1 (9 minutes), priority 2 (14 minutes) and priority 3 (25 minutes) incidents. In fiscal year 2020-2021, the average response times were 4.6 minutes, 10.45 minutes and 13.66 minutes, respectively.

An Aug. 8-15 activity sum-

mary the Sheriff's Office's supplied to the town, however, indicates deputies did not meet targeted response times for eight of 23 calls for service. The response time for one priority 3 incident, a reckless driver reported Aug. 12, was 65 minutes and 19 seconds.

In recent months, residential burglaries have been at the forefront of many Los Altos Hills residents' minds. In 2020, 31 burglaries occurred. Through July of this year, 11 have occurred, with eight in January attributed to a single person subsequently arrested by deputies.

Responding to alarms, whether triggered by criminals or, more commonly, accidentally by residents, consumes a significant portion of deputies' time in Los Altos Hills.

Like a confirmed burglary, a sounding alarm is classified as a priority 2 incident, and both require the response of two deputies, Urena told the council last week. Most of the town's calls for service take place between 2 p.m. and midnight, and for much of that time, only one deputy is on patrol; he or she must wait until backup is available before stepping on scene.

"As council's well aware, one of the things we want to do is make sure we're very responsive and able to respond within minutes of a call coming in," Urena said. "So, having a second deputy during the swing-shift hours will really allow us to be more efficient in town."

Adding a deputy, Urena said, is also necessary to analyze data

collected from Los Altos Hills' new automatic license plate readers, cameras mounted on poles throughout town to monitor traffic and deter crime.

Urena estimated 10-20% of the deputy's time would be spent reviewing ALPR data.

### Other council action

In other action at the Aug. 19 meeting, the council:

- Heard a presentation from Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors vice chair Gary Kremen about the "grim" reality of California's drought conditions.

- Approved a policy for a city council and planning commission hybrid meeting model to go into effect once the governor suspends an executive order that has permitted virtual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Agreed to remove Valley Oak No. 273, an Elena Road tree residents lobbied to save after arborists deemed it hazardous and workers compromised it further by cutting limbs. Also agreed to review the results of tree surveys, to direct independent arborists to review flagged heritage oaks and to notify immediate neighbors about their potential removal.

- Delayed consideration of an agreement with Los Altos Hills Community Fiber for the installation of fiber within the public right-of-way until an Aug. 31 town hall meeting on the matter. For more information, visit [losaltoshills.ca.gov/535/Community-High-Speed-Fiber](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov/535/Community-High-Speed-Fiber).

son said. Now an incident commander can simply click on a zone and only residents within that zone will be alerted.

"Having all of this background done already, it's just really going to help us to be more efficient in the use of our resources and really let the residents know as quickly as we can what we need you to do to stay safe," Urena added.

Santa Clara County residents can expect a "Know Your Zone" educational campaign in the coming weeks as well as future evacuation exercises.

Discussion of last year's CZU Lightning Complex Fire in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties inevitably cropped up during last week's meeting. John O'Connell

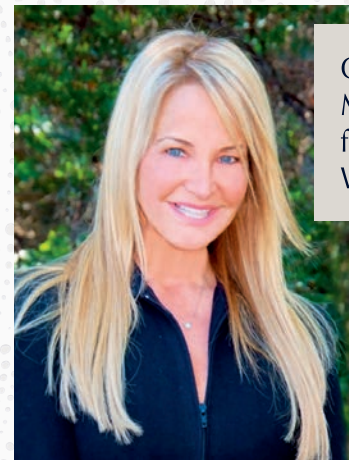
described the confusion that ensued Aug. 23, 2020, when some Los Altos Hills residents received an evacuation warning meant for neighboring communities.

Mortenson acknowledged the mix-up resulted from early tests of the Zonehaven technology; the zones were not properly defined at the time.

But the platform is ready now, Mortenson assured his audience.

"The more we can train on it, like anything, the more fluid it will become," he said.

**Santa Clara County officials strongly encourage residents to register for AlertSCC. Sign up at [emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/AlertSCC](http://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/AlertSCC).**



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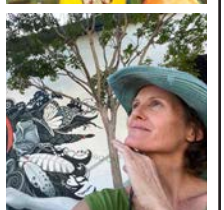
#### Exhibit

View renderings of what life was like in early Santa Clara Valley in *Annie Knapp Fitz Paints: A Legacy in Art*, Sept 9, 2021-Feb 6, 2022.



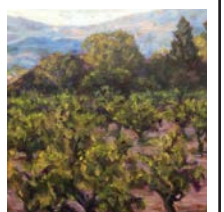
#### Public Program

Enjoy an evening of art and story presented by local muralist Morgan Bricca in *Adventures in Mural Painting*, Sept 23, 7-8:30 pm.



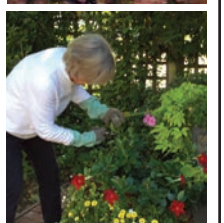
#### Exhibit

Browse a series of works by ArtVenturers celebrating all things apricot. *Community Orchard Art* is on display in the J. Gilbert Smith House exhibit gallery, Sep 30, 2021-Feb 20, 2022.



#### Public Program

Learn about the Chinese experience in *Journey to Gold Mountain: Chinese and the Gold Rush*, a talk with author and historian Connie Young Yu, available for viewing on our YouTube channel.



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the public during an emergency situation, including those involving earthquakes, floods, active shooter incidents and wildfire. Locally, it works in conjunction with AlertSCC, the county's official emergency notification system. In the past, personnel within Santa Clara County's 9-1-1 Communications Department would translate information provided by first responders to scrawl polygon shapes on maps representing the intended audiences of AlertSCC messages.

Zonehaven replaces the "old, clunky system" with predetermined, refined zones, Morten-



# Comment

## Groundhog Day? Groundhog Decade?

By Allyson Johnson

It's become a cliché to compare living in the year of COVID-19 lockdown to the movie "Groundhog Day," in which Bill Murray's character is doomed to relive the same day over and over until he gets it right. I've certainly had that feeling, as Laundry Day seems to come around faster and faster, and the only difference from week to week is what color sheets I put on the bed.

But, hey. We're getting through it, right? I've been waiting for the New Normal for a while now, with the anticipation of looking forward, rather than looking back at How Things Used to Be. But I recently had an unsettling discovery that challenges that anticipation.

Like many people, I keep a stack

### A Piece of My Mind

of unread magazines in the bathroom, which I am going to get around to reading sooner or later. During lockdown, I made a lot of progress. Last week, near the bottom of the unread magazine pile, I found an issue of Time from summer, five years ago.

There was a two-page photo spread showing a scorched playground swing among the smoky ruins of a school, one of at least 2,400 homes and businesses in a community destroyed by a wildfire.

A lead article talked about how to achieve equity and inclusion for Black students at colleges and universities, using the line "Black Students Matter."

Another article featured edible cutlery as a way to keep plastic waste out of landfills.

An op-ed article discussed how to help your children interact with and understand artificial intelligence.

A second op-ed article worried about how the aging of the baby boomers would impact our society, especially if they are siloed in retirement communities and lose engagement with their communities.

The lead articles discussed the need to reform our tax system to narrow the wealth gap and the lack of political will to address our crumbling transportation systems. The entertainment section featured an article on the retreat of movie and television drama into endless fantasies where magic and superpowers

prevail over reality.

In short, if you changed a few political names, updated the titles of the books, movies and TV shows, and overlooked the lack of mention of pandemics, there was almost nothing in the magazine that couldn't have been written this week. I have the horrible suspicion that once I am out of lockdown, the New Normal could just be 2016 over and over again, until we get it right.

There are still a few magazines in my pile, even older than the copy of Time from 2016. I'm going to wait a bit before I look at them, though. If we are stuck in a Groundhog Decade, I don't think I want to know.

*Allyson Johnson is a longtime Los Altos resident. To read her blog, visit [allysonjohnson.com](http://allysonjohnson.com).*

## Letter to the Editor

### State's 'gotcha' laws breed contempt

If ever the phrase "The law is an ass" were to describe a legal edict, California's enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act would be the poster child!

It has allowed a vexatious litigant to profit mightily while destroying businesses that serve the general public.

I do not blame the litigant,

who is acting under the law. I blame the legislators, who enable, indeed encourage, such destruction.

If the intent of the law is to provide equal access, why not make a provision for business owners to make modifications rather than punitively shut them down?

"Gotcha" laws like this do not breed justice. They only breed contempt.

**Kathryn Tomaino  
Los Altos**

## Oakland strikes out

By Andy Dolich

Major League Baseball and the Oakland A's in May released this statement in part:

"MLB is concerned with the rate of progress on the A's new ballpark effort with local officials and other stakeholders in Oakland. The A's have worked very hard to advance a new ballpark in downtown Oakland for the last four years, investing significant resources while facing multiple roadblocks. We know they remain deeply committed to succeeding in Oakland, and with two other sports franchises recently leaving the community, their commitment to Oakland is now more important than ever."

Now the A's have MLB's blessing to look at relocation possibilities, focusing on Las Vegas.

Franchise shifting is a modern-day sports soap opera that exposes billion-dollar business decisions and behind-closed-doors deal-making by elected officials, league commissioners, business executives and team owners.

These constituencies are participating in the most significant referendum on disposable income for sports in Bay Area history.

Oakland has lost its way with regard to the heart and soul of its home teams and millions of

### Silicon Folly

their loyal fans. They have been spectators as other cities have built new stadiums, including:

- Pac Bell (now Oracle) Park in San Francisco, opened in 2000; cost: \$375 million
- Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, opened in 2014; cost: \$1.5 billion
- Golden One Center in Sacramento, opened in 2016; cost: \$650 million
- Chase Center in San Francisco, opened in 2019; cost: \$1.5 billion
- Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, opened in 2020; cost: \$2 billion
- SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, opened in 2020; cost: \$5.5 billion

While we are waiting for this ongoing ballpark saga to show some signs of reality, I gave this Frank Sinatra baseball standard some new lyrics to while away the time.

### 'There Used to Be a Ballpark'

And there used to be an Oakland Coliseum, where the field was warm and green

And the teams played big games with a joy we'd never seen

And the air was always fragrant from the bratwurst and

the beer

Yes, there used to be a year-round multi-sports home with three teams right here

And there used to be World Champs, Hall of Famers and sellout crowds

With fireworks exploding across the Oakland hills framed in clouds

And the fans watched in wonder, how they'd laugh, how they'd cheer

Yes, there used to be a Coliseum with a Black Hole right here

Now the offspring of Raider Nation and Athletics try to find it

Because their parents' teams were constantly threatening to split

Their magic moments will end up playing out on another city's street

With millions of hometown fans left with a humongous Coliseum Swap Meet

Oaktown sports fans used to get so rowdy


The welcome to opposing teams was never "Howdy!"

The summer, fall and winter were their times to cheer

Now many who wear their colors will soon be shedding a tear.

Yes, there used to be an Oakland Alameda County Coliseum right here.

*Andy Dolich owns Dolich & Associates, a Los Altos-based sports consultancy.*



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# Community

## Auxiliary by El Camino Hospital's side at 60th milestone

By Bruce Barton  
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Judy Van Dyck recalled her first El Camino Hospital experience.

"I was a patient with a broken leg," she said, recalling when she arrived at the community-built hospital Sept. 1, 1961. "I didn't know it was the opening day of the hospital."

Participating in the grand-opening festivities at the time were women dressed in pink pinafores, who she discovered were members of the El Camino Hospital Auxiliary.

After relocating to the area, Van Dyck joined the auxiliary in January 1962 to meet people. She has been volunteering with the organization ever since.

As staff prepare to celebrate the hospital's 60th anniversary of operations Sept. 1, Van Dyck was quick to note the important role the auxiliary has played throughout that history – founded in 1958, it actually predates the opening of the hospital by three years.

The volunteers provide services that go beyond what doctors and nurses can do. They are at patients' sides at discharge, escorting them in wheelchairs as they leave the hospital. They re-

lay messages from floor to floor. They deliver newspapers and other items at patients' requests. They knit caps for newborns to take home and blankets for patients' comfort.

Van Dyck, a former nurse, clearly was in her element as she led a Town Crier reporter on a recent tour of the hospital and introduced fellow volunteers.

"Hi Judy," people said as they passed her by.

She often uses the word "love" when describing her work.

She currently serves as auxiliary president as El Camino struggles to return to some semblance of normalcy amid the pandemic and the threat of the COVID delta variant. Many of the services the auxiliary provides are unavailable due to public health restrictions.

The pandemic has kept volunteers home, but even prior, auxiliary numbers are not what they used to be.

Van Dyck counts 168 current volunteers, but she recalls numbers in the 700 range 15 years ago. When she was auxiliary president back in 1996, there were 1,200 senior volunteers and 200 juniors. In a 2018 Town Crier article, Van Dyck noted that younger women who would



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Judy Van Dyck stands by a collage of photos chronicling 60 years of support by the El Camino Hospital Auxiliary. The auxiliary's founding predates the opening of the hospital, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary next week.

have volunteered are now working full time, and older women are busy with grandkids. On the other hand, the auxiliary now includes male volunteers.

Still putting in 20 or more hours per week after nearly 59 years onboard, Van Dyck has no

plans to stop volunteering anytime soon.

"It keeps me off the streets and out of trouble," she said with a wink.

For more information, visit [ech-auxiliary.org](http://ech-auxiliary.org).

## Community Briefs

### Used-bike sales support local nonprofits

The Mountain View Day Worker Center, Hope's Corner and Community Services Agency are among the local organizations benefiting from an upcoming fundraising sale featuring used and refurbished bicycles.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, shoppers visiting the Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange parking lot can choose from an assortment of bikes offered for sale by the nonprofit, located on the Mountain View border at 3961 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. Bike prices start at \$150. Accessories, components and frames are also available for purchase.

Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Face masks are required.

For more information on the fundraiser, visit [bikex.org/welcome/past-articles/20-blog/214-svbe-used-bike-sale-august-2021](http://bikex.org/welcome/past-articles/20-blog/214-svbe-used-bike-sale-august-2021).

### Photo exhibition highlights farm workers

Photographer Mark Tushman's exhibition "Essential Farmers and Farm Workers" is on display through Monday at

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The puppet show will be held outdoors on the soccer fields behind the Bus Barn Stage Company.

Be sure to bring an outdoor blanket to enjoy the performance!

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Wednesday, September 29  
7:00 PM

Online Zoom Event: sign-up at  
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## Pink Ribbon Girls to hold inaugural Ignite the Fight fundraiser

Special to the Town Crier

**P**ink Ribbon Girls has scheduled its inaugural Bay Area Ignite the Fight fundraiser 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the historical Marini House at 220 University Ave., Los Altos.

PRG is a nonprofit organization that provides healthy meals, rides to treatment, housecleaning services, cancer education

and peer support to breast and gynecological cancer patients and their families, independent of age, stage or socioeconomic status and free of charge.

In the Bay Area, PRG served nearly 15,000 meals and provided more than 1,900 rides to and from treatment from January through July this year. PRG's meal and transportation service

requests have increased more than 150% and clients served jumped more than 200% in 2021 compared to 2020, highlighting a need for services locally.

The evening is set to kick off with a social hour and a pre-dinner auction with drinks, followed by a catered dinner, dessert and live auction. The evening will highlight inspiring stories from PRG clients and supporters, who will discuss how the organization has impacted their lives. Santa Clara Supervisor Joe Simitian will speak at the event.

PRG is currently serving Bay Area clients between the ages 27 and 94, from backgrounds including Asian Pacific Islander, white, Hispanic/Latino and African American, among others.

"We've been providing services to the Bay Area since 2019 and are thrilled to be able to hold our inaugural Ignite the Fight event in 2021," said Heather Salazar, Pink Ribbon Girls CEO. "We are so thankful for those who have supported us, especially through 2020, and look forward to celebrating our con-

tinued growth and success in the Bay during this event."

Table sponsorships and individual tickets are available. All funds raised at the event directly support clients in the Bay Area.

*For tickets, visit [bidpal.net/bayignite21](https://bidpal.net/bayignite21).*

*For more information, email Julie Arnheim at [jarnheim@pinkribbongirls.org](mailto:jarnheim@pinkribbongirls.org) or Heidi Stepp at [hstepp@pinkribbongirls.org](mailto:hstepp@pinkribbongirls.org), or visit [pinkribbongirls.org](https://pinkribbongirls.org).*

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### WomenSV founder honored for domestic abuse awareness

Town Crier Report

**R**uthven Darlene, founder and executive director of Los Altos-based WomenSV, recently received accolades – and financial support – for her work combating domestic violence.

Darlene and her nonprofit organization earned DomesticShelters.org's National Program/Shelter of the Year and Executive of the Year awards and the Midpeninsula Media Center's Local Hero recognition, as well as a \$250,000 grant from Santa Clara County.

WomenSV helps women in the throes of abu-



**Darlene**

sive relationships. Darlene was honored for her efforts to raise awareness of covert abuse and coercive control by training police officers, therapists, physicians, legal counsel and others within the judicial system.

Along with an emphasis on training and education, WomenSV assists women facing all forms of abuse, including nonphysical violence such as financial, legal, emotional and technological manipulation.

According to Darlene, there are victims of "hidden" abuse in every socioeconomic demographic of the Bay Area. The recent passage of State Senate Bill 1141 incorporates coercive control into the definition of domestic violence.

*For more information, visit [womensv.org](https://womensv.org).*

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# Community

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Art Ventures Gallery in Menlo Park. A reception is scheduled 4-6 p.m. Saturday, featuring speakers from the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA), Kitchen Table Advisors and Tera Farm – a nonprofit enterprise founded by Los Altos resident Sheena Vaidyanathan that connects local farmers directly with their customers.

Los Altos resident Jacques Rupp and Tuschman said they felt it was important to show a true story of the “heroic, hard-working” people they’ve met,

and to reveal their sense of pride and contributions so that people see them as the essential workers that they are.”

Art Ventures Gallery is located at 888 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

For more information, call 400-5325, email [info@artventuresgallery.com](mailto:info@artventuresgallery.com) or visit [artventuresgallery.com](http://artventuresgallery.com).

### Liberty Forum hosts China expert

The Liberty Forum of Silicon Valley, which includes Los Altos area participation, has scheduled China expert Gordon G. Chang to discuss “China’s Existential Challenge: What We Must Do to

Defend America” 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Elite Event Center, 2670 El Camino Real, Santa Clara.

Chang, an author and columnist for Newsweek, lived and worked for two decades in China and Hong Kong as a legal representative for two U.S. law firms.

He has a warning for Americans: China sees the U.S. as its enemy. He believes the U.S. and China are in a new version of the Cold War – and this one is being fought over technology.

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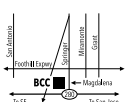
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# Sports

## Sports on the Side

### Fehoko is preseason all-conference pick

San Jose State defensive lineman **Junior Fehoko** has made the Mountain West preseason all-conference team, along with three other Spartans. The junior earned first-team all-Mountain West honors last season, in which the Spartans went undefeated in the regular season and captured their first Mountain West crown.

### Chamber golf tourney tees off Monday

The 31st annual Los Altos Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament is scheduled Monday at Los Altos Golf & Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive. Registration runs 10-11 a.m., as does the putting contest; lunch is at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at noon. Registration for the scramble-format event is \$395 per golfer, or \$1,400 per foursome; cost includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, team photos, giveaways, prize tickets, entry into the putting green contest, cocktail hour drink ticket, dinner and awards. Tickets to attend only the after-tournament party (cocktail hour, dinner, auction, raffle and prize drawings) at 5 p.m. are \$65. To register and for more information, visit [tinyurl.com/pk93wzrs](http://tinyurl.com/pk93wzrs).

### Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs head coaches for junior varsity girls basketball, JV girls soccer and JV swimming, along with a coach for diving. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at 960-8857 or [michelle.noeth@mvla.net](mailto:michelle.noeth@mvla.net). Mountain View High seeks head coaches for varsity track and field and girls water polo, along with a frosh-soph coach for boys water polo. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Shelley Smith** at 940-4600, ext. 1421, or [shelley.smith@mvla.net](mailto:shelley.smith@mvla.net). St. Francis

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## 'I still love to win'

Fischer, a former volleyball star at Homestead, is still a team player

By **Kate Armanini**  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

It's been several years since Katherine Fischer played volleyball at Homestead High and the University of Oregon. Still, the former Los Altos resident said she hasn't lost her competitive edge.

"I still love to win," Fischer said. "It has kind of translated to the work environment. I just want my company to do the best we can, and do whatever I can to help."

Fischer, who recently returned to the Bay Area after living in Lake Tahoe, is a controller at the tech startup Branch, working in both accounting and management. She still makes time for volleyball, though, playing in the Industrial Volleyball League, as well as her work league – which isn't quite as challenging for a former college volleyball star.

"I had to tone down my competitive spirit," she said.

Fischer graduated from the University of Oregon in 2013 with a degree in accounting and finance. Her road to becoming an NCAA Division I athlete started in middle school. She played for Cupertino Middle School and also joined a club team at City Beach Volleyball.

By the time she reached high school, Fischer moved to the Vision Volleyball Club and also made the varsity team at Homestead. As a freshman, she started at outside hitter for the Mustangs. A two-team league MVP, Fischer served as team captain her junior and senior seasons.

### Drive to thrive

More than a decade later, former Homestead coach Matt Hoffman vividly remem-



COURTESY OF KATHERINE FISCHER

**Katherine Fischer kayaks with her niece, Emily, in Lake Tahoe. A volleyball standout at Homestead High and the University of Oregon, Fischer recently moved back to the Bay Area from the Tahoe area. She works as a controller for the tech startup Branch.**

## Where Are They Now?

bers just how good Fischer was on the court.

"Her want and her drive separated her from everyone else," said Hoffman, now the head coach at San Francisco State. "She was great to coach. It's not going to surprise me that she has that same work ethic today."

In 2008, Fischer helped lead Homestead to its first state championship. Although the Mustangs lost, she called the experience the "best moment of my high school career."

"People didn't see it coming at all," Fischer said. "We definitely rallied together and did what no one had done before for Homestead."

Her list of club volleyball achievements is also long – it includes winning the Far West-erns National Qualifier, the Colorado Cross-

roads National Qualifier and the bronze medal in the USA Volleyball Junior Olympics.

### Becoming a Duck

When the University of Oregon reached out during the recruiting process, Fischer said she quickly realized it was a good fit.

"I went up there for a camp and just loved everything about it," she said. "The coaches were great, the girls were great and I quickly became onboard."

Fischer called her overall experience at Oregon "challenging and rewarding." A four-year starter, she holds several records, including ranking in the top 10 for most aces, digs, kills and kill attempts. She only missed four sets during her college career and helped the Ducks advance to the national championships in 2012.

Over the course of it all, Fischer maintained a 4.0 GPA and was the PAC-12 Senior

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## Little League 11U All-Stars claim crown for District 44

Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Little League's 11U All-Stars defeated Santa Clara Westside 10-7 to win the District 44 title last month. Players included Caleb Suh, Marcus Kao, Parker Lee, Mason Gomez, William Manche, Xavier Schlough, Conrad Bose, Owen Taylor, Jack Peters, Conrad Prahm, Anneliese Braun and Roland Hurd. The coaching staff included manager Ted Kao and coaches Jason Gomez, Joe Suh and Dave Hurd.

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# Sports

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## Free online courses help parents, coaches

The National Federation for State High School Associations offers free online courses for parents and coaches. They in-

clude Positive Sport Parenting (proper behavior by parents to ensure their children have a positive sports experience), NCAA Eligibility (educates high school coaches, administrators and parents about the NCAA's initial-eligibility requirements), Social Media (assists parents and coaches in setting boundaries for students' social media use). To access the courses, visit [nfhslearn.com/courses](http://nfhslearn.com/courses).

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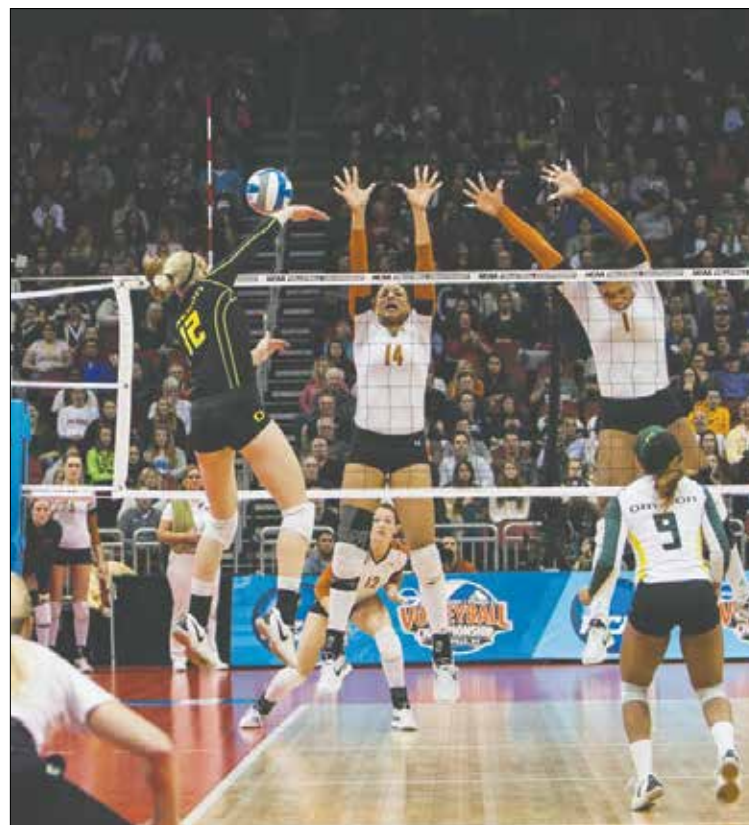
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Scholar-Athlete Award winner. Fischer said the hardest part of being a college student-athlete was managing both volleyball and academics.

"It was a balancing act, but I'm very happy I got an experience that I know a lot of people don't," she said. "It was a hugely defining experience in my life."

These days, volleyball is just one of many activities she participates in. Fischer said she likes to hike, paddleboard, bike and run, and she was able to do a lot of that in Tahoe. However, nothing beats her time playing competitive volleyball.

"Definitely looking back, it feels like those were the glory days," Fischer said. "It's just really nice to watch old videos and just remember those good times with good friends, achieving amazing things."



COURTESY OF KATHERINE FISCHER

Katherine Fischer, left, goes for the kill playing for Oregon.

## Local High School Sports Schedule for Aug. 25-31

### Football

Friday

Los Altos at Independence, 7 p.m.

King's Academy at Mountain View, 7 p.m.

St. Francis at Central Catholic, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Los Altos at Milpitas Spikefest I, 8 a.m.

Tuesday

Leland at Los Altos, 6:45 p.m.

Homestead at St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.

### Girls tennis

Tuesday

Pinewood at Woodside, 4 p.m.

### Boys water polo

Tuesday

Palo Alto at St. Francis, 5 p.m.

### Girls volleyball

Thursday

Mid-Peninsula at Pinewood, 4 p.m.

Los Altos at Presentation, 6:45 p.m.

Mountain View at Wilcox, 6:45 p.m.

### Girls water polo

Saturday

Leland at St. Francis, 10:30 a.m.

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## Schools Briefs

### Mentor Tutor Connection hosts info session

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All volunteers must be high school graduates.

To register, visit [tinyurl.com/te9y5jy4](https://tinyurl.com/te9y5jy4).

For more information, email [programs@mentortutorconnection.org](mailto:programs@mentortutorconnection.org) or visit [mentortutorconnection.org](https://mentortutorconnection.org).

### AVID program needs mentors

MVLA Scholars is recruiting mentors to work with students in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools.

AVID aims to prepare students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college, for success at four-year universities. Mentors support students as they learn about the college application process, write their application essays, complete their applications and apply for scholarships.

Mentors do not need to have college counseling experience and will receive support and training. They will meet weekly on campus with students during their AVID class.

To volunteer and for more information, email Sarah Chang at [schang892@gmail.com](mailto:schang892@gmail.com) or visit [mvlascolars.org](https://mvlascolars.org).

### Chico's holds teacher appreciation sale days

Chico's Los Altos is offering Los Altos School District teachers 20% off merchandise Thursday through Sunday.

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In addition, teachers will receive a free appetizer from Rustic House Oyster Bar & Grill with purchase.

Also participating and offering specials, as of Monday: BK Collections; Clickaway;

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## Kids are back in class at LASD, CUSD

In-person classes are back in session as students in the Los Altos and Cupertino Union school districts returned to campuses last week. The Cupertino district, which includes Montclair Elementary in Los Altos, started Aug. 16, while the Los Altos district started Aug. 18. Children arriving at Oak Avenue, pictured in these photos, appeared enthusiastic and ready to begin the year. At right, Oak principal Kimberly Attell made parents and students feel welcome – and safe. Atwell, below left, is accompanied by Oak's mascot. At bottom right, masked students listen to their teacher.



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## Nonprofit FreeFlight helps kids prepare for real world

By Kelly Yang

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Living in the competitive environment that is Silicon Valley, Los Altos residents and parents Priya Dharan and Anusuya Rao noticed how many students in the area were singularly focused on college admissions – obsessing over test scores and GPAs rather than the skills necessary to succeed in the real world.

“Sitting here in the valley ... we all sense this pressure to succeed and have this very narrow definition of success,” Dharan said. “We’re just running at such a fast pace that you have no time to pause and think about what might be good to do.”

Rao added, “In the Bay Area especially, we get so caught up in the grind that we forget the more important parts of life that are needed. How about continuing on after high school?”

Inspired by local Bay Area nonprofit A Future for Every Child (AFEC), Dharan and



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FreeFlight aims to encourage students to explore their curiosity and interests while building their self-esteem and critical-thinking skills.

Rao were adamant that a program redefining success was essential to the Los Altos community. Similar to AFEC's initiative in India dubbed Launchpad to Adulthood, which supports orphaned children transitioning into independent living, Dharan and


Rao said they wanted to design a curriculum that targets practical life skills for students not currently taught in school.

“I found, as a parent, that (these skills were) lacking for my kids, and there was

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### FREEFLIGHT

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no place that focused on stuff like this," Rao said. "So, we got together with a bunch of other like-minded parents and felt a strong need to create a club that focused on life skills and soft skills, and even role models who are off the beaten path."

With this idea in mind, Dharan and Rao, along with AF-EC's founder Gita Gopel, quickly organized a steering committee and developed their program – FreeFlight – set to launch next month.

#### Filling a need

Launchpad for Life's flagship self-discovery program, FreeFlight serves local middle and high school students and their parents. Described on its website as a nurturing environment, the program aims to encourage students to explore their curiosity and interests while building their self-esteem and critical-thinking skills. The parent-child affinity club aims to empower young students and

expose them to alternative avenues.

FreeFlight officially begins Sept. 11, meeting in person once a month until June. While it is open to high school students and their parents, the program targets middle schoolers and their parents. The curriculum will span multiple years and build on past content, according to the founders. However, the sessions are designed to be standalone to ensure new students can join in future years. While the curriculum focuses on life skills – including topics such as financial independence and clear communications – Dharan and Rao said the topics are flexible and will be tailored to fit the audience's changing needs.

Students and parents will be separated into two groups to ensure comfort and transparency but will be led through the same activities, they added. Meetings may consist of mindfulness exercises, topic-related activities, speaker Q&As, role-play scenarios and reflections. Trained youth moderators, typically high school or young college students,

will lead the student group while other adult volunteers will lead the parents.

After holding three initial sessions throughout the summer, Rao said the students who attended really "wanted to be there," including one who returned early from a Yosemite trip to participate. Rao said she was quite pleased by the early positive feedback and participant validation that there was a real need for this type of program.

FreeFlight is slated to meet 3-4:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at outdoor locations in Los Altos, Mountain View and Sunnyvale. Early-bird registration ends Sunday. The annual membership fee is \$400 for both parent and child, and \$200 for additional siblings.

*For more information on FreeFlight, prospective members may attend the informational meeting with speaker Swati Mohan scheduled 2-3 p.m. Saturday in Los Altos. Find details at [afutureforeverychild.org/freeflight](http://afutureforeverychild.org/freeflight).*

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By Eliza Ridgeway

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As local families found new ways to celebrate together over the past 18 months, parties were delayed, canceled or reimaged. Some weddings carried on, dramatically reduced in scope. Gatherings moved to tiles on a screen rather than guests at the front door. Here's how two local families found a way to stay connected by honoring and modifying traditional moments.

### The brides in the pictures

When Los Altos resident Libby Ackley sent an announcement to the Town Crier that her daughter, Mia, married Chadd Krist June 5, she noted that she still had a copy of her own parents' announcement, which had run in the paper's pages as well. The weathered clipping captures a wedding that was modest in scope compared to many lavishly modern parties, but captures grace notes with loving detail.

When Mia's grandmother, Sue, was married in Los Altos, she decked the altar at St. Simon Catholic Church with gladioli, snapdragons and chrysanthemums, carried lilies and orchids, and her veil draped from a crown of wax apple blossoms. The Town Crier's 1959 wedding announcement detailed not just the bride's attire in detail, but that of the maid of honor – and then chronicled two subsequent outfit changes for the newly minted Mrs. Perez.



Pictured above is the 1959 Town Crier announcement for Mary Suzanne Leach and Cesar John Perez. At right are Chadd and Mia Krist at their recent wedding.

Today's bridal announcements carry few of those details, even in an era when Pinterest and Instagram fuel female wedding traditions with the scope for many lavishly reported details. Conventions have changed – a glossy color photograph captures the moment, and the details live on personal social accounts rather than in the shared local paper. But to depart from the norm

for a change, here is what Mrs. Perez's granddaughter wore 62 years later, in her own words:

*I'd eyed this dress by Danielle Frankel Studios – she is kind of a newer designer, but I'd seen her work. Since it was COVID, none of the bridal studios were open. I sat at my computer and looked around and I just kind of pulled the trigger – I'll just try it on at home and see how it works. And it came and I just fell in love with*

*it. It's a high-neck, bias-cut silk sheath gown with a low, draped back, exaggerated long sleeves and an extending train.*

*My shoes were Valentino. They're just so classic – when I think of grace and elegance, I think of Valentino. They were a pointy, slingback pump with the classic logo in the front. My veil is Daphne Newman, a Canadian brand. I've been a Catholic school kid my whole life; I was*

*getting married in the church, and I wanted to feel like I was dressing the part, with the long cathedral veil with lace.*

Her grandmother's three-quarter sleeve, boat-neck, ballet-length dress captured the “grace and elegance and femininity” she exuded, Mia said.

“When I see that photo, I see pure love. Everything was so simple back then, and that really

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## New beginnings: First day of school poses challenge of letting go

By Ellie Angel

As I prepare to get my daughter ready for her first day of pre-school, I wonder: “Is she ready? Am I ready? Will she be OK?” I think every parent's mind ponders such questions when it comes to transitions in our lives, especially when it relates to our children and new beginnings.

I've been an educator for a decade and have seen firsthand how many parents had a tough time on the first day of school. As a parent, I can now comprehend how it felt for those kindergarten parents leaving their children in the classroom with me for the first time.

### Learning Circle

There is a mix of emotions happening, especially when the child hasn't had any type of group care. It's a big deal trusting someone else to take care of your child during the day.

I saw myriad ways that parents coped with the transition of the first day of school – some cried, some lingered, some just dropped off and left. We all have our own way of coping with change. But in the end, the parents knew that their children were in good hands and

left them in the classroom with me.

The moment you decide to let go and be open to change and new opportunities, you will be surprised. Countless times I've had to reassure parents that it's OK, that despite their child's tears, he or she will be fine. This is the child's way of working through hard feelings with a new transition, and it will pass. Usually shortly after parents had left, their children had stopped crying and were engaged in an activity with peers, enveloped in a hug from me or nestled with a book in the cozy corner library area.

As parents and caretakers, we will

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“The moment you decide to let go and be open to change and new opportunities, you will be surprised,” writes mother and educator Ellie Angel.

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# Celebrations

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inspired me for our wedding, because it was a pandemic,” Mia added.

Mia’s imagined “Great Gatsby” wedding had reshaped dramatically as she got engaged during the pandemic and knew “we’re too in love to wait for a big party.”

“We didn’t want to elope – our families are so important to us,” she said.

So, Mia and Chadd planned an outdoor reception in Napa for 13 people that was intimate but held back on nothing: cake, videographer, even impromptu dancing on the lawn. The guitarist for their cocktail hour pulled out a playlist and the family of extroverts rolled from a first-dance song into a night of leaving it all on the dance floor as a tiny group.

“Without all the hoopla and craziness of how weddings have gotten these days, it was so nice to take away all of that and go back to the bare bones of what getting married means and how it was a milestone we wanted to cross together instead of a big party,” Mia said. “Chadd and I could focus on each other the whole night rather than meeting people and thanking them for coming.”

## Spending time together, however we can

Los Altos residents John and Joan Woodward celebrated their 75th anniversary this year, with more than 60 years of that tenure spent on Creston Drive in Los Altos. As their five children, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren entered the world, the pair faithfully deepened their involvement at Palo Alto’s Peninsula Bible Church and grew in their partnership to each other as well, according to youngest son Mike Woodward.

“They still don’t just love each other, but like each other and enjoy spending time with each other,” Mike said of his parents, reflecting that “learning to prefer one another over themselves” has been a lifelong practice intertwined with the big role faith has played in their lives.

Mike said it’s “funny to hear my mom say in these later years, ‘The two of us are just so different, so opposite.’”

He added of the insights they’ve built over time: “You don’t realize that necessarily when you’re dating – you’re looking at all the good things, the things that are attracting you.”

At ages 99 (John) and 95 (Joan), the pair live at home with support from family and assistants. During the pandemic,

the family has learned to navigate Zoom intergenerationally. A granddaughter spearheaded the family Christmas party, and though tracking the constantly shifting tiny squares of participants as people joined and dropped was challenging, the moments of one-to-one connection were meaningful.

“Everyone loves them so much and wants to be spending time with them however they can,” Mike said of the “make-it-work” mentality that has gone into these connections.

For their parents’ anniversary, Mike’s sister, who lives in Los Altos with John and Joan, read aloud Facebook messages from well-wishers near and far who want to celebrate the Woodwards for their anniversary despite the COVID-era distance.

In some ways, the digital context has demonstrated the breadth of John and Joan’s impact as people came out of the woodwork to honor them – “They always act like, ‘Well, why would they want to take the time to greet us?’ – they don’t get it, how loved they are, so it’s kind of fun to watch,” Mike said.

**Has your family found a way to conquer generational differences, technology and the pandemic to connect around a special life event? Email [elizar@latc.com](mailto:elizar@latc.com) with your story.**

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experience many transitions and celebrations with our children. Entering preschool is one rite of passage, and many more will follow suit. In these rites of passages, we will see our child grow and develop into his or her own person. And as a parent, it’s hard, as you want to shelter and protect them. It is important for us as adults to be there for comfort and support as our children find their own way into the world.

## Embracing the unknown

There are many ways to document these special life transitions, including taking photos or videos, or making photo books. There are also apps you can use on your phone to generate a message on the photo as well, such as PhotoGrid, Canva and PicLab. It is a great way to document, as the photos become visual keepsakes for years to come.

One popular method is doing a first-day-of-school picture and

a last-day-of-school picture – it’s nice to see the difference a year has made (as you can see from my friend’s photo of their child Chloe on page 17).

Transitions are also about transformation and change. I like to think of them as a state of metamorphosis. My child, who has been with me over the past two years, is not a helpless baby anymore. She has transformed into a curious, independent and fearless young toddler ready to tackle the world. I feel so blessed to have been able to stay home with her during the pandemic and get to see her grow up right before my eyes. However, she is ready to explore new opportunities, and I’m ready to be there by her side as she experiences them.

If anything, the pandemic has taught us to slow down, appreciate the small things and prioritize what brings us joy and comfort.

Despite being sheltered and quarantined this past year, people still found a way to celebrate the special moments in our lives. Whether it was birthday parties at home, picnics at the

park, graduation ceremonies via Zoom, wedding ceremonies recorded – we still found a way. This only made us appreciate these moments even more.

As we pass through the back-to-school month, many children will be experiencing a transition together. Many young students will go from remote and hybrid learning to in-person school, and that will be a big change for both children and parents.

Are there uncertainties with transitions? Yes, there are. However, if we dwell on the what-ifs, we won’t leave room for growth, opportunity and surprises. Uncertainties also can be transformational, exciting and powerful. We need to embrace the unknown as well as give our children the message, “Yes, you can do it. I believe in you, and I’ll be right by your side the whole way no matter what happens.”

**Ellie Angel is a local mom and educator. For more teaching tips, follow her on Instagram at @mama4learning or visit her blog at [medium.com/@Mama4learning](http://medium.com/@Mama4learning).**



# Celebrations

## Cakes make comeback as celebrations return

By Adrienne Mitchel  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Whether it's multicolored birthday cupcakes, gender-reveal cakes, tiered wedding cakes or elegant anniversary cakes, cake has become synonymous with celebration.

The global pandemic put a halt to celebrations as we previously knew them, and with it, much of our cake consumption. But as COVID restrictions ebb and flow, bakeries have seen a rise in cake sales.

"During the pandemic, it was really slow because there were not a lot of celebrations," said AnaLisse Johansson, general manager of Sweet Diplomacy, a gluten-free bakery in downtown Los Altos. "People would have birthdays, but it would be just their own families. But recently we've had a lot of bigger cakes. A lot of requests for wedding cakes are now coming back. We even had a 100th birthday a couple weeks back."

Santosh Chankyam soft-opened Mr. Cake+, an Indian bakery in Mountain View, in December 2020, during the height of the pandemic. He said there was a noticeable increase in cake sales after June this year.

"In order to just have that feeling of happiness and community, I think cake makes a big difference," Chankyam said. "So that's why we need to have a cake on every occasion."

Rather than sharing one big cake, many customers are opting to purchase individual treats, such as cookies, pastries and cupcakes.

"People would do Zoom birthdays – they would have 20 individually packaged cupcakes, and they would drop them off at people's houses," Johansson said. "Even (if the celebration was) at their house, they would do individual packaging, just so they knew it was more safe, more sanitary."

### Cake trends

Johansson has two cake tips for those who are doing their own baking for a celebration or new to hosting all-outdoors events.

No. 1: When baking at home, measure ingredients by weight for better accuracy. No. 2: Place your cake in the freezer before serving it in warm weather to



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**Santosh Chankyam of Mr. Cake+ in Mountain View showcases one of his sweet creations.**

prevent melted frosting. She said she forgot to freeze the cupcakes she brought to her grandmother's 87th outdoor birthday celebration, and she won't make that mistake again.

Just like fashion changes over the years, cake styles and flavors change as well. Johansson said a vintage cake design sporting big bows, gems and even mini chandeliers has recently become quite popular.

Chankyam predicted that cakes sporting the flavors of other desserts will increase in popularity. He said customers have responded positively to his Ras Malai Cake, a sweet treat flavored like ras malai, a cardamom- and saffron-flavored cottage cheese dessert.

Johansson has noticed that people have recently begun ordering cakes just to celebrate coming together with friends and family after being separated for more than a year.

"They'll order a cake and I'll be, like, 'What's the celebration?' And they'll be, like, 'Nothing really, we're just getting together with friends and celebrating together again,'" she said.

Those celebrating a birthday,

anniversary or just life in general can visit Sweet Diplomacy at 201 First Street in Los Altos, or Mr. Cake+ at 570 N. Shoreline Blvd. Suite B in Mountain View.

### Santosh's Crispy Vanilla Butter Cookies

Ready to try baking by weight for the first time? Buy an inexpensive food scale anywhere kitchenware is sold.

- 1 kilogram butter
- 760 grams sugar
- 330 grams egg
- 16 grams salt
- 10 grams vanilla extract
- 50 grams milk powder
- 3 grams baking powder
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 835 grams rice flour
- 830 grams all-purpose flour

Mix butter and sugar until fluffy. Stir in eggs, salt and vanilla extract.

Add milk powder, baking powder, lemon zest, rice flour and all-purpose flour and combine.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes.

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# Stepping Out

## CSMA series to require proof of vaccination

Town Crier Report

The Community School of Music and Arts is set to welcome live audiences back for the first concert of its Fall 2021 Community Concert Series 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with a performance by Peter and Will Anderson celebrating jazz legend Charlie Parker.

Identical twins, the Andersons are jazz woodwind players. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., the brothers moved to New York City to attend The Juilliard School.

They have performed with several orchestras and worked with Wynton Marsalis on the 2014 Grammy Award-winning soundtrack for HBO's "Boardwalk Empire." They have performed across the U.S. and in Brazil, Japan and the United Kingdom.

The Andersons will lead a free workshop 2 p.m. Sunday in CSMA's Tateuchi Hall, during which they will discuss jazz history, jazz improvisation

and careers in music.

CSMA has instituted additional safety measures for the Fall Community Concert Series to ensure the safety of audiences, staff and performers. Attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Prior to entering, concertgoers will be asked to provide proof of vaccination through a QR code generated by the Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record website or an original physical vaccination card or photograph of it.

In addition, children under 12 are not permitted to attend Community Concerts at this time.

Regardless of vaccination status, audience members will be required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times inside Tateuchi Hall.

CSMA is located at 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View.

To watch the Andersons' performance online, visit [youtube.com/user/CSMAMV](https://youtube.com/user/CSMAMV).

For more information, visit [arts4all.org](https://arts4all.org).



COURTESY OF CHASE WOFFORD

Chase Wofford, on drums, performs with the band Betcha.

## Drummer for alt-rock band Betcha recalls his childhood in Los Altos

By Ava Hinz

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Influenced at an early age by his parents' taste in music, Chase Wofford took up the drums during his childhood in Los Altos, eventually leading him to become the drummer in the alternative rock band Betcha.

"I feel like the combination of those early musical influences from my parents, and then starting to really be a player, and learning more about other types of music around the world kind of ... led to my personal style of playing, but also an appreciation for all kinds of music," said Wofford, who moved to Texas with his family at age 11.

Wofford, born at El Camino Hospital in 1995, comes from a musical family; his mom was a pianist growing up and his dad loved to listen to artists like the Beach Boys, the Eagles and The Beatles, Wofford said.

Like those artists, Wofford's band landed a record deal. In 2017, Betcha signed with Atlantic Records, which released the band's first EP two years later.

Wofford met his bandmates Ben Booth (lead guitar), Taylor Dubray (bass and keyboard) and Charlie Greene (vocals and guitar) in 2014 while attending Belmont University in Nashville. He described the first time he played live with them – at a battle of the bands competition – as an "instant click."

### Lessons from the road

Early in the band's career, Betcha toured with Kaleo – an Icelandic band with multiple hit

songs – as Kaleo's opening act. Wofford said it was a critical learning experience for the band, as its members learned many tips and tricks from more experienced musicians.

"You have to get every ounce of information you can, and then figure out what parts of each of those things resonate with you," he said. "It's kind of stealing, but it's kind of not because everyone kind of does the same thing, but everyone has their own little spin on it."

Betcha learned more lessons on tour with bands such as Judah and the Lion and The Band Camino and "gained years of experience in just a few months," Wofford said.

But he added that it takes more than knowledge to be successful in the music business.

"You have to have enough wherewithal in your confidence," Wofford said. "Even when something doesn't hit or doesn't blow up or no one shows up to one of your shows, you just have to pack up and then go to the next one with just as much confidence. So, it's a weird up-and-down balance of humility and ego."

During a break from touring due to the pandemic, he said the band regrouped and focused on the impression it was making on followers.

"If someone becomes a Betcha fan and they're telling their friends about us, we want to make sure it's a clear thing of what you would tell your friends," Wofford said. "We don't want to be put in a box per se, but have something that's kind of unique to us that people can latch onto."

For more information on Betcha, visit [betchaband.com](https://betchaband.com).

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# Business & Real Estate

## Los Altos resident goes from tech to carpentry

By Nina Crofts  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

When Los Altos resident Pete Mitchell arrived in Silicon Valley from Germany, he embarked on a 25-year career in tech. Two years ago, he switched career paths – to carpentry. More specifically, handcrafted fences.

Mitchell is the man behind Los Altos Fence, a business he began shortly after leaving Google Inc. in 2019.

He's worked a variety of jobs in the tech industry, from consumer data to artificial intelligence. At Google, he specialized in hotlines and alerts for serious problems.

"Not everybody can really do that – you have to have a certain life experience," Mitchell said. "Working in social impact moved me away from a pure business focus of my career, and I needed to know what was next."

After being told before a holiday break that he would get to continue working in the social impact department, Mitchell said he returned to find himself



placed in an entirely new position – working away from the community impact side of the business he had grown to love. With a "take it or leave it" offer, Mitchell chose to leave the company.

He grappled with various other employment choices, including skydiving (which he pursued for a few months before realizing it wasn't the most viable long-term career), finally deciding on exploring a passion for handiwork he'd had his entire life.

"Burning jet fuel is cool, but it's not really sustainable," he said. "Then I thought, 'I've always been into furniture. I'm a

mechanic. I do everything myself around the house.' There was no business in it at that point – I just wanted to help my neighbors."

Mitchell added that he was eager to help those in his community, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, with housework and repairs. After building a fence for a neighbor, he realized he had a knack for handcrafted fencing that his neighbors felt was unmatched in the local community.

"I figured I needed to put it out there, write a business plan, come up with marketing and branding and all that," he said. "I wanted to live and work like a real German carpenter, so these are the clothes that I wear, based on an 800-year-old European tradition of carpentry."

### Family enterprise

Los Altos Fence is a family business. Pete's wife, Alex, assists with administration while his sons Frederick and Fileas help out on jobs.

"It's been in my family for 300



COURTESY OF PETE MITCHELL

Pete Mitchell brings generations of tradition to Los Altos Fence.

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## Fortune tellers take your cash and don't show up

By Steve McFarland

Astrology, tarot and other psychic services is a \$2 billion industry, and scammers are cashing in on their popularity. The Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker has received reports from people who paid for psychic readings and other services but never received what they were promised.

### How the scam works

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such as CashApp. When the time comes for your session, the psychic is unreachable. Unfortunately, when you ask about a refund, the psychic blocks you or simply disappears.

Complaints about no-show psychics are the most common version of this scam reported to BBB Scam Tracker, but watch out for variations. Consumers also reported seeing phony reviews or being pressured into paying additional services. For example, one victim reported losing \$3,500 to one such scammer.

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years,” Pete said of the carpentry tradition. “In Germany ... houses will be thousands of years old. That means there’s a certain tradition with boards, stones, roofing, down to the different colors they will wear on the job ... super-fine differences, and yet they’re all brothers and sisters. I simply would like to continue this tradition.”

Mitchell said he takes pride in the sophistication of his work, and the passing down of a centuries-old tradition of German carpentry. From indoor Greek-style barn doors to cedar wood fences with handles (not drawstrings), Mitchell said he enjoys all types of jobs, even relishing picky customers.

“Everything is from scratch, so when they want what they want, I’ll ensure they get it,” he said. “I enjoy doing it, and providing superior service with quality products.”

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### Mountain View

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**105 Beverly Street**, 105 Beverly Street, M. & R. Bashir to P. & S. Balasubramanyam for \$2,175,000  
**62 Centre Street**, D. Champagne to K. Latham for \$1,558,000  
**3902 Degree Lane**, Gold Mountain Investments LLC to J. & Z. Wang for \$1,452,000  
**224 Lassen Avenue**, B. Mq to W. & J. Cotter for \$2,717,500  
**294 Martens Avenue**, Walsh Trust to M. & S. Singh for \$3,912,000

- 537 Mountain View Avenue**, Riley Family Trust to Smart Trust for \$2,850,000  
**274 Pamela Drive No. 5**, E. Farhat to Yang Family Trust for \$612,000  
**49 Showers Drive Unit J226**, Mason Trust to Chakraborty Trust for \$1,010,000  
**1626 Tyler Park Way**, Home Light Hms R/E LLC to N. & N. Khedekar for \$2,150,000  
**332 Whisman Station Drive**, L. Wang to Y. Guo for \$1,360,000

### Overall

#### Los Altos

Total sales: 13  
Lowest sale: \$893,000  
Highest sale: \$8,700,000  
Average sale: \$3,982,700

#### Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 5  
Lowest sale: \$3,850,000  
Highest sale: \$5,300,000  
Average sale: \$4,362,600

#### Mountain View

Total sales: 11  
Lowest sale: \$612,000  
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Mountain View’s Art & Wine Festival is returning in 2021, albeit “significantly amended” due to health and safety concerns, according to Mountain View Chamber of Commerce president Peter Katz. This year’s in-person event, scheduled Sept. 11, will be “pint-sized,” he said, with a limit of 5,000 attendees. The chamber has moved the event from Castro Street – which will remain in use by restaurants to aid in their recovery – to the Caltrain parking lot, where it can better manage attendee numbers and flow. For more information, visit [chambermv.org](http://chambermv.org).

SCAM  
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Preventing the scam

To protect yourself from such a scam:

- **Evaluate the seller’s social media profile.** Look for someone who posts frequently, responds quickly, and clearly displays and describes the services they provide.
- **Read the comments on their posts.** Disgruntled customers sometimes comment on a seller’s posts to inform potential customers about their poor experiences. However, this is not a foolproof way to tell if you’re dealing with a phony seller, because comments can be deleted or hidden.
- **Check for clear appointment protocols.** A trustworthy professional will have a streamlined process dictating how they

book appointments to ensure they do not overbook themselves.

- **Get everything in writing.** Sellers should provide written confirmation of your purchase, the charges, relevant appointment details and instructions on what to do in the event of a cancellation.
- **Look out for red flags when paying.** For example, one consumer told BBB a seller insisted they pay via a digital transfer app, and they were required to label the charge as a “friends and family payment.” This circumvents safeguards in place that could otherwise protect consumers from scams.

If you’ve spotted a scam – whether or not you’ve lost money – report it to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker). Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

*For more information, visit [BBB.org/AvoidScams](http://BBB.org/AvoidScams).  
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## Chamber golf tourney scheduled Monday

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to host its 31st annual golf tournament fundraiser 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Los Altos Golf & Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive.

The event is a key fundraiser for the chamber and its support of local small businesses.

Cost is \$395 per participant, which includes golf cart, box lunch, refreshments on the course, team photos, giveaways, entry in the putting green contest, cocktail hour drink ticket and dinner.

*For more information, call the chamber at 948-1455 or visit [losaltoschamber.org](http://losaltoschamber.org).*

## Your credit score affects mortgage refinancing

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If you're thinking about refinancing your mortgage, there's often a lot to consider. For instance, your decision to refinance may rely on current interest rates or your personal financial situation.

Your credit score also plays a role in the mortgage refinancing process. While it can certainly factor into your ability to refinance, the relationship between your mortgage and your credit score can be complicated. However, it doesn't need to be.

Credit requirements can vary depending on the terms of your loan. But at the same time, many programs share similar traits. Here are three you'll want to know:

### 1. The score you need can depend on the type of loan you have

According to NerdWallet, if you're refinancing a VA or conventional loan, you'll typically need a score between 620 and 720 to qualify. And if you have an FHA loan, you need a score between at least 500 and 580 to qualify.

Fortunately, lenders understand that life happens and are willing to work through different options if your credit score recently dropped below the requirements. For in-

stance, there are different streamline financing options for VA loans, FHA loans and USDA loans that don't require credit checks or score benchmarks.

Many people also choose to secure home loans through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two of the largest home loan lenders in the country. Both typically require a minimum credit score of 620 to get approved.

### 2. Good credit isn't the only thing you need to qualify

When you're looking to refinance, having an excellent credit score can be beneficial. However, your score doesn't automatically make you eligible. Lenders will look at a number of other things:

- Debt-to-income ratio: The amount of debt you have compared to how much money you make.

- Loan-to-value ratio (LTV): Allows lenders to assess the lending risk before approving a mortgage or a mortgage refinance. Loans that have a higher LTV are typically considered to be a higher risk.

If your lender says you have a high LTV ratio, that doesn't automatically disqualify you. There are government-sponsored programs from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that are

available for borrowers who have LTV ratios that are 97.01% or higher.

### 3. Refinancing can drop your score temporarily

Like any changes to your installment accounts, refinancing your mortgage can lower your score. However, you don't need to worry about this as much if your credit is already in good standing. There are a couple of reasons why your score may drop.

One is that lenders take what's called a "hard inquiry," or a detailed look, at your credit score. Such hard inquiries can cause your score to drop by a few points.

The second is that the fact of refinancing itself can reduce your credit score.

The third is a possible increase in your utilization ratio, which is calculated by comparing the amount you owe versus your total credit limit.

There's a lot involved in the refinancing process. But when you know where your credit score is before you begin, it can help you create a better plan for action.

*To check your credit score, visit **VantageScore**, a consumer credit-scoring model created through a joint venture of the three major credit bureaus, at [vantagescore.com](http://vantagescore.com).*

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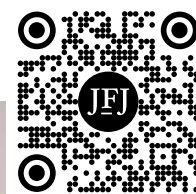
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## Datebook

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

### EVENTS

**Fall Plant Exchange.** Bring healthy plants, seedlings, cuttings, bulbs, small trees or shrubs and take home something new in exchange. Plants must be labeled; no privets or invasive plants. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Los Altos and the Los Altos Recreation Department with support from the Los Altos History Museum. 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 25. Outside the Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road. Masks required. [betlee59@gmail.com](mailto:betlee59@gmail.com).

### EXHIBITS

**"Behind All That."** Exhibit of Rachel Tirosh's large abstract works featuring new ways to use texture. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, through August. Los Altos Library. 13 S. San Antonio Road. 941-8073.

**"Distant Lands."** Photography exhibit by Jim Colton, Artist reception with live music, refreshments and wine, 2-5 p.m. Sept. 19. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. 941-7222; [jimcoltonphotography.com](http://jimcoltonphotography.com).

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

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**Foothill Winds.** Seeks Symphonic percussionists for its performance season. [conductor@fswinds.org](mailto:conductor@fswinds.org).

**Schola Cantorum.** Choral group

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

### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Retreats.** Weekend of reflection, prayer and discernment. The Jesuit Retreat Center, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos. \$280/weekend. [jrclosaltos.org](http://jrclosaltos.org).

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

### CLUBS/GROUPS

**Meditation group.** Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers,

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# OBITUARY NOTICE

## WILLIAM McCARTHY



William "Bill" Henry McCarthy was born in Los Angeles in 1931. He died at his home in Los Altos on Aug. 3, 2021. He was 90.

Bill is survived by 7 children, including: Kevin, Tim (Rose), Kate (Richard Soderlund), Matt, Anne, and Marcia. His sister Jane, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 3 nieces and 4 nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by one son (1964) and his beloved wife, Mary Kay (2019).

Bill graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School (1948) and attended Stanford University, where he rowed crew, became Catholic and earned a BS (1952) and an MS (1955) in Engineering. In his senior year, Bill met Mary Kay, the love of his life, and they married at St. Ann's Chapel in Palo Alto in 1956.

In 1962, they settled permanently in Santa Clara County with their three young children. They also welcomed their niece and nephew into their home. The family moved to Los Altos after Bill earned his PhD (1965) in Materials Science at Stanford. In Los Altos, they were blessed with four more children. A proud Californian, Bill liked to say that he had never lived more than a mile from El Camino Real.

At home, Bill passed his joy of the outdoors on to his children, maintained the house and found time for his own interests. Each summer his children crammed into the station wagon to go camping in the Sierras or to a cabin in Twain Harte. He kept bikes and cars running, re-plumbed pipes and re-wired electrics. The garage was his workshop. He produced a fireproof magnetic tape to preserve recordings in aircraft black boxes. He also created a less costly process to coat silicon onto solar cells.

Bill enjoyed a successful career as a metallurgist. At Lockheed, he worked with metals for hypersonic aircraft, missiles and satellites. He invented Lockalloy, an alloy used in Lockheed's missile systems. In the 1970s, he addressed the space shuttle's filament issues to resolve its launching and landing problems. At General Electric in the 1980s, Bill worked in the nuclear power industry. Back at Lockheed in the 1990s, Bill contributed to developing early satellite communications system. After retiring in 1998, Bill researched low energy nuclear reactions: conducting experiments in his lab, attending conferences and publishing articles.

Bill was a long-time member of St. Nicholas parish and immensely proud of his family. He loved to visit with his children and grandchildren. A staunch conservative, Bill enjoyed debating politics, but he will be most remembered for his cheerfulness and his welcoming spirit. Bill will remain forever in our hearts.

The family will hold a vigil from 3-5 pm on Aug. 30 at Spangler Mortuary in Los Altos. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 am, Aug. 31 at St. Nicholas Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sempervirens Fund.



## ROY LAMBERTSON

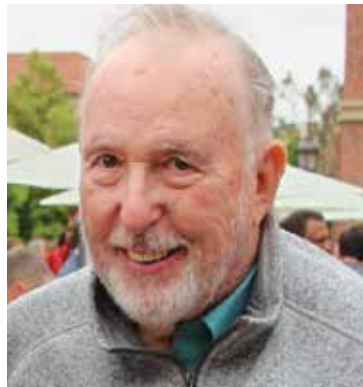


Roy Lambertson, a long-time member and leader in the Sierra Club Ski Touring Section and community volunteer in Los Altos, died in a climbing accident on Black Mountain, near Baxter Pass. Roy worked for many years in the semiconductor industry as a device physicist, holding several patents from his work. He was a terrific husband & father with a zest for life, a sense of adventure, and a keen sense of humor. Roy's peak bagging included hundreds of High Sierra summits, roughly 60 of the SPS summits, and all of the 14,000 foot peaks in California. He followed high-altitude technical rock routes on Mt. Whitney, in the Minarets, Palisades, and Temple Crag and explored the interior of the Grand Canyon. Roy is survived by his wife of 25 years; Leah Lambertson, his children Kelly & Trevor Lambertson. The family has created a memorial fund with the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, to continue Roy's work in supporting and maintaining the chapter's backcountry huts. Donations may be made at [sc.org/roy](http://sc.org/roy). August 21 at Thomas Fogarty Winery, 2pm-5pm.



## LARRY LYNN WILLIAMS

November 23, 1938 - August 5, 2021



Los Altos, California - 82, husband of Ellen Williams, passed away after a 5 year battle with Interstitial Lung Disease, surrounded by his family. A celebration of his life will be held in the garden of Los Altos United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 4, at 10:00am. A brief life story can be found on the Spangler Mortuary website.



## MARGARET PETERSON

Remembered as a loving Mom, Grandmother & Great grandmother, who was also a familiar face in Los Altos & Mountain View. Margaret passed away Tuesday, August 3rd in Sunnyvale. She was born in Petaluma, CA in 1924. She lived there until she attended nursing school in San Francisco during wartime. She & husband Harry owned & operated Peterson Brake & Wheel in Los Altos. She was a nurse, Girl Scout leader, Environmental Volunteer in schools and volunteered with many other local charities. Margaret was an accomplished artist. She painted, did wood carvings, pine needle baskets and most remembered for her hundreds of "quilts for kids" with her best friends.

She lost her husband of 59 years Harry in 2007. Margaret is survived by daughters Linda Cole (Paul), Carol Haley (Tim) and son Dennis Peterson (Lupe), 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, plus family in Petaluma, Grass Valley, the Seattle area, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Australia.

Margaret's life was celebrated at a private family gathering.

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including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Kornfield. Susan Murphy at [somurphy@earthlink.net](mailto:somurphy@earthlink.net) for Zoom login. Free.

**Los Altos Library's Monthly Writing Group.** Casual writing space offering motivation, such as optional prompts, for a community of writers. 7 p.m. second Wednesday of each month. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683; [sccl.org/losaltos](http://sccl.org/losaltos).

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

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

**Duplicate Bridge Club.** All levels of play. Classes and lectures available; lunch included. Bring a partner or be placed with one. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday; noon Saturday. 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. First time free; \$15 afterward. 940-1824; [paloaltobridge.org](http://paloaltobridge.org).

**Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area.** Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. 961-3539; [ffsfba.org](http://ffsfba.org).

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

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

**Young Adults Bible Study.** For those ages 18 and up who want to grow spiritually. Read the Bible

and be part of a small community. [jameshugmd@gmail.com](mailto:jameshugmd@gmail.com).

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

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

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

**Tuesday Toppers.** Women's nine-hole golf club with local members. 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pruneridge Golf Club, 400 N. Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara. \$22-\$27 per round. [pruneridgegolfclub.com](http://pruneridgegolfclub.com).

**Foothill Symphonic Winds.** Percussionists and other musicians welcome. Rehearsals Wednesday nights, Blach Intermediate School, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. [conductor@fswinds.org](mailto:conductor@fswinds.org).

**Peninsula Harmony Chorus.** Non-profit choir organization featuring mainly Los Altos and Los Altos Hills senior citizens who enjoy singing, especially a cappella. Rehearsals 7:15-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. [peninsulaharmony.org](http://peninsulaharmony.org).

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

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# Public Notices

## L MAKEUP STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678013

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: L MAKEUP STUDIO, 17295 Monterey St. Suite C, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership, Janet Perez, 985 White Cloud Dr, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037607; Ana Silva, 3660A Pacheco Pass Hwy, Gilroy, CA, 95020. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/16/2011. (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Marie D. Troidl, also known as Marie Damico Troidl and Marie Angelina Damico Troidl CASE NO. 21PR190752

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Marie D. Troidl, also known as Marie Damico Troidl and Marie Angelina Damico Troidl. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Boston Private, an SVB Company in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Boston Private, an SVB Company 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: 10/14/21 at 9:01AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95112 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 ap-

pointed 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 Gorini & Gorini, LLP 166 The Alameda San Jose, CA 95126 (08-25,09-01,08-21)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CAROL SUE BURGER CASE NO. 21PR190626

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CAROL SUE BURGER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY LEE TEMPLETON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY LEE TEMPLETON 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: 10/04/21 at 9:01AM in Dept. 5 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 JANET L. BREWER SBN 074181, LAW OFFICES OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN STREET, SUITE 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022 8/25, 9/1, 9/8/21 CNS-3502912# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (08-25,09-01-08-21)

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## THE CRYSTAL BOUTIQUE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN678022

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: THE CRYSTAL BOUTIQUE, 724 Cottage Ct, Mountain View, CA, 94043 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Yen Chun Chen, 724 Cottage Ct, Mountain View, CA, 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/03/2021. (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

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## 1937TRA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677362

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: 1937TRA, 3301 Ingersoll Ct., San Jose, CA, 95148 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership, Chi Sen Cheng, 3301 Ingersoll Ct., San Jose, CA, 95148; Wei Wang, 1010 Mofett Circle, Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

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## Trustee Sale No. 1066895 Notice Of Trustee's Sale

Loan No. 11842-NSWS Title Order No. APN 158-01-019 TRA No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 07/31/2019. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 09/15/2021 at 10:00AM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on August 7, 2019 as Document Number 24248263 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by: Northern Star Wealth Solutions, Inc., a California corporation, as Trustor, Pivot-A Capital Group II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: the gated North Market Street Entrance Superior Courthouse, 190 N. Market Street San Jose, CA 95113, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 68 Centre Street, Mountain View, CA 94041. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,500,999.94 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be re-

sponsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (858) 410-2154, or visit this internet website [see below], using the file number assigned to this case [TS 1066895] to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: http://www.firstam.com/title/commercial/foreclosure/ Date: 8/13/21 First American Title Insurance Company 4380 La Jolla Village Drive Suite 110 San Diego, CA 92122 (858) 410-2158 /s/David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee Exhibit "A" Portion Of Lot 1 In Block 2, As Shown On That Certain Map Entitled "Map Of The Town Of Mountain View", Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Santa Clara, State Of California On April 21, 1904 In Book F3 Of Maps, Page 59 And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point In The Northeasterly Line Of Centre Street, Distant Thereon N. 58° 19' W. 59.07 Feet From The Southeasterly Line Of Block 2 As Said Street

And Block Are Shown On The Map Hereinabove Referred To; Thence Along Said Line Of Centre Street N. 58° 19' W. 50 Feet; Thence Parallel With The Northwesterly Line Of The Lands Described In The Deed From Clara E. Meadows, Et Al, To Thomas Triplano, Et Ux, Dated November 1, 1945 And Recorded November 1, 1945 In Book 1307 Of Official Records, Page 116, N. 31° 12' 30" E. 115 Feet, More Or Less, To The Northeasterly Line Of Said Lands; Thence Along Said Line S. 61° 28' 30" E. 50 Feet More Or Less, To A Point Which Bears N. 31° 12' 30" E. From The Point Of Beginning; Thence S. 31° 12' 30" W. 118 Feet, More Or Less To The Said Point Of Beginning, Being A Portion Of Said Block 2 Herein. APN: 158-01-019 (08-25,09-01,08-21)

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## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CREATIVE CONCEPTS SALON, 150 S Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 12/03/2019 Under File No. FBN661216 Full Name of Registrant(s): Sara Gerner, 150 S Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035 This business was conducted by: An Individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Aug. 11, 2021. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN677888 (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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## ABODE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677913

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ABODE, 917 Maywood Crt, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Susie Larson, 917 Maywood Crt, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/27/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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## GOLDEN AIR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN67762

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: GOLDEN AIR, 3070 Van Sansul Ave Apt 17, San Jose, CA, 95128 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not

in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Ahmed M Ata, 3070 Van Sansul Ave Apt 17, San Jose, CA, 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/09/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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## FRANCES GRACE PRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677686

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: (1) FRANCES GRACE PRESS, (2) AVERY GREEN, 2310 Homestead Road Suite C1-411, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, John Christopher Duel, 1657 Belleville Way, Apt E, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

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## ORANGE BOWL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN677795

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: ORANGE BOWL, 186 E Sunnyoaks Ave, Suite F, Campbell, CA, 95008 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, GO GREEN FOOD CORP., 3300 Cherry Ave, San Jose, CA, 95118. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/20/2021. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

122-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF Raghav Bhargava and Jyoti Bhargava ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV358337

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Raghav Bhargava and Jyoti Bhargava filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name : Aanya Bhargava



# Public Notices

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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 11/02/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 8/09/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

**SENIOR HELPERS OF SAN JOSE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677276**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SENIOR HELPERS OF SAN JOSE, 1262 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite F, Campbell, CA, 95008 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company, CARING4CLIENTS, LLC, 11518 Soleado Court, Dublin, CA, 94568. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

**JP ENGINEERING AND CON-  
STRUCTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677542**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: JP ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION, 81 Pepper Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The busi-

ness is owned by: an individual, Jamshid Parivash, 81 Pepper Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/15/2017. (08-18,25,09-01,08-21)

**FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE  
DESIGNS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677319**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE DESIGNS, 376 E Hedding St, San Jose, CA, 95112 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Anne Elizabeth Elliott, 376 E Hedding St, San Jose, CA, 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/09/2021. (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**VENU  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677374**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: VENU, 772 Messina Gardens Lane, San Jose, CA, 95133 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, WVRLD STUDIOS INC., 772 Messina Gardens Lane, San Jose, CA, 95133. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/18/2021. (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF Emily Joy Yan and  
Kenneth Patrick Clarke  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
21CV384542**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1 . P e t i t i o n e r :  
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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that

includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/12/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 7/21/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**Bodies In Motion Physical  
Therapy, Inc  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN676904**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Bodies In Motion Physical Therapy, Inc, 305 South Drive Suite 5, Mountain View, CA, 94040 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, Bodies In Motion Physical Therapy, Inc, 305 South Drive Suite 5, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2005. (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**Tarot By JoAnn  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677317**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Tarot By JoAnn, 1220 Tasman Drive #165, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, JoAnn Meagher, 1220 Tasman Drive #165, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/05/2021. (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**113-T**

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF Muskaan Kaur  
Sahiwal  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
21CV384679**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1 . P e t i t i o n e r :  
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P r o p o s e d   N a m e :  
M u s k a a n   G i l l

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/19/2021 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 7/26/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (08-25,09-01,08,15-21)

**112-T**

**DEEPER ENGAGED SOCIAL  
IMPACT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN677191**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: (1) DEEPER ENGAGED SOCIAL IMPACT, (2) DEEPER ENGAGED SOCIAL JUSTICE, (3) DEEPER ENGAGED FAITH AND CHURCH, (4) DEEPER ENGAGED SAFETY, (5) DEEPER ENGAGED HEALTHCARE, 221 Main Street Unit 2061, Los Altos, CA, 94023 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, NAVITENT, INC., 221 Main Street Unit 2061, Los Altos, CA, 94023. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (08-04,11,18,25-21)

**111-T**

T.S. No.: 201-018990 Title Order No. 91217486 APN: 170-04-045 Property Address: 745 DISTEL DRIVE, LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 청문 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다 NOTE: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY [PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/18/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale of the Trustor's interest will be made to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale in cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DD 5150 ECR PARTNERS, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Duly Appointed Trustee: PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. Recorded 7/29/2019, as Instrument No. 24241102, Rerecorded on 09/19/2019 as Instrument No. 24284291, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale: 9/8/2021 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$3,028,742.20 (estimated as of the first publication date.) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 745 DISTEL DRIVE LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 A.P.N.: 170-04-045 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The following statements; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices

for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 201-018990. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 201-018990 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 8/11/2021 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: 408-370-4030 48 N Second Street Campbell, California 95008 Elizabeth Godbey, Vice President PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0385009 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 08/18/2021, 08/25/2021, 09/01/2021 (08-18,25,09-01-21)

**125-T**

## DATEBOOK

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Book Club Beyond.** For students in grades 7-9. 948-7683; sneeri@library.sccgov.org.

**SPAUG.** Personal-computer group that discusses problems, solutions, software and hardware, and listens to speakers. 7:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Elks Lodge, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. pa-spaug.org.



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