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Town Crier celebrates 75th birthday



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The Town Crier celebrated 75 years in business with a Sept. 28 event co-hosted by the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce. The paper published its first issue Sept. 9, 1947. Pictured are Town Crier staff members Howard Bischoff (co-publisher), Bruce Barton, Pete Borello, Dennis Young (co-publisher), Kathy Lera (co-publisher), Janice Fabella and Ashley Nasserri. Also pictured are Kim Mosley, Chamber president, and Scott Hunter, Los Altos Village Association executive director. Not pictured are Town Crier staff Mike Echeverria, Alina Kalashnikova, Mary Larsen, Alo Mano, Jennah Pendleton, Melissa Rodriguez, Eliza Ridgeway, Colleen Schick and Katherine Simpson.

Trio of candidates seek two spots on LA council in November election

By Katherine Simpson
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ELECTION



Three candidates are seeking to fill two vacancies on the five-member Los Altos City Council in the Nov. 8 election, with incumbents Anita Enander and Neysa Fligor facing competition from Parks and Recreation Commissioner Pete Dailey.

Like other cities across the state, Los Altos' next council must adopt and likely begin to implement the city's housing element. The city's state-mandated goal is to add just under 2,000 housing units before 2031. The daunting task will require updating zoning in the city's office districts, including those along San Antonio Road. New council members also will confront the task implementing the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, adopted last spring.

tos for growth, council members will have practical matters to address. When City Manager Gabriel Engeland came to Los Altos in 2021, he brought a finance-focused approach – and discovered messy accounting and missed commitments that will take more work to reconcile. Furthering budgetary woes, the city continues to face major legal-fees expenses – in the past fiscal year alone, fees totaled \$3.5 million.

The Town Crier interviewed the candidates about their approaches to leadership and their plans to address Los Altos' challenges and opportunities.

On top of preparing Los Al-

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Residents can nominate Los Altan of the Year

For the first time, the Los Altos Town Crier is asking readers for their nominations for the 2022 Los Altan of the Year.

Launched in 1994, the annual tradition honors local volunteers whose sustained efforts make a notable difference in the lives of others while enhancing Los Altos' reputation as a strong community.

To qualify, nominees must live in the Town Crier's circulation area of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills or Mountain View.

Email nominations to nominate@latc.com by Dec. 1. Tell us about your nominee's community work and why you think he or she is deserving of the recognition. Please limit your statements to 400 words.

Rental housing projects are restricted in new way – but developers get incentives

By Eliza Ridgeway
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The Mountain View City Council approved a new apartment complex on El Camino Real last week that marked the first time a new rental housing affordability rule in Mountain View has been applied. Landowners replacing rental housing units built before 1995 are now required to deed-restrict an equal number of new units, to be rented at below-market rates.

Details of the new complex – Page 5

The Equity Residential redevelopment project, located near Goodwill and PAMF Mountain View on the southeast side of the city, includes affordable units designated for very-low-income households, fulfilling the requirements of a recently enacted state law,

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Around Town



Young volunteers responded to the ongoing devastation from flooding in Pakistan by organizing a walkathon and bake sale at the end of September. Los Altos resident Naiel Chaudry, 13, is one of the founding members of Muslim Boys of Silicon Valley, which organized the event and raised more than \$32,000 for flood relief from more than 100 donors.

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Oct. 2, 1:22 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

Auto burglary

Oct. 2, 7:54 a.m.: 1000 block of Wessex Avenue, Los Altos

Oct. 2, 1:26 p.m.: 1100 block of Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View

Battery

Sept. 29, 1:15 a.m.: 200 block of Pettis Avenue, Mountain View

Sept. 30, 12:23 p.m.: 0-100 block of Sierra Vista Avenue, Mountain View

Sept. 30, 5:54 p.m.: 600 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

Oct. 1, 12:41 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

Oct. 2, 3:26 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

Drunk driver

Oct. 1, 1:36 a.m.: Intersection of West Evelyn Avenue and Bush Street, Mountain View

Oct. 2, 1:21 a.m.: Intersection of Franklin and California streets, Mountain View

Elder abuse

Sept. 29, 10:04 a.m.: Intersection of South Bernardo and East Evelyn avenues, Mountain View

Grand theft

Oct. 2, 2:26 p.m.: 100 block of Del Medio Avenue, Mountain View

Oct. 2, 7:19 p.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Hit-and-run

Oct. 2, 10:04 p.m.: Intersection of California Street and Ortega Avenue, Mountain View

Residential burglary

Sept. 28, 2:22 p.m.: 600 block of San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Sept. 28, 8:48 p.m.: 1000 block of Newcastle Drive, Los Altos

Robbery

Oct. 2, 8:45 p.m.: 300 block of Main Street, Los Altos

— *Eliza Ridgeway*

Effort underway to improve safety at downtown intersection

By **Bruce Barton**

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A grassroots campaign for safer downtown Los Altos streets and intersections is underway, led by the high-profile co-founder of 23andMe.

Los Altos Hills resident Anne Wojcicki, through her Anne Wojcicki Foundation, has been spearheading outreach to Los Altos and Santa Clara County officials, chiefly over the problem intersection at Edith Avenue and Foothill Expressway. Her son was nearly hit by a passing vehicle at the intersection in July, prompting her to take action.

Wojcicki and foundation representatives hosted a meeting Sept. 21 at the former Bumble restaurant site on First Street to gather input from residents on various safety improvement options and to solicit additional ideas.

At issue is the right-turn “slip lane” from Edith onto Foothill. Drivers looking left to merge with Foothill traffic are at risk of not reacting quickly enough to a pedestrian crossing in the intersection in front of them.

Dangerous intersection

Taylor Robinson, representing the foundation, told participants at the gathering that officials have been responsive and have acknowledged residents’ concerns about the intersection.

Robinson noted a city-san-



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Anne Wojcicki, left, and Taylor Robinson, right, of the Anne Wojcicki Foundation, lead a meeting on traffic solutions for the intersection of Edith Avenue and Foothill Expressway.

ctioned report that examined city intersections between 2015 and 2019 that showed multiple accidents at the Foothill-Main and Foothill-Edith intersections.

A Complete Streets Master Plan draft from last year lists 422 collisions involving at least one injury from 2015 to 2019; 90 involved bicyclists and 21 involved pedestrians, with 11 resulting in severe injury or death. Multiple collisions were recorded at the Foothill-Edith and Foothill-Main intersections, with one fatal collision at Foothill-Edith.

A quick poll of the 35 attendees at the meeting showed Foothill-Edith as the most concerning intersection, far and away.

Wojcicki’s Nextdoor post in July prompted the latest discussions.

“I’m so motivated by the Nextdoor response, and I really feel like we can get things done,” Wojcicki told the gathering.

She said she’s been thinking about the problem intersection since she was pregnant with her 13-year-old son.

“We’re super motivated to stick with it now and actually make something happen,” she said. “We’re full of resources and happy to make a difference, but we need community involvement.”

“The city and county are collaborating internally on short-term solutions which mostly involve pedestrian barriers,” the foundation stated in a Sept. 24 follow-up email to participants. “Edith-Foothill and Main-Foothill (intersections) are not currently on the city-county ra-

dar for long-term improvement plans. There is a modest plan to make cosmetic improvements at the Edith-Foothill intersection as part of the Safe Routes to School program.”

Marisa Lee, the city’s transportation services manager, differed in the assessment of city plans.

“There is a robust signage and striping plan for bicycle and pedestrian improvements at Edith/Foothill that will be implemented this fall as part of Los Altos’ citywide signage and striping program,” she said. “The upgrades are function and safety oriented, not cosmetic. They include signage and striping only because that is the scope of this year’s Safe Routes to Schools Capital Improvement Project.”

Lee said city and county transportation officials agree that the current crosswalk markings at the slip lane in the northwest of the Foothill-Edith intersection are in the correct location.

“If someone crosses in the crosswalk, they are visible to oncoming drivers,” she noted. “If pedestrians cut the corner, they are crossing in a location that is not visible to oncoming drivers. We ask that pedestrians cross in marked crosswalks and are aware of their surroundings, and that drivers drive slowly, patiently and carefully, at this location and everywhere. We all need

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RV-ban parking enforcement begins in Mtn. View

By **Jennah Pendleton**

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After coming to a settlement in the lawsuit over its RV-ban parking ordinance, the city of Mountain View began enforcing timed parking limits and oversized-vehicle limits on its public streets Saturday.

Enforced limits include the 72-hour rule, which significantly impacts vehicle dwellers, who are now at risk of being ticketed or towed if they remain parked in one place for more than three days.

The voter-approved Narrow Streets Ordinance and the Bike Lane Ordinance also took effect Saturday. The ordinances prohibit oversized vehicles from parking, respectively, on public streets narrower than 40 feet wide and streets with bike lanes.

Enforcement of the new ordinances comes on the heels of a tentative settlement in the Navarro v. City of Mountain View lawsuit, which has yet to be approved by the U.S. District Court.

The settlement resulted in a number of protections for RV-dwelling residents that were not guaranteed prior to the lawsuit, including the designation of at least three miles of streets that will allow oversized-vehicle parking without overnight restrictions. The city has been distributing maps in English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian over the past month to oversized-vehicle occupants that show where parking is available without restrictions throughout the city. The city also will provide a map with each parking ticket issued.

Most of the city’s streets are designated

narrow or feature a bike lane, leaving approximately 50 of the city’s 525 streets or street portions for overnight oversized-vehicle parking. “Safe” streets include Ortega Avenue, Old Middlefield Way, Terra Bella Avenue and other smaller streets or street portions scattered around the city.

The city must issue a parking ticket at least once 72 hours prior to towing a violating vehicle but retains the right to tow immediately if it is blocking traffic or a driveway, or if the vehicle has previously received three or more parking tickets in violation of the ordinances. Residents with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations for their disability, which “the city will consider in good faith,” according to the settlement.

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News

Massive MV housing plan OK'd for ECR

By Jennah Pendleton
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The Mountain View City Council voted unanimously last week to approve a residential development featuring two six-story buildings with a collective 233 units at 870 E. El Camino Real, replacing the 42 existing units at the site.

Originally proposed by Equity Residential in March 2019, the project has moved through the city's development review and approval process over the past three years. With the council's green light, construction is scheduled to break ground next year.

Because the project sets aside 11% of its base density for very-low-income households, it is eligible for a 35% density bonus, with up to two concessions in addition to applicable development waivers under the state density law, which will al-

low for increased height for both buildings.

All 42 of the existing apartments on the site are rent-protected units, which must be replaced with units at rents affordable to the former tenants under the provision of the state's Senate Bill 330, which will be calculated using local data to determine the likely income levels of renters in Mountain View. The rent for 33 of the units will be based on a 50% area median income, with the remaining nine at 80% AMI.

The design for the new complex includes a public access easement that connects El Camino Real and Muir Drive, providing a pedestrian pathway to and from commercial retail locations along El Camino for residents of the new development and the surrounding neighborhood.

"We think the proposal embodies the city's El Camino Real Precise Plan and its vision for

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PARKING

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Pleas for empathy

Plaintiff Celerina Navarro said she was pleased with the outcome of the settlement, noting that Mountain View residents living in RVs no longer face the threat of displacement.

"Now people can feel more at ease knowing that they can remain in Mountain View without being displaced," she said.

Local civil rights organizations also consider the lawsuit successful in protecting the most vulnerable people in the community against displacement, loss of support networks and further impoverishment by way of excessive fees.

"We've seen cities across California take a punitive approach to addressing the housing and affordability crisis our communities are facing," said Bill Freeman, senior counsel

of the ACLU of Northern California. "Rather than take up measures that serve the needs of all residents, regardless of income or housing type, many cities have chosen to target and harass people for their housing status. The tentative settlement agreement in Mountain View shows that it is possible for a city to take measures to respect un-housed residents."

Despite the many important protections afforded to vehicle-dwelling residents as a result of the lawsuit, many people are still at risk of being ticketed or towed.

Local nonprofit Reach Potential Movement is raising funds for vehicle dwellers who need extra assistance to comply now that the restrictions have taken effect.

Mountain View resident Jarad Backlund, who has worked with groups like Reach Potential Movement that assist oversized-vehicle occupants, asked the

Mountain View City Council in a public comment at the Sept. 27 council meeting for more time and understanding for residents who are still trying to figure out how they will comply with the new ordinances.

"There are a number of folks who are disabled or who have immobile RVs and are trying to figure it out, but need some more options on some places to park and also a little bit more time," Backlund said.

Mountain View resident Kavita Aiyar, Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation director of communications, echoed Backlund's sentiment, urging the city to practice empathy as the ordinances take effect.

"I really think that if there was ever a time for compassion, it is now," Aiyar said. "These are human beings, and these are their homes, so how can we all work together to support folks in finding a way forward?"

Suggested longer-term solutions included removing the slip lanes at the Edith and Main intersections and making vehicles stop before proceeding.

One idea involved undergrounding the expressway and creating a park above to extend Lincoln Park to the downtown.

Robinson said city and county officials plan to meet again next month to come up with a near-term solution "based on our community feedback." She said the latest that a short-term solution could be installed at Edith-Foothill would be December or January.

For a long-term solution, of-

icials would need to request a formal study of the intersections. City officials recommended seeking state and federal grants to fund the study.

Robinson acknowledged that a longer-term solution could still be a few years away.

"It's not going to happen tomorrow, but I think we can all work together – remember, the government works for you," she said.

Among the next steps is forming a committee and sharing the group's findings with the city's Complete Streets Commission, which doesn't meet until late October.

SAFETY

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to look out for each other, pay attention and follow the rules of the road."

Safety solutions

Short-term safety improvements for Foothill-Edith presented at the meeting included: adding blinking lights in the crosswalk; adding speed dots approaching turns; adding signage on approach; trimming landscaping to improve visibility; and better synchronizing traffic signals.

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Senate Bill 330, whose ramifications are only beginning to play out in Mountain View.

Enacted in 2020, SB 330 outlines rental housing unit replacement among many other rule changes intended to address California's housing crisis. It offsets limitations on what can be developed by streamlining the approvals process for developers and pairing affordability requirements with incentives like density bonuses.

Cities have some discretion in how they deploy SB 330's rules,

and the Mountain council approved a policy last month specifying how demolished rental units that had been subject to rent control must be replaced with affordable housing in any rental redevelopment. This applies to multifamily rental housing being replaced with rental housing units, not condo conversions or other land sales. More than half of Mountain View's housing stock is rental units.

Because the city implemented rent control across all multifamily housing built before 1995, SB 330's rules apply to much of its housing stock. Council members weighed two options:

new rental units could be subject to rent control, or they could be deed-restricted, with rent capped at rates deemed affordable to households earning 80% of the region's median income. The council voted unanimously to choose deed restriction.

Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga, who supported the council vote, noted in an interview that rent control is not means tested – all renters, however affluent, benefit from capped rent increases – while the deed restriction creates affordable housing specifically designated for low- and very-low-income residents.

"I support trying to provide more affordable units for those who need it, that's why that choice was for me the better option to take," she said.

Compromise solution

It's too soon to say whether SB 330 will curb or promote redevelopment interest. For small-time landowners, the new policy codified last month will make redevelopment of a modest rental property nearly impossible from a financial perspective.

"About half of our units are owned by property owners that own fewer than 10 units, the mom-and-pop property owners," said Abe-Koga, who acknowledged the housing affordability rules come with serious costs for some landowners.

She estimated that property owners with a fourplex or eightplex would need to quadruple their number of units to recoup the cost of redevelopment, given the rent caps brought by deed restriction.

"My sense is what will happen with those smaller developments is that they probably will go to the for-sale side," Abe-Koga said. "That's just inevitable."

For large developments like the Equity Residential project that just received the green light, the payoffs are clear. Equity Residential proposed to provide 33 units capped at rents affordable to very-low-income households, and nine units capped at rents affordable to families making 80% of the area median income. Income-qualifying tenants of the demolished units also get the right of first refusal to rent in the new structure. In exchange, the developer received concessions including a reduction in required open space, increased building height and reduced setbacks.

Kevin Ma, who spoke for the League of Women Voters at the Sept. 12 city council meeting, said in an interview that the

council's implementation of SB 330 aligns with the league's goal to reduce housing displacement in Mountain View. He said the option to deed-restrict units below market rate would provide more-affordable housing than if the council had elected to choose rent control instead, because apartment rentals can reset to much higher market rates for a project's new occupants.

"SB 330 is a compromise – it's saying in return for making these rent-controlled units functionally permanently affordable, we will make some changes to the development pipeline to address concerns developers have had in the past," he said.

What about Los Altos?

Rental housing in Los Altos is also subject to SB 330. The city's development services director Nick Zornes said Los Altos does not have a rent control program, but many city developments have included below-market-rate units because of the density bonus long before the new state rules came into effect.

Apartment housing in Los Altos occupied by people who make 80% or less of the area median income is subject to the same restriction as in Mountain View – each demolished unit must be replaced by an affordable unit with a 55-year deed restriction. Although this puts substantial constraint on very small rental developments, Zornes said the city typically sees development applications seeking to add many units.

"Most of the people that have the fourplexes, the eightplexes, most of them aren't redeveloping them, they're just renovating them," he said. "Even if they were going to do fair-market housing, the return on investment wouldn't be enough unless they added more units. ... It's all a numbers game, and (profitability) is a sliding scale."

HOUSING

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people-friendly places with a focus on sustainability and high-quality design," said Drew Sullins, first vice president of Equity Residential.

Mountain View Vice Mayor Alison Hicks asked the applicant to clarify how much of the open space in the development would be available for public use by neighboring pedestrians and

cyclists, emphasizing that one of the goals of high-density housing is to entice people to get out of their cars.

"Overall, the philosophy is that it's very open and very permeable and allowing for people who live there and their guests and the public to be able to walk through the development," landscape architect James Munden said. "From a design standpoint, we're strong advocates for creating a good neighborhood."

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LA COUNCIL

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Pete Dailey

Dailey, who serves on the Environmental Commission, said he plans to bring a “different approach” to the Los Altos council if elected. He’s serious about his slogan, “Teamwork makes the dream work.”



Dailey

“If you ask anybody who’s ever worked with me ... they will tell you that I reach out to others – not just people who agree with me, but people who don’t agree with me, and bring them into the process and into the conversation and come up with better solutions that work for a broader group,” he said.

Dailey supports reach codes, “with the caveat that I don’t support forcing residents to replace broken gas appliances with electric ones or to force residents to electrify when they sell their home.”

“Reach but don’t overreach,” he added.

On housing, Dailey said the city will have to rezone its office administrative districts and adopt new ordinances to create conditions to develop the housing units required by state law.

Dailey also lists improving the city’s financial position among his priorities, both when it comes to expenses and revenue.

“Our legal budget is ridiculous for a city our size,” he said, “and that’s because of decisions that past councils have made with regard to particular developments that have created an environment where the city could be sued.”

Dailey pointed to his record on the Parks and Recreation Commission as evidence of his coalition-building experience. He said he opted to organize a group of residents to advocate for the Hillview dog park rather than placing it on the agenda himself to ensure the park earned enough support to pass.

For more information on Dailey’s campaign, visit pete4losaltos.com.

Anita Enander

Currently serving as mayor, Enander said she is running for re-election to complete the work she began in 2019 to improve the city’s day-to-day operations

and services.

“I think the people who elected me expect me to stay with it until I’ve done everything I can possibly do over the course of eight years,” she said.

Enander’s priorities include supporting Engeland as he continues to right the city’s budget, working to attract and retain top-notch employees with competitive compensation and desirable working conditions, and implementing the housing element.

“As someone who started managing people when I was 21 years old ... I know what it takes to manage an organization,” Enander said. “As a former management consultant where I’ve fixed broken organizations, I know how long it takes to rebuild a staff to change a culture. And that’s what we’re in the middle of doing.”



Enander

With a strong focus on fiscal responsibility, Enander said she has generally voted against “grand projects.” In June, she opposed the city’s allocation of funds to study the prospect of building a downtown theater, as well as the decision to hold a portion of a downtown parking lot for the project. Enander noted that her decision to oppose the study hinged on the initial promise from Los Altos Stage Company that the study would be conducted at no financial cost to the city.

When it comes to housing, Enander is generally concerned about what adding units will cost the city – in both financial and quality-of-life terms.

“What worries me about the housing element is that we will lose (the city’s seven business districts),” she said. “Everybody in this town is within one mile of a grocery store. I don’t want to see that go away.”

For more information on Enander’s campaign, visit anita4losaltos.org.

Neysa Fligor

Fligor said she is seeking re-election because she enjoys serving on the council.

“But in addition ... I really believe my leadership has made a positive difference on council and in the community,” she said.

The city faces significant challenges and opportunities over the next four years, according to Fligor, primary among them addressing the housing crisis, investing in city infrastructure, implementing staff- and city-adopted plans and maintaining the current character of Los Altos as it grows.

Fligor said pushing developers to make space for below-market-rate units in their projects is not only critical for affordability, but also will add value to the community as a whole. Referring to improving affordability so that public employees can live and work in Los Altos, she said, “having our teachers being part of the community just adds so much more value to the students.”

In her first term, Fligor has supported the theater feasibility study and noted that her work implementing the housing element would consider how to support the city’s business community.

“I think keeping our business districts is a priority for council,” she said. “Especially new residents, they love our downtown. I hear this all the time, so we need to preserve it and I support doing things to increase the vibrancy and vitality of downtown.”

Fligor said she’s proud of her record on the council over the past four years and believes her leadership approach will benefit Los Altos going forward. She describes her slogan and approach, “Balanced leadership,” as “listening to all residents, and making sure I understand different perspectives, the pros and cons of different issues.”

She said she approaches the community for feedback before making decisions, rather than going into an issue with a preconceived opinion.

For more information on Fligor’s campaign, visit voteneysa.org.

In the fourth week of the Town Crier’s Q&A with council candidates, the featured questions are: Do you support building affordable housing for seniors in Los Altos? Where in Los Altos do you see that task being accomplished?

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Editorial

Dailey, Fligor for Los Altos City Council

Like it or not, change is coming to Los Altos. State laws require the city to approve four- and five-story condominium projects on First Street. Outside forces – changes in cellphone technologies, the fight against global warming – prompted the city council to pass ordinances in response. The challenge: balancing change and progress while retaining the city’s signature small-town feel.

The three candidates running for two open city council seats in the Nov. 8 election – two incumbents and one newcomer – represent two approaches to the future of Los Altos. One, championed by Mayor Anita Enander, has to do with fixing what’s broken (deferred maintenance) and tending to city budget issues. In other words, the priority is to better manage what we have.

The other perspective, held by Councilmember Neysa Fligor and challenger Pete Dailey, involves not only responsible city management, but also improvements that move the community forward.

We are believers in the latter perspective, which is why we are endorsing Fligor and Dailey for council.

This was a difficult decision. Enander is smart and knowledgeable about city issues. She is detail oriented but also sees the big picture. On one hand, we appreciate her practical approach to governance. But on the other, her conservative approach could rob Los Altos of quality-of-life enhancements such as theaters and community centers, two projects she’s voted against. She also voted against the city’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and expressed skepticism about implementing the Downtown Vision Plan.

Fligor, who led the city amid the pandemic, shows strong leadership. In addition to being a major contributor to the council with her competence and insight, she is an effective diplomat. She helped bring a resolution before the council that diffused last year’s racism-infused controversy involving a young Black activist and an Asian American council member. Fligor’s deliberative skills will help Los Altos balance the demands of present and future residents.

Dailey has gained city governance experience by serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission the past four years. He also has ample tech business and volunteer experience that will lend itself well to managing budgets. Although opinionated, Dailey also is collaborative and open to having his mind changed with a sound argument. We believe he will serve Los Altos well.

Peek into the Past



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Covington Pool was a popular place to cool off on hot summer days in Los Altos, as shown in this undated photo. The community-funded pool was built in the early 1950s and closed in 2001. Several generations of children learned to swim there, and many held summer jobs at the pool.

Letters to the Editor

Will ‘overreach’ plan affect property value?

So let me get this right. Explain this to me. My mom will be 100 years old in a couple of days and has lived in her (Historic Los Altos Resource) house for over 62 years. The four of us children have at varying times gone through Hillview, Covington, Los Altos High (go, Knights) and Foothill College. I spend about 40% of my time with her and the rest at my home in San Francisco.

A few years ago, as an upgrade, my mom wrote a five-figure check to replace all the gas lines in the building. She has an ancient gas stove and gas cooktop, which are not employed as much as they used to be but have cooked innumerable everyday family meals and holiday feasts. She also has a gas furnace from the ‘40s that has been declared one of the simplest and most efficient, coveted old beasts by the yearly inspectors. We call it “Bubba.”

If any of these appliances were to fail and she were forced to replace them with electric ones, who would reimburse her for the recently installed gas pipes and the cost of electrical extensions to accommodate the new appli-

Letters to the Editor and ‘Other Voices’

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ances? How would this forced work affect the property value?

But if this were to happen, we have devised a plan: During the winter, we will bypass “Bubba” and fire up all three of the wood-burning fireplaces in the house. We are also prepared to employ the vintage (1961) charcoal/wood/burning Charbroil on the back patio to slow-roast our Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas prime rib.

This “overreach” plan seems as well thought out and researched as the brilliant Cuesta Drive speed bump fiasco.

Pat Woodward
San Francisco/Los Altos

Do reach codes kick can down road?

Everyone is for clean air and water and reducing the effects of climate change. We all are told that the reach codes currently

under consideration by the Los Altos City Council will help us attain those lofty goals.

But is what we are being told really the case, or does passing the reach codes just kick the can down the road?

We are a wealthy community. Our electrical power comes from areas not as well off as we are in Los Altos. What about the purity of their air and water? Isn’t that as important as ours? The reason for asking is that in our state, 49% of electrical power is obtained by burning fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas. Generating electrical power puts out huge amounts of carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the air around these power plants. This has the same effect on our own climate change, as the plants are nearby, and moves a large part of

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the pollution caused by our energy consumption to regions less able to afford dealing with its effects.

Yes, California is doing a good job of generating power using solar, wind, hydro and nuclear means. But almost half of our power still comes from plants burning fossil fuels. Worse still, when I turn on my gas range, the heat is nearly 100% efficient. An electric range suffers from the efficiency of the power plant, which turns its fuel into electricity losses on the transmission lines that deliver the electrical power to us, and the electric range itself, which turns electricity into heat. Combined, these factors increase the amount of power that must be generated by as much as 20%, further increasing greenhouse gas generation, resulting in climate change and air pollution. Not a good deal for anyone.

Bottom line: An all-electric home will have a larger impact on the climate if the power used is generated by fossil fuels. About one-half of our electricity comes

from fossil fuels. We need to reach a place where all electricity comes from sustainable power plants, and we should ditch the reach codes until it does.

John Eisenberg
(No address given)

Lobby for Alzheimer's legislation

In 2017, my grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She is one of 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, and while I am only 18 years old, my genetic inheritance may mean I am at risk for Alzheimer's as well.

According to California's Department of Public Health, Asian American/Pacific Islanders have seen the greatest increase in deaths reported from Alzheimer's of any group in the state, growing almost ten-fold between 2000 and 2018. While awareness of this disease is growing in our community, participation in clinical trials has not, and Asian Americans and other people of color remain underrepresented in Alzheimer's research. This is even true here in Santa Clara County, where Asians make up

over 40% of the population.

This underrepresentation of Asians and other people of color restricts researchers' knowledge of how approved therapies or diagnostics may work for non-whites. As a result, future treatments for Alzheimer's may not be effective for Asian Americans like myself.

The Equity in Neuroscience and Alzheimer's Clinical Trials (ENACT) Act is bipartisan legislation that would increase the participation of Asian and other communities of color in Alzheimer's clinical trials by expanding education and outreach to these communities, increasing diversity of clinical trial staff, and reducing the burden of participation, among other initiatives.

Please join me and the Alzheimer's Association in asking U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo to include the ENACT Act in an Energy and Commerce Committee markup when Congress reconvenes. Silicon Valley's diverse communities deserve nothing less.

Jack Albright
Los Altos

Paid Political Endorsement Letter

Vote Neysa Fligor for LA council

Neyssa Fligor is a thoughtful and considerate person, and we are fortunate to have someone like her serving on the Los Altos City Council.

We need more leaders like Neyssa who have a balanced approach to governing. Neyssa

has shown clear understanding of her fiscal responsibility as a council member for the short- and the long-term financial health of Los Altos. Her position on most hot topics, such as housing, the environment, public safety, business and city infrastructure, has been for the greater good.

I am proud to endorse Neyssa for re-election.

Kuljeet Kalkat
Chairperson
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Residents urged to volunteer for nonprofits during 10th annual Compassion Week

Town Crier Report

Registration is now open to volunteer for this year's 10th annual Compassion Week (Oct. 15-23). Compassion Week activities bring people of all ages and abilities together to support more than 50 local nonprofit organizations focusing on basic needs such as food, shelter, education and homelessness, as well as to help veterans, older adults and environmental efforts.

"Compassion Week is a wonderful initiative. It brings folks together from all walks of life to build a stronger, more compassionate community," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, a Compassion Week sponsor. "Bringing people together for 10 years in a row is no small thing. I congratulate the Compassion Week team for their vision and dedication. And I'm particularly pleased that my office and I can roll up our sleeves and pitch in on a wide range of projects."

A collaborative effort undertaken by Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, Fremont Bank, Santa Clara County and multiple local faith communities, the aim of Compassion Week is to encourage individuals, groups and families to engage in acts of volunteer service to build a strong, compassionate and empathetic community. Volunteers can participate both in person or remotely.

"In the 10 years since Compassion Week started, we've had thousands of volunteers share their time and serve a wide spectrum of organizations supporting our community," said Jan McDaniel, chairperson and co-founder of Compassion Week



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A volunteer flexes her muscles after giving blood during Compassion Week in 2020. The event pairs more than 50 local nonprofit groups with thousands of volunteers looking to help out.

and member of Los Altos United Methodist Church. "We're hoping to make an even bigger impact this year. We invite youth and adults, families with children, businesses and groups of all types to participate in remote and in-person service projects throughout the area. The need in our community is great, but so is our combined ability to help."

Los Altos United Methodist Church launched Compassion Week in 2012 to encourage its congregation to engage in service and justice work as an expression of faith. The initiative has grown over the years, and now more than 80% of the more than 3,300 annual volunteers are individuals and organizations not associated with the church.

"Compassion Week has continually inspired local residents to volunteer and give for the past 10 years," said Adin Miller, executive director of Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation. "We're excited to partner and collaborate once again with Compassion Week, local nonprofits and local resi-

dents to align hope and caring with our community."

Remote and in-person volunteer opportunities will be available in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Milpitas and communities in South San Mateo County. Since its inception, more than 18,000 volunteers have participated in 975 Compassion Week projects/activities at 85 organizations on the Peninsula and in the South Bay.

"Since 1964, Fremont Bank has been committed to giving back to our Bay Area communities," said Tejal Shah, manager of Fremont Bank's Mountain View branch. "Being a sponsor of Compassion Week is an extension of our support, while the incredible volunteer opportunities offered across the South Bay help raise awareness around the important work these local nonprofits do."

To register to volunteer, visit compassionweeklosaltos.org.

For more information for businesses and groups looking to get involved, email info@compassionweeklosaltos.com.

October's downtown LA First Friday set for this week

Town Crier Report

October First Friday festivities are scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday in downtown Los Altos.

The monthly promotional events feature live entertainment and extended evening hours at local businesses.

The band Top Shelf, playing big band and familiar favorites, will headline at Veterans Community Plaza, located at the corner of Main and State streets. Sixteen other bands will be perform-

ing at storefronts along Main and State streets.

First Friday organizer Jamie Lucia, who runs Dogma at 149 Second St., is hosting a dance party for people and their pups 6-8 p.m. The party will include food, drinks and live music featuring The Lawn Darts.

"Prizes will be awarded for the best doggie dancers," Lucia said.

For the full band lineup and more information, visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

Community

Los Altos resident Dick Abbott: 100 years of faith, family and friends

By Mary Larsen
Staff Writer/maryl@latc.com

Los Altos resident Dick Abbott has lived a remarkable 100 years and is still going strong, mentally and physically.

He was an avid golfer until age 95 and continues to be involved with his longtime church, Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos. He also has maintained a great sense of humor.

Abbott was born Oct. 5, 1922, in Long Beach into a military family.

“My father was a Navy officer, and every two years we moved, coast to coast,” he said. “I think I’ve been in every state.”

Following in his father’s footsteps, during World War II, Abbott enlisted in the Navy in 1942 in San Francisco, traveling to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, for boot camp. (“Inland – they were afraid the Japanese were going to attack the West Coast,” he explained.) His career as a naval mechanic took him to a variety of U.S. bases, and he spent two years in Brazil.

He married his wife, Ruth, in 1944. He bought his current

home 65 years ago (“You can imagine what I paid for it!”), which he now shares with son Tim and daughter-in-law Marsha. Daughter Sheryl died in 2007. He has two grandchildren, Matt and Rochelle (husband John). Abbott’s twin siblings, Bill and Jane (soon to be 97 years old), live in the East Bay.

Since the passing of their spouses, Dick, Bill and Jane have enjoyed traveling together, including visits to Alaska, Yosemite, England and Italy. The COVID pandemic curtailed their plans for a trip to Egypt.

In 2015, he traveled to Washington, D.C., with Honor Flight, an organization that raises funds to sponsor military veterans’ trips to the nation’s capital.

Abbott was in retail for most of his career, managing shoe departments at Joseph Magnin, I. Magnin and Saks Fifth Avenue. Upon his retirement, he became a handyman.

For the past 55 years, Abbott has been an active member of Union Presbyterian. Over the years, he has served as deacon and elder, and taught Sunday school with his wife.

“I believe in the Lord with all my heart,” he said.

Asked the key to his longevity, Abbott said, “I always give the same answer – the Lord is working on me.”

He also had some lifestyle pointers.

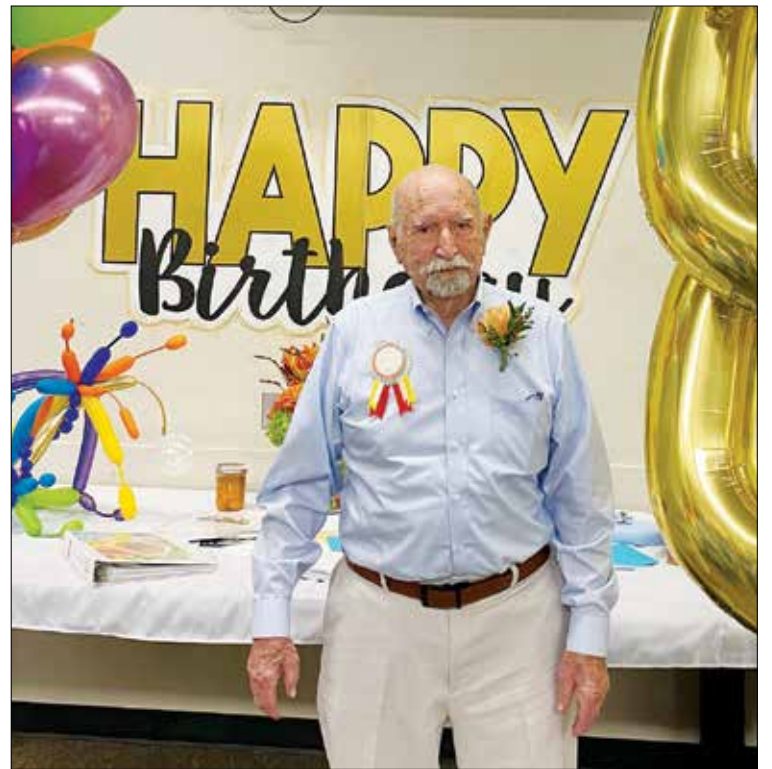
“I’ve always lived fairly healthy – no smoking, no drinking, no fun,” he said with a laugh. “I’ve been a survivor – I can’t believe it myself. In six days I’ll be 100.”

Part of that surviving was recovery from a serious bout with COVID-19 in 2020. That story even figures in his friend Robin Chapman’s 2022 book “The Valley of Heart’s Delight: True Tales from Around the Bay.”

Abbott is still walking and driving – “very carefully,” he adds – “only to church and to the VA hospital, where they’re taking very good care of me.”

His 100th birthday party was held at his church Saturday, with approximately 50 guests, including family and friends.

According to Abbott’s church friends, “Over the years, Dick has served in several roles at Union Church, and he has brought his



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Dick Abbott, a resident of Los Altos since the 1950s, is turning 100 today. He celebrated his birthday Saturday.

strong faith in God and commitment to the church to every task he’s had. Even now, Dick is still going strong in his church involvement, as a Deacon who regularly connects with each person in his region, as a mighty prayer

warrior on the Praise & Prayer team, also participating in two Bible study groups, and encouraging the kids at Union to know God’s love for them, building up the next generation of faithful followers of Jesus.”



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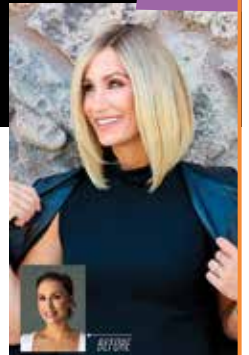
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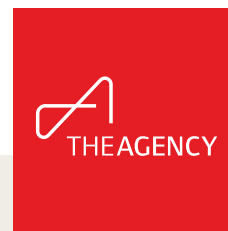
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Wallace Stegner exhibition leads visitors on conservation path

Town Crier Report

Wallace Stegner, known as “the dean of Western writers,” published 30 books, countless essays and numerous letters about equity, the arts and the environment. The latter is the focus of the Los Altos History Museum’s interactive outdoor exhibition, “Wallace Stegner: A Path to Conservation,” on display Oct. 13 through March 5 at 51 S. San Antonio Road.

Informational signs will guide visitors through the exhibition, where they can scan QR codes with their electronic devices to view photos and videos and listen to recordings about the late Pulitzer Prize-winning author, a long-time Los Altos Hills resident.

Guest curator Will Wyman

helped research Stegner’s letters, many of which are held at the University of Utah’s Marriott Library. Video clips from the archive and quotes from the letters are featured in the exhibition.

Stegner as a subject proved popular in the museum’s 2005 exhibition, “Wallace Stegner: Throwing a Long Shadow,” which showcased the author’s work and life accomplishments.

“What gets overlooked a lot with Stegner are his contributions to conservation,” said museum educator Georgianna Shea. “He was at the forefront of the modern conservation movement.”

Stegner’s “Wilderness Letter,” written in 1960, became one of the pivotal moments to push through the Wilderness Act of

1964. Locally, he co-founded Committee for Green Foothills, which led to the development of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and its work in preserving wildlife corridors and natural spaces for all to enjoy.

“By seeing and hearing Stegner in this exhibit, visitors will leave feeling they know him, what he stood for, and who he was. It will bring a more personal touch to the exhibit,” Shea said.

Author Lynn Stegner will share personal stories of “Wally” in a program titled “Stegner on Stegner: The Life and Writing of Wallace Stegner,” held at the museum and on Zoom 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18. A well-known author in her own right, she teaches writing courses at Stanford University,



Stegner

as did her father-in-law, Wallace Stegner.

Other related programs include:

- Wallace Stegner: In His Footsteps, a docent-led hike on

the Wallace Stegner Pathway, 11 a.m. Nov. 6.

- Jasper Ridge Environmental Walk, a docent-led hike, 11 a.m. Nov 13.

- “Green Foothills: Advocates and Activists,” a talk with guests Lennie Roberts and Megan Fluke, 10:30 a.m. March 4.

Books by Wallace Stegner and Lynn Stegner will be available for purchase in the Museum Store. Admission for all programs is \$10 per person, free to museum members. Registration is required at losaltoshistory.org/StegnerExhibit.

Museum hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approve the 151 Hawthorne Avenue Historic Preservation Agreement:** Authorize the City Manager to execute a Historic Preservation (Mills Act) Agreement with the owners of 151 Hawthorne Avenue. The project is considered categorically exempt from further environmental review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project is classified as a historic resource restoration/rehabilitation/preservation project and is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act (J. Liu)
- 2. Approve the Agreement for Transportation Engineering Support with Traffic Patterns, LLC:** Authorize the City Manager to execute and agreement with Traffic Patterns, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$312,800 to provide additional consulting services for the Engineering Services Department through FY 23-24 (M. Lee)
- 3. Approve Emergency Declaration Resolution:** Adopt a resolution extending the declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic (J. Maginot)
- 4. Minutes:** Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of September 20, 2022. (A. Rodriguez)
- 5. Resolution 2022-XX:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Los Altos Police Officers Association (LAPOA); side letter agreement (I. Silipin)
- 6. Resolution 2022-XX Approve the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Salary Schedule** to Comply with California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for Compensation Earnable and Publicly Available Salary Schedules (I. Silipin)

PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7. Updated License Agreement with SFPUC for Hetch Hetchy Trail in Los Altos:** Approve the updated License Agreement with SFPUC for Hetch Hetchy Trail in Los Altos; find that the approval of the agreement is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) (M. Hernandez)
- 8. Hybrid City Council meetings:** The staff request Council provide direction on holding hybrid meetings or continuing to hold entirely virtual meetings (J. Maginot)
- 9. City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Policy:** Adopt Resolution 2022-XX of the City of Los Altos defining a Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Policy (A. Carnesecca)
- 10. Contract Amendment:** City Manager Employment Agreement

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Merrie Asimov, pictured left in a self-portrait, combines equine photography, right, with digital painting.

Gallery 9 gets 'Merrie' with artist's new work

Town Crier Report

Artist Merrie Asimov's work is on display through Oct. 30 at Gallery 9 in downtown Los Altos. An artist's reception is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Friday at the gallery.

Asimov's show, "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues," combines equine photography with digital painting. Her new images are from scenic Powderhorn Ranch and evoke the Old West. The exhibition also highlights Asimov's new interest in digital painting, a technique that enables the artist to paint without paint.

Gallery 9 is located at 143 Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information on Gallery 9, call (650) 941-7969 or visit gallery9losaltos.com.

For more information on Asimov and her artwork, visit asimovphotography.com.

Viewpoints features painter Marquez

Award-winning painter Kaaren Marquez is this month's featured artist at Viewpoints Gallery in downtown Los Altos.

Marquez's new exhibition, "Beyond the Piazza," features plein air work from her trips to Italian towns.

An artist's reception is scheduled 5-8 p.m. Friday. "Meet the Artist" events also are scheduled 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Oct. 22.

The artist's paintings "isolate a quiet moment when the ordinary becomes special just because it has been noticed," according to a statement on Viewpoints' website. "Highlighting strong patterns of light and shadow, she uses rich colors, inviting atmosphere, and some-

Local Arts Roundup



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The work of Artists Beyond the Obvious, above, is currently showing at Los Altos Hills Town Hall.

times abstract elements to draw the viewer into the scene."

Viewpoints Gallery is located at 315 State St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

For more information on Viewpoints, call (650) 941-5789 or visit viewpointsgallery.com.

For more information on Marquez, visit KaarensArt.com.

Commission puts out call for K-6 art

The Los Altos Public Arts Commission has issued a call for art with the theme "Every Child Is an Artist," with submissions set for display in the Los Altos Community Center Gallery from November through March.

Entries are open to children in grades K-6 in the Los Altos School District or who live in Los Altos. All work must be original.

To enter artwork, fill out the form at losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission/webform/every-child-artist and email the form and a picture of the child's work to lapac@losaltosca.gov. Type "Every Child Is an Artist"

in the subject line.

The deadline to enter is Oct. 15.

For more information on the project, visit losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission.

State Street Market hosts art exhibition

State Street Market in downtown Los Altos is hosting an exhibition of paintings by the Burlingame Plein Air Painters through Oct. 16.

Titled "Wild Light," the display features 34 paintings by 24 artists. The art is inspired by the natural beauty of the Peninsula and is available for purchase.

Developed by Los Altos Community Investments, State Street Market is a community-focused food hall that hosts regular events and offers a variety of food concepts.

State Street Market is located at 170 State St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. The market is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information, visit statestreetmarket.com.

'Inflection Points' comes to Town Hall

The fine-art exhibition "Inflection Points," presented by Artists Beyond the Obvious, is scheduled for display through March at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 W. Fremont Road.

The group Artists Beyond the Obvious was founded 15 years ago by local women artists, who meet twice monthly to conduct professional critiques of one another's work.

For more information, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov and search "Inflection Points."

Email submissions for "Local Arts Roundup" to bruceb@latc.com.

Ready, Set, Go: What residents can do to prepare for wildfires and evacuation

By Ann Hepenstal

In 2022, all local residents – and all Californians – need to take steps to protect themselves and their households from wildfires.

Maps like California’s “My-Hazards” map at myhazards.caloes.ca.gov show the risk for your neighborhood.

Reduce your home’s risk from wildfires using the Santa Clara County Fire Department’s Ready, Set, Go program.

Ready: Harden home

Act now to lessen the risk of ignition from sparks.

- Do you have a wood-shingle roof? Change it to a noncombustible material.
- Does your roof have gaps that a spark could enter? Add screening to keep out flying embers.
- Have you created a buffer zone around your home that won’t ignite? Remove dead

Emergency Prep

plants, grass and weeds; and revise your landscaping to add “defensible space.”

If you live within the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, take advantage of its programs – Defensible Space Brush Chipping and Debris Removal Program, Fuel Reduction Monthly Drop-off Program, and more (see lah-cfd.org).

Set: Have a plan

Prepare your household for the possibility that you’ll have to evacuate.

- Register your home address and contact information at alertscc.org. Register everyone in your household to receive warnings as early as possible.
- Visit community.zonehaven.org to find your home’s zone, and plan at least two ways out of your neighborhood. In an emergency,

community.zonehaven.org may provide updates on your neighborhood’s evacuation status.

• Make a household evacuation plan. Where will you go? Where will you meet up after an evacuation if you get separated? How will you communicate with one another? What about your pets? What if your planned evacuation route is blocked with traffic? Plan multiple escape routes, and practice.

• Make an emergency supply kit to take with you in evacuations (see losaltosca.gov/gobag). Don’t forget supplies for your pets.

Go: Put plan into action

Give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire: Be ready to go, and evacuate early. Don’t wait for a mandatory evacuation order to leave.

- Leave early if your household needs extra time to evacuate. You may have someone with mobility problems or special medical needs.
- If you feel unsafe, evacuate. It may save your life.

Resources

- Emergency supplies for evacuation: losaltosca.gov/gobag
- County Fire Ready, Set, Go

information on hardening the home and making landscaping fire safe: bit.ly/rsgcf

- Los Altos Hills County Fire District Defensible Space and other programs: lah-cfd.org
- County FireSafe Council information on protecting homes from wildfires: sccfiresafe.org
- Watch Duty phone apps providing real-time notifications of wildfires in California: watchduty.org
- County disaster preparedness app: ReadySCC

Ann Hepenstal is the emergency management consultant for the town of Los Altos Hills.

Community Briefs

LAMV foundation opens grant cycle

Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation is accepting applications for its fall 2022 grant cycle.

Grants provide unrestricted general operating support. Applicants who serve residents of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View will be prioritized for funding. The foundation accepts grant applications for charitable, educational and/or community-building purposes.

The deadline to apply is Monday. For a grant application, visit app.smarterselect.com/programs/83372.

For more information, email grants@lamvcf.org or visit lamvcf.org.

Orchardists to talk at Oct. 12 meeting

Famed Santa Clara Valley orchardists Charles Olson and Andy Mariani are scheduled to appear at a Western Horticulture Society event, “Farming in the Valley of Heart’s Delight,” 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos.

Olson and Mariani will take questions from the audience and from local author and historian Robin Chapman.

Olson is a third-generation grower of apricots and cherries who today works both his own orchards and Orchard Heritage Park for the city of Sunnyvale. Mariani, a member of the Mariani family of growers, operates Andy’s Orchard, a fruit stand in Morgan Hill, where he tends his own fruit trees.

Chapman, a former Los Altos resident, has written about the Santa Clara Valley and its orchard history in three books published by The History Press.

Registration is required. To register and for more information, visit westernhort.org/speakers-events.

Program sheds light on Ohlone tribe

Archaeologist, anthropologist and ethnohistorian Alan Leventhal is scheduled to deliver the presentation “Archaeology, History and Heritage of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe” 7 p.m. Thursday via Zoom.

The free program is hosted by the Los Altos History Museum.

For the past 42 years, Leventhal has worked with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the Bay Area as a tribal ethnohistorian and senior staff archaeologist.

Registration for the program is required.

To register and for more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/Muwekma.

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Los Altos High's annual STEAM Week features both industry experts and student presenters

By Jennah Pendleton
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Los Altos High STEAM Week returns to its regular fall schedule this year, with a range of industry professionals in the arts and sciences – as well as two student speakers presenting original research – participating in the annual event Monday through today.

Activities also will include a panel discussion featuring experts who represent corporate, academic and government careers, moderated by a Los Altos High student.

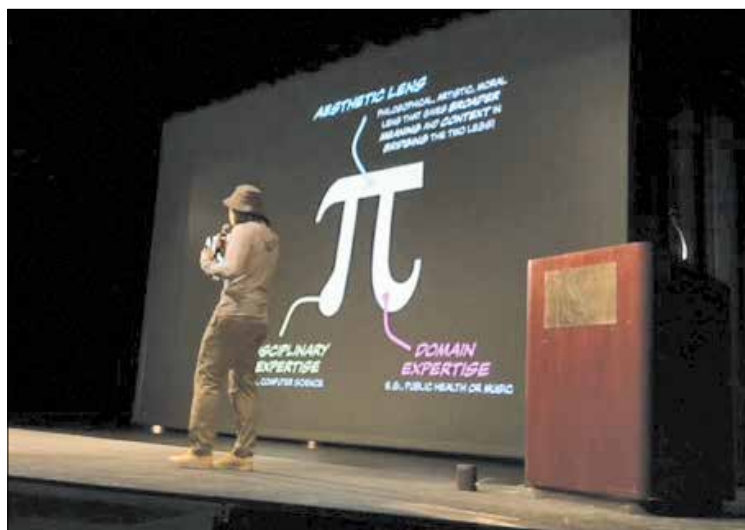
As in past years, the goal of STEAM Week is to expose students to the vast range of opportunities offered in science, technology, engineering and math, and how the fields can be intertwined with artistic endeavors. Topics from expert speakers include ethics in artificial intelligence, drug manufacturing, the semiconductors behind the digital world and urban gray foxes.

Student presenters

Two organic chemistry researchers – who also happen to be Los Altos High seniors – will each deliver a presentation on their respective work with the Aspiring Scholars Directed Research Program. Sarah Su, who has been part of the program since her freshman year, has worked on various projects researching compounds and chemical reactions that may be able to regulate cell cycles to fight cancer. Alexandra Keira Chatwin, part of ASDRP for approximately a year, also contributes to cancer research.

Both students developed an interest in science and medicine at a young age and hope to communicate to their peers that pursuing the sciences isn't as intimidating as it may seem.

"I think it gives us an opportunity to kind of expand the scope of how organic chemistry is normally interpreted," Su said. "I think a lot of people think organic chemistry is this



COURTESY OF GRACE TSANG

Ge Wang, associate professor at Stanford University in the Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics, gave a presentation about the intersection of technology and design during last year's STEAM Week.

really scary, untouchable subject, and I think that by speaking to peers directly, we're showing them that organic chemistry is something that anyone can kind of dive into."

Chatwin noted that communicating research in and of itself is part of the scientific process.

"I think communicating science is probably one of the most important parts of implementing science as a whole, because absent this communication, you can't exactly get your discoveries or proceedings anywhere," she said. "So, I think it'll be a good

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Astronomy lecture illuminates night sky

Victoria Kaspi, Ph.D., physics professor at McGill University, is scheduled to deliver an illustrated, nontechnical astronomy lecture 7 p.m. Oct. 19 via livestream on YouTube.

Kaspi's presentation, "The Fast Radio Sky: A New Window on the Violent Universe," is part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series, now in its 23rd year. Her talk will explore the explosive and cataclysmic activities of the night sky.

The series is co-sponsored by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the SETI Institute, the University of California Observatories and Foothill College.

To watch the livestream or past lectures, visit youtube.com/SVAstronomyLectures.

SIL schedules open house

The School for Independent Learners is scheduled to host an

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Mentor Tutor Connection honors longtime volunteer with a vision

Special to the Town Crier

Mentor Tutor Connection recognized volunteer Russ Satake Sept. 28 for his leadership as the visionary behind a new fund for the organization, the Bruno Adams Bright Futures Fund.

At the recognition event, Satake announced that the fund had raised more than \$400,000 during MTC's 25th anniversary year. The fund, he shared, was launched last year, named in honor of MTC's founders Marge Bruno and Bob Adams.

Satake thanked the many donors to the fund before MTC leadership turned the spotlight on him.

"Russ had a vision to launch a fund that would strengthen the organization through trying times far into the future, and over the past year, he led the effort to make that vision a reality," said Paul Schutz, MTC board chairperson.

MTC is a community-based and -supported nonprofit organization that provides tutors at Los Altos and Mountain View elementary and middle schools and mentors at the three high schools in the Mountain View Los Altos High School District. Its mission is to enhance the ac-

ademic, social and emotional growth of students through meaningful connections with adult volunteer mentors and tutors.

For 25 years, volunteer mentors and tutors have impacted the lives of thousands of local students. Satake has been one of them, serving as a tutor to elementary students and a mentor to high school students. After seeing the impact and experiencing the program firsthand, Satake joined the MTC Board of Directors in 2016 with a desire to ensure the organization would be successful not only during his tenure, but long into the future.

With the anniversary milestone approaching, Satake shared his vision that the organization create a fund to expand and sustain the work – serving more students today and into the future. The board saw it as the ideal opportunity to honor founders Bruno and Adams, who had the idea that caring adults in the community could support local students if provided the tools to do so.

A legacy of success

Today, MTC's track record matching students with adult mentors and tutors makes the case for expanding and sustaining the work. During the past two



COURTESY OF CAROL OLSON

Mentor Tutor Connection recognized volunteer Russ Satake, second from right, last week, as well as founders Bob Adams, with wife Lois, left, and Marge Bruno, right.

years, MTC demonstrated adaptability and relevance by shifting programming to meet the increased demands of online learning and the new burdens of mental health and economic hardships faced by students in their programs.

"I want to be sure that our community continues to deliver the academic and emotional support that empowers

youth to reach their potential and thrive," Satake said. "I have personally seen the impact we can have as caring adults who show up for kids in our community."

Satake said he was inspired by the generosity of local residents who believed that kids in the community today and into the future deserve the investment of time

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experience for us as researchers to be able to practice presenting our research to people who have less experience with these concepts, and hopefully it will also be a good experience for the audience to understand some of the cool research you can get involved with.”

Industry professionals

Los Altos Hills resident and featured STEAM Week presenter Andrew Evans is a Bay Area magician and CEO of The Magic Patio in San Francisco. While the STEAM Week website and directory categorizes his speech under “art,” Evans will discuss the way his background in engineering and his passion for magic came together to allow him to pursue a unique career.

“The way that I approach magic is very much through the lens of design and engineering, so all of the tricks are things that I designed and built myself, for the most part,” he said. “I think that’s kind of my unique angle into it – it’s very much from the design, construction and engineering world, but then also

from the arts, the performance, the script-writing world.”

Evans said he is excited to talk to students in his own community about the many ways they can carve an individual path for themselves in whatever field or combination of fields they are passionate about.

Harpist and jazz composer Destiny Muhammad’s work falls more specifically into the arts – the “A” in STEAM – but she said her STEAM Week talk also will speak to perseverance. Muhammad, who came from an economically disadvantaged background, first picked up the harp at 30 years old and now makes her living entirely on music, something which many people in her life told her would be impossible. Her story speaks to a universal message that she wants young people – especially those passionate about the arts – to absorb.

“The circumstance that we come from is not the last word,” she said. “Wherever you are right now, use it as a catalyst for where you want to be, and then dream larger than you even possibly can.”

For more information, visit lahssteamweek.com.

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open house and parent information night 7 p.m. Oct 12 at its Los Altos campus, 923 N. San Antonio Road.

Parents can learn about SIL’s one-on-one and group instruction, tutoring and enrichment classes, as well as meet faculty members and administrators.

Students may enroll in SIL at any time, with the flexibility to register either full time or to take one or two classes for credit to transfer to their school of record. All students receive personalized instruction, aiming to ensure they gain mastery of each subject and are positioned for success through high school, college and beyond.

To RSVP and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/3b3baxvr.

Cupertino school hosts e-waste collection

Cupertino Middle School has scheduled a free e-waste collection day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on campus, 1650 S. Bernardo Ave., Sunnyvale.

Volunteers will be on-site in the front parking lot to accept recyclables including wires, cables,

TVs, computers, stereos, power tools, vehicle batteries, video cameras, appliances and more.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Cupertino Middle School students.

For a copy of the accepted items list and for more information, email HemaLakhani@intero.com.

MVLA talk spotlights adult friendships

The MVLA High School Foundation has scheduled the first presentation of the year in its Parent Education Speaker Series,

“Friendship in the Age of Loneliness: How to Make Friends as an Adult,” 7 p.m. Thursday in the Mountain View High Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave.

Adam “Smiley” Poswolsky, author of “Friendship in the Age of Loneliness” and speaker at Fortune 500 companies, will share a blueprint for building deeper personal connections and more meaningful friendships while juggling the pressures and distractions of parenthood.

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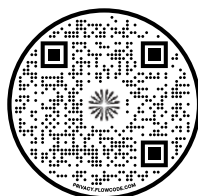
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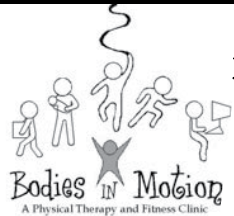
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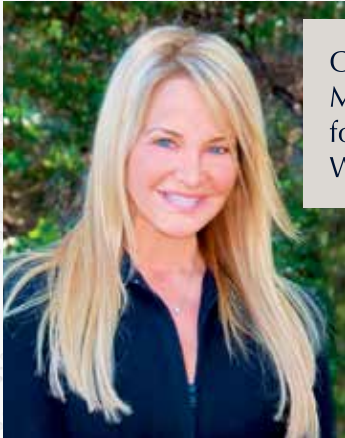
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Sustainability scientist charts path for young STEM scholars at AAUW meeting

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Meghan Shea, doctoral candidate at Stanford University's Doerr School of Sustainability, outlined a diverse set of interests and experiences in her talk at the Sept. 21 American Association of University Women meeting.

Held at Neutra House in Los Altos and available both in person and via Zoom, the meeting included attendees of the Tech Trek Science Camps for girls, held on college campuses and via Zoom last summer under the sponsorship of AAUW.

After welcoming the audience of AAUW members, Tech Trek Scholars and their parents, local AAUW director Vicki Reeder distributed certificates of achievement to the Tech Trek campers. Each of the campers talked briefly about their fa-

vorite activities at camp, which ranged from making motorized beanies, jam and cheese using science to meeting women influencers in STEM.

Shea discussed her early fascination with science and particularly with the ocean, and how that interest led her to participation in science fairs while in middle school, to a degree in environmental systems engineering at Stanford, to a Rhodes Scholarship and a degree in social sciences at Oxford and now back to Stanford at the new interdisciplinary School of Sustainability.

Her research focuses on how human-caused effects such as acidification and over-fishing impact the ocean environment and includes not only field research in Monterey and Half Moon Bay, but also interviews



Shea

with stakeholders including marine scientists, fishermen and beach-goers.

In a Q&A session following her talk, Shea acknowledged that she had experienced some prejudice against women in her career path.

"Don't be discouraged if you encounter bias – it's not about you," Shea said. "It's getting better, but the bias is still there. Don't let it push you down."

For more information on the local branch of AAUW, visit lamv-ca.aauw.net.

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and resources.

MTC executive director Carol Olson said Satake's contributions have been diverse and significant.

"Russ gives his time directly to students as a tutor and a mentor, he shares his experience and guidance as a leader of the orga-

nization, he generously donates to the organization, and he has now helped us launch this new fund to grow and sustain the organization. His contribution is truly a legacy for MTC and for kids in our community."

Over the past 10 years, Satake has served MTC as tutor to many K-8 students in the Mountain View Whisman School Dis-

trict; mentor to 10 high school students, mostly at Alta Vista High School; board member and board chairperson; Events Committee and Board Development Committee chairperson; and member of the Finance, Programs, Fund Development and Investment committees.

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School's family fun run set for November

All are welcome to run, walk or push a stroller at the Down by the Bay 5K and Tot Trot scheduled Nov. 6 at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale. The event benefits Mountain View Parent Nursery School, a parent cooperative preschool serving Los Altos and Mountain View. The Tot Trot, a 0.5K race for kids 8 and under (parents may join them), begins at 9 a.m. The 5K, a timed race open to all, starts at 9:35 a.m. There also will be a family fun area with free refreshments, games and a photo booth. Halloween costumes are encouraged. Race-day registration (\$30-\$50) begins at 7:45 a.m. To register in advance (\$25-\$40) and for more information, visit downbythebay5k.org.

LAHS pumpkin patch opens this week

The Los Altos High School Athletic Boosters Pumpkin Patch is slated to open Friday and run through Oct. 30 in the far-left corner of the student parking lot. Hours of operation are 2-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends, extended to 8 p.m. on days when there are home football games. Proceeds benefit Los Altos athletics.

MV Chamber tourney tees off Thursday

The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its inaugural golf tournament Thursday at Shoreline Golf Links. Registration begins at 11 a.m., as does the putting contest. The shotgun start is at noon; a silent auction, raffle and cocktail reception/awards ceremony follow. Tickets are \$160 per person or \$600 per foursome. Tickets to the reception only are \$50. Proceeds benefit the chamber and the programs it runs for the community and downtown business association. To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/9n5ehs6z.

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Spartans edge Eagles in five sets

By Pete Borello
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There was no letup in the Mountain View High girls volleyball team Thursday at Los Altos. After playing their rival even through four close sets, the Spartans' energy and serving overwhelmed the Eagles in the fifth.

Mountain View prevailed 15-3, with Alex Sakamoto serving the final six points – capped by the match-winning ace.

Coach Dave Winn noted that his Spartans maintained the momentum they created “when we stormed back with some tough serving” and “super strong play from Tessa Hunter” in the fourth set, which they won 25-21.

“I think we were able to tire LAHS out by that point,” he said.

Los Altos coach Peter Kim agreed.

“We were just gassed, to be honest,” he said. “We ran out of gas in the fifth set.”



T. MALLIE BRATHWAITE/SPECIAL TO TOWN CRIER

Mountain View High's Emmy Thomander attempts to hit the ball past the block of Los Altos High's Ella McFarlane Thursday.

The Eagles started strong, claiming the first set 25-19.

“Los Altos really came out on fire and forced us to make a lot of unforced errors early,” Winn said.

The Spartans rebounded in the second set, leaning on their serving to win 25-18. Winn said Andisheh Turner “put on a serving

clinic,” getting five aces as Mountain View jumped to a 9-1 lead. The Eagles scored eight straight to cut the deficit to one before making hitting errors as the Spartans' serving heated up again.

“We made a lot of errors we normally don't make,” Kim said.

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Mtn. View High girls golf team shooting for berths in league tourney, CCS

By Pete Borello
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It will take a strong finish, but Mountain View High girls golf coach Bruce Jaffe remains optimistic about his team's chances of playing beyond the regular season.

Entering this week with a 5-3 record, the Spartans are in the running for a berth in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League championship tournament (top six teams qualify) and the Central Coast Section championships (top 16).

“I'm hopeful,” Jaffe said. “We've still got a way to go; four more matches to try to do our best.”

Mountain View sits in third place in the SCVAL El Camino Division, a spot below where the team finished last year. The 2021 Spartans not only qualified for the league tourney – which includes teams from the upper De Anza Division as well – but also for CCS. They came in fifth in the former and 11th in the latter.

With only the winners of the El Camino and De Anza divisions guaranteed berths in the Oct. 19 league championships at San Jose's Santa Teresa Golf Club, Mountain View will likely be among the teams vying for one of the four remaining spots, determined by score differential.



BRUCE JAFFE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Mountain View High's Kaitlyn Hahn putts on the fourth hole at Shoreline Golf Links as teammate Michelle Liou watches.

The Spartans face even more scrutiny to be among the 16 teams chosen for CCS, scheduled Nov. 1 at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey.

“It depends on record, differential and how we played in league,” Jaffe said. “Everything matters.”

If Mountain View doesn't make it as a team, the coach is confident at least one of his players will qualify individually. Top player Kaitlyn Hahn ranks among the top 10 play-

It's a big week for Los Altos boys water polo team

By Pete Borello
Staff Writer/peteb@latc.com

Entering this week at 2-3 in league and 5-7 overall, the playoff picture is murky for the Los Altos High boys water polo team. By week's end, it should become much clearer.

“We have an action-packed week,” coach Seth Tasman said, “with (games against) Gunn, Los Gatos, Palo Alto and then traveling to Sacramento to participate in the Jesuit High Invitational to play some of the top teams in the Sacramento area.”

Those first three games are particularly important to the Eagles' postseason hopes; they are league matches against teams above them in the SCVAL De Anza Division standings.

Fifth-place Los Altos was slated to host fourth-place Gunn

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ers in the entire SCVAL, with fellow senior Michelle Liou and junior Maleah Lin also having strong seasons.

Hahn, a first-team all-leaguer a year ago, excels due to her “consistency, calm demeanor and putting, which is amazing,” Jaffe said. In last week's 245-285 thumping of Homestead at Shoreline Golf Links, Hahn recorded three birdies en route to a nine-hole score of 38 (two over par).

Liou, a second-team all-leaguer in 2021, “bombs the ball,” the coach said. “She is extremely athletic and probably one of the longest hitters in the league.” She was the medalist in the Spartans' two-stroke victory against Cupertino Sept. 1 at Deep Cliff Golf Course.

Lin “has a good overall game,” Jaffe said. “She's super calm and her golf strategy IQ is high.”

Jaffe, in his third year as Mountain View's coach, is also excited about the team's trio of newcomers.

“We have three freshmen on the team, which is great news, since we had zero last year,” he said. “They're promising and are committed to improving.”

One of these players is Jane Liou, Michelle's sister. The others are Keya Bansal and Saahiti Bondalapati.

The Spartans, who went 1-2 last week, are scheduled to host Los Gatos 3 p.m. today at Shoreline.

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Los Altos overcame that in the third set, holding on for a 25-23 win sealed by a kill from Aviya Russo. The freshman finished with a match-high 20 kills, one more than Hunter.

Eagle Kaitlyn Lee, who also made several kills in the set, totaled 15. Spartan Millie Kopp was the other player to reach double-digit kills, posting 12.

While kills were crucial, Mountain View's superior serving played just as important a role in the match. The Spartans recorded 16 aces, six more than Los Altos. Setter Turner led all players with

seven aces and added 39 assists. Counterpart Megan Wong racked up 46 assists for the Eagles.

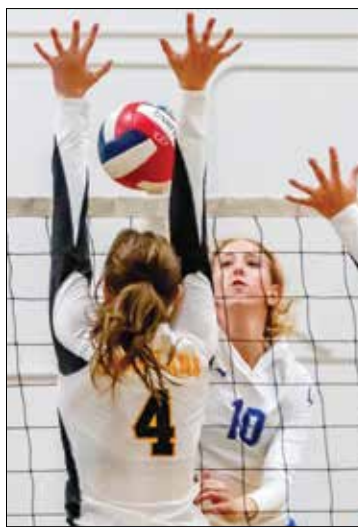
"Megan played well," Kim said of his senior setter, "and so did Aviya."

Three days prior, Russo had 17 kills in a five-set win at Los Gatos, which sat atop the SCVAL De Anza Division standings.

The next day, however, Los Altos was swept by last-place Gunn.

"I think it's mental fatigue," said Kim, whose team slipped to 4-2 in league and 14-6 overall. "We have to work through it."

Mountain View, meanwhile, is on a roll. The Spartans have won nine in a row and are in first place (5-1 league, 15-4 overall).



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Eagle Aviya Russo goes for the kill as Spartan Cambria Cook puts up the block Thursday.

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Monday and third-place Los Gatos Tuesday, and visit league-leading Palo Alto 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Eagles played Paly close when they hosted the Vikings Sept. 15, falling 12-9, and have won two of their three league games since then.

"We have a very young team this year," Tasman said, "and our goal is to be top four in the league and earn a bid into CCS."

Los Altos starts two freshmen, Tiernan Braun and Ferran de Witt, and goalie Weston Carballar is a sophomore who "has been a huge defensive player for us," the coach said. Tasman added that his team is led by captains Ryan Bell (senior), Jack Wald (senior) and Zach Brunner (junior).

Football

St. Francis ended its three-game losing streak by routing St. Ignatius 42-20 Friday behind the running of Keala Keanaaina (232 yards, three touchdowns) and passing of Matt Dougherty (8-of-10 for 223 yards and three TDs). The visiting Lancers evened their West Catholic Athletic League record at 1-1 and went to 2-3 overall.

Los Altos dropped its fourth game in a row, falling 20-14 Friday at Sequoia in the El Camino Division opener for both teams.

The Eagles tied the game at 14 in the second quarter, but the undefeated Ravens scored in the fourth to seal the victory.

Mountain View allowed more than 500 yards to Wilcox, which prevailed 44-14 in Friday's De Anza Division opener. The host Spartans, down 31-7 at halftime, dipped to 1-4 overall.

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Mtn. View boosters hosts golf tourney

The Mountain View High School Sports Boosters' fifth-annual golf tournament is scheduled Oct. 30 at Shoreline Golf Links. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$150 for adults and \$100 for students; cost includes a school-related gift item, lunch and two drink tickets, along with entry into the longest-drive and closest-to-the-pin contests. Proceeds benefit Mountain View athletics. For more information, including how to become a tournament sponsor, call **Chris Dick-**

Cross-country

The St. Francis boys won the Large Schools Division of Saturday's Artichoke Invitational in Half Moon Bay, besting runner-up Menlo-Atherton by 19 points. Los Altos placed eighth.

Matthew Mullane led the Lancers by running the 2.3-mile course in 12 minutes, 33 seconds. Teammate Nikolas Muller took seventh with a 12:35.

Samuel Stein paced Los Altos with a 38th-place time of 13:33.

Field hockey

Los Altos scored first but couldn't hold the lead against first-place Los Gatos Thursday.

The Wildcats rallied for a 3-1 road victory to remain perfect in the De Anza Division (6-0), while the Eagles stay in second place (4-1-1).

Los Altos coach Mary Donahue said the game "was very competitive and exciting all the way to the end."

Girls water polo

St. Francis scored 10 goals in the second half en route to a 15-5 home win against Mitty Sept. 28.

The Lancers improved to 3-0 in the WCAL and 6-2 overall.

Girls volleyball

St. Francis lost its first set of the season, but it still hasn't lost a match.

The Lancers defeated San Clemente 17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21 Saturday to claim the Santa Barbara Tournament of Champions.

Earlier that day, St. Francis swept Newport Harbor and the day before beat Valencia in straight sets. The three tourney wins boosted the Lancers' overall record to 18-0.

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Cycle of Hope returning to Foothill

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley's Cycle of Hope cycling event and fundraiser is set for Oct. 23 at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. The first race begins at 7 a.m. Race divisions include Century Ride (106 miles), Metric Century Ride (70 miles), Intermediate Ride (35 miles), Starter Ride (9 miles), Kids' Ride (2K) and Virtual DIY. Registration is \$20-\$110. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. To register and for more information, visit Habitatcycleofhope.org.



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Sports

Local high school sports schedule for Oct. 5-12

Football

Friday
Pinewood at Cornerstone Christian, 4 p.m.
Gunn at Los Altos, 7 p.m.
Mountain View at Homestead, 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Thursday
Presentation at St. Francis, 6 p.m.
Monta Vista at Los Altos, 6:45 p.m.
Los Gatos at Mountain View, 6:45 p.m.
Saturday
Los Altos and Mountain View at Los Altos Tournament, 8 a.m.
St. Francis at Stockton Classic, TBA
Tuesday
Los Altos at Cupertino, 6:45 p.m.
Mountain View at Palo Alto, 6:45 p.m.

Boys water polo

Today
Sacred Heart Prep at St. Francis, 7 p.m.
Thursday
Mountain View at Wilcox, 5 p.m.

Los Altos at Palo Alto, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Homestead at Los Altos, 4:15 p.m.
Cupertino at Mountain View, 5:15 p.m.

Girls water polo

Today
Sacred Heart Prep at St. Francis, 6 p.m.
Thursday
Mountain View at Wilcox, 4 p.m.
Los Altos at Palo Alto, 5:30 p.m.
St. Francis at Arroyo Grande Tournament, TBA
Friday & Saturday
St. Francis at Arroyo Grande Tournament, TBA
Tuesday
Cupertino at Mountain View, 5:15 p.m.
Homestead at Los Altos, 6:30 p.m.

Girls tennis

Thursday
Presentation vs. St. Francis at Cuesta Park, 2:45 p.m.
Cupertino at Los Altos, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
Los Altos at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Valley Christian vs. St. Francis at Cuesta Park, 2:45 p.m.

Field hockey

Thursday
Los Altos vs. St. Ignatius at Fairmont Field (Pacifica), 4 p.m.
Homestead at St. Francis, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Scripps Ranch at St. Francis, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
St. Francis at Los Altos, 3:30 p.m.

Cross-country

Saturday
Los Altos and St. Francis (girls) at Clovis Invitational, TBA
St. Francis (boys) at Serra Invitational at Crystal Springs, 9 a.m.

Girls golf

Today
Los Gatos vs. Mountain View at Shoreline Golf Links, 3 p.m.
Thursday
Saratoga vs. Los Altos at Bay View Country Club (Milpitas), 4 p.m.

TBA: To be announced



Assess Your Flood Risk and Flood Insurance Availability

In the city of Los Altos, stormwater runoff is conveyed naturally or through the City's stormwater system to the Adobe, Permanente, Stevens or Hale Creek. While the occurrence of flooding is infrequent, knowing your flood risk, being prepared, and protecting your property well ahead of large storm events can reduce your exposure to flood damage.

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In order to obtain federally secured financing to buy, build, or improve structures within a SFHA, you are required to have flood insurance as required by federal law. Additionally, flood insurance is available to all property owners, businesses, and renters regardless of whether the property is within a SFHA and whether the property is backed by a federally secured loan. Flood insurance may be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The city of Los Altos participates in the Community Rating System and as a result the City's accredited activities, property owner's receive flood insurance premium reductions.

Information about flood insurance can be obtained from private insurance agents, or by contacting the National Flood Insurance Program customer service line at 1-800-427-4661 or www.floodsmart.gov.

Be aware that development within a SFHA requires compliance with certain building performance standards of the NFIP. Specific standards are included in Chapter 12.60 Floodplain Management of the Municipal Code and relevant building codes. Additional guidance in the implementation of the standards is provided by the City's Planning and Building Divisions as well as obtaining copies of Elevation Certificates of recently constructed buildings in the SFHA. Property owners can also work with a Licensed Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer to obtain an Elevation Certificate.

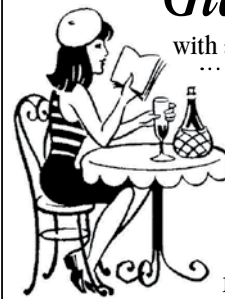
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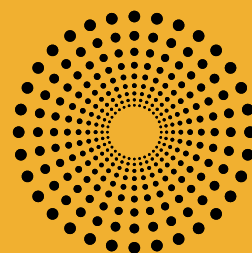
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The 2023 Jaguar F-Type P450 R-Dynamic AWD Convertible doesn't lack for power, featuring a 5.0-liter supercharged V8 that makes 444 horsepower and 428 pound-feet of torque. The car can go from a standstill to 60 mph in just 4.4 seconds.

This is one sleek Jaguar

New F-Type is stunning, packs plenty of power

By Mike Hagerty

One of my earliest automotive memories was at 5 years old with my nose pressed up against the showroom window of Hornburg Jaguar at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Doheny Drive in Hollywood, peering at the then-new 1961 Jaguar XK-E roadster.

Even at that age, I could tell that this was something special – I had never seen such sleek lines on any automobile. Sixty-one years on, that may still be true. We didn't know it then, but regulations were on the way over the next six decades that would force designers to sacrifice barely there bumpers and other aesthetic considerations to accommodate safety equipment.

But man, the 2023 Jaguar F-Type gets close. By contemporary vehicle standards, it is arguably as much of a standout today as the XK-E was then. Put the top down and go for a walk around it. It's just gorgeous.

Then go for a drive. This is the 2023 Jaguar F-Type P450 R-Dynamic AWD Convertible. Under the hood, which opens at the windshield in the same way the XK-E's did (though in the case of the XK-E, it was the entire front clip that swung up) is a 5.0-liter supercharged V8.

Yes, there are more modern and sophisticated ways of making 444 horsepower and 428 pound-feet of torque, but none smoother



The F-Type features Suedecloth seats, navigation and a Meridian sound system.

– and silken smoothness is a major part of this Jag's appeal (there is also an F-Type R with 575 horsepower available, if you like things a bit wilder).

Don't confuse silken smoothness with slow; the 0-60 mph time for our test vehicle was 4.4 seconds. The Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy estimate is actually a bit higher than you might guess for this level of power: 16 mpg city and 24 mpg highway. Some credit for that goes to the eight-speed automatic transmission.

All-wheel drive, upgraded brakes, adaptive dynamics, an electronic active differential and torque vectoring by braking all make the F-Type a superb handler.

The base price is \$87,200. It comes comprehensively equipped with everything

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we've already discussed as well as 20-inch wheels, premium LED headlights, R-Dynamic body kit, deployable trunk lid spoiler, fully electric convertible roof, rain-sensing wipers, grained leather and Suedecloth seats, navigation, Meridian sound system, lane-keep assist, driver condition monitor and traffic-sign recognition.

Our tester also had extra-cost options including a blind-spot assist and rear traffic monitor package (\$550); heated windshield, heated steering wheel and dual-zone climate control package (\$1,150); heated front seats (\$500); keyless entry (\$500); garage door opener (\$300); wind deflector (\$200); emergency pack with first aid and roadside kits (\$70); and handover pack with cutouts for the key fobs (\$25). With \$1,275 destination and delivery, the as-tested price is \$91,770.

Yes, some of the option pricing seems like nickel-and-diming and could just be made standard with a \$2,000 higher base price. The Jaguar faithful would hardly notice. But after a week at the wheel (and a significant amount of longing backward glances after driving the car), making too much of that feels equally petty. This is a stunning, gorgeous automobile that's also a pleasure to drive. There's not another car like it. And that counts for a lot.

Getting to the bottom of wiring woes

By Matt Pataky

We recently had a customer bring in his 2011 Volvo XC60 T-6 because the check-engine light went on, the radiator fan was running constantly, the left front window wasn't working and the battery was going dead.

When the customer arrived with the car, we could

Matt the Mechanic

hear the radiator fan running. Once the car started to cool down, the fan continued to run. We also confirmed that the check-engine light was on and the driver's side front window did not operate.

The other three windows worked from their individual switches, but not from the main driver's side switch. We scanned the vehicle and pulled multiple fault codes: driver door model B108f-23 cabin lock switch failure; B118e-00 left front window switch; B1190-00 left rear window general failure; B11d1-87 Lin Bus circuit 1 missing message; B1a98-87 Lin Bus circuit 1 missing message; and U2101-00 control module incompatible.

Diagnosing the problems

We removed the left front door panel to gain access to the door module, door-wire harness and window motor. We then inspected the door-wire harness but didn't find a problem with it. We checked the connections at the door module, and they were also OK.

Next, we disconnected the window motor and tested it with an external

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MIKE HAGERTY/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The new Volkswagen Golf R 2.0T gets 23 mpg city and 30 mpg highway, according to EPA estimates.

VW Golf R misses the mark on tech but excels in several other areas

By Mike Hagerty

Auto Review

This was the year America said goodbye to the Volkswagen Golf.

The folks (Volk?) in Wolfsburg who get paid to make decisions determined that as the eighth generation of the Golf debuted, we would only get the performance versions – the GTI and the Golf R.

I could debate all day the decision not to offer a standard Golf, but instead, let's just be glad we get the two hottest hatches in the VW lineup.

Both the GTI and the Golf R

have a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine under the hood. The GTI's makes 241 horsepower and the Golf R's makes 315. Drive them back-to-back and you'll definitely notice. In fact, drive last year's Golf R and this year's Golf R back-to-back and you'll notice (last year's was only packing 288 horsepower).

Zero-to-60 mph runs are over and done with in 3.9 seconds in the Golf R. There's a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic

transmission, four-wheel independent suspension, vented disc brakes at all four wheels with cross-drilled rotors up front, variable-ratio steering, XDS cross-differential system and drive-mode selection featuring special and drift modes.

And, not that you were really all that concerned, gas mileage is top-notch for this level of performance: an Environmental Protection Agency-estimated 23 mpg city and 30 mpg highway.

Base price of the Golf R 2.0T is \$44,890, and it comes loaded. There are 19-inch alloy wheels
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power source; it was fine. We then connected the scanner to monitor the data in the window module. There was no activity from the main window switch back to the door module. We commanded the other windows with the scanner through the door module; all three other windows worked.

That's when we suspected that the driver's side main window switch was the problem. We installed a known good window switch, yet there was no change. So, we traced the wires from the switch back into the main body wire harness and found there was no power from the central electronic module (CEM). The power through the CEM was coming from fuse three; it was not blown. We then performed a continuity check of the body harness from the door connector (examining each wire in the harness for continuity) to the CEM and found that several wires were open.

Broken wires abound

Knowing that all the components in the door were OK, we pulled out the front driver's seat and started tracing the wires back under the carpet. We traced the blue/white wire into the main harness and found it shorted. When we got to the place where it was broken, we found five other broken wires. After consulting the wiring diagram, we discovered that all six broken wires were all at a junction. We then repaired the junction, and the driver's window worked fine.

With the window fixed, we checked the radiator fan. There were no codes in the fan module. The power and ground were good to the fan and module. We checked the fan assembly and could not find a problem. The radiator fan control module was not setting a code, yet the fan control module is commanding the fan to run all the time. Because there is no code in the module, we would deduce that the fan module does not know it is bad. We replaced the fan module, and the fan was fine.

Turns out that even though the check-engine light was on, it did not trigger a powertrain code. We think that because the fan was killing the battery, it most likely cleared the powertrain data. We also suspected that the six broken wires may have caused the check-engine light to turn on.

Where the junction broke in the main harness made this problem more of a challenge, requiring more patience and focus to solve.

On a side note, I'm sad to report that my mother, Nathalie Pataky, passed away last month. She started the business with my father, Steve, in 1962 and worked alongside us until 2018. She will be missed.

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on summer tires, three-zone automatic climate control system, Nappa leather seating surfaces, VW's IQ.Drive active safety suite, adaptive cruise control, Harman Kardon premium audio system with center speaker and subwoofer, and wireless device charging. There's more – in fact so much more that your eyes would just glaze over reading it here. That's what VW's website is for.

And that's it. Our tester had no extra-cost options. With \$995 destination charge, the as-tested price is \$45,885.

Tech disqualifier

The only downside is VW's approach to in-cabin tech.

Easy-to-grab and -use buttons and dials are gone in this generation of the Golf, replaced by functions buried in screen menus and capacitive touch buttons that give no positive feedback. All that increases the need to look away from the road to see whether you've done what you wanted to do or not. I'd hate that in any car. In serious drivers' cars like the GTI and Golf R, it's a massive disqualifier.

I know it seems like once tech takes over, you can't go back, but that's not strictly true. Forty years ago, Nissan was telling us the future involved cars with voices saying things like "lights are on"



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The Golf R 2.0T comes with a three-zone automatic climate control system, Nappa leather seating surfaces and Harman Kardon premium audio system.

and "door is ajar" – and that ended really quickly.

In August, the Swedish automobile magazine Vi Bilagare published a comprehensive test of 11 modern cars and one 17-year-old Volvo. It found the old Volvo was the safest in terms of the amount of time required to perform a function while driving. Hopefully, the manufacturers are listening. Meanwhile, enthusiast drivers can certainly voice their displeasure.

Mike Hagerty, vice president of membership for Western Automotive Journalists, has been writing about cars since 1997. Read more of his reviews at MikeHagertyCars.com and follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/mikehagertycars.



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Stepping Out

Organizers hope attendees gets their jollies at this week's Follies

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Stage Company's Follies, the annual fundraiser to support local arts and youth educational programming, returns to Bus Barn Theater this week.

Titled "The Scandalous Sedition Sequel," this year's performances of musical satire, roasts and comedy are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at Bus Barn, 97 Hillview Ave.

"The January 6 insurrection set off two years of astonishing consequences that made reviving the Follies seem like an absolute necessity," Follies co-producer Vicki Reeder said in

a press release. "The revelations from that investigation, on top of worries about climate change, election tampering, book banning, inflation and local small-town kerfuffles – all topped off by an unstoppable COVID virus – made it seem imperative to take a good long laugh at our messed-up world."

In addition to the cast of new and returning performers, the show features guest emcees who also will poke fun at local and national politics through popular song lyrics.

Guest emcees include Shannon Geary and Scott Hunter of the Los Altos Village Association (Thursday), Emma Goss

and James Torrez of KTVU Fox 2 News (Friday) and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian (Saturday).

Reeder and David Hsiao produce and direct this year's Follies. They are also part of the cast.

Other cast members include Archana Appanna, Rhea Feldman, Gary DeMoss, Kathryn Holleb, Petrita Lipkin, Rod Sinks and Casie Walker.

Tickets are \$80 for Thursday's preview performance, \$125 for Friday's opening show and reception, and \$150 for Saturday's finale and gala featuring a pre- and post-show reception



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The Follies cast wears boas and bowlers. Seated, from left: Gary DeMoss and David Hsiao. Standing: Petrita Lipkin, Rhea Feldman, Archana Appanna, Vicki Reeder, Kathryn Holleb and Casie Walker.

with wine, appetizers and dessert in the Oak Room of the Los Altos Community Center.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 941-0551 or visit losaltosstage.org.

MV's CSMA offers two free concerts in October

Town Crier Report

Mountain View's Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) presents two free musical performances this month, starting with the Haruka Fujii Trio 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The program, titled "Sound of Japan," is influenced by the country's stories, music and culture. It will feature melodies, rhythm and harmony from Japan, performed by percussionist Fujii of the Grammy Award-winning ensemble Silkroad, flutist Ray Furuta and violinist Beni Shinohara. The trio will spotlight world premiere works by Bay Area composers David Verota and Shinji Eshima, along with folk melodies and other works by modern Japanese and American composers.

Later in the month, saxophonist Steven Banks will perform at CSMA. The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22.

Winner of the 2022 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Banks is known as an ambassador for the classical saxophone. He "has the potential to be one of the transformational artists of the 21st century," according to Seen and Heard International.



COURTESY OF CSMA

Percussionist Haruka Fujii and her trio perform Saturday at CSMA in Mountain View.

The performance is presented in partnership with Stanford Live.

Both concerts will take place in Tateuchi Hall at CSMA, 230 San Antonio Circle. Doors open at 7 p.m. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Donations are accepted.

For more information, visit arts4all.org.

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan brings '13 Tongues' to Stanford Live

Town Crier Report

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan brings its production of "13 Tongues" to the Stanford University campus 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Stanford Live performance will be in Memorial Auditorium, 551 Jane Stanford Way.

In "13 Tongues," artistic director Cheng Tsung-lung transforms his childhood memories of the streets of Bangka into a dreamlike world by fusing ancient ideas and modern Taipei culture.

Founded in 1973, Cloud Gate combines martial arts, meditation,

qigong, modern dance and classical ballet.

"This stunning production confirms that the company is in great hands under Tsung-lung's leadership," Stanford Live executive director Chris Lorway said in a statement.

The music accompanying "13 Tongues" includes Taiwanese folk songs, Taoist chants and electronica. On a stage awash with colorful visuals, dancers aspire to provide a vibrant representation of the clamor of Taipei street life.

Tickets are \$32.

For tickets and more information, visit live.stanford.edu.

Socially Inept roasts valley Friday in MV

Town Crier Report

Socially Inept's "Roast of Silicon Valley" is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, 500 Castro St.

The comedy group, comprised of former tech workers, pokes fun at Silicon Valley at its show.

Tickets are \$28-\$33.

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



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Puzzles Page

Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

- 1. Remain
- 5. Let up
- 11. Doughnut shape
- 13. A bellflower
- 14. Insurance company headquartered in Rhode Island
- 15. End
- 16. Afternoon fare server
- 18. Chilean novelist Allende
- 19. **Los Altos jeweler SMYTHE & _____**
- 24. Proximity
- 26. **Monthly event First _____**
- 31. Flower part
- 32. Hotel chain
- 34. "The Second Coming" poet
- 35. Lean
- 40. Haggard
- 42. Former costar of Cox and Kudrow
- 47. Hawaiian island
- 48. Tom Cruise's "Last _____"
- 49. Draw out
- 50. Assumed name

- 51. Is at the board meeting

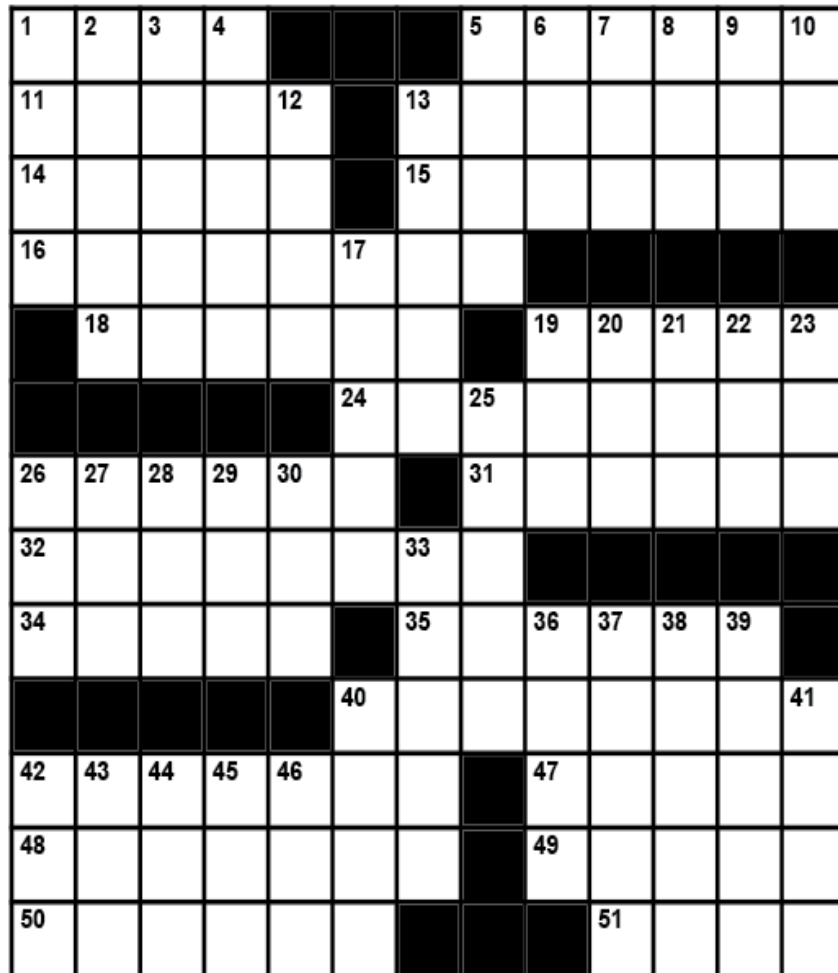
Down

- 1. Doctor's order
- 2. "As the World Turns" actress
- 3. Solos
- 4. Desert plant
- 5. Elapse
- 6. Classified ad abbr.
- 7. Slippery character
- 8. _____ Baba
- 9. Bro's sib
- 10. Cry of disgust
- 12. Product of Sweden
- 13. Scoop the soup
- 17. France's patron saint
- 19. Computer monitor, for short
- 20. Genetics lab study
- 21. Original manufactured item, abbr.
- 22. Compass point
- 23. Application datum, abbr.
- 25. Good _____
- 26. Sear
- 27. Corinne Bailey _____
- 2007 Grammy nominee

- 28. Gem Stater's home, abbr.
- 29. Dah's Morse code counterpart
- 30. Obstinate animal
- 33. Countryman near the Arabian Sea
- 36. Ready and willing's partner
- 37. Pokes
- 38. Listlessness
- 39. Show surprise
- 40. Ramble
- 41. Metal-stamping tools
- 42. _____ rule (usually)
- 43. A Bobbsey twin
- 44. Shorthand for "I believe"
- 45. Huge star
- 46. Give it a go

– Los Altos clues **bolded.**

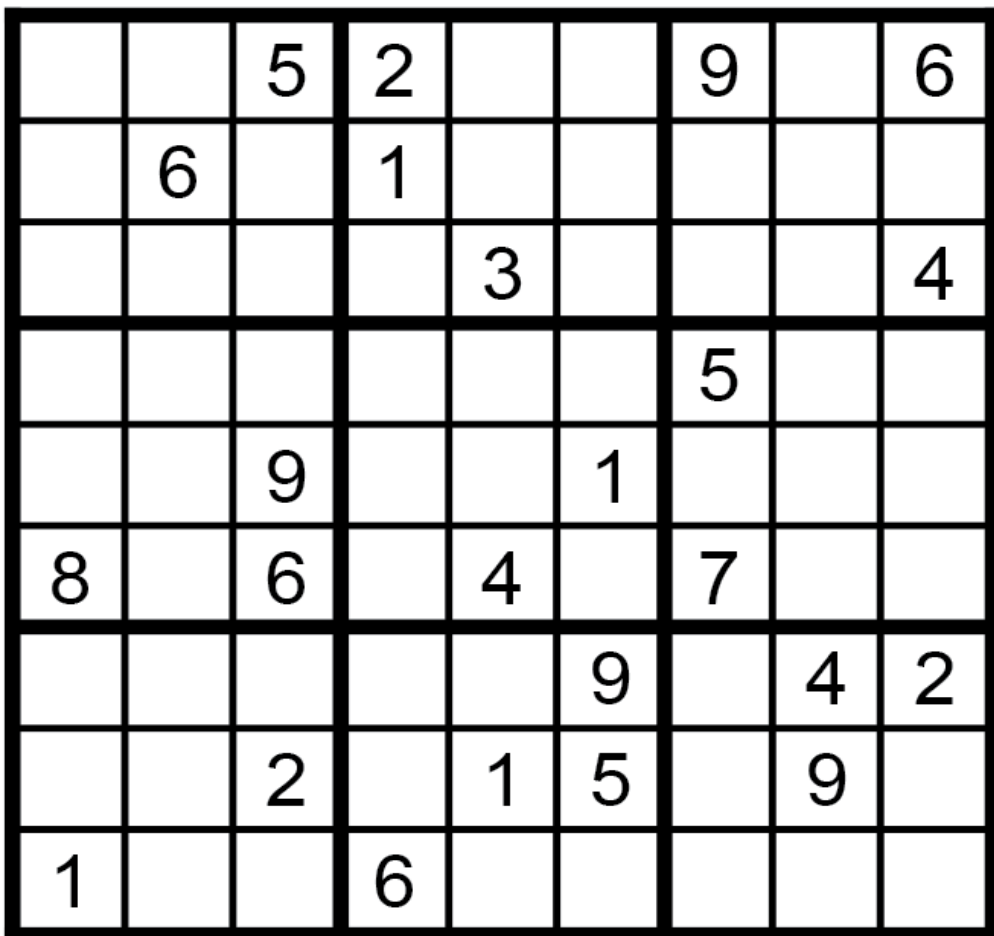
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Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult. Level: Medium



Find A Word



Fifteen languages are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find it.

Albanian
Czech
Dutch
English
Finnish
French

German
Greek
Irish
Italian
Polish
Portuguese

Spanish
Ukrainian
Welsh

Business & Real Estate

Homestead teens give business lessons to fifth- through eighth-grade students

By Saira Ahmed
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Four Homestead High School students spent the summer teaching business basics to fifth- through eighth-graders.

Sophomores Kristin Lee, Sanghyuk Ko, Ian Yoon and Chloe Kim founded Business Bloomers, a free summer camp for students who wanted to learn virtually the fundamentals of entrepreneurship. They registered more than 150 students, nationally and internationally, Ko said.

The four Business Bloomers founders took a business class their freshman year. Learning about business principles such as accounting and marketing inspired them to teach the concepts to those who are not enrolled in such classes, according to Lee.

“There are certain skills we learned in this class that aren’t present in the traditional academ-

ic course, and because of that, a lot of students are really missing out on knowledge essential to them,” Lee said. “This is our way of giving back to the community, because we are privileged enough to have these opportunities and learn about business.”

To reach a wide variety of students, the founders used social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. Kim said they also reached out to school districts across the nation to send out email blasts and information regarding the camp.

“We’re really proud of ourselves for getting not only local, but international participation,” Lee said. “I feel like we’re starting to make an impact on not only the community, but the world as a whole because of that international participation.”

Engaging young minds

There were two one-week sessions of the camp, each with

50-60 kids actively participating. Yoon said the four founders created the lesson plans, slides and activities for each day.

“We tried to make our lesson as fun as possible through having interesting videos, so not only educational how-to videos. We added a clip from ‘Curious George’ to explain how marketing works,” Ko said. “We tried to put ourselves in the shoes of the students and our younger selves to make sure everything was very interactive and engaging.”

Yoon said another thing the founders took into consideration was the creativity of the kids, so they came up with activities that allowed the students to showcase their ideas. One activity involved demonstrating the three types of leadership, but the prompt was that they had to impress a professional artist by creating an art piece exemplifying one of them.

“That really gave them the creativity to do whatever they want-



SAIRA AHMED/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Business Bloomers founders include Chloe Kim, from left, Kristin Lee, Ian Yoon and Sanghyuk Ko.

ed, and not only doing that, but also practicing the business and leadership skills we were giving them,” Yoon said.

Each day highlighted a different topic, and at the end of the week, there was a final project and presentation for a potential business, Lee said. Some students chose to stay on the call longer because they were so enthusiastic about the project, Ko added.

The founders sent out a survey at the end of the camp to solicit feedback from the students. According to Lee, approximately 75% of students found that their

public speaking skills improved over the week, as well as their general knowledge of business. More than 50% said they would attend the camp again.

Because of the success of the camp, Lee said the team is working on expanding the program beyond the summer. Ko said they plan to create an organization, Bloom Institute, focused on fields outside of business. Yoon noted that the team also may host an in-person camp with more engaging activities.

Yoon said he initially thought
See BLOOMERS, Page 36

Evaluating seniors for their capability to make sound financial decisions

By Artie Green

Early in my financial planner career, I worked for a firm with a 75-year old client who had become a recent widow. A phone scammer had gotten hold of her and was persuasive enough to convince her to send \$100 in gift cards to an address in the Caribbean.

That one indiscretion resulted in the floodgates opening. She started receiving dozens of junk mail requests and phone calls each day and began to respond to many of them.

By the time we became aware of the situation, she had given away more than \$5,000 to questionable if not outright fraudulent organizations. Her financial decision-making had become so impaired that we notified her adult son, who initially changed her phone number and had her mail routed to him to screen out the junk. Things got to the point where he reached out to Santa Clara County’s Adult Protective Services (APS) to see about getting better control of her finances.

This led to a conservatorship giving him full power to manage her finances for her. Ironically (and sadly), her mental faculties further declined to such an extent that she believed he – rather than the scammers – was taking financial ad-

Nest Egg Briefs

vantage of her. The woman’s faithful son kept her financially secure, but she went to the grave thinking he was a crook.

Every state and many counties have APS agencies. It’s their responsibility, among other things, to investigate reports of senior financial exploitation.

But how can agency workers determine whether the adult still has the mental capacity to make decisions about their finances, particularly when those decisions are ones that their financial adviser or family may disagree with? APS agencies are not only chronically understaffed, but are also responsible for a host of other types of assessments.

That’s where a new training program called the Interview for Decisional Abilities (IDA) comes into play. It was developed by two geriatric doctors, Mark Lachs at Cornell University and Jason Karlawish at the University of Pennsylvania. IDA is a standardized interview process that improves APS workers’ ability to assess whether a senior is able to understand the risks and potential consequences of the financial decision they’re making.

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BLOOMERS

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the camp's success would be measured by the number of participants or how much students learned from it. However, he had a different take after the camp ended.

"I realized that it was more about sparking that initial interest in creating these passions for students," he said. "By the end, I was really proud of the fact that we were able to introduce them to a new field of education that they may not be able to achieve through their elementary and middle schools."

To sign up for the Bloom Institute email list, visit tinyurl.com/ye7xa5sh.

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316 Galli Court, Carp Trust to Piotrowski-Black Trust for \$5,498,000

41 Jordan Avenue, Hu Trust to Bhan Trust for \$4,750,000
1362 Montclair Way, Barker Family Trust to Lee Family Trust for \$3,900,000

935 Riverside Drive, Letson Family Trust to Wen Family Trust for \$3,930,500

411 Paco Drive, D. Crelier to Mint Sage LLC for \$3,120,000

Mountain View

1646 Begun Avenue, T. Washburn to S. & H. Gui for \$2,780,000

135 Fair Oaks Avenue, 127 Fair Oaks LLC to S. & S. Song for \$577,500

445 Farrel Court, Viswamathur Family Trust to R. & H. Undella for \$1,575,000

541 Leona Lane, Tang Family Trust to Z. & M. Yang for \$3,800,000

276 Leslie Court Unit A, Grady Trust to H. & P. He for \$1,635,000

1830 Limetree Lane, L. Boyett to Y. & L. Chang for \$2,900,000

140 Pacchetti Way, S. Hang to J. & P. Bromley for

\$1,290,000

1920 Rock Street No. 15, Y. Yang to T. & M. Jarrell for \$1,150,000

2000 Rock Street No. 1, Opendoor Property Trust to J. & J. Donnelly for \$950,000

612 Sierra Vista Avenue Unit A, Jones Trust to K. & L. Asopa for \$1,100,000

347 Sierra Vista Avenue No. 5, Wivine Trust to G. Petrosian for \$1,170,000

2381 Toledo Terrace, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to D. Phan for \$1,967,000

2383 Toledo Terrace, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to A. Rodchenko for \$1,727,000

2387 Toledo Terrace, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to W.

Zhang for \$1,675,000

1454 Wildrose Way, Baltz-Plombo 2018 Trust to T. & E. Piper for \$1,400,000

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Los Altos

Total sales: 6

Lowest sale: \$3,120,000

Highest sale: \$5,710,000

Average sale: \$4,484,800

Mountain View

Total sales: 15

Lowest sale: \$577,500

Highest sale: \$3,800,000

Average sale: \$1,713,100

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

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The IDA focuses on three fundamental questions about the risks of a particular situation: "Do you recognize that this happens? Do you think that this could be happening to you? Can you come up with a plan to address it, reasoning through and weighing the upsides and downsides?"

As Lachs points out, people have the right to make bad decisions. But if a senior is referred to APS, and a case worker discovers that the senior does not grasp the ramifications of some decision, the next step might be a referral to a psychiatrist for a fuller professional assessment before taking action to restrict the senior's financial activities.

Numerous studies have

shown that cognitive impairment – especially with respect to financial concepts – increases with age. Coupled with longer lifespans thanks to improved medical care, seniors now face a significantly higher threat of financial exploitation than in the past. Tools and techniques such as IDA – that improve government agencies' ability to protect citizens without unduly limiting their rights – would

appear to be a welcome addition to the support services available to seniors.



Los Altos resident Artie Green is a Certified Financial Planner and founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit cognizantwealth.com.



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199-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF YI SONG AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 22CV403099

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Yi Song filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name :
a. Yi Song
b. David Gao
c. Nathan Silai Song
d. Olivia Langxi Song

Proposed Name :
a. Amber Song Sloan
b. David Sloan
c. Nathan Song Sloan
d. Olivia Song Sloan

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 01/24/2023 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 09/20/2022
/s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo
Judge of the Superior Court
(10-05,12,19,26-22)

198-T

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SUMMONS FOR COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 22CV396920)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PLAINTIFF: BLACKSTONE

DEVELOPMENT, INC.
DEFENDANTS: RUTH ANN REEVES AND RICHARD C. WILMER

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 30 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint against you. You may contest the legality or validity of the matter by appearing and filing a written answer. You have 30 days after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response with the court and have a copy of your response served on Plaintiff. Service will be deemed effective and completed at the end of the 28th day after the first date of publication, including therein the first day, pursuant to California Government Code § 6064. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

Your written response must be in proper legal form required by the California Rules of Court. A written letter or phone call is not sufficient and will not protect you from a default judgement. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form.

There are other legal requirements. YOU MAY WANT TO CALL AN ATTORNEY RIGHT AWAY. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: A MECHANIC'S LIEN was recorded with the Santa Clara County recorder's office against your real property located in the City of Los Altos, County of Santa Clara, California, commonly known as 23180 Mora Glen Drive, APN 331-14-028. A NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION (LIS PENDENS) was also filed with the Santa Clara County recorder's office.

SUMMARY OF THE MATTER: Plaintiff brings this action against Defendants for Breach of Written Contract and Foreclosure of Mechanic's Lien. Plaintiff was employed under contract by Defendants to perform general contracting work on Defendants' property (23180 Mora Glen Drive, Los Altos, California 94024). Defendants refused to pay Plaintiff the sum of \$42,092.05 for work performed under the contract.

The name and address of the Court is: Downtown Superior Court (DTS) Santa Clara County 191 North First Street San Jose, California 95113

The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is: Nathan L. Scheg (SBN 197282) Ironhorse Law Group, P.C. 2121 N. California Blvd., Suite 290, Walnut Creek, California 94596 nathan@ironhorselawgroup.com (925) 399-6108

Dated: September 9, 2022

Publications: 10/05/22, 10/12/22, 10/19/22, 10/26/22 (10-05,12,19,26-22)

191-T

Millenium Pacific Trading Co FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688762

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Millenium Pacific Trading Co, 844 Earle Ave, San Jose, CA, 95126, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Millenium Pacific Trading Co, 76 Alma Ct, Los Altos, CA, 95126. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/20/2017. /S/ Jin Lee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/15/2022. (09-28-22,10-05,12,19-22)

196-T

D Y Power Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688803

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: D Y Power Construction, 379 Hiddenlake Dr, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Danye Yang, 379 Hiddenlake Dr, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2022. /S/ Danye Yang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/19/2022. (09-28-22,10-05,12,19-22)

195-T

VALLEYWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688789

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VALLEYWORKS, 980 Berry Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): David Deatherage, 980 Berry Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/13/2022. /S/ David Deatherage / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2022. (09-28-22,10-05,12,19-22)

194-T

Los Altos Homes FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688792

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Los Altos Homes, 467 1st Street #200, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): David R Blockhus, 625 Arboleda Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1995. /S/ David R Blockhus / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2022. (09-21,28-22,10-05,12-22)

192-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: 2022-05452 A.P.N.: 148-38-109[PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/16/2020. 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 TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2424(h), (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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: YINTAO YU, TRUSTEE OF THE 115 COLLEGE AVENUE TRUST, DATED JULY 28, 2017 Duly Appointed Trustee: Entra Default Solutions, LLC 1355 Willow Way, Suite 115, Concord, California 94520 Phone: (925)272-4993 Deed of Trust Recorded 11/25/2020 as Instrument No. 24724552 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, to be sold: Date of Sale: 10/12/2022 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$313,654.48, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 115 COLLEGE AVENUE MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 A.P.N.: 148-38-109 The undersigned Trustee

disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. We are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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 800-683-2468 option 1 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2022-05452. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-683-2468 option 1, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2022-05452 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. 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. Date: 9/12/2022 Entra Default Solutions, LLC Marisa Vidrine, Foreclosure Specialist A-4759725 09/21/2022, 09/28/2022, 10/05/2022 (09-21,28-22,10-05-22)

190-T

BOX CRIB CONSTRUCTION, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688369

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BOX CRIB CONSTRUCTION, LLC, 200 Ford Rd Spc #25, San Jose, CA, 95138, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Box Crib Construction LLC, 200 Ford Rd Spc #25, San Jose, CA, 95138. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/29/2022. /S/ Oscar Pascual / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/01/2022. (09-21,28-22,10-05,12-22)

189-T

SCHOLARS ACADEMY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688549

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SCHOLARS ACADEMY, 3703 Silver Creek Road, San Jose, CA, 95121, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SAISHIV CORP., 4903 Formby Court, San Jose, CA, 95138. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/06/2006. /S/ Anima Desai / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/08/2022. (09-14,21,28-22,10-05-22)

188-T

REAL HOMES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN688355

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: REAL HOMES, 16780 Lark Ave, Los Gatos, CA, 95032, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DECATUR PROPERTIES, LLC, 217 Mistletoe Road, Los Gatos, CA, 95032. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/01/2022. /S/ Igor Peshkov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/01/2022. (09-14,21,28-22,10-05-22)

187-T

Public Notices

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PETITION OF JENG TING JEAN
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
22CV402810

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Jeng Ting Jean filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Jeng Ting Jean
Proposed Name: Alexander Jeng-Ting Jean

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 01/17/2023 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 09/07/2022
/s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo
Judge of the Superior Court
(09-14,21,28-22,10-05-22)

185-T

GOLD STAR HANDYMAN AND
JANITORIAL LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN688370

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOLD STAR HANDYMAN AND JANITORIAL LLC, 348 Springpark Circle, San Jose, CA, 95136, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Gold Star Handyman and Janitorial LLC, 348 Springpark Circle, San Jose, CA, 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/25/2016. /S/ Gerardo Gonzalez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/01/2022. (09-14,21,28-22,10-05-22)

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Datebook

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

PRESENTATIONS

"War in Ukraine: Where are we now?" Steven Pifer, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, discusses Vladimir Putin and the Kremlin's motives for the war, Western policy and the way forward. 7-8:30 p.m. today. Los Altos Library, 13 San Antonio Road. Sponsored by the Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs Council and the Los Altos Library. Free. Masks required. tinyurl.com/252c8nyv.

Author talk with Robin Chapman. Los Altos native discusses her new book, "The Valley of Heart's Delight: True Tales from Around the Bay." 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free; books will be available for purchase. (650) 948-7683; scclcd.org.

AUDITIONS

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

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

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

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

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

Art and Soul. Avenidas Wise Owl Players' skill-building drama class for beginners and experienced actors in dramatic readings. Using two Tony-winning plays on modern art, instructor Enid Davis will teach students scenes and learn something about modern art and human emotions. No memorizing. For ages 50 and over. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 11 through Nov. 15. Masks optional. \$125 for Avenidas members; \$135 for nonmembers. Register via phone. (650) 289-5400.

Fitness Boot Camp. Sixty sessions of exercise. 6-7 a.m. weekdays or just Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Shower facilities available. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Less than \$5 per class. Registration: foothill.augusoft.net.

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

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

Chess. New group. 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Free. (650) 400-0353; bengk@att.net.

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

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

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

Meditation group. Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Ko-

rnfield. Susan Murphy at somurphy@earthlink.net for Zoom login. Free.

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

Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Helps new residents become better acquainted with their neighbors and new community. Activities include programs, luncheons, hiking, bridge and book clubs. (650) 948-3421; losaltosnewcomers.com.

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Worship 6:30 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Drive to the back of the campus. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Duplicate Bridge Club. All levels of play. Classes and lectures available; lunch included. Bring a partner or be placed with one. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday; noon Saturday. 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. First time free; \$15 afterward. (650) 940-1824; paloaltobridge.org.

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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement, Southern Peninsula Branch 5. Devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of

retirement. Small group of men who get together each month to socialize, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (650) 299-9479; sirinc2.org/branch5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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