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Community news for Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View since 1947

Class of 2021 triumphs amid challenges

By Zoe Morgan
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As seniors graduated from Mountain View and Los Altos high schools last week, the occasion had many of the hallmarks of a traditional commencement ceremony, from students giving speeches to graduates lining up to receive their diplomas.

In other ways, though, the graduations reflected the unprecedented year the seniors have experienced, with ceremonies held off-campus to give more room for students and families to social distance.

The celebrations were held at PayPal Park, the soccer stadium where the San Jose Earthquakes play. Students and families were spread out throughout the stands.

"As we sit beside each other today, it's hard not to be reminded
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TOP PHOTO BY MEGAN V. WINSLOW/TOWN CRIER; ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT PHOTOS BY ABBEY LIAO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER
Mountain View High School, top, and Los Altos High School, above left and right, students graduated June 4 in outdoor ceremonies at PayPal Park, where the San Jose Earthquakes play.

Staff turnover debate widens divide among Hills residents

By Megan V. Winslow
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The volume of emails is overwhelming, missive after forwarded missive either condemning or supporting Los Altos Hills City Manager Carl Cahill. Although residents have debated the rate of town staff turnover for months, some as part of an attempt to demonstrate how Cahill's management style has forced employees to leave, the barrage of emails intensified when town planning and building director Zach Dahl sent the city council an email explaining his decision to resign and accept a position with the city of San Mateo.

The storm of emails that followed, each magnifying the division between two competing factions in town, include at least two from town residents who announced they are part of an effort to remove newly elected Councilmember Linda Swan from office because they believe she is essentially serving as a puppet for her husband, John Swan, a fierce critic of Cahill's.

"Discussions are underway about how to recall Linda Swan since her husband is directing her to enable his agenda," Bridget Morgan wrote in an email to the Town Crier.

Former town Planning Commissioner Jim Basiji sent a similar message.

Within his May 28 resignation letter, Dahl said he planned to remain at town hall for at least three to four
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Permanente Flood Protection Project deemed complete

By Bruce Barton
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After nearly two decades of planning and construction, the \$93 million Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project is

completed. Officials with Valley Water (formerly the Santa Clara Valley Water District), the lead agency on the project, held a virtual ribbon-cutting event Friday to celebrate the occasion. The project, which

includes creek channel improvements and two detention basin areas, covers a 10.6-mile stretch from north of Highway 101 to Rancho San Antonio County Park and Open Space Preserve. The completion in May of the Rancho San Anto-

nio work, which features two of the basins, brought the project over the finish line.

The fact that a flooding prevention project was taking place in the middle of the dry season was not lost on Gary
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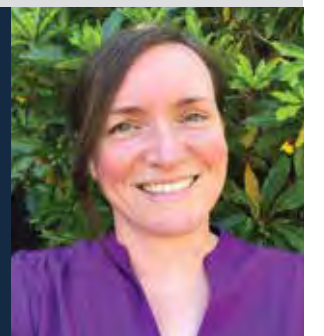
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Latest Happenings



Pending permission from the Los Altos Public Arts Commission, which was due after press deadline, Los Altos Rotarians will be installing 24 of 52 total local bears along Main Street and State Street Friday. The bears, which come in large and small sizes, are scheduled to start appearing throughout the morning. The Rotary Club of Los Altos has been fundraising via donor "adoption" of the bears, which are painted by local artists. For more information on this late-stage pandemic moment when arts emerge from hibernation, visit losaltosbears.com. And email your photos of bears caught in action around town to elizar@latc.com.

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Correction: Last week's story about Halsey House needs a clarification. The house is listed on the city of Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory, and it has a specific designation as a "local historic landmark."



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LA council scrutinizes budget priorities

By Bruce Barton
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Questions over project delays and the amount of funding to give non-profits highlighted a Los Altos City Council study session last week that focused primarily on a deep dive into fiscal year 2021-2022 capital improvement project items.

Council members reviewed each project in the draft budget for the coming year, asking clarifying questions on items ranging from street resurfacing to sewer system repairs.

Considerable discussion at the June 1 meeting centered on a staff recommendation to defund and defer a sidewalk gap closure project on Carmel Terrace pending completion of a Complete Streets Master Plan. The council is scheduled in August to discuss the plan, which proposes improvements for pedestrian and cyclist safety.

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Man arrested after phony 'active shooter' warning

By Megan V. Winslow
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Law enforcement officials last week arrested a Sunnyvale man in connection with a phone call placed to report an active shooter in Mountain View who didn't actually exist.

Sunnyvale Police Department officers arrested Anthony Herrera, 36, at a Sunnyvale home June 1.

The person responsible for the warning initially called the CHP to report a gunman at Shoreline Amphitheatre, located at 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, according to a Mountain View Police

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MEGAN V. WINSLOW/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

People living out of recreational vehicles are a common sight in Mountain View, above. The city is contemplating a "guaranteed income initiative" to help residents most in need.

Los Altos Hills residents and leaders seek to tame Byrne Preserve crowds



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Visitors to Byrne Preserve enter the Los Altos Hills preserve. Byrne is closed to the public from one half-hour after sunset until one half-hour before sunrise, according to a town ordinance.

By Megan V. Winslow
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Summoned by Los Altos Hills staffers, a helicopter with a searchlight and a megaphone took to the skies over Byrne Preserve Memorial Day weekend as Sheriff's Office deputies worked to dispel after-hours revelers.

From her back deck, LeeAnn Warshawsky counted 30 to 40 individuals gathered May 28

under the boughs of the oak tree at the crest of the hill overlooking Westwind Community Barn. Warshawsky lives on Altamont Road, which borders the 88-plus acre preserve.

"Tonight was like a warzone up here," she wrote in an email sent to the city council the same day.

Like countless Bay Area open spaces, including Foothills Park in Palo Alto and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve

Mtn. View pursues basic income program

By Bruce Barton
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Mountain View leaders say the city has been at the forefront of the COVID-19 response, providing financial assistance for struggling renters and small businesses. Now they may be taking it a step further: basic income for residents most in need.

The Mountain View City Council May 25 adopted a resolution that will set the stage for a "guaranteed income initiative," using funds received from the

federal American Rescue Plan Act. The resolution commits support for "the principles of basic income," said Mayor Ellen Kamei, and authorizes participation in the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Initiative (MGI).

The council was scheduled Tuesday to consider allocating \$1 million for the cash-based pilot program. The program would be included as part of the city's 2021-2022 budget, due for a June 22 adoption. Tuesday's meeting was held after the Town Crier's print deadline.

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Police Blotter

Assault

June 5, 1:19 p.m.: 1600 block of Fordham Way, Mountain View

Auto burglary

June 6, 5 a.m.: 100 block of North Whisman Road, Mountain View

June 6, 11:11 a.m.: 900 block of Fremont Avenue, Los Altos

Battery

June 6, 6:33 p.m.: 2500 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

Commercial burglary

June 6, 12:24 p.m.: 100 block of Pioneer Way, Mountain View

Trespassing

June 5, 8:46 a.m.: Intersection of West El Camino Real and Bay Street, Mountain View

June 5, 8:57 a.m.: 1000 block of Crestview Drive, Mountain View

June 5, 9:08 a.m.: 800 block of Bourbon Court, Mountain View

June 6, 1:27 a.m.: Intersection of Bush Street and El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 6, 9:14 a.m.: 2500 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Theft

June 4, 7:22 a.m.: 800 block of Jordan Avenue, Los Altos

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MV police honor beloved chaplain

By Megan V. Winslow
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She never forgot a birthday. She left notes and gifts on the desks of her co-workers, tokens of cheer at times of both personal and work-related stress. She treated everyone like a family member. They knew her as Mother Champion.

For all her thoughtful contributions to the Mountain View Police Department, officers last week attended a memorial service to celebrate the life of their chaplain, She'ren Champion, who passed away May 17 following a battle with cancer. She was 71.

"We all feel extremely loved by her and her ministry," said MVPD Chief Chris Hsiung. "She will absolutely be missed."

Chaplains are typically
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COURTESY OF MVPD

Mountain View Police Department chaplain She'ren Champion died May 17 following a battle with cancer.

UBI

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Kamei said the council will have a study session in the fall to discuss options for how the program might be developed.

"Community engagement will also be a key component of how such a program will be implemented in Mountain View," Kamei said.

The council back in April recommended that city staff include the \$3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for three programs as part of its 2021-2022 budget. The universal basic income (UBI) program would be launched with the first \$1 million. Community Services Agency, which houses and feeds underserved residents, would receive the second \$1 million. A third \$1 million would be used for an existing "Solidarity Fund," providing financial assistance to immigrants.

According to a May 25 city staff report, the programs will be incorporated into a "strategic roadmap" aligning with city priorities that include addressing racial equity, income disparity and recovery from the pandemic.

Council members pointed to a

model UBI program undertaken by the city of Stockton in 2019 that provided 125 residents \$500 per month for 24 months.

"Unlike other government assistance programs that normally come with restrictions, ... recipients would be empowered to make their own decisions on how to spend the money," according to the staff report.

Process questions

Councilmember Lisa Matichak expressed concern at the May 25 meeting that the UBI program was being rushed.

"What was your thought process?" she asked supporters on the council. "Did you look at other options to help residents?"

Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga answered in the affirmative.

"There's been a growing interest by cities to implement such a program," she said.

Added Councilmember Pat Showalter: "I keep coming back to sociologists and economists that say this is a very effective public assistance methodology."

Councilmember Sally Lieber supported the resolution but agreed with Matichak about the process.

"My understanding of things was that we would have more discussion about it in the context of the budget and that it would come back that way," Lieber said. "We are kind of jumping in with both feet, and the process has been a little bit ad hoc."

"The intention would be that we would join this initiative with hands-on help from (MGI) and develop a program, learning about best practices," said City Manager Kimbra McCarthy. "This was really an attempt for staff to be able to have help - MGI can give us hands-on help for free."

Vice Mayor Lucas Ramirez supported the concept of UBI.

"UBI lifts people out of poverty in a way that one-time direct financial assistance just can't," he said. "This is a key first step. ... (The resolution) gives us access to resources that will be essential if we want to ensure the success of the program."

Lieber led an effort proposing alternative wording for the resolution, but Ramirez and Kamei noted the original wording was key to qualifying for matching state grant funding that could help the city in its participation.

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June 5, 10:42 a.m.: 1900 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 6, 5:14 p.m.: 800 block of Riverside Drive, Los

Altos

June 6, 5:25 p.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

June 6, 6:31 p.m.: 1000 block of North Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View

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June 4, 4:27 p.m.: 100 block of First Street, Los Altos

June 5, 7:07 a.m.: 200




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A graphic from the city of Los Altos shows the location of a sidewalk project for Carmel Terrace.

BUDGET

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Vice Mayor Anita Enander expressed frustration over a project she felt was being unnecessarily delayed and at risk of being excessively studied.

“We’ve had a considerable amount of public outreach (on the project),” she said. “It seems like a real disconnect between (what staff requests) and what the community is interested in.”

Traffic engineer Jaime Rodriguez said the project needs \$100,000 in design work to determine construction costs. Interim City Manager Brad Kilger suggested that deferred projects, such as Carmel Terrace often need an updated review rather than relying on dated information.

Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng also wondered about the project delays, in addition to citing a lack of closure on discussions of other traffic improvements behind the Blach Intermediate School campus, where Carmel Terrace and Altamend Drive are located.

In addition to the sidewalk gap project, follow-up is needed on a 2009 pilot project imposing restrictions on parking.

Lee Eng said the council in 2019 was promised that the items would come back to the council, but they did not. The sidewalk gap project was funded in the 2018-2019 fiscal year but was deferred until 2020-2021 “due to staff resource limitations,” according to a 2019 staff report.

“This sends a message about (lack of) public trust,” she said. “We’re not keeping our promise to the residents.”

Lee Eng vowed to follow up and meet with the city’s traffic personnel to review the projects and determine progress.

Nonprofit funding

The council also spent a good portion of last week’s meeting discussing proposed funding for local nonprofit groups.

Under “Other Financial Considerations” for 2021-2022, city staff had received a \$40,000 funding request from Los Altos-based WomenSV, which serves domestic abuse victims; \$109,000 (and an additional \$165,000 in one-time funding) from the Community Health Awareness Council, which provides mental health services; and \$100,000 from the Los Altos History Museum.

Councilmember Sally Meadows said the CHAC funding request appeared out of proportion to the number of local residents served. She also noted that the museum focuses solely on Los Altos, while CHAC and WomenSV serve the broader community.

Enander said “the stock market had a very good year,” indicating there already was strong support for the museum. She pointed to CHAC and WomenSV helping people “in deep trouble.”

Lee Eng recommended funding for Community Services Agency, which provides food and shelter for underserved residents.

In the end, the council supported \$40,000 for WomenSV and \$75,000 for the museum. They agreed to reach out to CHAC about the proportional funding question while committing to at least \$49,000.

Lee Eng also asked that the city consider using a portion of its expected \$5.6 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to donate to CSA.

The council is slated to finalize the city budget for the coming year at its June 22 meeting.

News



SCREENSHOT FROM VALLEY WATER

Finishing touches on detention basins at Rancho San Antonio County Park, above, marked the completion of the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project – a nearly 20-year undertaking.

FLOOD From Page 1

Kremen, Valley Water director for District 7, which includes Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

“Some of you might recall that we had a groundbreaking indoors in 2017 (for the project) in the middle of some fierce rainstorms. Well, now we’re not in the middle of a rainstorm, we’re staring down an extreme local drought,” he acknowledged.

Kremen and other Valley Water representatives thanked nearby agencies, including the city of Mountain View (which contributed \$1 million to the project) and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for their support.

The project is designed to handle a 100-year flood, a drenching on a massive scale happening on average of once every 100 years.

Valley Water officials have

long touted the project as not only providing flood protection to 2,200 homes in Los Altos and Mountain View, but also saving homeowners from having to pay for flood insurance per Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements.

“For decades, businesses and homes along Permanente Creek in Los Altos and Mountain View have been susceptible to flooding; in fact, Permanente Creek experienced significant flooding on 11 occasions” (since the 1850s, the last in 1998), Kremen said. “What this means is that folks who had mortgages had to go buy very expensive flood insurance. ... Once FEMA updates their insurance map, hopefully most of these property owners will no longer be required to carry flood insurance, which is money directly back into their pockets.”

Valley Water spokesperson Matt Keller noted residents could be free of flood insurance as soon

as next year, after revised floodplain maps become effective.

“Now that the project is complete, it takes six months to a year to clear the FEMA review process and four months for the appeals period,” he said.

In addition to Rancho San Antonio, Valley Water built a detention basin at McKelvey Park in Mountain View. The basins capture and gradually release water during major storms.

In both cases, the agency offered perks in exchange for use of the land. At McKelvey, two new sunken ballfields were built to accommodate Little League games. At Rancho San Antonio, the agency replaced and expanded a parking lot, built new restrooms, constructed equestrian stalls and new trails, and planted more than 200 native trees and plants.

The project was funded by Measure B, the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program parcel tax approved by Santa Clara County voters in 2012.

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religious ministers who offer support to both communities and/or officers. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the role originated centuries ago as a feature of military operations, but it is today mostly associated with hospitals, hospices, fire departments and law enforcement agencies.

Champion spent more than 25 years providing spiritual guidance and case management for nonprofit organizations before working for the East Palo Alto and Palo Alto police departments, according to an MVPD press release. She joined the MVPD in 2017 and practiced ecumenical ministry, representing all faiths.

At the Mountain View Police Department, Champion’s role was internally focused, meaning she primarily counseled her co-workers rather than the public. After she joined the force, the department built its officer wellness program around her.

Following the May 2020 murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers and the wave of mistrust in law enforcement it and other fatal shootings of Black Americans generated, Champion delivered a presentation to help MVPD personnel understand broader perspectives and cope with the intensified scrutiny of their work.

“People forget the officers and staff here are humans too, so like everyone else there are family issues, personal issues, life struggles and trials, right?”

Hsiung said. “So you add that on top of a difficult job already and it’s just a huge asset to the department to have someone like Mother Champion,” he said.

Hsiung surmises Champion’s collection of festive decorations must be immense considering the number of unique themes she displayed within the department break room on special occasions. Pre-pandemic, she recruited family members, including her brother, chaplain Pastor Paul Bains of the Palo Alto Police Department, to treat officers to home-cooked meals like smoked lamb chops.

Champion “was more than just a chaplain in a uniform sitting there because the office is open,” Hsiung said. “This is like family and someone’s unwavering love for everybody in the department.”

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PRESERVE From Page 4

On May 25, Los Altos Hills Public Works employees cut down a swing hung from one of the Byrne Preserve oak trees only to discover a second installed at the same location hours later.

Warshawsky's lengthy email bemoaned the deluge of visi-

tors drawn to Byrne since April 2020 and attributed the crowds in part to Yelp reviews, Google Maps markers and even Nextdoor postings made by town staff to promote town events like the annual Pathways Run.

"I, and my neighbors, have documented everything; trash, including dirty toilet paper, empty liquor bottles, weed wrappings, graffiti, overflow

parking, videos of unsupervised 5 year olds from a moms group screaming and playing 100's of feet from supervision in the very area the volunteers are working hard to maintain erosion control, not to mention agitating the horses with the loud screaming," she wrote.

City council members approved an ordinance May 20 banning drones and remote-controlled vehicles from Byrne, where their use had been on the rise. Their unanimous vote acknowledged residents' worries that such devices could create a dangerous situation involving horses and possibly scare away wildlife as well as annoy hikers.

Parking positions

Byrne Preserve visitors typically leave their vehicles within the small dirt lot serving Westwind Barn. Upon hearing complaints about day-trippers dominating the lot, Mayor Kavita Tankha added an item to the May 20 council agenda to examine the possibility of restricting parking. Letters of support and opposition followed.

Sarah Hogben lives on Almaden Court, approximately a two-minute walk to the preserve, and her daughter participates in the Victoria Dye Equestrian program at Westwind.

"I am lucky that I live so near to the Preserve that I don't need to drive there and park my car," she wrote in her letter. "But other people are not so lucky and I am most concerned that if parking at the (preserve) is restricted it will prevent local residents from enjoying this natural space as I am able to."

Karla Jurvetson, who lives on Altamont Road, wants the council to consider a resident-funded parking improvement project with gates to prevent vehicles from backing up onto the street and creating traffic hazards. She submitted sketches showing suggested changes to the site.

During the meeting, John Lewis reminded the council of the 2015 death of Kathryn Green, a Hills resident struck by a bicyclist while walking near the intersection of Altamont and Page Mill roads.

"No Crossing" signs have been installed in the general vicinity, but that doesn't prevent people from parking at the barn or along nearby roads and then walking right past the warnings, Lewis said. He believes many pedestrians then use the town's system of pathways to gain ac-



S.M. LIEU/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

A sandwich board in the Westwind Community Barn parking lot informs visitors of Byrne Preserve rules.

cess to Foothills Park on Page Mill, where parking is also limited.

The council instructed town staff to research ways to balance the interests of both residents living nearby and those of residents who opt to drive to the preserve due to its distance from their homes.

"We have a wonderful asset here, and we want to make it available to people, but we just want to make sure we don't trample on anybody else, figuratively or literally," Vice Mayor George Tyson said.

City Manager Carl Cahill's proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 operating budget, presented at the May 26 joint city council-Finance and Investment Committee meeting, includes a \$30,000 service enhancement for a preserve parking study. The council is expected to approve the budget at its June 17 meeting.

Fire fears

In addition to residents' struggles with parking, town officials and staffers are wary of the risks cigarettes, fireworks and campfires pose. By this time each year, Byrne Preserve's grasses are exceptionally dry and susceptible. In July 2017, a contractor trimming the grass there accidentally sparked a grass fire with his mower. It took between 100 and 200 Santa Clara County firefighters to contain the 5-acre blaze.

In May, as part of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District's Integrated Hazardous Fuel Reduction programs, herders released 400 or so goats into the preserve so they could chew through the vegetation there and reduce potential fuels.

The appearance of the Santa

Clara County Sheriff's Office's STAR1 helicopter is a result of council members' request for extra patrols in Byrne to further discourage activities that could spark wildfires.

Town staffers notified the West Valley division of a gathering crowd at approximately 7 p.m. May 28, and deputies in patrol vehicles and the helicopter began monitoring the situation.

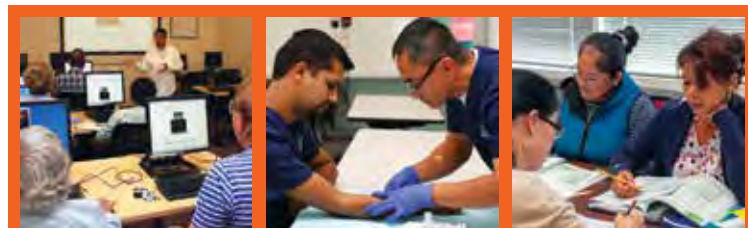
A second call, placed at approximately 9:30 p.m., indicated some people driving in the area were doing so in an unsafe manner, Capt. Rich Urena wrote in an email to the Town Crier. No one was cited.

Although no complaints followed on May 29, the Sheriff's Office continued random checks and plans to do so in the future, Urena said.

Helicopter surveillance is a service included within the town's contract with the office, and use of STAR1 is not an additional expense, he added.

Like all Los Altos Hills parks and preserves, Byrne is closed to the public from one half-hour after sunset until one half-hour before sunrise, unless visitors obtain authorization from the city manager, according to a town ordinance. Over Memorial Day weekend, town community services supervisor Sarah Robustelli published a Nextdoor post reminding Hills residents of the rules. The ordinance language includes prohibitions against littering, camping between midnight and 6 a.m., and igniting fires.

Hills Open Space Committee members expect to discuss Byrne Preserve use at their June meeting, scheduled to start at 9 a.m. today.



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TURNOVER

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years – up until approximately six months ago.

“Unfortunately, the proliferation of this very public campaign to force out Carl by any and all means necessary gave me pause, and forced me to begin exploring career alternatives,” Dahl wrote. “There is a hostile work environment at Town Hall right now, but it is not of Carl’s making ... it is the result of the words and actions of those outside of Town Hall.”

Cahill’s current contract with the town expires June 30, and a series of closed-door council meetings conducted this year were meant to weigh his performance and help the council decide whether to sign a new contract. But he announced his resignation in April, before council members could reach a decision. He has offered to continue working through Oct. 29.

Although Dahl did not name any individual or group in his email, he likely referred to residents whose grievances against Cahill include his handling of the town’s controversial 15-year, \$50 million Greenwaste Recovery garbage contract and the construction of a port to protect maintenance equipment; a contested, \$3.5 million town hall expansion; proposed staff salary increases; disagreements over the use and development of a town park; and staff turnover.

John Swan leads TTAGS, “Townpeople for better Transparency Accountability Governance and Safety/Service.”

“Our City Manager’s consistent and desperate tactics to vilify residents and taxpayers who are simply seeking transparency and accountability should be a huge red flag to current council members and residents,” John Swan wrote in an email to the Town Crier sent last week. “Even after he has stated he will retire, the City Manager is still trying to rewrite the narrative and soliciting letters that reveal his hand in helping drafting them. His common theme, placing the blame for every fiasco that occurred during his administration on anyone but himself, has cost the taxpayers of the town millions of dollars. This behavior strongly suggests that he does not have the town’s best interests in mind.”

John Swan later admitted he could not concretely prove Cahill orchestrated Dahl’s letter, and Dahl denied he wrote it at

anyone’s behest.

Calculating turnover

City Clerk Deborah Padovan has recently fielded numerous California Public Records Act requests from both residents and this publication for statistics about staff retention. The average rate of turnover gleaned from the documents varies depending on which fiscal years are examined. A list Padovan provided the Town Crier June 1 did not include several names. A subsequent list Padovan provided Friday revealed the average staff turnover for the last three complete fiscal years, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, during which an average of 24.87 staff positions existed, is 29.55%.

The differences in the two lists, Padovan explained, is due to a miscommunication among city departments. She said the lists were pulled from the town’s payroll system and that it’s possible a filter wasn’t selected during the first pull.

Padovan bristled upon hearing accusations town staffers intentionally tried to mislead people.

“We don’t have anything to hide,” she said. “We are a small town, and people leave for different reasons.”

Cahill said he doesn’t consider turnover excessive considering the small size of the staff; the lack of a competitive, defined contribution plan for employees; and the lure of more prestigious positions with larger municipalities.

“I think this is just a smoke screen for a political issue, knowing the people involved,” he said.

In a March 18 email to the city council, however, town Finance and Investment Committee member Allan Epstein noted Nichol Bowersox, former Public Works director, and Kaho Kong, a former senior engineer, departed earlier this year within approximately a month of one another.

“As you have been informed, they did not leave because of lack of advancement opportunity, job dissatisfaction, or uncompetitive salaries or benefits,” Epstein wrote. “They left because of dissatisfaction with how Town employees are treated. They are clearly not the first.”

John Swan said he requested a closed-door council session with Bowersox and Kong after their departures, and both shared their experiences.

Bowersox, in particular, has been propped up as the poster child of discontentment. When the Town Crier repeatedly tried to schedule an interview with her, however, she repeatedly rescheduled and then didn’t respond.

Councilmember Stanley Q. Mok offered potential explanations for Bowersox’s reluctance to go on the record.

“I did speak with Nichol after her departure, and it would be better for her not to comment” to reporters, Mok said.

He described Bowersox’s statements about town management as “very aggressive” and said she has accepted a position with CSG Consultants, a Foster City firm that contracts with the town for sewer improvement projects.

Mok ran for office last year as part of a three-person slate with Jay Sutaria, who lost the election to Lisa Schmidt by one vote, and Linda Swan. The slate sought to create a majority on the five-person council, which now includes Mayor Kavita Tankha, Vice Mayor George Tyson in addition to newcomers Linda Swan, Mok and Schmidt.

Cahill’s supporters speak

The Town Crier asked Dahl last week about his resignation. He said TTAGS’ formation contributed to his decision to leave, but that he began thinking about departing in the fall when the Mok-Sutaria-Swan slate formed and hostility toward staff members also increased.

In September, Parks and Recreation Committee member Nina Sutaria, Jay Sutaria’s wife, falsely accused a staff member of stealing \$250,000 in grant money by recommending available funds go toward constructing a community meeting space at Purissima Park. Nina Sutaria and other Parks and Rec members desired the construction of a multipurpose community site instead. Facing pressure from the council, Nina Sutaria later resigned from the committee.

“The reality is (TTAGS) wasn’t formally created or launched until the beginning of March, but those individuals have been attacking staff and kind of creating this tone since the election,” Dahl said.

When Dahl’s May 28 letter was forwarded throughout town, residents who support Cahill, including former Mayor Courtenay C. Corrigan and Duffy Price, applauded its contents.

“I agree with all of Zach’s points about the creation of a very toxic situation by miscreants, who obviously didn’t anticipate the second-order consequences of their actions,” Price wrote in an email. “While we all may not share the same assessment of the Town Hall situation, it is my feeling that it is incumbent upon those who contributed and created this very toxic situation to help resolve it.”

In jest, John Swan subsequently referred to himself as “Mr. Miscreants” in email correspondence.

Uncertainty remains

Despite Cahill’s intention to extend his employment agreement through Oct. 29, some members of the council hope to sever ties sooner.

During the May 20 city council meeting, Linda Swan requested pulling a resolution that would have solidified Cahill’s contract extension. The resolution text described reducing the town’s severance pay obligation to the city manager should he continue to work past June 30. But Tankha told her colleague removing the item was not necessary because Tankha awaited

a response from the city attorney regarding the resolution.

Linda Swan did not respond to a Town Crier email inquiring why she asked to pull the agenda item. Tankha declined to share the nature of her question to the city attorney and stated she generally does not comment on her private discussions with him.

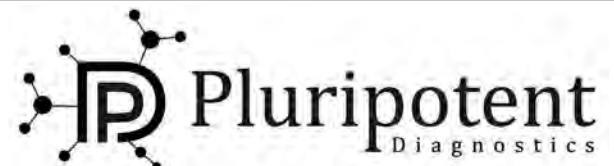
Mok, however, supplied a possible explanation why some council members might object to allowing Cahill to continue at his post.

“The longer this occurs, the more uncertainty our people have about their jobs, and that’s not a good thing,” Mok said.

Mok acknowledged he and Linda Swan may not be able to accomplish their objectives anyway.

“The slate was not able to get into place on the council,” Mok said. “We ended up with Lisa Schmidt, and George Tyson and Lisa actually support the city manager. And I believe Kavita supports the city manager as well. So we can’t get anything done.”

Councilmembers are expected to review the resolution about Cahill’s contract at their June 17 meeting.



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GRADUATION

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that we haven't been all together for over a year," said Jessica Dooley, student body president and one of the masters of ceremonies at Los Altos High's graduation. "We have overcome far more than many graduating classes before us, so as we sit here together, minutes away from receiving a diploma that signifies all our hard work, we hope that you truly credit yourself for all that you have accomplished over the past four years."

Graduation speeches from students and administrators alike reflected on the unique and extraordinary experience of the Class of 2021.

Mountain View High Principal Michael Jimenez called distance learning "no easy feat" and said this year's graduating class persevered in the face of the pandemic.

"Graduates, you have proven your resiliency, strength and determination," Jimenez said. "What you have endured is confirmation of your ability to persist and succeed."

For much of the school year, local high school campuses were closed, with students taking their classes online. It was only in April that in-person lessons resumed. And even then, roughly half of students chose to remain remote.

In a typical year, graduation ceremonies are held on the fields at the high schools. This year, though, the district decided to move to PayPal Park, which had enough space for each school to need only one ceremony, with spectators in attendance.

"Although we are not gath-

ered at 201 Almond Avenue on Tom Burt Field, we are here together, and that is something to truly celebrate," Los Altos High Principal Wynne Satterwhite said.

Although a departure from pre-pandemic tradition, this year's ceremonies were more expansive than last year's, when the schools held drive-in graduation video viewing ceremonies in the Earthquakes' tailgate parking lot.

Los Altos High student Amanda Le spoke to the assembled crowd about how the Class of 2021 has defied expectations and the pandemic has taught students lessons that couldn't be learned in the classroom.

"We experienced high school in an unconventional way and tackled these challenges head-on. We battled wildfires, unjust immigration policies, gun violence, climate change and systemic racism," Le said. "And through it all, we showed the world that the Class of 2021 does not sit on the sidelines."

Mountain View High senior class president Josh Lillie similarly said he was proud of how the class "showed up for each other, our school, our community and our world during these incredibly difficult, even desperate times."

Enola Talbert reflected on the challenges and tragedies she and her classmates have endured, saying that through the trials, they grew stronger together.

"No matter what your plans are for after this, just know that you have people to back you in all of your future endeavors – you have us," Talbert said. "You have a group of friendly, funny and compassionate people to lean on whenever you need to take a breather."

ARREST

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Department press release. The caller did not provide specific information about the threat, but MVPD officers canvassed the area and did not discover any evidence of a shooter.

Meanwhile, investigators traced the phony phone call to Herrera's home on Hamlin Court in Sunnyvale, the release stated. The Sunnyvale Police

Department had already dispatched officers to the residence to investigate a report about domestic abuse there, and they determined Herrera was responsible for the call about the alleged shooter.

Sunnyvale officers arrested Herrera on charges of corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant, false imprisonment, resisting arrest, violation of a restraining order and making a false police report.

For more local news, check out our recently revamped website at losaltosonline.com.

Comment

Letters to the Editor

'Thugs' comment deserves censure

It seems like only a few short months ago that Los Altos justifiably swelled with pride in overwhelmingly electing Neysa Fligor as its first Black mayor.

I have thus found it ironic, yet painfully unsurprising, that a member of our community could, at the Los Altos City Council's May 11 meeting as detailed in the May 19 issue of the Town Crier, refer to Kenan Moos and his fellow activists as "thugs," apparently without eliciting further comment or censure, either at that meeting as reported by the Town Crier or in the pages of the Town Crier since the occurrence of those events and the publication of that piece.

I write at this time to correct that oversight by strongly condemning that remark, and pointing out that no less an authority than the Merriam-Webster dictionary notes that the "use of 'thug' by a white person to refer to a Black person is generally understood to ... be an offensive insinuation that a Black person can be assumed to be engaged in criminal behavior."

I am now forced, perhaps

Peek into the Past



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Los Altos Grammar School's graduating Class of 1924 sits on the steps of the school.

also unsurprisingly, to draw certain unpleasant parallels between the occurrence of these unfortunate events in the wake of Ms. Fligor's victory and the white supremacist fervor elicited in our national politics since the nation's landslide election of Barack Obama as its first Black president supposedly showed that America had put its racist past to bed.

Daniel S. Gonzales
Los Altos

Cancel culture draws condemnation

The "Other Voices" column on cancel culture provides the most lucid and concise explanation of this phenomenon and the serious damage it is doing to our

national and local civil discourse that I have yet to read ("Cancel culture comes to Los Altos City Council," May 26).

Second, the Town Crier was quite prescient in giving a "thumbs-down" to the city council's ill-starred idea of passing a "resolution" addressing the Lynette Lee Eng/Kenan Moos dust-up: "The council is in a no-win position by issuing a statement on something this divisive" (Editorial, May 26). Too bad for our city that the council plunged ahead in passing this imprudent, deeply flawed resolution. The city council meeting was acrimonious, deeply divisive and the result fetid.

Mayor Neysa Fligor called for unanimity in passing the resolution in the hope of restoring civility and decorum, which was a noble objective. But the flawed concept of a resolution coupled with its manifestly biased and one-sided content made unanimity impossible.

Vice Mayor Anita Enander has shown common sense and leadership in this imbroglio, but to no avail.

She has also made at least one specific proposal for a procedural reform that might help correct some of the dysfunction of our city council: "Enander said the council should make clear that texts and other communications outside public comment during council meetings is contrary to council 'norms' and could lead to violations of the Brown Act, the state's open-meeting law."

Let's hope that Enander's proposal is adopted.

John Fennell
Los Altos

The dangers of rat poison

By Bettina Epp

Lately there have been many posts on Nextdoor about rat poison and the effects it has on our pets, families and wild animals.

Some neighbors spend a lot of money to keep their beloved family pets alive, and thankfully some survived after emergency care at pet hospitals. Another neighbor in the same area found rat poison in her backyard, and it appears to have been tossed over the fence or dragged or dropped by a wild animal. Just last week another rat-poison pellet was found in the same neighborhood. I am pleading with everyone to not use rat poison – ever! Please!

Not only does it affect our pets, but the poison also will kill birds of prey, opossum, foxes, coyotes and all other creatures that eat the poisoned rodents, and they will die a horrible and lonely death without a veterinarian to save them.

Think of the families losing a fur baby, or a nest of owlets losing their food provider and survival teacher. It breaks my heart to think that my rescue cats or any other animal may eat a poisoned rodent and get sick and/or die. I know you will tell me to keep our cats in, but they are rescued felines and need room to roam just like us, and I should not be afraid to let them out. Besides, they keep our property free of pests, and even our neighbors welcome their visits and know where they belong. They are quite popular around this neighborhood due to their hunting skills.

Rat poison is prohibited in California, but unfortunately it is still available in some stores, and surely some people still have it in their garages.

Should the Los Altos City Council issue a public service announcement and send inspectors to stores to make

Other Voices

sure any products containing brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone or difenacoum that have been banned in our state as of September 2020 are no longer available? I personally think that would be an appropriate action.

Do we need flyers in all the mailboxes in our city and surrounding areas to educate residents on the dangers of above-mentioned poisons and the environmental and emotional consequences? Both are mentioned on Nextdoor and would be welcome, and many residents would be willing to help spread the word.

Owl boxes are a great idea and would attract a natural rodent deterrent, so if you have time and an appropriately sized tree, please invite these magnificent birds to our area. Barn cats are another great option to keep your property and our neighborhoods free of rodents. Adobe Animal Hospital and other veterinary clinics have information on how to adopt a barn cat in the cat waiting room and probably online.

For a low-cost, low-maintenance solution, try using traps. Goodnature A24 Rat and Mouse Trap is powered by a carbon dioxide canister, can strike 24 times without having to be reset and, per a Nextdoor post, the hammer instantly kills, avoiding needless suffering.

Santa Clara County Vector Control is a good resource, or call a highly recommended exterminator to assess your home.

Please do not use rat poison. If you have any left in your garage or home, please get rid of it responsibly and don't contaminate our environment by tossing it out or flushing it down the toilet.

Bettina Epp is a Los Altos resident.

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Prominent filmmaker from LAH readies new film, 'In the Heights'

Town Crier Staff Report

Director Jon M. Chu, the film-making pride of Los Altos Hills, is following up "Crazy Rich Asians," the biggest movie of his career, with the film adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical about life in the Latino neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City.

"In the Heights," which gives exposure to underrepresented Latino actors as "Crazy Rich Asians" did for Asian actors, is scheduled to hit the theaters and HBO Max Friday.

Chu has reaped major commercial success with "Crazy Rich Asians," as well as "Step Up 2: The Streets" and "G.I. Joe: Retaliation." He's joining forces with Broadway's Miranda, creator and star of "Hamilton." "In the Heights" launched Miranda's career in 2008, winning four Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Variety featured the two stars on the cover of its April issue, framing the new film as promising, thanks to Hollywood's now-receptive climate to casting multi-ethnic actors in starring roles.

The film, shot on location in Wash-

ington Heights with participation from the neighborhood, highlights the modest challenges of everyday people: a bodega owner, a student, a dispatcher – roles in a movie that Variety pointed out as "revolutionary precisely because its characters aren't." The film also avoids negative stereotypes of Latinos as gang members and drug dealers – roles Latino actors were too often relegated to in the past.

Chu said he identified with the characters of "In the Heights."

He is the son of Ruth and Lawrence Chu Sr. of the popular Chef Chu's restaurant in Los Altos. The Chus celebrated the 50th anniversary of the restaurant last year.

"Even though I'm not from Washington Heights – I grew up in a Chinese restaurant on the other side of the country – I recognized my family in that. I recognized my aunts and my uncles who took care of us growing up," Chu said in



Chu

a recent interview with Bloomberg News. "I really related to knowing how big your dreams feel when you are imagining it in your bedroom, or in the kitchen of the restaurant."

Like "Crazy Rich Asians," Chu again took the route of bringing in relatively unknown actors for "In the Heights." He prioritized singing, dancing and acting talent over name recognition.

Chu signed on to the project in 2016. It was due for release last year, but the pandemic changed those plans.

Chu, a Pinewood School and USC graduate, started in experimental films, catching the eye of Steven Spielberg. When he first read the script for one of his first commercial successes, the dance-movie sequel "Step Up 2," he was ready to turn it down.

His mother, Ruth, remembers the advice she gave that proved pivotal to Chu's career.

"He did not want to do a film straight to DVD, and I said, 'You haven't done even one film yet – you are being a snob!'" she told the Town Crier last week. "Pick that project and make it the best DVD out

there, then you can pick and choose your projects in Hollywood. Then when Jon pitched 'Step Up 2' to the studio bosses, they were so impressed they decided to make it a feature film. And the rest is history."

"In the Heights" has received positive reviews thus far. Chu's brother, Larry Jr., said the film last week was getting a 99% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, a popular movie rating website.

"This is going to be big," predicted Larry Jr., who will be with the rest of the Chu family in New York this week to celebrate the premiere.

Other reviews: "Electrifying," according to Vox. "Magical and euphoric," IndieWire reports. "The musical that put the 'Hamilton' creator on the map gets splashy big-screen treatment," writes the Hollywood Reporter.

"It makes me cry everytime I see it," Ruth said. "I cried at the end. It makes me proud of my son – what a wonderful soul. ... He works very, very hard. Every project, he throws his heart into it."

For more information on the film, visit intheheights-movie.com.

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AAUW briefed on threats posed by climate change

Special to the Town Crier

The local chapter of the American Association of University Women last week hosted a discussion on the threats posed by climate change.

Appearing via Zoom at the organization's May 28 meeting, Jasneet Sharma, director of the Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability, outlined the negative spiral that begins with fossil fuel pollution and leads to higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, resulting in higher temperatures, followed by sea-level rise, extreme storms and wildfires, which in turn put more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Sharma emphasized the local impacts of climate change, showing a map of what a projected 2-foot rise in sea level would mean in terms of flooded neighborhoods and highways in Santa Clara County. She noted that last year the county experienced 20 days of temperatures over 90 degrees, and reminded the audience of the smoke-filled skies from wildfires last summer and fall that kept residents housebound for days at a time.

A variety of resources are available through the county to help mitigate the effects of climate change, Sharma said. Goals include reducing emissions, improving community resilience, protecting the natural environment and eliminating health inequities. Steps toward achieving the goals involve greater use of public transit, availability of green and affordable housing, tree planting and water-wise landscaping. The Office of Sustainability maintains dashboards tracking progress toward each of the goals on its website at sccsustainabilityplan.org.

When Sharma invited audience members to share challenges related to climate change, a physically challenged



Sharma



JENNY HOOD/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos Rotarians mingle during the May 26 art opening.

Group celebrates new downtown art

Town Crier Report

At least 40 people gathered May 26 to check out the newest art installation in downtown Los Altos.

The nonprofit Arts Los Altos hosted an "Art Opening" for its third art project, an outdoor mural titled "200 Main Street [an inventory of time and place]" by Martha Sakellariou, located on the large exterior wall of Satura Cakes on Third Street.

A number of members of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, which sponsored the mural with a legacy grant, attended the opening.

According to Maddy McBirney, director of development and outreach for Arts Los

Altos, the 30-foot mural features a rich compilation of local images over time, offering a tapestry of visual treasures for exploration and discovery for all ages, including photo opportunities for social media.

Arts Los Altos provided a printed map of items included in the mural, with information on their origins. Sakellariou collaborated with local residents to gather the items, noting that she carefully chose which ones to include to align with her concept of "home."

To donate to Arts Los Altos and for more information, visit artslosaltos.org.

Cal Water representatives offer Rotarians tips on water supply amid disasters

By Marlene Cowan
Special to the Town Crier

Fires, earthquakes and other disasters requiring water services have generated headlines in recent years, prompting the Rotary Club of Los Altos to offer an overview of local water resources, their distribution, operations and treatment at its May 27 meeting.


California Water Service's Dawn Smithson, Los Altos district manager, and Rob Seeley, regional community affairs specialist, highlighted the importance of managing the water supply, both in times of emergency and in preparation for an unforeseen event.

According to Seeley, Cal Water's reach is extensive – it is the largest private water company west of the Mississippi and the third largest in the U.S., providing water to 2 million customers. With corporate headquarters in San Jose, which covers 23 districts, the utility

works closely with cities, the California Office of Emergency Services, the private sector and other organizations during disasters, and emphasizes the importance of communication and coordination. Over the past four years, Seeley said, Cal Water has developed guidelines for national responses to disasters.

Smithson described the benefits of using the Department of Homeland Security's National Response Framework and Emergency Operations Centers to prepare for and manage disasters, including strategies for exit plans (fueling vehicles, etc.), sprinklers, recovery with insurance companies and even emotional wellness. The key to effective emergency operations is "practice, practice, practice," she added, recommending an annual six-hour emergency training course for workplace supervisors and a three-hour course for all employees.

Cal Water maintains an
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Moffett history museum reopening set for today

Pandemic kept facility closed for 15 months

Town Crier Report

The Moffett Historical Society and Museum is reopening for the first time since the pandemic closed museums throughout the country in March 2020.

Members and guests have been phoning the museum during the 15-month hiatus, asking when the facility would be reopening, according to museum reps. They now have an answer: Reopening is set for 10 a.m. today.

Patrons must show their driver's license at the gate for entrance to Moffett Federal Airfield. The Moffett museum is located near the southwest corner of the landmark Hangar One.

The museum will follow county and state guidelines for protecting the health of volunteers and visitors. That means all docents at the museum will wear masks, and guests should plan to wear them as well.

"We will wait for new guidelines from the state before we make any decisions about dropping the masks," said museum executive director Herb Parsons.

The museum, which sits on property leased by NASA, also will follow NASA protocols for health and safety.

The museum commemorates the long and storied military his-



COURTESY OF TOM SPINK

The Moffett museum sits under the shell of Hangar One.

tory of Moffett Field, which over the years has served as a Naval Air Station and, during World War II, as an Army Air Corps training center. Many of the docents and other volunteers at the museum themselves flew out of Moffett during the days of the P-3 Orion aircraft, which kept track of Russian submarines in the Pacific.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and those with physical challenges, and \$3 for teens 13-17. Children 12 and under, active military personnel and Historical Society members and up to four guests are free.

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Emergency Response Trailer Unit (ERTU), which has been used on multiple occasions in the past four years. The ERTU is capable of sustaining six workers for seven days and includes tools to repair water systems while serving as communication centers. Cal Water generators are strategically located in remote areas to provide power for pumping water and communicating with climate forecasters.

The "Emergency Action Guidebook" Cal Water developed has become a valuable tool for its employees, providing information and checklists that cover what to do during disasters including earthquakes, robberies, medical emergencies and evacuations.

Emergency tips

What can local residents do to prepare for an emergency? Seeley offered the following tips.

- Store 1 gallon of fresh water per person in the household per day for a three-day supply. Children, nursing mothers and the sick will need more clean water.
- Refresh the water supply every six months; store it in a cool, dry place; and label each gallon with the fill date.
- Create your own bottled water by reusing dated, clean bottles with screw caps and adding two drops of unscented chlorine bleach.
- Additional sources of water during emergencies include melted ice, liquid from canned foods and the hot water tank. To purify water, boil it for 10 minutes, then similarly treat it with chlorine bleach.

Remembering our vets



Local Girl Scouts commemorated Memorial Day May 29 by placing flags at the graves of military veterans at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, above. Annika Neumann, left, was among them. Participating troops included units 608, 60078, 60402, 60446, 61081, 61911 and 62568. The girls are in grades 1-11. Barbara Burbach, leader of Unit 608, and Pam Smith, leader of 60402, coordinated the event.

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Agencies join forces to fight fires

Special to the Town Crier

On the cusp of the 2021 fire season, enhanced and extended fire and rescue protection in northern Santa Clara County was expected to secure final approval from the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting, held after the Town Crier's print deadline.

The three-jurisdiction Fire and Medical Services Agreement uses staffing and equipment from the county's Central Fire Protection District and the city of Palo Alto with funding from the Los Alto Hills County

Fire District to provide an "all-risk" engine crew during wild-land fire season at Fire Station 8, located in Palo Alto's Foothills Park.

"This just makes so much sense; it's a critical and life-saving cooperative agreement as we struggle with climate change and wildfire in ways we couldn't imagine just a few years ago," said County Supervisor Joe Simitian. "I'm particularly pleased we could get it done before fire season officially starts on June 15."

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participant said that in the drive for water-wise landscaping and permeable surfaces, homeowners in her neighborhood are replacing sidewalks with concrete or stone pads separated by greenery. Such changes are difficult to negotiate in her wheelchair, meaning she can no longer easily visit her neighbors.

Other challenges raised included how to prevent the invasion of exotic pests – ranging from viruses to fungi, insects

and plants – which decimate the natural California environment. Sharma directed the audience to county resources that can help with pest control and landscaping problems.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Gary Hedden, president of GreenTown Los Altos, thanked the AAUW for donating a valley oak that was planted in Redwood Grove Nature Preserve May 29. A second tree is being donated by AAUW to Mountain View's Canopy program.

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

Los Altos library displays Chinese ink paintings





The exhibition "Chinese Ink Painting on Chrysanthemums" is on display at the Los Altos main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, through June 30.

The show features the artwork of master painter Susan Chan and her students Novey Chou,

Bonnie Chung, Christine Law and Spring Zhang, created in a virtual classroom during the COVID pandemic. The artists portray their own interpretations of the hardy chrysanthemum, which boasts a rich history in Chinese culture.

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Los Altos High School grad encourages community, inclusion

By Zoe Morgan
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Throughout her time at Los Altos High School, Isabel Berny took on a leadership role on campus, working to bring students together, and she didn't let the pandemic stop her.

Part of student government since her sophomore year, Berny, who graduated last week, served as Associated Study Body treasurer her junior year and this year as the wellness week and diversity week coordinator.

In that role, she worked to help students stay connected during online learning, adapting an annual "Gifts of Gratitude" event so that students could still take part and send gifts to their friends, even while at home.

"I think people's spirits were kind of down, so we definitely did not want to just skip out on 'Gifts of Gratitude' this year," Berny said. "Even though it took a lot of planning ... I was motivated to do it just to give people something to look forward to."

In a typical year, "Gifts of Gratitude" gives students the opportunity to pick from a selection of small gifts – such as fuzzy socks or stress toys – to send to a friend, along with a personalized note. ASB students then collect the responses, buy the gifts and deliver them to the recipients during the school day.

Berny spearheaded an adapted ver-

sion this year, where she then packaged all the gifts at her own house and created detailed driving routes so that ASB students could deliver the presents to hundreds of students' homes.

Berny's commitment and high level of focus are something English teacher Michael Smith said he's seen since her freshman year, but over the course of high school he has also watched her leadership skills develop.

"It's a cool thing to see her find her voice and to be able to be confident, to contribute and lead and do things positively in the community," said Smith, who taught Berny in both her freshman and junior years. "I'm just excited for her opportunities in the future."

A naturally reserved person, Berny said she never thought she'd get involved in student government when she first came to high school. It wasn't until her freshman-year Spanish teacher suggested she would be a good fit for ASB that she decided to apply.

"I got in, and from there, just immediately, I was super drawn to it," Berny said.

Through her participation in student government, Berny said she got more comfortable talking to people she didn't know and learned verbal communication skills, as well as how to tackle new situations. Last school year, Berny took the lead role in organizing the school's annual homecoming parade.

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MARIE GODDERIS/TOWN CRIER

New graduate Isabel Berny was a leader in student government at Los Altos High School. She will attend Stanford University in the fall.

Mountain View High grad's determination, 'quiet leadership' stand out



MARIE GODDERIS/TOWN CRIER

Mountain View High graduate Sbeyde Herrera Gonzalez, the first in her family to graduate from high school, plans to attend San Jose State University in the fall, with the aim of becoming a pediatrician.

By Zoe Morgan
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Experience caring for her three younger siblings, an interest in science and a passion for helping others combined to lead Sbeyde Herrera Gonzalez to pursue a career as a pediatrician.

Herrera Gonzalez graduated from Mountain View High School last week and is headed to San Jose State University, where she plans to major in biochemistry. From there, she intends to go to medical school.

"Looking after (my siblings) has definitely helped me develop patience and a love for kids," Herrera Gonzalez said. "I think being a pediatrician combines my interest in medicine and my ability to get along with kids."

Becoming a doctor will be academically rigorous, but Mountain View High teacher Kristin Cardenas said she has seen how Herrera Gonzalez is willing to put herself out there, despite having a naturally shy personality.

"She was always willing to do what it takes to succeed in her classes, and be a good daughter and sister and role model for the younger people in her family," Cardenas said. "It's that quiet leadership that was really impressive about her."

Cardenas was Herrera Gonzalez's AVID teacher at
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Homestead grads head to Stanford with STEM careers in mind

By Zoe Morgan

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Josh and Anushka Sanyal have their own interests and passions, but the twins are nonetheless continuing along parallel paths as they both head to Stanford University in the fall.

The Los Altos residents, who graduated from Homestead High School last week, say they didn't intend to go to the same school, but also weren't opposed to it. The siblings are both pursuing STEM careers in different fields: Josh intends to major in computer science, while Anushka plans to study human biology and become a doctor. Stanford has strong programs in both areas, Anushka said.

"We both got in, and then we pretty immediately knew we'd both be going," Josh added.

Anushka said she "vividly" remembers the moment they found out that they were both accepted, because they were on the same Zoom call for school. To avoid interrupting other people on the call, she tried to read her brother's facial expression to see if he also got good news, and then they started texting each other to confirm they both got in.

Although the twins didn't think they'd end up at the same college, both say they are looking forward to it.

"It's interesting that it came out this way," Anushka said. "I'm excited – I think it'll be nice to have a familiar face on the campus."

Throughout high school, the pair overlapped in some activities but diverged in others. Both were on Homestead's speech and debate team – with Josh competing in debate and Anushka in speech. They also both tutored other students in the school's academic center and each did research in labs at Stanford.

However, they also had unique areas of interest. Anushka wants to go to medical school, and has a particular interest in neurobiology. During high school, she researched neurodegenerative diseases and worked at a senior care facility. Josh plans to pursue computer science and was the president of both the math and programming clubs on campus.

Passion for learning

Shawn Southerd, a math club adviser who taught both Anush-



PHOTOS BY MARIE GODDERIS/TOWN CRIER

Los Altos residents Josh Sanyal, left, and twin sister Anushka, right, both graduated from Homestead High School last week and are headed to Stanford University in the fall.

ka and Josh in AP Statistics, said he has been struck by how bright and talented the two are, while also being collaborative and working well with others.

"It's not just that they're good at math, or they're good at school, or they're great students," Southerd said. "It's that they're also well rounded – they have the people skills, they're very kind and respectful."

As the president of the math and programming clubs, Josh worked with other students to prepare for competitions, where they went up against other schools.

"It's really cool to be a part of representing our school at these competitions and being able to work with each other," Josh said of his teammates. "It's re-

ally fun preparing and getting to work with them, because we're all also friends outside of math."

Southerd has known Josh since his freshman year and said he's consistently seen how Josh is competitive, while also wanting to help and support others.

For Anushka, her interest has always been in learning about the intricate systems that make up the human body. In particular, she's fascinated by all that we still don't know about the body, and has conducted research on neurodegenerative diseases.

"I just love the unknown," Anushka said. "And there's so much unknown in the nervous system and in neurobiology."

Starting the summer after her freshman year, she began volunteering at a local senior

home in the memory support unit, working with residents afflicted with neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

"It was this very humbling experience, because I was getting to know a lot of them and hear about their rich backgrounds ... (but) seeing how over time this disease is eroding at their personality, at who they are," Anushka said. "It's been really heartbreaking."

As a doctor, she said she looks forward to both being at the forefront of learning about new concepts, while also getting to work directly with patients.

Homestead teacher Dara Alleyne-Levy said she was impressed with the way Anushka worked with others when she

taught her AP Biology as a sophomore, a class that's typically meant for upperclassmen. Before quizzes and tests, Alleyne-Levy said there'd be a group of juniors and seniors huddled around Anushka's desk studying and asking questions.

"She is happy to help anybody," Alleyne-Levy said. "She's just truly passionate about learning."

Southerd similarly said that both Josh and Anushka are genuinely interested in what they do and that he looks forward to seeing their future accomplishments.

"I hope those two stay in touch with me, because they're going to do some amazing things – and I don't say that lightly," Southerd said.

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Holistic approach

Now that she's graduated from Los Altos High, Berny is headed to Stanford University in the fall, where she plans to major in computer science, with an interest in also studying political science.

Berny wants to pursue both areas because she said computer science inherently intersects with public policy, as technology now impacts nearly every other field. To be able to use computer science to help others, Berny said it's important to understand how various groups have been treated over time.

One example Berny pointed to of how computer science has overlooked people is

data showing facial recognition software is less effective at identifying people of color, because the data sets used to train the artificial intelligence were disproportionately composed of white men.

"That's one of the important things that I think computer scientists really need to think about, because you're just completely ignoring this huge population of people," she said.

Over the past year, she worked on a newly formed diversity and inclusion subcommittee within ASB. The group's work has included surveying students on how to make the school's curriculum more inclusive, as well as teaming up with Mountain View High's ASB to organize a series of "Candidly Speaking" events, where students come

together and discuss issues of race and culture.

Beyond ASB, Berny has been involved in other groups on campus, including the Girls Who Code club. As president this year, she led weekly meetings, where members would learn about women in STEM, do coding activities and work together on projects.

Regardless of what she was working on, Smith said he's always seen that Berny has an inquisitive mind and takes a "holistic" approach to learning.

"She was always a joy to have in class: always participated, always encouraged and worked with just about anyone who was thrown her way," Smith said. "There's not a moment where she's not trying to absorb information or dish it out to someone."

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Mountain View High. AVID, or Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a program that aims to prepare students, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college, for success at four-year universities.

Herrera Gonzalez is the first person in her family to graduate from high school. Her parents both immigrated to the United States from Mexico before she was born, and each has a roughly middle school education. Herrera Gonzalez said she wants to make her parents proud after seeing all their hard work and sacrifices.

"They left their entire family back in Mexico to be here," she said. "I think the least I could do is take advantage of all of the opportunities given to me here, in such a successful area, and make the most of it and go to college."

Resilience

Throughout high school, Herrera Gonzalez said she tried to take advantage of the resources available to her, such as being part of AVID. Through the program, Herrera Gonzalez received guidance on navigating high school, as well as applying for college. She credits AVID with helping her push herself academically and get more involved in her classes.

"In the classroom, I was able to raise my hand more and participate more, or reach out to teachers after class, which is something I never did before," she said.

To further her goal of becoming a pediatrician,

Herrera Gonzalez enrolled in more challenging science courses at Mountain View High, like AP Biology. She also took part in extracurricular activities and electives, like a Mexican folklorico dance class, which she said she enjoyed both for the dancing itself and because it helped her feel connected to her Mexican heritage.

When the pandemic hit, Herrera Gonzalez's family faced disruptions and financial challenges. Her father, who works at a grocery store, was able to keep his job, but her mother worked at a hotel and got her hours cut as travel plummeted. The family had depended on that income and relied on programs that provided assistance with food to fill in the gap.

For her part, Herrera Gonzalez tried to make sure her 10-year-old brother was focusing during his online classes, and kept an eye on her 5-year-old sister, who wasn't in preschool because of the pandemic. Her 15-year-old sister also helped watch the two younger siblings.

Because of the child care responsibilities, Herrera Gonzalez said she had to make sure to carefully manage her time, either doing her homework right after a class ended or at night when her mom got home.

Cardenas said she wants Herrera Gonzalez to know that her resiliency during the pandemic hasn't gone unnoticed, especially how she stayed calm during distance learning and succeeded in her classes.

"That says so much about her, and her drive and her determination," Cardenas said. "It just says a lot about her character – I'm immensely proud of her."

Elementary schooler makes documentary on pandemic

By **Sophia Smith**
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Quinley McCarroll, a fourth-grader at Bullis Charter School, recently made a documentary highlighting how Los Altos residents have grown and learned from the pandemic.

Quinley said she undertook the project because she was interested in learning more about how people have grown from the pandemic in positive ways. The Los Altos resident said she titled her video "Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining" to reflect that idea, and to highlight lessons learned from the pandemic.

"I wanted to create a film that captures how our community has developed new dimensions, due to COVID," she said. "With vaccines now available to adults and even to children 12 and older, we are transitioning into a new phase of how we live. It is important to retain the lessons we learned over the past year."

To make her documentary, Quinley interviewed local business owners and public officials, including Los Altos Mayor Neyssa Fligor, Los Altos Police Department Capt. Katie Krauss and Santa Clara County Fire Department Capt. Justin Stockman.

Quinley, who said her favorite interview was with Kim Mosley from the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, noted that she was pleasantly surprised by how ac-

cessible public officials were in responding to interview requests.

"If you email, like, on a Saturday morning, they'll reply really soon," she said.

When deciding whom to interview, Quinley said she sought out people with different points of view.

"The businesspeople talked about, 'What do I change tomorrow to serve customers?' The educators talked about, 'What lessons can be taken away by kids?' The public officials talked about, 'How do I ensure those who can help get connected to those who need help?'" she said.

After conducting her interviews, Quinley began producing her documentary by first learning new skills, such as how to edit a video with iMovie. While the process proved challenging, she said it was ultimately rewarding.

Quinley added that it took her about three months to make the seven-minute documentary – and she did it all on her own.

She isn't sure if she will make more documentaries – she said it depends on whether she can find another subject she is passionate about, as she was about the pandemic and its silver linings.

"Difficult times reveal new dimensions of human strength, like kindness and empathy," she said. "I think it shows that no matter what happens, something good has to come."

To view the documentary, visit vimeo.com/551770446.

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Mountain View High School Class of 2021

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Nathan Bonfilio
John Bowers
Sehajpreet Brar
Remy Briens
Callum Brydon

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Maryam Azgomi

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Nathan Takeo Hedgpeth
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Hannah Phi Duong Ho
Daniel Guy Huber
Nathaniel Scott Hung

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Trinity University / 2

UTAH (14)

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University of Washington / 10
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Whitman College / 2

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Dad-ventures: Show your father gratitude with food and wine

By Christine Moore

When our children were very young, I commented to my husband that they must have thought he was pure magic. We'd wave him off every morning with excitement, then go about our day with a predictable routine. His arrival home in the evening was always met with ecstatic enthusiasm, little legs racing to the front door upon hearing his car. When he stepped foot back into their day, he never disappointed. He'd swoop each one up, lifting them high above his head, swing them around and playfully toss them onto the sofa. There were giggles, smiles and shrieks of joy. Wherever he was, so too was fun.

Our kids are well past the age of running to the door to greet him nowadays, but he still brings adventure to their lives, encouraging them to push themselves outside of comfort zones and finding ways to make life exciting.

Dads initiate spontaneous wrestling matches, dinnertime joke-telling sessions, weekend bike races and movie marathons. They're responsible for the biggest thrusts on swing sets, the greatest lashing of hot sauce on their tacos and the most colossal splashes in any poolside cannonball challenge.

This Father's Day, show dad your love with a gift of adventure – either a curated-for-the-holiday wine hamper or a trip to a Napa Valley winery.

Silicon Sips

Travel 'abroad'

Take Dad away by assembling a custom food and wine at-home evening that will transport him to Spain. Begin with my easy tomato and jamon appetizer and a bottle of Spain's contribution to the world of sparkling wine, Cava.

Made using the traditional Champagne method (that is, secondary fermentation takes place in the bottle), Cava is both underpriced and underrated. While generally not as complex as Champagne, it has heaps of charm all its own and is a playfully perfect sparkler to kick off an evening of tapas.

Next, pair a seafood dish such as ceviche or seared scallops with an Albarino from the Rias Baixas region of Spain. Albarino is an ultra-refreshing coastal white wine that boasts really interesting salinity, making it a super wine to pair with light fish appetizers.

Finish Dad's food and wine escape with a Tempranillo and thinly sliced Spanish chorizo and empanadas. A red wine, Tempranillo is made throughout Spain and is aged sometimes for several years before being released.

For tapas, I prefer a lighter Tempranillo. Look for bottles labeled "Joven," meaning "young," or "Crianza," indicating that the wine has spent only a year in oak. Tempranillo Reserva is aged for two years in



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St. Helena's V. Sattui Winery offers dad- and dog-friendly tasting reservations, hosts a barbecue food truck on weekends and can supply taste-at-home boxes. Child-swinging optional.



oak, while Gran Reserva spends two years in oak and a year in the bottle aging before release.

Offer a selection of Spanish cheese, some fresh fruit and grilled vegetables to round out the meal. Set the mood with cafe

lights strung outside and throw a vibrant tablecloth on your outdoor dining table. Crank up guitarist Paco de Lucia on Spotify. For a more contemporary Spanish soundtrack to the meal, check out Mala Rodriguez.

With the wine flowing, nibbles abundant and music filling your backyard, Dad will feel transported to Barcelona. Luxuriate over the meal, as the Spanish do, by slowly pacing
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Restaurants fundraise for India COVID relief

The "Dining for India" event local restaurants organized May 25 raised more than \$35,000 for American India Foundation's COVID response aid.

Twelve eateries, including Amber India, Aurum and Passage to India, contributed 50% of their food sales to the cause.

Governor says parklets, to-go cocktails can stay

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that the state's planned reopening Tuesday would revert the dining industry to its previous rules on outdoor dining and cocktails to-go.

He described the "flexible dining rules" brought on by pandemic shutdowns as a safe and fun way to support the restaurant industry.

Newsom's office released

more details after a June 3 press conference, writing that the eased alcohol restrictions, which include food-truck meals at breweries, and expanded outdoor dining "support the recovery of businesses and protect public health."

The governor's office said he was also "urging local governments to facilitate outdoor dining through local zoning and programs that support and promote expanded open-air, take-out and delivery options."

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yourselves through the courses. Maybe even encourage Dad to regale all with his favorite stories and most repeated jokes.

Note that shopping for this dad-venture can all be done at Draeger's Market in Los Altos. Visit draegers.com to pre-order ceviche cups and empanadas.

Take a road trip

Dads often like to hunker down at home on a Sunday. Now's your turn to push your dad out of his comfort zone. Convince Dad to jump in the car and he will be oh so happy he did! It's a beautiful time of year to drive to Napa Valley. V. Sattui Winery in St. Helena is the ideal destination for the day. The winery is currently taking reservations for both indoor and outdoor tasting experiences at vsattui.com.

The iconic stone winery produces a wide array of exceptional wines, including sparkling wine, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as dessert wines such as Port and

Madeira. Plus, V. Sattui's onsite deli boasts house-cured charcuterie, more than 200 cheeses, sandwiches, pasta salads, fresh fruit, and much more. If Dad is looking for a hot lunch, V. Sattui's weekend barbecue and food truck has him covered. Right-off-the-grill tri-tip sandwiches, smoked ribs, salted cod croquettes and wood-fired pizzas are just a few of the hot food items on offer.

V. Sattui Winery is the ultimate spot for dad and all his crew – even dogs are welcome. Reservations are highly recommended to ensure you can relax and enjoy the full V. Sattui experience.

If the dad you're spoiling isn't within driving distance of V. Sattui, consider booking a virtual tasting or sending him one of its fabulous Wine Not? and Pasta Please! boxes seem especially suited for bringing some joy to Father's Day.

Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident. To read her blog, visit sheepish-sommelier.blogspot.com.

Christine's Tomato Bread with Jamon Serrano

- 2 roma tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Sea salt
- Black pepper
- 1 Midwife and the Baker baguette (visit 846 Independence Ave., Mountain View)
- 8 slices serrano ham

Using box grater placed over shallow bowl, grate tomatoes. Discard any remaining tomato skin. Finely chop garlic and add to tomatoes. Add olive oil, salt and pepper.

Preheat outdoor grill to medium. Slice bread into 20 pieces. Toast on grill for 1-2 minutes per side, keeping an eye on it the entire time to ensure it doesn't burn. Remove toasted bread from grill.

Assemble tapas by spooning small amount of tomato mixture onto each slice of bread. Tear ham into pieces and place one piece onto each slice of bread.

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Sports

Los Altos track team poised to make noise at section semifinals

By Pete Borello
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Twenty-three members of the Los Altos High track and field team have already extended their seasons by excelling at the league meet, and Saturday they have an opportunity to do it one more time.

Those who perform well at the Central Coast Section semifinals at Soquel High will return a week later for the finals.

The Los Altos boys dominated the SCVAL meet May 29 at Los Gatos High, racking up 123 points to finish well ahead of runner-up Palo Alto (75). Rival Mountain View placed ninth (19) among the 13 schools competing.

Thirteen Los Altos boys qualified for the CCS semis, several in multiple events. Kevin Andrews advanced in all three distance events, which coach Steph MacKenzie called “almost impossible.” He won the 800-meter run (1 minute, 58.91 seconds) and took third in the 1,600 (4:18.09)



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Los Altos High’s Josh Kung, above at left, competes in the long jump at the league meet. He won the event and set a personal record. Teammates Kevin Andrews, above at right, and Maddy Randall, right, won their respective 800-meter races that day.

and 3,200 (9:43.42) runs, setting personal records in both.

The 4x400 relay team of Tomoki Chien, Shawn Toney, Jimmy Dessouki and Charlie Atkins “destroyed the competition,” MacKenzie said, by running a 3:27.29 – the top time in the CCS.

Josh Kung won the long jump with a personal-best leap of 22 feet, 8.75 inches that ranks first

in the CCS.

The Eagles’ other winners also set personal records: Toney in the 110 hurdles (15.36), Dessouki in the 300 hurdles (39.07) and John Zhai in the triple jump (44-4.75).

Second-place finishers included Atkins in the 200 dash (personal-best 22.68); the 4x100 relay team of Greg Schumann, Jacob Howmiller, Kung and Des-

souki; and Zhai in the long jump (personal-best 21-06).

Sophomore Zach Fagin took third in the high jump by clearing 6 feet, a personal record.

No team came close to matching Los Altos in the jumps; the Eagles secured three of the six qualifying spots in the long jump, triple jump and high jump events.

“It was amazing to see each

one of the jumpers do so well, given the fact that we are still in a pandemic and found out we were going to have SCVALs and CCS not that long ago,” jumps coach Drew Russert said.

The Los Altos girls placed third in the team standings with 56 points, one more than Mountain View.

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Mtn. View advances to quarterfinals; Los Altos eliminated by Homestead

By Pete Borello
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Mountain View High boys basketball coach Kevin Mack said he warned his players that Saturday’s second-round playoff game against Evergreen Valley wouldn’t be like the regular-season meeting between the teams, which his Spartans won by 18 points.

He was right.

Although host Mountain View won by a similar margin, 65-49, the fifth-seeded Spartans (12-5) briefly fell behind midway through the third quarter. They weren’t able to pull away from the No. 12 Cougars (5-11) until the final few minutes of the Central Coast Section Division I contest.

“They only scored 49, but it felt like more than that,” Mack said. “They never went away.”

Mountain View, off to an 8-0 start and ahead by as many as 11 points in the first half, found itself clinging to a 53-49 lead after Evergreen’s Rahul Sharma made a lay-in with 3:47 to play. That prompted Mack to call timeout and set up a play for Ryan Bahar. The 6-foot-2 senior aggressively

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took the ball to the basket, scoring from the right block to push the lead to six.

“We thought Ryan could get by his guy with his size,” Mack said. “He made a great play and gave us some momentum.”

The bucket ignited the Spartans’ 12-0 run to end the game. Bahar made half those points and finished with 11. Yuval Hod sank two free throws and converted a breakaway layup in that stretch; the senior totaled a game-high 24 points.

“Yuval has been so steady for us all year,” Mack said. “He’s a leader, and he makes plays for us when we need it.”

Joe Brown added 13 points that included a trio of 3s. The junior also made a lay-in off a baseline inbound lob from Bahar that enabled Mountain View to regain the lead at 33-32 with 4:10 left in the third period.

“That’s a play we’ve run a lot, and they executed it well,” Mack said.

The start of a 13-7 run to cap the quarter, the Spartans never trailed again.

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Pinewood scores nearly 100 points in Open Division quarterfinal victory

By Pete Borello
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Behind a barrage of 3-pointers, the Pinewood School girls basketball team pummeled Palo Alto 97-61 in the Central Coast Section Open Division quarterfinals Friday night.

The undefeated Panthers (15-0) made a season-high 17 treys, needing only 31 attempts to get there. They actually shot better from beyond the arc (55%) than from inside it (54%).

Four of those 3s came from Elle Ladine, whose 18 points and 14 rebounds off the bench also led Pinewood. Una Jovanovic scored 15 points, Emily Lee added 14 and Annika Decker had 11; the trio shot a combined 8-of-10 from distance.

Ahead 46-33 at halftime, the second-seeded Panthers put away the No. 7 Vikings (14-6) in the third quarter. Host Pinewood opened the period with a devastating 17-2 run in which Chance Bucher scored all eight of her points (two 3s and a lay-in). By quarter’s end, the Panthers’ lead had ballooned to 70-39.

Pinewood buried five treys in the fourth

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– two of them courtesy of junior Ladine – en route to the team’s highest-scoring game of the year.

The Panthers next host No. 3 St. Ignatius (13-4) in a semifinal game set for 7 p.m. today. The winner is likely to face top-seeded Mitty (12-1) – heavily favored in its semifinal versus No. 5 Woodside Priory (10-3) – in Friday’s title game. Mitty has beaten Pinewood in the last five Open Division finals, prevailing 76-44 a year ago.

Even before the playoffs began, Decker said the Panthers had the Monarchs on their mind.

“That’s honestly always been what you’re thinking about all year, just replaying them; you always want to rematch,” the point guard said. “I don’t think we’ve ever played our best game against them. I think especially for all of us seniors, there’s five of us – the five starters – we want that game really bad, so we’re all really gunning for it.”

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Sports

SF boys cap perfect VB season; Lancers shine at swim finals

By Pete Borello
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The St. Francis High boys volleyball team achieved a perfect season by sweeping Monta Vista in Saturday's Central Coast Section Division II final. The top-seeded Lancers beat the No. 2 Matadors 25-15, 25-18, 25-18.

Host St. Francis (15-0) won all three of its playoff matches in straight sets and handed Monta Vista (14-1) its only loss of the season.

"I'm very proud of our team and how they performed all year long," Lancers coach Jonah Carson said. "It takes a whole program to come together, during COVID, and have an undefeated season."

Junior outside hitter Jerry Feng led St. Francis with 14 kills on 20 attempts, with no errors.

"That's a massive performance," Carson said.

Middle blockers Ethan Watson and Chris Hersch, also juniors, contributed eight kills each. Watson added a team-high six blocks and Hersh recorded five.

Senior Brian Kellogg had five kills and five blocks, while fellow outside hitter Jack Ebertin, a sophomore, chipped in seven kills.

Mountain View's season ended in the CCS Division I semifinals, where the second-seeded Spartans (11-4) fell to No. 3 Bellarmine (9-9) in five sets Thursday. The visiting Bells prevailed

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In the quarterfinals two days earlier, Mountain View defeated No. 7 Fremont in four sets.

Softball

Los Altos has not only qualified for the CCS Open Division for the first time – the Eagles have garnered the third seed in a bracket comprising the top eight teams in the section.

Los Altos (12-1) was scheduled to host No. 6 Pioneer (13-5) Monday, after the Town Crier's deadline. The winner advances to today's semifinals.

As expected, St. Francis secured the top seed in the Open. The unbeaten Lancers (21-0) were slated to entertain No. 8 Hillsdale (15-6) Monday, with the winner moving on to today's semifinals.

Mountain View (7-5) made CCS Division III as the fifth seed and was set to play at No. 4 Mercy-Burlingame (11-2) Tuesday.

Swimming

The St. Francis girls and boys teams finished as runners-up at the CCS swimming and diving finals, which concluded May 29 at San Benito High.

With a score of 274.53, the St. Francis girls finished second to Sacred Heart Prep (315.52). The St. Francis boys (171) edged Valley Christian by a point for sec-



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St. Francis swimmers Audrey Holden, above, and Nathan Nguyen, right, led their respective teams to second-place finishes at the CCS finals.



ond; Bellarmine won the meet (364).

The St. Francis girls' 200-yard freestyle relay and 400 free relay teams took second with times of 1 minute, 37.52 seconds and 3:33.73, respectively. Alexis Schaffer swam the first leg of each race. Audrey Holden, who anchored the 400 free relay, also took home a third-place medal in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.17) and was part of the Lancers' third-place 300 medley relay team (1:47.00).

For the boys, St. Francis' best finish came from the 200 medley relay team, which took third with a time of 1:36.77. Relay member Nathan Nguyen also finished fourth in the 100 breast (57.73) and anchored the Lancers' fourth-place 200 free relay (1:28.16).

Boys golf

With strong showings at last week's CCS Regional No. 2 event, Los Altos' Jamison Tan and Connor Song qualified for the CCS finals scheduled Tuesday (after the

Town Crier's deadline) at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey. Tan shot a 75 to place 10th at the June 1 regional, also played at Laguna Seca, and Song posted a round of 80 to finish 23rd.

Girls lacrosse

After placing third in the SCVAL with a 9-3 record, Mountain View was expected to receive an at-large berth in the CCS playoffs (the seeding meeting was held after the Town Crier's deadline). First-round games are scheduled today, with the quarterfinals set for Thursday.

The Spartans closed the regular season with a 15-7 home win over Palo Alto May 26.

Boys lacrosse

Grady Hofmann's goal with 24 seconds to play enabled Los Altos to edge rival Mountain View 11-10 in the season finale for both teams May 28. Hofmann, Tyler Crissman and Owen Lee finished with two goals each to lead the visiting Eagles.

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Ten Los Altos girls made the CCS semis, most of them qualifying in multiple events.

Sophomore Megan MacKenzie, the coach's daughter, won two events: the long jump (personal-best 17-09.5) and triple jump (38-0). Freshman Maddy Randall claimed the 800 run in what the coach called "a stunning time of 2:16" that goes down as a personal record.

Maura Kelleher placed second in the high jump by clearing 4-11.

Stellar Spartans

Aoife Hernon paced the Mountain View girls, qualifying for the semifinals in all four of her events. The senior set personal records with her third-place times in the 200 (25.99) and 400 (59.00) dashes, and she ran the first legs of the Spartans' 4x100 (50.37) and 4x400 (4:13.67) relay teams that came in third.

Cassie Lee, a member of the 4x100 team, also placed third in the long jump (17-06.75). Julia Gentin was third in the 3,200 run (11:30.31).

Austin Flax was the highest finisher for the Mountain View boys, placing third in the shot put with a personal-best 43-04.

The CCS semifinals are set to start 10 a.m. Saturday. The CCS is not allowing spectators at the meet, but a limited number will be permitted to attend next week's finals (advance online tickets required).

BOYS HOOPS

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Mountain View was slated to visit No. 4 Silver Creek (12-5) Tuesday, after the Town Crier's deadline; the victor plays in Thursday's semifinals.

Eagles' rally not enough

Los Altos bounced back from a rough first quarter – trimming its 11-point deficit to just one by halftime – but the Eagles were never able to catch Homestead in Saturday's Division I second-round game.

The eighth-seeded Mustangs fended off No. 9 Los Altos 67-59, thanks largely to Daniel Brathwaite. The Homestead senior scored a game-high 30 points, 19 of them coming in the second half.

"We were trying to keep him out of the lane, but we weren't able to do that tonight," Eagles coach Trevor Naas said. "I wish our help-side defense was a little bit better in meeting him once he got there, but he's a really good player and he had a great

game tonight."

Los Altos junior Jake Skaggs nearly matched Brathwaite, putting up 29 points. He accounted for all four of the Eagles' points during a first quarter in which his team shot just 2-of-17 from the field.

Ahead 15-4 entering the second, the host Mustangs pushed the lead to 14 points before Los Altos rallied. The Eagles sliced their deficit to 26-25 by intermission by not only making shots, but also rattling Homestead with a full-court press that led to seven turnovers.

"We started picking up full court, and we had some great energy and erased that deficit, so we had a new game by halftime," Naas said. "I'm so proud of the way they battled back after that start."

The Eagles (7-8) ended the half on an 8-0 run that featured six points from Dominic D'Augusta and then a low-post basket from Skaggs, who scored seven in the stanza.

That momentum didn't carry into the third quarter, though; Homestead

(11-8) got off to a 7-2 start that included five points from Omri Remez.

Los Altos cut the deficit to 41-40 on Andrew Reilly's midrange shot with 1:06 left in the period, but that's as close as the Eagles got. Brathwaite countered with a three-point play (drive and free throw) and then turned a steal into a layin to extend the Mustangs' lead to 46-40.

Reilly's layin with two ticks left in the third and a free throw by Nico D'Augusta almost one minute into the fourth closed the gap to three points. Brathwaite answered with another successful drive to the hoop to ignite a 6-0 run, and Homestead remained in control the rest of the way.

Other locals move on

As the top seed in Division II, St. Francis (4-8) advanced directly to Tuesday's quarterfinals to face visiting No. 8 Aragon (4-8).

Pinewood (6-8), the No. 1 seed in Division V, hosts a semifinal at 7 p.m. Thursday; the opponent had not been determined at press time.

GIRLS HOOPS

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Eagles earn top seed in Division I

For the first time in decades – if not ever – Los Altos landed a No. 1 seed in the playoffs, which coach Erik Stuart called "a very nice honor for all the players."

The top seed in CCS Division I after an 11-3 regular season that included a third-place finish in the SCVAL De Anza Division, the Eagles received a first-round bye. Los Altos was slated to host No. 6 Piedmont Hills (7-5) in Tuesday's quarterfinals, played after the Town Crier's deadline. The winner advances to Thursday's semifinals.

Lancers secure 2nd seed in Division II

As the No. 2 seed in CCS Division II, St. Francis also moved directly to the quarterfinals. The Lancers (3-8) were set to host No. 7 Woodside (6-4) Tuesday.

Spartans skip CCS playoffs

Mountain View qualified for the CCS Division I playoffs, but coach Xavier Cook said the Spartan chose not to participate due to the day the CCS scheduled the first-round games.

"Our two best players are seniors, and graduation day is June 4," Cook said last week, "so we felt like it wasn't worth going."

Mountain View placed fifth in the SCVAL El Camino Division at 6-6 and went 7-7 overall.

Stepping Out

Ragazzi Continuo to 'Shine' Saturday

Town Crier Report

Ragazzi Continuo will celebrate a decade of song with "All Will Shine," a virtual concert from the adult a cappella choir scheduled 5 p.m. Saturday.

Joined by singers from throughout the country, Continuo – comprising Ragazzi graduates – will perform favorites from the past decade.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary, Continuo plans to release a new album (date to be announced).

Using the Ragazzi Virtual Studio technology that allows singers to perform together from home in real time, Saturday's concert will be recorded, then mixed and mastered by members of Continuo.

Directed by Michael Stahl, the concert will feature familiar works such as "Shenandoah," "Dedication," "Down in the



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Ragazzi Continuo will celebrate its 10th anniversary with "All Will Shine," a concert streaming Saturday.

"River" and "Ave Maria," as well as the premiere of some new arrangements.

After the concert, Continuo invites the audience to toast the group's 10-year history and chat with the singers online.

The performance will be

available for viewing via YouTube Premiere.

A suggested donation of \$25 per viewer is encouraged to support Continuo.

To donate, access the concert link and for more information, visit ragazzicontinuo.org.

Los Altos Stage Company shows 'Mercy' this week

Town Crier Report

As it prepares to welcome live audiences in the fall, Los Altos Stage Company presents "The Mercy Seat" as its next livestreaming production. The drama is scheduled to run this weekend and next.

Written by Neil LaBute, "Mercy" was among the first major theatrical responses to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Set on Sept. 12, 2001, a man and woman explore the choices now available to them in an existence different from the one they had lived just the day before. Can one be opportunistic in a time of universal selflessness?

"Mercy" premiered Off-Broadway in December 2002 with LaBute directing and Liev Schreiber and Sigourney Weaver in the leading roles.

LASC's production features veteran Bay Area actors (and married couple) Melissa Jones and Drew Benjamin Jones. Both actors have performed with LASC in the past, most recently in "Into the Woods" (Melissa) and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (Drew). Allie Bailey, LASC's production manager, directs.

Staged at Bus Barn Theater, "Mercy" will be livestreamed 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays through June 20. The play is 100 minutes long; there is no intermission.

Tickets to livestream the show are \$30.

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Rival farmers' market opens in downtown MV

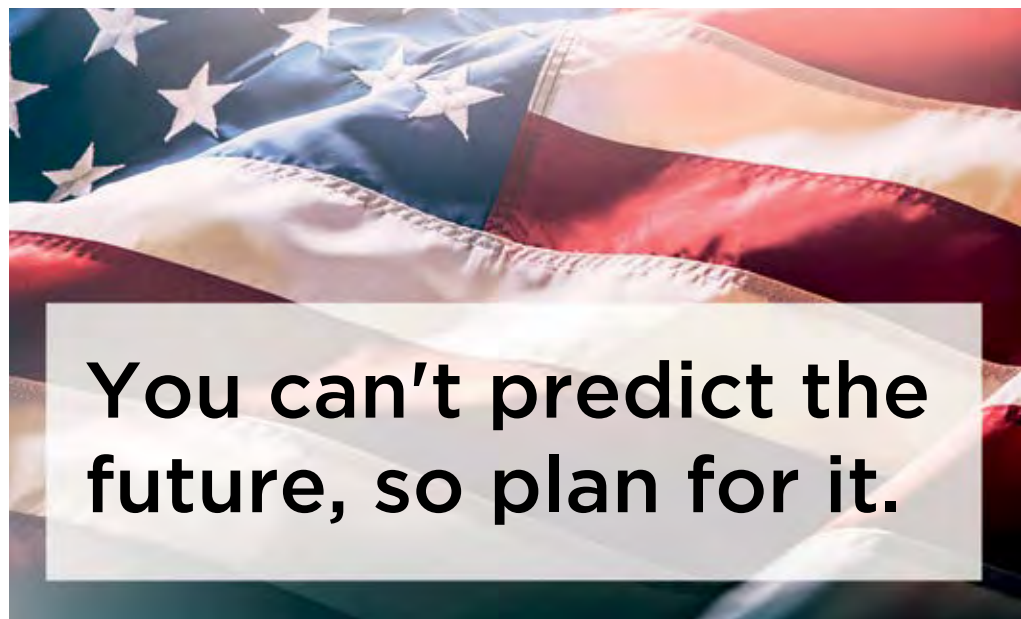
A new farmers' market kicked off last week in downtown Mountain View, with timing that directly rivals Los Altos' own. The 5-8 p.m. Thursday evening market, scheduled to run through September, is located in the civic parking lot near California and Bryant streets.

California Farmers' Markets Association, which had also previously managed market operations in Los Altos, launched the new market and continues to operate the Sunday morning market at the Mountain View Caltrain station. This year the Los Altos Village Association switched providers to contract with Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association to run the 4-8 p.m. Thursday market on State Street.

The Bryant Street market included no hot-food trucks, which are often viewed by nearby restaurants as a source of competition during evening markets. The Los Altos market has also reduced its hot food offerings this year.



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 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Where's my property line?

By Owen Halliday

It has happened twice this week: I received a call from someone whose neighbor claimed that a fence is in the wrong place and wants to move it onto the property line. Help!

Q: Isn't the fence on the property line?

A: This is a very common assumption that is usually correct, but not always. Fences fall down over the years, maybe there never was a fence or one got installed where someone "thought" the property line was. The reality is that just because there is a fence someplace, do not assume that is where the property line is.

Q: If the fence isn't on the property line, where is it?

A: Only a land surveyor can tell you for sure. A surveyor will look at the legal description of your lot, often includ-

On the Market

ing what are called "metes and bounds," which describe the actual measurements and angles of your property's lot lines. The surveyor will then come to survey your property and place markers – usually wooden stakes – on the lot lines and corners of your property. Sometimes the surveyor will install a large metal nail or pipe as a type of monument that can be used for future surveyors.

Q: Should I have my lot surveyed?

A: If you are getting ready to sell and think there might be an issue, or if you think the fence may be in the wrong place, then a survey could be very helpful to resolve any questions.

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Business & Real Estate

On the move? Check with Better Business Bureau first

By Steve McFarland

Over the past year, we've been a nation on the move. That pattern will continue this spring and summer, thanks largely to the pandemic. Scammers know this all too well and you can bet they're taking advantage.

The Better Business Bureau expects to see an uptick in moving scams throughout California, especially Southern California, as consumers relocate for financial, family and other reasons.

That's why it's important to do your research when choosing a company to transport your belongings. Start at bbb.org and compare several licensed movers. The rating indicates the level of customer satisfaction, which includes resolving complaints. If the mover is BBB accredited, they've met BBB standards for ethics and fiscal responsibility. And don't forget to read the reviews; unlike other sites, they're verified, so you know every reviewer had an actual experience with the company.

Signs of scammers

Dishonest and unethical movers use the following tactics.

BBB Scam Alert

- They often have generic-sounding names similar to those of reputable movers.

- They sound professional and reassuring on the phone.

- They appear in sponsored links at the top of search results and often use the names of legitimate movers.

- They quote below-market rates hoping to lure customers in, then get more money from you later in the process.

- They post fake reviews from happy customers.

- Some unscrupulous movers use unmarked trucks, hire day laborers and will claim to be BBB accredited or use other seals.

- Some say they're local, but in reality their address may be a mail center or a virtual office that forwards mail and calls to the real location.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is another helpful source. Its website (tinyurl.com/599k43kb) lets you enter a mover's license number to see if any complaints have been received about that

Get three in-person or virtual estimates. Rogue operators rarely appear in person to give estimates.

company. Also, do an internet search using the mover's name and the word "scam." If you find reports about movers demanding more money to deliver goods, it may be a shady operator.

Avoiding the scam

Here are some ways to avoid a bad moving company and find a good one:

- Get three in-person or virtual estimates. Rogue operators rarely appear in person to give estimates. A low-priced estimate given over the phone can end up costing more than what a legitimate mover would charge.

- Get an estimate based on weight, not cubic feet. Rogue operators prefer to give estimates in cubic feet. Volume is easier to manipulate than weight, so they can later claim additional charges and maybe even hold your property hostage.

- Make sure the mover's license is current with the Public Utilities Commission (California) or Department of Transportation (interstate).

- Consider full-value replacement lia-

bility protection. It costs a little more but may be well worth the price. Interstate movers in the U.S. are legally required to offer coverage in their estimates.

- Watch out for large deposit or cash demands. Other than a small down payment, honest movers have you pay once they have delivered all goods. So, if the mover demands that you pay during the course of a move or when loading or delivering, you are dealing with a scammer.

The BBB receives an average of 13,000 complaints and negative reviews about movers each year, and California is home to more of these companies than any other state. COVID has introduced a lot of uncertainty into our lives, and moving is already one of life's biggest stressors. Save yourself some headaches in the long run by doing your research upfront.

For more information, visit BBB.org/AvoidScams.

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

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132 Lyell Street, Reed-Kerr Family Trust to J. & M. Zhuo for \$1,500,000

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Lowest sale: \$1,500,000

Highest sale: \$5,000,000

Average sale: \$3,521,400

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 3

Lowest sale: \$3,200,000

Highest sale: \$6,000,000

Average sale: \$4,550,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 14

Lowest sale: \$717,000

Highest sale UNT: \$3,800,000

Average sale: \$1,821,200

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Franchise Tax Board provides updated info on state tax credits

Town Crier Report

The state's Franchise Tax Board last month highlighted recent developments that expand residents' eligibility for the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC).

The changes apply to people who received unemployment insurance benefits in 2020, as well as those who received income from In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) or a Medicaid waiver program for providing care to an individual they lived with anytime since 2016.

"I want to be sure Californians know they may be newly eligible for additional tax credits," said Betty T. Yee, state controller and FTB chairperson, in a press release issued May 14. "These changes may also allow more taxpayers to be eligible for a \$600 or \$1,200 Golden State Stimulus payment, providing additional relief for those facing pandemic-related hardship."

Unemployment income

The American Rescue Plan Act in March changed how federal adjusted gross income (AGI) is calculated. It allowed an exclusion of up to \$10,200 (\$20,400 for Married Filing Jointly) of

unemployment income received in the 2020 tax year.

With a decrease in federal AGI, some taxpayers may now qualify to receive – or receive more money from – CalEITC and the Young Child Tax Credit, as well as the one-time Golden State Stimulus payment.

Many people do not have to do anything to receive the additional benefits, according to the release.

FTB officials said the agency will automatically adjust 2020 tax returns for taxpayers who already filed and claimed CalEITC and reported unemployment income.

Those who qualify for a bigger tax refund can visit the FTB website to learn when to expect their payment.

Taxpayers who already filed their 2020 tax return and did not claim CalEITC but now have federal AGI of less than \$30,001 after excluding their applicable unemployment income may now qualify for CalEITC. Taxpayers can use FTB's CalEITC calculator to see if they qualify. Qualifying taxpayers do not need to amend their tax return, the release stated.

For instructions on how to download, print and mail the CalEITC (FTB

3514) form to the FTB, visit tinyurl.com/2x3dbc9b.

In-home program

The IHSS program provides in-home assistance to eligible elderly, blind and disabled individuals, and enables recipients to remain safely in their own homes. Income received as a caregiver from a Medicaid waiver or IHSS program for providing care to someone the taxpayer lives with is excludable from federal AGI,

the release advised.

Under a recent Office of Tax Appeals decision, income received as a caregiver can be included as earned income to determine eligibility for, and the amount of, CalEITC. Taxpayers may now opt to include or exclude all or none of that income as earned income on their tax return. Qualifying for CalEITC may allow taxpayers also to qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit and/or the

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Golden State Stimulus payment.

The decision impacts tax years 2016-2020. For 2016, FTB officials recommend that affected taxpayers file a protective claim before the expiration of the statute of limitations to claim a refund to protect the timeliness of their claim.

For statute of limitations expiration dates for the 2016 tax year and how to file a protective claim, visit tinyurl.com/3bcnbt2. Taxpayers who have

already filed 2017 through 2020 tax returns are also encouraged to visit the webpage for more information.

FTB officials said taxpayers who have not yet submitted a tax return should check to see if they qualify to claim CalEITC or other credits by visiting tinyurl.com/v7fda43u. In addition, visit the FTB's Golden State Stimulus website at tinyurl.com/4smr7byn for more information on stimulus eligibility and the timing of payments.

For more information, visit ftb.ca.gov.

MARKET

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Q: How much do surveys cost?

A: It depends on the lot itself – size, location, legal description, etc. A survey typically starts at approximately \$3,000 and can go substantially higher depending on the difficulty of the survey.

Q: What do I do if I find out (or my neighbor tells me) that our fence is in the wrong place?

A: If you and your neighbor agree on the survey, the best practice is to agree to split the cost of putting a fence in the correct spot. You could choose to leave the fence where it is, but it would be a good idea to memorialize that fact. It obviously would need to be disclosed to any future buyer should either of you

decide to sell.

If you don't agree with the neighbor's survey, you should consult a real estate attorney and consider getting your own survey.

The bottom line is that fences usually mark the boundary between two properties, but don't make any important decisions based solely on the location of a fence.

Owen Halliday is a longtime Los Altos resident and manager of the Sereno office in downtown Los Altos. Email comments, questions and potential column topics to Owen@Sereno.com. For more information, call 492-0062.



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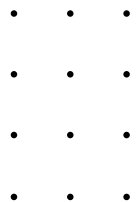
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883 Robb Road, Palo Alto

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- Two-story main residence with 5 bedroom suites, 2 half-baths, and elevator
- Two-story attached cabana with 2 bedroom suites, 2 living rooms, eat-in kitchen, additional full bath, plus rooftop terrace
- Approximately 13,455 total square feet
- Sweeping San Francisco Bay views from almost every room
- Certified GreenPoint rated with solar-powered electricity
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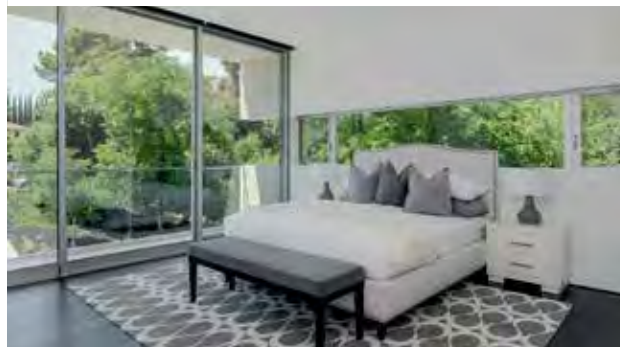


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For more information regarding eligibility or if you would like to be e-mailed an application packet, please contact info@alhousing.org with subject line Los Altos BMR.

You can also download an application at: alhousing.org/resources/los-altos/purchase-program/

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 23, 4:00 PM,

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EXHIBITS

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

AUDITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

ON-CALL SANITARY SEWER SPOT REPAIRS AND CCTV INSPECTION SERVICES

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

1. **Description of Work:** The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed bids for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therefore. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project and no warrant is made or intended to final quantities:

The project includes on-call repairs and CCTV inspection services to the City's sanitary sewer system on an as needed basis. The scope of work is variable and may not be fully defined prior to starting of work. The amount of work is unknown.

Award of one (1) not-to-exceed \$100,000 contract will be based on the Summary of Bid Total.

2. **Location of Work:** All of said work is to be done at various locations throughout the City of Los Altos. Some parts of the City of Los Altos' sanitary sewer system are located in other jurisdictions (e.g., County of Santa Clara, Town of Los Altos Hills, City of Mountain View and City of Palo Alto).

3. **Contract Documents:** Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of **Sixty \$60** or visit City website to download the PDF file(s) (<http://bids.losaltosca.gov>). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

4. **Labor Compliance.** Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. This Code requires the Contractor to pay their workers based on prevailing wage rates established and issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Statistics and Research.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor

may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

5. **Pre-bid Site Review:** A pre-bid conference is not scheduled for this project. Prospective bidders are directed to Section 2-1.03 of the Standard Specifications regarding examination of the site of work.

6. **Contractor's License:** The Contractor is required to have a **Class A or a combination of Class C-34 and C-42** License for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

7. **Bid Bond:** Bids must be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or a Bid Bond in favor of the City in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

8. **Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening:** As a temporary measure in response to the City's efforts to reduce the potential risks of COVID-19, the City will conduct a "virtual" public bid opening for this project. Virtual bid opening will be conducted on the bid due date shortly after the deadline via RingCentral Meeting's video conference meeting joinable with desktop application, internet browser, or phone dial in. There will be no in-person meeting for this bid opening. Interested parties shall follow the link below to attend the virtual meeting on the bid opening date:

<https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1466103391>

Further instruction on joining the RingCentral meeting will be posted on City's bid page:

<https://bids.losaltosca.gov/rfp/bid-call-sanitary-sewer-spot-repairs-and-cctv-inspection-services-2>

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Engineer on or before

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021 AT 2 PM

at City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the bid opening date. Access to City Hall is currently restricted. Sealed bids must be dropped off inside the bid box in front of the City Hall main entrance on **June 29, 2021 between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Please call 650-947-2602 for any assistance locating the bid box. Additionally, sealed bids may be delivered via USPS, FEDEX, UPS, or other carrier to the Engineering Services Department at City Hall prior to the bid due date. Please clearly label the package with the project title and add "ATTN: Andrea Trese." Bids received on

time will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. via Ring Central Meeting's video conference meeting.

9. **Payment & Performance Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract. All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

10. **Award of Contract:** Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid.

11. **Time of Completion of Work:** The work shall be completed and ready for full use as directed by the City.

12. **Substitution of Securities:** Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure his performance under the Contract.

13. **Rights of the City:** The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

14. **Project Administration:** All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing and directed to the City Engineer, City of Los Altos, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: May 27, 2021
/s/ **Andrea Trese, PE**
Associate Civil Engineer
(06-09,16-21)

084-T

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. **P e t i t i o n e r :** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
P r e s e n t N a m e : EDWARD DE JESUS CRUZ

P r o p o s e d N a m e : EDWARD DE JESUS GREGOR

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard

and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 5/20/2021

/s/ Julie A. Emede
Judge of the Superior Court
(05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

078-T

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

On JUNE 16, 2021 at 10:00 am, at the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, Ca. 95113, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as the Substituted Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 2713 Ramos Court, Mountain View, Ca. 94040 APN: 197-25-057 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be

077-T

JR Construction
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN674862

The following person(persons)

is(are) doing business as: JR Construction, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Jorge Dominguez, 10160 Endfield Way, San Jose, CA, 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/20/2018. (05-26,06-02,09,16-21)

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

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL & INFANT CARE, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a Corporation, KJM, INC, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/02/1997. (05-19,26,06-02,09-21)

072-T

Gelatt Partners FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN674958

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

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is usually all it costs to
publish your **Fictitious**
Business Name in the
Los Altos Town Crier

Email
legals@latc.com

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CLUBS/GROUPS

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch

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

Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club.

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

Duplicate Bridge Club.

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

Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. 961-3539; ffsba.org.

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room.

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

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