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Community mourns 13-year-old cyclist

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When 13-year-old George Oseida died after colliding with a truck while riding his bike to Graham Middle School earlier this month, comments on platforms from Nextdoor to Twitter weighed in on the intersection of Grant and El Camino Real, where the incident occurred.

As tributes piled up at the Alliance gas station at the scene, local residents, including the victim's parents, gathered at the city's previously scheduled Vision Zero Action Plan and Local Road Safety Plan meeting Thursday for an emotional discussion on the city's traffic policies.

Public Works director Dawn Cameron began the meeting with a moment of silence for

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Down on the farm



In-person spring tours of Deer Hollow Farm returned Saturday, with visitors of all ages enjoying interactions with farm animals including goats, cows, pigs and sheep. The farm, located in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, is run by the city of Mountain View and supported by the nonprofit Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. The next tour is scheduled April 23. For more information, visit deerhollowfarmfriends.org.

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LA council OKs bike lanes after weighing safety, parking

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Two distinctly different visions of the future played out at last week's Los Altos City Council vote in favor of bike lanes on El Camino Real.

Vice Mayor Sally Meadows and councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Neysa Fligor saw the addition of designated bike lanes – at the cost of on-street parking – as a public safety necessity.

Mayor Anita Enander and Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng foresaw parked cars moved off El Camino into neighborhoods as more people move into new multifamily housing projects lining either side of the thoroughfare. Enander said auto traffic shows no signs of abating and designated bike lanes would give an “illusion of safety.”

The 3-2 vote at the March 22 meeting means Caltrans, responsible for El Camino's maintenance, will add a Class IIB bike lane along the Los Altos and Mountain View sides of the street next summer as part of a planned resurfacing project. The state agency is paying the full cost of work, with such projects carried out every 25 to 30 years, according to city staff. Mountain View City Council members have opted for the bike lanes as

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Town hall addresses possible outcomes for Ukraine war

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U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo hosted a virtual town hall Thursday with guest Michael McFaul, Stanford University professor and former ambassador to Russia, to address local residents' questions about the Russian war on Ukraine.

Eshoo, a Democrat who represents District 23, which encompasses Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View among other cities,

has served in Congress since 1993.

“We are inspired by the bravery and the courage of the Ukrainian people. They are fighting, some of them until their very last breath, to protect and defend their democracy,” Eshoo said before launching into a question-and-answer session.

Topics discussed ranged from potential scenarios for the end of the war to Russian President Vladimir Putin's goals in invading and the Russian people's perception of the

war. While McFaul, who is considered a national leading expert on Russia, gave substantive and thoughtful responses to questions, there were many times he acknowledged the uncertainty surrounding the conflict.

McFaul posits there are three possible outcomes for the ending of the war. First is the unlikely but still possible scenario where Ukraine outright wins. Second, and what McFaul believes is the most likely outcome,

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Inside the newsroom: Intro to reporter Katherine Simpson

You've seen her byline in our pages for a while now and it's time for an introduction: Reporter Katherine Simpson is a transplant to the Bay Area from the Great Smoky Mountains region of Tennessee.

When not on the beat, Katherine enjoys maintaining her sourdough starter and practicing the harp.

You'll see her writing across many subject areas: Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, business and health among them, and though you've probably mostly seen her byline in print and online, she has a background in radio that will be bringing audio reporting to the community as well. Email questions, comments, story ideas and podcast recommendations to katies@latc.com.



Based on the extremely enthusiastic online reaction to the Town Crier's teaser about el Alto's launch last week, we guessed that walk-in dining at Thursday's opening might not be a breeze, or at least not speedy. And when a Town Crier staff member tested the waters at 170 State St., that indeed proved the case – eager diners had started lining up by 3:45 for the 5 p.m. open of dining service. But those who were waiting in line to put their name down, and then wait for a table, could pop next door to State Street Market for drinks or snacks before the much-anticipated mains at el Alto, which last week included cochinita pibil tacos and confit duck leg, left.

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Los Altos Hills focusing on nonresidential sites to meet housing goals

By Katherine Simpson
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Consultants from the Los Altos Hills team preparing the town's housing element document presented a list of potential sites for new housing at a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council Thursday.

To meet its state-assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation number, Los Altos Hills must create conditions to develop 489 new housing units in the next housing cycle, from 2023 to 2031.

The approach is to suggest only non-residential sites for housing development so that the town can avoid either upzoning

its current single-family-zoned areas or reducing its signature 1-acre minimum lot sizes.

"Our goal is to maintain the character of the town but also satisfy the state's requirements," said Hills planning director Sofia Mangalam.

Among the suggested sites for potential housing are two parking lots on the Foothill College campus, vacant areas on the Altamont Road property of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, parts of the Gardner Bullis School campus, parts of the St. Nicholas Catholic School campus and various town-owned locations.

According to Michael Baker Interna-

tional consultant Aaron Barrall, the assigned 489 units is "really considered a floor" by the State Senate.

"It's essentially the very bare minimum to be compliant with the law," he said.

Crunching the numbers

Barrall's presentation reported that the actual required number of units is likely closer to 586, or the 489-unit minimum with the addition of a 20% buffer. Per the consultant's calculations, the town can expect 140 new accessory dwelling units to contribute to its housing numbers for the cycle and an additional 48 units by subdividing existing lots – leaving 398 new units

needed to meet the total RHNA goal of 586 by 2031.

"ADUs are helpful," Barrall said, "but they didn't make a huge dent in what the town needs to plan for."

After accounting for subdivisions and ADUs, Barrall laid out the number of acres required to meet the housing needs at two different density levels. At 20 units per acre, Los Altos Hills needs 37 total acres to build new housing. At a denser 30 units per acre, the town needs only 27 acres. Each of the numbers is further divided into the number of acres needed per income level.

Barrall also ran through requirements such

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Strong winds cause power outages in Mtn. View

The city of Mountain View suffered significant power outages Sunday evening after a live wire fell near Charleston Road.

Initially, the outages affected only approximately 865 customers in the immediate area, between San Antonio Road and Rengstorff Avenue. By 8 p.m., more than 14,000 customers lost power "due to unknown causes reported by PG&E," according to a press report on the city's website. Outages were reported in the Castro City, Monta Loma, Shoreline West and Old Mountain View neighborhoods.

A PG&E spokesperson told the Town Crier outages were reported "after strong winds caused palm fronds to fly into power lines and bring down one line."

Power was restored to most customers by 7 p.m. Sunday, PG&E officials said, with the last four customers "who receive power directly by the damaged equipment" receiving power by 3 a.m. Monday.

– Katherine Simpson



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE
Police block off a street due to a downed power line Sunday.

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the teen, who went by the name Andre Retana. The meeting – convened to gather community input on the city's existing projects and approaches to road safety – ran nearly 30 minutes over the allotted time, with numerous public speakers and online viewers weighing in with specific and general critiques and questions, frequently focused on bike routes to the city's schools.

While commenters often expressed praise for the city's safety plans, they argued that plans are not enough to prevent traffic fatalities and injuries – immediate action is needed.

"We need something done sooner than 2030; it's not soon enough," said Ryan Lara, Andre's father, tearfully.

Lisa Retana, Andre's mother, added that the family wanted to "stop another family feeling what we're feeling right now."

"I'm heartbroken," she said. "I don't know how I'm going to live. We don't know how we're going to live. We need the city of Mountain View to do something."

"Please, please," Lara implored. "Andre deserves this."

Another commenter who lives and works in Mountain View recounted being hit by a car in December while biking.

"It's clear that we have great plans, but a plan does not amount to bike safety," the speaker said. "Every year that goes by that we don't implement our plans is another year that someone can get hit by a car and potentially die."

Another commenter shared that their child was hit by a car a year and a half ago.



A memorial at the corner of El Camino Real and Grant Road in Mountain View serves as a reminder of the death of a 13-year-old Graham Middle School student, who died earlier this month after colliding with a truck while riding his bike to school. The city is discussing plans to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

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Although city staff responded empathetically to the concerns and suggestions – which included decreased speed limits, protected intersections and better education for both drivers and cyclists – Robert Gonzales, principal civil engineer for capital improvement projects, said the city often prefers more well-researched projects. Another complicating factor for the city is that El Camino Real falls under the jurisdiction of Caltrans.

Past, future projects

A focus of the meeting was improving the city's Safe Routes to School program, which provides suggested pathways to each of the city's schools based on existing bike infrastructure and avoiding major intersections. However, as one speaker pointed out, kids take routes that are convenient, not necessarily routes that are safe.

According to city spokesperson Lenka Wright, when the city last collected data in 2017, approximately 21% of Mountain View students walked and 19% biked to school.

A few weeks prior to the fatal incident on El Camino, a 10-year-old cyclist collided with a vehicle traveling on Shoreline Boulevard at Mercy Street.

According to Priyoti Ahmed, transportation planner for Mountain View, pedestrians and cyclists make up a disproportionate number of fatal and severe-injury collisions in the city. Between 2014 and 2019, six of the 13 fatal-injury crashes involved pedestrians or cyclists. Of the 64 severe-injury crashes during the same period, 40 involved pedestrians or cyclists.

Cherie Walkowiak, founding member of the pedestrian and bike advocacy group Safe Mountain View, told the Town Crier that the city has been "pretty responsive" to activists in the past, even producing a study on California Avenue, Escuela Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard in 2015. In light of Andre's death, however, some areas of the city still need work.

"Some parts of the city are super bike- and pedestrian-friendly," said Walkowiak, pointing to her neighborhood but noting that

other routes that require crossing or traveling along El Camino to schools like Los Altos High are more dangerous.

Walkowiak said the city's 2019 El Camino Real Streetscape Plan, which has come to the forefront in the wake of the recent incident, is good overall, but "the one place that it really falls short is the intersection we're talking about (Grant and El Camino)." According to Walkowiak, the intersection should include a four-way protected turn system for cyclists and pedestrians.

Cameron said the city is already working with Caltrans to install protected bike lanes along El Camino between Sylvan and Rengstorff avenues. Caltrans plans to repave El Camino, a state highway that runs all the way from San Francisco to Santa Clara, through Palo Alto, Los Altos and Mountain View, in 2023.

For more information on Mountain View's El Camino Real Streetscape Plan, visit tinyurl.com/56kvt58.

To view the city's suggested Safe Routes to School, visit tinyurl.com/3uu2wwys.

News

Affordable housing project gets exemption as Los Altos story-pole ordinance debated

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A 90-unit, all-affordable housing project – a first for Los Altos – is on schedule to come before the city’s Planning Commission and City Council in early summer. But it nearly got derailed last week over a 2015 city ordinance.

EAH Housing, developers of the Santa Clara County-led effort to build the five-story, 64-foot-high complex at 330 Distel Circle, asked for – and received – an exemption to the Los Altos story-pole ordinance at the March 22 council meeting.

It wasn’t easy.

The council voted 3-2 to grant the exemption, and residents who spoke at the meeting were also divided on the issue. Discussion spilled over into the pros and cons of the ordinance itself, which requires developers to erect poles at project sites outlining height, bulk and mass.

Vice Mayor Sally Meadows, along with councilmembers Neysa Fligor and Jonathan Weinberg, voted for the exemption, while Mayor Anita Enander and Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng voted against it.

According to Weldon Jordan, senior vice president of real estate development for San Rafael-based EAH Housing, the project is dependent on public funding, and the estimated \$90,000-\$100,000 needed to erect the poles would cause delays that could undermine the process. He also pointed to logistical problems in that 330



SCREENSHOT FROM DEVELOPER’S PRESENTATION

A five-story, 90-unit, all-affordable housing project at 330 Distel Circle in Los Altos is set for project approvals in the summer.

Distel is still currently occupied by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. The county takes over ownership of the property in June.

Midpen officials don’t anticipate moving to their new office location at 5050 El Camino Real until June at the earliest, so Jordan maintained that erecting poles around a populated building constitutes a “health and safety” risk.

Jordan emphasized a process over the past year that included community workshops focused on the project.

“The height and density have been discussed, and the reason we are bringing this up, obviously, is because some of the intent of the story poles is to show height, to show bulk and mass,” he said.

Virtually everyone who spoke at last week’s meeting agreed that the project itself was a good addition to Los Altos. But supporters of the story poles argued they are necessary

to give residents a true sense of the size of the building. In addressing the safety issue, Lee Eng asked the developers if they could meet halfway by erecting poles and signage on the roof of the current building.

Jordan said he was willing to discuss alternatives, but he could not commit.

Meadows also cited the intrusion of guide wires used to anchor the poles, and noted a “startling percentage of failure with poles falling.”

EAH officials suggested signage at ground level that would feature illustrations of the finished product. But story-pole proponents said the images did not reflect reality.

In her motion to approve the exemption, Fligor also asked city staff to work with EAH Housing to “create alternatives that show different angles of the building and dimensions, including eye-level renderings.”

For a longer version of this story, visit losaltosonline.com.

Historical Los Altos home destroyed in early-morning fire

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A historical home at 479 Los Altos Ave. was destroyed in a two-alarm fire during the early-morning hours Monday. The cause and origin of the fire are still under investigation.

Santa Clara County Department Fire Capt. Justin Stockman said a resident of the home reported the house had caught fire at 12:03 a.m. and had evacuated. By the time law enforcement arrived at 12:06 a.m., the house was “fully engulfed” in flames, according to responders at the scene. When fire department personnel from the Los Altos Fire Station arrived two minutes later, they reported a “heavily involved structure” fire and noticed a downed power line.

Fire department crews from Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, Saratoga and Los Gatos battled the blaze from multiple directions to protect neighboring properties. At 12:59 a.m., they deemed the fire



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Smoke rises from a Los Altos house after it caught fire Monday. The house was gutted in the blaze.

under control.

The Los Altos and Campbell police departments are collaborating on an investigation into the cause of the fire. Stockman told the Town Crier that the investigation will likely take more than two weeks.

The home – built in 1916, according to Zillow – is listed on the city of Los Altos’ Historic Resources Inventory.

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well. Officials in Palo Alto, also impacted by the project, have yet to weigh in.

Marisa Lee, giving a staff presentation, noted there would not be room on the busy six-lane thoroughfare for bike lanes and parking. The “tradeoff,” she said, would mean a loss of 248 spaces along El Camino – 108 in Mountain View and 140 in Los Altos.

The Caltrans project, which includes repaving, pothole fixes, crosswalks, signage and other improvements, covers a stretch of El Camino from the Palo Alto-Menlo Park border to Crestview, just south of the State Route 85 intersection.

The Caltrans work would stop at providing the striping for the dedicated bike lanes. It would be up to Los Altos to upgrade to a Class IV lane, which could include physical barriers such as bollards or raised curbs buffering the lane from the adjacent automobile traffic. The city’s Complete Streets Commission has recommended upgraded bike lanes.

‘Moral imperative’

The majority of nearly 20 speakers at the March 22 meeting favored the bike lanes, with Chris Hoerber, a cyclist who writes the Town Crier’s “Share the Road” column, calling them “a moral imperative.”

Several speakers cited the March 17 death of a Graham Middle School student, killed on his bicycle in a collision with a truck, as a grim reminder of the dangers for cyclists along El Camino.

“We can’t make these safety improvements too soon for all of us,” said Bryan Johnson, a member of the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees.

Johnson and others noted that some students from Mountain View commuting to Los Altos High School and Egan Junior High have no choice but to travel on El Camino.

“El Camino Real is a main thoroughfare for everybody,” said Sharlene Liu. “Currently, biking is so dangerous that you don’t see many bikers on El Camino. ... If we had bike lanes it would be so much nicer.”

Opponents pointed to the increase in vehicles that will come from hundreds of new units in projects on both the Los Altos and Mountain View sides of El



SCREENSHOT FROM CITY STAFF REPORT

A Los Altos city staff report last week illustrated the difference between Class IIB bike lanes, left, with just the striping, and Class IV lanes, right, that include a physical barrier.

Camino.

“We need those parking spaces for the very underparked buildings that are coming down the pike,” said Teresa Morris, a city parks and recreation commissioner.

Terry Barton, a cyclist and 35-year resident, countered: “We are not losing parking, we are gaining a travel lane and stopping the subsidy of parking.”

Eric Steinle, who serves on the city’s Planning Commission, described the challenge for vehicles servicing the new housing, including movers and delivery people.

“With a multifamily thoroughfare, we have to deal with that reality,” Steinle said. “(Bike lanes) might not be the wisest way to do it, particularly if we have the vertical elements.”

Enander also wondered about the six bus stops within Los Altos city limits. A traffic consultant noted that bus stops would be marked in red and that cyclists could use the sidewalks while buses stopped.

Impact on businesses

Lee Eng’s chief objections were the potential adverse impacts on businesses along El Camino that depend on the street parking and the lack of valid information on El Camino parking. She said the information collected on parking habits during hours and days of the week did not reflect true parking needs because the study was conducted last year when COVID restrictions were still in place.

The study results city staff presented last week showed little parking activity other than near the intersection of El Camino and San Antonio Road.

Some speakers contended that the bike lanes would help the El Camino businesses given more cyclists would be accessing them.

Enander said her objections go beyond street parking to her

belief that El Camino would remain dangerous, even with buffered bike lanes. She attributed this to increased populations and people’s continued choice of the automobile as their primary transportation.

“We’ve built a number of things to get people out of cars and they’ve all failed,” she said. “I absolutely cannot fathom with increased housing, increased cars, increased population that we’ll actually have a situation on El Camino that’s anything than more dangerous for bikes no matter what we do.”

But council members supporting the bike lanes were confident they would improve safety and particularly child safety.

“Sometimes it’s difficult to make forward-looking decisions,” Meadows said. “It is a public roadway, not dedicated business parking. ... Bottom line, we have to weigh the safety of the cyclists, not just adults, but the children.”

She pointed to Los Altos School District plans for a 10th school site north of El Camino, potentially increasing the number of students using the route.

“The safety of bicyclists has to be more important than enabling public subsidy of parking and underutilization of that land,” Meadows said. “We just have to do it.”

“The primary function of government has to be public safety,” Weinberg said. “We have too many examples where we are not protecting the public along El Camino. We now have a golden opportunity that will cost the city zero dollars to install Class IIB bike lanes. ... It is simply the right thing to do.”

Fligor said the fatal March 17 collision is “a sad example of what will happen if we don’t make El Camino safer for cyclists. I’m thinking of the students and kids who do not have a choice but to bike on El Camino. ... This is a huge step for all of us and a big decision for the future.”

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is a stalemate on the battlefield, which he said is still far away but coming closer by the day. Third is a “short-term Putin victory but a long-term Putin defeat,” in which Russia may capture Ukrainian capital Kyiv but will be unable to maintain occupancy of Ukraine for long due to a shortage of military power and lack of an actual guiding ideology.

“Whatever we can do to help (Ukrainian President Volodymyr) Zelensky to that second-scenario stalemate should be the focus of our attention,” McFaul said.

Despite his lengthy and detailed answers backed by current information and historical precedent, McFaul again made the point that everyone speculating on various aspects of the conflict is guessing.

“I want to remind everybody we political scientists are very bad at telling the future,” he said. “One of the things I wrote several years ago is that before revolutions happen, they seem impossible, and after they happen, they seem inevitable.”

McFaul, however, did say that he felt certain about some things, including his position that the war may lead to the end of “Putinism as a system,” though not necessarily the overthrowing of his government.

“I don’t think he will ever get back the legitimacy and the support that he had in the previous 20 years,” he said. “And that will eventually be the unraveling of the system in place in Russia.”

Eshoo and McFaul discussed ways Americans could act to support Ukraine. McFaul said gestures as simple as waving a Ukrainian flag to show solidarity are meaningful to people in the U.S. who are from or have family in Ukraine. He also suggested donating to organizations that support families who have had to relocate from Ukraine and rebuild their lives elsewhere.

To view a recording of the town hall, visit tinyurl.com/3xbpmw5.



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as considering environmental constraints, proximity to employment or school and infrastructure when identifying sites for development.

Site selection

Consultant Dan Wery walked through the proposed sites, giving an estimate of “realistic potential units” while emphasizing Mangalam’s earlier statement that the town’s goal is to use nonresidential sites for higher-density development, thereby minimizing the effect on the semirural character of the town.

The catch is that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) reserves the right to deny any potential site for development.

“Even though we may select it, it’s important to note that HCD may not accept it,” Wery said.

On top of school and nonprofit properties, the consultants identified two town-owned sites for potential development: the cell site and solar array adjacent to Los Altos Hills Town Hall and

the horse-riding ring at the south end of Purisima Park. Wery’s estimates place the town either just above (597 total units with 409 at 30 units per acre) or a bit below (460 total units with 272 at 20 units per acre) the topline goal of 586 units.

If the “nonresidential sites strategy” proves unsuccessful, Wery said the town may need to reduce its minimum lot size or rezone single-family land to multifamily land.

Councilmember Kavita Tankha expressed concern about the feasibility of reaching the required numbers with the current list of sites, in the event some or all of them are rejected.

“What’s our backup?” she asked.

“That’s really the million-dollar question,” Wery replied. “Our RHNA doesn’t go down, it just goes somewhere else.”

The town isn’t completely out of the woods once HCD approves the housing element. With the Attorney General’s new Housing Strike Force and HCD’s Housing Accountability Unit, if cities aren’t making sufficient progress on meeting their housing num-

bers, they may be asked to update their housing element or lose local control midway through the cycle.

Generally, commenters and council members were pleased with the nonresidential-sites approach but wary of the RHNA requirements overall.

Planning Commissioner Jim Waschura pointed to nearby Portola Valley, which he said now faces the “calamity” of having to upzone single-family neighborhoods to meet its RHNA target of 253 units.

“None of us (residents) really want this to happen,” said Hills resident Betty Kayton. “I know we have to follow the law, but we can do it dragging our feet rather than willingly.”

Earlier this month, acting state auditor Michael S. Tilden published a report on HCD’s calculation process for RHNAs. The report argues that “HCD has not sufficiently reviewed and supported housing needs assessments.” However, the state auditor’s office does not have enforcement powers, nor can it order a department or agency like HCD to take any action.

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Looking back on your life, what are you most grateful for? (Asked in Los Altos)



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Dorothy Toulson



Meeting my wife.
Jonas Bordo



My husband and my three beautiful children.
Rosalind Bordo



Being a mom and now a grandmother.
Jacinda Torres



Having family and friends around me and enjoying life with good people.
Laura Chavarín



Marrying my husband and having a loving family.
Marge Bruno

Letters to the Editor and 'Other Voices'

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SB 9 and 10: Irresponsible dictates from Sacramento

By Thomas P. McReynolds

Los Altos Hills is unique among the nearly 500 cities in California. Some are similar, but all are different. These differences come from many factors.

In Los Altos Hills, we have two significant earthquake faults traversing our hilly landscape. These faults are crisscrossed by more fault lines. The geology of our hills includes many unstable soil conditions that are potentially fatal landslides.

We are a buffer between a wild, untamed, hilly brush and timber area called the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the more populated, flatter cities. In our recurring droughts, these wild, brushy hillsides represent a significant and explosive fire hazard that not only threaten us, but also the more densely populated cities adjacent to us.

These are only two major safety considerations for not only the people who live in our town, but the adjacent towns as well.

Safety considerations went into formulating the Los Altos Hills General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The plan was devel-

Other Voices

oped and deliberated on by some very knowledgeable individuals. One was a world-renowned geophysicist from the U.S. Geological Survey, another a professor of astrophysics and another a local land developer. As chairperson of the Planning Commission, I headed this committee, and its products were subject to several public hearings before adoption by the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission and City Council.

The plan considered the holding capacity of the town, its roadways and emergency escape routes to ensure the safety of residents, as well as providing recreational facilities. Our lot sizes made it possible to build without the risk of landslides and away from fault lines.

With the passage of State Senate Bill 9, residents of this town are now expected to expend major amounts of their own money through budget diversions and substantially increased fees to modify the town's character and disrupt our already fragile environment.

SB 10 is worse and would add

depressing, gray, square Pyongyang-style apartment structures into this unsafe mix.

To benefit whom?

Not the people who live in the Hills. They selected their homes based on the existing environment and zoning. These Sacramento dictates will destroy their property values.

Developers who do not and will not live here?

Or perhaps to suit Sacramento's campaign contributors?

For what? Hundreds of thousands are leaving this state annually.

Major wealth and productive citizens are leaving because of poor Sacramento policies, and Sacramento wishes to accelerate this exodus.

To observe that SB 9 and 10 are irresponsible is an understatement. Probably the brain power and knowledge of our General Plan Subcommittee exceeded that of the entire State Legislature.

We need to let cities decide their own future and elect representatives who actually represent the folks who elected them.

Thomas P. McReynolds is a Los Altos Hills resident and former mayor (1979-1980).



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'Everyone Is an Artist'



The Los Altos Public Arts Commission's "Everyone Is an Artist" event drew aspiring artists to the community center March 19, above, offering them the opportunity to express their creativity and learn more about the city's newly built center. One participant created a painting with a blue and yellow heart in the lower right-hand corner in honor of Ukraine, right. The commission had an artist on hand to provide a guided tutorial for painting an image of the Los Altos Heritage Orchard. The objective was to provide a community art engagement activity that promoted visual art appreciation.



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Rotarians hear inspiring stories about Polish people welcoming Ukrainians

By Marlene Cowan
Special to the Town Crier

Journalist and political scientist Adam Reichardt highlighted the generosity of the Polish people toward Ukrainian refugees in his presentation on "The Crisis in Ukraine: The View from Poland and Eastern Europe" at the Rotary Club of Los Altos meeting March 17.

Reichardt, who appeared via Zoom, is an American who has lived in Krakow, Poland, for 15 years. He has served as editor-in-chief of the bimonthly New Eastern Europe political news magazine for the past 10 years, offering a "view from the ground" focusing on Central and Eastern European events.

The current issue of the journal disseminates facts about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, despite the blackout of information inside Russia. The non-profit New Eastern Europe also produces the podcast "Talk Eastern Europe" to keep listeners apprised of Russia's war on Ukraine, which became free and independent upon the collapse

of the Soviet Union in 1991.

New Eastern Europe covers a wide range of topics including geopolitics, culture, social issues and economics, and it publishes in English. Initially, the magazine's leadership wasn't certain the Russians would actually attack Ukraine, so they titled the January-February issue "Tug of War?"

Reichardt described the rubble in eastern Ukraine as the result of the most unprecedented, large-scale conflict in Europe since World War II, adding that it appears Russian President Vladimir Putin did not expect such resistance from the Ukrainians. In Reichardt's view, the motivation for the attack was Putin's "delusions of grandeur," which prompted a "horrifying level of brutality." The photos snapped by his colleagues in Ukraine are now being collected to document the devastation for legal purposes.

While the war rages on inside Ukraine, the humanitarian crisis outside the country is also

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Community

Morning Forum explores how water is key to West's success, prosperity

By Nancy Ginsburg Gill
Special to the Town Crier

Stanford University Professor Emeritus David Kennedy highlighted the factors that led to the success of the American West and the forces now threatening that success, in his Morning Forum of Los Altos presentation, "How the West Was Won and What It Has to Lose," March 15.

Kennedy has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses on a wide array of history, politics and literature subjects. He is a Pulitzer Prize winner, recipient

of numerous teaching awards and founder of the Bill Lane Center for the American West.

The "single greatest shaper" of the West's phenomenal success, Kennedy explained, was the federal government. The transcontinental railroad that brought so many people and goods to the West, he said, "wouldn't have happened without enormous federal subsidies, land grants and loans."

Even more important, Kennedy said, was the government's role in water management. Explorer and geologist John Wesley

Powell recognized in the late-19th century that water management would be essential to make the West, whose interior is largely arid or desert, suitable for human habitation and agriculture. Water needed to be captured, saved and transported to ensure the West's prosperity. Because the federal government controlled so much western land, it was able to take on that enormous and expensive task.

Frances Newlands, a senator from Nevada, was instrumental in implementing Powell's vision. Kennedy noted. He sponsored the

1902 Reclamation Act, which put the federal government in charge of building dams and producing hydroelectric power.

In the decades to follow, the government built dams on all of the major rivers of the West and supported the irrigation systems that would move that water to the arid parts of the western states so that human communities and agriculture could flourish.

Unfortunately, Kennedy said, the dams built in the mid-20th century were "designed on premises that are no longer true ... and we are now discovering that there are physical limits to our ability to control nature."

Today, climate change and what the U.S. Geological Survey refers to as "the biggest drought in 1,200 years" have led to shorter winters and longer fire seasons. Lake Mead has dropped 160 feet below its historical norm. And, Kennedy warned, if it drops 16 more feet, it will no longer be able to generate hydroelectric power. If it drops another 150 feet, 40 million people will lose their access to drinking water.

Potential solutions

Banning lawns and car washing won't be sufficient to address the West's water needs, according to Kennedy, as more than 80% of managed water goes to agriculture.

Although it's been used extensively in a few wealthy countries such as Israel and Saudi Arabia, desalination is not a viable solution for the West, he added, "because the costs of construction and implementation are so great" – \$1,300 an acre-foot compared to the \$8 an acre-foot Central Valley farmers are used to paying.



Kennedy

Reclaiming water offers more promise, Kennedy said, if we can get people to overcome their fear of the "toilet to tap" concept.

Now that water access is a major concern throughout the West, many are blaming the politicians, which Kennedy finds ironic. After all, without government management and funding, water never would have been brought to the arid West, and population centers like Los Angeles would never have been possible.

Using a quote attributed to Mark Twain, "Whisky is for drinking, water is for fighting," Kennedy emphasized what's at stake for the West if residents don't become better at managing the decreasing supply of water.

People must operate on a

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overwhelming. As of last week, more than 10 million people had been displaced from their homes in Ukraine, including approximately 3.5 million who crossed into neighboring countries – 2 million to Poland, 491,000 to Romania, 350,000 to Moldova, 282,000 to Hungary and 228,000 to Slovakia.

In an effort to help the arriving refugees feel more comfortable, Polish schools have opened classrooms to Ukrainian teachers and students.

It is impressive how quickly the Polish people have organized to aid the displaced Ukrainians, according to Reichardt. Many have opened their homes, served food at train stations and collected clothing for those who fled from bombing with little but the clothes on their backs. They have offered piles of water bottles to the crowds, giant pots of

hot soup, private rides to distant cities – and free COVID tests.

To get facts out to the Russian population, Reichardt said, when Ukrainians capture Russian soldiers, they make them phone home and tell their parents the actual situation in Ukraine.

Many observers of the war fear Moldova may be the next casualty, he added.

For a list of resources and links compiled by New Eastern Europe to help organizations supporting Ukrainian refugees, visit neweasterneuropa.eu/2022/02/24/ukraine-under-attack-how-to-help.

To subscribe to the publication, visit neweasterneuropa.eu/subscribe. To donate, visit gofundme.com/manage/support-free-press-in-eastern-europe.

Marlene Cowan is a member of the Rotary Club of Los Altos. For more information, visit losaltosrotary.org.

Community

Music for Minors receives \$500K donation for education program

Town Crier Report

Music for Minors recently received a \$500,000 donation, the largest gift in its history, to support in-school music education programs.

The gift was made by an anonymous donor in memory of the nonprofit organization's late founder, Grace Johnston.

"This donation is made with great appreciation for the beautiful contributions Music for Minors continues to make for the lives and joy of children through music," the donor said. "I am sure Grace is cheering for you all."

Over the next three years, the new investment will be used to support advancement of MFM's strategic work with community partners and its vision of creating a world where all children receive music education at school.

"The board is overwhelmed and thankful for this individual's generosity," said MFM board co-chairperson Liz Rome. "It is especially gratifying as the gift came after a year of being in close communication with our CEO about MFM's next steps in fulfilling our vision. With this donation, we can continue to ex-

pand our reach, increase flexibility to address community needs and weather future challenges."

Founded in 1976 in Los Altos and celebrating its 45th anniversary year, MFM's mission is to nurture in children a lifelong love of music by providing standards-based music education programs in schools.

MFM partners with schools and districts to provide sustainable music education programs for children regardless of socioeconomic background, prioritizing 50% of its services in systematically underserved communities. Focusing solely on the critically formative elementary school years, its programs aim to build a solid developmental, behavioral and educational foundation to help students progress in all academic disciplines and into choral and instrumental music programs available in middle school and beyond.

Music for Minors currently serves 20,000 students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade, in 800 classrooms at 48 schools.

The organization is a longtime recipient of the annual Town Crier Holiday Fund.

For more information, visit mfm.org.

Commission hosts haiku contest

Town Crier Report

To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, the Los Altos Public Arts Commission is sponsoring a Hometown Haiku Contest.

Residents can submit haikus describing Los Altos and/or capturing the essence of the city.

Haiku is a form of poetry using 17 syllables across three lines.

Winners will receive gift cards from local businesses. Winning haikus and the top finalists will have their haikus displayed in Los Altos.

Entries will be judged in four age categories: 12 and under, 13-17, 18-64 and 65 and up.

Entrants must be a Los Altos resident or attend school or work in the city.

Email entries to lapac@losaltosca.gov. Include "haiku" in the subject line. Submissions are due by April 15. Winners will be announced April 29.

For more information on haiku writing, visit hsa-haiku.org/EducationalResources/writers-education.htm.

For more information on the contest, visit losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission/page/hometown-haiku-contest.

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regional basis and cut through the bureaucracy created by the 1,000-plus water agencies that currently have a say over water policy, Kennedy advised. If people want the West to continue to prosper, they must heed Powell's advice to manage water well.

Up next: Stanford professor Norman Naimark is scheduled to deliver the presentation "Putin and Ukraine" April 5.

Storyteller and conflict resolution expert Michael McRay is set to discuss "Conflict and Emotions: What Are They Trying to Tell Us?" April 19.

The Morning Forum of Los Altos is open to new members. It is again meeting in person at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., with the option to livestream.

For membership details and more information, visit morningforum.org.



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Community Briefs

First Friday activities scheduled – no foolin’

April’s First Friday festivities are scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday, April Fools Day, throughout downtown Los Altos.

Organizers encourage participants to have fun with the day by dressing up in “goofy” attire – mismatched socks and backward clothes, for example.

“We challenge you to see how many people you can make smile as you gallivant around the downtown to dine, dance, drink and shop, or meet up with

friends and family to listen to our amazing bands,” said organizer Jamie Lucia.

Sixteen bands are set to perform at various downtown spots, including NOS at Veterans Community Plaza, the Ames Jazz Band at the Assistance League, MVP at Round Robin consignment shop, Wandering Acoustics at The Post, Eurotrash at Chase Bank, TDM at BK Collections, Sunday Seven at Le Boulanger, House Band at Enchanté Boutique Hotel and Bobby Earle Band at Rustic House Oyster Bar & Grill.

Los Altos First Friday launched in 2011 as a project of Los Altos Mountain View Com-

munity Foundation to promote social vibrancy and increase foot traffic downtown.

To volunteer, email Lucia at dr.jamie@sbcglobal.net.

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

Assistance League hosts State St. Faire

The Assistance League of Los Altos is scheduled to host the State Street Faire Friday through Sunday at its downtown headquarters at 169 State St., with a sneak peek set for today.

The event will feature the sale of gently used vintage and high-quality goods, live music

and family activities throughout the weekend.

A preview event is scheduled 5-7 p.m. today for a \$20 donation at the door. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the collection of unique vintage items for sale – more than 200 hats, purses, clothing pieces and other items – in a relaxed environment. No sales or holds will occur at the preview.

The sale and activities launch Friday alongside April’s First Friday festivities, 5-9 p.m. throughout downtown. The 18-piece Ames Jazz Band will play live music at the Assistance League.

Music from The Song Gardeners, face painting, balloon creations and an interactive art wall for families are slated 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds from the State Street Faire will support the nonprofit Assistance League’s community programs in Santa Clara County, many of which help underserved children.

For more information, visit assistanceleague.org/los-altos.

Hoppin’ Hounds returns to the Hills

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Los Altos Hills’ annual Hoppin’ Hounds Easter Biscuit Hunt returns 9-10:30 a.m. April 16 at Westwind Community Barn in Byrne Preserve, 27210 Altamont Road.

The event – a fundraiser for Palo Alto Animal Services’ Pets In Need shelter – features an on-leash biscuit hunt for dogs in the preserve. PAAS provides animal rescue services to both Los Altos Hills and Los Altos, and runs the contracted no-kill shelter for found animals.

Suggested donation is \$10.

Those who can’t attend the event can make a donation of \$10 or more and town staff will arrange a socially distanced kit pickup April 15. The kit includes a bag of treats, a Hoppin’ Hounds Donor Dog Bandanna and a chance to win four large gift baskets.

Advance registration is required.

To register and for more information, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov/register.

Fundraiser for Ukraine set for April 30

The Areté Dance Center is scheduled to host the Rise Up Ukraine Benefit Festival, a fundraiser for the people of

Ukraine, 4-6:30 p.m. April 30 at the center, 979 Fremont Ave., Los Altos.

The event will feature Ukrainian baked goods, light appetizers, local wines, a silent auction, original art, information about the Ukrainian national dance (hopak) and dancing to live music performed by The Song Gardeners.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and donations are accepted. Funds raised will support the Palo Alto-based nonprofit Nova Ukraine’s humanitarian work in Ukraine.

For tickets and more information, visit aretedancecenter.com/ukrainian-fundraiser.

Seniors answer teens’ questions in program

Seniors and teens will convene for the Los Altos History Museum’s program “Everything Old Is New Again,” scheduled 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 9 both in person at the museum and via Zoom.

High school students who participated in the museum’s Teen Docent Program will conduct one-on-one conversations with some of the seniors featured in the museum’s current exhibition, “Every Wrinkle Tells a Story: Intertwining Lives.”

The exhibition of black-and-white photographs by artist Maud Daujean showcases local seniors who share, in taped interviews, their experiences living in early Silicon Valley and describe how the area has changed through the years.

With the idea that every generation can learn from previous generations, the format of the program allows teens the opportunity to ask questions of 65- to 90-year-old residents through casual conversation.

The discussion will address topics such as: What are teenagers curious about when it comes to older people? What was it like growing up as a young person decades ago? What’s better about being a teen now as opposed to then?

“Every Wrinkle Tells a Story” is on display in the museum’s Main Gallery through May 8. Daujean’s book, “Faces of Los Altos (Every Wrinkle Tells a Story),” is available for purchase at the Museum Store.

Admission to the program is free, and advance registration is required.

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FHDA Chancellor Judy Miner announces retirement in 2023 after 8 years in role

By Jennah Pendleton
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Foothill-De Anza Community College District Chancellor Judy Miner announced her intention to retire in September 2023 in an email to FHDA employees earlier this month. Her retirement comes after eight years as chancellor and 35 years with the district overall.

Miner's decision to retire is part of a plan she introduced last summer to "reimagine" FHDA. The project aims to make FHDA more student-centered and keep equity at the forefront of decisions.

"I was thinking about reinvention," Miner said of her plan, in an interview with the Town Crier last week. "It's not about hoping students will come back to campus – infrastructure needs to change. We need reaffirmation of values like success and student equity and inclusion."

Following months of contemplation on how to achieve the changes, Miner opted to retire as chancellor and allow a new generation to take over and implement them.

"I arrived at the conclusion that if I'm really serious about how much I love this district and want to see it move forward, I

needed to invite someone else to take the district to the next level," she said.

Despite her decision to step down, Miner will still be plenty busy following the transition next year, committing herself to staying involved in local community college leadership. She will continue to serve on the Silicon Valley Community Foundation board and as faculty for the Executive Leadership Academy of the Center for Studies in Higher Education at UC Berkeley, in addition to maintaining relationships with organizations such as Year Up and the Leading Change Institute.

Over the next year, Miner plans to work closely with the FHDA board to facilitate the process of hiring a new chancellor.

"I wanted to get the word out sooner rather than later because there is so much competition for this role," she said of her decision to make the announcement more than a year in advance. "We really want to encourage wonderful candidates to apply for this position."

While the board has yet to establish an official timeline for the hiring process, Miner has a pretty good idea of what she wants to accomplish in the next year and a half to ensure the success of the next chancellor, including developing affordable housing for students and staff, securing federal grants and strengthening FHDA workforce training.

She is currently honing her skills as a mentor as she advises the recently hired chancellor of City College of San Francisco. She also will serve as mentor for the incoming chancellor at FHDA.



Miner

Challenges ahead

According to Miner, the most pressing issue the new FHDA chancellor faces is funding.

"It's always budget and staffing," she said. "We are so underfunded in comparison to neighboring districts. We always

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Schools Briefs

Los Altos Library offers book clubs for kids

Registration is open for the Los Altos Library's book clubs for children, which meet in the Orchard Room of the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

The Page Turners Book Club for grades 4-6 will discuss "Out of My Mind" by Sharon M. Draper 4 p.m. April 19.

Second- and third-graders can join the Book Bugs Club, which will discuss "The Case of the Lost Boy" by Dori Hillestad Butler 4 p.m. April 20.

To register and to pick up copies of the books, drop by the children's desk.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/yc785d6b.

BCS students support Ukraine with bake sale

Bullis Charter School fourth-graders Dina Kanyshcheva, Tali Faradjev, Ella Feng, Allison Tseng and Sophie To organized a bake

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AJ Tutoring looks to level admissions playing field via MVLA Scholars collaboration

By Julia Whitehurst Roy
Special to the Town Crier

AJ Tutoring and MVLA Scholars, a program that provides financial support and academic mentorship for students in need of additional resources, marked four years of collaboration in January.

Through the relationship, low-income students in the Mountain View Los Altos High School District receive pro bono classes to help prepare for the SAT and ACT. The classes have helped more than 130 MVLA students who will be the first in their families to attend college. AJ Tutoring has offered similar free classes and support to 18 organizations and more than 1,000 students on the Peninsula and in the East Bay since 2016.

Students attend two-hour prep sessions in small groups across eight weeks with a tutor in AJ Tutoring's Los Altos or Mountain View offices. The prep helps the high-performing students compete for spots at competitive colleges on a

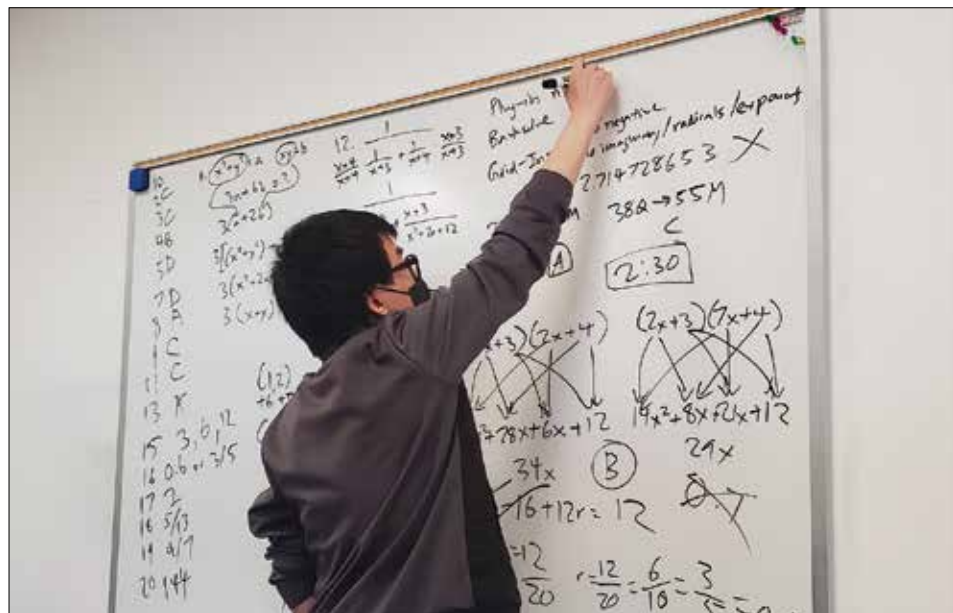
more equal basis and diminishes the disadvantages of economic adversity.

"It felt very low stress, yet I learned a lot," said an MVLA Scholar, whose name was withheld for privacy reasons. "I feel 10 times more prepared to take the SAT now, and it doesn't seem as scary."

Aaron Andrikopoulos and Joe Niederman founded AJ Tutoring in 2005 to provide tutoring in coursework and college-testing prep. As AJ Tutoring expanded across the Bay Area, Andrikopoulos and Niederman wanted to share their success by offering services to local, low-income students on a pro bono or reduced-cost basis. In 2021, AJ Tutoring provided more than 600 hours of free or reduced-cost academic and test prep tutoring.

AVID success

The program currently partners with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a program that offers professional training on how to close the achievement gap in schools, and other nonprofit organizations to provide in-



COURTESY OF JULIA WHITEHURST ROY

Tutors like Ryan Li, above, help students gain the academic skills necessary to succeed on the SAT or ACT in free classes offered by AJ Tutoring to local low-income students.

struction to underserved communities.

Approximately 45% of AJ Tutoring's team members participated in company-sponsored volunteer projects last year and plan to do more in-person events for the community this spring.

Lee Casem, an AVID teacher at Mountain View High, reported that the students were sorry that the course was over, and that junior AVID students who worked with AJ Tutoring preparing for

the SAT feel much more confident and ready to excel on the exam in May.

"They looked forward to the weekly classes, reporting back to us each Monday about how it was actually fun to learn test strategies and fulfilling to see their improvement," Casem said.

Tutor Ryan Li praised his students.

"The students show up every week

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Public Program

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Pinewood School student honored in Fitzgerald Museum's Literary Contest

By **Jennah Pendleton**
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Pinewood School junior Samantha Hsiung earned an honorable mention in the Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum's Literary Contest for her poem "chinatown pt. 2," one of only six entries to receive a prize from a pool of submissions from across the country and overseas.

Hsiung's winning poem – printed below – is based on the true news story of a 94-year-old Asian woman who was fatally stabbed last summer in San Francisco. Hsiung read the story when she was participating in a creative writing summer program. Although she had already begun working on the piece before learning the theme of this year's contest, "The Radiant Hour," which honors F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "The Beautiful and the Damned," Hsiung said her poem aligned with the theme because it illuminated a story that may have gone unnoticed by many people.

Written in an untraditional

structure, "chinatown pt. 2" uses slashes in the place of the typical line breaks to portray the violence of the subject matter. The lines toward the end of the poem that follow the description of the violent incident are uninterrupted by punctuation.

"It's like the poem itself is being stabbed in a way," said Hsiung, a Cupertino resident who works as an intern for the Town Crier. "At the end, I wanted the reader to feel like a hurricane was coming at them. And then at the very end when the slashes return again, I want the reader to slow down and really absorb everything that they read."

Hsiung admitted that she was not too familiar with "The Beautiful and the Damned" before she submitted her poem to the competition, but reading her poem – which contrasts the beauty of San Francisco's Chinatown with the horrific fate one of its residents was subject to – invokes a near literal interpretation of the book's title, one that



Hsiung

pairs with and also goes beyond Fitzgerald's 1922 meditation on disillusionment after World War I. Where Fitzgerald's characters are bored in the face of adversity and violence, Hsiung's protagonist is emboldened by it, vowing to set the city aflame until it can be recognized as something entirely new, free from hatred.

Inspiration

The teen's literary inspiration comes mainly from contemporary Asian-American writers

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chinatown pt.2

On June 16th of 2021, a 94-year-old Asian woman was stabbed by a man while on her way to a grocery store in San Francisco.

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need to look at whether we have the right people in the right places to best serve our students."

And though financial management will remain a top responsibility, Miner added that the new chancellor will need to recognize the changing needs of students, especially in a critical era in which equity and inclusion receive higher priority.

A key goal for the district – one that Miner said FHDA is making great progress on – is

expanding enrollment after the pandemic prompted a major dip. She also mentioned the strides the district is making in increasing transfer rates, while emphasizing the important role community colleges play beyond just providing a stepping stone toward a four-year degree.

"We teach our students resilience, and they leave us with a moral compass," she said. "I want them to feel a responsibility as educated members of the community."

While Miner's post-chancellor calendar may appear full for

someone headed toward retirement, she does have plans to enjoy herself. A lifelong lover of the opera, Miner will dedicate time to travel around the world to enjoy her favorite opera companies as they re-emerge from the pandemic. She is more than an opera buff, however – she plans to sing a piece for the De Anza College music department faculty recital this spring.

In future issues, the Town Crier will cover the hiring process for a new chancellor and review Miner's 35-year career with FHDA.

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eager to learn and impress,” Li said. “It’s not easy to admit that you have the wrong answer in front of your peers, but I have seen everyone’s confidence grow by their level of participation. My hope is that stu-

dents will not just do well on their SATs, but also use the test-taking techniques they have learned lifelong.”

For more information, visit ajtutoring.com and mvlascolars.org.

Julia Whitehurst Roy is a member of the MVLA Scholars board and serves on the organization’s Career Launch Team.

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sale fundraiser on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View Sunday, with proceeds supporting Nova Ukraine, an organization that provides humanitarian relief in Ukraine.

The girls’ plan originated during recess at school, as one of them has relatives in Ukraine. The group organized and conducted planning meetings online throughout the two weeks leading up to the fundraiser. The Sugar Kitties, as they nicknamed themselves, offered homemade sugar cookies,

chocolate chip cookies, lemon cakes, banana bread, egg tarts, brownies, protein muffins, three varieties of cupcakes (including a vegan option) and freshly squeezed lemonade, ultimately raising \$1,044.

In addition to planning another bake sale, they hope to inspire others to contribute to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. According to mother Candace Kuo, the girls took the undertaking so seriously that they did not allow themselves to indulge in any pastries or lemonade until their parents paid for them.

To donate to Nova Ukraine directly, visit novaukraine.org.

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Ocean Vuong and K-Ming Chang. She said she wasn’t interested in writing poetry before discovering Vuong’s “prosey” work, which exposed her to an entirely new style. Hsiung, who is Taiwanese and Chinese, also found inspiration in Chang’s work that explores being of mixed heritage.

Despite only being “serious” about writing for two years, Hsiung has already been published several times. In fact, “chinatown,” the companion to her contest-winning poem, was published in the Rising Phoenix Review in March 2021. She is also president of Pinewood’s creative writing club and will serve

as editor-in-chief of the school’s newspaper, The Perennial. She has contributed several stories to the Town Crier as an intern.

Beyond high school, Hsiung is torn between majoring in English, creative writing or journalism, but for now, she plans to keep submitting work to competitions and encouraging others to write. She said she’s excited to teach writing workshops to elementary school students with her creative writing club in the coming months, with a goal to inspire a love for English, a passion she did not discover until she was nearly a teenager.

“I think at a certain point you start digging deeper and figuring out so much more about text other than just the technical things,” she said.



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Sports

Sports on the Side

St. Francis' Pompei named honor coach

St. Francis High's **Sami Pompei** is the 2021-22 Central Coast Section Winter Sport Honor Coach for girls basketball. The Pinewood School grad has coached for 10 years, hired by St. Francis in 2017 after five years at Los Gatos. Pompei has guided three teams to the CCS finals. Off the court, she volunteers at Hope's Corner homeless shelter, is the freshman/sophomore class adviser and the adviser of the Walking in Light Club, which offers support to students dealing with the loss of a parent or one with a serious illness.

Color Run slated Saturday at LAHS

Los Altos High's sixth annual Color Run, a major fundraiser for the school's athletic programs, is scheduled Saturday. Race day registration starts at 9 a.m., and the community 5K fun run – featuring music, color checkpoints and prizes for the fastest times – begins at 10 a.m. (families and strollers welcome). Awards and games follow the on-campus run. Early registration is set for 2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday at the school. Registration fees, which include a T-shirt, are \$35 adults, \$20 high school students, \$10 children ages 6-13 and free for children under 6. To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/2p6mnfa3.

Family fun run set for Sunday at Baylands

All are welcome to run, walk or push a stroller at the Down by the Bay 5K and Tot Trot slated Sunday morning at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale. The event benefits Mountain View Parent Nursery School, a parent cooperative preschool serving Los Altos and Mountain View. The Tot Trot is a 0.5K course for kids 8 and younger, with their parents if needed. The 5K is a timed race open to all. To register, visit downbythebay5k.org.

First race, first place

Despite never racing before, LA resident wins women's division of Napa Valley Trail Marathon

By **Pete Borello**
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Most runners preparing for a marathon enter shorter races to gain experience and test their endurance. Then there's Leia Shen.

The Los Altos resident said she had never participated in a race of any kind before competing in the 30th annual Napa Valley Trail Marathon March 19. And despite not being a runner growing up in China – “I never was athletic,” the 48-year-old said – she finished first among the women and fourth overall.

Shen completed the rugged 26.2-mile course – which required navigating hills, streams and rocks on single-track trails in Bothe-Napa Valley State Park – in 3 hours, 54 minutes and 7 seconds. Her age-graded time, which takes into account a runner's age and gender, was even more impressive. Calculated at 3:23:23, it was the best among all the participants.

Shen's success – which she described as “thrilling” and “shocking” – had little, if anything, to do with beginner's luck. Shen came ready to run.

The four months leading up to the race, Shen said she ran 40-

50 miles per week. She got up at 5 a.m. five days a week to run at either Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, the Stanford Dish loop trail or Shoreline Park. Although it was dark, often cold and coyote encounters were routine – “but they left me alone,” she said – a determined Shen enjoyed her training. It was cathartic.

“It was hard not to get depressed with everything going on, and running gave me a boost of energy during the pandemic,” said Shen, who took up running just five years ago.

Shen started the race with a burst of energy, springing to the front of the pack.

“I led the race in the first 10 minutes – a straight-up climb (similar to) the Dish,” she said. “However, I was a bit concerned that I went too fast, as my goal was to finish and never dreamed of winning.”

That's when Shen applied the breaks, deliberately slowing down, she said, to allow three young men to pass her. That left her neck-and-neck with 46-year-old Melissa Haworth, an experienced marathoner, for about 10 minutes. Then Shen made her move, passing the Sacramento resident, because “I didn't want to hold myself (back) any longer.”



ALAN SHEN/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos resident Leia Shen, who had never entered a race before the March 19 Napa Valley Trail Marathon, won the women's division and placed fourth overall at the 30th annual event.

After putting some distance between herself and Haworth – who finished 25 minutes behind her for second place among the women and seventh overall – Shen made 18-year-old Julius Villanueva of Fairfield work to retain his third position.

“I was on his heels,” Shen said, “and I got ahead of him a few times.”

Shen kept close to Villanueva until the last half mile; he surged ahead to beat her by 53 seconds.

Not that it really mattered to Shen.

“This race wasn't about the performance,” said Shen, who re-

ceived a handbag for winning the women's division. “It was about showing my kids you can hit any goal you set your mind to.”

If there was any luck involved with Shen's marathon experience, it would have to do with her entry in the event. This wasn't the race she intended to sign up for late last year.

“A friend of mine had done the Napa Valley Marathon, so I was searching for that and picked the first one I found,” Shen said. “I had no clue until my husband said, ‘You picked the trail one.’ So, I just did it.”

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St. Francis celebrates college-bound seniors



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St. Francis High last month honored eight more seniors who have committed to play a sport in college next school year. Pictured, from left: Nico Andrighetto (football, University of Michigan), Neil Chulani (tennis, Pomona College), Caroline Kane (soccer, Princeton University), Matthew Karic (football, Bucknell University), Layne Kohler (soccer, University of Chicago), Clayton Lynam (football, UC Davis) Ella Norris (volleyball, Tufts University) and Lauren Scheffler (volleyball, New York University). In total, 30 St. Francis senior athletes have committed to colleges; the others were recognized at similar on-campus events held in November and December.

Mtn. View, Los Altos softball teams open league slates with mixed results

By **Pete Borello**
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Before the season began, Mountain View High softball coach Xavier Cook said he liked his team but worried about one component vital to success.

“We're solid at every position except for pitching,” he said. “We just don't have the pitching of the past. It's going to be an uphill battle (without that), especially in the De Anza.”

A month into the season, Cook's concerns have been realized. After 14 games, the Spartans have allowed an average of nearly eight runs per contest, and their 5-8-1 overall record includes an 0-2 start in the SCVAL De Anza Division.

Prep Sports Summary

Mountain View opened league with a 17-3 home loss to Los Gatos March 23 and fell 5-4 at Wilcox Friday. Bella Sullivan and Sabrina Hernandez each had three hits and an RBI against Wilcox.

The Spartans host Fremont 4 p.m. Friday.

Los Altos split its first two De Anza Division games last week. The Eagles edged visiting Homestead 3-2 in their March 23 opener and fell 8-2 at Milpitas Friday.

Emeline Gaunce recorded three hits and an RBI against Homestead; Sophia Asar earned the win. Paola Lara-Espinoza notched three hits versus Milpitas

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and Alysandra Barrios had two.

The Eagles (6-6-1 overall) host Los Gatos 4 p.m. today.

St. Francis' dominance continued last week, with the Lancers blanking both Los Gatos and Westmont by scores of 12-0. The undefeated Lancers have outscored their five non-league opponents 55-1.

Claire Turner, Jessica Oakland and Sydney Stewart all homered against visiting Los Gatos March 22. Shannon Keighran and Kate Munnerylyn combined on the shutout.

Stewart and Oakland also slugged homers at Westmont Friday. Keighran earned her second win of the week, striking out five and allowing three hits over three innings.

Boys lacrosse

Los Altos last week beat Palo Alto for the first time in nine years, prevailing 14-10 at

home March 22.

"This was a great statement win for the program," coach Brent Tovrea said in a statement to the Town Crier. "I believe it will propel the team on to greater things as we enter the second half of the season."

The win, coupled with Thursday's 14-4 rout of Mountain View, put the Eagles at 3-2 in the De Anza Division and 5-2 overall.

Tyler Crissman led Los Altos with 10 goals last week and Owen Lee added seven.

Baseball

Los Altos will try to snap its four-game losing streak when it visits Los Gatos 4 p.m. today in the first of two De Anza Division games against the Wildcats.

"During the four-game winning streak, a lot of things were going our way, and during this losing streak, almost everything is going against us," said coach Gabe Stewart, whose Eagles host Los Gatos 4 p.m. Friday. "We just need the hitting, the pitching and the defense

to perform well at the same time and make the plays we need."

The Eagles last week dropped a two-game series with Wilcox – 12-1 March 23 and 11-6 Friday – and then lost a non-league contest to visiting Half Moon Bay 4-2 Saturday. Two of the Cougars' runs were unearned.

Cole Rafferty, Adam Stothard and Stuart Cash all hit doubles Saturday for Los Altos (2-2 league, 5-8 overall).

Mountain View swept Los Gatos last week, prevailing 8-4 and 7-3 to even its De Anza Division record at 2-2 and improve to 8-3 overall.

Track and field

Freshman Hannah Rutherford led the Mountain View girls to a third-place finish at Saturday's Fremont Firebird Relays. She won the 400-meter dash (56.04 seconds) and finished second in the 100 dash (12.42). Julia Gentin added a win in the 3,200 run (11:32.18).

Evan Markelz paced the Mountain View boys by placing second in the 3,200 (9:41.11).

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While Shen said her four months of training – comprising 80 runs and more than 600 miles – prepared her well for the challenging course, she wasn't ready for everything.

"Half of the people were wearing gloves, and I wondered why. Then I understood why – you have to use your hands to hold on to things," she said. "It was crazy. It's very narrow and you had to go through creeks. You had to be very careful and very alert. Without the training, if I had slipped, that would have been it."

Shen didn't complete the course unscathed, however.

"I twisted my ankle a little bit and I cramped afterward," she said three days after the race. "I'm still aching, still recovering."

That won't stop Shen from running again – "I want to get back to the Dish as soon as possible," she said – but only recreationally.

"My kids asked me if I would do another race," said the daughter of rocket scientists. "I probably won't; I want to find another challenge."

In the meantime, Shen intends to turn her attention back to the business she runs with her husband, Alan.

"For 16 weeks, I really couldn't focus on anything (but the race)," she said. "I am grateful he gave me the time to train and focus."

Prep sports schedule for March 30-April 5

Baseball

Today

Los Altos at Los Gatos, 4 p.m.
Homestead at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Friday

Los Gatos at Los Altos, 4 p.m.
Mountain View at Homestead, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Aragon at Mountain View, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

St. Francis at Serra, 4 p.m.

Softball

Today

Los Gatos at Los Altos, 4 p.m.

Thursday

St. Francis vs. Santiago in Michelle Carew Classic (Anaheim), 11 a.m.

Friday

Los Altos at Wilcox, 4 p.m.

Fremont at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Mountain View at Cupertino, 4 p.m.

Track & field

Today

St. Francis vs. Bellarmine and Presentation at Bellarmine, 3 p.m.

Mountain View at Cupertino, 3:30 p.m.

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Los Altos, Mountain View and St. Francis at Stanford Invitational, TBA

Boys lacrosse

Thursday

Palo Alto at Mountain View, 7 p.m.

Bellarmino at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

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Los Altos at Los Gatos, 6 p.m.

Girls lacrosse

Today

Wilcox at Mountain View, 4 p.m.

Mitty at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

Friday

Los Altos at Saratoga, 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart Prep at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

Monday

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Boys tennis

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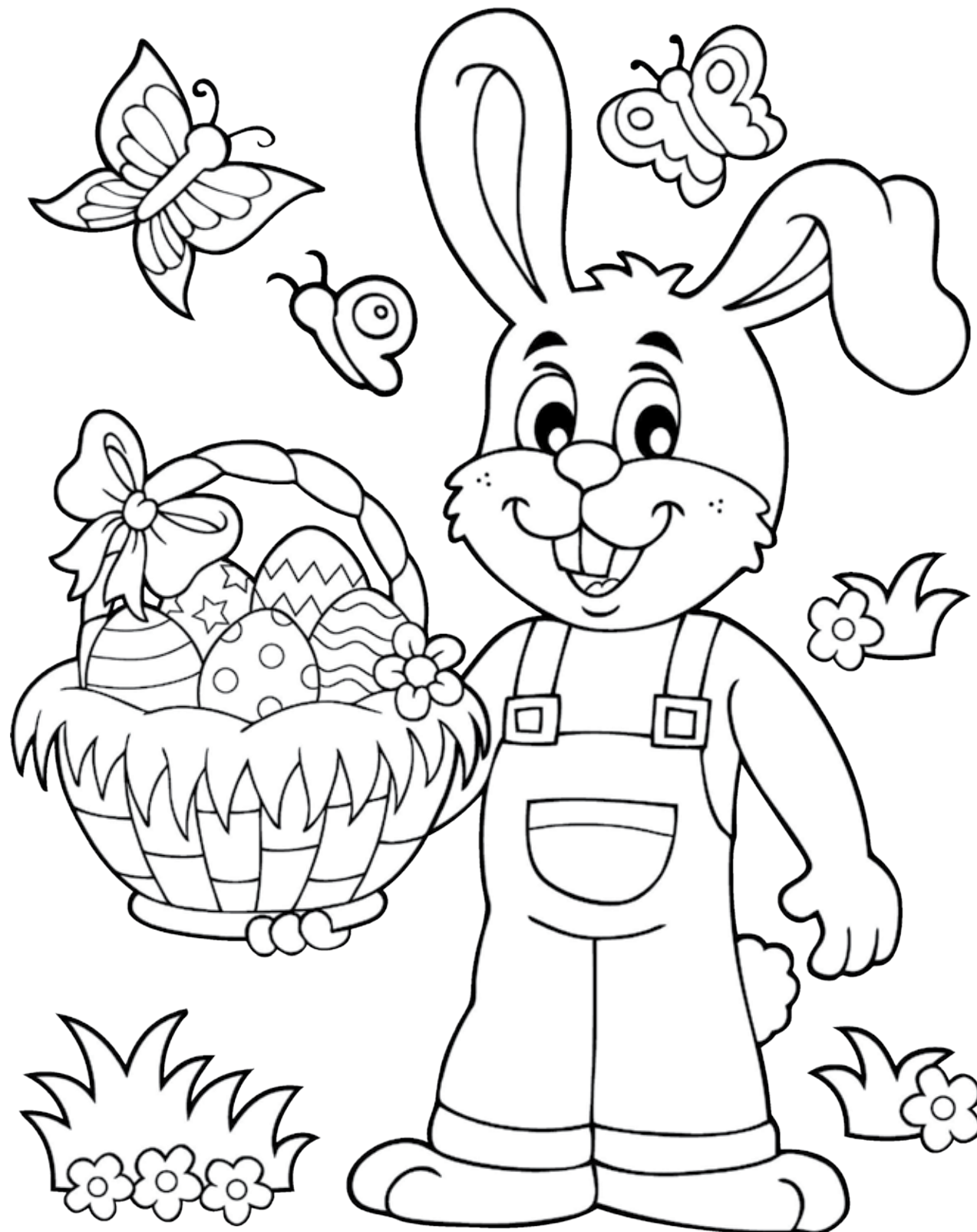


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Realtor's perspective: Falling in love with your home again

By Nicole Colclough
Special to the Town Crier

I'm willing to bet you've never spent as much time at home as you have these past 700-plus days. So maybe it's time to undertake that long overdue home makeover, replace the furniture you've secretly loathed or tackle that garage reorganization.

The silver lining in the work that awaits is that you've been gifted the opportunity of time at home to knock out projects that have been nagging you for ages.

An appetite for decorating has replaced date nights, weekends away and trips to the mall. Money that may have been saved on commuting, happy hours and dining out is being poured back into at-home projects and updates. Instead of investing in a new seasonal wardrobe, people are spending on their living spaces.

New life into old spaces

Following are easy, practical tips to help breathe new life into old living spaces.

• **Clear the clutter.** Set a timer for 15 minutes and turn your attention to the one room in your home that is creating

the most stress. If you don't use it, need it or love it, it's clutter. Let it go. That unopened stack of mail on the kitchen counter, those books you've pulled off the shelf to read or that pile of laundry hanging over the Peloton – take 15 minutes and tackle each one of the clutters. Enjoy the lightness that comes from having those items off your to-do list.

• **Edit.** Once you've decluttered, start the editing process. If you don't love something, remove it. My challenge to you: Find 10 things in your spaces and donate them, give them away or repurpose them. This can include anything from wall hangings to furniture, light fixtures and pillows.

• **Shop your home.** Make the most of what you have and have some fun rearranging and switching things up. Look at your home as a challenge to solve rather than a problem. Think of creative solutions to the things that bother you. Rearrange the living room sofas, flip around two chairs, move a side table to a different setting. Add an area rug, or layer several area rugs. Add a throw blanket to the foot of the bed or that accent chair. Rotating the smaller pieces and accessories can change the look and feel of the entire space.



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Adding vibrant art that makes you happy can make the less exciting parts of your home, like the bathroom, more inviting and joyful.

• **Check functionality.** Assess how your home is supporting the way you live in it. Maybe there's something you use every day but you are constantly walking up or down the stairs to retrieve it, your coffee maker is in a spot that's hard to reach or your desk is shoved in a dark corner and your office chair is uncomfortable. These small daily nuisances are likely making you resentful of your space. If something in your space isn't functioning well, fix it.

• **Make your bedroom a sanctuary.**

Make your bedroom more inviting and comfortable by adding accents. Upgrade your linens, clean off and restyle your nightstands. Replace your pillows, and add a cozy new throw blanket to give your bed or corner chair a new look. Invest in a diffuser and candle so the room smells like your favorite space or hotel suite.

• **Highlight what makes you happy.** Find the things that bring you the most joy and put them front and center in your

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Plant native bulbs for a blooming seasonal surprise pollinators adore

By Tanya Kucak

The element of surprise is an unappreciated part of gardening. If you spend time in your garden regularly, you're bound to discover new delights.

One way to design this element into your garden is to plant native bulbs. Even if you know where they're planted and you look for them every day, it's still a gift to see the first bloom. Because dryland bulbs need to stay dry when they go dormant in summer and fall, you can plant them under or near oaks or summer-dry shrubs. Bulbs are outstanding pollinators and habitat plants, need minimal maintenance and live a long time.

Spring is the time to research which bulbs you want, whether to plant them in the garden or in containers and where to

Native Plants

find them. Calscape lists native nurseries where each species might be available, and many Dutch bulb growers have long been cultivating a few California natives.

Order bulbs in summer for best choice and discounts. The bulbs will be delivered in the fall. Plant the bulbs in October or November to take advantage of winter rains. Flowering occurs between late winter and early summer and generally lasts several weeks. After the blooms fade, let the leaves die back naturally to feed the bulbs. (Never cut back green leaves from bulbs!) Most bulbs need to stay dry all summer and fall until the rainy season returns.

Growing bulbs in pots is a



Triteleia ixioides (golden brodiaea), left, grows in coniferous forests. In gardens, it likes moist areas with good drainage in part shade. Tritelleia laxa 'Queen Fabiola' (Ithurial's Spear), right, has blue umbels on a 1- to 2-foot stem, tolerates clay soils and takes sun to light shade.

good way to add variety to a small garden. You can put containers on display when they're in bloom and move them where they can be dry

once they go dormant.

Use a well-drained potting mix, plant to the correct depth (twice the depth of the bulb size) and avoid using animal

manures, which can promote fungal diseases that rot the bulbs.

Nancy Gilbert, co-founder of

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home. Don't save your favorites and best for special occasions. Whether you bring out the fine china, invest in artwork or knit a new throw, purposely add something beautiful to a frequently used part of your home.

• **What's on your walls?** Brightening up your walls with artwork is an easy solution. Try moving paintings to different walls, test out different arrangements if you have a gallery wall and update photo galleries with family shots. Try pairing family photos with paintings, or even framed works of art by your children.

• **Add flowers and plants.** Add a bit of mint or rosemary plant in the kitchen or some suc-

culents out on the porch. Place a bright bouquet of flowers in a favorite vase on the kitchen island or coffee table to liven up a space. Pick flowers such as roses, gardenias or lilies that smell heavenly.

• **Restyle your front porch.** Clean up and restyle your front porch or doorstep. Add a wreath on the entrance door, invest in colorful pots and plants or change out your seasonal decor.

• **Light things up.** Rooms feel bigger and have better ambience when you use at least three light sources in a room. Adding lighting to a space makes a world of a difference. A table lamp or floor lamp are great options.

• **Paint a wall.** Painting a single wall can create a focal point for a room or add an un-

expected pop of color, especially if you have any oddly shaped rooms that you want to help define better. It doesn't have to be a big wall. It doesn't even have to be an entire wall. Experiment with wall colors to liven up your space. If you don't like it, you can change it back.

• **Add a scent.** Create an inviting ambience by adding a scent with candles, wax melters or diffusers. Our sense of smell is vital to our feelings of well-being and quality of life. It influences our mood, how long we stay in a room, who we talk to and who we want to see again.

Nicole Colclough was previously a small business owner in downtown Los Altos and now works in real estate. For more information, visit nicolecolclough.com.

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Far West Bulb Farm, suggests using a low-nitrogen liquid tomato fertilizer, lining the bottom of the pot with heavy-duty landscape fabric to keep bulbs from escaping through the pot's holes and lightly mulching. Add screen mesh or hardware cloth on top of dormant pots to keep rodents from digging up bulbs. Gilbert advises repotting every three to four years.

California has more than 200 species of native bulbs and corms. A few of the easier and more adaptable ones include:

• **Allium unifolium** (single-leaf onion), which tolerates clay soil and can grow with no summer water or near irrigated areas.

• **Chlorogalum pomeridianum** (soap plant), which tolerates saturated soils in winter but needs well-drained soil and little or no water in summer. It

is adaptable to clay soils and rocky soils. Its airy 3- to 6-foot flowering stalk has small white flowers that open near dusk, attracting moths and late-flying bumblebees. Each flower lasts one night. Brodiaea, Tritoleia and Dichelostemma are related corms.

• **Tritoleia laxa** 'Queen Fabiola' (Ithuriel's Spear), which has deep-blue umbels on a 1- to 2-foot stem, tolerates clay soils and takes sun to light shade.

• **Dichelostemma ida-maia** (firecracker flower), which has clusters of tubular red flowers atop a stem less than 2 feet high and likes part shade with no summer water.

• **Brodiaea elegans** (harvest brodiaea), which has large violet flowers on stalks less than 2 feet high and likes sunny locations but tolerates heavy soils and some summer water.

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Stepping Out

Making 'Sense'

TheatreWorks stages musical at Lucie Stern

Town Crier Report

Author Jane Austen's story of two resilient sisters comes to life on stage in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's production of "Sense and Sensibility," slated to run through Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

Directed by TheatreWorks founding artistic director Robert Kelley, this regional premiere opened last week. The story follows sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood through their abrupt change in fortune after their father's untimely death and ensuing romantic trials, events that test and affirm their bonds of sisterhood.

The musical features book, music and lyrics by Paul Gordon, whose "Pride and Prejudice" broke box office records when it premiered at TheatreWorks in 2019. Gordon also received a Tony Award nomination for composing the music and lyrics for the acclaimed Broadway musical "Jane Eyre," staged at TheatreWorks in 2003.

In addition to those helping backstage, TheaterWorks has assembled a cast of local and national performers for its production of the play.

Re-creating a previous role played in the world premiere production, Sharon Rietkerk returns to TheatreWorks as the older Dashwood sister, Elinor.



KEVIN BERNE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Sharon Rietkerk, left, and Antoinette Comer star as sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood in the musical "Sense and Sensibility," running through Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre.

Antoinette Comer makes her TheatreWorks debut as Marianne. Comer performed on Broadway in "Mamma Mia!" and has been seen in The Town Hall's concert of "Into the Woods" and Off-Broadway in "Smokey Joe's Cafe" and "Sistas: The Musical."

Nick Nakashima and Melissa WolfKlain return to TheatreWorks as John and Fanny Dashwood, the sisters' brother and sister-in-law.

Darrell Maorris Jr. debuts at TheatreWorks as Edward Ferrars, Fanny's brother and Elinor's friend.

The cast also includes Sonya Balsara (as Lucy Steele), Noel Anthony (Colonel Brandon), Hunter Ryan Herdlicka (Willoughby), Lucinda Hitchcock Cone (Mrs. Jennings) and Colin Thomson (Lord John Middleton).

"Sense" features music direction by William Liberatore, scenic design by Joe Ragey, cos-

tume design by Fumiko Bielefeldt, lighting design by Steven B. Mannshardt and sound design by Jeff Mockus. Randall Lum serves as stage manager, with Emily Anderson Wolf and Amy Smith Goodman as assistant stage managers.

Shows are slated 2 and 7:30 p.m. today, 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets start at \$30.

COVID-19 health and safety requirements include proof of complete vaccination and masks for all staff and audience members while inside the theater. Patrons who are legally exempted from vaccination must contact the box office at least four days prior to attending their performance.

"Sense" also will be offered via video streaming.

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

Pocket Opera brings 'Merry Widow' to MV

Town Crier Report

The Pocket Opera production of Franz Lehár's "The Merry Widow" comes to Mountain View for a matinee performance this weekend.

The romantic operetta is scheduled 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

With one of the largest fortunes in all of Europe, Anna Glawari is the most eligible widow in Paris, and dozens of suitors try to waltz their way into her heart.

Jennifer Ashworth stars as Anna. The cast also includes Orson Van Gay II (as Count Danilo), Lee Strawn (Baron Zeta), Kevin Gino (Camille), Ellen Leslie (Valencienne), Wayne Wong (Njegus), Pete

Shoemaker (Kromov), Glenn Healy (Bogdanovitch), Andrew Metzger (St. Brioché), Sam Faustine (Cascada), Nick Volkert (Pritschitsch), Jennifer Mitchell (Sylviane), Caroline Flett (Olga), Elana Cowen (Praskowia), Natalie Buck-Bauer (Margo) and Dian Meechai (Lulu).

David Drummond serves as music director and Michael Mohammed as stage director.

The performance runs 2 hours and 40 minutes. Due to the subject matter, patrons must be age 12 or over to attend. Masks are required.

Tickets are \$69 general admission, \$62 seniors (62 and over) and \$25 for those 30 and under.

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Business & Real Estate

Real estate prices keep soaring

By Owen Halliday

Real estate prices continue to climb in Los Altos and beyond. Prices in Santa Clara County are rising at a robust rate, according to data compiled by Oculist, which tracks MLS sales. Locally, median prices on single-family homes sold through the MLS are up 86% in Los Altos Hills and 12% in Los Altos compared to the same time last year.

Q: Why are prices climbing so dramatically?

A: A combination of factors.

- **Declining inventory.** Traditionally, January starts off with less inventory than the prior year, and this year is no different in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, Oculist reported.
- **Pent-up demand from the early days of the pandemic.**
- **Low interest rates.** Yes, they are heading up, but they are still rather low compared to historical numbers. It wasn't that long ago that interest rates were in double digits.
- **Stock market wealth.** Many local

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buyers work for tech companies that have seen rather dramatic growth in their stocks the past few years.

Q: Will this trend change?

A: Probably not dramatically, though rising interest rates will make borrowing money more expensive, which may impact demand a bit. Forces outside the local market – the war in Ukraine, inflation, politics, etc. – could impact prices, but it's just too early to tell.

I expect prices to continue to rise through 2022.

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KATHERINE SIMPSON/TOWN CRIER

Chinelo Design has moved from the back side of State Street to the front.

Plants, parklets spring up on Los Altos' State Street

By Katherine Simpson
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

Spring on State Street is blooming with the addition of a new location for Chinelo Design and construction of two new parklets.

Chinelo Design relocates

After three years in downtown Los Altos, the plant shop Chinelo Design finally has a prominent storefront on State Street.

Now at 237 State, the former home of Papillon Boutique, Chinelo Design was initially a pop-up shop located on the back side of State, facing a parking lot.

"We've been trying for a while to get a space on one of the main streets ... but it was a little hard and complicated," said Raymundo Maldonado, owner of Chinelo Design. "But now we're pretty happy to finally achieve our goal and land here."

Although he's only been in the new space for a few weeks, Maldonado is jumping in, raising the shop's profile by hosting Alameda Island Brewing during the St. Paddy's Beer Stroll March 17.

"A lot of people that were coming in to do the tasting were very excited and surprised that out of nowhere this plant store popped up," Maldonado said. "When we tell them that we've been part of the community for a while, they're, like, 'Oh' – they're a bit surprised."

Chinelo Designs is known for its orchid arrangements but provides broader services as a self-described "plant and

Comings & Goings

pots store." Maldonado said more clients are aware of Chinelo's non-orchid offerings, texting him with questions about their plants or branching out to try different flora.

"A lot of people are remodeling their homes right now, so we've been doing a lot of beautiful indoor plants with containers," he said.

For more information on Chinelo Design, visit chinelodesign.com.

Parklets pop up

State Street's Manresa Bread and Boba Guys both began construction on parklets last week.

Although details are scant as to when the outdoor spaces will be fully operational, the areas will provide expanded outdoor dining and seating options along the downtown corridor.

Manresa's parklet extends into neighboring Linden Tree Books' storefront area, meaning that pastry eaters may also avail themselves of the live outdoor author events planned in front of the bookshop this spring. Linden Tree events manager Mary Sheila McMahon said owners Florina Grosskurth and Chris Saccheri are "very excited to have more space outside."

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Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market slated to start season April 21

Town Crier Report

The Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market is scheduled to return for the season next month, this year opening two weeks earlier and closing two weeks later.

The market will be open 4-8 p.m. Thursdays from April 21 through Oct. 13 along State Street. The Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association will be operating the market in cooperation with the Los Altos Village Association, with support from the city of Los Altos.

"The community often asks us about having the market run longer, maybe even year-round. Opening the market two weeks earlier and closing it two weeks later is a start of the process," said Scott Hunter, executive director of the Los Altos Village Association. "If the community embraces the extension, and we continue to have support from

farmers/vendors, we will look to expand more in the coming years."

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian is set to appear at a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening this year's market 4 p.m. April 21. He will then host his "Sidewalk Office Hours" 4-5 p.m.

The markets feature fresh, area-grown fruits and vegetables, cheeses, honey, baked goods, gourmet foods, flowers and live entertainment.

Among the two dozen regional vendors participating are Apricot King from Hollister with apricots, Allard Farms from Westley with stone fruit, Achadinha Cheese of Petaluma with award-winning cheeses, Rodriguez Farms from Watsonville with strawberries and Iacopi Farms from Half Moon Bay with spring peas and

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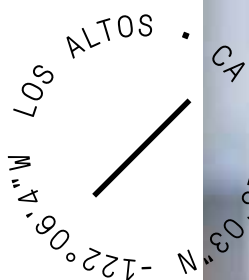
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HyperSpace blasts off

New arcade on State Street brings video games from the past & new tech to downtown Los Altos

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos Community Investment's latest project, a multipurpose arcade and party space, combines nostalgia with modern technology in a "playground" for all ages.

Located at the former site of the Los Altos Glass Factory at 127 State St., HyperSpace punctuates its high-tech offerings with homages to the past through mosaic depictions of classic arcade games like Pac-Man, and cinder block murals to come paying tribute to the building's original use.

In addition to the traditional trappings of an arcade – claw machines, Skee-Ball and Dance Dance Revolution – HyperSpace boasts multiplayer virtual-reality game stations, a gaming console room for social playing, a

photo booth and private karaoke rooms. The miniature golf green in front of the building announces that HyperSpace is more than an arcade, staff told the Town Crier.

Like a traditional arcade, customers will be able to accrue points and earn prizes based on their scores; however, unlike a classic arcade, HyperSpace has implemented a reusable card system to pay for games and track points. Players also will be able to use any existing cards and points from the now-closed Area 151 arcade.

According to a statement from LACI, "HyperSpace aims to embody the laid-back spirit of Los Altos, offering the community a fun and engaging place to connect with friends, family and colleagues."

During its soft-opening peri-



PHOTOS BY KATHERINE SIMPSON/TOWN CRIER

HyperSpace, an arcade and party space on State Street, features new and old games. The business is open four days a week during its soft opening.

od, HyperSpace's hours are 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 2-8 p.m. Fridays to Sundays. Extended hours will be announced next month.

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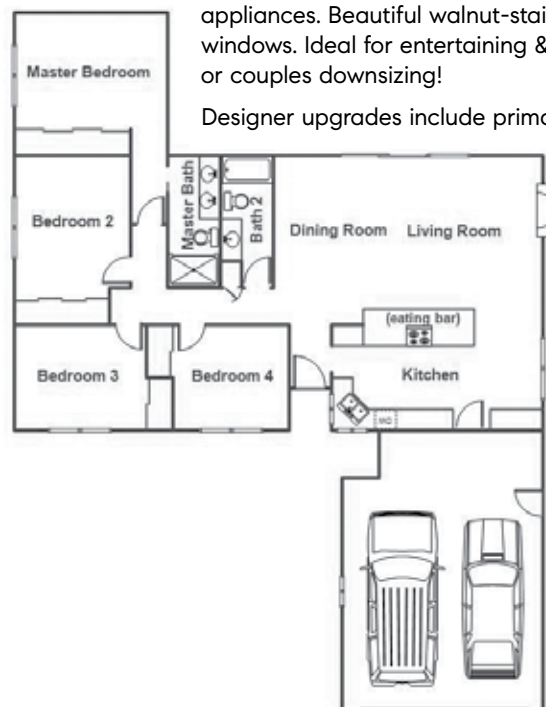
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This beautifully remodeled executive home is nestled on a private area near parks and top schools! This exquisite 1,480+/-sf open floor plan on one level, includes 4 spacious bedrooms, including a lovely primary suite with large closet! Also features 2 designer baths, combined living, dining room and family room with gas insert fireplace and views of the expansive 6,868+/-sf beautifully landscaped private lot and deck!

Enjoy cooking in the bright kitchen with skylight, large breakfast bar, granite countertops, abundant cabinetry and newer stainless steel appliances. Beautiful walnut-stained oak flooring, double pane windows. Ideal for entertaining & perfect for growing families or couples downsizing!

Designer upgrades include primary bath with radiant heating, craftsman finishes, new doors, skylight, Plantation shutters, newer furnace, AC and air ducts, extra storage and a finished 2-car garage with epoxy flooring! You will love the warm and welcoming sense of community in this coveted neighborhood! Walk to Laurelwood school and Raynor Park, plus low Santa Clara utilities!

Close to top Santa Clara schools: Laurelwood, Peterson Middle and Wilcox High!



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Business & Real Estate

Delete these phony texts posing as company exec

Better Business Bureau

You may be used to getting text messages and emails from your boss, which is why a recent texting scam is so effective. Scammers find out where you work and pose as the CEO or other executive. Be on guard and don't share money or information – be it your own or your company's.

How the scam works

You receive a text from a number you don't recognize, claiming to be from your boss. The sender knows your name, where you work and your boss' name. It seems so real. The text message may read something like this: "Hi, Chris, I'm tied up in a conference call right now but let me know if you get this text. Thanks, (your boss' name)."

If you reply that you received the text, you'll be asked to do a quick task. This could be purchasing gift cards for a client or wiring funds to another business. In some cases, the scammer may ask you to send personal information to someone, often giving you a plausible reason to carry out the request.

No matter how believable the reason sounds, always double check before taking any action. Once you send the money, gift cards or information, it will be in the hands of a con artist.

BBB Scam Alert

How to prevent the scam

To avoid being taken advantage of:

- **Don't trust unsolicited messages from unfamiliar numbers.** If your boss regularly communicates with you via text message, save his or her number in your contact list. Don't respond to potential impersonators reaching out from a different number.

- **Be wary of unusual requests.** If your boss has never asked you to buy gift cards, even if the request comes from a number you've saved, think twice. Scammers can potentially clone phone numbers and may have hijacked your boss' number.

- **Double check with your boss personally.** If a request comes from a strange number or just doesn't sound right, call or email your boss first, using his or her real contact information, rather than replying to the message. It's better to double check than to rush into a scam. Plus, bosses will want to know if they are being impersonated so that they can warn their other employees.

- **If you suspect a scam, don't reply.** If you're fairly certain you've been contacted by a scammer, don't reply to the message. Replying lets scammers know they have an active phone number and could leave you vulnerable to future attacks. Instead, block the number and delete the message.

Light Filled Condo In The Heart Of The Village

OPEN SAT/SUN 1:30-4:30



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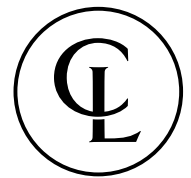
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NEW LISTING!

655 Handley Trail, Emerald Hills

5 bed 3.5 bath 3,530 sq.ft 12,285 sq.ft lot

Beautifully remodeled home with phenomenal Bay Views!

- Formal entry
- Gorgeous chef's kitchen with center island, built-in banquette seating, custom cabinets & countertops, stainless steel appliances, Wolf cooktop & oven, under cabinet lighting, hardwood floors, recessed lighting & pantry
- Step-down family room features picture windows that overlook the bay & French doors provide access to a large deck for entertaining
- Spacious living room features a gas burning fireplace, coffered ceilings, recessed lighting & hardwood floors
- Formal dining area overlooks expansive views of the Bay
- Other features: Updated baths, custom wood windows & doors, heated floors in master bath, AC, Tesla charging station, 2 Tesla powerwalls, solar & serene setting with majestic Oak trees!



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other vegetables.

Little Sky Bakery from Menlo Park will serve up artisan bakery goods, and Roli Roti from Oakland will offer rotisserie chicken and potatoes.

“I am very excited for the return of the Downtown Los Altos Farmers’ Market,” said Jason Rodriguez, manager of the market.

According to Rodriguez, the 2022 season is going to bring a variety of new vendors to Los Altos, as well as the return of “old favorites” such as Kashiwase Farms, Oya Organics and India Gourmet, expanding the market into the Plaza 6 parking lot.

“We are designing this area to serve as a food court area, which will complement our neighbors at the State Street Market,” he said.

The Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association connects California farmers’ to their local communities by operating a variety of farmers’ markets across the Bay Area.

For more information, visit pcfma.org/losaltos.

Transactions

Los Altos

1567 Arbor Avenue, Carroll Project LLC to M. Cassidy for \$7,495,000

22399 Creston Drive, D. & P. Jancis to A. & S. Kirti for \$3,500,000

1284 Paula Court, Chan Trust to S. & K. Ma for \$4,059,000

1546 Plateau Avenue, Zebroski Family Trust to Z. Wang for \$4,600,000

355 Solana Drive, Gaddie-Guthary Family Trust to S. & R. Jayaraman for \$4,800,000

38 Third Street No. 201, Katz Trust to Vella Trust for \$2,000,000

541 Tyndall Street, S. & S. Wayne to A. & A. Stern for \$1,100,000

Los Altos Hills

11870 Francemont Drive, Boboricken Family Trust to P. & P. Bhooma for \$3,100,000

12243 Tepa Way, E. Kislyi to P. & R. Farjadrad for \$4,300,000

Mountain View

301 Cherokee Loop, V. Kulshrestha to Q. & Z. Jin for \$2,045,000

2440 Elka Avenue, GS Capital Group LLC to T. & Y. Shachar for \$2,520,000

179 Eunice Avenue, Beattie Trust to K. Naran for \$3,350,000

1619 Grant Road, Knott Family Trust to X. & C. Chen for \$1,860,000

321 Marquette Circle, Summerhill Montecito Ave LLC to W. & C. Chang for \$1,923,000

323 Marquette Circle, Summerhill Montecito Ave. LLC to M. Erdosy for \$1,657,000

325 Marquette Circle, Summerhill Montecito Ave. LLC to J. & W. Liu for \$1,816,500

2016 W. Middlefield Road, MV Cantera 2019 Inc. to W. & A. Wang for \$1,587,000

278 Monroe Drive No. 14, D. Stefanidis to J. Peterson for \$855,000

1923 Newbury Drive, M. Krasner to R. Scranton for \$1,750,000

155 Pachetti Way, O. Tariq to A. & A. Higer for \$1,420,000

126 Plum Court, Ganitsky Trust to A. & B. Gowda for \$2,578,000

1157 Villa Street No. 1, Smith Trust to L. Friedly for \$1,625,000

928 Wright Avenue No. 808, C. Pasqualini to R. & R. Maheshwari for \$1,398,000

455 Yosemite Avenue, Gomez Family Trust to X. & X. Su for \$2,610,000

Cupertino

10195 Avocado Place, Tannert Family Trust to J. & T. Wang for \$3,601,000

10626 N. Blaney Avenue, Cleghorn Family Trust to X. & J. Li for \$2,180,000

10363 Bret Avenue, Bret Prime LLC to S. & R. Bulusu for \$4,300,000

11103 Canyon Vista Drive, Mergard Trust to M. Eckhardt for \$2,300,000

10700 Morengo Drive, Kwan Family Trust to Y. & H. Gao for \$3,875,000

10111 Parish Place, Nunes Trust to H. & W. Tai for \$1,730,000

8089 Park Villa Circle, Worsham Trust to S. Pan for \$1,500,000

19503 Stevens Creek Boulevard No. 229, Tsui Trust to Andrei Trust for \$1,250,000

10572 White Fir Court, Z. Yang to Chia Trust for \$962,000

Overall

Los Altos

Total sales: 7

Lowest sale: \$1,100,000

Highest sale: \$7,495,000

Average sale: \$3,936,300

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 2

Lowest sale: \$3,100,000

Highest sale: \$4,300,000

Average sale: \$3,700,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 15

Lowest sale: \$855,000

Highest sale: \$3,350,000

Average sale: \$1,933,000

Cupertino

Total sales: 9

Lowest sale: \$962,000

Highest sale: \$4,300,000

Average sale: \$2,410,900

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Approximately 1,448 square feet

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2-car garage with laundry area

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- Ways to get started building wealth through real estate;
- Opportunities to buy properties for less than fair market value;
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OPEN SAT & SUN

April 2 & 3, 2:00 – 4:00pm



Kathy Bridgman's

**NEW LISTING
OF THE WEEK**

Move-in Today or Opportunity to Further Remodel

927 Aura Way, Los Altos

- Corner lot of approximately one-third acre (13,181 sq. ft.; not verified by Compass)
- 3 bedrooms, office, and 2.5 baths
- Approximately 1,412 sq. ft. of living space (not verified by Compass)
- Newly painted doors and trim
- Hardwood floors and new carpet
- Living room with gas fireplace plus formal dining room
- Beautifully updated kitchen with quality stainless steel appliances
- Main-level bedroom suite plus second bedroom and bath
- Office, bedroom, and half-bath upstairs
- Detached 2-car garage; basement for added storage
- Refreshed landscaping
- Great south Los Altos neighborhood, blocks to Loyola Corners
- Excellent Los Altos schools (buyer to confirm)

Offered at \$3,195,000



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JUST LISTED!

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Lovingly maintained by its original owner for the past 57 years. Tucked away on a private cul de sac lot just minutes to Downtown Los Altos sits this sprawling ranch style home with expansive grounds, views and excellent Palo Alto Schools making this a great place to call home!

- 4 bedrooms plus office
- Approx 1 acre lot and 3,200 square feet of living space
- Large light filled living/dining room
- Oversized family room and additional bonus room
- Primary suite with walk in closet
- Eat in kitchen with ample storage
- Attached 2 car garage

Offered at \$4,100,000



Ryan Gowdy

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Los Altos Native and Neighborhood Specialist

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RYAN GOWDY

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OBITUARY NOTICE

PERRY E.J. JOHNSON



November 16, 1928-
January 28, 2022

Perry E.J. Johnson, retired LCDR in the US Navy and SLAC Supervisor, died at home surrounded by loving family on 28 Jan 2022 in Los Altos, CA at the age of 93. He was born on 16 Nov 1928 in Dolores, Colorado.

He graduated from Grants Union High School in 1947 and joined the US Navy that same year. He joined the boxing team while stationed in Millington, TN in 1948. Transferring to San Diego, he met a quiet and beautiful USO volunteer, Antoinette, and they married in 1951.

Earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer, he applied for Limited Duty Officer and was accepted in 1961 and, as an ensign, began flying in Patrol Squadrons doing antisubmarine work, and was involved in sub hunting during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was stationed at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey where he learned to SCUBA dive and earned a BS in Oceanography in 1973. He was transferred to NAS Moffett Field where he retired after 30 years of faithful service, at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was then employed at SLAC from 1978 to 1996, living in Los Altos for over 40 years.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Antoinette, who passed in 2018. His next years were filled with hours spent with family, which included many a game of canasta with his children and grandchildren, who visited often. He was especially fond of spicy food and Jeopardy, and shared many colorful memories from a full life, lived well.

He will be deeply missed by his surviving children and their spouses: Steven (Cathy) Johnson of Poulsbo, WA; Jerry (Erika) Johnson of Carmel, CA; Gina (Carl) Gronberg of Novato, CA; and Ronald (Monica) Johnson of Columbia, TN. He leaves behind nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. He is scheduled for cremation and inurnment at California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery next to his beloved wife, Antoinette. Fair winds and following seas, Dad.

CLAIRE L. PELTON



September 6, 1932-
February 20, 2022

Beloved wife, mother, aunt, teacher and friend, Claire Lucine Foster Pelton passed away on February 20, 2022 at the age of 89. Mom was warm, funny, smart and understanding. She laughed easily and quickly and loved life in all its aspects. Though petite in stature, she was a giant force of nature. As a professional working mom in the 50s and 60s, Mom was a feminist before feminism and undaunted about defying expectations, rejecting secretarial school in favor of earning a BA and MA at Stanford University. Her entire professional life, Mom was an accomplished educator with broad-ranging interests. Among other things, she enjoyed reading, dogs and their people, Peet's coffee, Warriors games, Armenian food, horror movies and politics.

Mom taught English for 30+ years at Los Altos High School. During her long tenure, she chaired the English Department for over 20 years and started the first AP class in the district. Her many professional positions – Originator of College Testing Seminar, Director of Curriculum & Testing for San Jose Unified School District, Director of Academic Programs/Western Region of the College Board, founding Vice Chair NA Board for Professional Teaching Standards, College Board trustee, first teacher elected to the Presidency of California Council on Education of Teachers, co-leader of the Advanced Placement Summer Institute/San Gabriel chapter -- were testament to her leadership skills, but Mom always said that teaching at Los Altos High School was her favorite job. She completely enjoyed that her students brought "inspiration, humor and sass," characteristics she enthusiastically returned. She was a runner up in the California Teacher of the Year competition, which still puzzles those who knew her well: Mom deserved first place!

She and my dad, Chuck Pelton, were founding members of the ad hoc Lincoln Park Dog Club, and they could be seen there almost every day with their four-legged pack. They had

a particular fondness for the giant breeds and shared our home with a St. Bernard, Bernese Mountain dogs, and a Newfoundland. Always open to the next adventure, octogenarian Mom even rescued a great Great Pyrenees, Sam.

Mom is survived and deeply missed by her daughter, Cathie Lucine Pelton; nieces whom she loved like daughters, Claire Ann Kulp Irizarry (Ivan) and Jacqueline Lucine Kulp Jeske (Doug), and their children Ivan, Alejandro, Rachel and Claire; stepson James Burr (Andrea), grandchildren Heather, Alexa and James II, and great grandchildren Caroline, Elizabeth Ann, Billy and Katie; scores of local friends and colleagues; and thousands of students who knew her as their favorite English teacher. Mom is predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, Charles (Chuck) Bradford Pelton.

A celebration of Mom's extraordinary life is planned for October 2022.

DAVID NY



April 29, 1945-
January 27, 2022

David Ny, 76, passed away peacefully January 27, 2022, West Hills, CA. Valedictorian Tulare Union 1963, played basketball COS, graduated UCLA 1967. Retired Silicon Graphics 1994 to New York, later Santa Barbara. Son of the late William C. Ny and Janice Ny. Survived by Anita Ny, their children Kevin Ny, Karissa Ny, Kayla Ny, grandchildren Shyree, Alicia, 3 great grandchildren, sister Sandra Ny. Preceded in death by brother Stephen Ny.



Datebook

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

PRESENTATIONS

"Ukraine Under Fire." Webinar hosted by the Peninsula chapter of World Affairs. Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk discuss causes of the current conflagration and address what western allies might do to support Ukraine in its struggle to survive and thrive as a democracy on Vladimir Putin's border. Noon. April 6. Free. RSVP to receive link: tinyurl.com/zyw6ssab.

EXHIBITS

"The Art of Living History." Fine art exhibit by local artist Robert Schick that records the transformation Santa Clara Valley went through in front of his eyes. Through Thursday. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222.

"The Earth and Every Common Sight." Oversized nature-themed paintings, prints and photography from various ecosystems by Sukey Bryan, award-winning Stanford artist and National Endowment for the Arts Winner. Through Thursday. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 339-0401.

"An Artist's Journey." Fine art exhibit featuring local artist Pat Ley. March through September. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Art walk and talk: 2-4 p.m. June 24. (650) 941-7222. patley.com; losaltoshills.ca.gov.

AUDITIONS

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

Foothill Symphonic Winds. Seeks French horn players for its performance season. conductor@fswinds.org.

Schola Cantorum. Choral group invites talented adult singers of all musical and cultural backgrounds to audition. Previous college choral

experience preferred. Rehearsals 7:15-10 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. (650) 254-1700; info@scholacantorum.org.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Avenidas Wise Owl Players. Non-profit theater troupe for ages 50 and over is recruiting members to perform three dramatic readings of Deborah Brevoort's "The Women of Lockerbie" in June in an 80-seat theater on the Cubberley campus in Palo Alto. Rehearsals 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in May. Led by program director Enid Davis. Tuition: \$150/\$170. eahdavis@yahoo.com.

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

Adult Ballet Class. Led by Leslie Friedman over Zoom. 4 p.m. Tuesdays. \$48 for four classes; \$15 drop-in. 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. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Mantra: With God, there is hope. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Public Notices

LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council public hearings will be held via tele/videoconference.

Members of the public may participate via computer at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1467658410>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Los Altos will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

Project Description: The proposed project is an update to the City of Los Altos' standards for development of wireless telecommunications facilities, including standards and preferences as to permitted locations and various design and development standards. This includes a proposed **Ordinance** regulating permissible locations and preferences for the location of wireless facilities.

In addition, the City proposes to expand and supplement existing **Design Guidelines** for wireless telecommunications facilities by (1) adding a set of basic design principles that would apply to all wireless telecommunications facilities and (2) identifying configuration preferences along with design guidelines for specific types of wireless facilities.

A **Negative Declaration** for the project prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) on the possible environmental consequences of the adoption of the ordinance and design guidelines will be considered for adoption.

The Los Altos Planning Commission considered the Ordinance, Development Standards and Design Guidelines, and the Negative Declaration discussed above at public hearings on both March 3 and March 17, 2022. The Planning Commission made the following recommendations to the City Council:

-Recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 2022-XX Wireless Telecommunications Facilities CEQA Resolution authorizing adoption of the **Negative Declaration**;

-Recommended that the City Council approve **Ordinance** 2022-XX Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Locational Standards with the modifications reflected in the annotated version of the Ordinance proposed to the Planning Commission; and

-Recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 2022-XX, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities **Design Guidelines** with the modifications reflected in the annotated version of the Design Guidelines proposed to the Planning Commission.

Document Availability: The proposed Ordinance (annotated version), Design Guidelines (annotated version), and a Negative Declaration are available for review at the following locations:

·City of Los Altos City Manager's Office, One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022

·City of Los Altos website: www.losaltosca.gov/projects

Plans and detailed information are available for review at Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750 or sent via email to Lsimpson@losaltosca.gov.

FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DETAILS, AGENDA AND REPORTS - Details will be posted as early as April 4 and no later than April 9, 2022 please visit, please visit: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-153>

Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk

Publication: Town Crier
March 30, 2022
(03-30-22) **076-T**

La Casa Mia FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683240

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: La Casa Mia, 3548 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ogiku Corporation, 25434 Altamont Rd, Los Altos Hill, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Gary Ozawa / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/17/2022. (03-30,04-06,13,20-22) **075-T**

BRAVO TILE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683439

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) BRAVO TILE, (2) BRAVO REMODELS, 800 Hillsdale Ave Apt 815, San Jose, CA, 95136, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Salvador Hernandez, 800 Hillsdale Ave Apt 815, San Jose, CA, 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/14/2022. /S/ Salvador Hernandez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/23/2022. (03-30,04-06,13,20-22) **074-T**

Tropicana Laundry FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683424

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Tropicana Laundry, 1147 S King Rd., San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): IM-

MANUEL LAUNDRY, INC., 1121 Palo Alto Way, Salinas, CA, 93901. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Byung Moo Son / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/22/2022. (03-30,04-06,13,20-22) **073-T**

T.S. No. 092129-CA APN: 170-29-026 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/5/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER

On 4/27/2022 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/13/2014 as Instrument No. 22542599 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Clara County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: TIMOTHY Y HAHN AND JEAN HAHN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE GATED NORTH MARKET STREET ENTRANCE, SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE, 191 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 144 SUNKIST LANE, LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$2,087,519.75 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and

Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 092129-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 092129-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right

to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117 (03-30,04-06,13-22) **072-T**

FRONTLINE INVESTMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683036

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FRONTLINE INVESTMENT, 81 Mihalakis St, Unit 401, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ali Zaidi, 81 Mihalakis St, Unit 401, Milpitas, CA, 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/15/2022. /S/ Ali Zaidi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/10/2022. (03-30,04-06,13,20-22) **071-T**



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a resolution will be considered by the Governing Board of Los Altos School District at its regular meeting on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will increase development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction to \$3.19 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction to \$0.52 per square foot. The proposed fees are authorized by Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code section 65995. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The increased fees, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on June 3, 2022 which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board. (03-23,30-22) **070-T**

Cowgirl Coffee Cart FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683177

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Cowgirl Coffee Cart, 1743 Laine Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Carrie Banker, 1743 Laine Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A.

/S/ Carrie Banker / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/16/2022. (03-23,30,04-06,13-22) **069-T**

CAMINO MUFFLERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN683197

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CAMINO MUFFLERS, 683 E El Camino Real Ste A, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BRITISH & EUROPEAN AUTO REPAIR INC, 683 E El Camino Real Ste A, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1965. /S/ Elke Fryer / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/16/2022. (03-23,30,04-06,13-22) **068-T**

T.S. No.: 229-019278 Title Order No. 91221955 APN: 336-39-006 Property Address: 23691 CAMINO HERMOSO DRIVE, LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 청문회 문서에 첨부 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: SE AGUJENTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: IMPROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUL Y: KEM THEO BAY LA BAN TRINH BAY TOM LUOC VE THONG TIN TRONG TAI LIEU NAY [PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/14/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale of the Trustor's interest will be made to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale in cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges

thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: EVERGREEN PROPERTY GROUP, LLC Duly Appointed Trustee: PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. Recorded 4/20/2021, as Instrument No. 24928684, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale: 4/13/2022 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$4,732,438.28 (estimated as of the first publication date) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 23691 CAMINO HERMOSO DRIVE LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94024 A.P.N.: 336-39-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The following statements; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the

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rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 229-019278. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 229-019278 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 3/15/2022 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: 408-370-4030 5446 Thornwood Drive, Second Floor San Jose, California 95123 Elizabeth Godbey, Vice President NPP0400155 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 03/23/2022, 03/30/2022, 04/06/2022 (03-23,30,04-06-22)

067-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-21-892916-BF Order No.: 8770579 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/31/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the

Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): PETER T. COX, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 8/4/2006 as Instrument No. 19048619 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California; Date of Sale: 4/13/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Gated North Market Street Entrance to the Santa Clara County Superior Courthouse. 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$108,150.83 The purported property address is: 500 W MIDDLEFIELD, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043 Assessor's Parcel No.: 158-50-069 Legal Description: Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit "A" as attached hereto. PARCEL ONE: AN UNDIVIDED 1/192 INTEREST IN AND TO LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 6687, IN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED OCTOBER 12, 1979 IN BOOK 451 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 23, 24 AND 25 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: (A) ALL OF UNITS 1 THROUGH 192, INCLUSIVE, AS SHOWN UPON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN RECORDED NOVEMBER 16, 1979 IN BOOK E950 AT PAGES 45-122 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. (B) THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF ALL THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED AS BALCONIES, COVERED PARKING SPACES, YARDS, STORAGE SPACES. ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A STRIP OF LAND 80 FEET WIDE LYING 40 FEET EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE AND EXTENSIONS THERETO, ACROSS THAT CERTAIN 47.63 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM INEZ CENTER, AS EXECUTRIX OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MILDRED D. CENTER, DECEASED, TO LOUIS RISSO, DATED JUNE 30, 1947 AND RECORDED JUNE 30, 1947 IN BOOK 1482 OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 107, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE RISSO PARCEL, SAID LINE BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE ABOVE MENTIONED RISSO PARCEL AND THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY M.D. CENTER TO GEORGE R. CENTER, BY DEED DATED MARCH 23, 1925 AND RECORDED JULY 9, 1926 IN VOLUME 247 AT PAGE 287 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE CENTER PARCEL SAID POINT BEING DISTANT ALONG SAID COMMON BOUNDARY SOUTH 2°11'45" WEST 271.26 FEET, SOUTH 1°07'45" WEST 342.54 FEET AND SOUTH 2°18'15" EAST 45.60 FEET FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED RISSO PARCEL; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT, SOUTH 78°44'45" WEST 1040.21 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE EXISTING MOFFETT BOULEVARD, DISTANT THEREON SOUTH

47°15'45" WEST 1261.48 FEET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED RISSO PARCEL, THE EASTERLY END OF SAID STRIP BEING THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE CENTER AND RISSO PARCELS AND THE WESTERLY END OF SAID STRIP BEING THE ABOVE MENTIONED SOUTH-EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF MOFFETT BOULEVARD. PARCEL TWO: UNIT NO. 69, AS SHOWN UPON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN ABOVE REFERRED TO. PARCEL THREE: THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO POSSESSION AND OCCUPANCY OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 1, DESCRIBED AS THE PATIO "P" ADJACENT TO THE UNIT DESCRIBED IN PARCEL TWO, AS APPURTENANT TO PARCELS ONE AND TWO ABOVE DESCRIBED. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-21-892916-BF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-280-2832,

or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-21-892916-BF to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-21-892916-BF IDSPub #0177321 3/23/2022 3/30/2022 4/6/2022 (03-23,30,04-06-22)

064-T

SAMA WORKDAY SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682873

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SAMA WORKDAY SERVICES, (2) DIVERSEEK, 1409 Gerhardt Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SAMA CONSULTING INC, 1409 Gerhardt Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2020. /S/ Madhu Nair / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/03/2022. (03-09,16,23,30-22)

062-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF KAREN ANN ROCHNIK AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV383609

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Karen Ann Rochnik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Karen Ann Rochnik

Proposed Name: Karina Rochnik

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 04/20/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 161 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: 02/17/2022 /s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo Judge of the Superior Court (3-09,16,23,30-22)

059-T

CALIFORNIA'S CREPE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682485

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA'S CREPE, 326 Commercial St, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Pedro Almaguer Monterosas, 641 Iris Ave Apt #34, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/27/2022. /S/ Pedro Almaguer Monterosas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/15/2022. (03-09,16,23,30-22)

058-T

GONZALEZ JANITORIAL SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682484

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GONZALEZ JANITORIAL SERVICES, 365 Chiquita Ave Apt #14, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Eusebio Gonzalez, 365 Chiquita Ave #14, Mountain View, CA, 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/13/2014. /S/ Eusebio Gonzalez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/15/2022. (03-09,16,23,30-22)

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Wahconah Apartments FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682603

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Wahconah Apartments, 425 N. Whisman Rd. Suite 600, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Peter C. Wang, 425 Whisman Rd. #600, Mountain View, CA, 94043, ChiaYi H. Fan, 107 N. Avalon Dr., Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2022. /S/ ChiaYi H Fan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/18/2022. (03-09,16,23,30-22)

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