A day on the lake

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Shoreline Lake summer campers play kayak polo, clockwise, from top left, take a paddle boat for a spin, learn to maneuver a windsurf sail and glide stand-up paddleboards onto shore Monday morning.

Monday marked the first day of the first week of summer programming, which runs through Aug. 16.

Burning at both ends

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City of Los Altos takes heat from developer, neighbors regarding subdivision request

Before the Los Altos City Council torpedoed the proposed subdivision of a Montebello Acres lot last month, some neighbors engaged in legal wrangling. Now, the lot’s owner has hired representation of his own.

Neighbors of the 831 Arroyo Road site attended a Planning Commission meeting and four council meetings to voice concerns about splitting the 23,433-square-foot lot into two.

Several comments delivered in person or submitted via email or written correspondence contended that the subdivision would negatively impact the neighborhood’s character. Typically, Montebello Acres homes – primarily one story – sit on large lots with exaggerated setbacks (approximately 40 feet from the street and 15 feet on each side yard), neighbors argued.

On a legal basis, a handful of residents claimed a covenant prohibiting such a subdivision was recorded upon establishment of their neighborhood. D.D. Hughmanick of Terra Law, the limited liability partnership representing a group of homeowners in Montebello Acres, raised the existence of the covenant in a letter to City Attorney Chris Diaz prior to the meeting.

“The covenant has long been in place and others have complied with it over the years,” Hughmanick wrote on behalf of his firm and its clients.

“From our perspective it seems inappropriate for action to be taken which could have the effect of interfering with or disrupting the relationship between the various property owners subject to the covenant’s provisions.”

Although the attorney asserted that the subdivision – which would split 831 Arroyo into a 10,029-square-foot interior lot and a 13,404-square-foot corner lot – violates the covenant, city staff previously noted in their reports to the city council that the city adheres to site standards but has

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Correction

An article in last week’s News section stated that the city of Los Altos has a CalPERS unfunded liability of $4.5 million. In fact, the city has a total unfunded liability of $45 million — still “substantially lower than most cities in California,” according to Sharif Etman, the city’s administrative services director.

Not lost

Just waiting to be found

Spotted at the intersection of State and Main streets in downtown Los Altos: a handful of books, invitingly propped on shady benches. Tucked into Ziplocs and labeled with an invitation to read, they were “released into the wild” by a local book lover who has registered and seeded 58 books over the past two years. The website BookCrossing.com tracks where a book travels with comments from its readers.

One of the books laid out in Los Altos last week has already headed out on the road: A note at BookCrossing describes where it was found by a first-time BookCrosser with the comment, “wonderful find. ... Planning to drop it off somewhere in Germany.”

BookCrossing describes itself as “the World’s Library” and helps readers tag and track their own finished texts. It currently has nearly 13 million books traveling through 132 countries.

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1 motorist arrested for DUI in Los Altos, 8 nabbed in Mtn. View over holiday weekend

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Law enforcement made one DUI arrest in Los Altos and eight in Mountain View over Memorial Day weekend, according to local police agencies.

The lone arrest in Los Altos occurred May 24 at the intersection of West Edith Avenue and North San Antonio Road, Los Altos Police Sgt. Brian Jeffrey said.

The arrest echoed the department’s one recorded DUI over the 2018 Memorial Day weekend, made on the 800 block of Fremont Avenue.

Mountain View Police Department spokeswoman Katie Nelson reported that officers arrested four people and cited two more for DUI violations during the weekend. Last year, Mountain View Police officers arrested two people and cited two more for DUIs.

In addition, the California Highway Patrol arrested two drivers in Mountain View for driving under the influence over the holiday weekend, according to Officer Art Montiel, spokesman for the Redwood City-area CHP.

In all, the CHP made 1,099 DUI arrests statewide over Memorial Day weekend, a 4% increase over last year. Officers averaged 14 DUI arrests per hour this year, CHP officials noted.

Los Altos Hills is among the cities in California with no DUI arrests over the Memorial Day weekend. Deputy Michael Low of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office said no DUI citations were issued, either.

While Los Altos Hills was spared, Low acknowledged that holidays often lead to more people driving impaired.

“You do tend to see an increase (of DUIs) during the holiday weekends, unfortunately,” he said.

No fatalities were reported in Los Altos or Mountain View as a result of the DUIs; however, 34 total deaths were reported statewide this year.

Nearly half of those killed were not wearing seatbelts, the CHP revealed on its Twitter account, with the hashtag #BuckleUP.

According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – an agency of the Executive Branch of the federal government – alcohol-impaired driving fatalities have continuously increased in California since 2010.

Mountain View residents protesting cannabis sales in the city
call signs that read “Protect Our Kids” at the May 23 city council meeting. Council members revised a previously approved cannabis ordinance to ban any retail storefronts. The amended law does allow up to three delivery services.

MV council to discuss RV ban, adopt amended cannabis ordinance

Tow issues that have prompted long lines of speakers at Mountain View City Council meetings are scheduled for the council’s meeting agenda Tuesday (June 11).

Members are set to discuss a draft ordinance that would ban oversized vehicle parking, legislation targeting the proliferation of RVs parked throughout the city that are being used as living spaces.

Despite numerous outreach efforts to help vehicle dwellers and provide more affordable housing, opponents have accused city leaders of trying to push poor people out of town through such an ordinance. City officials countered that health, safety and sanitation issues are among the reasons for the move.

The issue has highlighted a class identity struggle in the city as opponents claim Mountain View is becoming more gentrified and losing its cultural and socioeconomic diversity. The American Civil Liberties Union contends that the city’s RV ban is unconstitutional.

A second controversial issue drawing much public discussion concerns the city council’s about-face on retail cannabis sales.

At Tuesday’s meeting, the council has scheduled a second reading and adoption of a revamped ordinance that dispenses with any retail sales in favor of allowing up to three delivery services. The council approved the new ordinance May 23.

The council backed away from its initial ordinance, approved last October, which approved two retail stores and two delivery outlets. Members did so after hearing from dozens of speakers at meetings in March and May, many of them parents who worried about the influence such retail stores would have on their impressionable children.

Following adoption, the law takes effect after 30 days.

In other news, council members adopted major goals for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2121 fiscal years at their May 21 meeting. The goals and projects center on themes of:

$ Protecting “vulnerable” populations and encouraging “socioeconomic and cultural diversity.”

$ Improving the quantity, diversity and affordability of housing by providing opportunities for subsidized, middle-income and ownership housing.

$ Developing and implementing “comprehensive and innovative” transportation strategies to achieve mobility, connectivity and safety for people of all ages.

$ Providing environmental sustainability and quality of life.

For the complete list of proposed projects related to the goals, visit the related story at losaltosonline.com.
Midpen board jump-starts office design process by approving $2 million contract with architects

By Melissa Hartman
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Berkeley-based Noll & Tam Architects, the firm selected to head the design process for the city of Los Altos’ Hillview Community Center overhaul, is at hand with finalizing sketches for another local project – the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's new administrative office at 5050 El Camino Real in Los Altos.

At its last regular meeting, Midpen’s board of directors voted unanimously to increase Noll & Tam’s professional services contract from approximately $1.38 million to an estimated $1.97 million for work evaluating goals and vital elements for the new building, preparing multiple iterations of the design and developing a cost estimate for implementing the design.

When Noll & Tam staffers unveiled options for the new building last October, they presented the board with “baseline,” “enhanced” and “aspirational” plans. The board selected the “enhanced” plan, priced at approximately $21 million.

According to Midpen’s latest staff report on the project, the industry standard for architecture fees is 10-12% of the construction cost, putting the consultant’s fees for the project in the range of $2.1 million to $2.5 million.

“Noll & Tam’s consultant fee of (approximately $1.7 million) is below industry standard and consistent with the soft costs presented,” Midpen’s project manager Felipe Nistal wrote in his report, which led with the suggestion of a 15% contingency fee of roughly $206,000 for possible "unforeseen issues" to round the contract up to $1.9 million.

Seeing green

Approving Noll & Tam’s contract is the next step in the design process, enabling Midpen staffers to think beyond the spread-out-office space they currently work out of in their 330 Distel Circle location, according to Midpen media spokeswoman Leigh Ann Gessner.

“We fill that building and then some,” Gessner said of the district’s home for the past 30 years. “We are even leasing extra office space in the building next door that is costing us $380,000 a year. Next year, they are raising rent 15% to about $437,000 a year. That’s one of the benefits of moving into the new building — we can house all of our employees and not pay additional rent.”

Midpen closed escrow on the “new” building at 5050 El Camino Real Feb. 1, spending approximately $3 million to secure the site. When considered alongside a projected $21 million for construction, $5 million for soft costs and escalation, and $2 million for Noll & Tam’s services, the district is looking at a total price tag of nearly $39 million.

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Walking the talk

Currently, 5050 El Camino Real is leased to several companies and needs to be reconfigured to house a public agency. For example, Gessner said, a meeting space must be created and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant entrances must be reinforced.

In addition to building a functional and welcoming headquarters expected to serve the organization for a minimum of 40 to 50 years, the Midpen board plans to incorporate public feedback to make the building as green as the practices the district preaches.

“There was a lot of discussion around the glass (at the last meeting),” Gessner said. “We are looking at a bird-safe glass. Because we are an environmental organization, we got a lot of public comment with concerns. The design currently has a lot of glass, and birds could fly into (the windows).”

The Noll & Tam team said in a May report that they are working with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to ensure window glazing helps the birds see the glass and avoid collision.

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considered Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) across the city to be a “civil matter between property owners and their respective homeowners association.”

Order in the chaos
The council ultimately rejected the proposed subdivision in a 3-2 vote May 28 on the grounds that it was not “orderly and compatible” with the surrounding residences. Councilwomen Jeannie Bruins and Neysa Fligor dissented. In their adopted resolution, city officials stated that they denied property owner Ying-Min Li’s application due to its lack of compliance with the Los Altos General Plan and its Housing Element.

“The predominant character of the surrounding neighborhood comprises substantially larger lots, which are at odds with the lots proposed in the application,” the resolution reads. “This incompatibility is particularly concerning for the application’s proposed corner lot, which is substantially smaller than the interior lots in the surrounding neighborhood. ... The site is not physically suitable for the type and density of development proposed in the application.”

City staff further emphasized the impact a lack of “orderly and compatible” development could have on the neighborhood, noting that it could cause “environmental damage” such as public health, safety or welfare problems.

Up next
The city will likely now have to answer to Li and his representation through Monchamp Meldrum LLP, which sent Diaz a 42-page packet lobbying for passage of the subdivision May 28, the day of the council meeting. The legal team led with Li’s willingness to compromise on the conditions of approval for his project.

“On May 23, 2019, (Li) emailed the mayor to communicate that on the condition the city council reconsider and approve the application, (he would be) willing to voluntarily agree to ... limit building height to one story for both (parcels), comply with neighborhood CC&R 40-foot setbacks from the street line for both (parcels) and the new home at parcel 2 will face Arroyo Road,” wrote Monchamp Meldrum LLP partner Paula Kirlin in the letter. “(Li) also stated he further agrees to a recorded deed restriction documenting the above requirements.”

Kirlin wrote that the requirements are “all above and beyond any requirements included in the city’s General Plan, Subdivision Code or Zoning Code, and are intended to address concerns regarding neighborhood compatibility expressed by neighbors and city council members.”

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Open space district acquires property to connect redwoods preserve to sea

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos-based Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board May 23 approved the transfer of 240 acres of land south of Half Moon Bay, completing a contiguous landscape of protected open space and agricultural land from Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve to the Pacific Ocean.

“This property is the final link in the long-term vision to connect Santa Cruz Mountain forests to the coast in support of agriculture, wildlife and people,” said Ana Maria Ruiz, Midpen’s general manager. According to Ruiz, the land transfer enables Midpen to plan and build the Measure AA-funded Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, linking the Bay Area Ridge Trail along the Skyline corridor with the California Coastal Trail along the ocean bluffs.

The property, encompassing steep hillsides and grassy ridgeline, will transfer to Midpen in June from the Giusti family. The Giustis, a coastside farming family, retain the lower farm fields where brussels sprouts, artichokes, beans, pumpkins, peas and hay are grown.

Midpen will restore the area by cleaning up abandoned oil wells and improving nearby ponds and stretches of creek for wildlife habitat. Midpen also will explore the feasibility of reintroducing cattle grazing to the property. The next step is working with the public to plan the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail in a way that considers the needs of neighboring farmers and ranchers, local residents and open-space visitors.

The restoration, grazing and public access projects are funded in part by Measure AA, a $300 million bond passed by local voters in 2014, supporting open-space projects in Midpen’s Vision Plan.

Midpen works in public-private partnership with the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to protect open space and agricultural land on the coast. POST, a nonprofit land trust, began protecting the Purisima-to-the-Sea properties in 1998. Midpen began acquiring the lands from POST in 2006, shortly after Midpen’s boundaries expanded to include the San Mateo County coast. Midpen purchased an additional Purisima-to-the-Sea property from the University of California in 2009.

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Cal Water completes infrastructure project

Special to the Town Crier

California Water Service recently completed a water main replacement project in north Los Altos aimed at strengthening water system reliability and infrastructure resiliency for local customers and enhancing fire protection in the area for first responders.

The project, which began in December, included installation of 4,600 feet of new 8-inch PVC water main and 66 new 1-inch service connections. Crews also installed seven new fire hydrants to ensure firefighters have the resources they need to protect the city in the event of an emergency.

The installations took place on Marich Way, from Casita Way to Jordan Avenue; on Panchita Way, from Marich Way to Alvarado Avenue; and on Alvarado Avenue, from Panchita Way to Vera Cruz Avenue. After water quality testing was completed, crews restored all streets, sod and landscaping.

“This water infrastructure upgrade was an important step to protect against leaks, ensure safe and reliable water service every day to north Los Altos residents, and make sure firefighters have the water they need during an emergency,” said Cal Water Superintendent Oscar Ramos. “These improvements are a reflection of our promise to provide quality, service and value to our customers and communities.”

Cal Water serves approximately 70,100 people through 19,000 service connections in the Los Altos area and approximately 2 million people through 486,900 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1931.

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operations. Funding earmarked for the anticipated town hall expansion is noticeably absent; there are no plans to engage in construction in the coming year, and the project’s first steps largely involve staff time as employees prepare to navigate the town’s rigorous planning process, according to City Manager Carl Cahill. When funds for the expansion are needed, they would likely come from the “facilities and equipment” or “unassigned” portions of the general fund reserves projected by June 30, 2020, $2.5 million and $5 million, respectively. Pension ($2.6 million), operating contingency ($2.1 million) and disaster contingency ($1.3 million) reserves make up the remainder of the $13.5 million pie.

Additional capital expenditures this coming year include $1.4 million for road maintenance and another $1.1 million for sewer system rehabilitation. These figures represent a 6.67% decrease and a 37.5% increase over last fiscal year’s figures, respectively.

The city council is proposing spending approximately $393,000 on pathway projects, though debate concerning which ones council members should prioritize led them to delay designating them last week. Residents are divided as well; approximately half of the 100 or so letters and emails residents dispatched to the council in anticipation of Thursday’s meeting express support for funding new pathway construction and half urge against it.

“I am writing this letter to let you know I support the completion of the Robleda-La Paloma Pathway,” read one version of a form letter sent by pathway supporters. “In addition to providing additional recreational trails close to downtown, it will help keep children, bicyclists, horse riders, and all residents off of our increasingly busy streets.”

“Please do not approve any funding for pathways in unresolved areas,” read a version of the opposition’s message.

Town staff members are expected to provide detailed information about potential pathway projects — including the controversial Robleda Road-La Paloma Road connector — at the June council meeting as a supplement to the budget presentation.

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GreenTown condemns use of gas leaf blowers

In response to Cheryl Klynn’s May 15 letter in the Town Crier (“Leaf-blower protestor: Stop blower violence”), we thank you for ensuring that your gardener is operating an electric leaf blower.

GreenTown Los Altos is working on a public education campaign to remind residents that there is a ban on gas leaf blowers in Los Altos, and we proudly put our name on any fliers we produce. Not only are gas leaf blowers very loud, disturbing nearby neighbors, but gasoline emissions from gas leaf blowers are unhealthy: They spew toxic exhaust emissions and harmful particulate matter into the air. The California Air Resources Board states, “For the best-selling commercial leaf blower, one hour of operation emits smog-forming pollution comparable to driving a 2017 Toyota Camry about 1,100 miles, or approximately the distance from Los Angeles to Denver.”

Landscaping machines are some of the biggest polluters in California, and by 2020 leaf blowers and other small gas engines will create more ozone pollution than all of the passenger cars in the state.

Please visit greentownlosaltos.org for more information; search “gas leaf blowers” for a series of articles on GreenTown’s blog.

Linda Ziff
Los Altos

Slurry paves way for smooth skating

I am writing to express my happiness about the work of Pavement Coatings Co. They recently applied slurry to my street. I love it because it feels great to walk on and looks much better.

Also, the smooth surface will be better for riding my Halo Hoverboard and for skateboarding. I am going to spend all summer getting awesome on my boards!

Hudson Afarian, age 8
Los Altos

Address state of ‘disgraceful’ medians

I kept hoping this letter wouldn’t be necessary because the problem would be taken care of.

Since that hasn’t happened, I’m writing to comment on the disgraceful condition of the median strips on Foothill Expressway between El Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road and on El Monte between Foothill and the Los Altos Hills border.

There are many dead and dying trees.

The weeds are so tall and prolific that the landscaped plants can’t be seen.

This condition has existed for weeks. It needs to be addressed, hopefully soon!

Sylvia Johnson
(No address given)
First Friday co-chairwomen Jamie Lucia, left, and Carol Garsten test out a disco dancing cutout that will be featured with others at Friday’s event in downtown Los Altos.

Cut out of work for First Friday photo fun

Town Crier Report

June’s First Friday festivities will feature cutouts for Instagram opportunities 6-8 p.m. Friday in downtown Los Altos.

Five-foot-high cardboard cutouts placed around Main and State streets will encourage participants to take photos of friends and family as a bottle of beer, a hot dog and disco dancers. Attendees can spread the word about First Friday by posting photos on social media channels and tagging “Downtown Los Altos First Friday.” The three people with the most “likes” on their posts will win a prize package filled with First Friday swag.

Ten live bands are scheduled to perform at various spots around downtown, art galleries will host receptions and stores and restaurants will extend their hours, with some offering complimentary refreshments and special discounts.

In addition, Club 55, a mingling event for local residents ages 55 and up, is scheduled 6-8:30 p.m. on the back patio of 169 State St. (formerly the 6-8:30 p.m. on the back patio of 169 State St. (formerly the Costume Bank). In addition, Club 55, a mingling event for local residents ages 55 and up, is scheduled 6-8:30 p.m. on the back patio of 169 State St. (formerly the Costume Bank).

Los Altos resident Chuck Ohman returned to Normandy, France, this week to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The 94-year-old veteran served the United States in two of the most notable battles of World War II. His deployment with the 299th Combat Engineer Division of the U.S. Army dropped him onto the front line during both D-Day (June 6, 1944) at Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 16, 1944, through Jan. 25, 1945) in Belgium.

Yet Ohman does not consider himself a hero.

“There was a job to do – it was my job to do,” he said. “There are heroes. Heroes are (those) who sacrificed themselves to (save) somebody else. … Those are unusual, but to me, they are the heroes.”

For a long time after the war, Ohman maintained relationships with his fellow soldiers. However, he finds the reunions, which take place in New York, where the men are originally from, difficult to attend these days. Still, he has taken trips with Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization that transports veterans to memorials in Washington, D.C., and other places that pay tribute to their sacrifice, as recently as 2015.

In 1972, Ohman visited Normandy’s Omaha Beach for the first time since the war. His emotions were strong, he admitted, but people have varying reactions when returning to a place where they witnessed such carnage.

“I was totally unequipped,” he said. “When you’re in the military, there’s always (somebody) ordering you to do something. At Omaha, it was totally chaotic. … When I got to the landing, all I saw was dead bodies floating around me.”

Facing combat

Ohman was 19 years old when he was ordered to jump ship from a vessel with a young naval commander who refused to land beachside. After wading through water up to his shoulders, Ohman said he reached land and rushed to a “telephone pole,” a slanted post with a detonator, Ohman was hit immediately. Sharpened lodged in his right arm rendered it paralyzed.

Ohman was fortunate enough to find cover and make it through the night. Many of his comrades did not. That includes some buddies now laid to rest in the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial that adjoins the Omaha Beach landing site.

“When you get to the sea and you (find) that cemetery … boy, there are crosses all over the place,” he said. “When I went back to my original unit, I was not sent back to my (commander) anymore. … When I found him, he said there was an 85 percent loss (of life).”

Despite the suffering he experienced as a result of D-Day, Ohman has one happy memory from the invasion: the calm after it was over.

“For a night, I laid there,” he said with emotion in his voice. “It was so beautiful. Omaha Beach was quiet. I couldn’t believe it. There was nothing there – no planes, no fire of any kind.”

Ohman’s night of peace occurred after a staff sergeant threatened to shoot him with his .45 if he didn’t flee. Even with a bum arm, he regrouped and found 1st Infantry Division men scavenging for safety. An officer demanded they dig; he followed those orders “toute de suite,” just as he did the staff sergeant’s.

WWII aircraft speak of courage on 75th anniversary of D-Day

By Robin Chapman

This June marks the 75th anniversary of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Europe during World War II. Overlord is the largest amphibious invasion in history and it began on D-Day – June 6, 1944.

“I remember it well,” said Chester “Chet” Clark, 82, of Los Altos. “I was 7 years old and I used to sit on my father’s lap and read the war news with him. I remember asking him what the ‘D’ meant.”

For the record, the letter “D” was a military placeholder for the chosen day – kept secret before

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LA museum exhibition explores history of gadgets

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos History Museum’s latest exhibition, “Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household,” highlights how gadgets from alarm clocks to coffee makers, cell phones and gadgets from alarm clocks to gadgets from alarm clocks. “What came before the cellphone? Or the vacuum cleaner?” Farquhar said.” The museum and J. Gilbert Smith House are located at 51 S. South Antonio Road. Hours are noon to 4 P.M. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

For more information, call 948-9427, ext. 14, email hello@losaltoshistory.org or visit losaltoshistory.org.

Overcoming the death of a dream

By Ruthven Darlene

This is the third in a five-part series on the effects of domestic violence.

Over time, if an abuse victim keeps a secret journal, she may begin to discern patterns—how intimate occasions are often spoiled, how her partner is typically missing in action or resentful or angry when she is ill or needs help, how even the most innocuous conversation can have landmines in it that she sometimes ends up apologizing for—even if he is clearly to blame.

He is a shapeshifter, a moving target. And with her direct approach, her ability to examine her own imperfections, speak honestly about what she needs and what’s upsetting her, she is far ougunned by someone who is adept in the use of covert tactics that somehow always end up making her blame and maintaining the status quo—with him in control.

Once she starts to recognize these periods of emotional abuse, once she starts to get language around the tactics, then it becomes more difficult to slip back into denial when they are calm. She may still think that if she just tries harder, she can figure out a way to make the abuse stop. But it’s getting harder and harder to ignore the toll it is taking on her physical and emotional health—and on her children’s.

Fleeting thoughts of escape flicker in and out of her consciousness, but she quickly dismisses them, wanting to leave no stone unturned to save the marriage—yet also afraid of what he might do if she leaves. She knows most domestic violence incidents take place after a woman leaves. That’s when she is most likely to get killed. He has threatened to destroy her in other ways—convince everyone she’s crazy or that she is the abuser, ruin her reputation, destroy her career, render her homeless. She knows if she leaves him, she risks losing everything: her children, her home, her life’s savings, her life.

Epiphany

Flashes of insight begin to occur, and this flickering between denial and recognition becomes more frequent and harder to ignore, until one day the dawning awareness begins that was supposed to last a lifetime. If she can overcome the epiphany and the grief that attend this revelation. It is the death of a dream: the dream of a relationship and submission to this truth and the effect it will continue to have over her and over the children as the abuse continues or gets worse—which it typically does—or she must risk everything she has and leave, sometimes after not just months or years, but after decades of building a life together while simultaneously having her confidence in her ability to make it on her own slowly eroded.

Where will she go? How can she keep a roof over her head, especially if he has taken total control of the finances, which so often happens? How will she stay safe? Will he stalk her or hire people to stalk her for days, months, years to come? Will he kill her? Will she be able to leave them? Will he pay someone to kill her or them? These are legitimate concerns whenever an abuser realizes that he is losing control. He will often do whatever it takes to get that control back. Hence the refrain, “If I can’t have you, no one will.”

And then there is the profound sense of loss that accompanies this revelation. It is the death of a dream: the dream of a relationship that was supposed to last a lifetime. If she can overcome the epiphany and the grief that attend it, she may begin to catch sight of an alternative to this slow, steady descent into submission and surrender.

In part 4 of the series, Darlene will explore a victim’s call to freedom and the hatching of an escape plan.

Ruthven Darlene, M.A., is founder and director of the nonprofit Women SV, which provides a range of services for those experiencing domestic violence. For more information, call 996-2200, email info@womensv.org or visit womensv.org.

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**SIR lunch features talk on social services**

Sons In Retirement Los Altos Branch 35 has scheduled a luncheon and presentation by Josh Selo on “Safety Net Services in Silicon Valley” 11:30 a.m. June 19 at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real.

Selo is executive director of the nonprofit West Valley Community Services.

SIR is a social organization open to active, mature men. Activities include bowling, golf, hiking, bocce ball and investments.

For more information, call Paul Schutz at (408) 313-6852, email pschutz3@comcast.net or visit sirinc2.org/branch35.

**Jazz trio performs at Wunderman House**

Jazz musicians Charlie McCarthy, Larry Vuckovich and Doug Miller are scheduled to perform 3-5 p.m. June 15 at the Wunderman House, 655 Eunice Ave., Mountain View.

McCarthy will play four instruments: tenor saxophone, clarinet, soprano sax and flute. He has performed with such greats as Sarah Vaughan and Frank Sinatra. Miller, a bassist, has shared the stage with the orchestras of Duke Ellington and Count Basie, featuring guitarist Freddie Green. Vuckovich, an internationally acclaimed jazz pianist, is set to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award in August at a festival in Serbia for being the only jazz musician from the former Yugoslavia residing and performing in the U.S. for more than 60 years.

The program will include famous jazz instrumental pieces from the bebop and swing eras, Latin boleros, Brazilian selections, romantic ballads played in different rhythms and tempos, tango jazz and funky boogaloo numbers.

Wine, cheese, crackers, hummus and chocolate will be served. Suggested donation is $25. For tickets, email Ilona O’Brien at konailona@gmail.com.

For more information, visit larryvuckovich.com.

**World Affairs talk centers on oceans**

The Peninsula Chapter of World Affairs has scheduled the presentation “Sharing Our Oceans: How Virtual Reality Can Save Our Blue Planet” 7:30 p.m. today at Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave.

Erika Woolsey, a marine biologist, ocean educator and National Geographic Explorer, will discuss the work of The Hydrous, a nonprofit organization devoted to translating marine science into public understanding.

The program is co-sponsored by the Los Altos Library. Admission is free and open to all. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

This is the final World Affairs presentation of the season. Programs will begin again in the fall.

To offer suggestions for 2019-2020 program topics and for more information, email Katie Zoglin at peninsula@worldaffairs.org.

**GreenTown event offers ‘truth about food’**

GreenTown Los Altos has scheduled the presentation “Healthy Food, Healthy Planet” featuring Ocean Robbins 7 p.m. Thursday at the Los Altos main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

Robbins, CEO and co-founder of the Food Revolution Network, will offer what GreenTown reps billed as a “candid and inspiring look at the truth about food and what you can do to be a powerful force for positive change.” According to GreenTown board member Margaret Suozzo, Robbins’ appearance kicks off the nonprofit organization’s plant-based eating campaign. GreenTown is currently conducting a survey on its website (greentownlosaltos.org), with results geared to developing a program helping local restaurants transition to more plant-based meals. The group urges residents to take the survey.

Admission to Robbins’ presentation is free and open to all. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. To register and for more information, visit eventbrite.com and type “greentown” in the search bar.
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On D-Day, the Allies filled the skies with something like 10,000 propeller-driven aircraft. Not all brought death. Californian Douglas Rhai landed on Omaha Beach in a P-40 Warhawk. I was taking a ride in a B-24 Liberator, a trip I won in a drawing at the Moffett Field Historical Society Museum. The B-24 was imposing and slow. With modern Silicon Valley below us, it seemed astonishing America won a war with these analog flying machines.

For more information on the “Wings of Freedom” tour, visit collingsfoundation.org.

Robin Chapman is the daughter of a World War II veteran.

OHMAN
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His memories, still fresh, make events feel like they happened “a couple of years ago,” Ohman joked. He vividly recalled lying in the sick bay of a military hospital as his arm healed and having a Purple Heart medal just casually tossed onto his cot. Once he made a full recovery, Ohman trained as a radio operator and with the Second Armed Division joined efforts in the Battle of the Bulge. He was injured there as well and received another Purple Heart.

After attending the German surrender ceremony in Potsdam in May 1945, Ohman’s tour was over. He was later honored with two President’s Unit Citations – one for each battle he helped the Allied forces win.

Life after war
Ohman discovered the challenge of returning to civilian life once he returned to his native New York to live with his uncle while attending Syracuse University through the GI Bill. He soon met his future wife, Anka, a harpist with the Phoenix Symphony. Ohman transferred to Arizona State University to follow Anka on her own tour. They later settled in California and taught at City College of San Francisco. They raised a daughter, Melissa. Anka died in 2013.

These days, Ohman keeps busy by making patterned quilts, reading and taking care of his finances with help from software programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel.

Last week, just before he departed for Normandy, Ohman handed over his itinerary, including dates he would be gone, who he would be with and where he would visit.

Ohman plans to visit his niece Barbara, for whom he has prepared an entire sheet of information about his military service, accompanied by a picture of women’s signatures Ohman collected when on leave in Paris in 1944. Ohman has no pictures of himself from D-Day, but he kept the note.

“I told her I have to show her my ‘autographs,’” he said, his eyes sparkling with a youthful gleam.

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Los Altos residents and Korean War veterans Roy Jones, left, and Patrick Farrell flank Honor Flight medical director Connie Johnson Sunday in Washington, D.C. Jones and Farrell were among a contingent of vets touring war memorials courtesy of the nonprofit group, which provides the trips free of charge as a way of thanking vets for their service.

Two local Korean War veterans lauded courtesy of Honor Flight

Two Los Altos residents traveled to Washington, D.C., last weekend to visit veterans’ memorials, courtesy of the nonprofit Honor Flight, which provides trips to former U.S. Armed Forces members and their guardians at no cost.

Korean War vet Leroy Jones and Patrick Farrell visited the nation’s capital June 2-4. Jones served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951, when he enlisted as an infantry officer, to 1980, when he retired as a lieutenant colonel. Farrell served in the U.S. Navy during the war from 1951 to 1954. Both Jones and Farrell are members of the Rotary Club of Los Altos.

For Jones, the trip offered a reunion with a fellow Marine—one he has not seen in 55 years, said his wife, Maureen. Jones planned on meeting up with Col. Ken Hopper, now president of the U.S. Marine Reserve Association.

A third Los Altos Korean War vet, Jack Heidmiller, is scheduled to take a September trip through Honor Flight. Heidmiller, who served in Korea 1950-1952, also is a Rotarian.

During the trip, vets visit military memorials such as Arlington National Cemetery and attend a banquet with top military officials.

Founded in 2005, Honor Flight’s mission is to honor, reunite and show gratitude to veterans for their service. Priority is afforded to World War II vets, followed by Korean and Vietnam vets.

For more information, visit honorflight.org

Museum display offers food for thought

How food impacts culture, shapes lives and affects the planet is the focus of the Los Altos History Museum’s latest exhibit, “Silicon Valley Eats: A Taste for Innovation,” on display through Sept. 8.

Laid out in four sections, the exhibition covers: “The Valley of Heart’s Delight,” showcasing the orchards; “Convenience in the Kitchen,” highlighting postwar changes; “Divinity of Cuisine,” celebrating the community’s restaurants; and “The Future of Food,” exploring today’s food movements and new food technologies.

A series of related programs is scheduled at the museum, unless otherwise noted, including:

- Apricot STEM Fair with hands-on activities, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 30
- Kids cooking classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 6, 13, 20 and 27
- Slow-food cooking classes, 6-8 p.m. July 8, 16 and 24
- “Eating Your Values” panel discussion at the Los Altos main library, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 15
- “Food for the Future” panel discussion at the Los Altos main library, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 22

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road. Admission is free.

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org
LA author publishes children’s book promoting gender equality

By Zoe Morgan  
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W hen Los Altos resident Helen Vallaeys first began writing her picture book “What You Can Do, I Can Too,” she wanted a book she could read to her daughters that taught them women are able to achieve the same things as men.

“I didn’t think in the beginning at all (that) I would get it published,” Vallaeys said. “I truly just set out to write a story for my two little girls that I could read to them.”

In the end, Vallaeys decided she wanted to share her story with a wider audience and recently self-published the book.

“What You Can Do, I Can Too” tells the story of 11 fictional women who work a wide variety of jobs, including pilot, construction worker and lawyer.

Gender equality has long been important to Vallaeys. She is a senior director and the head of Lean In programs at the Sheryl Sandberg & David Goldberg Family Foundation. Sandberg, chief operating officer at Facebook, wrote the best-selling book “Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead.”

Vallaeys has three children: a 5-year-old son, a 3-year-old daughter and an infant girl.

“I really wrote this book initially for my 3-year-old daughter, because I look at her and I want to make sure that she can be or do anything when she grows up,” Vallaeys said.

In the past few weeks, Vallaeys has read the book at local schools and at the Los Altos Library. Although Vallaeys said her target audience is young girls, she thinks parents should also read the book to their sons.

“I think it will resonate with a lot of parents that have daughters,” Vallaeys said.

“That’s not to say though that it shouldn’t also be read to boys, to show them how important (gender equality) is.”

The self-publishing process

When Vallaeys conceived of the book’s plot, she wanted to showcase women in a variety of professions, including those that are stereotypically masculine.

The characters in the book include a scientist named Jo, a secret service agent named Ava and a doctor named Roz.

It was also important to Vallaeys that she featured a diverse range of women. The book includes women of color, a woman wearing a headscarf and a woman in a wheelchair.

Not a natural artist herself, Vallaeys used photographs of women in a headscarf and a woman in a wheelchair.

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Los Altos School District moves to hire consultant for public outreach on BCS deal

By Zoe Morgan  
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T he Los Altos School District Board of Trustees unanimously agreed May 28 to hire an outside consultant to conduct a community engagement process on a long-term facilities agreement with Bullis Charter School.

The board approved a motion to hire MIG, a Berkeley-based firm with experience running public outreach campaigns, and capped the cost of the contract at $70,000.

Trustees also asked for a few changes to MIG’s proposal, based in part on concerns expressed by local residents who spoke at the meeting.

Approximately a dozen people addressed the board, with many saying they wanted to make sure the process wasn’t just a rubber stamp on the proposed 10-year deal with Bullis Charter School that the board tabled in late April after public outcry.

That deal would give the charter school the bulk of the Egan Junior High School campus and move Egan to the 10th school site in Mountain View the district is planning to purchase.

“I hope I’m wrong, but at first glance it seems as if (MIG’s) proposal is more about bringing the public up to speed on why the 10-year agreement is the best alternative, instead of a true engagement process,” Herb Marshall told the board.

The parent of two Santa Rita students said he didn’t “want to be sold on the agreement,” but rather to understand the pros and cons of different options.

Other commenters echoed that sentiment. Some said they wanted to see less time spent on public outreach and education, and more time on hearing the community’s feedback.

Process takes shape

The original proposal from MIG called for spending the summer doing outreach and education, with community meetings beginning in September and running until mid-November.

Trustees discussed the possibility of moving the meetings earlier, but some voiced concern that residents may be gone over the summer break and unable to participate.

A representative from MIG, Joan Chaplick, said it could be possible to host a webinar over the summer, enabling people to participate remotely.

Chaplick said that throughout the process she will work to educate the community and gather feedback and ideas.

“My concern is creating that space where a civil conversation can happen,” she said.

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LASD, teachers union reach tentative deal

By Zoe Morgan  
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Los Altos School District teachers won’t receive any salary bump this school year under a tentative deal the district reached with its teachers union.

Although salaries would stay flat for the 2018-2019 school year, teachers would see a 2.5% increase next school year.

The agreement still needs final approval from both sides. District trustees plan to take a final vote on the agreement at their board meeting Monday.

A majority of union members also need to sign off on the deal. The votes should be tallied by the end of the week, union bargaining chairwoman Roberta Pine said.

She plans to present the results at Monday’s board meeting.

“We certainly would have liked to have seen a retroactive raise for this year, but we also understand that there are many constraints on the budget right now,” Pine said.

The district also reached a tentative deal with the union representing classified employees, which includes support staff such as instructional aides and maintenance workers.

Under that deal, classified employees also wouldn’t get a salary increase this school year, but would receive a 2% raise next year.

Tight finances ahead

It is unusual for Los Altos teachers and support staff not to get a pay increase. Teachers have received a raise for at least the past six school years. They received a 2% increase for the 2017-2018 school year and 5% the year before that.

“It’s not typical,” Superintendent Jeffrey Baier said about the lack of a salary increase. “We have a very tight budget; we’re having to make some pretty significant cuts this year.”

Baier attributed the challenging financial outlook in part to declining enrollment. Next year the district is projecting 135 fewer students than attended this year.

In the 2014-2015 school year, the district peaked at 4,670 students. Next year, only 4,107 are projected.

Although no layoffs are planned, the district intends to eliminate 16 teaching positions. The reductions will be achieved through attrition, including teachers who retire or otherwise leave the district.

Five teachers who currently

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She hired an illustrator via the freelancing site Upwork. She was drawn to the work of Dani Ward because her illustrations were colorful and vibrant, but also somewhat realistic and not too “cartoonish.”

“I found her illustrations and I immediately fell in love with her work,” Vallaeys said. Ultimately, Vallaeys decided to self-publish the book through the company IngramSpark. By self-publishing, Vallaeys could choose her illustrator and make all the final decisions about the book herself.

“What You Can Do, I Can Too” is available on Amazon.com.

MIG

Pinewood School hosted its graduation ceremony May 30. Following is a list of graduates from Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

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Gunn High School hosted its graduation ceremony May 30. Following is a list of graduates from Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

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Spartans secure a place in school history

MV baseball team squeaks by Leland to win first CCS title

By Pete Borello
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D
ays after the Mountain View High baseball team won its first Central Coast Section title, some of the Spartans had yet to fully comprehend what they accomplished.

“I still can’t wrap my head around it,” said left fielder Gabe Harris, who hit a two-run double in Mountain View’s 6-5 win over Leland in the CCS Division I final May 25.

Head coach Kris Mims called the win “surreal” and couldn’t wait to continue the celebration with his players at the end-of-the-season party scheduled last Friday night.

“It hasn’t set in yet,” he said. “It will probably set in at the team party. That’s where I usually tell them, ‘It was a great season, but ...’ Well, this time, there’s no ‘but.’”

There was a bunt, though – two of them, actually – that helped the 10th-seeded Spartans pull ahead of No. 4 Leland in the seventh inning. With the game tied at 5, Padyn Kesselring executed a sacrifice bunt that advanced Cae Cox to second. Cox – pinch running for Evan Nance, who hit a lead-off single – then moved to third on a swinging bunt from pinch-hitter Matthew Tseng. Joe Coleman walked and Mims replaced him with pinch-runner James Hoyt.

Leland reliever Trevor Soe threw to first base three times to keep Hoyt close to the bag and the third throw went awry, allowing Cox to score.

Mims said Mountain View’s penchant for stealing bases (the team led the CCS in swiped bags this year) played a part in the pivotal play. The Spartans had already stolen four bases in the game and Soe seemed so concerned with Hoyt taking off for second that those three pickoff attempts came before he delivered a single pitch to the batter at the plate.

“We’re extremely aggressive and have a lot of speed,” said sophomore Harris, who had one of the steals. “We can go from home to third in the blink of an eye.”

Holding a precarious one-run lead heading to the bottom of the seventh against the top-hitting team in CCS, Mountain View turned to reliever Gabe Barrett to suppress the Chargers.

“He had a fresh arm – he hadn’t thrown in two weeks,” Mims said.

“I just gave him the ball and said, ‘Your job is to just throw strikes.’”

The sophomore set down Leland in order, inducing two grounders and then a pop up.

“We love that guy,” Harris said of Barrett. “He did his job and we did ours.”

The Mountain View High baseball team acknowledges its new status as Central Coast Section Division I champion after beating Leland 6-5 in the title game May 25 in San Jose.

SF’s Eng makes state finals in 1,600 run; LA’s Mollerstedt, relay set school records

By Pete Borello
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The decision to compete in the state track and field championships or walk at graduation is a difficult one for many seniors attending schools that hold their ceremonies the same weekend as the meet.

St. Francis High distance runner Eric Eng faced such a dilemma last weekend of May, but he found a way to run, walk and run again.

After placing fifth in the preliminaries of the 1,600-meter run Friday night at Buchanan High in Clovis, Eng said he returned home by midnight and participated in St. Francis’ graduation ceremony the next morning.

“IT was definitely a tough turnaround; I’m used to getting more sleep,” said Eng, who had to be at St. Francis by 7:45 a.m. for graduation.

“It added a little stress and exhaustion, but I’m really happy I made it to both.”

And which of these events would Eng have chosen if he could have attended only one of them?

“State,” he said. “Graduation was really cool, but there were other graduation-related experiences that I was able to do. And running a PR (personal record) might stay with me longer.”

That PR came in the preliminaries, in which the Cornell University-bound Eng finished the race in 4 minutes, 11.53 seconds. His previous best came a week earlier at the Central Coast Section finals in Gilroy, where he ran a 4:14 for third.

“I felt strong throughout – it was a good day for me,” Eng said of his record run at state. “It was a really cool experience.”

Eng added that his strategy helped him succeed.

“I knew the race would go out fast,” he said.

“But I didn’t want to go out too fast and figured

LA’s Eng makes state finals in 1,600 run; LA’s Mollerstedt, relay set school records
I would sit at the back for the first lap and move up slowly. With 600 meters to go, I made a hard move to the front – to the fifth position – and stuck with them and finished strong. It was a good last lap.”

Eng didn’t have the same strength Saturday – nor did he expect to after graduating from Stanford. “That was tough,” Eng said of the finals, in which he ran a 4:23.23. “But it’s tough to come back and run the next day anyway.”

SF teammate Toney takes third

Scott Toney was the other Lancer to advance to the state finals. The junior placed third in both the prelims (15 feet, 9 inches) and finals (16-1) of the pole vault.

Toney won the event at CCS the prior week.

Other SF athletes miss finals

St. Francis’ other state qualifiers did not get beyond the prelims.

On the boys side, senior Mason Elefant (1:55.21) and junior Juan Pablo Garcia took 16th and 21st, respectively, in the 800 run; junior Euan Cairns (1:57.59) advanced to the prelims. The senior ran the girls 300 hurdles in a school-record 44.09 to claim ninth place in the prelims. She also finished ninth in the finals with a 44.62.

“What a spectacular season,” Los Altos co-head coach Dave Barth said of Mollerstedt. “Thea is a fierce competitor, and as a coaching staff we are thrilled that she will continue her running career as a student-athlete at Cal Berkeley.”

Mollerstedt also ran on the 4x400 relay team that placed 10th in the prelims (one spot shy of making the finals) and broke the school record set in 1983. Jessie Bourgan, Jessica Carlson, Mollerstedt and Anna Zaeske combined forces to run 3:52.47, which was 4 seconds faster than their previous best. They missed the finals by a mere .02 seconds.

Sophomore Isabelle Cairns, the lone St. Francis girl to qualify for state, placed 19th in the 800 run prelims with a 2:17.20.

“We are incredibly proud of all of our state qualifiers, the largest group in our school’s history,” Lancers co-head coach Phil Pompei said. “We look forward to big things from our graduates as many head off to college and look forward to seeing what more our returners have in the tank for next year.”

LA girls set school records

Eight Los Altos High athletes qualified for the state meet, but only Thea Mollerstedt advanced to the finals. The senior ran the girls 300 hurdles in a school-record 44.09 to claim ninth place in the prelims. She also finished ninth in the finals with a 44.62.

The Los Altos High girls 4x400 relay team – from left, Thea Mollerstedt (third leg), Jessie Bourgan (first), Francesca Stepanov (alternate), Jessie Carlson (second) and Anna Zaeske (fourth) – commemorate setting the school record at the state meet in Clovis. Mollerstedt also set the school record in the 300 hurdles.

In addition, Fairey placed 18th in the 200 dash prelims with a 22.27, which Barth called “a great run.” The senior tied the school’s 100 dash record earlier in the year.

“It has been an incredible season,” Barth said in praise of the Eagles. “It’s not every year we bring athletes to state. To bring such a large crew is a testament to our athletes and how hard they have worked. This was four years of dedication for all of them. For everyone to compete as well as they did on such a big stage was really exciting.”
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Leland got to Spartan starter Jared Norris early – scoring three runs in the first – but the senior co-captain persevered.

“He did a good job weathering the storm after that rough first inning,” Mims said. “In the second, he didn’t give up any runs. He kept battling.”

Mims added that he wasn’t overly concerned with the three-run deficit, confident his team could get to Leland starter Calvin Hsiao. Mountain View (20-10-1 overall) scored two unearned runs in the top of the third; Nancy and Tristan Silveira both had RBIs.

The Chargers (20-8-2) put up runs in the bottom of the third to make it 4-2, but the Spartans tied it in the fourth on Harris’ double to left.

“I’ll never forget the double that scored two runs,” he said. “The crowd got up and my teammates were smiling at me.”

Leland recaptured the lead in the bottom of the frame on Kekoa Lopez’s sacrifice fly, which brought home pinch-runner Joey Cota.

After a scoreless fifth, Spartan senior Aran Cox drilled a two-out triple to score Harris and tie the game at 5 in the sixth.

Norris kept the Chargers in check in the bottom half of the sixth, putting Mountain View in position to take the lead with a Mountain View’s Gabe Harris. racing home in a league game against Homestead, hit a two-run double in the Spartans’ win over Leland in the CCS Division I final May 25.

single run in the seventh. Soon after Cae Cox plated the winning run, big brother Aran caught the last out.

A slew of Spartans scurried toward the mound and the celebration commenced at Excite Park (formerly San Jose Municipal Stadium).

“I told them afterward, ‘They can never take this away from you,’” Mims said. “‘You will always be champions and the first champions at Mountain View High.'”

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3-8. Campers will be taught fundamental skills of the game and participate in a variety of drills, competitions and games. Cost is $225 for one session or $400 for both. Scholarships are available. To register and for more information, visit losaltosbasketballleagueapps.com.

SF softball falls to Mitty in CCS final

Town Crier Staff Report

The St. Francis High softball team didn’t win this year’s Central Coast Section Open Division final – Mitty prevailed 6-0 May 25 at PAL Stadium – but if recent history is any indication, the Lancers will avenge the loss next season.

The league rivals seem to be taking turns winning the Open – at the other team’s expense. The Monarchs beat the Lancers in the 2017 title game and St. Francis got payback last season.

This year’s final was all Mitty. The eighth-seeded Monarchs jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, scored single runs in the third and fourth and then added two more in the sixth.

The third-seeded Lancers struggled to get on base against Mitty ace Savanna Smith. She limited them to three hits – singles by Brooke Deppenese, Kennedy Addison and Hannah Damore – walked one batter and struck out four.

St. Francis starter Lauren Baker took the loss. She surrendered four runs (two earned), two hits and two walks before giving way to Jordan Scharring in the fourth.

The Lancers (24-6-1 overall) entered the final with a 2-1 record this year against Mitty (18-7), most recently routing the Monarchs 14-4 in the West Catholic Athletic League semifinals May 8.

St. Francis reached the CCS title game by beating No. 6 Santa Teresa in the quarterfinals and No. 2 Notre Dame-Salinas in the semis.
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Honda Insight incites excitement
By Mike Hagerty

Honda, the carmaker that rarely gets it wrong, has done so at least twice -- 10 years apart.

In 1999, Honda decided to be the first with a hybrid in North America. The first-generation Insight beat the original Toyota Prius to showrooms by seven months. The head start was of little help. In seven years, just as the second-gen Prius was setting sales records, Honda pulled the plug on the Insight. It was funny looking (even compared to the Prius) and impractical, as it had only two seats.

Honda regrouped and came back with an Insight in 2009 that looked like it was meant to compete head-to-head with the Prius, with seating for five and styling that appeared like someone had pretty much put a sheet of tracing paper over a Prius brochure and then made some adjustments to keep the lawyers happy.

It died in five years. It might have looked better than the first and been a couple of thousand dollars less than a Prius, but it wasn’t nearly as good as a Prius.

Third time’s a charm

Well, here we are, living in a year ending in a “9,” and here comes Honda again -- with the third Insight. And it’s just plain tremendous.

The 2019 Honda Insight is a hybrid that delivers 51 mpg city and 45 mpg highway.

Auto Review

With the 2019 Insight, Honda has come up with the logical middle between the Civic and the Accord. It’s an answer to a question I didn’t know to ask; it’s pure Goldilocks -- just right.

And the icing on the cake: It’s a hybrid. The 1.5-liter I-VTEC four-cylinder engine, plus an electric motor mated to a CVT, makes for a combined 151 horsepower, which is more than adequate for the Insight’s size and weight. It also delivers staggering good fuel economy.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says 51 mpg city/45 highway. But in 300 miles of city street and urban freeway driving, my end-of-the-week average was 50.

And in top-of-the-line Touring trim like our tester, the Insight is phenomenally well-equipped and borders on luxury. The Honda Insight Touring’s all-included price of $28,090 boasts an array of features, including hill start assist, vehicle stability assist, lane-keeping assist, road-departure mitigation, remote engine start, navigation, voice recognition and multi-view rear camera.

There’s also three years or 36,000 miles of Honda roadside assistance. I’ll be astonished if you ever need it.

The 2019 Honda Insight belongs in the ranks of the best cars it has ever made. And if I go Honda shopping, this is the one I’ll be going for.

Days of dipstick disappearing
By Matt Pataky

A customer recently brought in her 2009 Audi Q5 quattro 3.2 liter. She said the low engine oil warning prompted her to add oil, but the light remained on -- and the car does not have an engine oil dipstick to manually check the level.

We are noticing more and more that car manufacturers are not installing fluid dipsticks in engines and transmissions. The underlying thought was that they were doing it for environmental or cost savings, but neither is true. Market research has suggested that people are checking their engine oil less and would rather rely on technology to do it for them.

On cars without a dipstick, the engine oil level is read via a level sensor (on the bottom of the engine oil pan). Conductive sensors are commonly used to measure engine oil. Conductive level sensors use a low-voltage, current-limited power source applied across separate electrodes. Engine oils are normally only slightly conductive. So if you put the engine oil between the electrodes, the sensor can measure the amount. The sensor is located at the bottom of the oil pan; when the oil gets too low, the sensor detects it.

The problem is that technology is not perfect. The sensors are exposed to cold and hot oil, dirty oil, sludge, metal in the oil from engine wear and engine vibrations. Sensors can fail, computers can glitch and the readout is not always correct.

Diagnosing the problem

Let’s get back to the 2009 Audi Q5 quattro. The customer stated that she added 2 quarts of oil and the low-oil light did not turn off.

At that point, she felt it prudent to get the car to us. After we pulled the car in, we checked the oil level. Audi makes a special tool to...
**An unlikely king of the road**

**New Buick Regal is seriously sporty**

By Mike Hagerty

Shopping for a sports sedan? Here’s a radical idea: Buick.

OK, I know; this is the Bay Area. The last time Buicks were hot on the Peninsula, Grandpa went down to Simpson Buick at California and Castro streets in Mountain View and came home with a block-long Electra 225 with taillights.

Things change. And now, things have changed back in Buick’s favor.

The 2019 Buick Regal GS AWD (all-wheel drive) is the car you probably didn’t think Buick or its parent company, GM, could make. It’s legit. It feels European. Check out that fine print at the bottom of the window sticker; it’s in, like, seven-point type: “Final Assembly: Russelheim, Germany.”

The Regal GS is the final fruit of the 88-year-long ownership of German automaker Opel by GM. It was sold to Groupe PSA, makers of Renault and Citroen, two years ago. And it makes a strong case for that “saving the best for last” stuff.

For a base price of $39,070, you get what looks like a sedan but is actually a cleverly styled hatchback. That means tons of usable space behind the back seats, and when you fold those down, stationwagon-like acreage for hauling stuff.

Speaking of hauling, the 3.6-liter V-6 is good for 310 horsepower and mated to a nine-speed automatic transmission, and it delivers a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-estimated 19 mpg city and 27 mpg highway. Zero to 60 mph happens in under 6 seconds. And a serious set of Brembo brakes (with red-painted calipers) makes sure that stops are short and straight.

Best of all, this Regal handles. It loves the twisty stuff. A run out El Monte Road to Page Mill Road and onto Skyline Boulevard will make an unbiased, informed, and smart decision on your auto purchase or lease.

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Knowing that the oil level was correct and that the car would not enter into electronic oil-level reading, but the car would have severely damaged the engine. Either way, she still could not have known how much oil was in the engine.

If it were up to me, there would always be an engine oil dipstick. If your car does not have a dipstick, make sure to learn how your automatic oil-level system works and use it. The modern car is getting more and more complex, but some things – like the dipstick – are better left in place.

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leave you with a grin on your face that will take hours to go away. The all-wheel drive enhances the cornering and gives you an edge in wet weather. And you can set the sportiness to your particular comfort zone, thanks to a three-setting drive mode: Touring, Sport and GS. Touring's the softest and quietest, with Sport and GS incrementally dialing up the suspension firmness and elevating the revs that prompt the gear shifts.

Bells and whistles

Inside, the surroundings are contemporary and tasteful. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are part of the infotainment package, as is an in-vehicle 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot.

GM is also trying to up the "my car does that for me" game with Marketplace. It's the automotive industry's first in-vehicle commerce platform for making purchases and reservations. Companies such as Dunkin' Donuts, Applebee's, Yelp, Shell, ExxonMobil, Priceline and more have signed on.

Our test vehicle did have some extra-cost options:

- Sights and Sounds Package (8-inch color touchscreen with navigation, HD Radio, premium audio): $945
- Driver Confidence Package No. 2 (adaptive cruise control, following-distance indicator, forward collision alert, forward automatic braking, lane-keeping assist with lane-departure warning, front pedestrian braking, head-up display): $1,690
- White Frost Tricoat paint: $1,095
- Appearance Package (wireless charging, LED headlamps, cornering lamps, automatic leveling headlamp control): $485

With the $925 destination charge, the bottom line came to $44,210.

So has Buick built a BMW-killer? No. The 2019 Buick Regal GS's natural competitors are the Acura TLX V-6 and the Kia Stinger GT. The Buick has a bit more power than the Acura and a bit less than the Kia. It's more refined than the Kia, but that's part of the Stinger's charm. My take is that if you test-drive those three cars, you'll have a tough choice -- and the Buick Regal GS could end up in your driveway as easily as the other two.

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ROAD TRIP
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- Do not expect kids to sleep in the car. I went into this trip thinking that my kids would knock out 1-3 p.m. every day, and my husband would gloriously complete two New York Times crossword puzzles while we drove. Never happened once. Kids have to be worn out to sleep. Keep your expectations low for sleep/naps and you’ll end up being a lot more satisfied on your trip.

- Hire babysitters. Once we mapped our itinerary, we found a trusted sitter in New Orleans. We set up our handy-dandy Nest cam and went out for some of the best seafood of our lives. With little separation from the kids the entire trip, the sitter was a godsend. Don’t be afraid to find trusted sitters — use your network and see who you know in towns you visit.

Finally, remember why you chose to travel this way in the first place. At its core, the great American road trip is about togetherness, tradition, spontaneity, adventure and flexibility. Did I discover all of the best margaritas south of the Colorado River? Yes. But I also discovered how much I love our little family, and while 83.7 cubic feet may not be enough room for us to live in forever, it was the perfect amount for us to create some pretty incredible memories.

To read more of Sarah Mumford’s parenting experiences and advice, visit her blog at whininganddiningblog.com.
The Los Altos Stage Company production of the musical “Next to Normal” is scheduled to close June 23 at Bus Barn Theater.

With book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, “Normal” explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. The musical won three Tony Awards in 2009 and the Pulitzer Prize in 2010.

The Goodmans appear to be a typical American family: dad is an architect; mom rushes to pack lunches and pour cereal; and their daughter and son are bright, wisecracking teens. But their lives are anything but normal; the mother has been battling manic depression for 16 years.

Janie Scott directs “Normal.” The cast of six features Ella Ruth Francis, Joey McDaniel, Mitchell Mosley, David Saber, Anthony Stephens and Jillian Toby-Cummings.

Performances are slated 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $20-$38.

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

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley is set to present “Archduke” today through June 30 at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. The play previews today through Friday and opens Saturday.


Giovanna Sardelli, TheatreWorks’ director of new works, directs “Archduke.” Sardelli di- rected “Finks” in 2018 and the “Velocity of Autumn” in 2016, among other productions. Archduke features Stephen Stocking (as Gavrilo), Adam Shonkwiler (Nedeljko) and Jeremy Kahn (Trifko) as the three central char- acters. Other cast members in- clude Scott Coopwood (Apis) and Luisa Sermol (Sladjana).

Performances are slated 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays (after this week), 2 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $40-$100.

For tickets and more infor- mation, call 463-1960 or visit theatreworks.org.
Los Altos Youth Commission honors three local businesses

By Melissa Hartman
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Sine the Los Altos Youth Commission launched its Teen Friendly Business Award program three years ago, members have annually honored a single business for creating a welcoming environment for local teens. This year, the commission selected three.

In past years, commissioners considered businesses across the city’s seven districts and recognized the one that best catered to teens.

In 2017, the commission selected Spot Pizza as the winner. In 2018, they chose Teaspoon. This year, the concept of the program was “completely reimagined,” according to commission chairman Drishaan Jain.

“We spent a lot more time reviewing the businesses and interviewed the management for the first time this year,” Jain said of the process, which included collaborating with the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce. “We also have never had a formal awards presentation previously.”

The Chamber of Commerce and city staff were scheduled Monday to join the commission in bestowing awards to T4, Baskin-Robbins and AJ Tutoring for the Food/Drink, Employment and Services categories, respectively.

Jain said commissioners began their search for teen-friendly businesses by brainstorming and generating a list for consideration, which they further narrowed down and organized by category. Each commissioner then personally studied and evaluated two to three businesses.

For the Food/Drink category, commissioners noted if there were any special discounts for teens, if a large number of teens were consistently present within the business and if the business had any special way of specifically catering to teens, Jain explained. “For the Employment category, commissioners interviewed business management to understand their policy of hiring teens, and actual teenage employment numbers. For the Services category, we looked for the quality of service a business provided to teenagers, and if teens actually utilized the business.”

The program enables the commission to acknowledge strides made by local businesses to serve the teen population of Los Altos, Jain added.

“Since many middle and high schoolers often spend time at local businesses after school or on the weekends, it is very special for us to be able to recognize the ones that go above and beyond to cater to the youth,” he said. “The process of selecting our award winners also gives the Youth Commission a great way to connect with local businesses, as visiting, interviewing and reviewing the different candidates gives us the chance to understand these businesses better.”

Allison Carlisle, director of the Los Altos Youth Commission singles out T4, clockwise, from top left, Baskin-Robbins and AJ Tutoring for being teen-friendly businesses.

Revelation in Fit celebrates anniversary, takes its ‘fit’ mission on the road

By Eliza Ridgeway
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Revelation in Fit, the lingerie shop at 286 State St. in Los Altos, has planned a sale and giveaways Friday through Sunday to mark its fifth anniversary as an organization.

Owner Robynne Winchester opened the first of her three Bay Area locations five years ago and opened in Los Altos in 2017. She spoke with the Town Crier last week from San Jose, where she and other staff were conducting bra fittings for underserved and homeless women during a day of service.

The organization Be a Dear and Donate a Brassiere collects gently used and new bras from around the Bay Area and donates them directly to women in shelters and at other points of crisis. Winchester and team joined the group’s “Communi-TEA” event at the San Jose Women’s Club, helping clients “shop” the donations by pinpointing a true size and finding the best bra among the bunch.

Winchester’s mission, since starting her shop, has been a body-positive focus on correcting women’s notion of how a bra can fit and feel. As all who’ve struggled with a riding-up, pinching, sagging-down underwear can attest, finding the correct band and cup size combination in a standard brassiere defeats many, perhaps most, feminine bodies.

Although intriguing and downright fancy lingerie fills the windows, Winchester said her State Street shop sees a huge range of ages and tastes among shoppers looking to find their fit.

“We fit a lot of people into their first bra when they are 12 or 13 – we have moms bringing their children in for their first bra fitting – and we also have people bringing in their older parents for a renewed fitting, because your needs change as you get older,” she explained.

The store works on a model unusual to find in the modern age – its service centers around a complimentary, customized fitting in the lavishly decorated dressing room. It’s intended to be an education on how bras can truly fit, and an inquiry into which styles fit a particular body. The shop specializes in welcoming shoppers of all genders, shapes and sizes, and stocks a huge library of bras – in 117 size combinations – to have options in abundance.

“We strive to be a center for body positivity, and to change the way people relate to their own bodies,” Winchester said. Customers can walk in or book in advance online, and there is no fee or requirement to buy.

“People are often surprised at how affordable our bras are. They walk in expecting a fancy boutique that has an inaccessible price point, whereas between $60 and $70 is kind of the average,” Winchester said.

This weekend’s sale is the largest Revelation in Fit has ever tried, and she intends to tempt customers with mystery bags, prizes and other giveaways.

For more information, visit revelationinfit.com.
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**Business & Real Estate**

Silicon Valley Association of Realtors board director Joanne Fraser, right, presents one of 18 scholarship awards to Aashna Desai, graduating senior from Los Altos High School, at the school’s senior awards ceremony last week.

Realtors present scholarships to 18 local high school seniors

The Silicon Valley Realtors Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors, recently awarded scholarships to 18 graduating seniors from public high schools in Silicon Valley. Each student received a $1,000 scholarship.

The program recognizes students who have exemplified outstanding achievements in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement. The selection committee includes representatives from the local business community, area high schools, area colleges and SILVAR.

Students who received scholarships, the schools from which they graduated and the colleges or universities they plan to attend in the fall:

- Aashna Desai, Los Altos High School, UC Berkeley
- Valeria Gonzalez, Mountain View High School, Stanford University
- Ritu Channagiri, Homestead High School, Baylor University
- Arianna Morales, Gunn High School, St. Mary’s College
- Lucia Amieva-Wang, Palo Alto High School, Macalester College
- Divya Rao, Cupertino High School, Carnegie Mellon University
- Bryan Carrillo Martinez, Fremont High School, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Laura Herron, Los Gatos High School, UC Berkeley
- Rachel Huynh, Leigh High School, Brown University
- Emily Zhang, Lynbrook High School, Pomona College
- Chris Ikonomou, Menlo-Atherton High School, UCLA
- Clara Shen, Monta Vista High School, University of Michigan
- Edmund Zhi, Prospect High School, UCLA
- Riana Kaur Grewal, Santa Clara High School, University of Washington
- Miya Cenaka, Saratoga High School, University of the Pacific
- Alexis Weisend, Westmont High School, University of Oregon
- Kuauhtemoc Gonzalez, Wilcox High School, MIT
- Kianna Koeppen, Woodside High School, college to be determined

The Silicon Valley Association of Realtors provided information for this article. For more information, email Rose Mely at rmely@silvar.org or visit silvar.org.

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the Los Altos location of AJ Tutoring, said the business is “thrilled” to be receiving one of the Youth Commission’s awards.

“It means so much to us that students in the Los Altos community view our office as a friendly environment in which to learn,” Carlisle said in an email to the Town Crier.

“We believe it is incredibly important for students to feel supported and confident in their abilities in order to excel academically... Thank you for making our jobs fun and rewarding!”

T4 and Baskin-Robbins could not be reached for comment before the Town Crier’s press deadline.

For more information on the Los Altos Youth Commission, visit losaltosca.gov/youthcommission.

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Morning Flow Yoga. Led by Duazani Hurd. 7:8-15 a.m. Saturdays. Yoga of Los Altos, 377 First St. $13.50-$18; Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. 600-8108.

StrongStep. A Jacki Sorensen fitness class focused on low-impact workouts to upbeat music, incorporating aerobicics, strength training, abdominal work and stretching. Offered through the Los Altos Recreation Department. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Grant Park, Room 2, 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos. $65/10 classes. 961-5411.

Innate Mental Health and Releasing Our Aye., Los Altos. $65/10 classes. Wednesdays. Grant Park, Room 2, 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos. 961-5411. Offers through the Los Altos Recreation Department. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Grant Park, Room 2, 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos. 961-5411.

Glass and Decorative Arts Club. Speakers and light lunch. 11:45 a.m., the fourth Monday of the month, September through May. Garden House, Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. No cost to newcomers. gcristal@scgolbal.net.

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

Palo Alto Host Lions Club. Lunch and guest speaker. The club’s goal is to create funds for the blind, hearing and diabetes. 11:45 a.m. first three Tuesdays of the month. University Club 3277 Miranda Ave Palo Alto. e-clubhouse.org/sites/paloalto/index.php.

Sons in Retirement, Southern Peninsula Branch 5. Devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. Small group of men who get together each month to socialize, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11:30 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael’s restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. 299-9747; siric2.org(branch5).


Tuesday Toppers. Women’s nine-hole golf club with local members. 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pruneridge Golf Club, 400 N. Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara. $22-$27 per round. pruneridgegolfclub.com.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS Reasons To Believe, San Jose Chapter. Video presentation by RTB scholar Jeff Zweerink titled “Science and the Bible in Harmony.” 7-9:30 p.m. June 14. Bridges Church Campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Free. 917-9107; reasons.org.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch 35. Luncheon meeting with speaker Josh Selo on “Safety Net Services in Silicon Valley.” 11:30 a.m. June 19. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. SIR is a social organization open to active, mature men; activities include bowling, golf, hiking, boce ball and investments. (408) 313-6852; pschutz@comcast.net; siric2.org; branch35.

InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged, 10 a.m. to noon, the second Saturday of each month. Mantra: With God, there is hope. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.
Baha’i Faith of Los Altos. Fireside talks. 8-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. 158 Coronado Ave., Los Altos. 940-0143.


Technology and Society Committee. 11-45 a.m. alternate Tuesdays. Golden Wolf, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. 969-7215 (after 6 p.m.).


Optimist Club of Palo Alto-Mountain View. Luncheon meetings noon to 1:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of the month. Hyatt Rickey’s, Palo Alto. 855-1847.

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society. Includes mineral displays, field trips and a lapidary. 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of the month. Hillview Community Center, Room 12, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, pggs.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WOMENSV. A nonprofit weekly support group for victims of abusers. 9:30-2200; DearRuth2200@gmail.com (from safe computer/smartphone).

Los Altos Al-Anon. Confidential support and tools for families for person affected by another person’s drinking. Noon Thursdays. Room 7, Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Road. district20aaf.com.

Eating Disorders Resource Center. For individuals struggling with discontinued eating and body image. 9-30-11 a.m. first and third Saturdays of the month. El Camino Hospital, Conference Room A, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Free. edrc.org.

Cupertino Rotary Job Search Support Group. Open to the unemployed, employed, under-employed and career changers 18 or older. 5-730 p.m. Tuesdays. St. Cyprian Elementary School Conference Center, 1133 W. Washington Ave., Sunnyvale. (408) 735-0663; jmgibbons07@aol.com.


Mid-Peninsula Widows and Widowers Association. Helps people begin a new way of life following the loss of a spouse. 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 601 E. Monte Road. 551-0069; mwpa1.org.

Amputee Support Group. A place to meet other amputees, gain support, hear guest speakers and have barbecues in the summer. Third Wednesday of each month. Cedar Crest Rehabilitation, 797 E. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale. 968-7464; (408) 738-4880.

Ongoing Breast Cancer Support. Recovery, renewal and education for anyone who has completed breast cancer treatment and is focusing on continued physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. 5-6:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays of the month. Free. 326-6686.

Alzheimer’s Association Portuguese/English Support Group. For families and caregivers of persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Share common experiences, give and receive support, and discover ways of coping and caring. 5:30-7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Alzheimer’s Association, 2065 W. El Camino Real, Suite C, Mountain View. 962-8111.

Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Volunteers needed to mentor and speak up for abused and neglected children who have been placed in the foster-care system. (408) 416-0400.

Huntington’s Disease Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. First Baptist Church, 305 N. California St., Palo Alto. 967-0679.

Sexual Assault Survivors Counseling. Confidential group and individual counseling sessions for survivors of sexual assault. Women meet 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; men 6:30 p.m. Drop-in counseling. 2:5-5 p.m. Tuesdays. Mid-Peninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. $5. 494-0993, ext. 316.

Young Survivors Group. Weekly support for those 30-60 grieving the loss of a spouse. Facilitated by Sue Shaffer, Ed. D. MFT. 7-9 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays. Sliding fees. 323-1535; susshaffer@aol.com.

Divorce Care. Recovery seminar for people who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. 7:30-9 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Los Altos. 947-0846.

Center for Healing and Wellness. Support for children who have a parent with a serious illness. 2235 Grant Road, Suite 6, Los Altos. 625-1987.

Breast Cancer Support Group. 7:30-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays. Mid-Peninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. 988-6612.

La Leche League. International non-profit, non-sectarian organization providing information and support to women planning to breast feed. 873-6525.

Alcoholics Anonymous. Twenty-four hour support for those with drinking problems. Some meetings held in Los Altos. (408) 374-8511.

Surviving the Death of Our Child. Support group for bereaved couples. 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays. 900 Welsh Road, Suite 400, Palo Alto. $50/week. 948-8601.

Postpartum Emotional Support Group for Women. Supportive environment to discuss transition into motherhood, nurturing the nurturer and other women’s post-partum issues. 766-9223.

Support groups for those with heart problems, diabetes, seizures and arthritis. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Free. 940-7202.

South Bay Community Orchestra. Musicians sought; all orchestral instrumentalists welcome. Full 60-member orchestra is sponsored by Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education. 493-7378.

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