Owners of dog killed at park search for other party involved

By Melissa Hartman
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Heartbroken dog owners Martin and Shaye Chirotrarrab seek help from the Los Altos Police Department and the community to find the owner of a dog that attacked their canine in Lincoln Park recently, causing injuries that resulted in the death of their pet the next day.

Shaye said she was walking the couple’s two Yorkshire terriers, Mike and Attia, at approximately 2:10 p.m. Feb. 16 in the park when an orange chow chow-retriever mix weighing an estimated 60 pounds clamped down on 12-year-old Mike’s stomach, damaging his pancreas and intestines.

The chow chow was on a leash but took off from the park on a knee scooter when she lost control of her dog.

The Chirotrarrabs told the Town Crier that the woman stopped and offered help, but as Mike was rushed to an emergency facility, no one thought to exchange contact information at the time.

Mike was in surgery for four hours and did not survive.

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Rancho reopens after puma connected to attack killed

Town Crier Staff Report

Rancho San Antonio County Park and Open Space Preserve reopened Friday following the capture and euthanization of a mountain lion that bit a young girl in the park early last week.

In coordination with preserve staff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers spent three days in the area attempting to locate the puma suspected in the attack, and they found it in a tree Feb. 19, according to a CDFW press release. After sedating the female mountain lion – estimated to be 60-70 pounds and 2-4 years old – officers collected a DNA sample and sent it to the agency’s Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Sacramento for analysis. The genetic profile matched samples taken from the attack victim the day of the incident.

The captured cougar has since been humanely euthanized by CDFW staff for public safety purposes, the release said, because it attacked a human.

The victim, a 6-year-old girl, sustained two puncture wounds and a scratch to her leg that were deemed minor injuries that could be treated at the scene.

“She was very fortunate that an adult friend of her father was there,” said Capt. Todd Tognazzini of the CDFW. “He violently pushed it off of her.”

The incident occurred at approximately 10 a.m. Feb. 16 on the Wildcat Loop Trail an estimated 2 miles from the preserve’s main parking area, according to a joint CDFW-Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District press release.

The girl was part of a group of six adults and four children walking on the trail, Tognazzini said. A group of approximately 20 hikers passed them just before the incident.

“There were a lot of people on the trail; the weather was good,” Tognazzini said. “They just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Wildcat Loop was among several Rancho trails temporarily closed last August after more than 20 reported sightings of a puma.

See PUMA, Page 5

Pets In Need find homes indeed

Employees of Pets In Need, the animal shelter serving Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, celebrated one year since they assumed operations of Palo Alto Animal Services with a party Friday.

PIN found homes for more than 740 pets brought to the Bayshore Road facility in the past year. Cynthia Typadlos, above left, cuddles Corduroy. PIN outreach coordinator Vanessa Hidden, top center, pets a stray hamster discovered on a local street. PIN administrative manager Rachel Meisels, far right, dresses Dobby. Mustard the Great Dane mix and Jameson the cat, above center, enjoy the party. See page 18 for an update on Baby, the abandoned pit bull mix.

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Purissima Road, Los Altos Hills
$10,800,000
This just-completed home is a masterful expression of contemporary design with inspiration from the mid-century modern aesthetic. Precision craftsmanship showcases the design of renowned San Francisco architects AE3 Partners, creating a vision that is both bold and graceful.

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$8,995,000
Unparalleled luxury awaits at this brand new Modern Tuscan estate on ~2.2 acres. Tucked away on a private lane, the elegant home features six bedrooms, eight bathrooms, and a three car garage. Outside the grounds are equally as impressive, with a beautiful guest house and two car garage, pool, spa, cabana, and built in grill & fire pit.

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Online Edition

Early voting started in Los Altos Hills over the weekend and the Town Crier posted a “how to” article online walking through the new options and technology in play for Tuesday’s presidential primary.

Anyone in Santa Clara County eligible to vote can head up to town hall at 26379 W. Fremont Road to acquire and cast a ballot. The rules have changed this year – county voters can vote early, change ballots, change year – county voters can vote at a voting center to vote in-person, drop off a ballot or get a replacement ballot. Once they open for business, the centers operate 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until election day, when hours extend to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and other precincts open as well.

Visit losaltosonline.com for an expanded online version of this story.

Corrections
• The Town Crier’s Feb. 12 Morning Forum of Los Altos article included an incorrect first name for speaker Bruce Pittman, director of commercial space development and chief system engineer for NASA Ames Research Center, Silicon Valley. Pittman spoke Feb. 4 on “How Billionaires Are Changing the Space Program.”
• An article in last week’s issue included incorrect information about the primary election process when referencing the local State Senate race. The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, effective in 2011, allows for the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, to move on to the general election.
Police Blotter

More victims in MV kidnapping reported

Following the publicized arrest of a 33-year-old man in connection with the attempted kidnapping of a 53-year-old Mountain View woman last week, another woman has alleged the suspect also took her and her daughter hostage in the same neighborhood, according to an updated press release from the Mountain View Police Department.

The initial case involved a woman residing on Montecena Court who heard someone repeatedly ringing her doorbell at approximately 10:30 p.m. Feb. 17. When she opened the door, a stranger rushed into her home and grabbed her by the neck. He allegedly informed her he needed to flee the area and tried to force the woman into her own car.

The victim escaped and ran to a neighbor’s home. The suspect, identified as Jeremiah Porter, was unable to steal her vehicle and fled the scene on foot.

An hour before the incident, Porter entered a woman’s home on Monroe Drive and held the woman and her young daughter captive for approximately 30 minutes before he left, Mountain View police announced Thursday.

The victim told officers that she did not report the incident right away because Porter threatened to harm her and her daughter if they called law enforcement. Police said it was only after the original press release about Porter’s detention circulated that the woman and her daughter felt safe coming forward.

When officers interviewed Porter following his arrest in the early hours of Feb. 17, he stated that he had contact with other residents in the area. The police department requested Feb. 18 that anyone who may have seen or interacted with Porter reach out as their investigation begins.

Stemming from a “deep concern there may be additional victims,” Mountain View police said they seek information from anyone who knew of Porter’s whereabouts Feb. 14-18. Email detective Matt Atkins at matt.atkins@mountainview.gov.

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Settle and subdivide?

After lawsuit threat, LA council reconsiders vote against splitting 831 Arroyo Road

By Bruce Barton
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Quarry expansion plan prompts questions, concerns at meeting

Lynette Lee Eng and Anita Enander from voting in favor of the subdivision. City Manager Chris Jordan pointed out in an email obtained through a public records request that CC&Rs are maintained by homeowners associations, not the city.

“We cannot enforce CC&Rs that stipulate certain regulations or behaviors that do not exist in city code,” Jordan wrote to Nancy Ellickson, a Montebello Acres resident who serves on the city’s Public Arts Commission.

Jordan added that he understood it was “awkward to enforce CC&Rs on each other, or police each other” – wording Ellickson had used in an email explaining neighbors’ frustrations with city planning.

After the council’s initial denial of the subdivision proposal May 14, Li’s legal representation sent a 42-page memo detailing his request and recounting the efforts he made to work with the city. Attorneys specifically addressed the concerns of neighbors and city officials.

“On May 23, 2019, (Li) emailed the mayor to communicate that on the condition the city council reconsiders and approves 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 Kirklin in the letter, attached to the agenda for the May 28 meeting at which the council issued its final denial.

Due to a lack of space in the Town Crier’s print edition this week, this article was cut from its original length. To read the full story, visit losaltosonline.com.

By Melissa Hartman
Mountain lion family. A viral video taken by a park visitor at the time showed a mother lion with two playful cubs between 9 and 12 months of age. Eventually, officials closed the entire preserve as a safeguard until the animals self-relocated to an area less frequented by humans.

**Shrinking habitat**

California’s mountain lion population is estimated at between 4,000 to 6,000 animals, according to the CDFW. Their primary food source is deer, and they can be found across two-thirds of the state. Attacks on humans are rare; there have been just 17 verified since 1986, and the last time one killed a person was 2004.

But the Rancho case marks the second attack this year. In January, law enforcement officials shot and killed a puma in Orange County after it bit a 3-year-old boy on the back of the head. The child was hospitalized with severe injuries and has recovered.

Mountain lions generally avoid people, but they require large habitats, and the recent encounters could be a testament to their shrinking territory, said Leigh Ann Gessner, a spokeswoman with Midpen. Currently, her organization is developing a wildlife crossing/recreational trail for animals and humans to access 30,000 acres of wildlands fragmented by Highway 17.

“It’s really important for animals like mountain lions to access the habitat they need,” Gessner said.

In fact, the hemming in of mountain lions by human development threatens the animals’ genetic diversity and could eventually lead to their extinction, said Chris Wilmers, principal investigator of the Santa Cruz Puma Project, a partnership of CDFW and UC Santa Cruz.

**Cement Plant opened in 1939.** The lure of Silicon Valley prompted subsequent residential developments when Henry J. Kaiser’s Permanente Cement Plant opened in 1939. The lure of Silicon Valley prompted subsequent residential development outside its borders.

Lehigh officials have cited ongoing cooperation with regulatory agencies, and they have justified their continued presence from economic and even environmental perspectives.

In addition to supplying cement to a high percentage of Bay Area projects, Lehigh officials claim that their location means cement costs and environmental impacts can be minimized because cement doesn’t have to be imported from faraway locations.

Local environmentalists remain skeptical.

Los Altos resident Libby Lucas, who has closely followed Lehigh’s relationship with local government, noted, “Lehigh has done a masterful job in manipulating agencies in regulatory review, making certain air and water testing is too sporadic to be a serious deterrent to quarry operations.”

Rhoda Fry of Cupertino, who attended the meeting, was critical of county oversight.

“It was quite telling how the county planning staff tripped all over themselves when asked the question as to whether Lehigh had ever paid any fines, and they awkwardly responded ‘no,’” she said.

Fry is convinced regulators are “afraid” of Lehigh and its parent company, the Germany-based Heidelberg Cement.

“When you look at that crumbling mountain of mining waste marching toward Permanente Creek, that is reason for grave concern,” she said.

Salisbury suggested that “cautious” is the better word to describe regulators’ approach in dealing with one of the world’s largest construction materials companies and its considerable legal clout.

“There is a process we have to follow,” he said.

“We have to be deliberate.”

Next steps for Lehigh’s expansion plans – the county has requested the two RPAs be combined in one proposal – include a notice of preparation for an environmental impact report and then hearings for the report and application itself. Salisbury expects “robust analysis” and numerous opportunities for public comment during the process, anticipated to take 18-24 months. Meeting dates and locations have yet to be determined.
Battle over rent control continues with Mountain View’s Measure D
By Bruce Barton
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Measure D, an amendment to Mountain View’s rent control law on Tuesday’s ballot, can be taken three ways.

For apartment owners, it offers some relief from the low-level rent-increase caps imposed under the 2016 rent control law, which ranged from 2.4% to 3.5%, reflecting the Consumer Price Index.

For renters and their advocates, it’s an attempt to water down the 2016 law, Measure V, by increasing the cap, and a proverbial slap in the face to low-income residents trying to get by.

But council members, who initiated Measure D last year, see it as a compromise. They view the measure as limiting the absurd rent hikes that occurred over the past decade (including a 52.7% increase between 2011 and 2015), while at the same time deterring property owners from selling old apartment complexes to developers.

There already have been several cases in the city in which developers have purchased and demolished old apartments to build new ones at market rates that are not subject to rent control. State law dictates that rental units built after February 1995 are exempt from rent control.

Measure D has the backing of the California Apartment Association, which had been planning to place its own initiative on the November ballot. A spokesman indicated the association might not proceed with its own initiative to undermine rent control if Measure D passes.

The politicking is well underway as voters begin to cast their ballots. With the campaign funding advantage clearly with landlord groups, “Yes on D” signs and mailers are pervasive, promising to “limit rent increases at 4%.” Some signs carry the tag “Paid for by Grand Fir, LLC” referencing a Sunnyvale apartment company.

“Why would a Sunnyvale apartment company want to ‘protect renters’ in Mountain View?” asked former Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel, a vocal opponent of Measure D. “Is it honest to say, ‘Limit rent increase at 4%’ when, under Measure V, annual rent increases have always been smaller than that?”

Siegel noted that “Measure V is working, so instead of arguing against rent control, the landlords are lying to the voters.”

In addition to increasing the rent-cap limit, Measure D allows landlords to charge additional fees to pay for safety upgrades on buildings, such as seismic retrofits.

Opponents counter that current law allows landlords additional rent increases for safety upgrades if the associated costs deny them a fair rate of return.

Under Measure D, “Landlord(s) will be entitled to pass many costs directly to tenants,” according to the opposition group Mountain View Housing Justice. “Between the higher flat rate and cost pass throughs, Measure D puts tenants at risk of up to 10% annual rent increases.”

Among its other provisions, Measure D would prohibit payment to members of a rental housing committee, clarifies that the committee independently implements the new rent control law and clarifies that mobile homes are exempt from rent control.

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Undergrounding Los Altos Hills’ utility wires will take approximately 1,000 years if the town proceeds at its current pace of exploring the project, Councilman George Tyson told his colleagues Thursday at their monthly council meeting. Statewide, however, infrastructure is in such disarray that burying all of California’s wires won’t happen for another 3,300 years.

“Holy cow,” Councilwoman Courtney C. Corrigan said. “You’re appealing to our competitors on the other side.”

Council members are eager to bring undergrounding to Los Altos Hills, an undertaking a 2003 committee estimated would cost $60 million for 64 miles of coverage. But they want to know if residents, who will likely foot part of the bill through parcel or utility taxes, feel the same. To that end, the council last week authorized $35,000 for a new town survey meant to glean local appetite for undergrounding as well as for expanding park facilities and other potential improvements. Councilwoman Kavita Tankha Indaco agreed to join Tyson as part of a subcommittee vetting possible survey questions posed by members of town staff and committees. They intend to couple the questions with associated costs and avenues for funding. Credits offered through the California Public Utilities Commission’s Rule 20, for example, could help pay for undergrounding.

Although past endeavors to underground Los Altos Hills, including the 2003 attempt, petered out from lack of support, Tyson believes concern about downed powerlines causing wildfires may have changed attitudes. He explained his rationale and research as part of an undergrounding subcommittee progress report.

“If you’ve ever seen the video of the Camp Fire in Paradise of people trying to escape, cars driving through the flames on either side, the greater awareness of the intensity of fires and creating their own weather and the fact that more extreme weather is more likely and seems to be happening in areas it hasn’t before,” Tyson said. “So that’s been the thing that helped spur me to proceed with the things that I’ve been talking about since this subcommittee was formed back in June.”

The last townwide survey, conducted by phone and email in 2016 at a cost of $30,000, originated with a proposal to construct a new community center. The survey revealed residents valued undergrounding, additional sheriff patrol services and high-speed internet above building a community center, and that project was consequently scaled back to an expansion of the Parks and Recreation department and the enclosure of the patio behind the council chambers.

As part of a separate agenda item, the council Thursday appropriated $450,000 for the town hall expansion’s design phase.

Council appoints new planning commissioner

A new face will join the dais at the Planning Commission’s March 5 meeting as Birgitta Indaco steps into the role vacated by longtime Commissioner Jim Abraham when he resigned in January.

Indaco, vice chairwoman of the town’s Environmental Design & Protection Committee, beat out five other contenders for the role. She differentiated herself by emphasizing her history of participating in site development visits and crafting the requisite reports.

Mayor Michelle Wu indicated Indaco’s experience should mean she can “hit the ground running.”

“Birgitta is a very passionate volunteer on EDPC,” Wu said. “I’ve seen her so dedicated, spend so much time. She probably knows all the house developments right now in Los Altos Hills. She visited every single site and has lots of expert knowledge.”

Indaco will serve out Abraham’s term through June 30.

Council members encouraged the other candidates to resubmit their applications for the Planning Commission seats currently held by chair Jitze Cooperus and Susan Mandle, as their terms also expire in June.

County eliminates rape kit backlog, expedites processing of evidence

By Melissa Hartman

Santa Clara County officials this month celebrated the announcement that the backlog of untested rape kits sitting in crime labs has been cleared and the processing period for active kits has far exceeded state requirements.

In February 2018, now-Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez asked the District Attorney’s Office and the county crime lab to consider a proposal requiring that Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) kits be processed within 30 days of collection. This would cut the average processing time – approximately 94 days – by two full months. It also would put the county ahead of state requirements by approximately three months.

Chavez’s fellow supervisors approved funding in June of that year. At the time, 269 tests were awaiting processing at the county crime lab, a staff report for the board’s Feb. 11 meeting stated. The county established a team of three criminals dedicated to SART kit testing that – with help from an outside lab, Bode Cellmark Forensics in Virginia – tackled all of the backlogged kits.

According to a press release from Chavez’s office, the average window to test the kits now stands at 16 days – a vast improvement from the 2013 county low of more than 500 days, a number Chavez revealed at a 2018 press conference held at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose.

Santa Clara County assistant district attorney Terry Harman, who oversees the DA Office’s sexual assault unit, said that rather than viewing SART kits through either an investigative lens or a prosecution lens, the office has been focusing on respect for the victim.

“What became clear to us is when a victim goes through the trauma of a sexual assault, and the crime and indignities associated with an invasive exam, we owe that victim the respect of testing that kit, not just putting it on a shelf and saying, ‘Hey, thanks for doing that, but we don’t need it’,” Harman said.

Rapid results

Kits related to stranger rape, or sexual assault committed by someone the victim does not know, are now tested in five to seven days. Harman noted that stranger rape is prioritized, designated with Priority 1 status in labs, because it presents a serious public safety hazard.

Harman said 20% more sexual assaults were reported between 2017 and 2018, and 23% more SART kits were submitted for review because victims were willing to undergo the testing between 2017 and 2019. Now, having a team of five criminals in the lab who are solely dedicated to processing SART kits is invaluable, she added.

Testing a higher volume of kits in a quicker fashion means bringing more justice to victims in the future, Harman said, because all samples are filtered into the criminal justice database CODIS.

“(Entry) is not just for getting a hit today, but if we can put an entry in today, maybe we catch this guy when he commits a crime six months from now, or a year from now,” she said. “So there’s a future investment.”

Expediting SART kit processing helped the District Attorney’s Office solve a stranger rape case in less than a week this month, Harman said.

When a woman was raped by a man she didn’t know in the early hours of Feb. 2, she called the San Jose Police Department and reported the incident. After the victim underwent SART testing, her kit was taken to the county crime lab on the afternoon of Feb. 3. When the kit was processed Feb. 5, her attacker’s DNA matched a man already in the CODIS database for his previous criminal history.

Police arrested Jonathan Valencía Flores Feb. 6, and he is in jail with bail set at $454,000, according to the county’s inmate locator.

“In some ways, this was seamless because everybody who needed to know was informed, and everyone who needed to act acted quickly,” Harman said.

Ruthven Darlene, founder and executive director of the domestic violence advocacy nonprofit WomanSV, praised county leaders for spearheading efforts to protect women from sexual violence.

“Leaders like (Chavez) are inspiring law enforcement, county officials, medical staff and domestic advocates to all work together to get survivors the trauma-informed care they need and the justice they deserve,” she said in an email to the Town Crier.
School measures show ‘justifiable needs’

I would like to commend the Town Crier for its coverage of school funding measures on the March 3 ballot.

The paper has allowed for a diversity of perspectives, including a Feb. 12 letter criticizing its own endorsement of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District’s measures G and H.

Its reporting is a model of fairness and objectivity, such as staff writer Zoe Morgan’s insightful article, “Schools seek funds in March election,” which effectively contrasts the advantages of measures G and H, considering them in light of the other school bond and parcel measures on the ballot, Cupertino’s Measure O and the Mountain View Whisman School District’s Measure T.

Right off the bat, Ms. Morgan clarifies the distinction between the different financing mechanisms of bond and parcel tax and corrects some of the misinformation floated about such educational measures, noting that all four “include language prohibiting funds from being spent on administrative salaries, an important consideration for many voters.”

There’s neither the invective nor innuendo found in many scurrilous publications, and the sources of her information are clearly cited, including general and direct attributions. This makes it easy for a reader to see that all three districts have real and justifiable needs.

Tim Shively, president
Foothill-De Anza Community College District Faculty Association

Vote ‘yes’ on G, H to keep FHDA on track

We are fortunate to have two of the best community colleges in America right here in our community. Foothill and De Anza are nationally acknowledged as among the very top.

I have had the privilege of being close-in supporter for 20 years: as a member of the Board of Trustees and now on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. I have seen firsthand the responsible and transparent financial management of the district.

It is difficult to provide a consistent high-quality education on the limited per-student funding provided by the state. Placing enrollment from year to year adds to the difficulty of planning and funding the diverse programs needed to sustain our Silicon Valley workforce.

Measure G and H will provide the resources to keep Foothill and De Anza at the top of the list of schools that are best at transferring students to UC schools and training workers for all segments of the economy.

Past bond proceeds have been carefully spent and have received clean annual audits. They have been rematched several times to save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Our community has overwhelmingly supported this great district over the years and the results show that: Please join me in voting “yes” on G and H.

Joan Barram
Los Altos

Measure G ‘ask’ is huge, nonspecific

Measure G is fiscally reckless and an unfair, anti-housing tax. It asks taxpayers to approve a tax that will last 34 years to fund massive spending over decades on unspecified projects.

It almost reads like there isn’t even a school in place today, citing potential new buildings, new parking lots, “technology,” etc. It can really be used for anything except a direct expenditure on administrative salary increases (although we know cash is fungible so could indirectly be used for that as well). More than 100 employees at Foothill-De Anza make over $200,000 a year, with many not far behind.

The “ask” is huge, nonspecific, and long-lasting.

What happened to the money from the last two district bond measures ($248 million in 1999 and $490.8 million in 2012)? Why should we spend more when enrollment is declining and 77% of students are from outside our district?

Finally, the tax is unfairly assessed.

Every homeowner’s property taxes would be increased by an additional $160 a year for every $100,000 in assessed value (not market value) until 2054. Measure O’s approach of doubling down on Proposition 13 disproportionately burdens recent homeowners and makes it even harder for would-be buyers to afford a home.

Vote “no” on Measure G.

Chris Robell
Palo Alto

Measure D: Not a fair rate of return for renters

By Sue Russell

When rents were rising rapidly in 2016, forcing many renters to move, Mountain View voters passed Measure V, which stabilized rents to keep lower-income renters in Mountain View. It also enacted just cause for eviction, and, at the same time, allowed for a fair rate of return for landlords. Measure V, also known as the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) capped rents for approximately 13,500 units in Mountain View built before 1995. The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos Mountain View Area believes our communities are stronger when there is rent stabilization and just-cause programs to minimize displacement, provide stable and predictable housing costs and provide a fair rate of return for landlords.

However, a group of landlords initiated a ballot measure planned for the November election that makes radical changes to CSFRA, effectively suspending it. To potentially avoid this ballot initiative, the Mountain View City Council developed Measure D and placed it on the March ballot. Measure D makes significant changes to current policy. The LWV opposes Measure D because it is inconsistent with the fair rate of return standard and eliminates the use of an inflation index in determining the maximum annual rent increase. These two changes can more likely lead to large rent increases of up to 10% per year. In fact, rents could potentially increase up to 20% in just 13 months.

The fair rate of return standard is a formula based on the growth of a landlord’s profit rate since 2015. It was assumed that in 2015, because rents were unregulated, landlords were making the profits they wanted, a fair rate of return. Under current law, landlords can petition to raise rents if they are not getting a fair rate of return. CSFRA also allows landlords to increase rents to offset the cost of any earthquake safety upgrades the city requires, but these costs can only be passed on to the tenants if the landlord is not making a fair rate of return. Measure D expands the list of eligible upgrades, allowing many more upgrades to bypass the fair-rate-of-return standard. While these yet-to-be-determined costs may benefit the landlords by improving their buildings, the potential 10% rental increase per year may drive our vulnerable renters from our community without using the fair rate of return standard put in place to protect them.

Currently, rent increases are limited by the rate of inflation, which has varied between 2.4% and 3.6% since 2012. Measure D allows a flat 4% annual increase, regardless of inflation. Taken together with passing through upgrade costs to tenants, annual rents are more likely to increase by as much as 10% – each year.

The LWV believes that CSFRA provides rent stabilization and just-cause programs that are fair and reasonable for both landlords and tenants. Because Measure D proposes significant, one-sided changes to current law, the LWV urges you to vote “no” on Measure D.

Sue Russell, a Los Altos resident, is a member of the League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area.

Other Voices

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Other Voices

When rents were rising rapidly in 2016, forcing many renters to move, Mountain View voters passed Measure V, which stabilized rents to keep lower-income renters in Mountain View. It also enacted just cause for eviction, and, at the same time, allowed for a fair rate of return for landlords. Measure V, also known as the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) capped rents for approximately 13,500 units in Mountain View built before 1995. The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos Mountain View Area believes our communities are stronger when there is rent stabilization and just-cause programs to minimize displacement, provide stable and predictable housing costs and provide a fair rate of return for landlords.

However, a group of landlords initiated a ballot measure planned for the November election that makes radical changes to CSFRA, effectively suspending it. To potentially avoid this ballot initiative, the Mountain View City Council developed Measure D and placed it on the March ballot. Measure D makes significant changes to current policy. The LWV opposes Measure D because it is inconsistent with the fair rate of return standard and eliminates the use of an inflation index in determining the maximum annual rent increase. These two changes can more likely lead to large rent increases of up to 10% per year. In fact, rents could potentially increase up to 20% in just 13 months.

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NEW ORGANIZERS RESURRECT ZIM RUN

Last year, not long after the 20th Run for Zimbabwe Orphans & Fair had taken place, founders Bill and Ellen Clark of Los Altos figured the event had run its course and it was time to retire.

The Clarks are holding true to that intention. But the Zim Run, as it’s called, refuses to die.

A Feb. 15 thank-you dinner for volunteers revealed a surprise announcement: The Zim Run is not only continuing, the 21st annual event is already scheduled March 29 at St. Francis High School.

New St. Francis cross-country coach Phil Pompeii said he and others in the school’s track-and-field program have decided to carry on as the run’s chief coordinators. The annual fundraiser features a variety of races for preschool age to young adult, an art fair, games, food and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit Zimbabwe’s Makumbi Children’s Home and its 100 children.

“My response was probably similar to most of yours when I first heard Bill and Ellen were stepping down,” Pompeii told the gathering during the Feb. 15 event at St. William Hall in Los Altos. “My first response was, ‘No!’ My second response was, ‘What are our options?’ Through some conversations, we decided that St. Francis High School, and specifically our track and field program, wants to carry this legacy on, continue the partnership.’”

Pompeii, a St. Francis alumnus who had volunteered at the Zim Run as a high school student, said he saw the benefits of the event’s “two-way philanthropy.”

Students at the orphanage benefited, but so did local students who participated in the event. Bill noted that approximately 100 volunteers were involved every year, including many students from local high schools.

“My first concern was, what’s going to happen to those kids, the orphans, but my second thought was, ‘too long after was, well, what about our kids? They benefit from this partnership just as much,’” Pompeii said. “They realize that, specifically, our track program, that running and competing, it’s not just about winning championships. There’s an opportunity to use these gifts, these talents they’re blessed with, to bless others, to make it more than just about running fast and winning trophies.

“When I was in high school volunteering at this event, I got to come back after college and start coaching and encouraging our student-athletes to volunteer at this event — we’re not done.”

LEGACY LIVES ON

Launched in 2000 and held each spring at St. Joseph School in Mountain View, the Run for Zimbabwe Orphans promoted good health, See ZIM, Page 11

Los Altos City Council invites Los Altos residents to apply for appointment to the following Commissions:

**Complete Streets Commission:** 4 Seats; (Four terms expiring in March 2020; four eligible incumbents)

**Environmental Commission:** 3 Seats; (Three terms expiring in March 2020; two eligible incumbents)

**Public Arts Commission:** 1 vacant seat; (unexpired term ending September 2021)

**Senior Commission:** 3 seats; (Three terms expiring in March 2020; three eligible incumbents)

Applicants must be residents of the City of Los Altos to be considered for an appointment.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

**INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED FOR:** TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

Submit applications to the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos or online. For more information, visit www.losaltos.ca.gov or call 650-947-2720.
Second dog park, off-leash input meetings scheduled Saturday

Los Altos’ quest for public input on fenced-in dog parks and off-leash hours continues Saturday when city staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission host two workshops.

The workshops are scheduled 10-11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon in the Grant Park multipurpose room, 1375 Holt Ave.

Previous workshops held Feb. 12 at Shoup Park drew feedback from 173 people, “with many more coming to hear the presentation or to look at the options,” according to a city press release. “We hope to double the number of responses we received.”

While residents are encouraged to stay as long as they want, staff said the meetings’ format is designed to be drop-in with an interactive component. Informal presentations scheduled at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. will include a review of the history, criteria, dog park types and proposed locations.

Parks and Recreation commissioners are seeking feedback on the preferred location for a dedicated fenced-in dog park – McKenzie Park or the southern portion of Lincoln Park.

In addition, two locations are proposed for an off-leash pilot program – Hillview Baseball Field and Heritage Oaks Park.

The off-leash hours program would offer set times in the mornings and evenings, when not scheduled for other recreational programs. The pilot off-leash hours program does not involve dedicated space, except during the specified hours.

Commissioners will use feedback from the workshops to make a recommendation to the Los Altos City Council. The commission is scheduled to discuss possible recommendations at its March 18 meeting at the Los Altos Youth Center.

The workshops enable residents to weigh in on the options as well as provide other ideas and comments. Participants can select one option for a fenced-in dog park and one for the off-leash pilot program. The options are: “Yes” for either location, “Yes” to both locations, “Yes to Off-leash Hours, but not here,” “Yes to a Dedicated Fenced-In Dog Park, but not here,” “No to Off-leash Hours” or “No to a Dedicated Fenced-In Park.” Residents unable to attend the workshops can stop by Los Altos City Hall at 1 N. San Antonio Road or the Underground Teen Center at 400 University Ave.

The city will update residents via email or the city website at losaltosca.gov/dogpark.

For more information, call Recreation & Community Services director Donna Legge at 947-2790 or email diegge@losaltosca.gov.

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philanthropy and cultural appreciation in local youth. Ellen announced the couple’s retirement news in a Nov. 26 email to supporters but emphasized that her nonprofit Sustainable Living Foundation would continue to accept donations for the children’s home.

Over its 20 years, the event raised approximately $500,000 for the home in Zimbabwe, a place the Clark’s son, Will, visited during his time in the Peace Corps. Ellen was inspired to launch the event after she traveled with her family to Africa in 1997 to visit Will, who was teaching children and teens from the Shona tribe in a remote village.

“We saw poverty at a level you could not imagine,” she recalled.

The Clarks looked for a legitimate orphanage that had been in operation a long time and ultimately found Makumbi.

The family embraced the cause enthusiastically, with Ellen donning costumes depicting the animals of the distant African country – lions, zebras, giraffes, wildebeests – and entertaining children at the Los Altos main library to publicize the race.

Will designed T-shirts for participants, each year featuring a different animal.

“Our mission is to inspire kids to keep fit, create beautiful art and help others,” Ellen often said of the event.

The energy and dedication needed to put on such an event was becoming more difficult to sustain as the years passed. So not long after the 20th event last April, the Clarks made the decision to retire. But Pompei and St. Francis are taking over.

“This partnership will continue, and I’m really excited to very humbly and graciously take over some of the organizational efforts,” Pompei said. “We all know the work and effort that Bill and Ellen put into this event. … We have our whole track staff and student-athletes getting excited about hosting on March 29 at St. Francis.”

To donate and for more information, visit the Sustainable Living Foundation at zimbabweparaguay.net.
McKelvey ballfields, flood basin set for dedication Saturday

Town Crier Staff Report

After years of planning and construction delays, it’s finally here: a $30 million Little League baseball complex at McKelvey Park in Mountain View. This complex doubles as a flood detention basin.

A grand opening is scheduled on Saturday at 4:50 a.m. on Miramonte Avenue at Park Drive. The city of Mountain View and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, also known as Valley Water, the lead agency, are slated to host a ribbon-cutting event at 11 a.m., followed by a ceremonial first pitch and a Little League baseball game.

Featuring a ball field, the 10.5-acre complex is sunken approximately 18 feet below ground level and surrounded by concrete walls. Other highlights include terraced bleachers, concession and scorekeepers’ booths, storage, restrooms and a community room.

Occurring at the same time is a separate dedication ceremony for the nearby 0.7-acre mini-park. The city of Mountain View is leading the dedication for Schaefer Park, named for the late Mountain View recreation supervisor Donald Schaefer.

The ground-level mini-park, geared toward 5- to 12-year-olds, includes playground equipment, lawn space and a shaded area with picnic tables.

“It will be a great asset for the neighborhood and for children waiting while their sibling is playing on the field,” said city recreation manager Kristine Crosby.

Approved by the Mountain View City Council in 2013, the McKelvey improvements are part of the $89 million Permanent Creek Flood Protection Project. The project, which also includes a detention basin at Rancho San Antonio County Park, is designed to accommodate a 100-year flood, a flood with a 1% chance of occurring.

An inlet and outlet at the site allows water flows to enter and exit the fields, according to Valley Water officials. After large storms pass through and creek flows recede, captured water from the flood basin is then pumped back into the creek.

Valley Water officials noted that flood flows would rarely inundate the site and the ballfields would drain out in one to four days.

“The improved facilities look incredible and will double as a place to contain floodwaters when Permanent Creek overflows,” said Valley Water director Gary Kremen, whose District 7 includes Los Altos and Mountain View.

Once completed, Valley Water officials estimate the Permanent Creek Flood Protection Project will provide flood protection to approximately 2,000 properties in Mountain View and Los Altos.

The construction at McKelvey Park occurred simultaneously with creek widening work along Permanent and Hale creeks, located next to the fields. Construction was six months behind an initial targeted completion date of July 2019.

Funds for the project derive from Measure B, the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection special parcel tax that Santa Clara County voters approved in 2012.

The 15-acre flood detention basin within Rancho San Antonio County Park is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Saturday’s celebrations will include refreshments, and souvenirs commemorating the event will be handed out.

For more information, visit valleywater.org.

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Library features ‘Alpha Girls’ author Friday

Town Crier Report

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of U.S. women's suffrage, Silicon Valley Reads 2020 celebrates the achievements of women with its theme “Women Making It Happen.”

Silicon Valley Reads is an annual community engagement program presented by the Santa Clara County Library, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Jose Public Library. Program organizers select books that reflect a theme relevant to the region and ask residents to read, think, discuss and share their diverse perspectives.

In conjunction with the program, the Los Altos Library is set to host the following programs and events. All events are held in the Orchard Room of the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

• 7:30-9 p.m. Friday: “Alpha Girls” author Julian Guthrie in conversation with entrepreneur Abe Kleinfeld. In “Alpha Girls,” Guthrie profiles four local women who bucked the system in the high-stakes, male-dominated venture capital community and found ways to survive and thrive. Kleinfeld, president & CEO of GridGain, has worked with and supported women in companies throughout his 40-year career in technology. The event is co-sponsored by the Los Altos Library Endowment.

• 2-4 p.m. March 8: Screening and discussion of the documentary “Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time” with author Tanya Lee Stone, who wrote a book by the same name inspired by the film

• 7-9 p.m. March 9: Screening of the film “RBG”

• 7-8:30 p.m. March 11: Discussion of “Paving the Way: Women’s Struggles for Political Equity in California” with authors Steve Swatt and Susie Swatt

• 2-3:30 p.m. March 14: Discussion for children and parents on the entrepreneurial mindset, “Learning from the Lemonade Stand,” with author Brian Weisfeld

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28: Silicon Valley Reads Day at the Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View

For more information on library programs, visit sccl.org. For more information on Silicon Valley Reads, visit siliconvalleyreads.org.

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At the Library

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• 6:30 p.m. today: Black Cedar Trio (flute, cello and guitar) is scheduled to perform Renaissance music as part of the library’s Family Concert Series. The performance is open to all.

• 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Feng shui master and fortuneteller Y.C. Sun will use a combination of feng shui and I Ching to make predictions for 2020.
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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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Community – Social Scenes

Members of the Los Altos-Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women commemorate the 35th anniversary of the organization’s traditional Friendship Breakfast, held each year on Valentine’s Day. This year’s gathering took place at Panera Bread in Mountain View. Pictured are, clockwise from left, Jackie Stephens, Betty Farrell, Doreen Cohen, Emmy Thurber, Julie Dalrymple, Karen Fox, Julie Pearce and Mary Jo Spring.

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Do you have photos from a party or other special event (or even a celebrity sighting) that you would like to share with the community? That’s what Social Scenes is all about. Email photos and caption information (we require names of all people in the photos) to editor Bruce Barton at bruceb@latc.com.

Los Altos residents Kingstone and Laura Shih were among the local fans who traveled to Miami to watch their beloved San Francisco 49ers play in the Super Bowl Feb. 2. “Even though we lost, Laura and I had a great time,” Kingstone said.
Community

World Affairs talk centers on Venezuela

The Peninsula Chapter of World Affairs has scheduled a presentation on “Venezuela’s Crisis: Chavez, Maduro and Beyond,” 7:30 p.m. March 4 at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road.

Stanford University Professor Harold Trinkunas, deputy director of Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, will examine the apparently intractable political and economic crisis facing Venezuela, the role of the military in keeping the present government in power and how the Maduro regime has managed to hang on to power in the face of domestic and international pressures.

The Los Altos Library co-sponsors the event.

To volunteer to help with programs and for more information, email Katie Zoglin at peninsula@worldaffairs.org.

Fundraiser supports Alzheimer’s research

The Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada has scheduled its 17th annual Memories in the Making Auction fundraiser 6 p.m. Friday at the Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.

The event will feature live and silent auction items including travel experiences, rare wines and sports and theater tickets. Artwork from the Alzheimer’s Association’s Memories in the Making program, a therapeutic art class for people living with Alzheimer’s disease, will be on display.

The Memories in the Making event raises more than $250,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Tickets are $150. For tickets and more information, visit alz.org/oral/events/memories-in-the-making-auction.

SIR Branch 51 hosts lunch, travel talk

Sons In Retirement Branch 51 has scheduled a luncheon noon March 4 at Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Visacino Place, Los Altos Hills.

Guest speaker Ray Swartz will discuss his travels, which include treks through Europe solo on a bicycle — the Swiss Alps to Florence, Bolzano to Vienna and over the Dolomites and the Grossglockner Pass, the highest paved pass in Austria.

SIR is a retired men’s social group with no political agenda that meets the first Wednesday of each month. In addition to monthly no-host luncheons with speakers, the group participates in golf, hiking and other activities, as well as holiday and summer social events with spouses and partners.

Meetings are open to guests and potential members.

For more information, call 366-2449, email wteastham@comcast.net or visit sirinc2.org/branch51.

Great Decisions series comes to library

The Los Altos Library presents the Great Decisions discussion series 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays through March 23 in the Orchard Room of the main library.

13 S. San Antonio Road.

Participants will discuss critical global issues facing the U.S. today. Each program session features the screening of a brief film, followed by a group discussion.

Topics include:
• Monday: “U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle”
• March 9: “China’s Road into Latin America”
• March 16: “The Philippines and the U.S.”

• March 23: “Artificial Intelligence and Data”

To purchase the program’s Briefing Book, visit fpa.org/great_decisions. A limited number of copies are available for checkout at the library.

For more information on the Great Decisions series, call Richard Lopez at 948-7683, ext. 3511, or email richardlopez@sccl.org.

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Approximately two dozen people inquired about adopting Baby, but John Marullo’s application brought Pets In Need staffers to tears. In it, the San Francisco resident describes losing Una, his longtime canine companion, to cancer a year ago.

“I feel like the best job I’ve ever had was getting to be a human for a dog,” wrote Marullo, a member of Facebook’s Learning & Development team. “I take this job very seriously. Una was my pride and joy.”

As of Valentine’s Day, Marullo is now Baby’s human, too; inspired by his story and pledged commitment, Pets In Need selected him to adopt Baby nearly a month after someone left the 1-year-old bulldog-pitbull mix in a crate outside the animal rescue organization’s Palo Alto location, which also serves Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Based on the extensive bite marks on Baby’s neck, PIN staffers believe he was used as a “bait” dog to train other canines how to attack in competition. The person or people who dumped him remain at large.

PIN considered Baby’s injuries life-threatening; he required emergency hospitalization to address swelling and fluid retention. His medical issues are nearly all resolved now, however, and he was neutered before going home.

Al Mollica, PIN executive director, said Baby is one of those dogs who knows how to smile.

“I guess the irony here is that you’re dealing with this wonderful, friendly, affable little guy who had all of these serious injuries,” Mollica said. “It’s just amazing to me that a dog could have that kind of personality after what he went through.”

Marullo describes his new family member as a happy, “low-to-the-ground” kind of dog. He said he was attracted to Baby because he has the same look of resiliency in his eyes as Una, another pocket-sized pitbull mix, did in hers.

“This guy had obviously been through a lot of trauma and people treated him in quite a cruel and terrible way, but he just seemed to be on his feet and ready to go and ready to love again,” Marullo said.

While Baby is now off the market, Mollica believes his celebrity could inspire other dog lovers to adopt.

“The hope is that if they’re disappointed in not getting Baby, they can hopefully find something else almost as good,” Mollica said.

Marullo would like their story to lead to additional support for Pets In Need.

“If anybody is looking to, whether it’s volunteer their time or donate money, that’s an organization that richly deserves it, and I feel a huge amount of gratitude to them for saving Baby’s life and giving me the opportunity to provide a home and what I hope to really be an awesome life for Baby,” he said.

For more information on Pets In Need and other animals available for adoption, visit petsinneed.org. Follow Baby at instagram.com/mr_baby_thedog.
Los Altos History Museum offers art classes for kids

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos History Museum has scheduled art classes led by the Los Altos Art Docents for children in grades 2-6 who wish to learn basic drawing and painting skills.

A class for second- and third-graders is slated 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, and a class for fourth-through sixth-graders is set for 9:30-11 a.m. March 7.

The classes are part of the program lineup for the museum’s exhibit “Gallery 9: Celebrating Art in Los Altos,” on display through March 8. The exhibit showcases the work of artists from Gallery 9 in Los Altos, a cooperative fine-art gallery now in its 50th year of operation.

“This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Art Docents of Los Altos, a group that has done so much to foster art education in Los Altos schools,” said exhibition curator Amy Elion. “We want to celebrate their accomplishments. The classes they are offering at the museum are special because the docents will be teaching the kids skills using art that is in the gallery as examples.”

The Art Docents are a group of volunteers through the Los Altos School District who provide a comprehensive visual arts education to students in grades K-6, with the goal of creating a sense of excitement about art and the freedom to be creative.

Cost for each class is $20 per child. Advance registration is required.

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

To register and for more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/gallery/9.

Free tax preparation provided

Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos Senior Program has scheduled a free tax-return preparation service Monday mornings through April 13.

The Tax-Aide service, sponsored by the AARP Foundation, is the nation’s largest volunteer tax assistance program, and Los Altos has hosted a Tax-Aide site since 1997.

Trained, IRS-certified volunteers meet with clients, review their tax forms and records, then prepare and electronically file both federal and California tax returns.

Tax-Aide also can file extensions with the IRS if a taxpayer does not have all needed tax documents before April 15. All taxes due must be paid by April 15, even if a completed tax return is filed later.

This year Tax-Aide will be preparing tax returns at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., because the previous site, Hillview Community Center, was demolished to make way for a new facility. Appointments for tax services are required.

To make an appointment or inquire if your tax return qualifies, call the Los Altos Senior Program at 947-2797.

Hidden Villa, Town Crier partner for writing contest

Town Crier Report

Hidden Villa and the Los Altos Town Crier have joined forces to co-sponsor a writing contest for all ages. The prompt: Describe an experience at Hidden Villa that helped you see the world in a different way.

Essays should be no longer than one page, single-spaced in a 12-point font.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in three age groups: 12 and under, 13-17 and 18 and over. The first-place winner in each age group will receive a Hidden Villa Season Pass and have their essays published in the Town Crier.

Second- and third-place winners will each receive three day passes.

Email submissions to lhedgecock@hiddenvilla.org by March 27. Photos or artwork may accompany essays.

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Icon Bing Crosby connected to opening of Los Altos Youth Center

By Robin Chapman

It is no longer well known in Los Altos, but singer-actor Bing Crosby played an important role in the development of the Los Altos Youth Center, today known as LAYC. His involvement may have faded for a reason, a story I unearthed recently with the help of Dianne Lee Shen in the archives of the Los Altos History Museum.

Crosby, who died in 1977 at the age of 74, was one of the best-known entertainers of the 20th century. Born in Tacoma and raised in Spokane,

Pebble Beach Pro-Am. And he quietly worked as a philanthropist, donating millions of dollars to youth centers all over the country, especially in California.

In 1959, Chris Wilder, developer of Rancho Shopping Center, led an effort for a youth center in Los Altos and secured a pledge of $10,000 from Crosby. The building, directly behind Los Altos City Hall, was completed in late 1960 at a cost of $97,000, and most of the money came from donations that rolled in after that first big pledge from Crosby.

The dedication ceremony was set for Sunday, Jan. 15, 1961, and Los Altos was abuzz when the Town Crier reported, in its Jan. 11, 1961, edition, that Crosby would be there. The Los Altos News said Larry Crosby — Bing’s brother and publicist — reported the star would bring golfers Byron Nelson and Ken Venturi with him from Pebble Beach.

James Thurber was vice mayor, and his widow, Emily, is still a Los Altos resident. I asked if she remembered the story. Still active and involved at age 89, she sounded puzzled and said she did not.

There is a reason for this. LAYC was filled to overflowing that day. Some local teens even arrived on horseback, anticipating they would need good vantage points from which to spot the stars. But Crosby did not appear and neither did the golfers. Crosby’s check was good, but he sorely disappointed his audience. A photo in the Los Altos News shows unimpressed city leaders under the headline: "Mayors Show Crosby Plaque. Bing Not There To Receive It."

This was the day Bing Crosby’s name lost its power in Los Altos.

Emily Thurber laughed when I told her.

“Now I don’t feel so bad,” she said. “If he had been there, then I would have remembered.”

Robin Chapman is a journalist, historian and Los Altos native.

Los Altos Library Highlights – March 2020

Be a Skull Detective

Tuesday, March 10 Grades K-2
Wednesday, March 18 Grades 3-6
Both programs at 4:00 pm

Apply your observation and investigation skills as your examine 7 replica skulls from the California Academy of Sciences. Students can do some experiments to explore the skulls and learn about the animal’s eye placement.

Registration required.

Paving the Way: Authors Steve and Susie Swatt

Wednesday, March 11
7:00-8:30 pm

Steve Swatt and Susie Swatt, the authors of Paving the Way: Women’s Struggles for Political Equity in California will be visiting Los Altos Library for a discussion. Please join us for an engaging conversation.

Learning from the Lemonade Stand

Saturday, March 14
2:00-3:00 pm

Students in grades 3 and up and their parents are invited to a special presentation by local author Brian Weisfeld, author of The Startup Squad. Brian will introduce children to the entrepreneurial mindset and how it will help set them up for a lifetime of achieving their potential.
Pet of the Week

Smokey is a 4-year-old male domestic shorthair available for adoption through Pets In Need. PIN reps describe him as an independent and undemanding feline who could potentially live as an indoor-outdoor cat. “Smokey is a bit stressed by the chaos of a shelter environment and would love to get into a home where he has space to roam,” a rep said. For more information on Smokey and other animals available for adoption, call Pets In Need at 496-5971, visit petsinneed.org or stop by the facility at 3281 E. Bayshore Road, noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

International trio drums up jazz at Wunderman House

Special to the Town Crier

Jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich is scheduled to perform the concert “International Jazz Trio/International Art of Jazz” with bassist Noriyuki Ken Okada and drummer Aki- ra Tana 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the Wunderman House, 655 Eunice Ave., Mountain View.

Okada and Tana, who frequently play together, have Japanese roots, but their influences are from around the world. Although both were born in the United States, Okada and Tana have extensive international touring experience. Okada has lived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as well as Japan. Tana, who has played with saxophonist Sonny Rollins and singer Lena Horne, has appeared on more than 150 recordings.

Vuckovich, a native of the former Yugoslavia, is considered a pioneer in melding Balkan musical influences in American jazz. Sunday’s concert is Vuckovich’s latest in a string of appearances at the Wunderman House, established in the 1930s as a speakeasy.

Vuckovich noted Sunday’s concert will be the first time a drummer will be featured in the Wunderman concert room. Both Vuckovich and Tana have decades of experience in the world of jazz.

“I think the theme of the ‘International Jazz Trio/International Art of Jazz’ is something important for the audience to know,” Vuckovich said. “Musicians from different parts of the world can speak the same language of jazz: authentic swinging, plus the ability to play the blues, Latin/Brazilian, funky boogaloo selections, etc.”

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Playwright Lapadula romances Morning Forum of Los Altos audience

By Betsy Landergren
Special to the Town Crier

Valentine’s Day had already come and gone by the time Marc Lapadula appeared at the Morning Forum of Los Altos Feb. 18, but the playwright, screenwriter and educator’s recollection of classic love stories left audience members enthralled.

Lapadula, senior lecturer in the Yale University Film Studies Program, entertained with tales, poems and film clips in a presentation titled “The Greatest Romantic Moments in Movies.”

He began his talk by jokingly thanking the Morning Forum for inviting him to the land of “affordable housing.” Then he asked, “What makes a truly romantic movie ending? ‘They lived happily after’ or ‘Here’s looking at you, Kid’?”

When he showed the classic “Casablanca” clip of Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart saying goodbye at the airport, the audience sighed and pined for the love that was not to be. Lapadula’s film clips started with the 1937 “Swing Time,” starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, whose romance played out in music and movement. In one single uncut dance scene, Ginger and Fred romanced each other for more than two minutes. Not a word was uttered, but emotion filled the air.

Another most famous love scene is the beach clinch in “From Here to Eternity.” As the rippled Burt Lancaster slowly strode toward Deborah Kerr lying seductively on the sand, Lapadula remarked that it was a shame that Burt had let himself go. But then the waves washed over the sand, and moviegoers were filled with longing.

Lapadula also showed a clip of the “Airplane!” parody of that same sandy scene, with the two lovers getting nearly drowned in the tide and being awash with seaweed. Not all movie moments are magical moments.

In between movie clips, there were poems of romance. Lapadula paid tribute to his mother, who always recited Mary T. Lathrap’s “A Woman’s Answer to a Man’s Question” at weddings: Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing / Ever made by the hand above – / A woman’s heart, and a woman’s life / And a woman’s wonderful love?

Lapadula also read the poem “Pathways” by Rainer Maria Rilke:

Understand, I’ll slip quietly away from the noisy crowd when I see the pale stars rising, blooming, over the oaks.

I’ll pursue solitary pathways through the pale twilight meadows, with only this one dream: You come too.

Happily ever after?

Citing “West Side Story” and “Romeo and Juliet,” Lapadula noted that some great romantic movies have tragic rather than happy endings.

According to Lapadula, love is not for the young alone. He showed clips of “Harold and Maude,” in which a young, disillusioned Harold has a relationship with an 80-year-old eccentric, Maude. And the 1967 “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” is not just about the love of the young interracial couple. Spencer Tracy’s character speaks with poignancy about the love he has for his wife, played by Katharine Hepburn. Lapadula said it was all the more powerful because of their real-life, off-screen romance that ended when Tracy died just a few months after the film’s release.

Movies remind us of important things, Lapadula said, human things like love, passion and forgiveness. “We see them on the screen and recognize them in ourselves,” he said. “It’s not that we yearn for the happy ever after. It’s the real true stuff of life that is the magic.”

The Morning Forum of Los Altos is a members-only lecture series that meets at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. For membership details and more information, visit morningforum.com.
The process to install stadium lights at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools is moving forward. The Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District submitted plans to the state last month and has embarked on the environmental review process.

The district is hoping to have the stadium lights, and accompanying public address systems, up and running around the beginning of November. However, that could be moved back depending on how long the environmental review process takes, as well as the length of time it takes to get the equipment delivered.

The path to installing stadium lights has been years in the making. Some of those living near the high schools have long objected to the noise, light pollution, increased traffic and other impacts the systems could have.

Administrators and district trustees worked with neighbors to draft guidelines for the lights and sound systems in an attempt to minimize their impact, which the board of trustees approved last June.

The district submitted plans to the California Division of the State Architect last month that lay out the placement of the speaker and light poles, as well as information about the types of lights and sound systems being used. According to Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen, the review process is expected to take about two months, with approval anticipated by the end of March.

The plan is to install four 90-foot-tall light poles to illuminate the football field at each school. Mathiesen said the district initially looked at using 80-foot poles, but having taller poles allows the light to be targeted more precisely onto the field.

“The higher you get, you can point the lights down and there’s less spillover into the surrounding neighborhood,” he said.

The poles for the public address system speakers would be between 12 and 18 feet tall. At Mountain View High, the plan is to install three speaker poles behind the home bleachers, facing the field, and five in front of the visitors’ bleachers, facing those seats. The setup will mean that all of the speakers aim east, in the direction of the baseball diamond, rather than toward Truman Avenue, where there are nearby homes.

“It’s all designed to minimize sound traveling to … the closest neighbors,” Mathiesen said.

At Los Altos High, plans call for six speaker poles behind the visitors’ bleachers, facing the field, and another six in front of the home bleachers, facing back toward those bleachers and the rest of campus — again, a setup intended to minimize the effects on those living near the school.

However, Mathiesen said there has been some concern about the types of lights and sound systems being used. According to Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen, the review process is expected to take about two months, with approval anticipated by the end of March.

By Zoe Morgan
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Simulations aim to build empathy for students with dyslexia

Learning to read is a rite of passage for elementary school students, but for children with dyslexia it can pose a unique challenge.

A pair of Los Altos School District parents are working to raise awareness about the learning disability and help teachers build empathy for dyslexic students. Wendy McDowell and Nikki Emens are leading simulations with local teachers aimed at illustrating what school can be like for a dyslexic student.

Over the past several months, the pair have been working with the Los Altos School District to provide the simulation for all of the teachers in the district. For both McDowell and Emens, dyslexia is personal. The learning disability runs in both of their families and each has dyslexic children.

According to the International Dyslexia Association, “Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.”

McDowell and Emens are co-leading a local Decoding Dyslexia California support group. Decoding Dyslexia is a grassroots organization of parents working to raise awareness about dyslexia and support parents with dyslexic children.

The simulation the two women are bringing to local schools runs participants through a series of exercises meant to simulate the experience of being dyslexic.

“When we each participated in this simulation ourselves, we realized what a great impact it could be for the staff to experience it, so that’s when we started reaching out to the schools, offering to bring it to the teachers,” Emens said.

One of the exercises deals with reading comprehension. Participants are given a passage with certain letters swapped with each other, forcing them to decode the text. They are given a time limit to read the text and then are quizzed on the content. In another scenario, participants try to transcribe dictated sentences while writing with their nondominant hand.

When Emens and McDowell led a simulation for teachers at Blach Intermediate School back in December, after going through the exercises, Pat Koren told her fellow teachers that her husband is dyslexic, as well as some of her children. Koren said school was always a struggle for them and they often felt unintelligent.

“Anything we can do to help them feel better about themselves and be successful is the biggest thing,” Koren said.

A broader conversation

In recent years, dyslexia has begun to be a bigger part of the conversation in the education community. The California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1369 in 2015, which required the state superintendent of public instruction to develop program guidelines for dyslexia. The guidelines are aimed at assisting educators and parents in identifying, assessing and supporting students with dyslexia.

According to Sandra McGonagle, the Los Altos School District’s assistant superintendent overseeing curriculum and instruction, the district has processes in place to support students in learning to read, including those who may be struggling with dyslexia.

Students are taught to read using explicit phonics instruction. McGonagle said “The district has multiple literacy ‘intervention’ systems for students who aren't making adequate progress in learning to read. The

Teenage bicyclist struck by car in hit-and-run near LAHS

A teenage bicyclist was reportedly the victim of a hit-and-run near Los Altos High School last week.

Los Altos Police Department Sgt. Eric Bardwell said a “high-school-aged juvenile” suffered non-life-threatening injuries after being hit by a vehicle on Almond Avenue near Beverly Lane at approximately 1:40 p.m. Feb. 17.

Police were not called to the scene and the family instead went to the police station that afternoon to report the incident. The vehicle was described as a gray sedan.

According to Bardwell, the bicyclist was reportedly traveling westbound in the bike lane — the same direction as the vehicle.

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Local robotics teams compete at Los Altos VEX IQ tournament

By Kathleen Xie

On a typical day at Blach Intermediate School, teachers are helping students accomplish tasks. But on a Sunday last December, it was the students who gave commands to robots they made themselves.

The event was the Los Altos VEX IQ tournament, an annual robotics competition hosted by Los Altos Robotics. Nine robotics teams from Los Altos elementary and middle schools and 13 teams from surrounding areas competed. Despite the rainy and windy weather, the teams showed up enthusiastically with their handmade robots, with unique shapes and capabilities.

Three Los Altos teams won awards at the tournament: Team 77787A, Oak RoboCC from Oak Avenue School, won the Create award; Team 7262A, Oak Avenue School, won the Amaze Award; Team 77787A, Oak RoboCC from Oak Avenue School, won the Judges Award. Awesome from Bullis Charter School, won the Create award.

Emphasis on teamwork

Li explained that teams of students are tasked with designing, building and programming a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Participants first compete in local tournaments, then the top teams advance to state, and then to higher levels afterward. The competition aims to improve students’ STEM skills by giving them the opportunity to solve particular problems with their robots, such as picking up and moving around cubes and balls. This year, the task was dubbed “VEX IQ Squared Away.”

For the teamwork matches, two teams worked together to score points. To get the points, the teams had to control their robots to pick up and move around the objects. They were allotted 60 seconds in the rounds, so they had to do as much as they could to score points in little time. Along with the group matches, teams had to compete individually. Those games consisted of matches where the driver controlled the robot, and matches that were autonomous.

While checking into the tournament, some teams faced difficulties. One Los Altos team had trouble with the robot size limit and had to make a quick and risky fix right before the tournament to make its robot small enough to qualify.

In the games, creativity was on display with groups trying different tactics. Some teams tried to place all the cubes on specific platforms first. Other teams decided to start with moving the cubes into their goal while gathering balls. There were a few teams that programmed their robots to be able to take two cubes at once, making it easier to gain points quickly.

“The tournament was a fun experience and I learned a lot from it,” said Aaron Xie, my brother and a member of the Los Altos Hills-based team Robaak. “It helped me learn about teamwork and how others designed their robots. This will help us to improve our robot.”

At the end, many awards were given to the teams, including the group whose robot had the best design and the group that had the best energy. Congratulations to Sandpiper School, an elementary and middle school in Redwood City, which had two teams advancing to state – Sandpiper Husky Engineers and Sandpiper Hexperts. Other teams that advanced to state included Dream Team from Group of Friends and Isosceles Doubles from Robocubs Robotics.

Li said VEX IQ supports the development of teamwork, critical thinking, project management and communication skills, and the event helped provide team members with feedback on how to improve their robots.

For more information on VEX IQ, visit vexrobotics.com/vexiq/competition.

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The Los Altos VEX IQ tournament, an annual robotics competition hosted by Los Altos Robotics, drew 22 teams.
Field lights will enable the high schools to host night football games.

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from school staff about the poles in front of the home bleachers, in particular whether they block the view of those in the stands and whether there is enough space between the poles and the outside lane of the track. The district may erect mock poles to better visualize what the setup would entail, Mathiesen said.

The original budget for the project was roughly $800,000 per campus, for a total of around $1.6 million. However, that did not include the cost of the public address systems, which Mathiesen said the district does not yet have a price for, because the specific equipment has not been selected. The contract to design the system totaled $16,000.

**Environmental review**

The district is also in the midst of completing an environmental impact report (EIR) for both schools. An EIR is a detailed review that considers the effect the projects will have in a tailed review that considers the nature of this project,” Mathiesen said.

A 30-day public comment period on the scope and content of the environmental review concluded Feb. 24. Contractors hired by the district will now work on the EIR, and Mathiesen estimated a draft will be finished by the end of April. Then there will be another public comment period, followed by more work on creating the final document. The board is aiming to vote on the final EIR and the project itself by mid-August, Mathiesen said.

However, the length of the process depends on the extent of the environmental impacts identified, as well as whether anyone raises legal objections to the projects.

Construction can begin once the EIR is completed and the board gives the projects final approval. According to Mathiesen, installing the lights and sound system is only expected to take two months, once all the supplies are on-site.

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children work in small groups and use different techniques, including exercises that employ multiple senses, such as drawing letters in sand or shaving cream.

The district also uses a “universal screener” to test all students’ literacy progress in kindergarten through second grade. The screener includes particular assessments aimed at students with dyslexia, such as being able to list words that rhyme.

McDowell and Emens are passionate about ensuring schools are serving students with dyslexia, and McGonagle said they have training to help teachers understand how certain classroom exercises might add pressure for dyslexic students.

“It’s a combination of awareness, to understand how dyslexia might present itself in a variety of different ways, … along with some empathy for students who are struggling,” McGonagle said.

**MVHS students host election conversation**

The Conversation Club at Mountain View High School is scheduled to host a discussion on the 2020 presidential election 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Mountain View Teen Center, 263 Escuela Ave.

The event will include a presentation on major candidates and their policies, followed by small-group discussions.

Admission is free and open to all ages. Food and drinks will be provided.

**Mentor Tutor group offers info session**

Mentor Tutor Connection is slated to host a volunteer information session 5:30-6:30 p.m. March 3 at the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District office, 1299 Bryant Ave., Mountain View.

For more information, email programs@mentortutorconnection.org or visit mentortutorconnection.org.

**BIKE**

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Police seek video of the incident; anyone with information is urged to call police at 947-2770.

The city of Los Altos has been considering bicycle safety improvements on Almond Avenue. Last month, the Complete Streets Commission reviewed two options: extending the bike lanes on Almond to San Antonio Road or creating a two-way cycle track on the north side of the street between San Antonio and the high school.

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Junior scores 15 points in rout of Sacred Heart
By Pete Borello
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In years past, the Pinewood School girls basketball team didn’t need a 6-footer to succeed. This season, the Panthers have come to depend on 6-foot-2 center Maia Garcia – especially when their shots aren’t falling from beyond the arc.

That certainly was the case Friday night in the Central Coast Section Open Division quarterfinals at Gunn. Garcia helped the second-seeded Panthers compensate for their 3-point shooting woes (4 for 23) by scoring a team-high 15 points in the 57-35 blowout of No. 7 Sacred Heart Prep.

“If we’re not shooting well from 3, then we’ve got to rely on getting to the basket,” Pinewood coach Doc Scheppler said. “And this year, we have a post presence in there that we just run a set and if there’s help from her (defender), then we’re going to get a layup with the 6-2 girl.”

Garcia – a transfer from Santa Clara who sat out last season – made an impact with confidence, so it was really easy for us to continue pushing even if we missed shots,” Garcia said. “We didn’t shoot very well today, but we continued to run for the boards and crash in. And we never gave up on defense, even if they hit a shot.”

Garcia made the Panthers’ first two shots of the fourth, sparking a 9-0 spurt that featured a 3-point swish by Courtini Thompson (nine points). The run gave Pinewood its biggest lead at 49-22. Pinewood (22-3 overall) soon emptied its bench, though Sacred Heart (15-8) still didn’t need a 6-footer to succeed. This season, the Panthers have come to depend on 6-foot-2 center Maia Garcia – especially when their shots aren’t falling from beyond the arc.

“Still not as smooth running as I’d like them to be,” Scheppler said of his squad, “but we hit big shots when they were close, and then we created more separation.”

Pinewood extended its lead to 40-22 by the end of the third quarter, despite going 0-for-6 from deep.

“I think that we came out with confidence, so it was really easy for us to continue pushing even if we missed shots,” Garcia said. “We didn’t shoot very well today, but we continued to run for the boards and crash in. And we never gave up on defense, even if they hit a shot.”

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Mtn. View wins OT thriller at Homestead
By Pete Borello
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When Mountain View High’s Jaiel Daniel-Dalton left the court writhing in pain, it appeared that the Spartans’ chances of winning Saturday’s Central Coast Section Division I boys basketball playoff game took a hit as well.

Trailing host Homestead 48-46 with 1:18 left in overtime, Mountain View could no longer lean on senior Daniel-Dalton, who scored a game-high 17 points before reaggravating a shoulder injury.

But when play resumed, the Spartans turned to their next-best player, Ryan Bahar, and he made what coach Kevin Mack called “probably the biggest shot of the year.”

Junior buried a 3 from the top of the key that put his team ahead with 1:05 to go, lifting Mountain View to a 54-48 second-round win.

“Coach drew up a play for me, and he’s done it before – he puts his trust in me,” said Bahar, who added a pair of game-sealing free throws with 17 seconds left to finish with 15 points. “I just try to deliver when he needs it.”

Mack noted that it wasn’t the first time his 6-foot-2 forward has come through in the clutch. He hit two game-winners during the regular season.

“Big-time player makes big-time shots,” Mack said.

Prior to that 3, the ninth-seeded Spartans had missed six straight shots and last scored on Daniel-Dalton’s putback with 2:24 left in the fourth quarter to go up 46-45.

Alex Harris split free throws on theMus tangs’ next possession to even the score. It would remain that way until overtime, as Mountain View misfired on a pair of 3-point attempts in the final minute of the fourth and fifth.

Prep Playoff Roundup

By Pete Borello
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The fourth-seeded Mountain View High girls soccer team edged No. 5 St. Ignatius 1-0 on a second-half goal from Rebecca Lopez, assisted by Isabella Walker, in Saturday’s Central Coast Section Division I quarterfinals.

The seventh-seeded Los Altos girls soccer team rallied for a 2-1 win over No. 4 Woodside Saturday in the Open Division quarterfinals.

Mountain View (12-5-3) is scheduled to host No. 8 Notre Dame-Belmont 3 p.m. today.

Spartans coach Jim McGuirk said.

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BY THE WAY...

Mountain View’s Ryan Bahar, shooting against Los Altos earlier this year, scored 15 points in Saturday’s CCS win.

That certainly was the case Friday night in the Central Coast Section Open Division quarterfinals at Gunn. Garcia helped the second-seeded Panthers compensate for their 3-point shooting woes (4 for 23) by scoring a team-high 15 points in the 57-35 blowout of No. 7 Sacred Heart Prep.

“Still not as smooth running as I’d like them to be,” Scheppler said of his squad, “but we hit big shots when they were close, and then we created more separation.”

Pinewood extended its lead to 40-22 by the end of the third quarter, despite going 0-for-6 from deep.

“I think that we came out with confidence, so it was really easy for us to continue pushing even if we missed shots,” Garcia said. “We didn’t shoot very well today, but we continued to run for the boards and crash in. And we never gave up on defense, even if they hit a shot.”

Garcia made the Panthers’ first two shots of the fourth, sparking a 9-0 spurt that featured a 3-point swish by Courtini Thompson (nine points). The run gave Pinewood its biggest lead at 49-22. Pinewood (22-3 overall) soon emptied its bench, though Sacred Heart (15-8) still wasn’t able to get much closer.

Mtn. View wins OT thriller at Homestead
By Pete Borello
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When Mountain View High’s Jaiel Daniel-Dalton left the court writhing in pain, it appeared that the Spartans’ chances of winning Saturday’s Central Coast Section Division I boys basketball playoff game took a hit as well.

Trailing host Homestead 48-46 with 1:18 left in overtime, Mountain View could no longer lean on senior Daniel-Dalton, who scored a game-high 17 points before reaggravating a shoulder injury.

But when play resumed, the Spartans turned to their next-best player, Ryan Bahar, and he made what coach Kevin Mack called “probably the biggest shot of the year.”

Junior buried a 3 from the top of the key that put his team ahead with 1:05 to go, lifting Mountain View to a 54-48 second-round win.

“Coach drew up a play for me, and he’s done it before – he puts his trust in me,” said Bahar, who added a pair of game-sealing free throws with 17 seconds left to finish with 15 points. “I just try to deliver when he needs it.”

Mack noted that it wasn’t the first time his 6-foot-2 forward has come through in the clutch. He hit two game-winners during the regular season.

“Big-time player makes big-time shots,” Mack said.

Prior to that 3, the ninth-seeded Spartans had missed six straight shots and last scored on Daniel-Dalton’s putback with 2:24 left in the fourth quarter to go up 46-45.

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MV’s Montoya reps U.S. at UK soccer tourney

Los Altos resident Allie Montoya was among 28 players chosen for the U.S. under-16 girls national soccer team that traveled to England this month to compete in the UEFA Development Tournament. Teams from the UK, Spain and Denmark also competed in the tourney, which ran Feb. 19-24. Montoya, a forward, is a sophomore at Mountain View High who has verbally committed to Stanford University.

Adult softball league welcomes players

The Vintage Softball Club of Santa Clara County, a slow-pitch league for men and women age 50 and over that includes Los Altos residents, welcomes new members for 2020. Founded in 1987, the club offers year-round Saturday and weekday leagues – along with Monday nights in the spring and summer – open to all skill levels. A bat and glove are required. The annual membership fee is $50-$100. To register and for more information, visit vintagesoftball.org or email info@vintagesoftball.org.

ROUNDUP

Boys basketball

No. 7 St. Francis stunned No. 2 Riordan 66-60 in the CCS Open Division quarterfinals Friday at Fremont. Harlan Banks scored 23 points for the Lancers (15-10), who face No. 3 Bellarmine 6 p.m. today at Independence.

Host No. 6 Pinewood routed No. 11 Pacific Collegiate 69-46 in the second round of Division V Saturday. The Panthers (12-13) were set to visit No. 3 Pacific Bay Christian Tuesday in the quarterfinals.

Los Altos (19-5), which earned byes in the first and second rounds of Division I, was scheduled to host No. 7 Independence Tuesday in the quarterfinals. The winner plays Thursday.

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No. 8 Homestead failed to convert a midrange jumper in between.

The Mustangs recaptured the lead – their first since the 3:22 mark of the fourth – on Kai Levenson’s jump shot on the first possession of the four-minute overtime. They missed their final eight shots of the period.

“Defensively we made some stops, and that’s been our staple all year – defense,” Mack said.

One of the Spartans’ struggles this season has been turnovers, and that plagued them Saturday. Mountain View committed 21 turnovers, several of them unforced.

“We turned the ball over a lot tonight,” Mack said. “The last two games where we beat Los Altos (52-44 in the Feb. 18 league finale) and won our first game in the playoffs (69-46 Friday over Silver Creek), we took care of the ball. Tonight we didn’t, but our guys played hard and they played tough – and we persevered.”

Daniel-Dalton exemplified that toughness, playing the game with a brace on an injured right shoulder that’s given him problems all season. The 6-foot-4 forward scored eight points in the third quarter – including three straight baskets from inside the paint early in the period. Bahar scored Mountain View’s next basket on a drive to the hoop after rebounding his own miss to give his team its biggest lead of regulation at 33-27.

Homestead rallied to take the lead by the end of the third, but Bahar made a floater and free throw early in the fourth to put the Spartans up 42-40. Twelve of his points came after halftime.

Mack didn’t expect to have Daniel-Dalton back for Tuesday’s quarterfinal game at No. 1 Palo Alto (20-4), but Bahar was confident that other Spartans would step up in his stead.

“Our motto all year has just been, ‘Next man up,’” he said. “We’ve had injuries all year, so next man up.”

The winner of Tuesday’s game, played after the Town Crier’s press deadline, advanced to Thursday’s semifinals.

Girls basketball

No. 11 Los Altos’ season ended with Saturday’s 52-28 loss at No. 6 Evergreen Valley in the second round of CCS Division I. The Eagles beat visiting San Benito 41-27 a day earlier behind 20 points from Jamie Baum.

Los Altos, which qualified for CCS by winning its De Anza Division finale and won its first game in the playoffs (69-46 Friday over Silver Creek), took care of the ball. Tonight we didn’t, but our guys played hard and they played tough – and we persevered.”

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The Panthers, who handily beat the Gators twice in West Bay Athletic League play, advance to tonight’s semifinals to face another familiar foe – No. 3 Menlo. Pinewood split its two league games with the Knights (20-5) this year. The game is set to tip off at 7 p.m. at Gunn.

The winner advances to Friday’s final, slated to start at 6 p.m. at Stanford University’s Maples Pavilion.

Pinewood’s Annika Decker calls a play as she brings the ball into the front court Friday. She finished with 10 points and six assists.

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Los Altos couple transforms a home deserving of preserving

By Carolyn Snyder
Special to the Town Crier

Diane Duerr-Levine and Matt Levine of Los Altos could be called serial home renovators. Their English cottage-inspired home in Woodland Acres is the fifth they have transformed on their journey from the East Coast, where they met, to the West Coast. The first was in Princeton, N.J., followed by Manhattan (a circa 1854 home in Chelsea), Playa del Rey in Southern California and Deodara Drive in Los Altos.

“We take pride in preserving something that deserves to be preserved,” Levine said.

The couple discovered their current home on one of their walks up Arboretum Drive from Deodara. They were told the best view was at the end of the road, so one day Duerr-Levine stopped to look around.

“The property was overgrown and the view barely visible, but Diane could see its potential,” Levine said.

She had a good eye because today they have 280-degree views of Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, San Francisco Bay and Silicon Valley. Neighbors gather yearly on their 3,500-square-foot redwood deck to watch Fourth of July fireworks displays.

In 1999, the couple became the fourth owners of the house, built in 1954, almost the same day Levine saw the “for sale” sign. It has the distinction of being the last of the 120 custom-built homes in Woodland Acres. Thus began a 20-month fully permitted renovation and upgrade during which the family lived in the house, doing it in stages. At one point, their children, Arielle and Sarsh, slept in sleeping bags in the dining room.

To convert the property from a “shadowed jungle,” they removed the eucalyptus trees and saved and nurtured six mature oak trees.

“We treat the oaks like children,” Levine said.

They landscaped both front and back yards, importing 120 tons of boulders from Jackson County (near Yosemite), and planted 20 trees. And they added the aforementioned deck plus an intricately designed 1,500-square-foot brick terrace crafted by a Mexican stone mason.

To bring the property up to earthquake/slide zone code, they replaced the original retaining wall (two stacked railroad ties) with one that is 12-15 feet high, 9-12 inches thick and 180 feet long.

“The Santa Clara County building inspector told me it could support a four-story building,” Levine said. “I knew it was good.”

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Making small decor updates can usher in sense of winter renewal

By Celeste Randolph

“In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.”

— Albert Camus

January can feel like the longest month of the year. Cool, foggy mornings lose their holiday charm, and the approach of spring still seems far off. February arrives as a welcome reprieve from the January blues — the perfect time to give your home a refresh. I find myself craving a reset as I welcome in the new year.

I notice around this time of year that the winter months can make my home feel flat. When that happens, I like to give myself a few hours devoted to making some simple changes. Just small updates usher in a sense of renewal that brightens my entire home.

The new year is an invitation for a fresh start, and I want my home to reflect that. A season of guests and entertaining over the holidays leaves my towels a little dingy, so I like to replace them with a basic but bright new set of white towels. I donate the old towels to animal shelters or our local veterinary clinic.

I also splurge on new sheets, pillow cases, and a duvet once a year. Even with a weekly washing, sheets tend to gray out over time. Slipping into a bed made with new sheets (I recommend a thread count of at least 500) feels luxurious, especially if I have a good book on the nightstand that I’ll pick up before bed.

By Design

Spruce it up

My desk accumulates so much throughout the week: from papers to fabric swatches and receipts. Research shows that a tidy space has psychological benefits, so taking just a few moments to declutter a desk can make a world of difference.
Your Home

Diane Duerr-Levine and Matt Levine converted their unfinished basement into a 700-bottle wine cellar and tasting room, above. The walls are lined with memorabilia, accolades and photographs that bear witness to their personal achievements.

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The Levines inherited the color scheme and rather than change it, they maintained it. For example, the Blue Onion wallpaper in the dining room and lavender-blue tile kitchen floor were preserved.

In addition, the wide-plank hardwood floors were refinished and the four Delft tile-framed wood-burning fireplaces were converted to gas.

Some interior spaces were reimagined, most notably a barn-like attached structure that’s now a multi-level 2,000-square-foot cottage. The main level has a built-in banquette and desk; the upper level, an entertaining area with fireplace, wet bar and two balconies; the upstairs, a bedroom suite with balcony, walk-in closet and Jacuzzi.

A bathroom adjacent to the master bedroom in the three-bedroom, 2.5-bath house became a walk-in closet that retained the leaded-glass window. Another space was transformed into a home office and workout room.

Levine, a fan of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, likes the way the house flows from one end to the other – from family room to kitchen to foyer to an extensive gallery leading to the bedrooms.

Duerr-Levine likes the deck both when the sun is rising and when it’s dark and the lights of the valley twinkle at her feet. She also likes relaxing in the family room suite with balcony, walk-in closet and Jacuzzi.

Neighbors gather yearly on the Levines’ 3,500-square-foot redwood deck, above, to watch Fourth of July fireworks displays. The space boasts 280-degree views of Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, San Francisco Bay and Silicon Valley. The couple maintained the home’s interior color scheme, below, including preserving the Blue Onion wallpaper in the dining room.
Your Home

Native grasses: Botanical fireworks light up the garden

By Tanya Kucak

For the most part, ornamental grasses are the introverts of the gardening world. It’s easy to overlook their quiet presence, but at certain times, in certain lights, they command attention.

Native grasses are relatively easy to fit into a garden because they often grow in a predictable way to a manageable size, requiring little maintenance. At most, some grasses benefit from an annual cleanup. Yet they do exhibit seasonality, with flowering stems that persist for a long time.

I’m reminded of the special attributes of native grasses every time I visit a garden that boasts established grasses. Some grasses stand out for their symmetry, others for their quirkiness. Grasses are good for erosion control, for wildlife food and shelter, and for catching light at certain times of day.

A clump of purple three-awn, for instance, can look like a swath of very fine-textured beige or purple fluff. The awns (the parts of the “flower” that create the fluffy appearance on the flowering stem) catch light in a magical way. The leaves are green and the awns are purple-tinged much of the year, but they really stand out in the winter, when low-angled sunlight strikes them and there is less visual competition from other plants.

Purple three-awn grows in full sun, and it is drought tolerant but can take occasional water. It can reach 1.5-3.5 feet tall and 2 feet wide. Because its texture is so fine, purple three-awn can be planted in masses or as a specimen plant. The older awns can get tangled in animal fur, so be careful not to let your pets romp in it, and remove old flowering stalks as needed. In addition, it can reseed itself, so some weeding is called for if you want to restrict its spread.

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Native grasses are relatively easy to fit into a garden because they often grow in a predictable way to a manageable size, requiring little maintenance. The flowering stems of deergrass, left, burst forth like fireworks. In a large clump of blue grama grass backlit by the sun, right, the flowering spikes appear to be dancing in the light.
psychological benefits, so taking just a few moments to declutter my desk makes a world of difference. Step into each room of your home and notice which areas feel chaotic. It only takes a few minutes to clear out and wipe down a cluttered kitchen drawer or side table.

I look at the framed photos and art on our walls and decide if I need to update the photos or even the frames. When I notice something that feels dated, it’s time for a quick edit. I love a sterling frame for its timelessness.

I also edit my accessories and move them around to create interest: a vase re-siding in the entryway moves to a shelf in the office, and a soft throw blanket that’s been on the living room sofa goes to an accent chair in the bedroom to instantly create a cozy reading nook.

On my next grocery trip, I make sure to pick up hydrangeas – I like paper white or baby blue – and orchids. They’re low maintenance but elegant and signal the coming of spring. This season, I fell in love with lemon cypress and olive tree topiaries to freshen the front door. A lemon cypress topiary sits on a table on my front porch, its verdant green leaves greeting me every time I come home.

A deep clean can feel overwhelming, but I make sure to get the windows cleaned and vacuum the entire house after making these small design changes. I love fresh scents in my home, so it feels decadent to use a citrus room spray or burn candles after the house is vacuumed.

The art of living is important. Our moods, work and relationships are affected by our surroundings, so I like to make sure my home feels fresh and inviting. It’s a rejuvenating form of self-care as we enter into a new year, cultivating what Camus calls that inner “invincible summer.”

Celeste Randolph is an interior designer in Los Altos. For more information, visit celesterandolphdesigns.com.
Smuin performs music of Cash in ‘Dance Series 1’

Smuin Contemporary Ballet continues its 26th season with “Dance Series 1,” scheduled Thursday through Sunday at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

The program features works by three choreographers. “The Man in Black” showcases the music of country singer Johnny Cash. Choreographed by James Kudelka, the former artistic director of the National Ballet of Canada, the piece is an ode to choreography influenced by country-western dance styles – including line, square, swing and step dancing.

Kudelka began his career with The National Ballet of Canada in 1972. After a rework of “The Nutcracker,” he served as artistic director at The National Ballet for nine years. He is now the resident choreographer at Toronto’s Citadel + Cie.

Also on the bill is Rex Wheeler’s “Take Five,” a work set to the music of jazz composer Dave Brubeck. Born in London, Wheeler performed with Birmingham Royal Ballet and for the Royal Family on several occasions before joining Smuin as a dancer in 2015. As a choreographer, he has created works for organizations throughout the country, including “Sinfonietta,” presented last season by Smuin.

Sinfonietta, presented last season by Smuin.

A revival of Michael Smuin’s “Carmina Burana” rounds out the program. Set to a Carl Orff score, it premiered at Smuin more than 20 years ago.

Evening performances of “Dance Series 1” are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees scheduled 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at MVCPA’s SecondStage, 500 Castro St.

Tickets are $25-$79.

For tickets and more information, call 903-6000 or visit smuinballet.org.

Schola goes ‘Into the West’

Mountain View-based Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley celebrates the West Coast in musical form in the concert “Into the West,” slated 7:30 p.m. Saturday at First Congregational Church of Palo Alto and 3 p.m. Sunday at Los Altos United Methodist Church.

“I didn’t grow up in California, but I spent a number of years in Los Angeles and was truly amazed by how much creativity comes out of the West Coast, and of course the beauty is unparalleled,” artistic director Buddy James said. “I wanted to create something that explored that theme with composers who are from here, moved here or have written about the West Coast.”

James chose works from Eric Whitacre and other American composers, and for the centerpiece, Jake Runestad’s 12-minute song for choir and piano titled “Come to the Woods,” with words by John Muir. The concert will showcase an original composition by West Coast composer Eric Tuan, based on the winning poem from the Schola Cantorum Poetry Contest.

A total of 41 high school students from 10 area schools submitted poems based on the theme “California’s Natural Beauty.” The winning entry was set to music by Claron McFadden and will be sung by the Schola Cantorum Choir.

“Eric Tuan’s musical soundscape truly complements the text and will provide listeners with a deeper understanding of the lovely poetry,” James said. “While it’s a contemporary composition featuring voice and piano, it also uses a musical language that people will appreciate.”

Tickets are $28 general admission and free for students 25 and under.

For tickets and more information, call 254-1700 or visit scholacantorum.org.

Foothill’s ‘Drood’ opens this week

Foothill Music Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical “The Mystery of Edwin Drood,” scheduled to run Thursday through March 15 in the Lohman Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

Adapted from Charles Dickens’ unfinished novel of the same name, the whodunit invites audiences to solve the murder of Edwin Drood.

The musical comedy has won four Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book.

Milissa Carey directs and Amanda Ku serves as musical director. Actors include John Mannion, Chloe Angst, Heather Orth, Brenna Sammon, Ben Ball, Rachelle Abbey, David Murphy, Aaron Hurley, Zach Goller, Linda Piccone, Dan Cardenas and Scott Solomon.

Evening performances are slated 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are scheduled 2 p.m. Sundays and March 7.

Tickets are $12-$36.

For tickets and more information, call 949-7360 or visit foothill.edu/theatre.
LACI to feature three stories of gathering space at State Street Market

Bar, food court and offices are on the horizon

By Melissa Hartman
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A n opening date has not been announced, but work is well underway on the massive mixed-use project on State Street owned by Los Altos Community Investments. LACI officials have declined to discuss the 33,166-square-foot complex – designed for work and play – but founder Anna Wojcicki previously told the Town Crier that she hopes it will be a hub for multiple generations.

That hub now has a name: State Street Market.

The Town Crier also learned, through plans provided by the city of Los Altos, that the project at 160 and 170 State St. was approved last year and has been checked for code compliance. Multiple food and retail vendors will fill the ground floor, with fitness and office space on the top floor and an underground lounge and bar.

The first floor, which will host the market the building is named for, is set to feature a coffee bar, a bar and restaurant, an ice cream/soda shop, a ramen bar, a space labeled as “Healthy Bowl,” a teaching kitchen and an area to sit down and enjoy food and drinks provided by the vendors.

Two retail spaces are unassigned; it is unknown if those tenants have been chosen.

An exterior plaza will run through the right-hand side of the first floor, sketches show, providing the “green space” Wojcicki hoped for when the concept was first coming together.

The second floor offers a handful of offices, four meeting rooms and one large meeting room. The space also includes a break room, with a fitness studio to its right and a mailroom in close proximity to the exercise area.

Renderings show that the underground lounge will total 2,298 square feet, with the bar accounting for approximately 700 square feet.

The first floor is estimated to be 16,919 square feet. The second floor, with cutouts for seeing down into the food hall below, will total approximately 13,794 square feet.

At any time, staff and builders calculated 76 occupants in the lounge, 354 occupants on the first floor and 229 occupants on the top floor.

The building will have multiple sets of stairs as well as an elevator, drawings reveal. Storage space will be located in the basement and on the second floor. Bathrooms will be located on each floor, with showers in the second-floor bathrooms near the fitness area.

Skylights will be fixed or replaced, depending on their condition, to let in more light. Tile mosaics with indigos, navy blues, reds and whites are on the horizon.

Los Altos resident turns curvy career into podcast

By Noa Bronicki
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos resident Beth Davies has had a curvy career, starting out as a lawyer and transitioning into human resources for companies such as Apple and Tesla before launching her own podcast, aptly titled “Career Curves.”

The podcast, which began in August, shares her career story and those of others. Davies hosts; Dan Henkle serves as executive producer.

Although the pair only began considering the idea of creating a podcast in October 2018, Davies had already owned the URL careercurves.com for a while at that point.

“When I left Tesla and start to think about what I wanted to do next, there was something really appealing to me about helping people in their careers,” she said. “And the name ‘Career Curves’ came to me.”

So Davies purchased the URL two years ago.

“It’s perfect,” she said of the name, “because of this idea that current careers are really curvy and they’re not straight lines.”

Davies added that the goal of the podcast is “to inspire people who might be feeling stuck in their careers” by featuring stories of those who have worked in various fields.

“So we know a lot of people say, especially as they’re coming out of high school or coming out of college, ‘I don’t know what I want to do with my life,’ as if they have to make one decision at the front end that is going to determine everything,” she said. “And yet, when you talk to people who are later in their careers, you find out that you don’t have to worry about making one decision and sticking to it forever.”

Another goal of the podcast, she noted, is to share information that people might not have otherwise.

“We recognized that if you’re interested in doing something that nobody else in your family has done, it’s unlikely that the people in your family can tell you how to break into that field, whatever it may be,” Davies said. “And so we wanted to kind of democratize access to these kinds of stories.”

According to Davies, people often don’t know where to start when trying to choose a career. She referred to a common misconception that people’s careers should relate to things they were passionate about as children, which she said is untrue. Of the people she has talked with, many simply stumbled into their career and found out they loved it when they initially did not even consider it.

Learning curve

After Davies found the inspiration for her podcast, she still had several steps to accomplish before going live, which she aimed to do in six months.

The first step was finding guests. Davies and Henkle made a list of people they had met throughout their careers, expecting a yield rate of approximately 75%. To their surprise, everyone they contacted agreed to appear.

“There’s something about saying to people ‘Your story can inspire others’ that has them say, ‘I would love to tell it; please help me tell it and be that vehicle,’” Davies said.

Next came gaining the technical knowledge. Davies said neither she nor Henkle had previous experience with podcasts, so they taught themselves podcasting from various online resources, including YouTube videos.

Although Davies said that measuring the reach of a podcast is difficult, she is happy with the progress “Career Curves” has made.

‘Expending license’ scam tricks Microsoft Windows users

Special to the Town Crier

Microsoft Corp. no longer will provide technical assistance, software updates or bug fixes for Windows 7, which is big news for users of the popular operating system. The recent announcement is giving scammers an opportunity to confuse Windows users into paying to update their “expiring Windows license” – whether they need to or not, according to recent Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker reports.

How the scam works

You receive a call from someone who claims to be a concerned Microsoft employee, who explains that you need to upgrade your operating system if you want your computer to keep working. The caller may say that you need to upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10, or simply that your Windows license is expiring.

The caller may seem friendly and helpful, but he or she is far from it. Someone may convince you to pay yearly fees (that don’t exist) or request remote access to your computer under the guise of installing software. If you pay the fees, you could lose hundreds of dollars. But if you allow the scammer access to your computer, your secure personal information could be at risk. See SCAM, Page 35
yellows will line parts of the exterior, finished off with a dove-white paint. The plans detail that inside and outside the building, there will be mixed wood, concrete, plaster, metal and soft paints to refinish the existing Spanish-style architecture.

**Exterior plans**

The plans reveal approximately 66 standard-striped parking spots, two accessible spots and two compact spots through 160 and 170 State St.’s proximity to Plaza 9. Because the parking plaza is partially city owned, LACI can’t limit the parking plaza to its paying customers. Class I and II bike parking will be provided.

The building will be set back approximately 10 feet from the property line. Trees and tree wells along State Street and trees and planters at the corner of Third and State streets feature in the plans.

The complex has been under renovation since shortly after Play! Los Altos, Fina Boutique and 170 State St.’s proximity to State streets feature in the plans. Work is well underway on the massive mixed-use project on State Street backed by Los Altos Community Investments.

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PODCAST
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She said approximately 400 people access each episode, 17% of which come from outside the United States. Listeners hail from more than 65 countries in all — including Romania, the United Arab Emirates and Kenya.

“We had no idea that we were going to hit people outside the U.S.,” she said. “We thought we’re telling very kind of American-centric stories, because it’s people’s careers in the U.S., and yet we’ve got people all over the world who are listening.”

That wide reach may relate to the variety of guests featured, in fields ranging from tech to public service and fashion.

“Diversity of stories and diversity of guests are really important to us,” Davies said.

She added that she loves all of her episodes, but an interview with Dr. Marcus Watson, a dentist, particularly resonated with her. She said interviewing him surprised her; at first, she assumed his career would be a straight line, but it turned out to be really curvy.

“There are some things that he’s done for himself around creating work-life balance that were just eye-opening for me,” Davies said. “He’s a dentist who during his career found himself with tremors. And as a dentist, you can’t have tremors. And so he at that point really needed to both come to terms with that and then redefine himself. And so it’s my favorite because it wasn’t anything that I expected it to be.”

Moving forward, Davies plans to keep on telling stories.

“We’re not overly orchestrating and overly designing it,” she said. “We are kind of waiting to hear from our audience and our community what the need is and where their energy is.”

To listen to the podcast or learn more about “Career Curves,” visit careercurves.com.
Got a business story we should be covering? Call Melissa Hartman at 948-9000, ext. 317, or email melissah@latc.com.

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[sold property details]

520 Rhodes Drive, Palo Alto
3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms | 1,866 sq ft living | 8,280 sq ft lot | $3,750,000

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[sold property details]

4001 Hacienda Street, San Mateo
4 bedrooms | 3 bathrooms | 2,834 sq ft living | 6,200 sq ft lot | $1,800,000

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Transactions

Los Altos
950 Damian Way, Goins Trust to Y. Weingarten for $3,900,000
659 Hollingsworth Drive, M. Laptalo to J. & S. Laptalo for $2,450,000

Mountain View
645 Cinnamon Circle, Taylor Morrison of California to E. Tsai for $1,200,000
651 Cinnamon Circle, Taylor Morrison of California to S. De Ruiter for $1,200,000
725 Mariposa Avenue No. 205, Z. Yu to Y. & Y. Liu for $730,000
2235 Mora Place, Lennar Homes to J. & J. Hsu for $1,644,500
2244 Mora Place, Lennar Homes to Y. & C. Ling for $1,401,500
1945 Mount Vernon Court No. 2, A. Lanman to X. Deng for $635,000

Cupertino
10745 N. De Anza Boulevard #114, Meduri Family Trust to M. Hultquist for $1,170,000

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Overall

Los Altos
Total sales: 2
Lowest sale: $2,450,000
Highest sale: $3,900,000
Average sale: $3,175,000

Mountain View
Total sales: 6
Lowest sale: $635,000
Highest sale: $1,644,500
Average sale: $1,135,200

Cupertino
Total sales: 5
Lowest sale: $1,170,000
Highest sale: $2,439,000
Average sale: $1,746,800

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KATHY BRIDGMAN’S
EXCEPTIONAL LISTINGS OF THE WEEK

1515 TOPAR AVENUE, LOS ALTOS
Brand-New Designer Home

- 3 levels with 6 bedrooms and 5 baths
- Approximately 4,680 square feet of living space (buyer to confirm)
- Kitchen and family room combination plus tremendous recreation room with full bar
- Potential wine cellar or fitness room
- Fully landscaped and fenced grounds on almost one-quarter acre
- State-of-the-art ductless heating/cooling system
- Outstanding Country Club location
- Excellent Los Altos schools

Offered at $5,995,000

27319 JULIETTA LANE, LOS ALTOS HILLS

- 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms
- Approximately 4,688 square feet (not verified by Compass)
- Approximately 1 acre (not verified by Compass)
- Outstanding views of the western hills and San Francisco Bay
- Fabulous grounds with pool, spa, and vast new deck
- Stunning interiors with towering ceilings and walls of glass
- Living room with views of the hills, formal dining room, plus family room with Bay views
- Beautifully remodeled quartz-finished gourmet kitchen and breakfast room
- Fitness room with cedar sauna
- Los Altos schools

Offered at $4,998,000

622 COVINGTON ROAD, LOS ALTOS
Brand-New Luxurious Mediterranean

- 5 bedrooms, office, and 5.5 baths
- Approx. 3,684 sq. ft. (not verified by Compass)
- Exceptional details include a floating staircase, exposed beam ceilings, designer lighting, and gorgeous natural stone and tile selections
- Security, surveillance, distributed sound, central vacuum, and prewiring for Ethernet and video in most rooms
- Approx. one-third acre (not verified by Compass)
- Los Altos schools (buyer to confirm enrollment)

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5887 Arboretum Drive, Los Altos

Infused with French Country charm, this warm, extensively upgraded 3 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home has an additional 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom cottage and offers a total of 6,293 sq. ft. (per county) on an oak-shaded lot of 43,470 sq. ft. (per county). The luxurious, light-filled interior is elegantly appointed with wide-plank pine floors, four fireplaces, and over 160 casement windows. Presenting breathtaking views from almost every room, the home boasts modern updates like multi-zone heating and cooling and built-in speakers, while featuring a gorgeously remodeled kitchen, a lower-level wine room, and a three-car garage. Handsome bedrooms include a master suite with a glorious sky-lit bathroom. Ideal for entertaining, this home also includes an attached two-story cottage featuring a free-flowing family space with a wet bar, while generous rear terraces provide astonishing views of Silicon Valley. Situated in a private, low-traffic location, this home is mere moments from local conveniences and Interstate 280, and is also nearby excellent schools such as Montclair Elementary, Cupertino Middle, and Homestead High (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team, the #1 Team in the Nation.*

*As ranked by REAL Trends 2019 Team Volume Inc. Published in the Wall Street Journal in June 2019.

For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit: www.5887arboretum.com

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**Puzzles Page**

**Town Crier Crossword**

By Myles Mellor

Across
1. Seal, e.g. the deal (slang) 22. Hurt
2. Kind of party 23. “Pretty Boy” of crime
4. Experts in vote-getting 25. New World songbird
8. Stayed 26. Water brand
12. Prospector’s need 27. Tale-telling “Uncle”
13. Chemistry Nobelist 29. Pervasive quality
Otto 31. Pulsating effect, in music
14. Slightly 32. Kinmono sash
15. Swaps out 33. iPhone program, briefly
17. Pepper grinder 35. John who played Sulu
18. A Roman numeral 36. Grind
19. Chemistry Nobelist 38. Ice cream shop freebies
21. Chemistry Nobelist 40. Blunder
24. Grind 41. Stable staple
25. Loaf of bread 42. Army training group
28. Dam builder and Los Altos lane 45. Nincompoop
29. Dam builder and Los 50. US President and Los Altan of the Yr.
Altos lane 51. US President and Los Altan of the Yr.
30. Dam builder and Los 52. Grind
Altos lane 53. Some building wings
31. Dam builder and Los
Altos lane 54. Granola, primarily
32. Dam builder and Los
33. Dam builder and Los
Altos lane 34. Entered, as computer data
34. Entered, as computer data 37. Bond villain
35. Entered, as computer data 38. Ice cream shop freebies

Down
1. Novel ending 41. Stable staple
2. It may be driven 42. Army training group
3. Pilot’s announcement, for short 45. Nincompoop
4. Churchill’s “___ Finest Hour” 50. US President and Los Altan of the Yr.
5. Where a camel stops for refreshment 51. US President and Los Altan of the Yr.
6. Phone trio 52. Grind
7. First name in a Poe poem 53. Some building wings
8. SA plains 54. Granola, primarily
10. Rapper prefix 30. Dam builder and Los Altos lane
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27. Tale-telling “Uncle” 27. Tale-telling “Uncle”
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35. John who played Sulu 35. John who played Sulu
36. Grind 36. Grind
37. Bond villain 37. Bond villain
38. Ice cream shop freebies 38. Ice cream shop freebies
40. Blunder 40. Blunder

Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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

Answers on Page 33

Find A Word

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

Admiration - Anger - Apathy - Boredom - Contempt - Disgust - Elation - Enthusiasm - Fear - Happiness - Hate - Joys - Sadness - Serenity - Surprise
JAYSHREE BANTHIA JAIN

Barbara (Bagot) Karp of Los Altos, CA passed away peacefully on February 12, 2020 at the age of 92. She is survived by her only child, Cynthia A. King of Southern California. Barbara was born and raised in San Francisco. After graduating from Lincoln High School, she attended San Francisco State University and planned to become a teacher until a tall, handsome Navy man named Mark K. Karp asked her to be his wife. She mastered motherhood, enjoyed entertaining, and was a talented designer of clothing for her entire family. She also worked for Wells Fargo Bank before retiring so she and Mark could spend more time traveling. Throughout her life, she believed in the importance of giving back to her community. She volunteered at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City and later joined The Assistance League of Los Altos where she was heavily involved in the Costume Barn and the HOME Program at Stanford Health Center.

Barbara will be missed and remembered by friends in all corners of the world. Although she did not wish to have a service, if you would like to make a memorial donation in her name, you would welcome contributions to Sempervirens Fund or The Assistance League of Los Altos.

SUSAN MOORE ALMON

On February 13, 2020, Susan Moore Almon died unexpectedly but peacefully of heart failure in Mountain View, CA with family near her side. She was 86. She was born Betty Sue McDonnell on February 19, 1933 in Hamlet, NC to Angus McDonald and Var- neen Irwin. Before marrying West Point Cadet, William J. Almon on June 11, 1955 in University City, MO, she earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, where she was chosen “Sweetheart of Sigma Chi” and pledged the Pi Beta Phi sorority. The couple raised five children and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before Bill passed in 2016. Born a Southerner, she spent her teen years in New York. The balance of two worlds gave her the poise and grace to entertain generals, senators, and CEOs as her husband Bill's executive and entrepreneurial career progressed. She formed life-long friendships wherever she went, maintaining close ties with high school and college friends, and the fellow mothers with whom she volunteered at church and her children's schools. The family “baby-whisperer,” her children and grandchildren faithfully delivered a new baby for she did not turn every 1-2 years, who can now treasure countless memories of her singing and reading aloud to them. As a life-long learner and bibliophile, Susan was always discussing current world events and sharing books and her interests with family and friends. Her faith and belief in education made her and Bill generous supporters of a multitude of charities. Her death leaves a hole in many hearts, and her strength, unwavering faith and devotion to family will be remembered for years to come.

Susan was preceded by her husband, parents, and sister Moma Coats Sklar. She is survived by five children, eleven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, as well as countless family members and friends whom she loved.

A Vigil and Rosary service will be held on February 27 at 6:30pm at Spangler Mortuary in Los Altos, with viewing from 5 to 8pm. A Funeral Mass will be Feb- ruary 28 at 10am at St Nicholas Church in Los Altos, with a recep tion following. Interment will be with husband Bill, at West Point Cemetery NY on April 17, 2020.

In her last years, Susan received the best of care at Villa Siena (www.villa-siena.org). Her fam ily welcomes donations in lieu of flowers to this wonderful mis sion of the Daughters of Charity.
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 petech@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

PERFORMANCES
Black Cedar Trio. Concert featuring flute, guitar and cello group. 6:30 p.m. today. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683; sccl.org/losaltos

Arete Dance Center’s Spring Flinge Showcase. Performances by professional and amateur dancers. 7 p.m. May 2. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. $40-$45 (advance only). aretedancedcenter.com

EVENTS
Cioppino Feed. Rotary Club of Los Altos’ 42nd-annual event benefiting the Foothill College Veterans Resource Center. Includes dinner, drinks, live auction and drawing. 6-9 p.m. Friday, Shoup Park Garden House, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. $75. Localsoy.org; labetch@gmail.com; 465-4022


Pickleball. Game open to seniors. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road. 947-2797.

PRESENTATIONS
“Sri Lanka, Land of Serendipity.” Travel photographer David Couzens shares his experiences during a three-week trip to the tropical island nation. 7 p.m. Tuesday. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683; sccl.org

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EXHIBITS
“Layers.” Group art exhibit by members of Peninsula Chapter of the Women’s Caucus for Art. Open during business hours through March. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. 94122; wcpeninsula.org

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

AUDITIONS
Footsllap Symphonic Winds. Seeks percussionists for its performance season. conductor@fwinds.org

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

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS
Guided Meditation. Thirty-minute guided meditation session with instructor Manisha Kumar inspire regular meditation. 6:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Free. 948-7683.

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

Fitness Boot Camp. Sixty sessions of exercise: 6:30 a.m. weekdays or just Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Shower facilities available. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Less than $4 per class. Registration: foothill.augssoft.net

Morning Flow Yoga. Led by Duann Hurd. 7-8 a.m. Saturdays. Yoga of Los Altos, 377 First St. 947-7980; SIR is a social group for retired men that meets monthly. 366-2449; sirsaltos.org

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