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Neighboring in a Pandemic

by Sam Blewis

Being a good neighbor is pretty much at the center of everything I do and believe. Rather than being on our own in life, I believe we are responsible to one another—responsible to care, reach out, lend a helping hand, pay attention to how one another is doing—I call it the *Sacred Act of Neighboring*. It's something that pulls us out of our own heads and our own small world and invites us to be a part of something bigger than us.

But how do you do that in the middle of a global pandemic, when what is good and right is to isolate yourself from your neighbors?

I think about how we can engage in the *Sacred Act of Neighboring* all the time and I've come up with lots of ideas on how to do it. But my ideas don't compare to the creativity I see from you all. Every week this shelter in place order was extended, you all keep stepping up to the occasion. Early on there was sidewalk chalk with your hopeful and encouraging messages. And there were teddy bear hunts where so many of you put teddy bears in your windows for neighborhood kids to find. At Halloween, you all

showed beautiful creativity in finding new and safe ways of delivering candy and a little bit of joy to trick-or-treaters. And this December had spectacular light displays that not only lit up your houses and yards, but also something inside of me.

This time in our lives is insane, difficult, and discouraging. There are days that I feel like I can't do it anymore. I imagine there are days that you feel that way, too. But you all keep showing up, keep rising to the occasion. I have no doubt that you will continue to do so every time we're called upon to do so.

And maybe there will be days when you can't quite get there. But that's why you have neighbors. On the days when you can't get there, your neighbors are here to get there on your behalf. And on the day that I can't quite get there, you're there to get there on my behalf. And together, through the *Sacred Act of Neighboring*, we'll make it through this.

Keep reaching out. Keep neighboring. Keep caring for one another. ●



Gastronomic History: A Dish Named for Mountain View

by Max Hauser

Great cooking specialties often are named for places of origin. How many of these do you recognize?

Salade Niçoise, risotto alla Milanese, chicken Kiev, Tunisian tajine, eggs Florentine, Peking duck, potatoes Lyonnaise, pad Thai, eggs à la Riga, ragù Bolognese, Turkish delight, Mountain View veal with eggplant. (Note: Not all are equally famous.)

The story of how that last dish came to be publicized involves national and state history, and MV's own pioneering 20th-century winery. Gemello Winery operated on El Camino near Old MV from the 1930s to 1980s. First, some historical context.

A US wine industry flourished in 19th and early 20th centuries, but withered after 1919's 18th Constitutional Amendment empowered federal "Prohibition" of alcoholic beverages. Prohibition was an international trend; other nations tried it including Russia, Finland, Norway, and Canada. All later repealed it, as the US did in late 1933. California's wine industry then began a slow rebirth (not until 1990 did the US surpass its peak pre-Prohibition winery count).

In 1938, recognizing wines' agricultural importance, Califor-

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE: JoeSam & More! Mountain View Public Art

by Don McPhail

You can't miss the vibrant JoeSam artwork "Boy and Girl in the Calla Lilies", as you stroll past City Hall and the Performing Arts Center. Further along, beneath the massive oak near the library's back door stands a fanciful sculpture by Albert Guibara aptly titled "Toad's Book Club".

The images shown below are just two of the eight wonderful art pieces in and around City Hall and the library, worthy examples of the variety to be found among some thirty-eight works curated and placed by the city around Mountain View under the guidance of a highly qualified Visual Arts Committee.

These thirty-eight art displays are located around our city, from east of Bayshore throughout Shoreline and the Google campus, and in the Whisman area, and over near Cuesta Park. Why not map out visits to these impressive pieces, as a safe and socially-distanced excursion? Helpful maps are located on the City of Mountain View web site.

For a complete listing of our public artwork, be patient as you navigate the ponderous City of Mountain View web site (www.mountainview.gov): Click on Services, and then click on Arts. You will find Public Art, and eventually Public Art In Mountain View (<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/publicart.asp>). Once you locate the map, the information is clear and easy to use. ●



◀ JOESAM was born and raised in Harlem. He earned a doctorate in education and psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, taught at Columbia University, and was director of the Head Start Program in San Francisco for over ten years. He gradually began to commit himself full time to art. His colorful work seeks to celebrate the warmth, fun and joy of children.



▶ ALBERT GUIBARA is an artist whose work is deeply personal, boundlessly creative, and most importantly, enjoyable. Guibara is a lifelong resident of California. He was born in Los Angeles and has spent the entirety of his professional life in San Francisco.



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Submissions for our May 2021 issue are due by April 21, 2021.

Keeping Mountain View Safe: Updates and Advice from the Mountain View Police Department

Safety Trends in COVID Times

by Jodie Pierce

Happy New Year to you and your families from the Police Department!

As we enter into month #12 in the time of COVID, there are a few trends we are seeing that we want to share with you.

There has been a large increase of bike thefts, especially from underground, secured garages.

It appears the suspects are waiting for residents to enter or exit and then accessing the garage area. Once inside suspects look for storage lockers/rooms where they tend to target high-end bikes.

To help prevent this, be aware of anyone walking in when secured doors are open.

There has been an increase of thefts of bikes from second-story balconies. If you are storing your bike on your balcony, consider locking it to a post or something not easily removed from the balcony area.

Stolen bikes are usually sold very quickly on websites like offerup.com and similar on line sales sites.

Keep documentation of bike

information such as serial numbers, make, model, and speed in the event your bike is stolen in order to provide the information to the police department.

We have also seen an increase in mail theft as identity theft crimes are on the rise.

Suspects are gaining access to large apartment complexes and stealing mail from centralized mail rooms. This includes packages which are left in the centralized rooms, as well as from front porches and patios.

If you are expecting packages, try to track delivery and gather your packages as soon as possible to avoid theft.

Lastly, there has been a large spike in catalytic converter thefts all over the city.

Although these thefts can occur to all different vehicles, approximately 90% of the thefts have been from Toyota Prii (the official plural for Prius).

The converters are sold as parts for cash.

The main way to prevent these thefts is by securing your vehicle in a garage. Recognizing this may not be ideal or an option



for many, you can also speak to your car dealership or mechanics to determine if there are additional ways to prevent these thefts.

Please remember that you know your neighborhood best and if you see anything out of the ordinary, please call the Police Department.

The Mountain View Police Department is here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so please call us if you need anything. Emergency is 9-1-1 and the non-emergency dispatch line is 650-903-6395. Take care and stay healthy. ●



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What's Up?

Update on New Development in Mountain View

by Robert Cox

While the COVID-19 crisis has slowed the avalanche of new building proposals in our neighborhood, development of current projects continues. The new townhome project at 257-259 Calderon Avenue is expected to be completed by summer. Luna Vista, the new affordable housing project at 950 West El Camino Real, is under construction. After a long delay, ground was broken for the condo project at 211 Hope Street, next to the post office.

In the California Legislature, Senate Bills 9 and 10 are being introduced to end single-family zoning in California and allow city councils to overturn zon-

ing-based voter initiatives. A lively debate on these bills is expected this year.

Closer to home, the new Mountain View City Council will be tackling how to accommodate the state's demand that the Bay Area in general, and Mountain View in particular, increase its housing production by 2-4 times. Part of the plan to accommodate this growth will be the upzoning of R3 parcels, on which many of the city's smaller apartment complexes lie. Examples in our neighborhood are Monta Vista at 245 Bush Street and Glenwood at 210 Calderon Avenue. How much these parcels will be upzoned, to what extent

parking and open space requirements will be reduced, and how the new buildings will transition to adjacent single-family homes will be part of the council debate.

This year, the city council also plans to look at revising the Downtown Precise Plan. A key issue will be whether to adopt paid parking areas in the downtown and the potential spillover onto neighborhood streets.

As always, you may reach out to your OMVNA steering committee members, the OMVNA parking subcommittee, the city council, and your state legislators for your input on these key issues. ●

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OMVNA Chairman's Annual Rant and Roll

by David Lewis

When you think about COVID-19, when the pandemic has ended, remember that this is not a unique event.

This is the third of this type—we had SARS, MERS and then COVID-19, and we can expect regular pandemics of this sort because of greater human interaction with wild animals (and domestic animals) we can only hope we're better prepared the next time.

COVID-19 has changed our lives dramatically and continues to change them on the global scale, the national scale and in towns and cities.

It has entered our politics and helped change the federal government where incompetence and neglect and malfeasance have real consequences.

Their performance during the COVID-19 pandemic may have effects on our state and local government, where citizens don't feel their government functioned adequately.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the limitations, in many ways, of our 'efficient' health care systems as well as our business models (just-in-time and lean manufacturing).

We can no longer depend on China et al. to be our storage center and manufacturer and supplier of critical goods and materials.

Where were the face masks, doctor's gowns and gloves and face shields and disinfectants so desperately needed? Why can't we manufacture what is needed here and now and have some excess capacity for emergencies? Why don't we have a properly maintained reserve of such things as hospital beds, oxygen tanks, ventilators, and other items only available from China or elsewhere?

Having excess supplies on hand in hospitals and stores may be costly, but if we depend on others to provide us supplies, what happens when the world comes up short of desperately needed supplies no longer available?

How costly has the pandemic been in likely 500,000-600,000 deaths by summer, millions more with long term effects from COVID-19, massive unemployment and underemployment, small stores and large businesses failing.

In cities like Mountain View, will office buildings stand deserted? Will workers meet as necessary on Zoom type platforms or in rented conference rooms?

As we depend more heavily on the internet, will the current bandwidth prove insufficient for the growing number of plat-

forms, entertainment and news media, and on-line shopping that people are forced to use because such things as movie theaters, mom and pop stores, and newspapers are vanishing?

Will only large chain stores and on-line businesses remain?

AI is here to stay with social media, on-line commerce, drones and robots delivering goods and groceries—only one visible influence of AI—but what's the effect on jobs at the low end of the spectrum?

Mountain View continues to be impacted by so many changes that were already on the way but COVID-19 has accelerated the pace.

The future for Mountain View and elsewhere is a wild, open frontier for innovators, robber barons, and industries that invent and/or capture future markets.

Life will continue but with massive changes. Will our area be a king-maker or fade as new forms of creativity modify the man-made world?

As an aside, how many more heritage trees will be destroyed, replaced by concrete high-rises, or will green zones replace those monuments of the past, the office buildings, the malls, etc.?

Hold on to your hats, the 21st Century is a whirlwind moving faster than can be imagined. ●

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Now Available at the Library

by Kyle Hval

Mountain View Public Library has several exciting virtual events coming up in February.

On Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, we will be leading a Valentine's Day themed craft tutorial. Show your love by stitching your own custom heart ornament! This beginner-friendly, hand-sewn project can be as simple or as elaborate as you'd like, using embroidery, beads, sequins, and ribbon. Registration is required and all supplies are provided. You must be able to pick up your craft supplies at the Mountain View Library via our Grab & Go Pick-Up Service prior to the event. This program is for adults and teens.

We will be hosting a book discussion and reading with award-winning novelist, journalist, and podcaster Annalee Newitz on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 pm. They will discuss their new history book, *Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age*.

Four Lost Cities takes readers on an entertaining and mind-bending adventure into the deep history of urban life.



Four Lost Cities

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Annalee Newitz

Tuesday, February 9
6:00–7:00 PM
Online via Zoom


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Investigating across the centuries and around the world, Newitz explores the rise and fall of four ancient cities, each the center of a sophisticated civilization. Newitz travels to all four sites and investigates the cutting-edge research in archaeology, revealing the mix of environmental changes and political turmoil that doomed these ancient settlements. *Four Lost Cities* was named one of Apple's Most Anticipated Books of Winter 2021.


Annalee Newitz is the author of the book *Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age*, and the novels *The Future of Another*


Timeline, and *Autonomous*, which won the Lambda Literary Award. As a science journalist, they are a contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, and have a monthly column in New Scientist. They have published in The Washington Post, Slate, Popular Science, Ars Technica, The New Yorker, and The Atlantic, among others. They are also the co-host of the Hugo Award-winning podcast *Our Opinions Are Correct*. ●


Register to attend all MVPL event at <https://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar>

To A: you are the light of my life, and now D's life too. Thank you for being an amazing mother and partner. -E 

A,P, and N...we love you. More food please. More food, more eggs. With love and affection, the Chickens. 

K: "Do not bother with disturbing the peace screams and other guests" -- I'll love ya anyway! J 

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A Dish Named for Mountain View

nia launched a Wine Advisory Board, which worked with an industry group, the Wine Institute, to promote California's products. The Board created educational materials, initially to counter Prohibitionist rhetoric that wine was just a source of alcohol for getting drunk. Long experience in places like Mediterranean Europe showed that wine could be a healthy part of daily life, complementing and enhancing food. Not just by chance did so many influential California winemakers have names like Bargetto, Franzia, Gallo, Latour, Martini, Masson, Mirassou, Mondavi, Nichelini, Parducci, Pedroncelli, and Sebastiani.

In that tradition and foreseeing Prohibition's end, in 1933 Italian immigrant John Gemello (1882-1981) started a winery on 31 acres off ECR, where his family grew fruits and vegetables. By the late 1950s Gemello focused on premium cork-closed wines; thereafter, major books on Cali-

fornia wine regularly mentioned the winery ("Telephone WHite-cliff 8-xxxx"). In 1983 John's granddaughter, Sandy Gemello Obester, took over; she and husband Paul soon consolidated Gemello with their own Obester winery in Half Moon Bay. (Which, by the way, was my own first contact with any of this, buying Obester 1978 Sonoma Cabernet in 1982.) In 2002 Obester was sold, evolving to La Nebbia.

Gemello Winery contributed recipes to a winemaker cookbook series published by the aforementioned Wine Advisory Board. "Mountain View veal with eggplant" appeared in 1965's *Adventures in Wine Cookery* (by *California Winemakers*). The dish layers cheese and veal cutlets onto fried breaded eggplant slices, then bakes all with a sauce of wine, tomato, and sour cream.

Many early post-Prohibition California wines were "dessert"

and fortified types à-la sherries. "Table" or "dinner" wines, typical today, didn't dominate by-volume sales until the late 1960s. That history influenced the 1965 cookbook, whose recipes (Gemello's included) often specify dessert wines or commercial genres ("California Sauterne"). The cookbook also reflects greater use then of certain ingredients (veal, lamb, organ meats, lots of sour cream). But the recipes are diverse; I've found good and timeless cooking ideas in it. As with many older cookbooks.

For full recipes of the MV dish and others, used-book sellers (including amazon.com) offer inexpensive spiral-bound and paperback copies of 1965's *Adventures in Wine Cookery* by *California Winemakers*. My details on the Gemello family and its winery are from Mario Gemello's memoir on the Ben-nion Trust website: tinyurl.com/SCMGemello. ●


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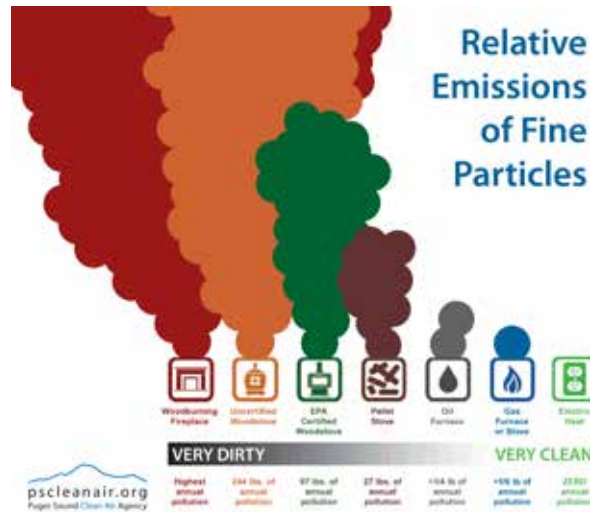
Breathless in Mountain View

by Kristin Bailey

The blood orange skies of early fall were breathtaking. Literally. Stunning views that left me gasping for clean fresh air. The devastating area fires provided relentless smoke; and putrid, unhealthy air hung in the valley for weeks.

Now it's winter and I welcome it with open windows. Wildfires are doused; the air is crisp, and wait! What heavy aroma lingers to assault my senses? Has the traitor to my lungs returned? No, it's wood smoke from a neighbor's warming fire. Its foul funk making its way into my yard, my window, and my lungs.

Wood burning fireplaces may seem romantic, but the dirty



truth is that they emit a ton of particulate emissions, compared to natural gas that burns 99% cleaner.

Wood smoke is the largest Bay Area pollutant in the winter. When weather conditions trap smoke to create unhealthy concentrations,

the Air District creates Spare the Air Alerts under these weather conditions, and it is illegal to burn indoors or out. But even without an alert, we live in microclimates, and it's a crime to our neighborhood health to have a fire under these conditions:

"On cool, calm days when there is an inversion layer of warm air acting as a lid over a layer of cold air, wood smoke can build up at ground level to unhealthy concentrations." — SparetheAir.org

So please check the weather the next time you light up. <https://www.sparetheair.org/understanding-air-quality/wood-burning-rule>

CHAC (Community Health Awareness Council) <https://www.chacmv.org/>



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love, hope, logic ethereal.



CHAC: A Neighborhood Gem

by Lyn Balistreri

Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) responded quickly to the pandemic, pivoting to a telehealth therapy platform when shelter-in-place began in March 2020 to ensure that the clients we care for in Mountain View schools and our clinic did not suffer a break in their appointments.

For decades, CHAC has helped build healthy futures and resilient communities through our enduring commitment to providing comprehensive, culturally responsive mental health services. Our programs include assessments for learning/emotional challenges, family resource centers to help new parents form good parenting skills, LGBTQ+ support, and a peer-to-peer Latinx support program. Our renowned internship programs continue to cultivate innovation and high standards for new psy-

chologist/MFT clinicians.

CHAC's Early Intervention Counseling and Prevention Programs serve one in six students in 35 schools across four districts, including MVWSD and MVLHS. While schools are on remote learning, CHAC's therapists have helped them navigate feelings of loss, confusion, and fear by providing them with ongoing telehealth services.

CHAC prides itself on offering services on a sliding-fee income scale regardless of ability to pay. CHAC reaches more than 15,000 individuals and families annually, including those who are caught in between who cannot afford private counseling services but do not qualify for Medi-Cal.

CHAC's client base includes many of our community's most vulnerable members: families coping with homelessness, racism, and/or domestic abuse;

youth at risk for suicide or chemical dependency; and children experiencing social-emotional difficulties. The impact of the pandemic—particularly when accompanied by financial hardship, overcrowding in close quarters, and health issues—has been devastating for many. CHAC is here to listen to feelings of loss, isolation, anxiety, and depression and provide coping skills to build resilience to light the future. We have helped create an emotionally healthier community for 48 years and will continue to do so with our community's support.

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Creating a Backyard Caterpillar Habitat

by Marion Blando

On a recent overcast morning, I stopped to look at one of my yellow milkweed plants.

To my amazement, there were seven caterpillars on the plant.

I decided to make a video with my phone. While the cinematography is rank amateur, I hope that this little video will convey the wonder.

This all started last summer when I planted milkweeds to support the Monarch Butterflies which are diminishing in number. I never expected this fascinating wildlife in my backyard as a result.

I've posted more information should you want to do so as well, on the video site. ●

<https://vimeo.com/497482822>



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To Mommy
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Love C, C and P



Businesses in Historic Buildings Adapting to the Times

by Jerry Steach

Historic buildings in Old Mountain View used for business are facing a variety of challenges. Due to ongoing pandemic-caused restrictions, structures along Castro St. and its side streets with ties to Mountain View's rich history have had their business use limited: shorter operating hours, (until recently) only take-out and curbside pickup for restaurants, and fewer customers allowed into retail stores at any one time.

An example of the many businesses that had to adapt is Chez TJ restaurant, which, after three decades, is still operating in the 1890s-built Weilheimer House on Villa Street. As so many other downtown restaurants have had to do after Santa Clara County banned indoor dining last spring, Chez TJ shifted its focus to al fresco dining, in the patio area outside the Queen Anne-style building. However, since stricter county health regulations were later re-introduced—and with them another ban on outdoor-dining—Chez TJ has relied on take-out business. But even that wouldn't be the case if things had gone differently for the Weilheimer House—and that's a story in itself.

Built by a family of early Mountain View settlers and later home to the only city native to become U.S. Congressman, the building was facing removal, if not full demolition, to make way for an office building on the property. That proposed development also called for demolishing the adjacent property's structure, home to the Tied House microbrewery and restaurant until its closure in late 2019. (That building, constructed in the 1930s, was originally the Airbase Laundry that served the then-new Moffett Field.) However, after local residents got wind of the proposal and joined the successful campaign, spearheaded by volunteer group Livable Mountain View, to protect them, both received historic designations. Specifically, they're now listed on the California Register of Historical Resources and are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Following those designations, the developer proposing the office building project formally withdrew its application.

As of this writing, owners of the Airbase Laundry/Tied House building are considering various options for its future use. As for Chez TJ, like countless other local businesses in historic buildings, it's adapted to the times and carries on. ●

(Note: This article was written before Santa Clara County allowed restaurants to resume outdoor dining.)

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History Corner: Moffett Field's Darkest Day – April 2004

by Bruce Karney

Ed: Thank you to Bruce for jet made in the top of the P-3's sharing his original article from fuselage. Both planes caught on 2004. Look for a follow up article fire at impact, and golfers were in our next Newsletter.

April 12, 1973, was a warm and beautiful spring day. Among those enjoying it were the Sunnyvale and Monte Vista High School golf teams, who were playing a match at the Sunnyvale course. Suddenly at 2:50 p.m. there was the horrifying sound of an enormous collision. Startled golfers looked up in terror to see two large planes on the ground, but not the man falling to earth. Within seconds, under it, and drove right over a Convair 990 jet and a Navy P-3 Orion had plowed into the golf course's twelfth tee and were engulfed in an orange-red fireball. The crash site was just two hundred yards short of the busy Bayshore Freeway and on the North side of Highway 237.

Lee Boyd was the coach of the Sunnyvale golf team. He recalls, except for a group on the tenth "The P-3 was on top and the jet was on the bottom and they started to hit each other. The P-3 started to pull up, and the jet did, too. I assume that they both realized that they were both coming in on the same runway. As the P-3 was trying to abort to the left, away from the jet came up and punched a huge hole in the fuselage. I'll never forget the gaping hole

trying to break the front window of the planes to give help. Ray Kong, a golfer from our team, threw a parachute over the lone survivor."

Petty Officer Bruce Mallibert from the P-3 was the only survivor of the crash. His survival was a double miracle, because one of the fire trucks responding to the call saw only a parachute the parachute. It is believed that he fell from the P-3 before it hit the ground, possibly from as much as 100 feet. Though he survived, he was paralyzed in all four limbs.

Ray Kong's memories are also vivid. "Our foursome was probably the closest to the impact or eleventh holes. We were walking up the third fairway when we heard the noise, and my two competitors from Monte Vista did, too. I assume that they both realized that they were both coming in on the same runway. As the P-3 was trying to abort to the left, away from the jet came up and punched a huge hole in the fuselage. I'll never forget the gaping hole

two planes, which had already collided, descending to the ground in a surreal slow motion. The nose of the P-3 was pointed up, seemingly attached to the wing of the Convair.

"After I caught up with my playing companions, and it was apparent we were not in danger, we stood and watched the 'landing.' I will never forget the dropped-jaw look of disbelief on the face of one of the players from Monte Vista, nor the golfer pounding on the plane's windshield with a golf club to try to help the crew escape — but to no avail. I also remember the intense heat and popping sounds from inside the Convair; the fire truck driving over the parachute; and the large black woman who pulled the parachute back and took Bruce Mallibert's pulse. I thought he was dead. He was lying on his back, face up, with one of his legs twisted underneath."

Lee Boyd also remembers that "The crash trucks had a very difficult time getting on the course because it was fenced and the emergency workers did not have quick access to the gates. The other golf coach and I got the players off the course and safely home."

Eleven men on the NASA re-
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CSA (Community Ser-
vices Agency) [https://www.
csacares.org/](https://www.csacares.org/)

Here's to less drama and
more fun in 2021



LMV (Leadership Moun-
tain View, a program of the
Chamber of Commerce
that's funded through its own
501(c)3 entity) LMV has also
been around quite a while --
more than 30 years -- and by
introducing community lead-
ers and future leaders to each
other it has created connec-
tions between the for-profit,
non-profit and government
sectors that otherwise would
not exist in our fair city. It's
most recent Executive Direc-
tor was Kim Copher. It was a
real loss for MV when she and
her husband moved away to
their retirement home, which
I believe is in western Wash-
ington.



Hopes Corner 
<https://www.hopes-corner.org/>

Pal,
You are the best sister ever.
Thank you for the rescue. 
S

Here's to the best block in
OMV: Mine!
Susan



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Darkest Day

search plane and five on the P-3
died in the crash.

The crash investigation ulti-
mately laid the blame for the
crash on the air traffic control-
ler. He had lined up the NASA
Galileo research jet—the Con-
vair—to land on runway 32R,
the easternmost of Moffett's two
runways. The P-3 was using the
other runway (32L) for its touch-
and-go landings and take-offs.

Then, tragically and mistakenly,
he instructed the jet to land on
32L. The jet's pilot acknowledged
the change of runway, but never
saw the P-3 until it was too late.
In the final few seconds the P-3's
pilot, possibly responding to the
controller's frantic instruction to
"go around, go around, weave!"
did try to avoid a crash by pulling
up sharply, but it was too late.

There is no marker or memo-
rial at the Sunnyvale golf course
to remind today's golfers of the
tragic events of 1973. One me-
morial does exist, though, in the
form of a scholarship program set
up to honor the NASA scientists
who lost their lives. For nearly 30
years, the scholarship —adminis-
tered by volunteers— has been
available to juniors and seniors of
public high schools in the eight
Bay Area counties who intend to
pursue a career in engineering,
mathematics, or science.

As the years have passed,
though, funding was depleted,
and the scholarship ceased as well.

.In the next issue of the OMVNA
Newsletter we'll cover other note-
worthy crashes of Moffett-based
jets —including one that rained
destruction on Old Mountain
View! ●



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