

FRIDAY, Dec. 16, 2016

Trees fall and power fails in furious storm

One of the strongest storms of the season pelted the Bay Area yesterday with rain and high winds.

In Los Altos, a massive tree crashed onto Foothill Expressway, closing the eastbound lanes of the thoroughfare El Monte to Springer roads for a couple of hours last night.

About 700 people lost power in Burlingame last night due to a PG&E line knocked down by the storm. There were scattered outages reported. [See STORM, page 36]

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GOP women have safety concerns

BY JEN NOWELL
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The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women is questioning whether it needs security at its monthly meetings, after a member's car was keyed and the back tail light was smashed.

"I can't prove it was a hate crime, but

After car is vandalized at meeting

it sure seems like one," said Jan Soule, the group's president.

At its first meeting following the election of Donald Trump, the group met at Three Flames Restaurant at 1547 Meridian Ave. in the Willow Glen

neighborhood of San Jose on Nov. 16. Sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., a member's car was vandalized, Soule said.

And the damage wasn't minimal, Soule said. The vandal keyed large cir-

cles into the side of the car and punched out the back tail light, she said.

A police report was filed, but there are no cameras in the parking lot.

Leading to the restaurant, Soule said there were plenty of signs and arrows out front marking the way to the Republican meeting. "It's very clear Re-

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RICHEST COUNTIES: Four counties in the Washington, D.C., area top the Census Bureau's list for highest median household income. Loudoun County, Va., is first at \$125,900, followed by three other D.C. suburbs. Santa Clara County was 10th on the list at \$102,191 and San Mateo County was 13th at \$101,133.

ALEPPO FALLS: Thousands more are expected to leave eastern Aleppo in the coming hours under a cease-fire deal that effectively surrendered the last rebel-held part of the city to Syrian government control.

MORE VOTES THAN VOTERS: In Detroit, a heavily Democratic area, voting machines in one-third of that city's precincts registered more votes than the number of people who went to those precincts to vote, the Detroit News reports. The irregularities have spurred an audit. "There are always going to be small problems to some degree, but we didn't expect the degree of problems we saw in Detroit. This isn't normal," said Krista Haroutunian, chairwoman of the county election board. Democrat Hillary Clinton overwhelmingly

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They elect the president



SACRAMENTO — California's 55 members of the Electoral College will meet at the Capitol in Sacramento on Monday to cast their votes for president. Among the electors is San Carlos City Councilman Mark Olbert (photo inset).

Electoral College, including 4 locals, votes on Monday

BY EMILY MIBACH
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San Carlos Councilman Mark Olbert is one of four mid-Peninsula residents who will represent California in the Electoral College and vote for president on Monday in Sacramento.

Olbert will join Celine Purcell of Redwood City, Olivia Reyes-Becerra of Stanford, Steve Spinner of Atherton and 51 other members of California's Electoral College delegation who will cast their votes in the assembly chamber of the state capitol. Hillary Clinton won Cali-

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Feds make proposal in school sex cases

BY JEN NOWELL
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Palo Alto school district administrators could face disciplinary action for how they handled reports of sexual harassment at the district's two high schools, under an agreement proposed by federal officials.

Harassment alleged at two high schools

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or OCR, sent an 11-page draft agreement to district officials last week, which the district

will review and has until March 7 to respond.

Last year, Superintendent Max McGee requested an early resolution for two sexual harassment investigations that OCR was conducting, but the agency denied his request. And now, in

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