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2021 Los Altans of the Year

Penny and Roy Lave: Community builders

Love of Los Altos drives longtime commitment to volunteering, civic service

By Bruce Barton
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When it comes to community involvement, few can match the investment of longtime Los Altos residents Penny and Roy Lave.

They have the distinction of being the only husband and wife to have each served two terms on the city council, including two stints each as mayor. But their service in public office only scratches the surface.

For more than 50 years, this power couple has been “striving for community” – their inscription on a commemorative tile at Veterans Community Plaza.

The Laves’ mark on Los Altos is deep, varied and sustained. There is a Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, a Redwood Grove preserve and a community theater, thanks in large part to Roy’s efforts.

There is a Los Altos leadership program, run through the foundation, thanks to Penny’s desire for an outlet where residents could learn how to get involved.

Live community theater thrives, more than 25 years after the Laves gave their support to preserve a small theater that otherwise would have closed.

It was Penny and Roy who came up with the Los Altos Follies as a fundraising mechanism to ensure the survival of what is now the Los Altos Stage Company.

Although their council work is long behind them, Penny and Roy continue to tune in to council meetings – every single one of them – because they remain intensely interested in what is going on in the community they have played a major role in building.

“Both Roy and Penny have been



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Los Altans of the Year Penny and Roy Lave pose for this 2013 Town Crier portrait outside the Community House, headquarters for the Los Altos community foundation Roy started 30 years ago. Both served eight years on the Los Altos City Council, including two terms each as mayor.

highly attuned to the goings-on in the city of Los Altos since the moment they’ve lived here,” said former council member and longtime friend Jane Reed. “They have always been interested in supporting and making our Los Altos community the best that it could be. They both deserve to be recognized and honored for working as a team in building a strong sense of community.”

For their numerous efforts and achievements, and relentless spirit of volunteerism, the Town Crier has named the Laves the 2021 Los Altans of the Year. Fashioned after Time Magazine’s annual Person of the Year, the Town Crier’s recognition honors those whose community-building efforts have contributed goodwill and enhanced Los Altos’ reputation as a quality place to live.

Doing what comes naturally

For Penny and Roy, volunteering wasn’t a learned behavior – it was simply the natural thing to do. Their parents were active in their communities – Penny from Lansing, Mich., Roy from Homewood, Ill. The two met in 1958 at a student government convention while attending the University of Michigan. Roy was pursuing master’s degrees in business and engineering, and Penny a degree in social studies. It may not have been love at first sight, but they were immediately attracted to one another.

“He was very connected with people on campus,” Penny said of Roy.

By the time they finished college, the two were inseparable. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1959, the Laves married in 1960. Roy accepted a fellowship to pursue a doc-

torate at Stanford University, prompting their move out west. By 1964, they had found the community in which they would spend the rest of their lives – Los Altos.

“It was what we could afford,” Penny said of the one-time middle-class suburb. “We couldn’t afford Palo Alto.”

Their initial years in town were spent building a business and raising a family – the Laves have two children, Julia and Reynolds.

After earning his doctorate from Stanford in operations research and industrial engineering, Roy taught there for 10 years as a professor in the industrial engineering department.

Penny worked as a research assistant at Stanford from 1960 to 1964. Roy

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First Friday features Red Hot and the Saltines

Organizers of the monthly First Friday events in downtown Los Altos are encouraging visitors to address New Year's resolutions to burn off calories by dancing to live music. This month's event, scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday in downtown Los Altos, will feature 13 bands, including Red Hot and the Saltines, above. Also at Friday's event: the opportunity to post New Year's resolutions on a "Resolution board" at Veterans Community Plaza and win a prize at Nature Gallery. For more information, visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

In light of art

The Los Altos main library begins 2022 with a new art exhibition, "Culture, Color and Light." The display, showcasing the work of 17 adult and 26 young artists from ArtCircle Studio, runs through Jan. 31. It is described by organizers as celebrating "the spark of illumination and positivity of spirit in each one of us." The library is located at 13 S. San Antonio Road.



Dog parks on Tuesday's LA council agenda

The Los Altos City Council is scheduled to discuss a proposal for two fenced-in dog parks at its meeting next Tuesday.

On the agenda is development of one fenced-in dog park in north Los Altos located next to Hillview Soccer Field and one fenced-in dog park in south Los Altos at McKenzie Park. Connected with the item is a request to increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 – allocated from park in-lieu funds.

The item stems from discussion last October about whether to extend off-leash hours at Hillview Baseball Field after the conclusion of a six-month pilot program. Council members left that option open as well as directing staff to return with options for fenced-in dog parks.

The virtual meeting is slated for a 7 p.m. start. For more information, visit losaltosca.gov.



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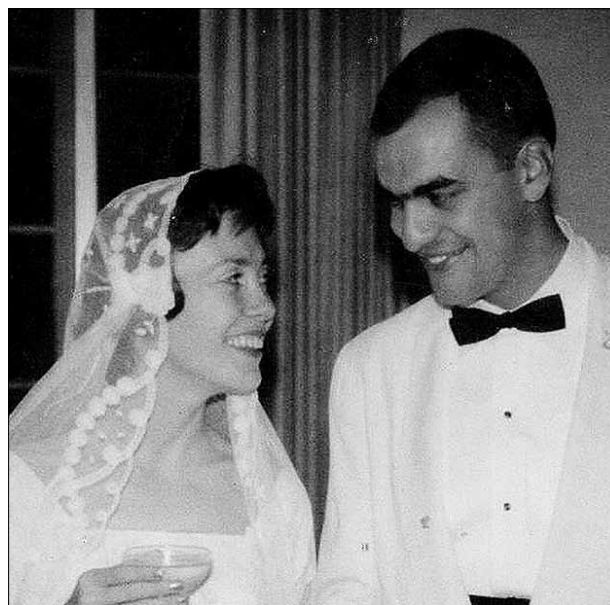
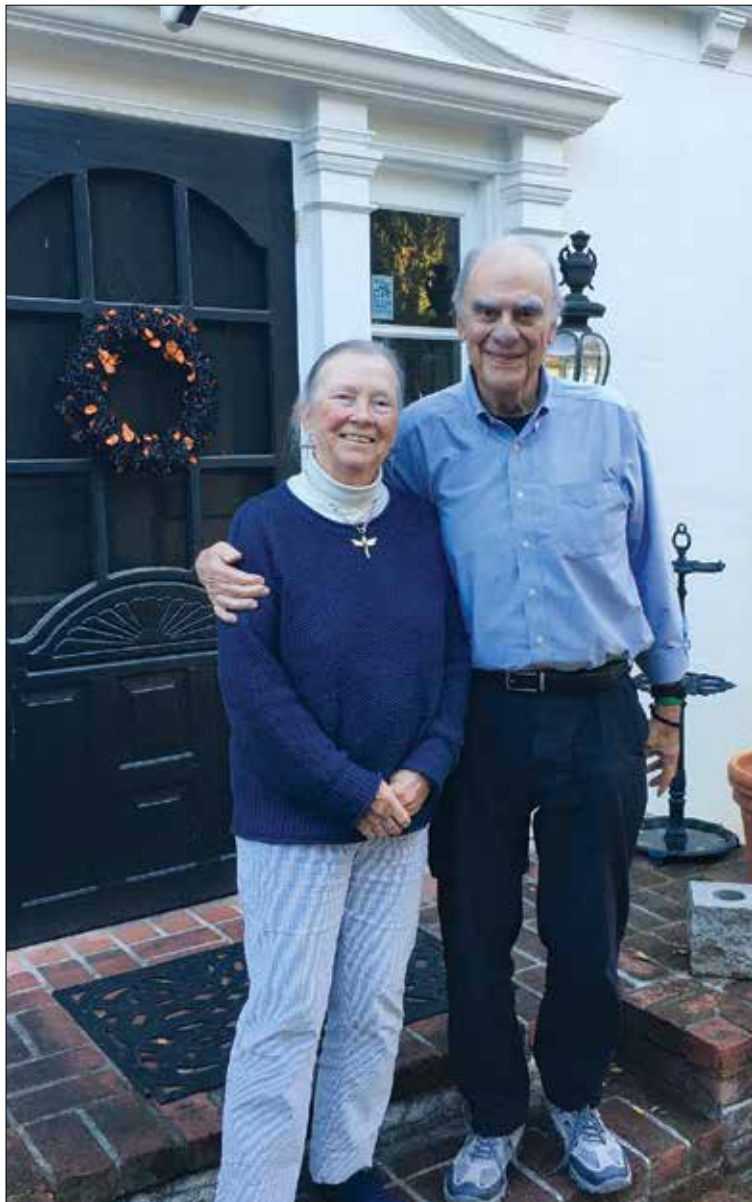
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Clockwise from top left:
Penny and Roy Lave stand in front of their Los Altos residence in this portrait taken last October; Penny and Roy wed in June 1960; Roy and Penny at the height of their community involvement in 1976; the Laves spend their honeymoon traveling 10,000 miles through Europe in a Porsche, pictured in the background of this travel photo.

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co-founded Systan Inc. in 1966, a management consulting company. Penny started a monogram business with her sister called The Initial Stitch, which they ran for 16 years.

Feeling the influence of his father-in-law, who had 50 years of perfect attendance at his local Rotary Club, Roy joined the Rotary Club of Los Altos in the early 1970s. But the seeds of real community involvement were sown in 1973, when local Jesuits were looking to sell land near where the Laves lived to a developer that planned to build townhouses. Roy and others rose up in opposition, and he was encouraged to run for city council.

Campaigning was different in those days.

“A lot of homemade signs, homemade buttons, one-page fliers,” he recalled. “Very unsophisticated.”

Nonetheless, Roy was elected to the council in 1974, the first of his two four-year terms. He served on the council until 1982, including two consecutive years as mayor, from 1976 to 1978.

It was a time when open-space preservation was top of mind. The voter-approved Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District had just been founded, in 1972. The city of Los Altos floated a park bond, which residents rejected. However,

Roy and fellow council member Ruth Koehler led an effort to buy the University Avenue property that became Redwood Grove – a 6.12-acre nature preserve within walking distance of downtown. Also under his watch, the city purchased land for Heritage Oaks Park.

As for the Jesuits? A portion of their land was sold and developed, but most of it was preserved in perpetuity. The sale allowed the Jesuits to stay, while surrounding residents enjoyed open space.

Another crucial decision in which Roy played a part occurred in 1975, when the city purchased the 8-acre Hillview School site from the Los Altos School District and later converted it into a community center. The opening last October of the new \$38.3 million community center, replacing the dilapidated old school facilities, was only possible because of Roy and the council’s decision 46 years ago to purchase Hillview for \$433,000.

Penny volunteered on the Planning Commission for several years before running for council. She served on the council from 1985 to 1993, and led as mayor in 1989 and 1993.

During her time on the council, the city added the council chambers and reconfigured the intersection of Main and State streets, with the Rotary Club funding a new community plaza. Main Street was resurfaced, even as a group of merchants sued to stop the work.

“The Planning Commission has set rules, things you could do and can’t do – I always liked that better than the council, which is so political,” Penny said. “I didn’t really want to run (for council), but they talked me into it.”

“Penny came on with a depth of understanding of government,” said Arne Croce, who served as Los Altos city manager in the 1980s while Penny was on the council. He called her “a constructive, positive member of the city council.”

In 1990, Croce and Penny partnered to lead a movement to establish the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, which gave the county’s cities equal representation with San Jose and the county. Penny later served as chairperson of the organization.

Penny and Roy served during a time of strong cooperation between council members and city staff. The Laves and other council members interacted socially with staff, holding parties and other special events. Local government took on a kind of family atmosphere – something not present in today’s environment.

“We’ve lost something,” Penny lamented.

Resume of volunteerism

Outside city work, the Laves established a long resume of activism through various organizations.

Like her mother, Penny was heavily

involved in the Junior League. She served for years on the Junior League of the Mid-Peninsula, including as president. Two major nonprofit groups got their starts through the Junior League: the Los Altos Art Docents and Music for Minors.

Penny also served as president of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and was involved in the Girls Club of the Midpeninsula, Friends of Scholar Opera, Friends of Hidden Villa, the Foothill President’s Advisory Committee and the Santa Clara Arts Council. She is a founder and member of the Los Altos Women’s Caucus. She received the John Gardner Building Community Award in 2004.

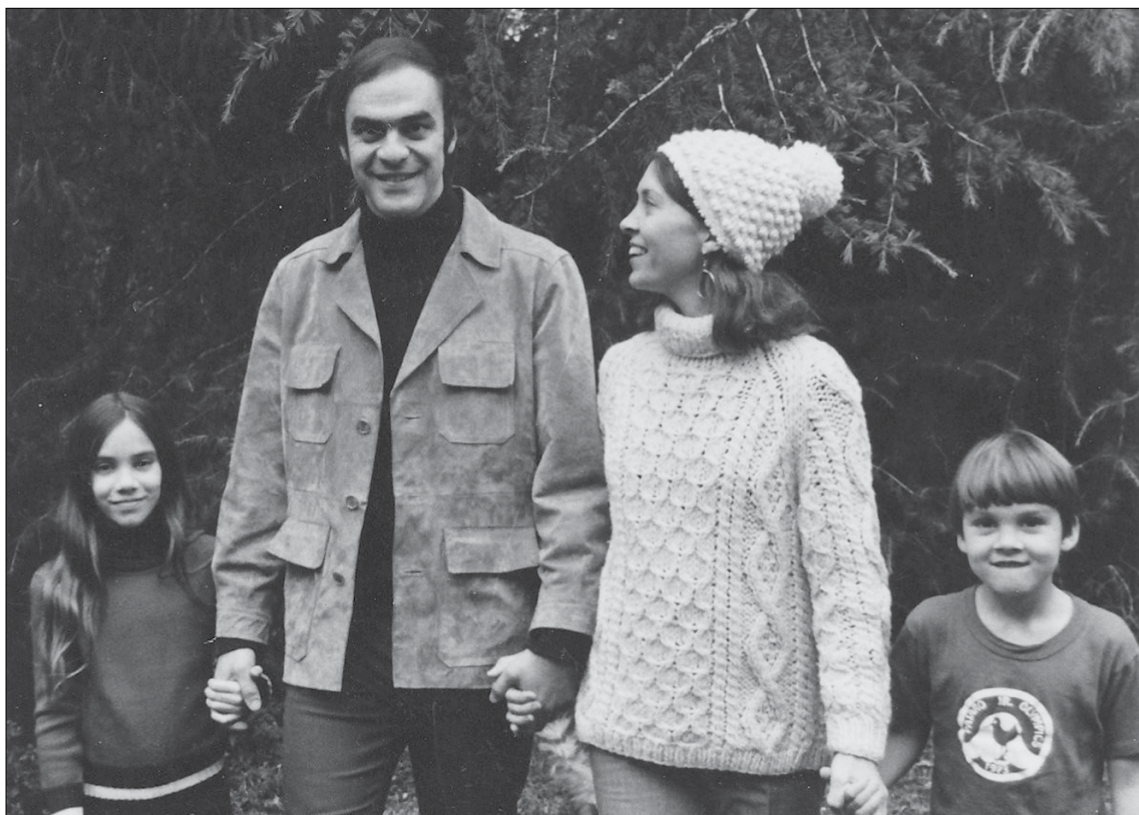
Meanwhile, Roy accumulated extensive experience in policy decision-making. In addition to his council role, he served as a member of both the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Santa Clara County Transportation Commission. More locally, he was active on the boards of the Los Altos Stage Company, the El Camino YMCA, the County of Santa Clara/Moscow Sister County Commission and the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project.


He and Penny were both named Citizens of the Year by the Los Altos Board of Realtors.

Roy remains involved in Rotary and on the boards of the nonprofit WomenSV,

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At top, the Lave family – from left, Julia, Roy, Penny and Reynolds – is featured in a campaign photo when Roy runs for Los Altos City Council in 1974. At left, a campaign flier used in the election outlines Roy's platform. Above, Penny gets into the spirit during the city's bicentennial celebration in 1976.

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which combats domestic abuse, and the Los Altos Stage Company.

Among Roy's Rotary achievements, he led the club's World Community Services Committee, which started projects in South Africa, Russia and Central and South America. In reacting to the AIDS-related deaths of members close to the club in 1989, he helped found the club's Rotary AIDS Project.

It was Roy's idea to make the documentary "The Los Altos Story," featuring Rotarian Dude Angius and his son Steve and Rotarian Walter Singer; the latter two died of the disease. "The Los Altos Story" was made in seven languages and shown around the world to spread awareness and raise funding to fight the disease. He is also a former president of the Rotary Club.

"Our community is fortunate that they chose to settle in Los Altos," said Art Carmichael,

a former council member and mayor who served with Roy.

A fun couple

Carmichael and others painted a portrait of an active couple who also brought a sense of fun. In their second home in Pajaro Dunes along Monterey Bay, he recalled their starting a Family Junior Olympics for their families' children.

"Penny made gold-looking medals for all the participants," Carmichael reminisced. "Our
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kids loved it!"

When they first got married, the Laves spent their entire \$6,000 savings on a honeymoon trip and a Porsche, which they drove 10,000 miles through Europe. When they returned to the States, they drove Roy's station wagon from Michigan to California.

Penny once described Roy as an adventurer, leading the couple on travels all over the world.

"He has always encouraged me, even pushed me, to do my best, and maybe more importantly, attempt things beyond my comfort zone," she said in a 2013 interview.

Roy also has a humorous side. Friend Steve Shepherd recalled how during a game of golf, a player's club broke in two after a shot.

"Roy casually picked up the two pieces," Shepherd said. "Without anyone knowing, he had the pieces mounted on a trophy, and the annual 'Sheared Shaft Award' was started. It has been awarded to members of our poker group each year for embarrassing golf shots or some other kind of hilarious act. It is on display at his home in Pajaro Dunes."

For the city's bicentennial celebration in 1976, Roy dressed as Uncle Sam. Penny's love of theater and putting on skits stemmed from her college days when she oversaw the production of a play starring all women.

When the old Los Altos Conservatory Theatre was ready to fold in the early 1990s, Roy and the community foundation arranged for the city to purchase \$40,000 in theater assets and, with Vicki Reeder's efforts, revived the community theater as Bus Barn Stage Company in 1995.

"Every city needs to have culture," Penny said.

The Laves also came up with the idea for the new theater's signature fundraiser – the Los Altos Follies. The popular annual event parodies local and national events with original lyrics melded to popular songs.

Strong foundation

Many of Roy's friends point to his founding of Los Altos Tomorrow in 1991 as his crowning achievement in volunteer service. The name was changed



COURTESY OF THE LAVES

Roy Lave talks with his wife, Penny, during a 1987 Los Altos City Council meeting. Penny served on the council from 1985 to 1993.

a few years later to Los Altos Community Foundation – a vehicle for local philanthropy and launching community-building programs. Last year, the name changed once again, to Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

In a 2013 Town Crier interview, Roy outlined the foundation's areas of focus: sponsoring public benefit programs; giving grants to local nonprofit groups; awarding scholarships to college-bound, first-in-their-family-to-attend-college teens; managing philanthropic funds; and convening local residents to address opportunities and issues.

Working with the foundation, the nonprofit MVLA Scholars fulfills that first-to-attend-college goal. One alumnus is acclaimed author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas.

"It's not surprising that one of Roy's favorite foundation programs is the E3 Youth Philanthropy program, getting young people to start early in life," said longtime friend and fellow Rotarian Richard Henning, the retired Foothill College dean who founded the Celebrity Forum Speaker Series.

"Folks ask me why Los Altos should have a community foundation, because it is a community that already has extraordinary privileges," Roy said in 2013. "My thought is that because we have so much, we should be able to be an extraordinary model of what a community could be."

Roy served as the foundation's executive director for 25 years – "with no salary," Henning noted.

"As executive director of LACF, his passion for our community shone through," Shepherd said. "Local philanthropic organizations and local schools

benefited from his devotion to his chosen hometown."

Through his long-standing relationships, Roy arranged in 1997 for the old DeMartini house to be moved to 183 Hillview Ave., adjacent to the civic center, on property purchased from Cal Water. The house, dubbed the Community House, became foundation offices. In 2005, Roy worked with former council member King Lear to move and restore a historical cottage designed by famed architect Richard Neutra to a spot next to the Community House for additional meeting space.

The Leadership Education and Advancement (LEAD) program, run through the foundation, was founded by Penny as a way to groom future local leaders by educating them about the various components of the community. Longtime community volunteers Ginny Lear and Marge Bruno both joined Penny to lead the program for several years. More than 450 residents have taken the LEAD course over its 25-year history. Penny spearheaded another program, since discontinued, that recruited volunteers to help the city. Penny volunteered as a police dispatcher.

Doers, not talkers

It doesn't take long to conclude that the Laves are not big talkers. They simply do because they see things that need to get done.

"People will say, 'We have such an obligation to serve – service is such a good thing.' I don't think we ever thought of that," Roy said. "We're not driven by the fact that it's good for the community – it's just natural. It's kind of a challenge. It's like a problem to be solved."

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Testimonials to Roy and Penny

For over 50 years, Roy and Penny have volunteered their time, skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to promote the quality of life in Los Altos. They are truly civic leaders wanting nothing in return except a better community in which all of us can live.

They indeed have earned the honor of being selected the 2021 Los Altans of the Year.

– Richard Henning

For me, Roy Lave has been a career-shaper, mentor and friend. As a Stanford industrial engineering professor, Roy backed my appointment as an assistant professor in the department. ... After he had co-founded Systan in Los Altos and had left Stanford, he hired me for a Systan project in Costa Rica. My wife and I have stayed in touch with Roy and Penny, most often through encounters at charitable fundraising events, for the almost 40 years since I left Systan. We value highly their friendship and their dedicated efforts to improve life for all in Los Altos and beyond.

– Douglas Daetz

They have been and continue to be not only supportive of the Los Altos community, but real activists in their willingness to pitch in and help in so many different causes and issues.

– Jane and John Reed

For more than 50 years, the accomplishments of Roy and Penny on behalf of Los Altos are too numerous to list. They have inspired us for nearly the whole of 50 years we've lived here. ... Last summer, in a Sunday Mercury News article, there was a list of places to see redwood trees, and our Redwood Grove was listed. That only happened because Roy was elected to the city council in 1974 with a stated goal of buying more Los Altos parkland. Few remember that now as they enjoy the trees and open space.

They have blended double lives. One with family, friends, career and fun, combined with one of building community with those same friends and fun.

– Ginny and King Lear

They've been very active in the community in so many ways. I don't think their civic service was an ego thing – they are just both completely committed (to serving). (Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation) would not exist without their efforts.

– Arne Croce

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“People would say, ‘I want to give back to my community,’” Penny added. “You’re not giving back, you’re making it a better place for everybody.”

They’ve seen plenty of changes to their community over the years, but also constants.

“There’s so much more wealth now, but that doesn’t change (the high level of) volunteering, which is good,” Roy said.

Roy was inspired by Stanford professor and renowned social activist John W. Gardner, founder of the citizens advocacy group Common Cause. Gardner’s 1990 paper “Building Community” has long resonated with Roy.

Henning used a quote from Gardner to describe the Laves.

“The purpose of life is not to be happy – but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived,” Henning said. “That quote pretty much describes Roy and Penny. They have dedicated their lives to service to the community.”

A Los Altans of the Year dinner honoring the Laves is scheduled Jan. 27 at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Tickets are \$95 each (\$190 per couple). Capacity is 180 people. COVID protocols will be followed.

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For more information, please contact Deborah Padovan, City Clerk (650) 947-2513 or dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov. The appointments are scheduled for the January 20, 2022 City Council meeting. To be considered, please submit your application by **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Comment

Editorial

Great community – powered by people

As we start a new year in this wonderful community, let us reflect on some of the important reasons we are here. Is it the great schools? The wonderful facilities such as the local libraries and the community center? The sweet slices of Americana we see in events like the Kiwanis Pet Parade each May or the Festival of Lights Parade on Thanksgiving weekend? Or could it be local landmarks such as Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills, the Computer History Museum in Mountain View or the Los Altos History Museum?

We are truly blessed with these resources in our community, and we should not take them for granted. And while they are partially powered by many generous donations, they are also powered by people.

Have you ever wondered what it takes to put on an event like the Festival of Lights Parade? As your kids watch in amazement as floats, marching bands and dancers pass by, do you have any idea how many hours of preparation went into getting that procession to travel down the street? (You can find out by going to losaltosparade.org.)

The thing that really makes this community great is the people power that fuels its events and facilities. We urge you to consider donating a few hours each month to one of the things you and your family enjoy in the community. You don't have to give 50 years of volunteering like our Los Altans of the Year, Penny and Roy Lave, but you can if you want.

Being an active part of the community sets a great example for your family, and there are many studies that show volunteerism is good for the heart and mind. You may even develop some long-standing friendships. And you can certainly feel good about making sure these treasures continue to add value to our area.

Letters to the Editor

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Email letters to Bruce Barton at bruceb@latc.com.

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

One hundred years ago, Paul Shoup, fifth from the right, stands with other Southern Pacific employees in front of one of SP's train cars. Under Shoup's leadership, the first steam train service from Los Altos to San Francisco began in 1908. He became president of Southern Pacific seven years later.

Letters to the Editor

Enander should serve on county board

I was quite disappointed when Los Altos City Council members Neysa Fligor, Jonathan Weinberg and Sally Meadows denied Mayor Anita Enander her rightful seat on the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board of Directors. Mayor Enander deserves that seat just as Fligor deserved it when she was mayor.

Over the past 12 years, the Los Altos current mayor has accepted the appointment to the Cities Association board, and Mayor Enander was willing and ready to serve on this board.

Nancy Phillips
Los Altos

LA council: Why the break from tradition?

New Los Altos Mayor Anita Enander should serve on the board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

However, the previous mayor, Neysa Fligor, begged to continue, breaking a 12-year tradition of mayor board membership, even though she is no longer mayor.

Why did Fligor discount and disregard this tradition?

Why did Fligor push to stay? On Nov. 23, Fligor's letter to the public touted civility and cooperation. She spoke of respect and tradition. Fligor's actions speak louder than her insincere platitudes.

Those who voted against the mayor serving on the board can remedy this decision by revisiting their vote.

The council is supposed to take care of the citizens of Los Altos, not pursue selfish endeavors.

Terri Couture
Los Altos

Is it election season already?

I was surprised to see what appeared to be a misleading, negative and coordinated series of letters to the editor of a nearby local paper attacking recently former Los Altos mayor and now council member Neysa Fligor. Were these similar-sounding letters a coincidence? Of course not.

Councilmember Fligor was clear in her request and reasons to continue serving on the board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, and the majority of the city council trusted her to temporarily continue the unfinished business that is currently in progress.

Don't be fooled by this vocal minority. These apparently coordinated letters are obviously an attempt to distract Los Altos residents from the many accomplishments of then-Mayor Fligor and the city council over the past year and kick off the 2022 election season over 10 months

before the November 2022 election! It will be interesting to see who the "No on Everything" crowd will be supporting in that election.

Joe Beninato
Los Altos

Adventure Toys goes the extra mile

I was in Adventure Toys doing last-minute shopping along with many other shoppers. There was a woman in front of me at the checkout counter who was trying to find a specific gift for one of her grandchildren. She was very distressed that the store did not have the item.

The young woman who was helping her went the extra mile to see if it was anywhere on the internet and as luck would have it, she found the item. She advised the customer that it could be ordered on a particular website. Sadly, the customer said she did not have a computer. This salesperson, despite the very busy store, helped her order it on the store's computer.

Los Altos is so fortunate that Adventure Toys, along with so many of our great stores, has such a caring staff, especially at this stressful time of year.

Thank you to whoever you are who made this woman a very grateful grandma!

Lee Goines
Los Altos

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News

New laws target everything from compost to emotional support dogs

By Eliza Ridgeway
Staff Writer/elizar@latc.com

A huge variety of laws taking effect this month seek to make life in California more just, fair and less punitive.

They range from removing some mandatory sentencing minimums (Senate Bill 73) to extending remote civil hearings (SB 241) and conducting a court pilot program in San Francisco testing whether paying low- and middle-income jurors more, \$100 instead of \$15 per day, will secure more diverse juries in criminal cases (Assembly Bill 1452).

Some statewide changes drew strong local response, particularly one of three housing reform bills, SB 9, which has generated such strong opposition from Los Altos Hills that the town made headlines for its ongoing efforts to reassert local control over single-family zoning restrictions.

Local representatives advanced several high-profile new laws, including State Sen. Josh Becker, who in his first year representing the 13th Senate District authored seven bills that went into effect this week. His SB 775,

an equitable sentencing initiative, adds to a previous landmark law limiting how someone involved in a serious felony who does not directly participate in a murder – such as a getaway driver – can be held responsible for a victim's death. SB 775 expands beyond limiting first-degree murder charges to provide sentencing relief for accomplices who were convicted of lesser crimes, such as attempted murder or manslaughter, and allows those in prison to be resentenced.

"We want to make sure there are consequences for people who commit offenses," Becker said in an interview this week. "At the same time, we want to be smart about it and make sure we're not locking people up for much longer than is helpful for society."

He contrasted California's prison population – 30,000 people serving life sentences, approximately 30% of its total inmate population – with other states that have substantially fewer people serving life sentences.

In addition to penning new laws, Becker also worked to secure regional funding for local initiatives over the past year, including \$8 million for a 200-

unit affordable housing project planned to rise on one of the city's parking lots in downtown Mountain View.

Becker's SB 503, which aims to make signature verification on postal ballots more effective and consistent, complements a new bill from Assemblymember Marc Berman, who serves the 24th District that includes Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Berman authored 10 new laws last year, notably AB 37, which made California a permanent vote-by-mail state beginning this week. His bill ensures that every active registered voter receives a mail-in ballot, and makes permanent the requirement that counties give every voter the opportunity to track their ballot as it moves through the mail system and as elections officials process it. The bill included some devil-in-the-details specifics as well, allowing counties to begin processing postal ballots earlier, extending the deadline for ballot receipt to allow for postal service delays and setting a minimum for vote-by-mail ballot drop-off locations in each jurisdiction.

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Getting a boost



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

A long line forms Dec. 21 outside the Los Altos Community Center for COVID vaccine booster shots. The city of Los Altos partnered with Santa Clara County to host a COVID-19 Booster Pop-Up Clinic. As the omicron variant spurs a spike in COVID cases to start 2022, the demand for COVID testing has skyrocketed. Los Altos is offering COVID tests 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Sequoia Room of the community center, 97 Hillview Ave. Local testing also is available 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 27 at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 W. Fremont Road. To book an appointment, visit covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-testing. For more information, visit Healthvana.com/FAQ.

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LAWS

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Two of Berman's bills, AB 928 and AB 1111, work to remove barriers and streamline the community college transfer process to four-year universities in California. He also secured \$30 million in state funding to help ease the burden on small landscaping businesses as his AB 1346 phases out the sale of small gas-powered engines such as leaf blowers and lawn mowers – but that law doesn't take effect until 2024.

Berman's AB 390 makes California the first state to require businesses to notify consumers before free trials and promotional offers lasting longer than 31 days expire. Businesses also will have to notify customers before annual subscriptions automatically renew, joining only a handful of states that require the renewal reminders.

Minimum wage, compost and more

California's new \$15 minimum hourly wage for businesses with more than 25 employees (\$14 for businesses with fewer) is the highest statewide standard in the U.S., though cities such as Los Altos and Mountain View passed that mark years ago.

Minimum wage in Los Altos increased from \$15.65 to \$16.40 Jan. 1, based on an ordinance that pins annual minimum wage increases to the Bay Area's Consumer Price Index. The ordinance applies to adult and minor employees who work two or more hours per week.

Mountain View's minimum wage increased to \$17.10, an 80-cent bump that is also based on the regional CPI.

Local single-family homes have had access to municipal food waste pickup in their organics bins

for a while now, but a statewide law effective this week (SB 1383) requires that local governments extend food waste collection to all residents and businesses, expanding access for apartment dwellers and others currently without service. And residents and businesses are required to follow through and properly separate their organics to divert them from landfills, per the new rules.

A new assembly bill includes a series of rules aiming to make the special protections for service dogs clearly distinct from emotional support dogs. AB 468 includes rules for businesses selling emotional support dogs or their swag – the vests and other gear denoting their status – requiring them to inform the buyer that support dogs don't have the same privileges under the Americans with Disabilities Act as guide, signal or service dogs.

It also tightens rules about which professionals can write a letter identifying an emotional support animal (the letter does not confer ADA status for the animal but can be used to petition for an exemption to rental housing bans on pets). In California, anyone fraudulently representing their animal as a service dog faces misdemeanor charges punishable by fine or imprisonment.


The takeaway alcoholic beverages temporarily permitted as an emergency response to pandemic lockdowns got a new lease on life from SB 389, which extends the state's allowance through 2026. Wine and cocktails kept permissions for decanting, mixing and packaging on-site, but per the new law beer can only be sold for off-site consumption in manufactured containers (so no fresh-pulled pints to-go from the keg).

SB 380 abbreviates a manda-

tory waiting period for terminally ill patients seeking aid-in-dying drugs, which had previously been so long that some people seeking to ease their deaths were unable to access the medications in time.

The compulsory 15-day wait drops to 48 hours under the new rules, which require a patient to verbally request the drugs from a doctor, with documentation, twice over the course of the two days.

Finally, a reminder for local drivers – a law that already took effect in July raises the stakes for distracted driving. Using a handheld cellphone while driving was already punishable by fine, and under AB 47 it can now add a point on your driver's record if you get caught violating the law more than once within 36 months. This applies to talking, texting and any use of mobile phones while driving by people under age 18.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 11, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
Virtual

Members of the Public may join and participate in the Council meeting at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1494194672>

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Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments.

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, prior to the meeting, on matters listed on the agenda email PublicComment@losaltosca.gov with the subject line in the following format:

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- City Council Minutes:** Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting (A. Chelemengos)
- Professional Services Agreement Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment #2 for Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design for Complete Streets Master Plan; find that the amendment is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Professional Services Agreement Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Bellecci and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$120,090 for consulting and support services for various engineering tasks for FY 2021-2022
- Los Altos Summer Internship Program:** Consider and approve implementation of a Los Altos Summer Internship Program.
- Extension of Local Emergency:** Adopt Resolution extending the declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Rental Fee Waiver Request by the Los Altos Town Crier (J. Chew)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Establishment of Permanent Dog Parks:** Consider development of one fenced-in dog park in north Los Altos located adjacent to the Civic Center Soccer Field and one fenced-in dog park in south Los Altos at McKenzie Park West; make findings that the (Project) is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3), 15301, 15304, and 15305; that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the Project; and direct the City Manager or designee to prepare and file a notice of exemption in connection with this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 and increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 allocated from Park in Lieu funds.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Tentative Council Calendar

Agendas, Reports and associated documents for City Council items may be viewed at losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/meetings

Los Altos History Museum announces a new Signature Fundraising Event

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* We are monitoring the COVID situation closely. Please check the website for updates.

Community

Pacific Hearing gifts hearing aids to local Holocaust survivor

Town Crier Report

Luba Keller was overjoyed when she received her new hearing aids from Pacific Hearing Service in Los Altos Dec. 23.

“I can hear now, and I feel like I can live many more years,” the 98-year-old Holocaust survivor told employees at Pacific Hearing. “My grandkids are coming (for the holidays), and it will be wonderful to hear them. I just feel warm. I can hear everything!”

Keller was the winner of Pacific Hearing’s “Hear for the Holidays” contest last month,

a competition for a free pair of hearing aids and access to audiological care.

To enter, residents were invited to nominate someone they thought deserved the opportunity to hear better. Several family members nominated Keller.

“She was so sweet,” said Deborah Clark, Au.D., co-owner of Pacific Hearing. “She was very happy.”

Keller endured enslavement by the Nazis from age 13 to 19. Her immediate family was murdered. She met her future

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SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Luba Keller, center, celebrates her new hearing aids with, from left, Pacific Hearing audiologist Brook Raguskus, Arthur Keller and Pacific Hearing co-owners Jane Baxter and Deborah Clark.



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husband in a displaced persons camp after World War II ended. They sailed to America with \$8 in their pockets and stayed with relatives in New York City. The couple learned English, worked and raised three sons. Their sons attended college and each had two children. Keller has six grandchildren – one of whom is a rabbi – and four great-grandchildren.

Keller's previous hearing aids were not working, making it hard for her to talk with relatives

via FaceTime or phone. She lives on her own, so the pandemic has been a lonely time for her.

Several family members arrived early to surprise Keller at her fitting for the new hearing aids. She had no idea she would be getting the new devices.

"You are all beautiful ladies here with kind hearts," Keller told the Pacific Hearing specialists. "May you live many more years and enjoy your families, because it all passes so quickly."

"Hear for the Holidays" is one way the independent audiology clinic is giving back to the community, Clark said.

"As Doctors of Audiology, we know that it's crucially important to maintain your hearing health, both for your long-term mental and physical well-being," she said. "With so many people facing a tough situation this year, 'Hear for the Holidays' is an excellent opportunity for us to help out someone in our community who wouldn't otherwise feel able to invest in hearing treatment."

Operating since 1977, Pacific Hearing Service has offices in downtown Los Altos and Menlo Park.

For more information, visit pacifichearingservice.com.

Los Altos History Museum spotlights Chicana/o experience in program

Town Crier Report

To honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., the Los Altos History Museum plans to highlight a less-known period of local history inspired by King's activism for racial equality. The online program "Civil Rights in Early Silicon Valley: The Chicana/o Experience" is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 12.

Alexandro Jara will present his research on Mexican-American and Chicana/o activism during the 1970s and discuss how the local civil rights movement has shaped Santa Clara County politically and culturally.

A San Jose native, Jara is pursuing his doctorate in history at the University of New Mexico,

with an emphasis on 20th-century U.S. urban and Latino history. He currently works as an adjunct lecturer at Santa Clara University.

Perlita Dicochea, communications and events associate and program coordinator at the Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity at Stanford University, will open the presentation and field questions.

"The research Alex is doing needs to be told and shared," Dicochea said. "There's so much to explore, reflect on and consider the implications of, not only for the Chicana/o population, but for everyone."

To register for the free program, visit losaltoshistory.org/ChicanaoExperience.

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Sports

Sports on the Side

Local teams praised for sportsmanship

Three varsity squads from local high schools have won SCVAL Team Sportsmanship honors for their conduct during the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League's fall sports season. The Los Altos High field hockey and Mountain View High football teams were recognized in the SCVAL De Anza Division, while the Los Altos cross-country team received the award in the SCVAL El Camino Division.

Los Altos, St. Francis in need of coaches

Los Altos High needs a head coach for diving, along with varsity and JV coaches for badminton. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at (650) 960-8857 or michelle.noeth@mvla.net. St. Francis High seeks assistant coaches in a variety of sports. To apply, visit tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b.

NFHS puts out call for sports officials

Due to a shortage of high school officials for nearly every sport, the National Federation of State High School Associations seeks referees and umpires. Training is provided. For more information, visit highschoolofficials.com.

Free online courses help parents, coaches

The National Federation for State High School Associations offers free online courses. Positive Sport Parenting emphasizes the importance of proper behavior by parents and the role they should play to ensure their children have a positive experience. NCAA Eligibility educates high school coaches, administrators and parents about the NCAA's initial-eligibility requirements. Social Media assists parents and coaches in setting boundaries and guidelines for their students' social media use. The courses are available at nfhslearn.com/courses.

LA boys claim hoops tournament

SF boys, Pinewood girls also win tourneys; LA girls finish 5th

Town Crier Staff Report

The Los Altos High boys basketball team returned from last week's Apotos High/Santa Cruz Warriors Tournament with the championship trophy. The Eagles went 3-0 at the three-day event, beating Pioneer 59-53 in the title game Dec. 29 at Kaiser Permanente Arena in Santa Cruz.

Jake Skaggs was named tournament MVP, and fellow senior Andrew Reilly made the all-tourney team. Skaggs tallied 26 points and five rebounds in the final; Reilly contributed 14 points and four rebounds.

Skaggs had 24 points and Reilly 14 the previous day, when Los Altos topped Lowell 53-48. Varun Madabhushi added 11 points.

In their Dec. 27 opener, the Eagles crushed Summit Shasta 69-38 behind 17 points from Skaggs and 10 courtesy of Madabhushi.

Los Altos, on a four-game winning streak, entered this week 10-2 overall. The Eagles are slated to visit Santa Clara 7:45 p.m. Friday for an SCVAL De Anza Division game.

Mountain View went 2-1 at the tourney to get to 8-4 overall. The Spartans opened by routing North Monterey County 55-35 and then lost 45-35 to Saratoga before beating Berkeley 48-43 Dec. 29.

St. Francis pulled away from Santa Cruz in the fourth quarter to win the boys side of the Joe Schram Holiday Basketball Classic at

hosted last week. Outscoring the Cardinals 26-12 in the final stanza, the Lancers prevailed 65-55 Thursday.

Harlan Banks finished with 14 points to pace St. Francis (8-2). Vince Barringer and Tim Netane added 13 points each.

Girls basketball

Pinewood won the Joe Schram Holiday Basketball Classic with a 59-48 win over host St. Francis Thursday.

Up seven at halftime, the Panthers pulled away in the third quarter by outscoring the Lancers 22-9.

Elle Ladine totaled 30 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for Pinewood (5-1). Kaile Cruz added 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting that included a pair of 3s.

Jess Oakland and Sydney Stewart scored 12 and 10 points, respectively, for St. Francis (10-1).

Los Altos bounced back from a 63-16 loss to Pinewood in the opening round of the tourney by winning its next two games to place fifth. The Eagles (8-2) beat Capuchino 34-26 and then Riordan 32-28 in overtime to claim the consolation championship.

Los Altos led Riordan 18-12 at halftime of Thursday's game but put up only seven points in the second half. The Eagles



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Los Altos High's Macy Watson, going up for a shot last season against Los Gatos, scored 13 points last week against Riordan.

matched that total in OT and held the Crusaders to just three points.

Macy Watson finished with 13 points; Tessa Player and Natalie Holm contributed seven each.

Girls soccer

Mountain View continued its winning ways by going 3-0 over the holiday break.

The Spartans (7-0-1) defeated Palo Alto
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Inspired by coach, tennis player co-founds clinic to raise money to fight Parkinson's

By Jason Zhang

Beyond Sports

I began playing tennis the year after I learned to run. I was 5 years old when my dad started taking me to local tennis lessons led by coach Francois Chan, a protégé of Dick Gould, the most successful coach in the history of Stanford University men's tennis.

But contrary to how most stories like these often start, I remember absolutely hating it.

Five-year-old Jason was immature and your typical class clown – something Francois didn't appreciate. Causing a ruckus in line would lead to being made to sit out and made fun of by Francois. Every weekend I begged my dad to stop taking me to learn tennis from the "mean man."

But my dad was adamant – I was to stick it out no matter what kind of excuses I thought up and threw at him. As time went on and I began to accept my fate, a new question popped up in my head: What if I tried to win

Francois' respect?

Before long, our relationship superseded tennis. It became more than just him teaching me the fundamentals of forehands, backhands and serves – he also taught me mental fortitude, discipline and what it meant to push myself. Hearing Francois' constant, wildly varying stories on topics ranging from famed alums to random video games he always tried to get us on, his clinics weren't just a place to hit some balls, but also a home away from home, a haven from the stresses of life.

I was 11 when I found out Francois had Parkinson's disease. At the time, I wasn't too sure what that meant, but as the years went on, I saw the effects it had on him. A lurking feeling of pain and anxiety stirred in my mind: What would happen to him? When would he leave?



COURTESY OF JASON ZHANG

Several students of local tennis coach Francois Chan have come together to form JAMMA in his honor. The tennis clinics raise money to fight Parkinson's disease, which Chan is battling.

Would he be OK? How do I stop this?

As the years passed, I felt there was nothing I could do. In 2020, at the height of the pandemic, Francois retired. That week, my nine-year routine ended. The irregularity of life after his retirement was shocking. At that moment, I knew I had to do something for Francois.

That summer, I called some

of the friends I made from his clinics, who remain some of my closest friends. I told them we had to do something to pay tribute to Francois. They agreed without hesitation. We cleared our schedules for the next couple of months and started a nonprofit tennis clinic to raise money to fight Parkinson's. We called it JAMMA, which combines

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COACH

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the first letter of the names of the five initial members: Jason Zhang, Archer Date, Megan Choy, Mitchell Pham and Alex Wong.

The next six months flipped my life upside down. We started laying the bricks to rebuild the community Francois created as a way to honor him. Any money we made was donated to Parkinson's research at the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Pouring weeks of research into how to deal with kids and perfecting our curriculum, we knew that as long as we stuck together and kept putting in hard work, it would pay off.

We held our first class May 2. I still remember the nerves that day: six coaches, five students. Would they like us? Would the kids have fun? How would they respond to our feedback? As the first minutes of the class passed, the nerves melted away and all the time we devoted to this cause started paying off.

Our journey has been an absolutely wild ride and, looking back on it now, I know the sky's the limit for JAMMA. Since opening day, we've grown the team of six coaches to 23 (and counting), surpassed 100 community signups and donated more than \$15,000 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

As we continue to grow, I've been reflecting on what exactly clicked for us and got us to where we are today. Ultimately, I'm almost certain it's a result of our passion and love for the game and the community – something Francois worked so hard to cultivate.

Parkinson's has affected more than 10 million people around the world. But its impact is far more widespread than just those 10 million people; our members know this from personal experience. When I think about JAMMA, we're not just doing this to reach a certain amount donation-wise – we're doing this because we don't want another kid to lose a role model, a father, a best friend. But most importantly, we don't want another person like Francois, working so hard to serve his community, to have it taken away from him.

For more information on JAMMA and its clinics, visit jammatennisclinic.github.io.

JAMMA co-founder Jason Zhang is a junior at Mountain View High.

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4-0 in the third-place game of the Fremont Firebird Classic Dec. 18, routed Bullard 6-0 Dec. 28 in Fresno and edged visiting Menlo-Atherton 2-1 Thursday.

Allie Montoya and Laila Edris each scored four goals during that stretch and Karina Shah had three, while Isabella Walker notched four assists. Edris, a freshman, scored all of her goals against Bullard.

St. Francis won the Firebird

Classic by defeating St. Ignatius 3-1 Dec. 18.

Charlotte Kohler scored twice and Grace Paulson made the other goal.

The Lancers improved to 5-0-1.

Boys soccer

St. Francis squeaked by Los Altos 1-0 behind a goal from Alex Giannopoulos in the Homestead Christmas Cup Dec. 18.

The Lancers improved to 4-2; the Eagles fell to 1-3-2.

Local prep sports schedule for Jan. 5-11

Boys basketball

Thursday

Pinewood at Menlo, 6 p.m.

Bellarmino at St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Los Altos at Santa Clara, 7:45 p.m.

Mountain View at Palo Alto, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday

Pinewood at Crystal Springs

Uplands, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Homestead at Mountain View, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Today

Homestead at Los Altos, 7 p.m.

Milpitas at Mountain View, 7 p.m.

Pinewood at Carondelet, 7 p.m.

Friday

Pinewood at Crystal Springs

Uplands, 5:30 p.m.

Los Altos at Saratoga, 6:15 p.m.

Mountain View at Gunn, 6:15 p.m.

Presentation at St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Pinewood at Salesian, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Pinewood at Woodside Priory, 7 p.m.

Hillsdale at Los Altos, 7 p.m.

St. Francis at Mitty, 7:30 p.m.

Boys soccer

Today

Downtown College Prep-San Jose at

Pinewood, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday

Riordan at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Friday

Crystal Springs Uplands at Pine-

wood, 3:45 p.m.

Mountain View at Los Gatos, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Serra at St. Francis, 11 a.m.

Monday

Mountain View at Los Altos,

3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Woodside Priory at Pinewood,

3:30 p.m.

Girls soccer

Today

St. Francis at Homestead, 4 p.m.

Santa Clara at Los Altos, 6 p.m.

Mountain View at Gunn, 6 p.m.

Friday

Los Gatos at Mountain View, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Today

St. Francis at De La Salle, 5 p.m.

Thursday

Gunn at Los Altos, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Mitty at St. Francis, 5 p.m.

Mountain View at Milpitas, 5:30

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Los Altos at Monta Vista, 6:30 p.m.

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On the Road

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Hyundai has a hit on its hands with eye-catching Santa Cruz

By Mike Hagerty

An anecdote about the 2022 Hyundai Santa Cruz: As my wife and I were driving onto the Santa Cruz Wharf, a young guy in a car driving toward the exit hit the brakes, grabbed his smartphone, hung out the window of his car and started taking pictures.

His was the most physical reaction, but everywhere we went over our six days in the Hyundai Santa Cruz – from the city of Santa Cruz itself to the Point Reyes National Seashore and San Francisco in between – the vehicle drew admiring glances and inquiries about what it was, what it could do and how much it costs.

Naming cars is tricky. It's why some companies have made up words (Camry) or gone alphanumeric. Hyundai is big on names of places for its SUVs (Kona, Tucson, Santa Fe) and now its first pickup truck.

Not to overthink it (insert eye-rolls from literally everyone who knows me personally here), but the name "Santa Cruz" is a great fit for this vehicle. Santa Cruz is a small beach city with lots of fun things to do, a relaxed attitude and a youthful vibe. It's also very much its own thing. Santa Cruz isn't "just like (name of any other beach town)."

Under the hood, the 2022 Hyundai Santa Cruz Limited AWD has a 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder making 275 horsepower and 310 pounds per foot of torque (lower-spec models get a non-turbo 2.5 with 190 horsepower and 180 pounds per foot of torque).

A new sensor and software help fix a leaky BMW 528i

By Matt Pataky

Last month a customer brought in a 2013 BMW 528i 2.0 liter 4-cylinder because it was not running well and the check-engine light was on. The customer said it felt like the car was hesitating on acceleration, whether the engine was hot or cold. The problem was just a few days old.

We connected the car to the Intelligent Service Technical Application (ISTA) and

Matt the Mechanic

ran a complete scan. The scan revealed two codes in the digital motor electronics (DME): 102001 (air volume too high) and 118002 (fuel air mixture too rich).

Regular readers of this column know I spend a lot of time explaining fuel trims. Fuel trims are how an engine control module calculates the correct

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Auto Review

Mated to an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission with paddle shifters, it's quick, with 0-60 mph runs in approximately 6.3 seconds. The Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy estimate is 19 mpg city/27 mpg highway.

Superb handling

It didn't matter whether it was city streets, freeways or the fabulous backroads of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco or Marin counties, the Santa Cruz's road manners were impeccable and its handling superb. There may be a pickup bed back there, but at the wheel, it feels for all the world like a capable sport sedan.

About that bed. It's a 4-footer with a sliding cover over the top. To open it, you have to lower the tailgate, and when you lock the doors, you lock the tailgate, too. So, unlike a lot of pickup beds, the Santa Cruz's has the security of a car trunk. The cover can be left in place and cargo loaded through the tailgate alone. Or it can be rolled back to load from above and to carry things that are taller than the cover would allow.

The base price of the Limited AWD is \$39,720. Among the standard equipment highlights at that price are a complete suite of active safety features, 20-inch alloy wheels, power sunroof, leather-trimmed seats, dual automatic climate control, rain-sensing wipers, Bose pre-



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The Hyundai Santa Cruz Limited comes with a turbocharged engine with 275 horsepower and leather seats.

mium audio system and navigation.

The only extra-cost options on our tester were the Sage Gray paint (\$400) and carpeted floor mats (\$195), so with \$1,225 freight, the as-tested price is \$41,450.

Hyundai says the Santa Cruz is targeted at the weekend adventurer – people often living in urban areas who want "versatile transportation that is equally flexible for urban, adventure, occupational or even home improvement gear." Looks to me like they have hit that target dead center.

The small pickup truck battle is just beginning. I haven't driven Ford's Maverick yet, but by all appearances, it's a different, more traditional take on a small pickup. In 1970s terms, the Maverick is the new Ford Courier, while the Santa Cruz is the new Subaru BRAT, perfected to a degree unimaginable back in the day.

It's probably the native Californian in



me, but fun wins every time – especially in those rare cases where it doesn't hurt function. The 2022 Hyundai Santa Cruz is a winner.

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amount of air and fuel. Sensors on the engine (oxygen sensors, temperature sensors, mass air flow sensors and position sensors) send data to the DME, so it can adjust the amount of fuel the engine needs to run efficiently.

When looking at the data, we noticed that both banks of the engine were running -20 fuel trim. If this is correct, the engine is running way too rich.

Diagnosing the problem

After running the test plan on the first code, we knew we had to check for vacuum leaks. This seemed contradictory, however, because the data showed the car running rich. We hooked up the smoke machine to the intake manifold to check for leaks and discovered that the intake duct connected to the turbo charger had a leak. This air duct delivers air that has already been metered by the mass airflow sensor. If there is a leak in this duct, it will confuse the DME and the engine will run incorrectly.

We replaced the air duct (after the customer gave us authorization to do so), then cleared all the codes and test-drove the car. Halfway through the test-drive, the check-engine light came on again.

After reconnecting the car

to the ISTA, we did another scan. The 102001 code and the 118002 code came back, along with a new code: 102A22 (mass air flow meter working air mass too high). We performed a vacuum test one more time and found no leaks.

After further testing and research, we learned that BMW had a technical service bulletin for the new code. The bulletin said the car could have a DME reprogramming (software patch) because of incorrect fuel-trim calculation. We told the customer the DME should get the update, but there also may still be another problem with the car.

After updating the DME, we took the BMW on another test-drive. Halfway through the drive, the check-engine light came on once again – with all three codes. This led us to reconnect the car to the ISTA and run the test plan, which asked if there were vacuum leaks and if the DME update had been performed.

Because we knew we fixed the air leak and the DME had been updated, we moved on to the next step. We checked the actual fuel trims again. Correct fuel-trim numbers on a BMW should be on or around 1. When we looked at the fuel trims, they were at -20 on bank 1 and -20 on bank 2.

We then reviewed all of the data. If both banks are reading the same fuel-trim numbers

(-20), there are no air leaks and the rest of the engine is working normally, there is a strong possibility that one of the sensors is giving incorrect information. After further testing, we found the mass air flow sensor was giving incorrect data to the DME.

After replacing the mass air flow sensor, we cleared the codes and did another test-drive. No codes came back and we were able to run all the monitors.

Some readers might ask why we didn't just address the mass air flow sensor in the first place. Because there was a possibility the mass air flow sensor wasn't bad, we had to perform all the baseline tests first. If we would have replaced the mass air flow sensor first, the car would have set off a code related to the intake air duct leak. In addition, computer software can cause all kinds of problems. The last thing you want to do is replace expensive parts for nothing. As I always say, follow the correct procedure.

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Puzzles Page

Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. Frequently
4. Individually
8. Stylish, in the 60s
11. Dutch cheese
13. Left
14. Politically unaffiliated, abbr.
15. Venus de ___
16. Bridle part
17. Actress, Long
18. Near
20. Van or san ending
21. Breast bones
24. Handheld
27. "___ to the World"
28. Neat in appearance
31. Smooth jazz man, George
33. Packed away
- 34. County sheriff in recent news**
35. Environmental watchdogs, for short
36. "You bet!"
37. Group of symptoms
40. Caustic chemical
- 42. _____ of the Los Altos Library**
45. Poker money

46. Airline to Tel Aviv
47. Yin's opposite
49. Kind of feeling
50. Venom
51. "Batman" actor West
52. Gator or lemon?
53. Heavenly body
54. Prefer

Down

1. Original manufacturer's equipment, abbr.
2. Money guarantor, for short
3. Farfetched
4. Mutually accept
5. Bookstore section
6. Burger topper, perhaps
7. Bic
8. Christian clergy
9. "Put a lid ___!"
10. Operation Overlord high point
12. Dairy sounds
19. One of the Virgin Islands
22. Not docile
23. Kind of jacket
24. "Nova" network
25. Rep.'s counterpart

26. Cordial liquor
29. Golfers' starting point
30. QB's gains, abbr.
32. Messy place
33. Sporty auto option
35. Mistakes section
38. Key of Prokofiev's first piano concerto
39. "Lord of the Rings" singer
40. Paula Creamer's org.
41. Common contraction
43. Woodworking groove
44. Fasten or break off
46. "Say what?" sounds
48. Clock standard letters

– Los Altos clues **bolded.**

Answers to puzzles on Page 24

1	2	3			4	5	6	7		8	9	10
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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

		5	6			1	7	4
	3			2				9
		6	8				4	
	8				9	3		2
5					7		3	
	9			6				8
7	4	8	5					

Find A Word

S	C	F	H	C	X	J	H	K	Y	I	S	O	G	D
R	E	A	R	B	R	A	X	T	V	H	G	Z	A	T
Z	K	V	S	V	E	H	O	L	G	R	E	M	Z	P
J	S	N	A	T	S	A	F	K	G	C	S	N	E	B
T	L	U	F	W	L	W	C	G	S	J	D	O	D	L
M	L	F	N	N	D	E	E	H	Q	A	A	R	A	D
T	A	E	H	S	I	G	S	L	E	F	N	S	N	S
T	B	C	S	O	C	U	N	W	L	S	U	D	O	U
U	Y	W	U	O	E	R	G	I	G	M	O	D	M	N
G	E	F	N	R	C	W	E	N	M	B	V	U	E	S
O	L	K	V	I	R	U	Y	E	I	M	B	Y	L	H
K	L	K	X	F	E	E	R	O	N	F	I	W	Y	I
D	O	T	F	X	A	N	N	F	J	P	R	W	R	N
Z	V	T	X	E	M	B	A	T	F	H	D	U	S	E
O	I	A	T	T	T	C	L	A	E	H	R	M	S	N

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

Beaches	Lemonade	Surfing
Castles	Sand	Swell
Current	Summer	Swimming
Heat	Sunscreen	Volleyball
Ice cream	Sunshine	Waves

Food & Wine

Shish barak How to make the ancient dumpling of the Levant

By Blanche Shaheen

Indigenous pasta dishes are a rare find in the Arab world. But there is one culinary treasure involving an Arab pasta-like dish reaching back thousands of years. The base of the dish is the humble dumpling.

Traditionally, dumplings have been an economical way to stretch costly meats to feed large and/or poor families. Enrobing small quantities of meat with a toothsome dough yields larger servings for a fraction of the cost of full meat-based dishes. Everyone gets a taste of the meat, but the dough adds filling heft while absorbing the flavors from any kind of soup or broth.

In the Levant countries of Syria, Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon, shish barak is a popular dish wherein meat dumplings are boiled in a yogurt soup, then topped with fresh herbs, toasted garlic and crunchy pine nuts. Shish barak has been around for centuries, appearing in a legendary 15th-century Arabic cookbook from Damascus titled “Kitab al-Tibakha.” The popularity of the dish shows no signs of waning. This delicacy is usually made in the winter, when vegetables are scarcer and a hearty soup

warms the stomach and soul.

The soup for shish barak is unusual in that it’s yogurt-based, producing a creamy result with a milder flavor. A savory topping of chopped, fresh cilantro, mint, pine nuts and garlic sauteed in butter brings the soup to life.

Shish barak is a prime example of tribal cooking, with the family gathering to create many dumplings not just to eat right away, but to freeze for use all winter. Oftentimes the women of the village would gather to make the dumplings as they caught up on their lives and exchanged gossip, all while pinching one knob of dough after the other.

Slow food reaps great rewards for the entire family, especially as we enter winter, with short and cold days. Shish barak takes time to prepare, making for a project all can participate in, from assembling to cooking, plating and eating.

You can substitute the ground beef with ground lamb, chicken or even minced mushrooms for a vegetarian option. But do not use nonfat yogurt for

the soup, as full-fat yogurt ensures a creamy and less lumpy result. If you don’t have time to make the dough, store-bought wonton wrappers work extremely well and can save loads of time in preparing this dish.

Shish Barak

Filling

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon lemon pepper or regular pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash cinnamon
- 1/2 pound ground beef (or any other preferred meat)
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts (optional)

Dough

- 2 cups flour
 - Salt to taste
 - 1/4 cup avocado oil
 - 3/4 to 1 cup water (start with 3/4 cup and add more as needed to make pliable dough)
- To skip this step entirely, use

Feast in the Middle East



COURTESY OF BLANCHE SHAHEEN

Get a primer from Los Altos resident Blanche Shaheen on the delicate art of dumpling making for shish barak, a centuries-old Levantine soup that can stretch to feed a big family.

1 packet ready-made wonton wrappers.

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Sauce

- 1 quart full-fat yogurt

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Brewery district offers a day of walking between beer and snacks

By Derek Wolfram

Original Pattern Brewing Co. opened in the spring of 2018 near Jack London Square in Oakland, joining forces with several other breweries to form the Jack London Brewing District. With several other breweries in easy walking distance from Original Pattern, it’s easy to spend a full day visiting them all.

Original Pattern’s brewery and two-story taproom share a space that juxtaposes the exposed red brick and timbers of a vintage warehouse with its gleaming stainless-steel brewery equipment.

Food is provided in the taproom by aptly named Good-To-Eat Dumplings, which prepares fresh Taiwanese-style dumplings, bao and noodles, as well as highly addictive house-made chips, a perfect beer-drinking

Cheers!

snack of fried wonton strips generously coated in salt, lime and spices. While the tap list is heavily hopped, with a number of West Coast and hazy pale ales and IPAs at any given time, Original Pattern also represents a number of other brewing traditions, with multiple lagers, sours, dark beers and other Continental-style brews.

Collaborative series

In keeping with the egalitarian approach of an employee-owned brewery, Original Pattern also brews a “staff series” of beers, wherein everyone who works in the brewery has the opportunity to help create recipes. Some excellent beers result from this collaborative model.

• One such staff series brew on a recent visit was **Yemanjá Munich Dunkel**, a German brown lager that weighs in at 5.6% alcohol by volume (ABV). Pouring a clear brown color with orange-copper highlights and a moderate white head of foam, the beer has a subtle aroma of toasted bread. Flavor-wise, bready malt and very light roast combine to give the impression of pumpernickel, accentuated by the light spicy notes of subdued Noble hop bitterness. The beer is medium-bodied, with crisp carbonation and a dry, bready finish.

• **Easy Bird Extra Special Bitter**, another entry in the staff series, is a brightly clear copper color in the glass, with a persistent dense white head. True to the British origins of the style, the aroma features biscuity malt character and earthy hops in the



COURTESY OF DEREK WOLFRAM

Original Pattern Brewing Co. opened an Oakland taproom in 2018.

aroma. The flavor is focused on substantial floral hop bitterness, supported by light caramel and biscuit malt notes. Sessionable at 5.6% ABV, the beer’s medium body and moderate carbonation lead to a smooth, bitter finish.

• **Pipsqueak Kettle Sour Ale** is brewed with sweet cherries and raspberries, resulting in a vibrant purplish red color with a light

white head. Tart candy-like cherries and raspberries share center stage in the aroma, and the flavor is a pleasant balance of tartness and sweetness, with the raspberries and cherries also serving as equal partners in the taste. The 5.8% ABV brew exhibits medium body and carbonation, and the finish is bracing and acidic

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but very clean and refreshing.

• **Over Yonder IPA** showcases the crystal-clear golden color and dense long-lasting white head of a classic West Coast IPA. The beer highlights an intense and captivating hop aroma of citrus and tropical fruits, including lime and tangerine peel and sweet pineapple from the Citra and Waimea hops. On the palate, the initial impression is hop bitterness redolent of dank forest floor, followed by some citrus notes. Along with a mild, pleasant carbonic bite from generous carbonation, light malt character emerges to provide balance to the long bitter finish of this medium-bodied, 6.7% ABV brew.

Derek Wolfgram is a Certified Beer Judge and an officer of the Silicon Valley Sudzers homebrew club. For more information, visit sudzers.org.

SHISH BARAK

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Topping

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts

Filling: Heat butter and saute chopped onions until soft. Add minced garlic and saute approximately 1 minute. Add beef, salt and lemon pepper, allspice, nutmeg and tiny dash of cinnamon. Saute beef until browned, then add toasted pine nuts and set aside.

Dough: Add flour and salt to bowl, mix and make a well. In center, pour avocado oil and 3/4 cup water to start. Using rubber spatula or fingers, stir water, oil and flour together until ball of dough forms. Use hands to knead dough and incorporate

remaining flour. Dough should feel slightly tacky but not damp – it should not stick to your fingers. If dough doesn't form together, add remaining 1/4 cup water. The moisture content of flour and the humidity in the air both can affect how the dough comes together on a given day, requiring you to use your eyes and touch to evaluate. If the dough feels too sticky, then a little more flour will bring it back into balance.

Dust work surface with flour. Remove dough from bowl and knead approximately 2 minutes. It should feel smooth. Cover dough with damp towel or plastic wrap and let rest on counter or refrigerate for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Once dough is ready, roll out on cutting board until it is approximately 1/2-cm thick. Using round cutter (or glass cup)

of roughly 6-cm diameter, cut into discs. Fill each disc with rounded teaspoon of filling and fold into crescent. Pinch edges shut, fold ends behind dumpling and pinch. Place on parchment-lined tray and keep covered with tea towel until ready to cook.

If you want to skip the step of making the dough, you can use a pack of wonton wrappers instead.

Soup: Add yogurt to large pot. Add beaten egg, salt to taste and combine over medium heat. Whisk cornstarch into 1/4 cup water until dissolved, then combine with yogurt in pot. Once soup boils, reduce heat and simmer, stirring on and off for approximately 20 minutes. Add dumplings and cook 10 minutes.

Topping: Add all ingredients (from garlic to mint) to skillet and saute approximately

2 minutes.


To serve, ladle soup with dumplings into each bowl and add tablespoon of cilantro/garlic mix on top of each bowl. Sprinkle with toasted pine nuts if desired. Serve immediately.

Makes six servings.

To see techniques and tips on how to make the perfect shish barak, watch the video on this story at losaltosonline.com or visit Shaheen's YouTube channel at youtube.com/BlancheTV.

Blanche Shaheen is a journalist, host of the YouTube cooking show "Feast in the Middle East" and author of the cookbook "Feast in the Middle East: A Personal Journey of Family and Cuisine." To purchase her cookbook and for more information, visit FeastInTheMiddleEast.com.

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Schools

Tiny Tots preschool resumes after year's break due to COVID

By Karuna Chandran
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Closed last school year due to the pandemic, the city of Los Altos' Tiny Tots preschool is welcoming back students ages 3-5 at both of its locations.

The Terrific 3's (for ages 3-4) program returned in September and Kinder Prep 4's (ages 4-5) resumed today.

"It's something I really missed – being able to inspire the students and teach them," teacher Sara Callahan said. "And I just can't wait until we (do not have to wear a) mask, because I think that's been problematic with young kids who speak very softly, and it's hard to hear. When you're teaching things like phonics, you know, they really need to see your face."

Callahan added that the children are overjoyed to be with other kids, so much so that outside of preschool hours, many of the parents organize play groups to allow the youngsters even more interaction.

"For 3-year-olds, mom and dad were probably home, whereas normally maybe dad or mom, or both, would have gone off to work," Callahan said. "So, they really have been kind of nesting together, and it's doubly bad now because kids have been in their homes and not even seeing other children."

Setting new rules

To make sure the children are able to interact safely, Callahan said she really wanted to



hear what the community had to say, so she talked with several parents and teachers and read up on Santa Clara County COVID guidelines.

"(It was important) setting those rules at the beginning, making sure that not only the participants but the families understand all of those processes that they need to follow up," recreation manager Jamie Chew said. "Usually we have sanitizers, things are wiped down in between and during program time, and we make sure that if a child is not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms (he or she is encouraged) to stay home. So, all of those things are definitely

in place and the kids are pretty good about following rules, especially when they do it in a kind of a fun manner, which our teachers are wonderful at doing."

Chew enrolled her daughter in the program before the shutdown, noting that the preschool's play-based learning approach was a big part of the appeal. The preschool has two sites: Terrific 3's at the newly renovated San Antonio Club and Kinder Prep 4's at the new Los Altos Community Center.

"I think that the exciting part is that there is a modern space that has the different areas that the teachers can create," Chew



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SARA CALLAHAN

After shuttering last school year amid the pandemic, the city of Los Altos' Tiny Tots preschool reopened for students ages 3-5 at both of its locations, for Terrific 3's and Kinder Prep 4's.



said. "Just outside there's an easily accessible playground area for the students as well. I think a lot of thought went into making sure that the space supported what the program needed."

The Kinder Prep program at the center opens today, and Chew said she is excited to see the space continue to be used in myriad ways.

"It's really nice to see the

community being able to come in and utilize the space," she said. "We're slowly but surely bringing programs (back and) it's been wonderful to see the activity really expand and open the community center."

For more information on Tiny Tots and enrollment, visit losaltosca.gov/recreation/page/los-altos-tiny-tots.

MVLA's new director of adult education to have student-centered focus

By Angela Tam

Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

The Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees last month unanimously approved the appointment of Julie Vo as the district's director of adult education, effective Dec. 13.

In her new role, Vo, a longtime MVLA educator and administrator, will be responsible for implementing the California Adult Ed Program Annual Plan

for more than 7,500 students and working collaboratively with the North Santa Clara County Consortium to develop and implement the next three-year plan, accreditation plan and federal programs.

The CAEP Annual Plan is regional collaborative effort with MVLA's local community college and adult education partners, while the NSCCC seeks to facilitate student transition to higher education and employment through strategies that promote academic accel-

eration, curriculum articulation and alignment, and community partnerships. The overall focus for the Adult School program's three-year plan from 2019 to 2022 has been to increase the number of successful transitions and "completers" from the MVLA's Adult School program to Foothill and De Anza colleges. After building relationships, aligning services and curriculum, and creating transition support through new programs and personnel, Vo said MVLA's goal moving forward is to capi-

talize on what has been built and increase the number of students positively affected by the new infrastructure and services. Some of the work will be a continuation of previous objectives, such as increasing the number of integrated learning pathways for students, while some will be new projects based on analysis of the disproportionate impact students with language and cultural barriers face.

"We are currently in the process of analyzing our data from the past pandemic year to

inform our new strategies for the next three-year plan," Vo said via email. "I believe that in carefully aligning and focusing our efforts between systems that we can make a significant impact on the lives of students who can barely survive in the current economic climate. Our ultimate goal is to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency and full integration into society. In other words, 'we are in the business of changing lives.'"

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Student-centered focus

Vo has served as assistant director of the MVLA Adult School since 2018. She has more than 20 years of experience in the education field, with expertise in educational leadership, English as a Second Language, English instruction, curriculum development, assessment, grant writing and management, career technical education, secondary and higher education, accreditation and data analysis. She has served on the MVLA Leadership Team for more than 14 years and has supervised the Career Technical Education and Adult Secondary and Adult Basic Education programs. Vo earned a bachelor's degree in English and sociology from UC Berkeley and a master's in education from Stanford University. She holds teaching credentials in social studies and English and has taught at secondary and community college levels.

"Julie is greatly respected for her expertise in student-centered programs and services, as well as her experience in key programmatic areas," MVLA Superintendent Nellie Meyer said in a press release. "She is deeply committed to increasing access, equity and social justice



Vo

for historically underrepresented and socially disadvantaged groups and has a long-standing reputation for collaborating with staff, students, our various student support and academic departments, and community partners from diverse backgrounds."

Vo said she is "grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow with the MVLA family."

"The Adult Education program has transformed and enhanced the lives of so many within our community,

and I am excited to help the program grow and improve," she said. "My core values are in line with MVLA Adult School's uncompromising commitment to empowering adult learners by helping them to gain the knowledge, skills and proficiency necessary to achieve personal goals in employment, secondary education and English language skills."

Vo believes "social justice begins with an educational foundation that focuses on equitable access, equal opportunity and diverse representation across all groups."

Future plans

Over the next three years, Vo hopes to increase the number of successful completions and transitions to higher education and employment for adult learners in the region. For the Adult School, that means aligning the regional accreditation and federal programs with the CAEP three-year plan to promote greater student achievement. Vo also plans to rebuild MVLA's Adult School programs and services following the past 18 months of the pandemic, with an aim to recover learning loss, particularly for those groups most affected by the digital divide, those with limited or no access to technology and stable Wi-Fi and those who need support with basic technological literacy to survive in

the Bay Area.

"The primary purpose of adult education is to provide a second chance for those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged in society or who have lost access to education for other reasons in order to achieve social justice and equal access to education," Vo said. "The MVLA Adult School is committed to serving adult learners who will gain the knowledge, skills and proficiency necessary to achieve personal goals in employment, secondary education and English-language skills in order to become self-reliant and productive members of the community."

Pre-pandemic, the MVLA Adult School was serving nearly 8,000 students per year – the vast majority of whom come from the lowest socioeconomic sectors. More than 90% of the students MVLA Adult School serves have multiple barriers to employment.

"I believe that our work is integral to removing barriers, leveling the playing field and promoting social advancements for historically socioeconomically disadvantaged and underrepresented groups," Vo said. "Since I first started in this district in 2007, I have witnessed firsthand how our Adult School has transformed and enhanced the lives of so many within our community."



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Crossword Answers

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49	G	U	T					50	H	A	T	E			51	A	D	A	M			
52	A	D	E					53	S	T	A	R				54	O	P	T			

Sudoku Answers

9	2	5	6	3	8	1	7	4
8	7	1	4	9	5	6	2	3
6	3	4	7	2	1	5	8	9
3	1	6	8	7	2	9	4	5
4	8	7	1	5	9	3	6	2
2	5	9	3	4	6	8	1	7
5	6	2	9	8	7	4	3	1
1	9	3	2	6	4	7	5	8
7	4	8	5	1	3	2	9	6

Find A Word Answers

S	C	F	H	C	X	J	H	K	Y	I	S	O	G	D
R	E	A	R	B	R	A	X	T	V	H	G	Z	A	T
Z	K	V	S	V	E	H	O	L	G	R	E	M	Z	P
J	S	N	A	T	S	A	F	K	G	C	S	N	E	B
T	L	U	F	W	L	W	C	G	S	J	D	O	D	L
M	L	F	N	N	D	E	E	H	Q	A	A	R	A	D
T	A	E	H	S	I	G	S	L	E	F	N	S	N	S
T	B	C	S	O	C	U	N	W	L	S	U	D	O	U
U	Y	W	U	O	E	R	G	I	G	M	O	D	M	N
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Stepping Out



SCOTT LASKY/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The cast of Palo Alto Players' "Men on Boats" includes Mary Melnick as John Wesley Powell, clockwise from left, Maria Mikheyenko as Old Shady and Melissa Jones as William Dunn.

Palo Alto Players' 'Men on Boats' features an all-woman cast

Town Crier Report

Palo Alto Players kicks off the new year with "Men on Boats," a tale of 10 men, four boats and two great rivers that is staged without boats, rivers or men. In-person performances are scheduled Jan. 14-30 in the Lucie Stern Theatre.

The production is a 21st-century version of a play about 19th-century American explorer and one-armed Civil War veteran John Wesley Powell, who assembles a brawny band of soldiers, trappers and adventurers to explore the waterways of the American West. Inspired by Powell's actual travel log from 1869, Jaclyn Backhaus' comedic script is performed by a cast of women who infuse America's legends of male conquest with some sly subtext.

Lee Ann Payne directs a cast that includes Mary Melnick (as John Wesley Powell), Melissa Jones (William Dunn), Maria Mikheyenko (Old

Ragazzi Boys Chorus to hold SingFest for aspiring members

Town Crier Report

Ragazzi Boys Chorus invites young boys who enjoy singing to attend its annual SingFest, scheduled Saturday in Redwood City.

Described by organizers as "zero-stress choral auditions," the free, in-person event is for boys ages 7-10. Participants will take part in singing games and have an opportunity to get to know Ragazzi's faculty and chorus as they explore joining the group in the spring. No singing experience is necessary.

SingFest will be held 9:15 a.m. to noon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St.

Participants must provide proof of full COVID vaccination, including the two weeks after their sec-

Shady), Jenni Chapman (Bradley), Katie O'Bryon (Hawkins), Patty Reinhart (John Colton Sumner), Jaime Wolf (Hall), Jennifer C. Maggio (O.G. Howland/Just Jim), April Culver (Frank Goodman/Mr. Asa) and Naomi Evans (Seneca Howland/Johnson).

Shows are slated 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (after this week), 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. It is recommended for ages 13 and up.

The play also will be available for streaming Jan. 27-30 via BroadwayOnDemand for \$20 (free account required) at tinyurl.com/mwyw444p.

A pick-your-price preview night is scheduled Jan. 14, with tickets offered from \$10 to \$40. Opening night is set for Jan. 15; tickets are \$42-\$57 and include a post-show toast in the outdoor courtyard. Tickets to future shows are \$39-\$54.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 329-0891 or visit paplayers.org.

ond shot, or provide proof that they have started the vaccination series and of a negative PCR test taken 48-72 hours before the morning of SingFest.

Faculty and participants will wear masks throughout the event.

Preregistration is required online at ragazzi.org or via email at ragoff@ragazzi.org.

If a child is unable to attend SingFest but is interested in joining, the chorus hosts online auditions for potential choristers. Boys ages 5-18 and their parents/guardians will be introduced to Ragazzi digitally, meeting one-on-one with a chorus director. There will be singing games and time for questions.

To schedule an appointment and for more information, visit ragazzi.org/join-us.

Business & Real Estate

Local Kitchens comes to Mountain View



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOCAL KITCHENS

Local Kitchens launched its latest micro food hall Dec. 17 in Mountain View. This marks the San Francisco-based chain's fifth location; the first one opened last year. Bringing together a diverse mix of Bay Area restaurants under one roof, Local Kitchens offers in-person dining, takeout and delivery. Restaurants housed at Mountain View include MIXT (salads), Proposition Chicken, Senor Sisig (Filipino street food), The Melt (grilled cheese sandwiches), Wise Sons (Jewish delicatessen), Humphry Slocombe (ice cream) and Sababa (Israeli street food). Patrons may order takeout and delivery online, while in-person visitors use a touch-screen kiosk to browse the menu and order with a few taps before paying via a credit card reader. Mountain View's Local Kitchens is located at 1711 W. El Camino Real, Suite B. Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight daily. To order online and for more information, visit loalkitchens.com.

The truth behind those 'fast close,' 'all cash' & 'we buy homes' ads

By Owen Halliday

On the Market

If you listen to the radio or look in your mailbox, you've probably heard or seen one of those ads where some fast-talker promises no closing costs, no fees, no cleanup, no appraisals, no (fill in the blank).

It all sounds so quick and easy. I probably receive a dozen or so emails a week from someone wanting to buy a house that's not on the market.

Q: Who are these people?

A: Usually they are either real estate agents, investors or house flippers.

Q: Why do they seem so anxious for me to sell?

A: Because values have risen

so dramatically in recent years, sellers will sometimes underestimate the current value of their home. These buyers know this and will offer what sounds like a really good price but is actually less than what it would sell for on the open market.

Q: But if I don't have to pay to fix up my house, commissions, closing costs, etc., isn't that saving me money?

A: The short answer is "yes." The long answer is probably "no." You might save on not having to pay those costs, but the price you accept will most likely be well under what you

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Transactions

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1210 Altamead Drive, Takhar Trust to Akshay Living Trust for \$3,350,000

1180 Runnymede Drive, McCallion Family Trust to K. & M. Baroughi for \$4,250,000

741 Sunshine Court, K. McCabe to T. Yao for \$4,220,000

Mountain View

134 Beatrice Street, P. & C. Taylor to E. & K. Kwong for \$2,000,000

132 Centre Street, M. Kenig to Z. & X. Chen for \$2,830,000

164 Cottonwood Court, Morton Trust to Mader Family Trust for \$1,525,000

372 Loreto Street, N. Mandagere to S. & Y. Teng for \$2,500,000

500 W. Middlefield Road No. 153, R. Tseng to K. Desai for \$1,000,500

1958 Montecito Avenue, Redwoods at Montecito LLC to S. & J. Yoon for \$2,188,000

128 Palmer Avenue, Manov Family Trust to J. Catanzaro for \$2,475,000

255 S. Rengstorff Avenue No. 125, K. Leung to R. & K. Rao for \$670,000

25 Sherland Avenue Unit A, Lao Family Trust to A. & T. Roy for \$1,689,000

49 Showers Drive Unit T408, Home Light Real Estate II LLC to Y. & Y. Chen for \$1,415,000

49 Showers Drive Unit Y477, B. Xue to H. & O. Rezchikov for \$1,650,000

2344 Toledo Terrace, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to X. Zheng for \$1,725,000

357 Walker Drive, M. Payne to Q. & L. Hu for \$2,070,000

10138 Cass Place, 10138 Cass Place, Kozen Trust to H. & P. Fang for \$3,350,000

10248 Cold Harbor Avenue, Wagner

Trust to S. & O. Ghasemalizadeh for \$3,008,000

22330 Homestead Road No. 218, A. & J. Fu to M. Villa for \$1,050,000

13215 Peacock Court, L. Remedios to Y. & Y. Meng for \$4,280,000

11721 Southshore Court, A. & S. Datar to Y. & Y. Wu for \$2,880,000

10548 S. Tantau Avenue, Lau Trust to L. & J. Zhai for \$1,958,000

Overall

Los Altos

Total sales: 3

Highest sale: \$4,250,000

Lowest sale: \$3,350,000

Average sale: \$3,940,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 14

Highest sale: \$2,830,000

Lowest sale: \$670,000

Average sale: \$1,826,800

Cupertino

Total sales: 6

Highest sale: \$4,280,000

Lowest sale: \$1,050,000

Average sale: \$2,754,300

Date obtained from public county records and provided by Cal RE-source.

Jobs report: State created nearly 22% of new jobs in the nation in November

Town Crier Report

The latest jobs report shows that California created nearly 22% of the nation's new jobs in November and boasts the largest unemployment rate decrease since February, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released last month.

"Since February, California has created nearly 1 million jobs, an unprecedented achievement for the state's economic recovery," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a press release. "While the state continues to see a robust recovery, creating nearly 22% of the nation's jobs in November and the largest unemployment rate decrease since February, there's still more work to be done getting folks back to work and supporting those hardest-hit by the pandemic."

The data also revealed that since last February, California has added 977,200 total nonfarm jobs, which averages out to a gain of 97,720 jobs per month for that time period. The state's November gain of 45,700 nonfarm jobs accounted for 21.8% of the nation's 210,000 overall jobs gain for the month.

The state's unemployment rate decreased by 0.4% in November to 6.9%, the largest rate decrease since February.

Given November's job growth, the state has regained 1.889 million, or nearly 70%, of the 2.714 million jobs that were lost in March and April 2020 due to the pandemic.

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could have sold it for had you prepped it properly and sold it on the open market. In today's markets, many houses are selling for well over even a seller's highest expectation.

Q: Isn't it a pain to fix up a house to prepare it for sale?

A: Many sellers move on to their next home before having any market prep work done (painting, flooring, staging, etc.). But, yes, it can involve some time and expense. The big question is how much more you might be able to sell your house for had you done the work versus doing nothing.

Q: I don't care if I make top dollar; I just want it over with. Doesn't that make sense?

A: Some sellers are able to receive an offer for their house and say something like: "That's a good number; I'm happy with it. I don't care if I might or might not sell it for more." If you are OK with not second-guessing your decision, then selling off-market might make sense. I can almost guarantee that if you do, you should be prepared for someone to come to you and say: "You sold it for \$XXX!! I'd have given you \$200,000 more for it." If you are the sort who will watch the market for months after you sell and

wonder, then selling off-market might not be a good decision for you.

Q: What about properties in a trust?

A: Trustees of a trust have a fiduciary duty to maximize the value of the assets in the trust for the benefit of the beneficiaries. I would always recommend that a house held in a trust be exposed to the open market so the trustees could show with a clear conscience they had gotten the highest possible price for the property.

Q: But aren't you in the business of selling people's homes for them?

A: Yes, realtors have a fiduciary duty to treat clients' financial interests with the utmost of care, and that involves sharing the cost/benefit of all options available to them. In my many years of experience, selling a house the old-fashioned way still maximizes sellers' return on their investment.

Owen Halliday is a longtime Los Altos resident and realtor who manages the Sereno Group office in downtown Los Altos. Email comments, questions and potential column topics to Owen@Sereno.com. For more information, call (650) 492-0062.



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CITY OF LOS ALTOS PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Design Review Commission of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing to consider the following project:

1. SC21-0020 - Chad Nguyen - 800 S. El Monte Avenue
Variance to exceed the maximum floor area for the R1-10 Zoning district and Design Review for a two-story addition to an existing two-story house. The project includes a 1,040 square-foot addition at the first story and a 48 square-foot addition at the second story. The project includes a variance to exceed the maximum floor area for the R1-10 Zoning District by 1,600 square feet, which would preserve a 1,600 square-foot legally nonconforming barn at the subject site. The project will result in a total floor area of 5,815 square feet, where the maximum permitted floor area is 4,215.9 square feet. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Project Planner: Gallegos **THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2021 DRC MEETING.**

The Design Review Commission public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM via teleconference. Please go to the following link to identify the conference call number and meeting link: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/designreviewcommission/page/design-review-commission-179>

Plans and detailed information are available for review at <https://www.losaltosca.gov/communitydevelopment/page/two-story-single-family-residential-and-variances>. Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750 or sent via email to planning@losaltosca.gov.

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Better Life Chiropractic Center FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN681016

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Sia Independent care home FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN681146

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227-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF CHLOE SIMONE SIEM ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390311

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CHLOE SIMONE SIEM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: CHLOE SIMONE SIEM

Proposed Name: JASPER SIMONE SIEM

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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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HELP HOLISTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680976

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NEXT MEATS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680968

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CRAVE YOGA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680345

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PT Works FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680848

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OXOMOHCO BIRTH AND BODYWORK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680755

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: OXOMOHCO BIRTH AND BODYWORK, 4546 El Camino Real Suite 207, Los Altos, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Jasmin Olvera Dena, 1340 Foxdale Loop Apt 421, San Jose, CA 95122. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

217-T

CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LOS ALTOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680748

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LOS ALTOS, 770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal

place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, E.M. EDUCATION LTD., 1595 Kensington Circle, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/18/1983. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

216-T

Cortes Electric FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680417

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cortes Electric, 48 Saron Ave, San Jose, CA, 95116 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Eduardo Cortes, 48 Saron Ave, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/03/2016. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

215-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF JIE CHEN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390892

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

Proposed Name: Nina Jie Chen

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 02/22/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/24/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

208-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MANGALA SAVADI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390685

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

Proposed Name: ANITA KINAGI

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 03/01/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 11/22/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

202-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SANJANA ARORA AND SWAPNIL L SHAH ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Sanjana Arora and Swapnil L Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Siddharth Swapnil Shah

Proposed Name: Nick Shah

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least

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once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier
Date: 11/12/2021
/s/ Julie A. Emede
Judge of the Superior Court
(12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

201-T



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"The Art of Living History." Fine art exhibit by local artist Robert Schick that records the transformation Santa Clara Valley went through in front of his eyes. Art walk and talks 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 4. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222.

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Garden Club of Los Altos. Garden or floral expert speaks at each meeting. 1:20 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December). Virtual meeting on Zoom. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte. Guests \$5. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboffosaltos.org.

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