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## Holiday season in full swing with Santa appearances

Santa Claus was busy in Los Altos over the weekend, with notable appearances at Friday's tree-lighting ceremony at the downtown Veterans Community Plaza and Saturday's "Selfies with Santa" event at Rancho Shopping Center. The tree-lighting event, featuring both Santa and Mrs. Claus, was part of a range of First Friday activities that included live bands and pedicab rides around downtown. At right, downtown visitors meet with Mayor Neysa Fligor, far right. The Mountain View High School Madrigals and the Los Altos High School Volare singers performed at the event. Los Altos Hills City Councilmember Linda Swan and her husband, John, played Mrs. Claus and Santa, below left.



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The "Selfies with Santa" event, co-hosted by the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and the Rancho Merchants Association, offered photo opportunities with Old St. Nick, along with holiday treats and live entertainment. Scott Hunter of the Los Altos Village Association appeared as Santa, above. For more scenes from these events, visit [losaltosonline.com](http://losaltosonline.com).

## Downtown parklets to continue indefinitely

Los Altos council votes 3-2 for new dining program

By Bruce Barton  
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Downtown parklets are here for the foreseeable future. Los Altos City Council members Nov. 30 approved a new parklet program for continued outdoor dining once the current program under a COVID-19 emergency order expires.

The program passed on a 3-2 vote, with Mayor Neysa Fligor and councilmembers Sally Meadows and Jonathan Weinberg in favor. Vice Mayor Anita Enander and Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng dissented.

However, council members unanimously approved Lee Eng's added motion to require that the program return to the council for a progress report a year after it starts.

The current parklet program, which allows outdoor dining in the parking spots in front of restaurants, is operating under a COVID-related emergency order and does not yet have a specific timeline for conclusion. The new program, which includes fees for parklet use, would begin after the emergency order ends. The new  
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Creative spice-biscuit-based creations from local families are on display through 5 p.m. Thursday in the Los Altos Community Center's Manzanita Room. The all-edible gingerbread homes include wizarding treats from Honeydukes, a gingerbread national park, Noah's Ark and, left, "Santa's Mailbox" by the Buchner family. What scenes of the holidays have you spotted in your neighborhood? Email [elizar@latc.com](mailto:elizar@latc.com) with photos and upcoming community events.

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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is scheduled to host a book signing Dec. 15 with author Sheila Kogan, who will discuss her new book, "Found Along the Way: Stories from the Camino de Santiago."

The event is set for 5-7 p.m. at the center, 300 Manresa Way. Guests must RSVP for the book signing by Monday.

To sign up and for more information, email Dyane Hendricks at [dhendricks@jrclosaltos.org](mailto:dhendricks@jrclosaltos.org).

*Correction: Last week's "Spotlight On Art" column incorrectly identified author Ginny Strock as a member of the Los Altos Public Arts Commission. She left the commission in October.*



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### Sex crime

**Dec. 5 12:03 a.m.:** Monte Carlo Club, Castro Street, Mountain View

### Grand theft

**Nov. 29, 12:15 p.m.:** 0-10 block of West Edith Avenue, Los Altos

**Dec. 3, 10 a.m.:** 2000 block of Louise Lane, Los Altos

### Petty theft

**Dec. 2, 10:58 a.m.:** 1000 block of Fallen Leaf Lane, Los Altos

**Dec. 2, 11:08 a.m.:** 1000 block of Ranchita Drive, Los Altos

**Dec. 4, 2:52 p.m.:** 2000 block of Louise Lane, Los Altos

**Dec. 5, 2:33 p.m.:** 700 block of Continental Circle, Mountain View

### Theft

**Nov. 29, 6:24 p.m.:** 100 block of First Street, Los Altos

### Residential burglary

**Dec. 3, 3:24 p.m.:** 900 block of Altos Oaks Drive, Los Altos

### Commercial burglary

**Dec. 2, 5:59 a.m.:** 600 block of Fremont Avenue, Los Altos

**Dec. 5, 10:29 a.m.:** 1300 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

### Hit and run

**Dec. 2, 5:44 p.m.:** 200 block of Third Street, Los Altos

**Dec. 5, 6:41 p.m.:** West El Camino Real and Grant Road, Mountain View

### Drunken driving

**Nov. 29, 3:57 p.m.:** Foot-hill Expressway and Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos

**Dec. 5, 12:27 a.m.:** North Shoreline Boulevard and West Middlefield Road, Mountain View

**Dec. 5, 2:39 a.m.:** West Evelyn Avenue and Bush Street, Mountain View

**Dec. 5 7:21 p.m.:** North Shoreline Boulevard and Central Expressway, Mountain View

— Eliza Ridgeway

## Los Altos explores possibility of new police station

By Bruce Barton  
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The Los Altos City Council established a subcommittee Nov. 30 to look into the construction of a new police station.

The City Council Police Facility Subcommittee, which comprises councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Sally Meadows, is tasked with investigating the need for such a facility, its potential location, estimated costs and options for funding it. Paying for it could involve a bond that would go before voters.

Officers said the current police station, 55 years old and located at the civic center, is too small for department needs and is prone to regular flooding in its basement, where its 911 communications equipment is located.

“At a minimum, what does Los Altos need from its police facility?” the subcommittee is asking.

The subcommittee plans to identify features and amenities of a new police facility and review examples of new or recent police facilities other communities have built.

“There’s a lot of information that the council needs in order to proceed,” said

Weinberg, who proposed the idea of a police station subcommittee at the Oct. 26 council meeting.

Harry Guy, a ham radio operator and member of Los Altos Amateur Radio Emergency Services, said local hams supported the subcommittee formation, noting the old police station is not up to state construction standards for an essential service building and “could suffer substantial damage and be unusable following a significant earthquake.”

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## PARKLETS

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program’s parklet options are decks and street level, with green as the predominant color requirement. The 500-pound wine barrels used to act as safety barriers would continue to be used.

Those in favor of continuing the downtown parklets touted their success at bringing in additional downtown foot traffic and helping retail businesses as well as restaurants. Opponents cited a loss of 68 parking spaces taken up by the 18 parklets and a lack of fairness to the retailers.

The current parklet program, meant to help restaurants cope with pandemic-induced restrictions, doesn’t charge a fee and allows the parklets to extend past restaurant frontage to neighboring storefronts. That would not change under the new program, but restaurants would be charged a \$500 application fee, followed by an annual \$100 fee.

That’s too low, some speakers told the council.

“The city is not getting its money’s worth for the real estate it is giving to its restaurants,” said resident Freddie Wheeler.

“They are giving away one-quarter of our State and Main street parking – that’s not OK,” said Jon Baer, who cited \$3 million to \$6 million in replacement costs for the spaces. “(Restaurants) need to pony up if they want that longer term.”

“Trying to recoup fees on parking spaces not getting paid for seems like a slap in the face,” Joe Beninato said. “Let’s support our businesses instead of punishing them.”

Resident Bill Sheppard countered opponents’ assertions.

“The usual group of com-



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Street-level parklets on Main Street, above, are now part of the downtown Los Altos landscape. The Los Altos City Council approved a new parklet program last week.

menters continues to conflate the value of private land with what we are charging or even what we should be charging,” Shepard said. “So, the fact that Carmel may be charging \$1,000 for parking spaces has no bearing on the value that the parklets are bringing for us.”

### Fair to retailers?

Although Weinberg acknowledged the fees are “a bit low,” he noted that “the business community is coming out of a very difficult situation.”

Enander and Lee Eng raised concerns about the impacts on retail businesses.

“There is concern that retailers aren’t given the same opportunity, and I want this program to be fair,” Lee Eng said.

“I think asking people to move into a more permanent situation when we still have the uncertainties ... is a little premature,” said Enander, who proposed a one-year pilot program after the emergency order ends, a motion that failed on a 3-2 vote. “I’m not comfortable with design requirements with a permanent arrangement – I don’t find the

barrels attractive the way they are currently deployed. I want (parklets) to be more attractive than what we currently have.”

Still, the permanent program had the support of the both the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and downtown Los Altos Village Association.

“The parklets have been vital in bringing back the foot traffic to downtown Los Altos,” said chamber president Kim Mosley. “They’re helping retailers as well – we have a harmonious type of situation.”

Vickie Breslin, owner of The Post restaurant at First and Main streets, said the parklets have “brought back a sense of community and people wanting to be downtown.”

She said a permanent program would allow restaurants to invest in and improve their parklets.

“(The retailers) are for it as well,” Breslin said. “The faster we move forward with a permanent program, the faster we can see our parklets not only thriving more, but the downtown looking even better and appealing to people from all over.”

## Theater backers ‘excited’ after MOU

Parking plaza space reserved under council agreement

By Bruce Barton  
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Downtown performing arts center supporters are emboldened by last week’s Los Altos City Council approval of an agreement that would hold parking plaza space for a new theater.

Vicki Reeder, head of the New Theater Working Group, said the group is “excited to move the project forward” and solicit bids for feasibility studies.

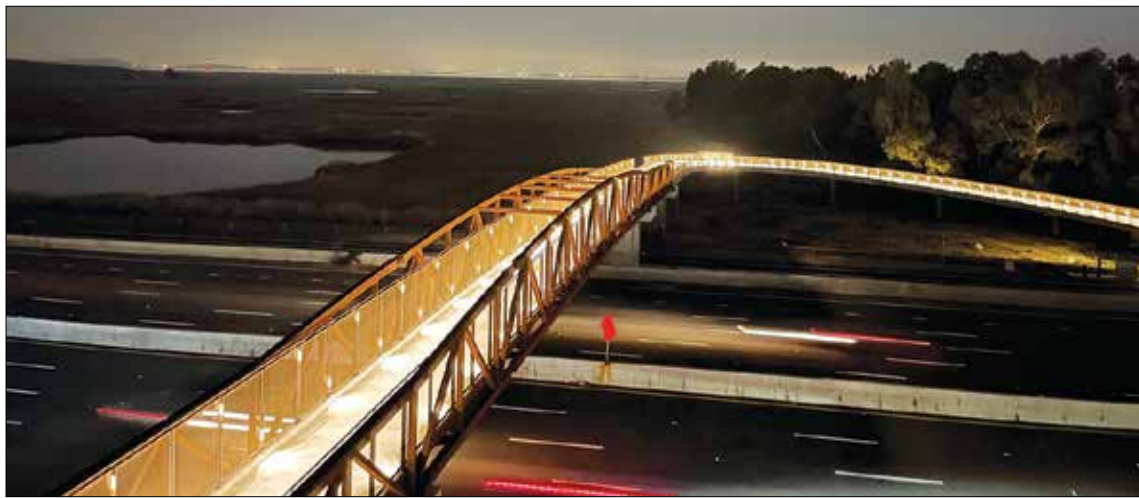
Reeder also serves as president of the Los Altos Stage Company, which now has a nonbinding memorandum of understanding with the city to reserve a 60-stall portion of Parking Plaza 2 for a period of no more than five years. The plaza is located behind Walgreens, between Second and Third streets. It was identified as a possible theater site in the city’s Downtown Vision plan from 2018.

Supporters envision a small theater, fewer than 200 seats, at a cost of \$15 million to \$20 million to build.

“We’re gathering together expert advisers and will begin making plans in January,” Reeder said. “We already have two substantial pledges for funding the

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# News



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The newly opened bicycle/pedestrian bridge in Palo Alto over Highway 101 makes for a striking image when lit up at night. The bridge, which opened last month, connects travelers with Baylands parks and preserves.

## New bike/pedestrian projects weave under and over freeways, expressways

By Eliza Ridgeway  
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For cyclists, hikers and stroller-athletes, three ongoing bicycle/pedestrian projects aim to make some of the busiest local crossings kinder to nonmotorized traffic.

A bridge that debuted last month on the Mountain View/Palo Alto border connects bicyclists and pedestrians traveling from the south to Baylands parks and preserves. The new 1,400-foot bridge spans Highway 101, stretching from West Bayshore Road, near the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center and

San Antonio Road, to the East Bayshore Road landing just west of Shoreline Lake.

The \$23.1 million project, which replaced an underpass that spent half the year closed by seasonal flooding, provides a Class-1 trail connection that is Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant. The new overcrossing connects to the Baylands Nature Preserve, Byxbee Park, the San Francisco Bay Trail and Baylands Golf Links.

Regional grants helped fund the project, including \$5.5 million from Santa Clara County's Stanford Recreation Mitigation

Fund, a \$1 million grant from Google Inc. and \$4.35 million from the One Bay Area Grant Program.

Palo Alto worked with Biggs Cardosa Associates to design the bridge, with 100-foot steel trusses cantilevered 30 feet above the highway. The central truss required total road closures along San Antonio and Embarcadero roads for its installation.

In addition to the principal span, made of self-weathering steel, the project included east and west concrete entrance

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Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng, who seconded the motion for the subcommittee formation, has lobbied in the past for a new police station, a fact not lost on Vice Mayor Anita Enander, who noted the "irony" of Lee Eng not serving on the subcommittee. The state's Brown Act limits subcommittee participation to two members. Lee Eng said she could apply her expertise to the discussion when the subcommittee reports back to the council.

## Modified Packard plan approved

The council agreed last week to a new landscaping plan from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation after Weinberg requested reconsideration of an approved application for a parking lot expansion at its downtown headquarters.

"I don't think that the facts put in front of this council war-

ranted an affirmative finding" for the project's landscaping, Weinberg said.

He noted there were 18 trees deemed "protected" in the existing parking lot, 15 of them to be removed and not replaced – information he was not aware of when granting initial project approval Oct. 26.

Craig Neyman, vice president and chief financial officer of the foundation, proposed an amendment to the landscaping project, retaining eight protected trees on-site and removing and replacing another eight on the premises.

"We are now proposing a net reduction of zero trees," he said.

Neyman counted 35 trees on the entire property, with intentions to remove and replace trees but not reduce the total number. The environmental nonprofit GreenTown Los Altos also is working with the foundation to plant an additional 27 trees downtown.

Lee Eng expressed concern

that saplings would replace mature trees, reducing greenery. She wanted assurances that the trees would not be neglected.

The council approved the amended plan 4-0, with Lee Eng abstaining, subject to city staff approval and the commitment to plant mature trees where feasible.

## SB 9 objective standards

The council Nov. 30 adopted objective design standards for single-family properties in preparation for the controversial State Senate Bill 9, set to take effect Jan. 1.

The law allows a lot split for two primary homes and two accessory dwelling units, among the scenarios. The council looks to finalize those standards at its meeting Tuesday.

The standards range from floor-area ratios, setbacks and parking to second-floor windows, balconies and choices of building materials.



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## Standoff in MV ends peacefully

By Eliza Ridgeway  
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A standoff in downtown Mountain View ended peacefully Dec. 1 after a man entered an occupied home, brandished a knife and refused to leave, prompting an evacuation and subsequent police negotiation that closed several streets adjacent to the Caltrain station.

The man, unknown to the home's occupants, entered the kitchen of the Front Lane home at approximately 8:45 a.m. The man and woman inside retreated to their upstairs bedroom, locked the door and called the police. The Mountain View police and fire departments responded, evacuating the couple via a ladder from their third-floor

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## THEATER

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study and expect many more to follow."

The council, on a narrow 3-2 vote, approved the MOU. Mayor Neysa Fligor, who initiated the theater discussion earlier this year, and councilmembers Jonathan Weinberg and Sally Meadows voted in favor. Vice Mayor Anita Enander and Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng voted against.

The MOU does not include a financial commitment from the city, and can be made null and void at any time.

Supporters of the idea see the theater as a key to more social and economic vitality downtown. Reeder's group estimated a theater or performing arts center could generate an additional \$1 million in annual revenues.

Detractors expressed concerns such a project would ultimately involve ongoing city support and noted that Los Altos has numerous priorities above funding a theater. They also feared a loss of parking and suggested the council majority was catering to a small group of backers.

Los Altos resident Scott Spielman cited numerous capital improvements the city faces that should be prioritized before approving an MOU.

"To delay this a few months is prudent and will show the council really wants to do things the right way," he said. "Otherwise, what this looks like is favoritism when a project just rises to the top from the unknown. So, take the time and do it right."

"The theater is definitely not a priority," said resident Roberta Phillips. "I don't think we should be shortsighted on all the details. The Los Altos Stage Company has not done their due diligence. They should be bringing a feasibility study forward to us ... before they move forward."

### First step: MOU or feasibility study?

Meadows encouraged a measured process.

"This is a little bit chicken-and-egg," she said of the debate over whether the MOU or feasibility study should come first. "A lot of the questions being asked are questions that will stem out of the feasibility study. This is a step-wise approach to move forward with fundraising to enable a feasibility study."

"Let's just take a breath – this MOU is not binding, but it is an important small step in the right direction that will allow us to move this project forward," said Pete Dailey, a member of the New Theater Working Group.

Enander adamantly opposed the MOU.

"I'm not sure what this MOU's real effect is," she said. "(There's) no framework whatsoever. ... I'm looking for something a lot more from the excited theater folks that says this is something we can make happen, this is what it would take, before I'm willing

## Dog parks on Tuesday's council agenda

The Los Altos City Council is scheduled next Tuesday to consider fenced-in dog parks for north and south locations.

On the Dec. 14 council agenda is a proposal for a dog park adjacent to Hillview Soccer Field at the civic center, and another at McKenzie Park. The proposal also includes \$100,000 in park in-lieu funds from this year's budget to pay for them.

"The proposed dog parks established hereby is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact upon the existing environment," according to a city staff report for the meeting.

– Bruce Barton

to take a big chunk of a city asset and say, I'll put that aside – but I'm not really putting it aside because I could take it away from you anytime. The whole thing seems ridiculous to me."

Resident Bill Sheppard urged the council to move forward.

"We have a consistent group of naysayers who seem to consider parking the best and highest purpose for much of our downtown land," he said. "We know that the parking plazas downtown could be put to better use than sitting mostly empty most of the day. ... It's premature for (a business plan) to be expected now, before we have even a minimum commitment for land, clearly the most essential component of this project. ... Please approve it and see what we can do."

Fligor, who introduced the downtown theater idea and the formation of the New Theater Working Group, called the MOU "a good-faith effort."

"A lot of concerns would be addressed in a feasibility study," she said.

She made a point of adding to the MOU that the Los Altos Stage Company was an established group in town, having operated the past 27 years.

"I am very proud to be able to say I helped the Los Altos Stage Company get to this next step," Fligor said.

**Disclosure:** Town Crier co-publisher Dennis Young is a member of the New Theater Working Group.

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## BRIDGE

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structures, three trailheads and the Adobe Creek Reach Trail, connecting to East Meadow Drive and West Bayshore Road. Lighting along the bridge illuminates its length with a glow hovering over 101 after dark.

## Other crossings for foot and bike

Farther south, the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale are scoping out designs for a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway to build as an undercrossing at Central Expressway and Bernardo Avenue. The pathway would connect north and south Bernardo, which are currently completely severed by Central Expressway and Evelyn Avenue. The crossing is intended to go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway.

South of the Ferry Morse Way overpass, crossings have been limited, and exposed, for nonmotorized travelers. An underpass would provide access from the south to Encinal Park and from the north to Sylvan Park, and provide pedestrians and cyclists with an alternative to the giant span of auto lanes and somewhat grim bike/pedestrian

spaces found on the Central Expressway crossings at Mary and Mathilda avenues.

The Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project, which is still in its planning phase and led jointly by Mountain View, Sunnyvale and the Valley Transportation Authority, will provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway and no auto connector at Bernardo.

In downtown Mountain View, two intertwined projects aim to transform the experience of the northeastern end of Castro Street, already so altered by the past two years of pandemic-driven road closures and outdoor dining. The pandemic-inspired road closure stretching along the downtown core of Castro Street may continue even after health orders lift. But an entirely separate nonpandemic project, and closure, intended for the northeastern edge of Castro has been five years in the making, and a series of work sessions and public workshops vetted concrete options this fall. The Mountain View City Council is evaluating a pedestrian mall or public plaza plan for the block of Castro between Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street, as part of an extended restriction of vehicular use in that area.

Two of the three designs maintain at least one block of Castro as an auto-free zone, rerouting traffic via Villa and Ev-

elyn. The plaza options dovetail with a planned total closure for the automotive vehicle crossing over the railroad tracks from Castro to Central Expressway, which has already been greatly restricted by the temporary closures along Castro. The city's traffic analysis estimated that none of the plaza options would notably impact local vehicular traffic, given the downtown area's proliferation of side streets.

The Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project plans for an undercrossing of the rail tracks at Central Expressway for pedestrian and cyclists, eliminating the existing, and potentially hazardous and slow, route that traverses the busy roadway and train tracks.

The project includes entirely closing the grade-level Castro Street road crossing at Central Expressway, rerouting auto and bus traffic north to the Shoreline Boulevard overpass and south to the Ferry Morse Way overpass.

The grade separation and associated underpass would change the classification of the crossing. With no one walking, biking or driving over the tracks, train engineers would no longer need to sound their horns as they do at public-grade crossings, and traffic would no longer wait for train-related red lights.

## STANDOFF

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window, and worked to address what they described as a situation with a "barricaded man."

In addition to the local departments on scene, the Santa Clara County Mobile Crisis Team arrived to assist in resolving the conflict, which police had initially described as a residential burglary. The multi-hour negotiation resulted in the man's arrest just after noon, in what Mountain View Police Capt. Saul Jaeger described in a tweet as a collaborative effort resulting in "a safe outcome for all."

Officers entered the home through a ground-floor door and the suspect walked out of the front door of the home and was detained without incident, according to Mountain View Police Department spokesperson Katie Nelson. She said the man, a 24-year-old Arizona resident, was arrested on suspicion of burglary, false imprisonment and making criminal threats.

"I am very proud of the way our teams handled this call with such patience and care," Mountain View Police Chief Chris Hsiung said in a statement. "They worked to ensure the safety of all involved, and the results showed their efforts."

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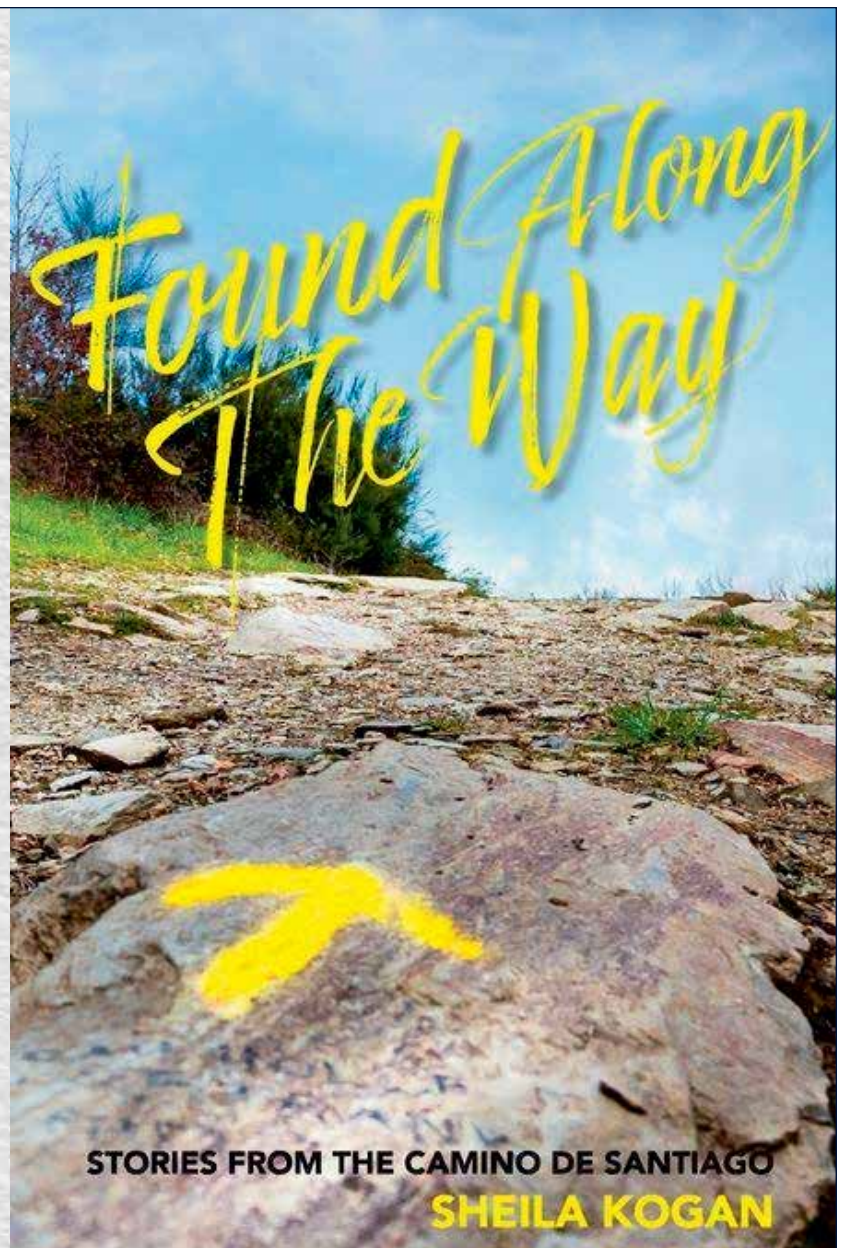


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# Comment

## Editorial

### Thumbs-up for the holiday season

The holiday season is in full swing, and we stand ready to chime in on recent local news.

**Thumbs-up:** To Neysa Fligor, who completed her one-year stint as Los Altos mayor Tuesday. Fligor led 2021 council meetings with a courteous but assertive manner. She was ubiquitous – she seemed to be hosting or attending virtually every community event on the calendar. Touting bold leadership, she initiated discussions on a new downtown theater and co-organized a joint Los Altos and Los Altos Hills Veterans Day event that may become an annual tradition. Perhaps most impactful was her resolution co-authored with Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg in late May that completely diffused a controversy with Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and a local Black activist that had consumed countless hours of council meeting time and showed no signs of abating. We thank Fligor for her leadership.

**Thumbs-up:** To the all-volunteer Los Altos Festival of Lights Association for its hard work in putting on the first downtown parade in two years. Organizers didn't miss a beat, and were undeterred by narrower streets, as the numerous floats, marching bands and costumed characters moved along with nary a hitch.

**Thumbs-up:** To Weinberg, whose reconsideration of his initial-vote on the David and Lucile Packard Foundation's parking lot expansion resulted in an improved landscape plan, approved by the council last week, with greater tree preservation. Kudos also to Packard Foundation leaders, who, instead of fighting any changes, offered a significantly greener plan in keeping with their reputation for environmental stewardship.

**Thumbs-up:** To Los Altos City Council majority efforts in support of downtown vitality – namely, last week's approval of a new parklet plan for local restaurants and a memorandum of understanding to promote a downtown theater. The new parklet plan allows popular outdoor dining arrangements to continue in a post-pandemic era. The theater agreement to reserve parking plaza space, though nonbinding, at least provides motivation for supporters to pursue a feasibility study and funding.

**Thumbs-up:** To our continuing contributors to the Town Crier Holiday Fund. The campaign, in its 21st year, provides funding for 16 local nonprofit organizations. We encourage everyone to donate to the fund. For more information, visit [losaltoscf.org/latc-holiday-fund](http://losaltoscf.org/latc-holiday-fund).

### Peek into the Past



This 1930 Los Altos Grammar School fifth-grade class photo reflects the diversity of the local population at that time. According to the 1930 U.S. Census, approximately one-third of the adults living in the greater Los Altos area had a "mother tongue" other than English.

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## Letters to the Editor

### LWV supports prompt housing response

On Tuesday, the Los Altos City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint session to begin strategizing for the next housing element. The new element is required to be submitted to the state for certification by December 2022.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for Los Altos may seem daunting, as the city needs to plan for 1,958 new housing units, including 789 to accommodate lower-income residents. The League of Women Voters (LWV) believes compliance is possible if changes are made to zoning and policy.

It is critical that all segments of our community become involved in this process quickly since we are many months behind our neighboring communities in preparing the mandated new housing elements.

We hope that Tuesday's staff report will provide possible sites for multifamily housing and will suggest policy changes to encourage such development. The community can then respond so the work of the housing element can

proceed rapidly.

The LWV supports an overall state plan for housing that includes RHNA and certified housing elements. The LWV also believes in promoting open government, one that is representative, accountable, responsive, and provides opportunities for active citizen participation.

**Karin Bricker, president, and Sue Russell, co-chair housing committee**  
Los Altos/Mountain View  
LWV

### Ask Congress to put price on carbon

This is regarding "Morning Forum speaker addresses global threat of megafires" (Town Crier, Dec. 1):

I applaud Michael Kodas for raising awareness about megafires and the negative impact that they are having worldwide.

Sadly, Californians have become all too familiar with these devastating impacts: smoke-filled, toxic air; loss of homes and property; loss of lives, etc.

In late-August, my family watched news coverage of the raging Caldor megafire in hor-

ror as firefighters battled erratic, wind-driven flames that edged closer and closer to Echo Summit Lodge, a historical landmark at the top of the summit overlooking the Tahoe Basin. The rustic lodge has been a wonderful gathering place for my large extended family for decades. Thanks to the heroic efforts of firefighters working throughout the night, the lodge still stands today. But many with property nearby were not so fortunate, losing everything to the flames.

Kodas points to climate change as being a key contributor to the increasing frequency of these horrific megafires.

To combat climate change, the U.S. Senate committed to reducing America's emissions 50% by 2030. To meet that goal, a corporate price on carbon must be included in the budget reconciliation package now before Congress. Ask your members of Congress to make polluters pay by putting a price on carbon into the budget reconciliation.

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# 2021 Town Crier Holiday Fund

## CHAC: Boosting families' access to mental health services

• **Mission:** In the 48 years since three local parents met around a kitchen table to form the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) as a grassroots, community-supported mental health agency, it has grown significantly, serving more than 10,000 adults and children in 2020, many from underserved communities with dire need.

Today, CHAC continues to carry out its mission of improving lives and strengthening communities through access to comprehensive and culturally responsive mental health services in northern Santa Clara County.

• **2021 update:** Since the onset of the pandemic, CHAC's services have been needed to help families cope with the stressors of economic impacts, being forced to stay at home in close quarters and dealing with the multiple roles suddenly required of parents.

An increased demand for live translation services due to distance learning and tele-health standards required clinicians to collaborate effectively with non-English-speaking parents/guardians. CHAC added in-person Spanish translation capacity as well as a telephone-based, real-time translation service that provided 240 languages.

Although some students returned to the classroom later last year, the shel-

### Community Health Awareness Council

**Location:** 590 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View

**Founded:** 1973

**Annual budget:** \$5 million

**Staff:** 35

**Information:** [chacmv.org](http://chacmv.org)

ter-in-place orders necessitated that all CHAC counseling and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs and services be provided via tele-health for the entire year. CHAC's therapists provided tele-health services directly to their young clients as well as increasing parental support. CHAC staff developed "PLUGGED IN," a program to support the social and emotional needs of students and their families, as well as nine videos to support students and families with SEL activities. CHAC staff also created 34 YouTube videos to provide students fun, independent activities without parental involvement.

Last fall, CHAC started a pilot youth group counseling project, QUILTBAG Connection, to promote wellness and mental health for the LGBTQ+ youth.

In the spring, CHAC completed a pilot of an arts-based enrichment and expression program, Back Together, to help reduce the anxiety of students re-



COURTESY OF CHAC

**The Community Health Awareness Council offers mental health services for families and individuals.**

turning to campus. The results were overwhelmingly positive; the program was implemented in all Los Altos School District classrooms in the fall.

In the past three months, CHAC has seen a dramatic increase in students seeking support for mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety,

family struggles and, in some cases, suicidal thinking.

"All these concerns – to name a few – underscore that accessible and affordable mental health services in our community must continue to be made available for us to be able to effectively navigate these difficult times," said Marsha Deslauriers, CHAC executive director.

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** CHAC's mental health counseling services are available to individuals, families and couples in crisis on an income-based, sliding-fee payment plan. No one is turned away, regardless of ability to pay.

Donations enable CHAC to reach more than 10,000 individuals and families each year, including those who are caught in between with incomes too great to qualify for Medi-Cal yet for whom the fees for much-needed private counseling services are out of reach. Support from the 2021 Holiday Fund will enable CHAC to continue to help children and families thrive, as well as build healthy futures and resilient communities through an enduring commitment to providing comprehensive, culturally responsive mental health services.

## CSA Food & Nutrition Center: Feeding residents in need

• **Mission:** Community Services Agency serves as the safety net for Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, with the goal of ensuring that those in need have access to food and shelter. CSA's Food & Nutrition Center distributes more than a ton of food each weekday to low-income individuals and families, minimizing their food insecurity.

CSA's food pantry expands limited budgets, enabling underserved residents to afford to pay for unexpected medical needs and/or car repairs while still being able to cover the basics, including school supplies, transportation to a job, rent and utilities.

• **2021 update:** The year saw an uptick in clients – during the COVID pandemic, CSA served more than 1,200 new households and more than 2,100 new individuals.

Earlier in the pandemic, CSA's Food & Nutrition Center and Senior Nutrition Program pivoted to outdoor/drive-thru services to feed the community. On average, nearly 200 seniors picked up lunch each weekday, up from approximately 130 pre-pandemic. Additionally, CSA delivered groceries to ap-

### CSA Food & Nutrition Center

**Location:** 204 Stierlin Road, Mountain View

**Founded:** 1957

**Annual budget:** \$36.96 million

**Staff:** 3 staff, 250 volunteers

**Information:** [csacares.org](http://csacares.org)

proximately 70 senior households each week.

"When the pandemic began, it quickly became evident that food service programs like ours were needed more than ever," said Food & Nutrition Center director Christine Flego in an interview earlier this year. "Almost overnight, our services went from an indoor market to a pre-bagged food distribution outdoors, pitching tents and tables in our parking lot. Even with kinks in supply chains resulting in limited quantities from time to time, the FNC pushed out over 600,000 pounds of food over the year – almost 50% of that in fresh produce."



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

**Volunteers help out at Community Services Agency's Food & Nutrition Center in this file photo from 2018.**

• **Why the Holiday Fund is needed:** The financial impacts of the pandemic on underserved segments of the community will be felt far and wide for years to come. Many families are still in arrears on their rent, and they continue to play catch-up on other expenses, with costs

rising on necessities.

Contributions to the Holiday Fund go toward the purchase of produce and shelf-stable nutritious food. Without Holiday Fund donations, CSA's ability to provide nutritious food for families and individuals in need would be curtailed.

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This year's community volunteer honorees are, from left, sitting: Ellen Barker, Sally Chaves, John Conover, Stephanie Dauer, Robert Elson, Kit Gordon, Ron Labetich, Robert Pellegrini and Julia Zarcone. Honoree Jan McDaniel was unable to attend the event. Dennis Young is pictured standing.

## Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Vounteer Service Awards event returns with 10 more honorees

Town Crier Staff Report

Ten more Los Altos and Los Altos Hills volunteers received recognition for their community-building efforts during the 44th annual Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards luncheon Friday.

The honorees at the event, returning after a year off due to COVID-induced restrictions,

were Ellen Barker, Sally Chaves, John Conover, Stephanie Dauer, Robert Elson, Kit Gordon, Ron Labetich, Jan McDaniel, Robert Pellegrini and Julia Zarcone.

Including this year, there have been 340 honorees since the event's inception in 1983. Former Los Altos and Los Altos Hills mayors Jane Reed and Mary van Tاملen, respectively, founded the ceremony to honor unsung

volunteers in both communities.

A 12-member committee, with six members from each community, selects honorees from nominees submitted by local nonprofit organizations. Town Crier co-publisher Dennis Young served as master of ceremonies of the event, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Palo Alto.

Los Altos City Manager Gabe Engeland and Los Altos Hills

City Manager Peter Pirnejad, both hired by their respective city councils this year, discussed the importance of volunteering to a community's culture.

This year's honorees were introduced alphabetically.

Barker, nominated by Pathways Home Health and Hospice, responded to a Pathways ad for volunteers in 2003 and has been volunteering ever since. She was

recognized for her compassion and "big, big, welcoming smile," as a fellow volunteer put it.

Chaves, nominated by Mentor Tutor Connection (MTC), also is a regular volunteer with the Rotary Club of Los Altos. Her compassion was exemplified by her arranging for grocery deliveries to MTC families hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## AWARDS

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- Conover, nominated by El Camino Health Foundation, serves as chairman of the organization. He is known for his extensive experience with nonprofit boards. His leadership was described as “understated and inclusive.”

- Dauer has volunteered for numerous groups, including the Los Altos Educational Foundation, Los Altos Arts Docents and and the PTA for Gardner Bullis School. During her eight-year history with the Art Docents, she has taught more than 300 lessons, one supporter said.

- Elson, nominated by the Los Altos Hills Pathways Committee, was recognized as instrumental in making the pathways system what it is today. He helped complete a pathways master plan update. He is known as goal-oriented and an excellent researcher and communicator.

- Gordon was described as the “go-to” person for Los Altos Hills residents on issues of water management.

“She always brings a very professional approach to the discussion,” said one supporter. “Whenever there’s a technical issue, you can absolutely count on Kit to bring professional, engineering, scientific expertise to the table.

- Labetich has focused his volunteerism on

helping and recognizing local veterans. He raised money for the installation of a veterans plaza at Foothill College and contributed to the Veterans Resource Center at the college. He was also instrumental in the renaming of the downtown plaza at Main and State streets to Veterans Community Plaza.

- McDaniel, a member of Los Altos United Methodist Church, was recognized for organizing Compassion Week. She started the event nine years ago as a weekend activity with a few projects and approximately 300 volunteers. It has grown to a weeklong event with 3,300 volunteers.

- Pellegrini, nominated by St. Nicholas and St. William Parish, has volunteered at the parishes the past 14 years. His various activities include participating on the St. Nicholas School advisory council and volunteering to cook monthly meals for senior parishioners in the Lunch Bunch program.

- Zarcone, nominated by the Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation Committee, took on the difficult task of establishing consensus on the restructuring of Westwind Barn as a community barn.

She played a major role in expanding and refining recreation program offerings, supporters said.

## TC names longtime volunteers Penny & Roy Lave Los Altans of Year

Town Crier Staff Report

The staff of the Los Altos Town Crier has named longtime Los Altos residents and community volunteers Penny and Roy Lave the 2021 Los Altans of the Year.

The only couple to both have served on the city council and as mayor, the Laves have been “striving for community” for 50-plus years.

Penny served on the city’s Planning Commission as well as eight years on the council, from 1985 to 1993. She helped start the Los Altos Leadership Program, an educational opportunity for would-be future leaders to learn about the community.

Roy served eight years on the council, from 1974 to 1982. Among his many accomplishments, he led a city effort to purchase property that became Redwood Grove. He also co-founded Los Altos Tomorrow in 1991, which has since become Los Altos Mountain View Community



Penny and Roy Lave

Foundation.

Together, the Laves led the charge to rescue community theater after the demise of the Los Altos Conservatory Theatre by helping found the Bus Barn Stage Company in 1995, now the Los Altos Stage Company.

A feature story on the Laves and their community work is scheduled for the Town Crier’s Jan. 5 issue.

A Los Altans of the Year dinner and program honoring the Laves is set for Jan. 27 at a location to be determined. Details on the event are to follow.

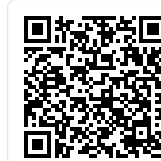


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## Expert shares future of UC system in Rotary Club appearance

By Marlene Cowan  
Special to the Town Crier

A representative of the University of California outlined the concerted efforts the system is undertaking to increase public trust, academic excellence and access, during a virtual presentation on “The Future of the UC System” at the Rotary Club of Los Altos meeting Nov. 18.

Kathleen Fullerton, associate director of strategy, planning and operations for state governmental relations in the UC Office of the President, analyzes the financial and political stresses on the system. She graduated from UC Davis and spent 20 years in state government, including in the State Auditor’s Office, where she surveyed UC admissions and spending. After noting that her government work contributed to the public’s growing distrust, she decided to work for the UC system to help turn that perception around.

The UC system is extensive:



Fullerton

The third-largest employer in California, it covers 10 campuses, three national laboratories, five academic health centers, more than 160 academic disciplines and the largest health training program in the U.S. Michael V. Drake, M.D., serves as president of the UC system, which is governed by a 26-member Board of Regents.

Budget and tuition constitute an imposing challenge at UC campuses, Fullerton said.

With student demand for enrollment growing at the same time financial support from the state has failed to cover all of its cost increases, the UC system faces a proverbial perfect storm. To continue operating at its current level, UCs will raise tuition next year using a “cohort model,” wherein students will pay the same amount throughout their tenure, but each incoming class will pay an amount adjusted by the rate of inflation compared to the prior year. Grants are now available for middle-class families, but many more students now vie for admission.

### Additional challenges

Fullerton shared a second challenge: students applying with increasingly elevated high school grade-point averages. In 1995, only 35% of high school graduates had completed all UC pre-requisite courses; today, it is nearly 50%. In addition, 70% of UCLA students accepted, for example, boast an extremely competitive 4.2 or above GPA.

Systemwide enrollment has increased by 36% in the past 10 years and is more diverse, she said, but only one new campus has opened since 1965 – UC Merced in 2005. The system is using nontraditional ways to expand capacity, according to Fullerton, such as partnering with a non-UC campus, expanding summer school offerings and transitioning to offering some courses online.

Another challenge, Fullerton said, is enrollment of California residents versus nonresidents. Yearly tuition and fees for state residents average \$12,570, plus health care, textbooks and living expenses, while nonresidents pay a premium of \$42,000 for tuition and fees. UC administrators and the State Legislature are taking steps to limit out-of-state enrollment, even though nonresidents pay higher tuition.

The lack of affordable student housing also poses a problem. There are currently 7,500 students on campus housing waitlists. Direction from state legis-

lators to increase enrollment is aggravated by widespread challenges that attempt to limit student housing, Fullerton added.

An additional concern focuses on public scrutiny of UC administrators’ compensation. Fullerton compared UC salaries with other public and private universities, revealing that UC chancellors are among the lowest-paid university leaders, with nine chancellor salaries falling among the lowest third of the 66 leading research universities in the U.S.

Despite the challenges, attendance at UC campuses continues to grow. Among the top ten national public universities recently ranked by U.S. News and World Report, six are UCs, and Fullerton reiterated that the University of California is committed to accessibility and excellence for state residents.

*Marlene Cowan is a member of the Rotary Club of Los Altos. For more information, visit [losaltosrotary.org](http://losaltosrotary.org).*

## Trimming the Town with Holiday Trees

### Trim a Tree @ Los Altos

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# Community

## Silicon Valley Reads focuses on kindness, resilience and hope

Town Crier Report

The 19th annual Silicon Valley Reads program returns in 2022 with three inspirational memoirs and related events scheduled throughout February and March.

According to Silicon Valley Reads organizers, last year's theme of "Connecting" resonated in the community, as read-

ers of all ages found new ways to build connections through food, nature, animals, music and books, as well as with each other. The Silicon Valley Reads 2022 theme is "The Power of Kindness, Resilience and Hope."

"This year's theme will allow us to engage in conversation about the transformative power of kindness, highlight our re-

markable capacity for resilience and build hopefulness for our future," said Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County superintendent of schools, who serves as Silicon Valley Reads co-chair along with Jill Bourne, city of San Jose library director, and county librarian Jennifer Weeks.

The featured nonfiction books include "See No Stranger" by

Valarie Kaur, "Enough About Me" by Richard Lui and "A Dream Called Home" by Reyna Grande.

Fiction books include "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Daré, "The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley and "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg.

During February and March, Silicon Valley Reads will offer free virtual and in-person public programs for all ages, including author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, activities for students, story times and an art exhibition. The complete schedule of events will be published on the Silicon Valley Reads website in early January.

"Silicon Valley Reads brings the community together in unique ways," Weeks said. "The books and planned events will provide opportunities for participants to gain a deeper understanding into other people's experiences and their perseverance to carry on. These tales will truly encourage empathy and kindness."

Silicon Valley Reads is presented annually by the Santa Clara County Library District, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Jose Public Library in conjunction with other public libraries, community colleges and universities, and community organizations.

*For more information, visit [siliconvalleyreads.org](http://siliconvalleyreads.org).*

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### LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VACANCY

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD) announces one (1) upcoming vacancy on the LAHCFD Board of Commissioners beginning January 1, 2022 and invites residents to apply in accordance with the requirements below.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

The vacancy requires applicants to be a resident of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District.

The appointment is for a four-year term.

Applicants are encouraged to apply by Monday, Dec. 15, 2021.

Applicants are required to complete the Santa Clara County online application at: <http://tinyurl.com/m3rdl8s>

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest to District 5 Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian at: [Supervisor.simitian@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:Supervisor.simitian@bos.sccgov.org)

Letters of interest can also be sent by email to [clerk@lahcfd.org](mailto:clerk@lahcfd.org) or mailed to: District Clerk, Los Altos Hills County Fire District, P.O. Box 1766, Los Altos, CA 94023-1766.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors makes the final appointment.

Applicants are invited to attend LAHCFD Commission meetings by videoconference or by teleconference: (602) 333-2017 or (888) 204-5987 (US Toll Free) Access code: 822528#. Contact [clerk@lahcfd.org](mailto:clerk@lahcfd.org) for details.

The LAHCFD Board of Commissioners meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

To find out more about the LAHCFD, visit the District website at [www.lahcfd.org](http://www.lahcfd.org) If there are any questions, please email [clerk@lahcfd.org](mailto:clerk@lahcfd.org) or leave a message at (650) 949-1044.

## Morning Forum takes culinary journey 'From Dickens to Downton'

By Susan Fuller  
Special to the Town Crier

Carl Raymond tantalized the Morning Forum of Los Altos audience last month with his presentation "From Dickens to Downton: The World of Victorian and Edwardian Food."

Raymond, a professionally trained chef, teacher and writer about all things surrounding the world of food, its preparation, its consumption and the philosophy surrounding it, offered an overview Nov. 2 of English food and entertainment from the mid-19th century through the early-20th century.

Recognizing the fascination many people have with the world of "Downton Abby" and the appeal of the lavish spread of meals the series displayed, Raymond took his audience on a tour of food preparation from the time of Charles Dickens to

Lady Mary Crawley's table at Highclere Castle.

Raymond focused on the culinary habits of the upper classes, describing the immense societal changes during that period as England and its society progressed from agrarian to industrial, and social and food mores evolved from simple to extravagant.

Early cooks influenced the path to the bountiful Highclere table. Raymond credited cookbook writer Hannah Glasse (1708-1770) as the mother of the modern dinner party. In her time, Raymond said, there were no standard weights and measures, so she began to use instructions such as "enough thyme to cover a sixpence" and other descriptors.

Glasse emphasized dishes with primarily fish and meat, began using spices like early curries and offered the first recipe for trifle.

### French influence

According to Raymond, the French Revolution (1789-1799) brought a number of French cooks to England and to the English Court, and they began to redefine the rules of cuisine and invent and codify French mother sauces such as roux, bechamel, hollandaise and mayonnaise. They began to replace the methods of endless boiling and added many sauces to the cuisine.

French cuisine became a sign of wealth, Raymond said. By the time of Queen Victoria in the late 1830s, the high-class table was an extravagant spread with eight or nine courses. Victoria's greatest influence in food and fashion focused on Christmas, especially sweets, which she loved. Her treatment of Christmas food and traditions, Raymond noted, established future Christmas celebrations throughout Britain.

Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Raymond said, described a sumptuous and extravagant Christmas dinner. As a result, turkey often became an alternative for the traditional goose. After Victoria died in 1901, her son Edward continued the feasts even more opulently.

The working class continued to eat simply, Raymond said, and finding clean water was a challenge for many. However, the upper classes continued their extravagance and began new traditions such as picnics in addition to lengthy, elaborate and very late dinners. Alcohol was prominent.

Enormous sets of fine china and crystal became part of a dowry.

Raymond added that the working class had guidance from English writer Isabella Beeton's book on household management, which sold 60,000 copies and included information

on cleaning and other household chores. Food in bottles and cans began to remove the onerous process of boiling, bones and food preservation, he said, but opulence was still reserved for the upper classes.

Raymond pointed out that when Edward became king, extravagance increased. Restaurants such as Simpsons in the Strand, Rules and Claridge's were first established in the 1870s and frequented by the upper classes. Fine dining began to move out of the home and into private clubs. Today, all three of those restaurants are still offering dinners and a glimpse into the past glamor of the Victorian Age.

*Morning Forum is a members-only lecture series that meets twice a month, online for now. For membership details and more information, visit [morningforum.org/membership](http://morningforum.org/membership).*

## Pet of the Week



COURTESY OF PETS IN NEED

Young Tony is available for adoption through Pets In Need, the contract provider of animal services for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. According to PIN staff, Tony is approximately a year old and weighs 45 pounds. He still has his puppy-like habits – he is playful but also gentle, they report. Tony will need consistent training after he is adopted, but that shouldn't be a big challenge for him or his adopters, as he is very treat-motivated and will do anything for a snack. "He is very dog social, eager to make canine friends," a PIN rep said. "He will do great in a family that is looking for a second dog or that spends a lot of time with other dogs." To adopt Tony and for more information, call (650) 496-5971 or visit [petsinneed.org](http://petsinneed.org).

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### TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ON STANDING COMMITTEES



Los Altos Hills encourages and welcomes residents to become involved in the local community, and contribute to the success of the Town. Being a member of a Town committee is a great opportunity to connect your passion with public service and use your unique skills to benefit the community.

Terms on the committees are four years. Specific information on the committees, including membership eligibility, meeting times/locations, scope of authority, current members and the application form is available on the Town's website: [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov), under "Government/ Standing Committees." The following committees currently have openings:

- Emergency Communications (5)
- Education (5)
- History (5)
- Senior Commission (1)
- Environmental Design & Protection (1)
- Environmental Initiatives (3)
- Open Space (2)
- Parks & Recreation (4)
- Pathways (1)
- Public Art (3)

For more information, please contact Deborah Padovan, City Clerk (650) 947-2513 or [dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto: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.**



# Community

## AAUW branches out with tree planting in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos/Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women sponsored the planting of a tree at Sylvan Park in Mountain View Nov. 6.

The tree planting supports AAUW's mission of encouraging climate preservation and promoting environmental justice for women and girls.

Young volunteers did the digging and staking, under the supervision of staff members of Canopy, a nonprofit organization that

coordinates the planting of trees in urban parks, schools and other locations.


Local AAUW executive directors Susan Ware, Claire Noonan and Allyson Johnson attended the planting. Among the five trees to be planted, the AAUW directors chose to adopt a healthy young cork oak, native to the Mediterranean and well suited to the area's climate.

The tree will be sustained as it grows by Canopy volunteers and will provide shade to park-goers as well as absorbing carbon dioxide for a healthier climate.



COURTESY OF ALLYSON JOHNSON

Claire Noonan, from left, Allyson Johnson and Susan Ware of the American Association of University Women celebrate their planted tree last month.



### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

December 14, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.  
Virtual

**City of LOS ALTOS**

Members of the Public may join and participate in the Council meeting at <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1442364192>

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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](mailto:PublicComment@losaltosca.gov) with the subject line in the following format:

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **City Council Minutes:** Approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2021, and December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting (A. Chelemengos)
2. **Housing Services Agreement:** Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Three Year Agreement with Alta Housing (Formerly Palo Alto Housing) for Housing Services in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$195,000. (J. Biggs)
3. **2022 Meeting Calendar:** Adopt 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule and receive Commission calendars (A. Chelemengos)
4. **Contract Award: Structural Reach Replacement, Project WW-01002 to Bellecci & Associates, Inc.:** Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City with Bellecci & Associates, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$176,574 and up to a 10% design and construction support contingency amount of \$17,657 for a total of up to \$194,231 to provide design and consulting services for the Structural Reach Replacement Project WW-01002 - Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 (b)
5. **Professional Services Agreement - Access Control System for Police Department:** Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Flying Locksmiths of Sacramento in an amount not to exceed \$114,132 for installation of Openpath Access Control System (ACS) for the Police Department. (A. Tseng)
6. **Halsey House Funding Appropriation:** Authorize appropriation of \$250,000 from the Park In-Lieu Fund to Project CF-01004 for mothballing of the Halsey House
7. **Purchasing Policy Update:** Review and adopt the revised purchasing policy and adopt Resolution No. 2021-59 Establishing Certain Monetary Limits For Purposes Of Purchasing (J. Furtado)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. **Establishment of Permanent Dog Parks:** Consider and find that the 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 to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15305 (Minor Alterations to Land Use Restrictions) in that the proposed dog parks established hereby is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact upon the existing environment, will involve the use of an existing recreational facility, and will not significantly alter existing facilities or existing land use restrictions. The City Council also finds 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.; 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 further direct staff to proceed with the 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 and increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 allocated from Park in Lieu funds. (D. Legge, M. Hernandez)
9. **Fee Waiver Request:** Consider request from Friends of the Library for a waiving of rental fees in a total amount of \$45,000 for use of the Los Altos Community Center space (J. Chew)
10. **Objective Standards for Single Family Residences:** Consider and Adopt Resolution No 2021-57 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos establishing Objective Standards for Single Family Residences to implement Senate Bill 9 (J. Liu, E. Ramakrishnan)
11. **American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures:** Discuss potential uses of the American Rescue Plan Act dollars; identify projects or programs for which American Rescue Plan Act dollars can be used, if any, and provide direction to staff as necessary. (J. Maginot)
12. **Funding of the City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB):** Adopt Resolution 2021-XX authorizing and directing that the transfer of \$1.5 million to CALPERS to invest in the City's California Employers' Retirement Benefit Trust (CERBT) (J. Furtado)
13. **CALPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability Paydown:** Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX approving the transfer of \$5 million to CALPERS to pay down the City's unfunded accrued liability. (J. Furtado)
14. **Council Planning Meeting**
15. **2022 City Council Assignments:** Accept the Mayor's appointments to local and regional boards and Council Committees for 2022
16. **Tentative Council Calendar:** Conduct Quarterly Review of Tentative Council Calendar and provide direction to staff. (A. Chelemengos)

**Agendas, Reports and associated documents for City Council items may be viewed at [losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/meetings](https://losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/meetings)**

## Holiday Wish List

Have you been naughty or nice?



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# Community

## Community Briefs

### Scouts organize toy drive

Los Altos Boy Scout Troop 30 is hosting a toy drive for local underserved youth, in connection with Hope's Corner's 10th annual children's holiday event.

Scouts will be collecting donations 10 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday in front of Adventure Toys & Teachers' Supplies, 173 Main St., Los Altos.

For more information on the troop, visit [troopwebhost.org/troop30losaltos](http://troopwebhost.org/troop30losaltos).

### Museum welcomes new board members

The Los Altos History Museum recently added two new members to its board of directors.

The current board approved Margo Horn, Ph.D., for a one-year term and Kuljeet Kalkat for a two-year term.

Horn began teaching in the Stanford University history department in 1985. Her research and teaching combines interests in U.S. women's history and the history of medicine. She is serving her second term on the Los Altos Historical Commission and is a founding member of the Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance.

Kalkat, a longtime Los Altos resident, spent more than 30 years in product development and management in the computer industry and currently mentors clean technology startups. From 1991 to 1998, he and his wife ran a small business in downtown Los Altos. He serves as chairperson of the Los Altos

Financial Commission and is on the board of Community Services Agency.

### Exhibition showcases 'Art of Living History'

Local artist Robert Schick's exhibition "The Art of Living


History" is on display through March at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 W. Fremont Road.

The exhibition showcases a body of work that records the transformation that Santa Clara Valley underwent in front of the artist's eyes. During his child-

hood, Schick appreciated the valley's local landmarks. He planned to capture all the sights in a series of paintings upon retirement.

For more information on Schick, visit [roberteschick.com](http://roberteschick.com).

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# Puzzles Page

## Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

### Across

1. European capital
5. Letter addendum
8. Ending for east or west
11. Educational institution, abbr.
12. Lab vessel
13. Hook shape
14. Western writer Grey
15. Glimpse
16. Photo \_\_\_ (publicity events)
17. The Mikado, e.g.
19. Lean-\_\_\_ (sheds)
20. Science of animals
- 23. Peter's last name, first name for Los Altos city manager**
27. Its capital is Port Moresby
30. Tom Hanks castaway location
- 31. MVLA superintendent Nellie**
32. Innocent
33. Beginning
34. Raphael's "\_\_\_ Madonna"
36. "Who \_\_\_?": New Orleans Saints' fans chant

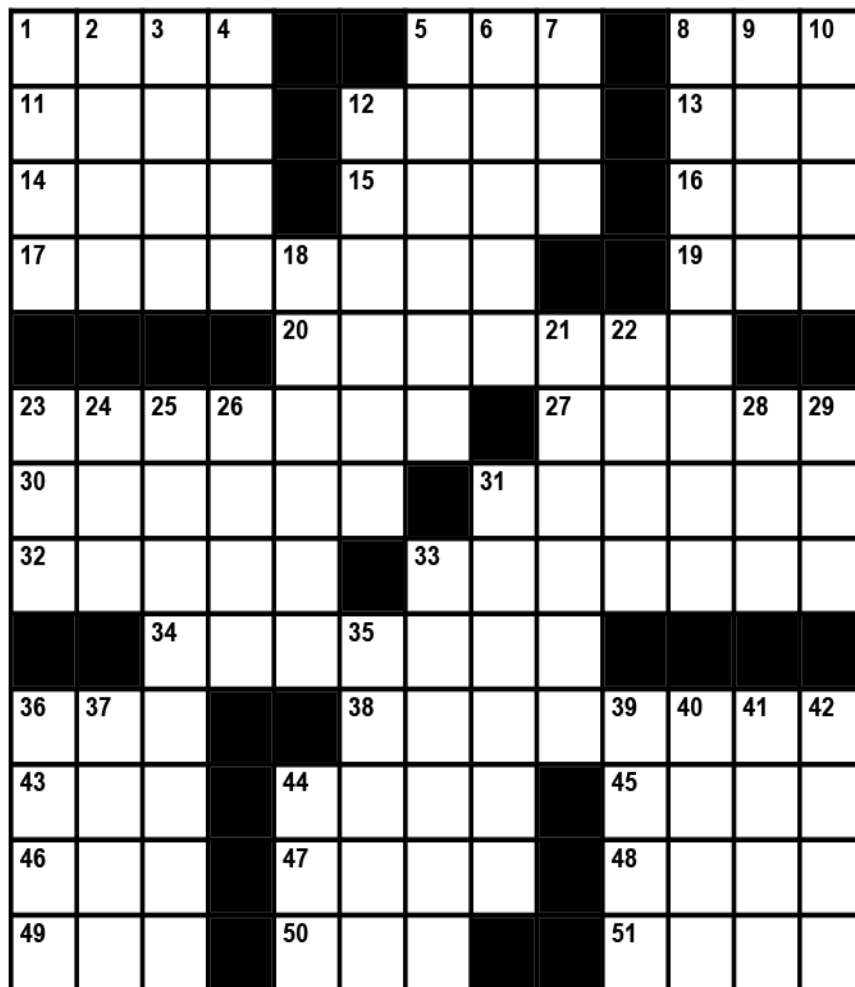
38. Wrinkly
43. Mrs. sheep
44. Aquarium annoyance
45. When doubled, a Pacific capital
46. Shake
47. Paper money of Cambodia
- 48. Campbell and University, in Los Altos**
49. Cries of regret
50. Life saving technique
51. Stringed instrument

### Down

1. Anise-flavored liqueur
2. Cold period
3. Come-on
4. Seas or sees lead-in
5. Colt 45, for one
6. Pontifical
7. Furtive
8. Subspecies especially adapted to their environments
9. Bank take-back
10. "The Untouchables" agent Eliot
12. Rejected
18. Internet magazines

21. First game of the season
22. Marvin of Motown
23. Martini ingredient
24. \_\_\_ rule
25. Sore spots
26. "The Sounds of India" musician, first name
28. Spoon bender
29. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" animal
31. Unskilled
33. Fred's dancing partner
35. Garden bulb
36. \_\_\_ vu
37. "Love Will Find \_\_\_"
39. Birthstone after sapphire
40. Midshipmen, college team
41. Bavarian river
42. Amount of medicine
44. Circle segment

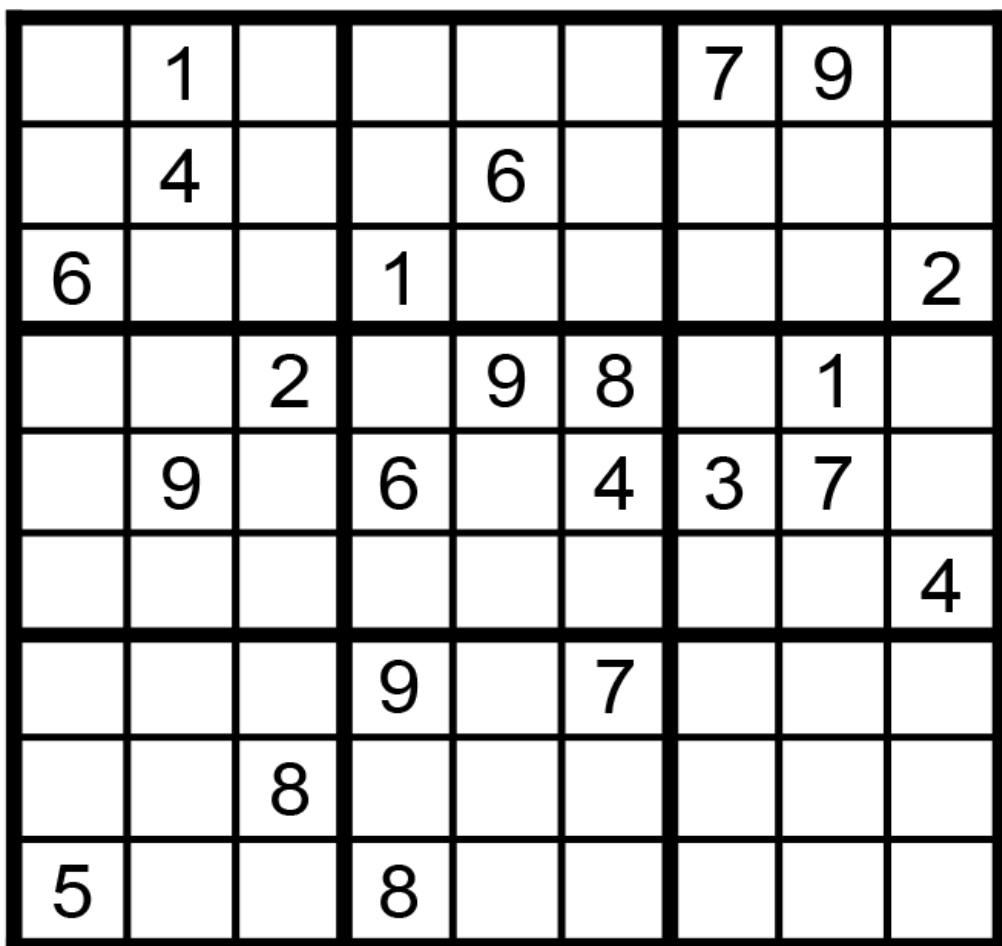
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## Sudoku

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



## Find A Word



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

- Crane
- Crow
- Cuckoo
- Doves
- Eagle

- Finch
- Heron
- Jays
- Kestrel
- Magpie

- Owls
- Raven
- Robin
- Sandpiper
- Sparrow

# Sports

## Sports on the Side

### Hot Stove Banquet canceled again

The annual Santa Clara Valley Hot Stove Banquet, which recognizes pro, college and high school baseball players from the area, has been canceled for 2022 because of the pandemic. “Due to the uncertainty of being able to have 400 attendees in one medium-sized banquet hall for this upcoming January banquet, we as a committee felt we had no other options,” Hot Stove president and CEO **Sandy Wihtol** wrote in an email sent Nov. 30. The former Los Altos High baseball coach cited “vaccine requirements, expecting hosts and players to travel to attend, the older generation of fans being cautious (and that) our new banquet hall is a little bit smaller” as reasons for canceling the event for the second year in a row. Wihtol added that “it is the difficult but correct decision.” The banquet raises money for youth baseball programs, and the committee still welcomes donations. To make a tax-deductible donation and for more information, visit [hotstovescv.org](http://hotstovescv.org).

### Tree lot open at Mtn. View High

The Spartans Tree Lot is open at the Mountain View High football stadium. Noble firs and Nordman firs are offered, along with wreaths, tree stands and decorative reindeer. Trees are also being sold via delivery. Proceeds benefit Mountain View High athletics. Operating hours are 5-8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends. For more information, call (650) 407-1932 or visit [SpartansTreeLot.com](http://SpartansTreeLot.com).

### Local high schools seek coaches

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## Kerr leads Lancers to 1-point win over Eagles

By **Pete Borello**  
Staff Writer/[peteb@latc.com](mailto:peteb@latc.com)

The Los Altos High boys basketball team started strong, but St. Francis’ Isaiah Kerr finished stronger in Thursday’s non-league game.

The senior scored 11 of his game-high 26 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Lancers to a 69-68 win over the visiting Eagles, who held a 14-point advantage early in the second quarter.

“When we’re down in a game like this, I think it’s important to keep your poise,” Kerr said, “and when I’ve got to score, I’ve got to go get it – so that’s what I did.”

Almost every time St. Francis needed a basket in the fourth, the University of Montana-bound guard delivered by driving to the hoop.

“Kerr just really was a force in the fourth quarter,” Eagles coach Trevor Naas said. “He got to the rack a lot and finished.”

The first of those finishes gave the Lancers their biggest advantage since early in the first quarter at 58-53 with 6:17 to play. Los Altos scored the next six points – four of which came from Jake Skaggs (putback and reverse lay-



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**St. Francis High’s Isaiah Kerr drives to the basket against Los Altos. He scored a game-high 26 points in the Lancers’ win.**

in) – to regain the lead just more than a minute later. Kerr responded by making a drive from the left baseline, despite getting fouled, and the free throw that followed.

Los Altos’ Andrew Reilly tied the game at 61 by driving through

the middle of the key, but Kerr countered it. The two guards traded scoring drives again, making it 65-63 St. Francis with 2:33 to go.

Coming off the bench, Jerwayne Williams Jr. then drained **See BASKETBALL, Page 22**

## LAHS’s new wrestling coach has overcome obstacles on & off the mat

By **Pete Borello**  
Staff Writer/[peteb@latc.com](mailto:peteb@latc.com)

Noor Almusahwi’s task of rebuilding the Los Altos High wrestling program won’t be easy. The Eagles’ sixth head coach in as many seasons, he takes over a team that’s suffered from a shortage of wrestlers and wins in recent years.

Almusahwi has overcome bigger challenges in his life, though. Much bigger.

A refugee from Iraq, Almusahwi said he lived most of his childhood on the streets and moved to Jordan and then Syria before coming to the U.S. 11 years ago at age 14.

Life didn’t get much better once he settled in San Jose.

“My mom kicked me out and I went to a foster home,” Almusahwi said. “I was lucky my wrestling coach at Pioneer (High), Fernando Flanagan, stepped in and helped me.”

Dealing with what he called “dental and mental health issues,” Almusahwi found comfort on the wrestling mat. He lacked experience, but his drive and aggression helped him



COURTESY OF NOOR ALMUSAHWI

**Noor Almusahwi, Los Altos High’s new wrestling coach, is a refugee from Iraq who took up the sport at Pioneer High School.**

become one of the top wrestlers in the Central Coast Section.

“I took fourth or fifth at CCS two years in a

row,” he said. “I didn’t know technique – I just wrestled mad at the world. I was mad at being a street vendor and not having a childhood.”

Poor grades limited his educational options after high school, and Almusahwi bounced around community colleges before finding a home at Modesto Junior College. He wrestled there for two years and placed as high as third in the state.

With improved grades, Almusahwi transferred to Arizona State. He made the wrestling team, but Almusahwi said he wasn’t allowed to compete in meets because his eligibility status was in question due to the lack of a paper trail from his childhood in the Middle East. Undeterred, he trained with the team for two years.

Almusahwi graduated from ASU in 2019 with a business degree and a nearly 4.00 GPA. He’s worked as a Congressional intern, for a consulting company and is now a content analyst for Google.

“I have multiple jobs,” he said.

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## Eagles start 2-0 in girls hoops; LA’s Soobrian wins Nike race

By **Pete Borello**  
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Having lost three key starters to graduation, this season’s Los Altos High girls basketball team looks a lot different from the squad that reached the Central Coast Section Division I final last spring. What hasn’t changed, at least after two games, is the Eagles’ ability to play defense.

Los Altos followed a 26-18 victory at Piedmont Hills with a 48-31

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win over Presentation last week.

In Thursday’s season opener, the visiting Eagles held Piedmont Hills to three points in the second and third quarters. Early in the fourth, Los Altos took its biggest lead at 24-11 on a turnaround jumper by Mira Sundar. She and Natalie Holm each finished with six points to pace the Eagles.

In Saturday’s home opener, Los Altos limited Presentation to 10 points in the first half and led by 14. The advantage grew to 40-20 at the end of the third quarter.

Abby Lu finished with 17 points, which coach Erik Stuart **See SUMMARY, Page 23**

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## Public Comment for the Propose Cleanup Plan for Los Altos High School Expansion

Los Altos, California 94022

**Public Comment Period:**  
December 15, 2021 to January 19, 2022

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District (District) expansion project at Los Altos High School (LAHS) located 201 Almond Avenue in Los Altos, California 94022 (Site). The draft RAW would address cleanup of the naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) in the soil.

DTSC will oversee the proposed cleanup project. We invite you to review and comment on the draft RAW, which describes the investigations carried out at the Site, the findings, the cleanup alternatives evaluated and the proposed cleanup alternative.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?** DTSC will accept public comments on the draft RAW during the public comment period beginning **December 15, 2021 – January 19, 2022**. All comments must be received by **January 19, 2022**, and sent to Letitia Shen, DTSC Project Manager (see below for contact information).

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):** In Compliance with CEQA, an initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed school expansion project was prepared by the school district. Although DTSC will act as the lead agency for the RAW, it is considered a responsible agency under CEQA. DTSC will complete an independent analysis of the project activities to determine whether the District's IS/MND adequately assessed the potential impacts of the project subject to its discretionary approval. Based on that analysis, DTSC will complete the appropriate CEQA document for the RAW. As appropriate, following the 30-day public comment period and approval of the RAW, DTSC will file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

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a 3-pointer to put the Eagles up one. Kerr answered again – fouled making another drive – but missed the free throw. The Lancers were now clinging to a one-point lead with 1:15 left.

Los Altos didn't waver. Reilly cut to the hoop and scored inside on a pass from Skaggs, giving the Eagles a 68-67 edge with 51 seconds remaining.

This time, St. Francis turned to Brylan Lundy, who drove middle to score the go-ahead basket with 37 ticks left.

"Brylan did a nice job," St. Francis coach Mike Motil said of the senior guard, who totaled 12 points. "He got a big bucket there at the end of the game."

After a timeout, the Eagles got up four shots on their next possession – the first of which was blocked by Vince Barringer – yet couldn't convert. Los Altos fouled Lundy, who missed the free throw but got back on defense in time to stop Reilly – racing the other way after grabbing the rebound – from getting up a shot. Lundy knocked the ball out of bounds before Reilly reached the paint, leaving just 0.01 seconds on the clock. Kerr tipped the baseline inbound pass, and the game was over.

"Obviously, being that close, we would like to get one of those shots to drop at the end," Naas said, "but I'm really proud of their effort."

The Eagles had plenty of shots drop in the first quarter – including four from beyond the arc – to jump out to a 26-13 advantage. Down 5-0 after the first minute, Los Altos scored the next 10 points. Half of them came from Reilly, who buried a 3-pointer on an inbound play to tie the game and then made a breakaway layup to give the Eagles their first lead.

The senior guard finished with a team-high 21 points. Forward Skaggs scored 11 of his 20 points in the period, capped by a 3 from the right baseline in the final minute.

Williams sank a pair of free throws with 7:03 left in the second to give Los Altos its biggest lead at 29-15. St. Francis cut the deficit to three by intermission, thanks to a 12-1 run to end the half that featured a pair of 3s by Barringer.

The Eagles built the lead back to eight midway through the third, despite making just one field goal – a 3 from Reilly. The Lancers struggled from the field as well, missing their first eight shots of the quarter. Barringer ended the drought with a top-of-the-key 3 that bounced in and out before falling through the cylinder. That ignited an 11-0 run for St. Francis capped by another Barringer 3, which put his team up 50-47 with 24 seconds left in the period.

Reilly broke Los Altos' scoreless streak by driving right for a layin with three seconds left in the



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**Los Altos' Andrew Reilly puts up a shot against St. Francis. He led the Eagles with 21 points.**

quarter, narrowing St. Francis' advantage to one.

Barringer opened the fourth with another try and then scored just inside the arc after Skaggs made a putback. Barringer finished with 21 points.

The Lancers outscored the Eagles 56-42 after the opening quarter.

"I think our defensive intensity just changed after the first quarter," Motil said, "and then we found some offensive consistency."

This marked the first time Los Altos and St. Francis has played in years – Naas said the last meeting was likely well before he took over the Eagles in 2016 – but the teams did face off in summer league.

"I know some of the guys on the other team, and they actually came out playing great," Kerr said of Los Altos. "It's always good to play against people you know – there's always just a little bit more fire."

St. Francis, which beat Moreau Catholic 63-56 Saturday at the Oscar Frayer Invitational in Hayward, is now 3-0. Los Altos is 2-1 after defeating visiting Lynbrook 60-48 Saturday.

## COACH

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The latest is coaching wrestling at Los Altos. This is Almusahwi's first stint as a head coach; he previously served as an assistant at Pioneer and Leland. He also co-founded a wrestling club at the Muslim Community Association in Santa Clara.

"It's my dream to continue my education, and in the meantime, I want to serve the public and give back whatever I can," Almusahwi said.

He found out about the Los

Altos opening at Stanford, where he trains as a wrestler. That's right – Almusahwi still competes. A member of the Iraqi wrestling team, he also participates in open events as a 157-pounder.

"It's something I know and do well," he said of the sport, "and I always want to excel."

Almusahwi aims to succeed as coach of the Eagles as well. He said 30 students have come out for the team, and there are enough varsity wrestlers to fill every weight class. Four of the wrestlers are girls, and Almusahwi said he wants more to join so he can start

a girls team one day.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, Los Altos took part in a friendly meet with Lynbrook and Mitty, beating the latter with six pins.

It's the start of what Almusahwi hopes is a turnaround season for Los Altos – or at least a step toward a brighter future for the program.

"My main focus is to build a wrestling community," he said. "I plan to build the program bit by bit."

The Eagles' SCVAL El Camino Division opener is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at home against Gunn.

# Sports

## Local high school and community college sports schedule for today through Dec. 14

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Boys soccer

**Today**  
Los Altos at Menlo-Atherton, 5 p.m.  
Mountain View at Cupertino, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Gunn at St. Francis, 4 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Pinewood at Woodside Priory, 3:30 p.m.  
Mountain View at Milpitas, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
St. Francis vs. Homestead at Homestead Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Los Altos at Watsonville, 1:15 p.m.  
**Monday**  
Mountain View at Del Mar, 7 p.m.

#### Girls soccer

**Today**  
Summit/Shasta at Pinewood, 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Los Altos at Westmont, TBA  
**Friday**  
Willow Glen at St. Francis, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
St. Francis vs. Menlo at Fremont-Sunnyvale Tournament, 1:15 p.m.  
Mountain View vs. Los Gatos at Fremont-Sunnyvale Tournament, 3 p.m.  
**Monday**  
Hillsdale at St. Francis, 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
Los Altos at Notre Dame-Belmont, 11:30 a.m.

#### Boys basketball

**Today**  
Los Altos at Burlingame Tournament, TBA  
**Thursday**  
St. Thomas More at Pinewood, 7:15 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Los Altos at Burlingame Tournament, TBA  
**Saturday**  
Pinewood at Gunn, 6:30 p.m.  
Mountain View vs. St. Francis in Merv Harris Classic at Serra, TBA

#### Girls basketball

**Today**  
University at Los Altos, 7 p.m.

Yerba Buena at Mountain View, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
St. Ignatius at Pinewood, 11 a.m.  
Los Altos and St. Francis at Leland Shootout, TBA  
**Tuesday**  
St. Francis at Santa Teresa, 7 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
**Saturday**  
Mountain View and St. Francis in Webber Lawson Tournament at Fremont-Sunnyvale, 9 a.m.

### COLLEGE

#### Men's basketball

**Today**  
Foothill at San Jose City, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Foothill at Sierra, 3 p.m.

#### Women's basketball

**Today**  
Los Angeles Harbor at Foothill, 5 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Cabrillo at Foothill, 5 p.m.

**TBA: To be announced**

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St. Francis High seeks assistant coaches in a variety of sports. To apply, visit [tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b](http://tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b).

### NFHS puts out call for sports officials

Due to a shortage of high school officials for almost every sport, the National Federation of State High School Associations seeks referees and umpires throughout the country. These are paid positions, hours are flexible and training is provided. To apply and for more information, visit [highschoolofficials.com](http://highschoolofficials.com).

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believes is her career high, along with four steals. The coach also praised Tessa Player, who contributed nine points and six rebounds.

Los Altos, which allowed only 35 points per game last season, hosts University 7 p.m. today.

The 3s weren't falling for Pinewood Saturday, but the host Panthers didn't need them to beat San Ramon Valley. That's because the Wolves couldn't stop Elle Ladine, who poured in 35 points in Pinewood's 59-32 win.

Ladine had 23 by halftime, highlighted by a layin off a lob pass from Kaile Cruz that just beat the shot clock. Other than an early trey and four free throws, all of the senior's points came from inside the paint Saturday.

Pinewood (2-0) shot a mere 2-of-25 from 3-point range.

St. Francis went 3-0 at the season-opening San Luis Obispo Tournament that concluded Saturday.

The Lancers beat St. Joseph 59-44 Thursday, topped Mission Prep 45-26 Friday and defeated Righetti 53-40 Saturday.

### Cross-country

Los Altos junior Lauren Soobrian won the women's 5,000-meter race Saturday at the California regional meet at Woodward Park in Fresno, the same place she finished 11th in Division I and 27th overall a week earlier running with her team at the state meet.

Soobrian completed the regional race in a personal-best 17 minutes, 40.6 seconds. That time was 2 seconds faster than the school record she set at Woodward Park as a freshman.

"It was amazing that she managed to take 22 seconds off her



COURTESY OF LISA SOOBRIAN

### Los Altos High's Lauren Soobrian races in Saturday's regional meet in Fresno.

time on the same course just one week earlier," Eagles coach Steph MacKenzie said. "She looked super relaxed throughout the race and easily pulled away with 800 (meters) to go."

Soobrian beat runner-up Ashlyn Leath of Clovis North by 7 seconds.

### Girls soccer

A late goal by Laila Edris lifted Mountain View to a 2-1 win over Menlo Saturday in the first round of Fremont Firebird Classic. The freshman scored in the 78th minute on an assist from Allie Montoya. Isabella Walker scored the Spartans' initial goal, assisted by Karena Shah.

Mountain View, which whipped Willow Glen 6-0 Dec. 1 behind two goals and an assist from Montoya, improved to 2-0.

Los Altos is off to a 1-1 start after routing San Jose 10-0 Nov. 29 and falling to Aptos 1-0 Thursday.



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### ADVENT MIDWEEK

Wed., Dec. 8, 15, 5:30PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, Dec. 24, 6:00PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, Dec. 25, 9:00AM

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650-880-1401

### Christmas Eve, Friday Dec 24

3:00 pm Outside

5:00 pm Inside, Livestreamed

11:30 pm Christmas Carols followed by  
Midnight Mass, Inside Livestreamed

### Christmas Day, Saturday Dec 25

7:30 am, 9:00 Livestreamed, 11:15 am

*Livestreamed Masses on Facebook and  
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## St. Nicholas & St. William Catholic Parish

### Christmas Eve

St. Nicholas: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm (French), & 11pm

St. William: 4pm & 6pm

*Livestreamed at 6pm*

[www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org](http://www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org)

### Christmas Day

St. Nicholas: 8am & 10am

St. William: 9am & 11am

**St. Nicholas Church**  
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## Iraqi-Jewish winter soup takes a circuitous path to Los Altos

By Eliza Ridgeway  
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A deep red soup of simple vegetables and delicate dumplings beloved as a winter dish in Israel has unusually strong Los Altos connections this year, from catering to home cooking tutorials from a grandmother of yore.

Los Altos resident Anat Vronsky has been selling the soup, perfectly suited for the region's cold spells, through her business Anat Catering. Kubbeh selek emerged from the Iraqi-Jewish community but has been adopted by Israelis of all backgrounds, Vronsky said. Her friend, Los Altos resident Sass Somekh, ate kubbeh at his mother's table in Tel Aviv in the years after they emigrated from Iraq. His mother, Rachel, a proficient cook, handily shaped dumplings that subsequent generations found challenging to master.

"It wasn't a dish that I grew up on or had at home," Vronsky said. "It became very popular in Israel when I grew older, and

I simply liked it so much that I learned how to make it, using recipes and my taste buds."

The dish's three components – a vegetable soup, a semolina dumpling dough and a meat filling – each require preparation, and the craft of shaping the kubbeh does not present a trivial task for first-timers.

"It's called the 'Iraqi hand' – you spread the dough onto your hand, put a bit of the filling and then you hug the filling with the dough," Vronsky said. "I've never met someone who doesn't like it, but most Israelis here in the Bay Area won't prepare it – they buy it – so I offered it in the delivery menu."

Vronsky's version goes light on the traditional seasonings, which typically include a hearty dose of the baharat spice mixture, a signature regional component shared among some Middle Eastern countries with a use akin to garam masala. Somekh's mother made a baharat for everyday home use that included cinnamon, nutmeg,



ginger, cloves, cardamom, all-spice and finely ground rose buds. In Vronsky's version of the kubbeh selek, recipe on page 27, the vegetables' flavor takes the dominant position, with cumin, salt, lemon and a dash of sugar as the only seasonings.

"The soup is very, very important because all the flavors come from the soup, so you always have to taste it and make sure that it is balanced," she said.

The tiny amount of sugar



LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF SASS SOMEKH; ABOVE & RIGHT COURTESY OF ANAT VRONSKY

**Iraqi-Jewish cooks like Rachel Somekh, left, teach the delicate art of shaping kubbeh and coloring them in beet soup.**

doesn't make for a sweet dish, but rather a balance to the sourness of the lemon and the bite of the cumin, just as the salt enhances vegetables flavors rather than making for a distinctly salty broth.

Vronsky adds butternut



squash and celery to her Northern

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## Day trip: Pacifica's taprooms offer laid-back vibe, inventive pedigree

By Derek Wolfgram

With the opening of a new taproom by Bay Area favorite Humble Sea Brewing Co. in Pacifica in July, this coastal town of under 40,000 residents now boasts three brewery taprooms, each of which has a different personality and reflects the approach of its respective brewer. In a recent visit, I was able to sample some of the brews from each location and soak in the vibes at each taproom.

### Pedro Point Brewing

Pedro Point Brewing has a very casual, locals-oriented approach. Just a couple blocks' walk from the beach in a well-weathered strip mall, the dog-friendly space is large enough to accommodate a number of visitors, as well as events such as live music and restaurant pop-ups. With approximately a dozen taps, it serves a diverse range of solid beers, including lagers, IPAs, darks, Belgians and sours. Pedro Point Brewing opened in 2018 and was the first of the three

### Cheers!

brewery tasting rooms in the community.

My favorite offering on the day we visited was its Strawberry Lemnynade kettle sour ale (named for the adorable dog Lemmy whose face is pictured on the label if you buy a four-pack to go, as I did). This 6.1% alcohol by volume (ABV) brew pours a hazy peach color with a low white head of foam. The aroma of tart lemon and bright berry is reminiscent of opening a container of pink lemonade mix (in a good way!). The flavor mirrors the aroma, with notes of SweeTarts candies and a bright, refreshing lemony finish. With a light body, Strawberry Lemnynade is not super complex, but it is a tasty and refreshing brew.

### Pacifica Brewery

Pacifica Brewery opened in the fall of 2019 in a newly built facility that reflects the casual elegance of the food and beer. With a mix of indoor and outdoor



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**Humble Sea's new Pacifica taproom features a large outdoor beer garden.**

spaces that flow nicely together, as well as a substantial full bar, the building was designed from the ground up to be a brewery/restaurant in which the food and the beer are co-stars, rather than a brewery that happens to serve food. Founded and owned by Helen Nasser and Sylvain Montassier, who are mar-

ried, the restaurant's menu pairs Montassier's world-class cuisine with beers brewed by award-winning brewmaster Kim Sturdavant, best known for his beers at the now-defunct Social Kitchen and Brewery in San Francisco.

While at Social Kitchen, Sturdavant

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## Food & Wine

### Pomegranates and pistachios stud green beans like colorful jewels

By Eliza Ridgeway

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Local cookbook author Erin Gleeson is finishing up a new “Road Trip” volume of her “Forest Feast” series, including yet more hand-drawn and -painted recipes from spots as near as Los Altos Hills and throughout California – watch the Town Crier’s food section in the spring for more on her local inspirations.

In search of a recipe to show off the new crop of pomegranates ripening on trees around Los Altos at this time of year, we looked into Gleeson’s archive for this Honey-Balsamic Green Beans recipe. Gleeson drew inspiration from a visit to Mount Etna in Sicily for this speedy, dinner-party-friendly side from “Forest Feast Mediterranean” (Abrams, 2019).

If you aren’t lucky enough to have a neighbor with fruit to share, you can buy pomegranates at local markets, find them pre-prepared at Trader Joe’s, or buy them at local farms like Moun-

tain View’s Deer Hollow Farm, inside Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, which has been intermittently putting out persimmons and pomegranates for local visitors (remember to carry cash when you hike).

#### Honey-Balsamic Green Beans

- 4 cups green beans, trimmed and diagonally sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Sea salt to taste
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1/4 cup roasted pistachios, chopped

Saute green beans over medium heat with olive oil, salt



and pepper 3-5 minutes or until bright green.

Add balsamic vinegar and honey and toss until beans are glazed, approximately 1 minute.

Transfer to platter and sprinkle with sea salt, pomegranate and pistachios.

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invented the brut IPA style in 2017. Brut IPAs use the enzyme amyloglucosidase to produce bone-dry beers brewed with adjuncts to create super-light color, and the lack of residual sugars highlights hop character in a unique fashion.

No doubt inspired by brut IPAs, many breweries started brewing another new twist on IPAs in 2020: the cold IPA. Fermented with lager yeast at temperatures higher than a traditional lager but lower than ale yeast, the base malt is pilsner with adjuncts, and American-style hops are centered, including additions during primary fermentation to generate some of the biotransformation characteristics sought by hazy IPA brewers.

Sturdavant named a recent offering Two Things at Once, incorporating the techniques and ingredients of both cold IPA and brut IPA together. True to character for a cold brut IPA, the beer is a very pale straw color from the pilsner malt and rice in the mash, with a low white head and a high level of carbonation. With aromas and

flavors of orange zest, green mango and ripe pineapple from the El Dorado and Strata hops, the beer finishes super crisp and dry, allowing the hops to continue to shine.

Two Things at Once would pair nicely with the rich, bold flavors of the menu, including Pok Pok wings, ahi poke, Buffalo cauliflower, wood-fired pizza or the PB burger. A variety of other beers on the menu pair well with the more upscale entrees such as goat ricotta gnudi with braised mushrooms and roasted corn, pepper-crusted filet or wild local halibut with squash medley, Savoy spinach and a “lobster cloud.”

#### Humble Sea Brewing

Humble Sea Brewing opened in Santa Cruz in 2017 and quickly developed a cult following for its Foggy IPAs, its take on the now-ubiquitous New England hazy IPA style.

The Pacifica taproom marks its first expansion into a second location – beers are still brewed at the Santa Cruz brewery, but it had approximately 20 brews on tap and plenty of four-packs to-go in the large retail store adjacent to the taproom.

The tap list is dominated by

its signature hoppy beers, but I was also impressed by its classic take on an English mild ale (Just Squidding). Another standout was their German helles lager (The Original DDH), which won best in show at this year’s California Brewers Cup Competition. With online ordering from the table and a floating crew of servers instead of dedicated servers, the service was less personal than Pedro Point, but impressively fast.

Freaky Fogday is a 7% ABV foggy IPA double dry hopped with a blend of Riwaka, El Dorado, Centennial and Sabro hops. It pours a deeply hazy golden color with a medium white head and medium mouthfeel, with the haziness and texture driven by a large addition of oats in the brewing process. The aroma suggests an oddly complementary combination of Froot Loops cereal and lemon-lime soda. With moderate tropical hop bitterness and hop flavors of tangerine zest and slightly underripe peach, the beer finishes with fresh pine bitterness lingering on the palate.

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## KUBBEH

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Californian iteration of the dish, while Rachel used just beet and onion for her more traditionalist approach to the broth. There are a variety of kubbeh soups within the Iraqi Jewish tradition – Somekh’s mother compiled seven in a family recipe collection – but Vronsky loves the brilliant color beets bring to the winter specialty, and she chiffonades beet greens to use in lieu of parsley or cilantro as a garnish atop the soup.

### Cross-border kitchen

Rachel was born in Basra, a southern port city in Iraq, where her father worked as a tea merchant connecting the trade circuit between India and Great Britain, while her mother, Rosa, presided over a bustling kitchen with a special knack for vegetarian dishes done in the Iraqi-Jewish style. The Jewish community in cities such as Baghdad, Mosul and Basra dated back more than 2,000 years, but an exodus that accelerated in 1951 has left very few descendants in their region of origin.

In 1948, when Israel formed as a state and the Arab-Israeli conflict centered in Palestine escalated, shockwaves from the war extended to neighboring nations, including Iraq. Rachel’s husband, Salim, was imprisoned and charged with being a Communist and a Zionist. The rest of the family crossed a river from Iraq to Iran, ultimately settling in an Israeli refugee camp. After five years of labor in a prison, Somekh’s father left Iraq and reunited with children who now spoke more Hebrew than Arabic, and they relearned life together as a family.

As a young man, Somekh moved to the U.S. with his wife, Eta, to pursue a doctorate at Caltech and afterward worked at Bell Labs, Intel and, ultimately, joined Applied Materials when it was still a relatively young company. His mother lived in Israel for the rest of her life, and served as the family cook, gathering relatives who lived around the world for family dinners.

“We were looking for some way to document it,” Somekh said.

Rachel’s grandsons collaborated to create [recipesbyrachel.com](http://recipesbyrachel.com), with recipes, cooking videos and biography. Her videos, which are hosted on YouTube, have attracted commenters from around the world who resonate with Basrawi cuisine, and grandmothers.

“It reminded people of their own countries, their own traditions,” Somekh said. “Some people saw their grandmother in her, some just fell in love and said that they would love to eat it.”

### Anat Vronsky’s Kubbeh Selek

#### Soup

- 4 medium-size beets, peeled and cubed
- 1 onion, peeled and cubed
- 4 celery sticks, sliced
- 1/2 butternut squash, cubed
- 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- Juice from two lemons
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- Salt to taste

Add oil to large pot on medium heat. Add all vegetables, mix and fry 1 minute. Add tomato paste and mix well. Fry 1 minute.

Add sugar, lemon juice, spices and water. Cook 30 minutes.

#### Filling

- 1 pound beef chuck
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 tomato, grated
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- Cumin and salt to taste

Add ground beef to frying pan on medium heat. Break up meat and wait for liquid to release from meat, approximately 1 minute. Add onion, tomato and spices. Fry and break into small pieces. Cook until meat is no longer red. Add parsley.

#### Dough

- 3 cups semolina
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Add semolina to large bowl. Add spices and mix. Gradually add water and gently mix with hands – don’t knead like bread dough or it will become too chewy. Cover and let rest 30 minutes.

Oil hands and take dough and divide into small pieces of equal size. Flatten each piece, not too thin, and fill with meat. Press in with thumb. Wrap and pinch edges. Pass between hands to seal cracks and make smooth. It takes a few tries to get the hang of it.

#### To finish

Bring soup to boil. Gently add kubbeh. Cover and cook on medium heat 30 minutes. Gently shake pot from time to time.

Decorate with chopped beet leaves or cilantro.

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## Los Altos Stage Co.'s 'Brilliant' plays on

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Stage Company's production of "Every Brilliant Thing" runs through Dec. 19 at Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave.

Written by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe, "Every Brilliant Thing" is a one-actor show that in this production will feature two actors – Tamarin Ythier and James Schott – alternating the solo performance role on different dates during the run. LASC's associate director, Gary Ferguson, directs.

"Brilliant" is a drama about depression and the lengths people

go to for those they love. You're 6 years old and mom is in the hospital. Dad says she's done something stupid because "she finds it hard to be happy." So, you start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world – everything that's worth living for – and you leave it on her pillow. Soon, the list takes on a life of its own.

Shows are set for 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.

Tickets are \$20-\$40.

**For tickets and more information, call (650) 941-0551 or visit [losaltosstage.org](http://losaltosstage.org).**

## TheatreWorks presents 'Wonderful Life'

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" runs through Dec. 26 at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto. It may also be viewed online.

The holiday-themed production – adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra and Jo Swerling – offers the beloved 1946 film as a radio play.

The story of George Bailey's love, loss and redemption on Christmas Eve features five actors – Moses Villarama, Sarita Ocón, Luisa Sermol, Phil Wong

and Todd Cerveris – who take on dozens of roles and provide all of the live sound effects in the play. Giovanna Sardelli directs.

Shows are slated 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. The Lucie Stern Theatre is located at 1305 Middlefield Road.

In-person ticket prices start at \$30. Patrons must present proof of vaccination at the door. Streaming tickets are \$25.

**For tickets and more information, call (877)-662-8978 or visit [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org).**

## Pear Pairings coming to a close

Town Crier Report

Pear Theatre's second round of Pear Pairings – "Eight Nights" in repertory with "The Thanksgiving Play" – runs through Sunday in Mountain View.

Jennifer Maisel's "Eight Nights" won the 2021 Ovation Award for Best Playwriting. The drama chronicles the legacy of trauma, stemming from dark eras of human history, the ensuing ripple effect it has on multiple lives and the power and resiliency of the human spirit.

Holocaust survivor Rebecca Blum arrives in America at 19 and observes Hanukkah in the same apartment during eight nights over eight decades (from 1949 to 2016). Rebecca, her family and friends wrestle with vanquishing a haunting, shared past and warmly unite to celebrate the holiday season.

"How do people go on after something (traumatic) like this happens to them?" Maisel said. "From African-American slave culture to Japanese Americans in the internment camps to the people who were in the Holocaust and the Armenian genocide, people survive and move on in varying ways. ... (This play) is about people finding a way to live after surviving loss and trauma, and

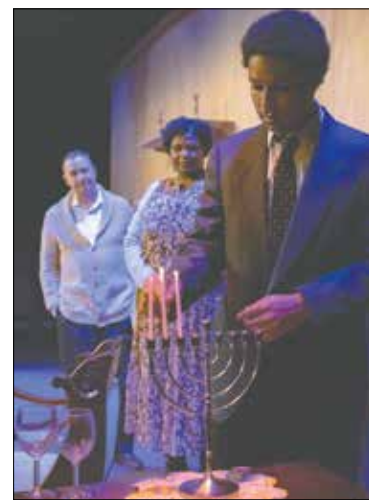
witnessing how that brings joy to the future."

The cast includes Chris Mahle (as Erich Blum), Maria Marquis (Anna Blum and Rebecca), Skylar Rose Adams (Rebecca Blum, Amy and Nina), Max Mahle (Aaron), Anthony Doan (Steven and Inge), Sinjin Jones (Benjamin) and Rolanda Bell (Arlene and Lacey).

"The Thanksgiving Play" comes from award-winning playwright and choreographer Larissa FastHorse. The farce follows three woke white theater artists trying their best to put on a play about Thanksgiving without offending anyone. Spoiler alert: It does not go well.

"The Thanksgiving Play" is really about performative wokeness," FastHorse said. "It's about four people showing how woke they are – more specifically, trying to create a culturally sensitive first Thanksgiving play for children during Native American heritage month – and how enlightened they are without maybe actually being it. ... The play challenges the myths surrounding Thanksgiving, and how celebrating the holiday erases and flattens indigenous experiences."

The cast comprises Chris Mahle (as Caden), Skylar Rose Adams (Alicia), Maria Marquis



MARIO RAMIREZ/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER  
**Erich Blum (Chris Mahle, from left) and Arlene (Rolanda Bell) look on as Benjamin (Sinjin Jones) lights the menorah in Pear Theatre's "Eight Nights."**

(Logan) and Max Mahle (Jaxton). Michael Champlin directs both productions.

Performances of "The Thanksgiving Play" are slated 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. Performances of "Eight Nights" are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Audiences are capped at 60 people to allow an empty seat between each group. Masks and proof of vaccination are required. Tickets to each show are \$35-\$42.

The Pear Theatre is located at 1110 La Avenida St.

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# Schools

## LAHS' Jewish Culture Club student president reflects on Hanukkah

By Angela Tam

Staff Writer/angelat@latc.com

Hanukkah came to a close this week, but Los Altos High School's Jewish Culture Club continues to spread awareness of the traditions surrounding the Jewish holidays, with an aim to share the faith community's culture and provide a welcoming space for Jews and non-Jews alike.

Club president Allan Feldman, who is Jewish and attends Chabad Palo Alto, said the Jewish Culture Club hosts events throughout the school year, typically centered on Jewish holidays. For Rosh Hashanah in September, for example, club members educated fellow students about the holiday, also known as the Jewish New Year, and shared kosher bagels.

Feldman, a senior, said that though he does not consider himself "super-observant," Judaism has always been a part of his identity. He celebrates Hanukkah and other holiday traditions throughout the year.

"We light the candles with the menorah," said Feldman of his family's Hanukkah practices. "(The menorah) has nine candles and ... we light them every night and we put it outside our window. We live on an upper floor, so when people are outside at night, they can see the candles from our window, so that's really nice."

Oil is a central Hanukkah theme, so Jewish people indulge in foods with copious amounts of oil, including latkes. Feldman said his mother typically makes the potato pancake-like specialty for the family's celebration, which also includes time for activities at their synagogue.

"My synagogue usually holds community events, and we usually go to those," he said. "I'm very close with my rabbi, so usually he gives a little speech or something, and then we all eat food together."

### Passing down stories

Feldman described the story of Hanukkah, beginning with a battle and chronicling how the Jewish people fought off the Greeks and secured the temple. The nine candles on the menorah recall the tiny amount of ritual oil the Jewish people had left after the conflict to light their temple flame, which miraculously lasted eight days – the ninth candle is used for lighting the other candles.

According to Feldman, Hanukkah is about spreading the word of Judaism, passing stories down through generations. Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Torah – the foundational Jewish religious text – because the events that inspired the holiday occurred after the Torah was written.

"The reason why Hanukkah was cre-



COURTESY OF ALLAN FELDMAN

Members of Los Altos High's Jewish Culture Club work to share Jewish culture and provide a community for Jews and non-Jews alike.

ated was because the story was passed down," he said. "Families would tell each other and it got to the point where everyone celebrated it, so to me, it's more of a place where Jewish people can come to-

gether and keep passing on the stories and retell the story of Hanukkah."

Feldman sees the holiday as a community-building opportunity rather than a  
**See HANUKKAH, page 31**

## Los Altos' Tiny Tots currently enrolling students for its Kinder Prep program

Town Crier Report

The city of Los Altos' Tiny Tots program, paused for a year due to COVID-19, is registering students for its 2021-2022 programs.

The Kinder Prep 4's program, intended for 4- to 5-year-olds, is slated to begin Jan. 3; enrollment is now open. The program will be hosted at the new Los Altos Community Center, located at 97 Hillview Ave., with classes set for 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

The Kinder Prep curriculum includes phonics and phonemic awareness – sound blending, vowel recognition and sight words – reading readiness, letter and numeral formation, writing practice, vocabulary development, Spanish and an introduction to basic mathematical and scientific concepts.

The Kinder Prep staff also aims to enhance students' listening skills, encourage indepen-



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS TINY TOTS

Children enjoy arts and crafts during Tiny Tots' Kinder Prep program at the Los Altos Community Center.

dence and nurture their ability to play well with others.

Activities include music and movement, games, arts and crafts, cooking, field trips as well as directed and self-directed play.

Tiny Tots' Terrific 3's, intended for 3- to 4-year-olds, began Sept. 8 at the recently renovated San Antonio Club at 47 N. San Antonio Road. However,

**See TINY TOTS, page 31**

## Public comment open for proposed project at Los Altos High

Town Crier Report

Workplan for a Mountain View Los Altos High School District expansion project at Los Altos High is available for public review and comment beginning next week.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's draft Removal Action Workplan aims to address cleanup of naturally occurring asbestos in the soil, and describes the investigations carried out at Los Altos High, the findings of the investigations, the cleanup alternatives evaluated and the proposed cleanup alternative. The DTSC will oversee the proposed cleanup project.

Public comment is open Dec. 15 to Jan. 19. All comments must be submitted by Jan. 19 via email to Letitia Shen, the DTSC project manager, at [Letitia.Shen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Letitia.Shen@dtsc.ca.gov).

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, MVLA prepared an initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project. DTSC will complete an independent analysis of the project activities to determine whether the MVLA study adequately assessed the potential impacts of the project subject to its discretionary approval.

Local residents may review the draft workplan and other site-related documents at the Los Altos main Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

An online copy of the workplan is available at [bit.ly/3lq9Pbd](http://bit.ly/3lq9Pbd), and further details and site-related documents at [bit.ly/3l6YqXz](http://bit.ly/3l6YqXz).

# Schools

## De Anza College introduces autonomous vehicle training program in partnership with Nuro

Town Crier Report

**D**e Anza College has partnered with the Mountain View-based autonomous delivery company Nuro to offer the Autonomous Vehicle Technician Pathway Program, aimed at preparing fleet technicians specializing in electric autonomous vehicles.

According to Nuro officials, the partnership will serve as the blueprint for the company's Autonomous Upskilling Initiative, which encourages collaboration with community colleges across the nation to create education and training opportunities.

"We are excited to partner with De Anza – they have worked with us creatively to create and launch this innovative new pathway for local students and workers," said Marcus Strom, head of fleet manage-

ment for Nuro, in a press release. "Having received California's first Autonomous Deployment Permit and having partnered with Domino's, Kroger and others across our service areas, we have an immediate need for fleet technicians, junior fleet technicians and fleet technician supervisors that will only grow over time. We look forward to pursuing similar educational partnerships across the country to develop and fill these new green tech jobs."

To prepare students with the skills needed to work on Nuro's electric vehicles and Prius fleet, the pathway combines existing coursework related to electric-vehicle technology and computer programming. The pathway comprises two sets of courses — Level I and Level II – for which De Anza anticipates offering certificates in the near future.

The program includes a tuition-free path, or students

may qualify for paid internships or part-time work opportunities at Nuro while completing the pathway. They also will have preference in applying to positions at Nuro after completing the Level I coursework.

As the state of California recently required all autonomous vehicles to be zero-emission by model year 2031, this program will service this growing fleet.

"The autonomous vehicle technician partnership between Nuro and De Anza College is an exciting, pioneering moment in our economy," said U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell in the press release. "De Anza students have a new path toward well-paid careers, while Nuro advances self-driving technology that can make on-demand services available to all. It's a win-win situation that should be emulated far and wide."

*For more information on the courses, visit [deanza.edu/autotech/av](https://deanza.edu/autotech/av).*

## TINY TOTS

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parents may still enroll their children as spots remain open. Tuition will be prorated to account for the number of days left in the program.

The main focus of the Terrific 3's is learning social skills and basic preschool concepts. Activities include language development, letter recognition, music and movement, games, cooking, basic math, science and biology, arts and crafts, sensory activities, special events as well as directed and self-directed play.

*For more information, visit [losaltosca.gov/recreation/page/tiny-tots-enrollment](https://losaltosca.gov/recreation/page/tiny-tots-enrollment).*

## HANUKKAH

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season of gift-giving.

"I think a reason why people know Hanukkah as this big, Jewish holiday is simply because it lands very close to Christmas," he said. "But if you look at it from a Jewish perspective, in Judaism, Hanukkah isn't that big of a holiday and the only reason why we give presents is because during Christmas, you give presents. That's also been passed down with tradition, but nothing in the Torah says anything about Hanukkah, about having to give presents."

To Feldman, giving presents, eating latkes and lighting candles are not as significant as retelling stories and strengthening the Jewish community.

"Gift-giving and menorah lighting aren't as important as sharing and passing down stories," he said. "I feel that a lot of people who celebrate Christmas would also say it's less about the presents and more about spending time with family. So, I would say it's something very similar with Hanukkah."

**Email suggestions for schools-related stories to Angela Tam at [angelat@latc.com](mailto:angelat@latc.com).**

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## Local authors and new translations bring book inspiration for winter break

Town Crier Report

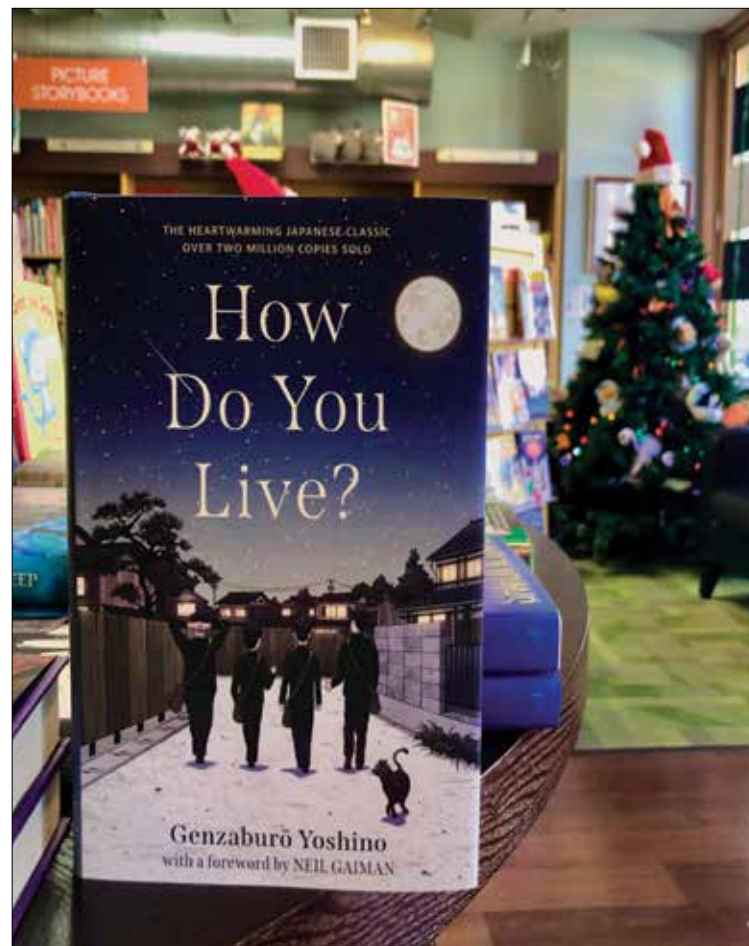
With young readers at home for a long stretch this winter break, new releases and recent hits offer library inspiration or maybe a last-minute gift idea for readers ages 10-12.

Booksellers at Linden Tree Books in downtown Los Altos highlighted notable books from four local authors on shelves now:

- “All the Impossible Things” by Lindsay Lackey
- “An Occasionally Happy Family” by Cliff Burke
- “Parked” by Danielle Svetcov
- “The League of Picky Eaters” by Stephanie V.W. Lucia-novic (signed copies available at Linden Tree)

Other titles targeted to intrigue this age group include:

- “How Do You Live?” by Genzaburo Yoshino, with foreword by Neil Gaiman (a Japanese classic, recently republished in English in the U.S.)
- “Greenglass House” by Kate Milford
- “A Mouse Called Mika” by Matt Haig
- “A Boy Called Christmas” by Matt Haig
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Genzaburo Yoshino’s “How Do You Live?” is a Japanese classic.

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Readers can find a copy or put a book on hold at the Los Altos main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, or at Linden Tree Books, 265 State St.  
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# Schools

## Giving season kicks off for MVLA

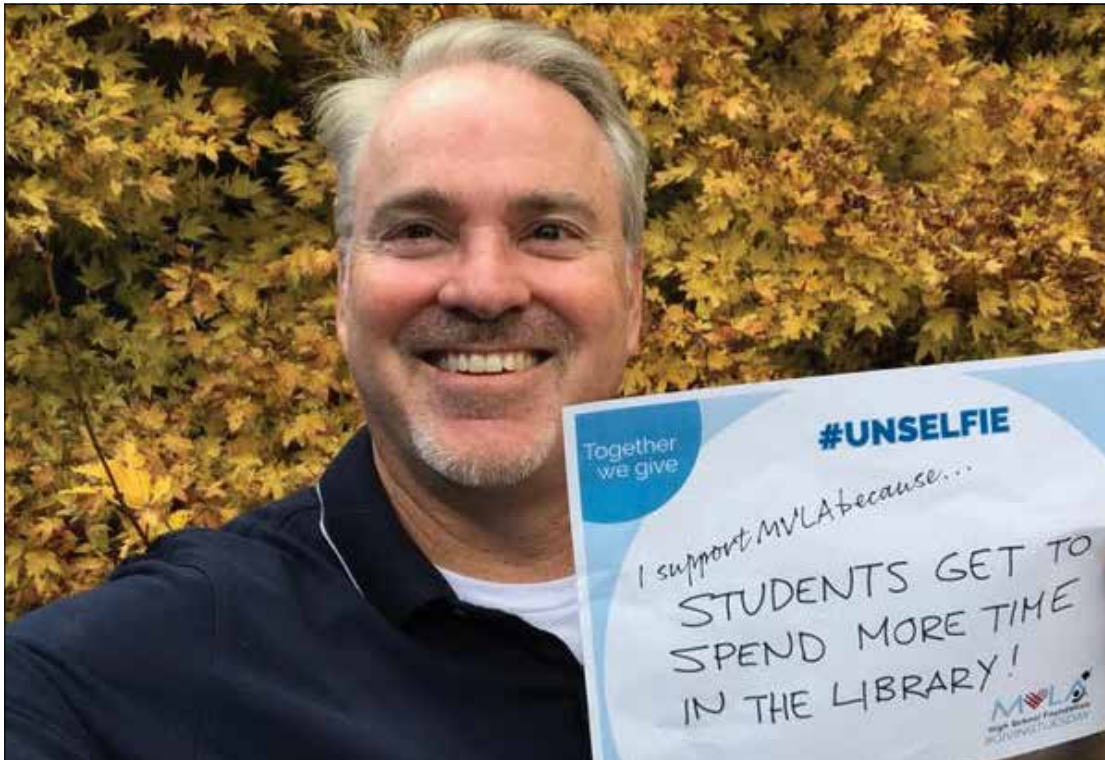


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The MVLA High School Foundation raised \$103,720 on Giving Tuesday Nov. 30, which included a \$30,000 challenge grant from LinkedIn Corp. Contributions came from Mountain View Los Altos High School District families, alumni and staff, as well as other local residents. Los Altos High librarian Gordon Jack, above, pledged his support, with an aim to extend library hours at both Los Altos and Mountain View highs and provide students a space to collaborate and study after school.

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# Business & Real Estate

## LA-based June Care Company aims to close child care gap & connect families

By Jennah Pendleton  
Special to the Town Crier

In the wake of a national child care shortage, Los Altos resident Gretchen Salyer seeks to serve California parents with a new service that connects parents with child care providers.

The startup, the June Care Company, is a platform that links parents in need of child care with qualified parents who can host children in the form of playdates.

As a mother to three children, Salyer said she recognized the need for accessible and flexible child care. Just before the lockdown, Salyer took a break from her job in high-tech to spend time with her kids and consider her next career move. Because she was a stay-at-home mom, she took on a supportive role to friends who were unable to take time off from work once the pandemic hit.

By coordinating their weekly schedules, Salyer and her peers created a network in which every family can receive care and be paid for their time hosting

playdates. June Care's community-based approach to child care was the natural evolution from the system she and other local parents developed in the past year.

"That was really the genesis for June Care," Salyer said. "I wanted to figure out how I can create these networks of support primarily for moms, because they're still the ones who really feel the burden of child care the most."

June Care launched in August, employing a gig-based model similar to that of Uber and Airbnb. Users can either search for child care or sign up to be a playdate host, and June Care will facilitate matches based on a parent's needs. The Los Altos-based service requires that all host parents undergo a background check and personal screening before they are eligible to host a playdate. Parents have the option to speak with hosts before a playdate and cancel a meeting for any reason without penalty.

"We handle logistics, scheduling and payments, so all you need to worry about is meet-

ing a new friend and creating a great playdate experience for your child," Salyer said in a post on the June Care Instagram account.

### Meeting a need

June Care launched in the midst of a national child care shortage, a problem that existed before the pandemic but was greatly exacerbated by it. While the shortage is not as dire as it was in spring of last year, the recovery has been slow, with California operating at 90% of its pre-pandemic child care workforce as of September.

Lack of child care has been shown to contribute to the labor shortage in other sectors because parents are unable to accept employment opportunities without reliable care for their children. Salyer aims to give income opportunities back to both working and stay-at-home parents.

"Opportunities to earn an income while you're actually caring for your kids are so few and far between," Salyer said. "The magic of June Care is that we unlock the care work supply that's happening in so many



COURTESY OF GRETCHEN SALYER

Gretchen Salyer, shown with her daughters, is the founder of the June Care Company, which connects parents with child care providers.

homes across the country and make it accessible for parents who are looking for child care."

Salyer also emphasized the social benefit of using the service. The name was conceived by Salyer's 8-year-old daughter; "June" stands for "joining up neighbors everywhere." The playdate model allows the children to socialize with other kids around their age and parents to connect with local families they wouldn't have met without

the service.

"It's rooted in community and connection," Salyer said. "To give people the opportunity to actually rely on their neighbors again is so cool."

June Care currently serves families throughout California, and there are plans to expand nationwide.

For more information on finding care or becoming a host, visit [junecare.co](http://junecare.co).

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60 Los Altos Avenue, Liebmann Trust to Y. & X. Han for \$3,180,000

7 Los Altos Square, Greenwood Trust to M. & K. Jang for \$1,700,000

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190 Pine Lane, Mitchell Family Trust to M. & J. Zhou for \$4,375,000

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**7412 Wildflower Way**, L. Leung to J. & C. Yoon for \$1,850,000

## Overall

### Los Altos

Total sales: 9  
 Lowest sale: \$1,301,000

Highest sale: \$4,875,000  
 Average sale: \$3,392,500

### Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 3  
 Lowest sale: \$4,950,000  
 Highest sale: \$7,550,000  
 Average sale: \$6,416,700

### Mountain View

Total sales: 21  
 Lowest sale: \$1,080,000

Highest sale: \$9,000,000  
 Average sale: \$2,487,900

### Cupertino

Total sales: 14  
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# OBITUARY NOTICE

## JOHN (JACK) JOSEPH VALENTINE III



July 6, 1939 –  
November 19, 2021

Jack Valentine passed away on Friday November 19th after a long struggle with heart disease resulting in kidney and heart failure. John (Jack) Joseph Valentine III was born in San Francisco California on July 6, 1939 the son of Jane Shaw Valentine and John Joseph Valentine Jr. Jack spent his early childhood years in San Francisco and his high school years in San Mateo Ca. He met the love of his life Kathie Stinson while in college and they were married in 1962. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University where he majored in business. He enlisted in the Navy in 1961 and was in Naval Security. Upon his graduation from College in 1963 he went on active duty stationed in the Philippines at Naval Station San Miguel on the island of Luzon. Kathie soon followed Jack to the PI. Jack was on duty at the time of the Gulf of Tonkin Incident at the start of the Vietnam War. He recalled listening to pilots flying over the gulf of Tonkin broadcasting the air and sea battle going on as he forwarded this information directly to the Pentagon in plain English, no code.

After their tour of duty in the Philippines and the birth of their first child Theresa Marie Jack and Kathie settled in San Bruno, CA where Jack embarked on a career in banking, continuing his education culminating in a successful career as a mortgage banker. They later moved to silicone valley and settled in Los Altos where they raised their four children. Theresa Marie Audas (Jim) John J. Valentine IV, Kimberly Ann Donnelly (Jason) and Michael Patrick Valentine (Kristina), they were blessed with 9 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Jack was a devoted husband and father and very active supporting his children in their activities, coaching girls and boys sports teams and participating in scouting with both

of his sons. He loved the outdoors, backpacking with both of his sons in the high sierras, catching that delicious trout in a high mountain stream. For many summers the family toured the western United States camping as they traveled. Jack and Kathie in search of a retirement community below the snow and above the fog settled on the community of Lake Wildwood in 1999. Upon retirement in 2004 they moved to their newly completed dream home in Lake Wildwood where Jack spent many happy hours on the golf course, working in his garden, growing beautiful roses for Kathie and serving on committees in Lake Wildwood. He also was elected to the LWW Board of Directors and served two times one time as Board President. Jack was also very involved supporting Kathie in volunteer work in their parish, St. Patrick's in Grass Valley as well as Mt. St. Mary Academy and the Knights of Columbus. Many happy hours were spent traveling in Europe and throughout the United States but like most of us home with his family was his happy place. He also loved refinishing old furniture taking a tired wooden piece and making it new again. His death is a great loss to all his family and we miss him every minute but find comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering and is at home with God. Jack's funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 6th at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 235 Chapel Street in Grass Valley with a reception immediately following in the Parish Hall. Please Join us in celebration of Jack's well lived life. Internment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, CA on November 7th at 11:30am. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mt. St. Mary's Academy 400 South Church St., Grass Valley, CA 95945r a charity of your choice.



## ALBERTA ELIZABETH ROSSI



November 16, 1924 –  
July 27, 2021

Long time Los Altos Hills resident, Alberta Elizabeth Rossi, passed away July 27, 2021. She was a loving wife to her high school sweet heart and soul mate, Calvin Rossi, who preceded her in death in 2013. The loving couple will be remembered by many as the residents walking hand in hand in town and throughout the hills. Alberta was a devoted mother to her children Randy, Rick and Roberta. She nurtured a love of learning, reading, gardening and cooking as she made home a happy place to grow and blossom.

Alberta was a first generation Californian. Her parents, Albert and Albertina Casier, immigrated to the United States from Belgium and eventually settled in beautiful Santa Barbara. Alberta grew up on the Santa Barbara mesa and began her love of nature, the California coast and reading. She and her siblings, Roger, Dolly, and Bob enjoyed many family gatherings over looking the beautiful rural coast of California.

While attending Santa Barbara High School, Alberta met the love of her life, Cal. After graduating high school, she attended Santa Barbara State College. Later in 1947 she married Cal on Adela Rogers St. Johns' estate near UCLA. As Cal finished his degrees, along with his spectacular football seasons at UCLA, Alberta worked in the library at UCLA and spent time cheering Cal on at the many football events, including the Rose Bowl and East West games. Alberta and Cal spent their first years of marriage living on Mom Roger's estate and grew to be like second children to her. Alberta's love of literature drew her to Adela's writing career. She often reread many of her novels and articles again in her later years, reminiscing about the past as she shared her love of reading and times gone by with her children.

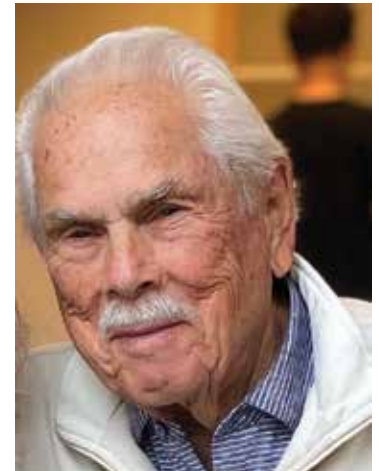
Alberta had a green thumb too! She was thrilled when in 1971, the family moved to Los Altos Hills and found 17 lush apricot trees growing on the new property. Over the years Alberta and Cal harvested, canned, and dried apricots many summers for family and friends. They planted victory gardens, husked walnuts and even grew pumpkins. One year they grew a 210 pound pumpkin they shared with students at Oak school in their daughter Roberta's second grade class. Alberta loved gardening and was happiest when she was digging in the soil and filling their life with beautiful plants and flowers.

Alberta shared her love of art and learning during the 1980s when she was a teacher's aide at Gardner Bullis for Joan Pierce and Merry Stephenson. She fondly created special books for students with her artistic drawings.

Over the years Alberta shared her love of cooking and feeding family and friends at large get togethers where her mother in law's famous Italian spaghetti sauce and stew were family favorites. She also fried up pumpkin flowers and hand cranked ice cream with the help of long time friends, Jack and Donna Myers of Los Altos.

Alberta is survived by her son, Randy, daughter-in-law, Cristy; son, Rick, daughter-in-law, Debbie; daughter, Roberta and son-in-law Kevin Pyne; as well as her adoring granddaughter, Chelsea Pyne. Private family gatherings will be held to remember Alberta. In honor of Alberta, the family would appreciate donations made in her name to the Friends of the Library of Los Altos. <https://losaltoslibraryfriends.org>

## RONALD H. HARRIS



October 8, 1929 –  
November 25, 2021

Ron was the only child of Howard and Hazel Harris born in Berkeley October 8, 1929. He attended Berkeley High School, St. Mary's College and Heald College. In 1959, he established Triangle Associates, an architectural firm in Los Altos. He retired to Lake of the Pines in 1985 with his wife, Patricia. Soon after, he, with his son, Daryl, founded a second, successful firm, RH Associates. They continued designing custom homes in the Bay Area. In October 2019, he officially retired. His passions were golf, which he played well into his 90s, fishing and travel. He was a devoted family man who was proud of his 3 children and 4 grandsons. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia, his sons, Daryl (Becky), Bill (Carol), his daughter, Rhonda Jimerson, grandsons, Alden (Abril) and Nelson Harris, Clayton and Will Jimerson. No services are planned.



# OBITUARY NOTICE

## THOMAS STONESTREET (STONEY) EDWARDS



January 1, 1933 – November 14, 2021

Thomas Stonestreet (Stoney) Edwards passed away on Nov. 14, 2021, at Vanessa Home Care II in San Mateo, California of natural causes.

Born Jan. 1, 1933, in Fort Worth, Texas, he was the son of Thomas Gladden and Maude Sinclair Edwards. His interests early in life included tap dancing, classical and opera music, and a lifelong love for photography.

Stoney earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University. He initially worked at Texas Instruments in Dallas. On June 30, 1956, Jan Otey became his bride for life. She, along with children Thomas Stonestreet Edwards II and Jan Ellen (Edwards) Cooke, survive Stoney. His grandchildren are Elyssa (Edwards) Fuchikami, Madeline Cooke,

Jeremiah Edwards and Arianna (Edwards) Jackson. He leaves behind Serenity Jackson and Timothy Fuchikami as great grandchildren.

The Edwards family moved to California in 1962, in order for Stoney to help found Siliconix, Inc. Shortly thereafter, they settled in Los Altos, which became their permanent home.

First Baptist Church (now Bridges Community Church) became their permanent church home. The main family activity was snow skiing. Stoney skied over 1,000,000 vertical feet at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He skied many major resorts at Lake Tahoe and the western United States. He and Jan also skied at several European resorts.

Stoney started his own company, International Production Technologies, in the early 1970s. The latter years of his career were spent at National Semiconductor. Stoney managed the military-aerospace division, which was the most successful of 10 divisions of the company.

In their later years, Stoney and Jan devoted much time and effort to photography and international travel. Stoney has traveled to all seven of the world's continents and dozens of nations.

Our husband, father, and grandfather was an honest, faithful, hard-working provider. He is and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am. Saturday December 11, 2021 at Bridges Community Church, 625 Magdalena Avenue, in Los Altos.



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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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## Critter Care of Silicon Valley LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680301

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cooper Service Company, 1023 Parma Way, 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: an individual, Huan Dinh Ly, 3102 Summer Creek Drive, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/01/2021. (12-01,08,15,22-21)

## Cooper Service Company FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680551

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cooper Service Company, 1023 Parma Way, 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 trust, Patricia Nancy Grimm, Successor Trustee, 1023 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2016. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

business is owned by: a trust, Patricia Nancy Grimm, Successor Trustee, 1023 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2016. (12-08,15,22,29-21) **209-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF JIE CHEN AMENDED 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 (12-08,15,22,29-21) **208-T**

## Ly Law Offices FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680295

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Ly Law Offices, 510 N. 1st Street, Suite 221, San Jose, CA, 95112 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, Huan Dinh Ly, 3102 Summer Creek Drive, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/01/2021. (12-01,08,15,22-21) **204-T**

## TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

#### FOR

#### 2021 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project

BID OPENING. Bids will be received by the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside "Bid For 2021 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project".

WORK DESCRIPTION. This project consists of replacing various segments of the existing sanitary system. The base bid work includes, but not limited to, mobilization and demobilization; potholing all crossing utilities; cleaning/de-rooting and color video inspection of the sewer mains prior to construction; replacing existing sewer pipe via pipe bursting method and/or pipe reaming method; spot repairs via open trench; reconnecting sewer main to existing manhole; manhole rehabilitation; reconnecting 4" sewer laterals to new piping; providing post construction cleaning, pressure testing, and color video inspection; repair and/or replacement of pavement markings, and street monuments; restoring all improvements disturbed by the project at various locations throughout the Town of Los Altos Hills; replacing landscape in kind to the original condition; replacing the asphalt pavement, and replacing all damaged properties caused by this work; and doing all appurtenant work as shown and described in the contract documents with the title 2021 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project and on file in the office of the Public Works Director.

OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the office of the Public Works Department, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (b) Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at fifty- dollars (\$50.00) per set and are obtainable from the office of the City Engineer/Public Works Director, Town of Los Altos Hills, Public Works Department, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents. An additional charge of \$10.00 will be made for each set of Contract Documents sent by regular mail with the U.S. Postal Service.

OBTAINING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS. The State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Standard Plans may be purchased at the State of California Department of Transportation Publication Distribution Unit, 1900 Royal Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819; Telephone: (916) 445-3520; Fax: (916) 324-8997.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. A Class "A" Contractor's License is required for this work, which constitute a majority of the work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

BID DEPOSIT. A Bid Deposit equals to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid shall be placed in the sealed proposal. The Bid Deposit shall be in one of the following forms: cash, cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Town, or bidder's bond in favor of the Town executed by an authorized surety company.

PERFORMANCE BONDS. Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in Section 4-2 of the Special Provisions will be required from the successful bidder.

TOWN'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS. The right is reserved, as the interest of the Town may require, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality or minor irregularity in the bids.

Pre-Bid Meeting. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 9, 2021** at the Town of Los Altos Hills Town Hall located at 26379 Fremont Road in the Town of Los Altos Hills. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. This meeting includes field visit to a few selected sites. Bidder's attendance is optional.

GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the office of the Public Works Department, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (b) Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at fifty- dollars (\$50.00) per set and are obtainable from the office of the City Engineer/Public Works Director, Town of Los Altos Hills, Public Works Department, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents. An additional charge of \$10.00 will be made for each set of Contract Documents sent by regular mail with the U.S. Postal Service.

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WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS. Any bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the public notice for the opening of bids only by written request for the withdrawal of the bid filed with the Director of Public Works. The request shall be executed by the bidder or his/her duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a bid does not prejudice the right of the bidder to file a new bid. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid will not be received after that time nor may any bid be withdrawn after the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids.

RELIEF OF BIDDERS. As stated in the California Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5110, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the Public Works Director written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS. More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected. Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected.

PREVIOUS DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL OR OTHER PREVENTION OF BIDDING. A bid may be rejected on the basis of a bidder, any officer of such bidder, or any employee of such bidder who has a proprietary interest in such bidder, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERIFYING CONTRACT ADDENDA. All bidders shall verify if any addenda for this project have been issued by the Town of Los Altos Hills. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all requirements of Contract addenda are included in the bidder's proposal.

ESCROW FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT IN LIEU OF RETENTION. Pursuant to the California Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the Town to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of said California Public Contract Code Section 22300.

SHORING AND BRACING. Pursuant to the provisions of the California Labor Code Section 6707, each bid submitted in response to this Notice to Bidders shall contain, as included in each bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. By listing this sum, the bidder warrants that its action does not convey tort liability to the Town, Engineer, and their employees, agents and subconsultants.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR) REQUIREMENTS. This Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, a contractor may not bid, nor be listed as a subcontractor, for any bid proposal submitted for public work on or after March 1, 2015, and contracts entered into on or after April 1, 2015, unless the contractor and its subcontractors are registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. The Bidder and its Subcontractors must be registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, subject to limited legal exceptions under Labor Code section 1771.1.

/s/ Deborah L. Padovan  
City Clerk  
December 1, 2021  
December 8, 2021  
(12-01,08-21)

**203-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MANGALA SAVADI AMENDED 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 (12-01,08,15,22-21) **202-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SANJANA ARORA AND SWAPNIL L SHAH AMENDED 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.

# Public Notices

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: 11/12/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-01,08,15,22-21)

201-T

**CONFIDENCE COACHING U  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680446**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CONFIDENCE COACHING U, 4671 Albany Circle, #134, San Jose, CA, 95129 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, Rashmi Mansabdar, 4671 Albany Circle, #134, San Jose, CA 95129. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/18/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

199-T

**GARBOZO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680413**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: GARBOZO, 259 N 9th St, San Jose, CA, 95112 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, Bayleen Soria Solorio, 259 N 9th St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

198-T

**Powerhouse Liquors  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680354**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Powerhouse Liquors, 909 E Duane Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085 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, Golden Field CA Inc, 1355 McCandless Dr #771, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

ness 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, Golden Field CA Inc, 1355 McCandless Dr #771, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

197-T

**TECHSERVICEUSA LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680371**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: TECHSERVICEUSA LLC, 2785 S Bascom Ave, Apt 2, Campbell, CA, 95008 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 limited liability company, TECHSERVICEUSA LLC, 2785 S Bascom Ave, Apt 2, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/20/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

196-T

**DEEP CLEANING SOLUTION  
SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680179**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: DEEP CLEANING SOLUTION SERVICES, 3135 Impala Dr #2, San Jose, CA, 95117 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, Reyes Martinez Santiago, 3135 Impala Dr #2, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/18/2021. (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

195-T

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF PRITAM PRAKASH  
PRADHAN  
AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
21CV385697**

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

Proposed Name: PAUL PRAKASH PRADHAN

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 01/11/2022 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: 11/9/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (11-24-21,12-01,08,15-21)

194-T

**KFO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680208**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: KFO, 100 Palm Valley Blvd Apt 3031, San Jose, CA, 95123 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, Brandon Devante Travail Mageesmith, 100 Palm Valley Blvd Apt 3031, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/30/2021. (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

193-T

**SNACK DRAGON  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN680105**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: SNACK DRAGON, 910 Oxford Drive, 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 limited liability company, SNACK DRAGON LLC, 910 Oxford Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

189-T

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF CHI WEN CHU  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
21CV389923**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Chi Wen Chu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:  
a. Chi Wen CHU  
b. Wendy Chu  
c. Chi-Wen Chu

Proposed Name:  
a. Chiwen Wendy CHU  
b. Chiwen Wendy Chu  
c. Chiwen Wendy Chu

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 02/15/2022 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: 11/4/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (11-17,24-21,12-01,08-21)

187-T

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Name in the  
Los Altos  
Town Crier**  
Email  
**legals@latc.com**



## Crossword Answers

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## Sudoku Answers

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

## Find A Word Answers

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## Q1 - SAMPLE OF TOTAL 39 HOMES SOLD - LOS ALTOS 94024

STREET ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	BLDG SQFT	LOT SIZE	AGE	YEAR BUILT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	LISTING DATE	SALE DATE	CLOSE DATE	DOM	DELTA	PRICE/SQFT	PCT
685 Greenvew Place	5	5.5	3745	12845	3	2018	\$6,495,000	\$6,500,000	3/9/21	3/18/21	4/12/21	9	\$5,000	\$1,735	100%
918 Stanley Avenue	5	4.5	3,515	12,552	0	2021	\$5,499,000	\$5,700,000	3/11/21	3/14/21	3/30/21	3	\$201,000	\$1,622	104%
1049 Fremont Avenue	5	4.5	4,130	17,321	15	2005	\$4,998,000	\$5,108,000	1/7/21	1/25/21	2/24/21	18	\$110,000	\$1,237	102%
1355 Holly Avenue	5	4.5	3,650	13,511	1	2020	\$5,295,000	\$5,100,000	1/25/21	2/5/21	3/4/21	11	(\$195,000)	\$1,397	96%
1449 Arbor Avenue	4	3.5	3,019	15,087	73	1948	\$5,585,000	\$5,050,000	3/4/21	3/20/21	4/28/21	12	(\$535,000)	\$1,673	90%
905 Seena Avenue	4	3	2,911	10,607	16	2005	\$3,980,000	\$4,610,000	1/26/21	2/3/21	3/12/21	8	\$630,000	\$1,584	116%
1841 Alford Avenue	5	3.5	2,979	10,082	5	2016	\$4,500,000	\$4,400,000	1/19/21	1/30/21	2/9/21	11	(\$100,000)	\$1,477	98%
695 San Martin Place	6	5	3,685	11,343	54	1967	\$4,250,000	\$4,375,000	2/27/21	3/5/21	3/30/21	6	\$125,000	\$1,187	103%
1269 Saint Mark Court	5	3	2,592	13,019	47	1974	\$3,399,000	\$3,925,000	3/25/21	3/31/21	4/30/21	6	\$526,000	\$1,514	115%
1171 Saint Anthony Court	4	3	2,578	14,475	47	1974	\$3,398,000	\$3,810,000	1/5/21	3/18/21	4/12/21	6	\$412,000	\$1,478	112%
<b>Average Price Per Square Foot</b>													<b>\$1,515</b>		
<b>Average Percentage of Sale Price vs. List Price</b>														<b>110%</b>	

## Q2 - SAMPLE OF TOTAL 86 HOMES SOLD - LOS ALTOS 94024

STREET ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	BLDG SQFT	LOT SIZE	AGE	YEAR BUILT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	LISTING DATE	SALE DATE	CLOSE DATE	DOM	DELTA	PRICE/SQFT	PCT
605 Rosita Avenue	5	6.5	6,215	15,612	4	2017	\$8,388,000	\$8,700,000	6/25/21	6/28/21	7/23/21	3	\$312,000	\$1,399	104%
638 Springer Terrace	4	3.5	2,956	10,200	13	2008	\$4,498,000	\$5,225,000	6/10/21	6/16/21	7/12/21	6	\$727,000	\$1,768	116%
714 Vista Grande Avenue	3	3.5	3,481	17,466	71	1950	\$4,488,000	\$5,050,000	5/13/21	5/20/21	6/17/21	7	\$562,000	\$1,451	113%
1941 Farndon Avenue	4	4.5	2,880	9,725	0	2021	\$4,800,000	\$4,900,000	5/7/21	5/11/21	6/29/21	4	\$100,000	\$1,701	102%
1642 Parkhills Avenue	4	3	2,841	9,300	17	2004	\$3,698,000	\$4,430,000	4/19/21	4/28/21	5/28/21	9	\$732,000	\$1,559	120%
1140 Payne Drive	4	3	2,788	11,760	55	1966	\$3,695,000	\$4,310,000	6/1/21	6/9/21	6/17/21	8	\$615,000	\$1,546	117%
1061 Russell Avenue	4	3	2,446	11,507	68	1953	\$3,750,000	\$4,180,000	5/11/21	5/19/21	6/22/21	8	\$430,000	\$1,709	111%
1050 Nottingham Way	4	2.5	2,898	11,063	54	1967	\$3,598,888	\$4,025,000	4/14/21	4/22/21	5/21/21	8	\$426,112	\$1,389	112%
859 Carnation Court	4	2.5	2,027	12,436	61	1960	\$3,298,000	\$3,608,000	5/5/21	5/12/21	6/11/21	7	\$310,000	\$1,780	109%
22370 Starling Drive	5	3	2,940	12,654	67	1954	\$3,388,000	\$3,570,000	5/10/21	5/14/21	6/23/21	4	\$182,000	\$1,214	105%
1395 Morton Avenue	3	3	1,483	12,977	66	1955	\$2,698,000	\$3,320,000	6/22/21	6/23/21	7/23/21	1	\$622,000	\$2,239	123%
949 Dolores Avenue	3	1	1,131	5,192	80	1941	\$1,890,000	\$1,700,000	4/5/21	5/6/21	5/13/21	31	(\$190,000)	\$1,503	90%
<b>Average Price Per Square Foot</b>													<b>\$1,605</b>		
<b>Average Percentage of Sale Price vs. List Price</b>														<b>112%</b>	

## Q3 - SAMPLE OF TOTAL 50 HOMES SOLD - LOS ALTOS 94024

STREET ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	BLDG SQFT	LOT SIZE	AGE	YEAR BUILT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	LISTING DATE	SALE DATE	CLOSE DATE	DOM	DELTA	PRICE/SQFT	PCT
1455 McKenzie Avenue	5	4	3,524	16,579	15	2006	\$4,988,000	\$6,162,000	8/18/21	8/28/21	9/18/21	10	\$1,174,000	\$1,749	124%
428 Hawthorne Avenue	5	4.5	3,583	15,107	3	2018	\$4,995,000	\$5,508,000	9/15/21	9/22/21	10/22/21	7	\$513,000	\$1,537	110%
1525 Montebello Oaks Court	5	3.5	3,531	11,964	37	1984	\$4,495,000	\$4,550,000	8/16/21	8/31/21	9/21/21	15	\$55,000	\$1,289	101%
480 S Clark Avenue	4	3	2,453	9,662	74	1947	\$3,598,000	\$4,200,000	9/17/21	9/23/21	10/24/21	6	\$602,000	\$1,712	117%
2250 Via Maderos	4	2.5	2,468	16,786	59	1962	\$3,598,000	\$4,150,000	8/23/21	9/1/21	9/28/21	9	\$552,000	\$1,682	115%
230 N Springer Road	4	2.5	2,875	10,571	72	1949	\$3,395,000	\$3,476,000	7/19/21	7/29/21	8/31/21	10	\$81,000	\$1,209	102%
1510 Tiptoe Lane	3	2	1,832	9,764	66	1955	\$2,998,800	\$3,301,888	7/20/21	7/30/21	8/24/21	10	\$303,088	\$1,802	110%
22276 Starling Drive	3	2	2,144	10,540	66	1955	\$2,799,000	\$3,168,000	9/2/21	9/14/21	10/13/21	12	\$369,000	\$1,478	113%
1945 Fallen Leaf Lane	3	2	1,168	14,640	68	1953	\$2,999,000	\$3,100,000	7/14/21	7/23/21	8/20/21	9	\$101,000	\$2,654	103%
<b>Average Price Per Square Foot</b>													<b>\$1,648</b>		
<b>Average Percentage of Sale Price vs. List Price</b>														<b>113%</b>	

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