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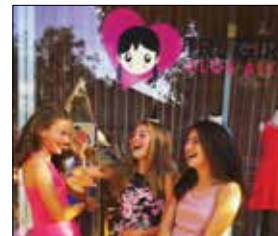
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## Getting a charge out of EVs at LAHS



JENNAH PENDLETON/TOWN CRIER

Los Altos High School hosted an electric vehicle fair Saturday, featuring EVs in a variety of styles at various price points. Lucid Motors, a luxury electric car company based in Newark, showed off its new Lucid Air model, above, which boasts a range of up to 520 miles per charge. Fair visitors wander among the vehicles on display, right.



## Simitian spearheads effort to explore buying cement plant property

Town Crier Staff Report

Joe Simitian doesn't want to wait around for Lehigh cement plant and quarry to run out of limestone in order for it to close. He wants to start the process now.

The Santa Clara County supervisor representing Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View was prepared to ask his fellow supervisors at their meeting Tuesday (after the Town Crier's print deadline) to approve exploring the possibility of the county acquiring the 3,510-acre property in the Cupertino foothills to close mining operations and accelerate land reclamation.

His referral involves directing county counsel to report back in 90 days the feasibility of a purchase and financing options. Such options could include a bond measure before voters and/or allowing for housing development on a portion of the land to help pay for the acquisition.

Mining and cement manufac-

turing operations, dating back to the early 20th century, have generated increased environmental concerns as residential development has grown around the site. Lehigh and previous owners have cited the area's need for cement that makes both economic and environmental sense, as exporting would carry increased carbon footprint impacts.

A Lehigh reclamation plan is in effect through 2032, but the company has asked for an amendment, with an eye to continue and expand operations. Site activity over the past few years has been minimal.

"How can we chart a sustainable path for the future?" Simitian reasoned. "What if the county were the property owner? We could consider closure and reclamation from a public benefit standpoint."

The supervisor offered several reasons for pursuing purchase of

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## Los Altos, LAH and Mtn. View see first lot of SB 9 applications

By Katherine Simpson  
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Residents in three Peninsula cities have filed for property lot splits, allowed in single-family-home zoned neighborhoods after State Senate Bill 9 took effect Jan. 1.

The controversial SB 9 legislation mandates that cities must allow property owners to split their lots in two, creating the potential for four housing units where

a single-family home once stood.

Mountain View has seen two applications, while Los Altos and Los Altos Hills each received one. The total number is relatively low, though higher than San Jose's zero SB 9 applications as of early February.

In short, contrary to public fears that the law might lead to a flood of development in single-family neighborhoods, that does not yet appear to be the case.

Aarti Shrivastava, Mountain View's assistant city manager, said she's not surprised by the lack of projects.

"A lot of homeowners are not interested in subdividing their lots," she said. "They make decisions really differently than a developer would."

Los Altos plans to hold a study session and design review for its SB 9 applicant at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled March 17.

Los Altos interim planning director Laura Simpson echoed Shrivastava's assessment that the lack of projects is not shocking.

"I think people are waiting to see how this goes and the regulations," she said.

The Los Altos application, filed for a Marvin Avenue residence, comes on the heels of a controversial proposal to tear down the 100-plus-year-old home on the

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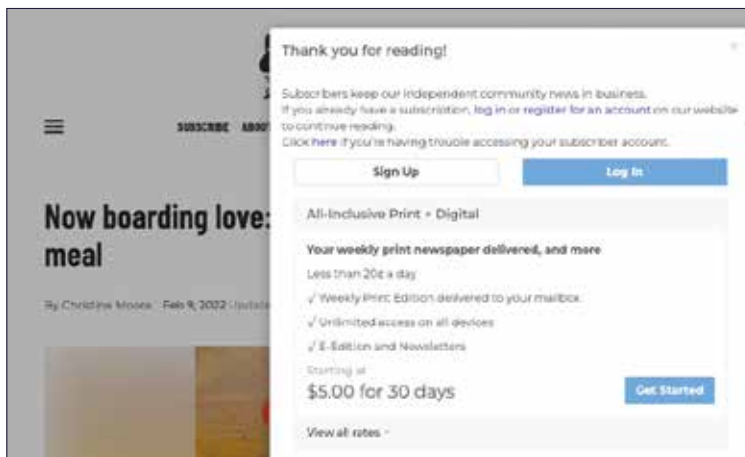
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### Clarifications

- In last week's article "Hills firefighter concerned over COVID booster mandate," Capt. Justin Stockman was speaking in his capacity as a spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Fire Department.
- Last week's article "El Camino Hospital: 'New normal' arrives as omicron spike levels out" stated that El Camino does not collect data on how many of its COVID patients are vaccinated. To clarify, it does collect the information, but the hospital declined to share data on patient vaccination, citing privacy concerns.



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# News

## Pedestrian fatally hit by train in Mtn. View

A train fatally struck a person trespassing on the Caltrain tracks Monday at Rengstorff Avenue in Mountain View.

Approximately 30 passengers were on the train at 10:56 a.m. when the incident occurred, according to Caltrain officials. No one on board was injured. All tracks were reopened by 12:46 p.m.

No information on the identity of the victim was released, as an investigation is ongoing. A Caltrain spokesperson said it is too early to determine whether the trespassing was intentional or accidental.

“No matter what the circumstances, it is always regrettable when a life is lost,” read Caltrain’s statement. “Caltrain reminds everyone to be safe around train tracks.”

The death is Caltrain’s first fatality of 2022.

— Katherine Simpson

## Police Blotter

### Auto burglary

**Feb. 7, 6:14 a.m.:** 2200 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

**Feb. 8, 5:42 a.m.:** 500 block of San Antonio Road, Mountain View

**Feb. 9, 5:45 a.m.:** 1000 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

### Battery

**Feb. 8, 1:26 p.m.:** 2500 block of Grant Road, Mountain View

### Indecent exposure

**Feb. 13, 10:15 a.m.:** Intersection of El Camino Real and North San Antonio Road, Los Altos

### Residential burglary

**Feb. 7, 11:12 a.m.:** 900 block of Miramonte Avenue, Los Altos

**Feb. 11, 10:32 a.m.:** 200 block of West Edith Avenue, Los Altos

### Stolen vehicle

**Feb. 10, 5:42 a.m.:** Intersection of Foothill Expressway and South El Monte Avenue, Los Altos

— Katherine Simpson

## License plate readers lead to arrests during trial period

By Katherine Simpson  
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Los Altos Hills’ recent investment in crime-detering automatic license plate readers is already paying dividends.

Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office deputies arrested the occupants of a stolen vehicle identified by the controversial ALPR system Feb. 2.

With 38 of 40 automatic license plate readers installed around town as of Feb. 4, and the beginning of the evaluation period on their effectiveness Feb. 1, the arrests represent a success for the conversation-generating policy.

According to West Valley Division Commander Capt. Rich Urena, “the system is working as intended.”

He received a notification late in the evening of Feb. 2, alerting him that a car with a stolen license plate was scanned by the APLR camera at the intersection of Magdalena Avenue and Interstate 280. A deputy dispatched to the area found the vehicle parked on the side of the road.

“During the investigation,” Urena said, “they found mail that belonged to several residents in the Hills,” most of which was from nearby neighborhoods on Magdalena and Summerhill Avenue.

The car was reported stolen in December

in San Jose, Urena added.

The occupants of the car both had criminal records – one for felony and misdemeanor warrants as well as a prior conviction for identity theft, the other for drug sales, possession and identity theft. According to the city manager’s office, drug paraphernalia was also found in the vehicle.

### Controversy

Despite their demonstrated effectiveness in other jurisdictions, ALPRs have proven controversial in Los Altos Hills. A proposal to install the cameras was voted down in 2018

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## LA council stays course with McKenzie dog park, despite protests

By Bruce Barton  
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The Los Altos City Council last week approved two fenced-in dog parks for north and south Los Altos, including a controversial location at McKenzie Park.

Council members at their Feb. 8 meeting agreed to a two-step process for a site near Hillview Soccer Field at the city’s civic center, while opting for a temporary setup at McKenzie, adjacent to the tennis courts on the park’s west side. The McKenzie option drew opposition from many of the park’s nearby residents.

“We will hold the city council accountable to follow through on their commitment to explore alternative dog park locations that don’t repurpose Los Altos parkland for the exclusive use of a subset of dog owners,” said McKenzie-area resident Barbara Adey, following the decision.

Councilmember Neysa Fligor suggested pursuing only the civic center dog park and holding off on McKenzie.

The McKenzie and civic center proposals, initially approved at the Jan. 11 council meeting, followed feedback from residents after a trial off-leash hours program at Hillview Baseball Field last year. One of the chief complaints was a lack of fencing, prompting the council to go with fenced-in options.

“With Hillview Baseball Field, we listened to the residents and found a different location,” Fligor said. “And so for our south Los Altos residents, who are voicing their concerns about the McKenzie Park west location, I think we



KATHERINE SIMPSON/TOWN CRIER

The west side of McKenzie Park in Los Altos is being eyed for a fenced-in dog park. The Los Altos City Council OK’d plans last week.

should listen to them as well.”

Mayor Anita Enander disagreed with holding off.

“If we try doing something at McKenzie and it doesn’t work, we can change it. I am willing to go forward,” said Enander, who, with council members Lynette Lee Eng and Jonathan Weinberg, voted for the McKenzie plan. Vice Mayor Sally Meadows and Fligor dissented.

### Divided opinions

McKenzie neighbors were mostly concerned about losing green space, but also about parking, noise and safety issues.

“Putting a fence around this space and adding a ground cover suitable for dogs will, no doubt, create an eyesore and destroy its serenity and peacefulness that is so hard to come by,” wrote Derek and Anne Pitcher, identifying themselves as 30-year dog owners.

Others questioned the vagueness of the accompanying dog park ordinance, contending that

it failed to quantify, for example, limits on the number of dogs owners could bring to the park. Council members, who approved a first reading of the ordinance at last week’s meeting, said they would leave it to city staff to lay out the specific rules.

Some residents expressed support for the McKenzie site.

“This beautiful tree-shaded area is a perfect location for a much-needed community resource,” wrote Victoria Levy. “It has ample parking and would be in an under-utilized part of the park. It is in close proximity to restrooms. It is also the perfect location because there are no homes adjacent to that portion of the park, so no impact on privacy.”

“I am very deeply concerned,” Enander said, “that if we do not put something in south Los Altos, we are going to overly burden Hillview in a way that we then end up making bad decisions on what to do with the more permanent decision at Hillview, because

of the huge amount of usage. If it doesn’t work, we don’t go forward with doing a permanent type of solution.”

Dog park supporters agreed in a letter to the council following the Feb. 8 meeting.

“We need both dog parks for either park to succeed,” wrote a group of residents calling themselves the Hillview Dog Park Preservation Society.

The initial plan with McKenzie would involve fencing and some tree protection in the fenced-in area, but no removal of the current green space. Manny Hernandez, the city’s municipal services director, said the city could consider a different kind of ground cover should the McKenzie dog park prove successful and warrant a permanent location.

The Hillview plan involves fencing in a space next to the soccer field before transitioning to a more permanent location north of the field, where a parking lot is currently located. The Hillview plan passed unanimously.

Also on the site is a temporary structure used by the nonprofit Friends of the Library of Los Altos. City Manager Gabriel Engeland said the city is working with the group to find space for its operations in the main library, which would allow the city to remove the temporary structure. Engeland anticipated any change would likely not happen until the fall.

In approving the dog parks, the council allocated \$100,000 – \$50,000 for each park – to come from park in-lieu fees. Ongoing maintenance of the sites is estimated at \$16,000 annually.

## Library quickly runs out of COVID tests

By Jennah Pendleton  
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Distribution of free, at-home COVID-19 tests and N95 masks via drive-thru last week at the Los Altos main library created a traffic jam along San Antonio Road, with supplies running out in the first hour. Each vehicle received four tests and four masks, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Los Altos police announced at just after 2 p.m. Feb. 9 that the library had exhausted its supply of COVID tests. The event was scheduled to run 1-5 p.m. The line of cars waiting to get into the library parking lot resulted in traffic congestion along San Antonio, prompting police to conduct traffic control.

"The traffic jams were a very unfortunate byproduct of the free COVID test and N95 mask distribution," said Diane Roche, director of county library communication and marketing, in an email. "The level of response



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**Vehicles line up at the Los Altos main library last week for free, at-home COVID-19 tests.**

and need in the community was much higher than expected based on the previous test distribution sites throughout the County."

Roche added that should the library distribute free tests in the future, pre-registration and appointments would need to be required.

"We offered this pilot to

gauge the need and the goal was to make these critical free COVID tests and N95 masks accessible to the community," she said.

The giveaway was the result of a partnership between Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Library District, according to Supervisor Joe

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## SIMITIAN

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the site, including:

- Numerous complaints and violations at the cement plant and quarry, which he said "suggests continuing incompatibility of uses." Simitian recently asked county officials to research a 10-year history of violations.

- The possibility of a new application for continued and expanded activity at the site, which he said "suggests now is the time to envision and consider other possibilities which are both in the public interest and fair to the property owner."

- The recently opened park and camping facility at the site of the former Dumbarton Quarry, which he said provides "tangible evidence that reclamation and conversion can be accomplished."

Simitian made his official announcement of the plans last Thursday at a virtual press conference, accompanied by environmental representatives and union leaders as well as local mayors Anita Enander of Los Altos, George Tyson of Los Altos

Hills and Darcy Paul of Cupertino.

"I support Supervisor Simitian's very forward-looking proposal to explore the possibilities," Enander said last Thursday in a statement. "Scientific advances have ... shown us the significant environmental effects of the site operations. I think today's press conference demonstrates there will be widespread support to try to chart a known path and firm schedule for cessation of operations and restoration and re-use of the site for the benefit of our communities."

"Lehigh appreciates Supervisor Simitian's efforts to begin a discussion regarding the future of the Permanente site," said Jeff Sieg, director of corporate communications for Lehigh Hanson Inc. "The Permanente cement plant and quarry have been ... vital suppliers to critical Bay Area construction projects. As we evaluate optimal reclamation approaches and the future of the property in general, we look forward to hearing the county's ideas that respect both the community interests and Lehigh's property rights, as well as help create a more sustainable future."

## SB 9

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property and rebuild.

Los Altos Hills received its application last week, and "it's far from being anywhere close to being complete," said Sofia Mangalam, the town's planning and building director.

Local residents expressed a variety of opinions during the legislation's initial adoption period.

Sue Russell, Los Altos resident and policy analyst for the local League of Women Voters, said she and the organization support the policy, as it "will allow for more diverse types of housing." She added that she thinks it will help California meet its housing needs.

On the opposing side, Los Altos Hills resident Duffy Price has been organizing Our Hills 2000 in partnership with the statewide organization Our

Neighborhood Voices to get an anti-SB 9 referendum on the November ballot.

"I think that the politicians are using SB 9 and 10 as a gift to developers," Price said. "The neighbors will have no say, and that's the sad thing about this."

**Read next week's Town Crier for a deeper look into the SB 9 projects coming to Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.**

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## LA council asks for major design changes on massive First St. housing project

By Bruce Barton  
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The Los Altos City Council sent the developer of a proposed four-story, 50-unit condominium complex back to the drawing board last week, deeming the building looked too massive.

Council members unanimously opted to direct representatives of DeNardi Wang Homes to work with city staff to make the design of the building look less bulky and uniform. There was no specific deadline for the project to return to the council

for review, but city officials estimated it would take at least two months before they could readress the application.

The project involves a 79,855-square-foot structure at the corner of Whitney and First streets. The proposal, spread across four current sites at 355, 365, 371 and 373 First St., required design review and subdivision approvals. The 56-foot-tall building, though exceeding downtown's established 45-foot height limit by 11 feet, qualified for a density-bonus concession under city law, allowing the height variance. The city



SCREENSHOT FROM DEVELOPER'S PLANS

An illustration from the project developer shows a frontal view of the four-story, 50-unit condominium project proposed for First Street.

granted the concession because three of the units were proposed at the very-low-income level (households making 50% of the average median income). The project proposes another three units at the moderate-income level.

The proposed site is currently occupied by seven buildings that include a hair salon, a coin shop, an office building and a single-family residence. All structures would be demolished to make way for the development.

Although the city's Planning Commission recommended project approval Dec. 2, commissioners had pointed to several design issues that council members noted the developer failed to follow up on. Commissioners said the structure appeared bulky and "lacked a relationship to the city's village character."

Jeff Potts, project architect with SDG Architects, said his team had worked with the Planning Commission on several elements but disagreed with a

finding regarding bulk reduction that involved changing "a strong middle element" in the building's design.

### 'Simply not an acceptable building'

In general, council members said the architecture was too uniform, lacking in articulation and accentuated the size of the building rather than detracting from it.

"This building is bulky, it's massive, it does not look like it belongs in Los Altos," Mayor Anita Enander said at the Feb. 8 council meeting. "It's simply not an acceptable building."

She said other council-approved buildings on First — which has been rife with housing development in recent years — had significant design differences between the first floor and subsequent floors.

"We don't have that with this building," Enander said. "What we have is a highly vertical, uniform look — it looks like it was built with LEGO blocks."

"We welcome this housing," Councilmember Neysa Fligor told the applicant. "But I agree with the sentiments expressed (about bulk) — you can work with (the city) to see if there's anything we can do about the articulation, setback, to make it more appealing — that would be very welcome by the community."

"This is a building that is going to be here another 50 or 75 years at least," added Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg. "I am really hoping the applicant and his team are going to be able to put together something that is much more palatable."

City Attorney Jolie Houston advised the council that it could not suggest changes that would result in a reduction in project density, per state law. However, it could weigh in on design.

"The design area is the only area we have jurisdiction to talk about," Vice Mayor Sally Meadows said. "On all the other bases, other than design, this is clearly approvable."

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### ALPR From Page 4

and faced controversy in 2013 when the Sheriff's Office mounted an ALPR to a police cruiser.

To abate privacy concerns, the town offers residents the option to remove their license plate from the database; however, Los Altos resident Jim Fenton said that though the town's policy addresses many privacy concerns associated with ALPRs, he identified a bit of a "contradiction."

"If there isn't a privacy concern, why do (residents) need the opt-out?" Fenton asked. "I guess I'd just like them to be consistent about that."

Hills management analyst Cody Einfalt said the town has received approximately 70 form submissions for exemptions (residents may exempt up to five cars with a single submission),



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### Installation of automatic license plate readers in the Hills has already resulted in arrests.

which likely adds up to 100-130 total vehicles. He said he's "very amazed by the involvement from the residents," noting that some have changed their minds about the program in response to the arrests.

Urena was understanding of the privacy concerns but pointed out that the information captured by the scanners is limited: It only notes the license plates

and whether they're stolen and is unable to capture images of the driver.

"We understand that some residents feel uneasy with these types of systems, so we're dedicated to making sure we follow all of the policies and procedures we have in place," he said.

Urena said he has been regularly monitoring who accesses the database; it keeps scanned images for 30 days to ensure that the data is accessed only in association with an investigation.

The cameras were installed for a 60-day pilot period as part of an agreement with security company Flock Safety. At 60 days, the council will vote whether to commit \$120,000 annually to a more permanent program.

The Sheriff's Office is preparing a report on the first half of the trial period to present to the Los Altos Hills City Council at its March meeting.

# News

## Justice Vanguard commemorates '100 Years of Black History' for month

By Jennah Pendleton  
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The co-founders of the Los Altos-based racial justice organization Justice Vanguard aim to challenge what people were taught in school about Black history.

Kiyoshi Taylor and Kenan Moos, who were named 2020 Los Altos of the Year by the Town Crier, are releasing a series throughout February, Black History Month, on their social media platforms and website about important Black individuals in the past century.

The series, "100 Years of Black History," includes daily posts chronicling the lives of key African-American figures in sports, activism and music, with weekly wrap-up videos starring Taylor and Moos explaining the larger context each figure existed within. The series features the structure of a marathon relay race, in which historical figures figuratively pass the baton from one generation to the next, finally passing it to the current generation to continue to advance Black liberation.

Taylor said the structural concept for the series was inspired by the music of the late rapper Nipsey Hussle, who invoked imagery of racing and marathons in his work throughout his career, and ultimately showcased the idea of a "victory lap" on his last album prior to his murder in 2019. Hussle used the metaphors to illustrate his personal ascent to success, but he was also largely concerned with uplifting Black communities, demonstrated through the content of music and his activism.

The series was produced in

part because of what they saw as incomprehensive coverage of Black history in K-12 schools. Taylor said his understanding of Black history was incomplete until he started speaking directly with Black elders, who taught him about the past from their perspective.

"We're getting very tired of the basic Black History Month narratives," Taylor said. "We feel as if a lot of the important moments aren't properly discussed. We wanted to give a 360-degree perspective of a person instead of the cut-and-dry version we give our students today."

Taylor pointed to popular narratives about Martin Luther King Jr. as an example of poorly taught history. He said the way King's activism is taught in schools rests on the notion that he "fixed" segregation, which is untrue.

### Full picture of history

Justice Vanguard wants to establish an accurate portrayal of history to serve as a platform for complicated discussions surrounding ethics and race relations in the past and how those issues have progressed into the future. Figures like President Abraham Lincoln and President Lyndon B. Johnson are often upheld as saviors to Black people in their respective eras, but were also known to hold personal racist beliefs.

"We want to introduce critical ways of thinking to the community so they have the ability to consider the very delicate and, at times, divisive topics, but also give them a full picture of history and how it relates to today," Taylor said.

Justice Vanguard has been instrumental in developing the

soon-to-debut Ethnic Studies program in the Mountain View Los Altos High School District. Taylor spoke to the importance of being taught about cultural history and its relation to the racism that continues to exist in the U.S.

"Because if they're not going to teach us our history – our true history – then you're going to have generations with amnesia, which we are already seeing. They don't know where they came from or where they fit," he said. "If you don't know about a problem, how are you going to come up with a solution?"

The first week of "100 Years" covered Black sports stars of the 1920s to the '50s. The first wrap-up video featured vintage photos and videos of Jackie Robinson and Jesse Owens and connected their achievements to the Civil Rights-era leaders of the '60s, which the series highlighted in the following week.

In ensuing weeks, the series will cover '90s hip-hop stars and media figures of the 2000s such as President Barack Obama and rapper Kendrick Lamar.

In addition to "100 Years," Justice Vanguard hosted a webinar, "Black Action Through Unity," alongside the Dayton University Black Student Union Feb. 7 featuring Emory Douglas, art director for the Black Panther Party. Panelists discussed the history of the Black Panthers and how they impact racial justice advocacy to this day. The stream is available to view on Justice Vanguard's YouTube channel.

**For more information, visit [justicevanguard.com](http://justicevanguard.com) and follow the organization on Instagram at @justicevanguard.**

**For more on Justice Vanguard's advocacy, see page 17.**

said. "And we can't see it if we don't test."

Simitian noted the role libraries play in providing their communities with resources. Nearly everyone knows where their city's library is located, he said, which makes libraries a powerful tool in ensuring safe access to public health resources.

Dr. Ahmad Kamal, who served as the county's director of health care preparedness during the pandemic, pointed out that while cases are rapidly dropping from the peak of the omicron surge at the beginning

of the year, the county still reports approximately 2,000 positive cases per day, meaning testing remains in high demand.

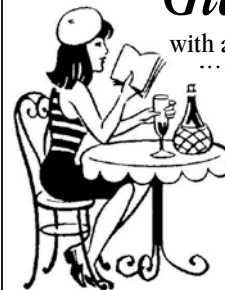
Simitian added that the "innovative" partnership between the county and its libraries is a pilot effort, and to expect more from the county going forward.

"My hope and expectation is that the success of this pilot will lead to expanded distribution efforts at county libraries and eventually for municipal libraries as well," he said.

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Simitian, who said six county libraries participated in the program, which ended Saturday.

All distribution sites were designed for vehicles, but people walking or bicycling also were able to pick up four rapid antigen tests (two boxes) per household.

In a press conference, Simitian emphasized the importance of accessible testing in mitigating the spread of COVID.

"Simply put, we can't fight the virus if we can't see it," he

# Comment

## Letters to the Editor

### Don't reward privileged EV drivers

I drove by our new community center last week and noticed something quite odd. There are about 20 reserved spaces right in the front of the building close to the entrance reserved for electric vehicles, plus two EV charging stations.

Owning an electric vehicle is a privilege, not a handicap. The city of Los Altos should not make owning an EV even more of a privilege by allowing EV drivers to park in the best parking spaces.

Most EV drivers are active, middle-aged professionals who can easily walk from a reserved EV parking space in the back of the lot. Leave those prime spaces up front for the elderly, who may have trouble walking but don't qualify for a disabled person license plate or placard.

To add insult to injury, the two EV charging stations in front of our community center are free. That means residents who can't afford an EV are paying to "fill up" an EV that a rich person can afford.

I hope our city council will address what I consider a disservice to those residents who can't afford an expensive EV. As I said, don't reward privileged drivers with more privileges.

**Ken Girdley**  
Los Altos

### Just say 'no' to DRUGS Act

At the behest of Big Pharma front groups, U.S. senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced the DRUGS Act, a bill that would rob millions of Americans like me of critical daily medicines.

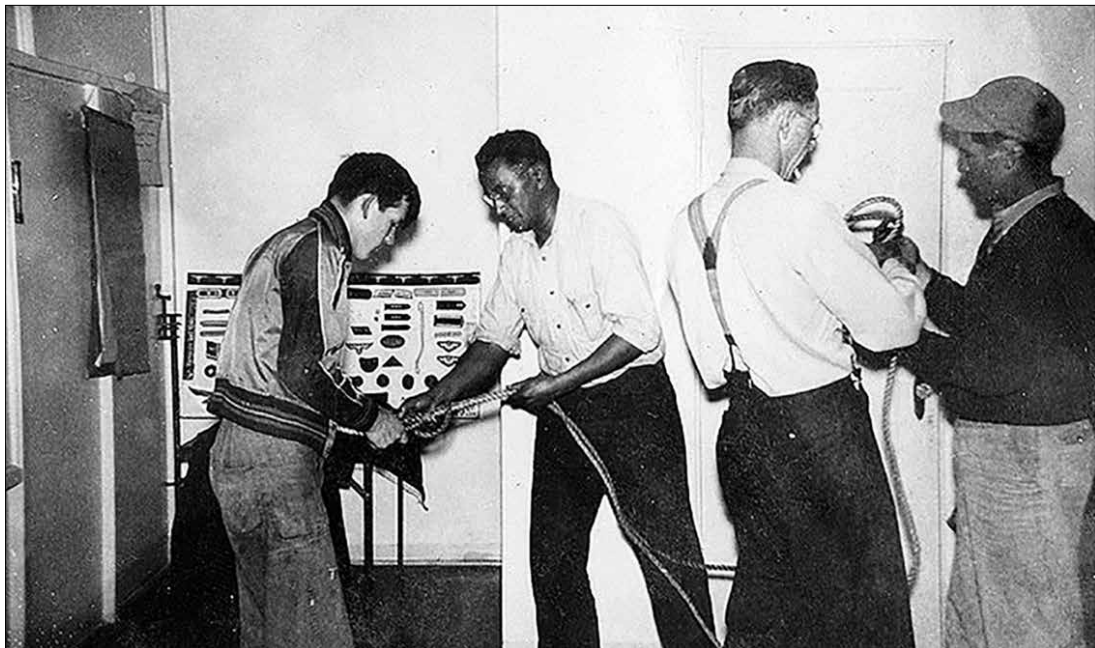
I depend on online Canadian pharmacies to afford my medication, which costs two or three times as much at U.S. pharmacies. If the DRUGS Act passes, the medications and savings I get through online Canadian pharmacies will no longer be accessible to me and millions of other Americans.

The Big Pharma special interests supporting the DRUGS Act claim that the bill would address illegal sales of opioids online; however, the bill fails to even mention the words "opioids" or "fentanyl." Instead, the bill targets "nondomestic" pharmacies – international pharmacies that millions of Americans depend on for safe and affordable drugs. These pharmacies require valid prescriptions and don't sell controlled substances.

Americans like me are in critical need of access to affordable prescription drugs. Our representatives and senators should say "no" to the DRUGS Act.

**Myra Orta**  
Los Altos

## Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Members of the Los Altos Volunteer Fire Department – Ed Besson, Lee (Leland) Smith, Bob Pflueger and George Fullride – practice their knot-tying skills in the 1940s.

## Correcting the record on Lincoln and the Civil War

By Jerry Clements

In reading Allyson Johnson's column on the Civil War ("Hallowed ground?" Jan. 19), it occurred to me that she probably received the same education about the war that I was given in school. That knowledge was adequate for me until our son graduated from college and accepted a job teaching and coaching football at a Catholic high school in Mississippi. I then realized that I should know more and was given a three-set volume of that history written by Shelby Foote, the historian featured in Ken Burns' documentary on the war.

Forty pages into the book, my opinion of my teachers, President Abraham Lincoln and the war had changed dramatically. Important things had not been taught to me, and I was either required or encouraged to believe things that were untrue.

Example: "The war was fought over slavery." You can Google "Lincoln's First Inaugural Address." He states, "I have no lawful right to ... interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists."

Then, "No state upon its own mere motion can lawfully get out of the Union."

Followed by: "The power confided in me will be used to ... (wage war)," and "A husband and wife may be divorced ... but the different parts of the country cannot do this."

Then came Fort Sumter. It was an incident provoked by Lincoln to arouse anger among Northerners. No Union soldiers were killed. At that point, only seven states had seceded, so Lincoln thought he could raise an army and quickly end the Confederacy. He issued a call to raise 75,000 troops among the remaining states. It was a colossal blunder. Congress was not in session. Four states were appalled and joined the Confederacy. The governor of Tennessee told Lincoln, "Tennessee will not furnish a single man for the purpose of coercion, but fifty thousand if necessary for the defense of our rights and those of our Southern brothers." The boundary of the war leaped from more than 300 miles away

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from Washington to just over the Potomac River.

The first serious battle occurred when Lincoln urged a reluctant general to invade Virginia in force and capture the rail junction in Manassas. Fighting began early and went well for the Union into the afternoon. Then a young Virginia general showed up with his troops, routed the Union forces and earned one of history's most famous nicknames. This would not be a short war.

As things were going poorly, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. It's very short. I was taught it freed the slaves. It addresses slaves in the Confederacy, over which Lincoln exercised no control. No mention of slaves in the Union. Those slaves needed to await the Thirteenth Amendment after Lincoln's death.

The Union could not conquer the Confederate army, so Lincoln decided to eliminate its support by ravaging southern farms and cities. This was dishonorable at the time. Resentment understandably endured after the war.

Even the name we apply to this conflict is suspect. "Civil War" typically refers to a struggle where both parties vie for total control of one country. Our son's students used more accurate terms: "The Second War for Independence" and "Mr. Lincoln's War."

One benefit of ignorance in reading about this sprawling subject is that it unfolds as something new. One becomes fascinated with colorful personalities, letters from soldiers, inventions such as submarines and ironclad warships, the importance of our geography, attitudes of a suffering public, politics and what interest foreign countries had in the outcome. Foote was a novelist before turning to history. He is a wonderful storyteller whose writing flows beautifully.

*Jerry Clements is a Los Altos resident.*

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# Community

## Local librarian transitions to COVID response

By Katherine Simpson  
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

The Los Altos main library's teen librarian Sarah Neeri has been away from books for the past five months. She's among the Santa Clara County employees who've been called up as Disaster Service Workers since August 2020.

Since last September, Neeri has been serving with the county's multisite COVID testing team, comprised entirely of employees who usually work in different departments, from Vector Control to the Probation Department. Moving from city to city, they run a PCR testing site, which visits Los Altos' Grant Park roughly every other Thursday.

All county employees know they may be called for Disaster Service work at any time, sometimes with very short notice. Although Neeri had approximately a week between receiving her assignment and her first day on the testing team, she said "some people find out on Thursday or Friday and the next Monday they're gone." Of the county's roughly 22,000 total employees, 3,864 have served as Disaster Service Workers or supported COVID operations, some more than once.

Her colleagues at the library have served in a variety of positions to aid in pandemic response as well.

"Some of the people were at Levi's Stadium when vaccines were first coming out, some work at the fairgrounds, which is also testing and vaccine," Neeri said. "One person who I used to work with is working in a warehouse somewhere. She got forklift-certified over COVID."

The experience has been a combination of stressful and positive. On the one hand, Neeri said, it was difficult to step away from her job, "but at the same time, I'm proud that I helped out



KATHERINE SIMPSON/TOWN CRIER

**Teen librarian Sarah Neeri helps with the county's COVID testing Thursday at Grant Park.**

the county." She also said meeting people from the county has been a highlight. At the height of the omicron surge, Neeri tested some of the same people every week and learned their names.

"Somebody gave me a Christmas present," she said, "because I was their COVID tester every week. I gave out stickers."

As the omicron surge draws to a close, the county is releasing more people from its Disaster Service Workers pool, according to Neeri. When a Town Crier reporter spoke with Neeri early last week, she said demand for testing had slowed significantly. At the peak, she'd tested 110 people in one day.

Unlike her colleagues, her commute has generally gotten shorter these days, but she said she misses coming to Los Altos.

"Whenever we're there, I'm like, 'You guys, we have to try these restaurants. I know where all of the good places are,'" she said.

*For more health-related stories, see this week's Your Health special section on page 19.*

## Museum's photography display showcases Los Altos seniors

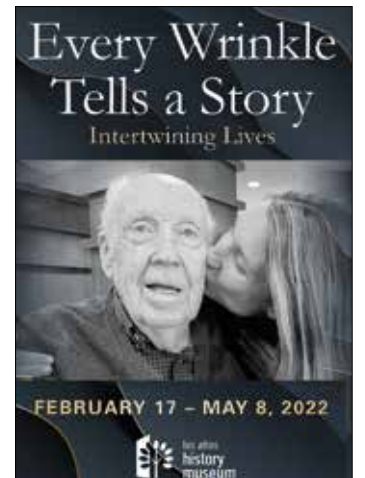
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The Los Altos History Museum's latest exhibition, "Every Wrinkle Tells a Story: Intertwining Lives," featuring photos and stories by Maud Daujean, is set to debut Thursday and run through May 8.

After living in Los Altos for seven years, Daujean, a French photographer, videographer and storyteller, wanted to learn more about the city and the people who made it special. Camera in hand, she spent a year photographing and interviewing 35 seniors in the community, capturing her subjects' memories of the growth of Silicon Valley and how Los Altos managed to retain its village feel. Her photographs and stories are the focus of the exhibition.

"Elders have always fascinated me with their stories, their wisdom and their sense of humor," Daujean said.

The memories and photos she collected became a book, "Faces of Los Altos (Every Wrinkle Tells a Story)." She approached the museum with the idea of turning her book into an exhibition.



The seniors photographed include longtime residents Janet and Sam Harding, Chris Nagao, Dinesh Desai and Nomi Trapnell. Their videotaped testimonies capture memories such as Saturday matinees at the Los Altos Theater, harvesting apricots and the rise of Hewlett-Packard. Visitors may view the videos by scanning QR codes on their phones.

Programs in support of the exhibition include:

- "Learn To: Portrait Photography," 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Daujean will share her secrets on how to shoot the

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## Los Altos American Legion Hall: Historical Commission grants landmark status

By Robin Chapman

American Legion Post 558 has a one-story headquarters that has been a fixture in downtown Los Altos since 1941. Now, it appears this simple building will be around for many more years to come.

At its most recent meeting, the Los Altos Historical Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the post's application to grant the building City Historic Landmark status. The city council will take up the issue next month.

"I'm elated," said Ken Newman when he heard the news. He is currently the post's finance officer and the third

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generation of his family to serve at the post. "We're really proud that we will be able to preserve this as a legacy for generations of veterans in the future."

#### Historical significance

The post was founded in 1938, as veterans began to ponder how to mark the 20th anniversary of the end of World War I. It wasn't until 1940 that the Legion had enough money to buy the lot at 347 First St. and begin construction of its building. The veterans spent

approximately \$3,000 on materials and nothing on labor: All the construction was done on nights and weekends by the veterans themselves. The work was completed in time for the building to serve as a community resource during World War II.

The hall is small and plain in a downtown business district where construction is most recently going multi-story. According to the Historical Resources Evaluation completed by Garavaglia Architecture Inc. of San Francisco, the Legion's style is Minimal Traditional and is associated with the Great Depression and WWII, when such structures were "cost effective and easy to construct."

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COURTESY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 558

**Veterans of World War I founded the Los Altos American Legion Post in 1938. In 1940, they built the hall themselves, spending nothing on labor and only approximately \$3,000 on materials.**

in Los Altos 70 years ago, the American Legion Hall was used for the meetings that led up to the incorporation of Los Altos in 1953 and for the signing of the city charter. During WWII, the hall was used for Red Cross training and for social events to entertain soldiers far from home. No groups supporting the war effort were ever charged for the use of the space. When the Whitecliff Market burned down in 1966 – it was located in the spot where Draeger's Market sits today – the Legion vacated its space across the street for a year so the business could continue to serve its customers while it rebuilt.

The post is named for Col. John J. Howard (1866-1929), an American officer who served in China during the Boxer Rebellion, was badly injured in the Philippine-American War and served as commander of Camp

Upton in WWI. Howard, whom the old Los Altos News called "the most illustrious military citizen Los Altos ever had," retired to a home on Roblela Road, but he did not live to see the establishment of the post that bears his name.

"We were excited to recommend to the city council that the American Legion hall be forever preserved as a Historic Landmark in Los Altos," said David Moore, the new chairperson of the Historical Commission and pastor of Union Presbyterian Church in Los Altos. "Important history of our community has taken place in that building. What an honor it was to vote 'yes' on this project."

*Robin Chapman is a Los Altos native and local writer who is working on a new book based on her "Santa Clara Valley Lives" columns, scheduled for publication in the fall.*

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perfect portrait and sign copies of her book.

• **"There's No Place Like Home," 5:30 p.m. March 10.**

The presentation will explore what cities are doing to help seniors age in place, and whether accessory dwelling units can help create sustainable, age-friendly communities.

• **"Everything Old Is New Again," 10:30 a.m. April 9.** Join the museum's teen docents as they interview those profiled in the exhibition.


• **"60 Is the New 40," 5:30 p.m. April 28.** The discussion will highlight how people are living and working longer and how that has changed the workplace.

All events are free and open to the public. They will be hosted in person and via Zoom. Online registration is required. To register, visit [losaltoshistory.org/Wrinkle](http://losaltoshistory.org/Wrinkle).

The museum's Upper Gallery is closed as work begins on a new permanent exhibition on the second floor. The Main Gallery is open Thursday with the premiere of Daujean's exhibition, but the Upper Gallery and model train diorama will remain closed until both reopen upon completion of the permanent exhibition in early 2023.

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

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



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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Minutes:** Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting (AChelemengos)
2. **SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant:** Adopt Resolution 2022-XX authorizing submittal of an application for CalRecycle payment programs and related authorizations
3. **Off-Leash Fenced-in Dog Parks:** Hold second reading and adopt an ordinance amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated areas within Los Altos; make findings that the projects are 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) and also find that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project; and direct the City Manager or designee to prepare and file a notice of exemption in connection with this ordinance, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 and increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000. (D. Legge)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. **ZTA 21-005 – City of Los Altos - Los Altos Municipal Code Text Amendments:** Hold Public Hearing and Introduce, as read by title only, and waive further reading, of a Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance (ZTA 21-005) modifying the Los Altos Density Bonus Ordinance pursuant to recent changes to state law. The proposed text amendment would also make other updates to the Los Altos Municipal Code. Chapter 1.12 to address City appeals procedures, Chapter 14.02 to address ongoing maintenance requirements for landscaping, and Chapter 14.28 to clarify the City's existing inclusionary housing requirements. This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Jolie Houston, City Attorney, Erik Ramakrishnan, City Attorney's Office)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. **Council Legislative Subcommittee:** Ad Hoc vs. Standing Committees

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

6. **Report from Alta Housing on 2021 performance**
7. **Tentative Council Calendar**

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# Community

## Community Briefs

### Assistance League holds donation drive

The Assistance League of Los Altos is hosting a spring donation drive through March in support of the State Street Faire, scheduled April 1-3.

The State Street Faire will feature the sale of gently used vintage and high-quality goods, entertainment throughout the weekend and children's activities.

Proceeds will support the non-profit Assistance League's community programs, many of which help underserved children.

Donors are asked to drop off items at the Assistance League building, 169 State St.

For more information, visit [assistanceleague.org/los-altos](http://assistanceleague.org/los-altos).

### Los Altos PREPARES offers 'Stop the Bleed'

The Los Altos PREPARES program has scheduled a "Stop the Bleed" training, which teaches techniques people can use to stop the bleeding when someone is bleeding severely.

There are three opportunities

to take the class: Thursday, March 31 or April 21. The Thursday and April 21 classes are slated 7-9 p.m. in the Sequoia Room of the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. The March 31 session is set for 7-9 p.m. in the Grant Park Multipurpose Room, 1575 Holt Ave.

The class emphasizes that in an emergency situation, seconds matter.

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### Public Arts Commission calls for submissions

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# Community

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celebrate the unique stories within the community from longtime to recently transplanted residents. The display will hang in the Los Altos Community Center Gallery from March 24 through early October.

Art must be 2D, but any medium is welcome. Artwork is not to exceed 16-inches-by-24-inches, including the frame size.

All ages are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit art is March 1.

For more information on how to submit art, visit [losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission/page/where-im](http://losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission/page/where-im).

## Danver named 'Big Sir' of local group

Sons In Retirement's Mission Trail Branch 35 recently elected

Andy Danver its "Big SIR," or president, for 2022.

Danver has been an active volunteer in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills community for more than 40 years.

He joined SIR in 2010. Danver introduced the concept of Zoom meetings in March 2020 to keep the social organization accessible to members.

SIR Inc. is a California non-profit organization that provides social activities for men over age 50.

For membership details and more information, call membership chairman Paul Schutz at (650) 313-6852 or visit [sirinc2.org/branch35](http://sirinc2.org/branch35).



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# Stepping Out

## 'Boats' coming ashore this weekend

PA Players' production closes with matinee Sunday at Lucie Stern

Town Crier Report

The Palo Alto Players production of "Men on Boats" is set to continue through Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. A recording of the show is available via on-demand streaming

A tale of 10 men, four boats and two great rivers, "Boats" is staged without boats, rivers or men. It's a 21st-century version of a play about 19th-century American explorer and one-

armed Civil War veteran John Wesley Powell, who assembles a brawny band of soldiers, trappers and adventurers to explore the waterways of the American West.

Inspired by Powell's actual travel log from 1869, Jaclyn Backhaus's comedic script is performed by a cast of women.

Lee Ann Payne directs a cast that includes Mary Melnick (as John Wesley Powell), Melissa Jones (William Dunn), Maria Mikheyenko (Old Shady), Jenni Chapman (Bradley), Katie O'Bryon (Hawkins), Patty Reinhart (John Colton Sumner), Jaime Wolf (Hall), Jennifer C. Maggio (O.G. Howland/Just

Jim), April Culver (Frank Goodman/Mr. Asa) and Naomi Evans (Seneca Howland/Johnson).

Performances are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The play is recommended for ages 13 and up.

Streaming will be offered via Broadway On Demand for \$20 (free account required) at [tinyurl.com/mwyw444p](http://tinyurl.com/mwyw444p).

Tickets are \$39-\$54. Discounts are available for seniors, educators, patrons under 30 and active military.

**For tickets and more information, call (650) 329-0891 or visit [paplayers.org](http://paplayers.org).**



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

## CSMA livestreams merit scholars concert Saturday

Town Crier Report

The Mountain View-based Community School of Music and Arts plans to livestream this year's merit scholars honor concert 5 p.m. Saturday on CSMA's YouTube Channel.

In the free, online-only offering, CSMA students will perform works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin, César Franck, Paul Hindemith, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Francis Poulenc.

Featured performers include Jonah Blaydes-Greenberg (viola), Margot Hall (voice), Yassna Khosravi (violin), Allison Kuan (flute) and Naomi Wong (piano). They will be accompanied by pianists Ihang Lin and Anthony Doheny.

To livestream the concert, visit [youtu.be/UBOV9MeJ6sg](http://youtu.be/UBOV9MeJ6sg).

Donations are welcome; visit [donatenow.networkforgood.org/csma](http://donatenow.networkforgood.org/csma).

**For more information on the event and CSMA, call (650) 917-6800 or visit [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org).**

## 'Mountaintop' and 'Sunset Baby' wrap up this weekend at Pear

Town Crier Report

Pear Theatre's productions of "The Mountaintop" and "Sunset Baby" are slated to run through Sunday at 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View.

Katori Hall's "Mountaintop" is a reimagining of events the night before the assassination of the civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on April 3, 1968, after delivering one of his most memorable speeches. An exhausted King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel while a storm rages outside. When a mysterious stranger arrives with some surprising news, King is forced to confront his destiny and his legacy to his people.

Performances are slated 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. Post-show talkbacks with the cast and director are scheduled after the matinee performance. Tickets are \$20-\$42 for live shows and \$35 for on-demand streaming.

Dominique Morriseau's "Sunset" centers on former Black revolutionary and political prisoner Kenyatta Shakur, who is alone after his wife has died. He is desperate to reconnect with his estranged daughter, Nina, and reconcile his past. But to do so, he must first conquer his most challenging revolution of all – fatherhood.

Performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A post-show talkback with the cast and director is scheduled after the matinee performance. Tickets are \$20-\$42 for live performances and \$35 for on-demand streaming.

**For tickets and more information, call (650) 254-1148 or visit [thepear.org](http://thepear.org).**

## PYT performs 'Frog Prince' Saturday in MV

Town Crier Report

Peninsula Youth Theatre will stage its production of "The Frog Prince" Saturday in downtown Mountain View.

Part of PYT's Stories on Stage program, performances of the fairy tale are scheduled 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, 500 Castro St.

The play is about a prince who is turned into a frog and must go on an epic quest to regain his humanity. Other characters include a batty witch, a stifled princess, a devoted servant and a handsome amphibian.

Each performance runs one hour and is appropriate for all ages. Proof of being fully vaccinated or of a negative test for COVID-19 is required, and all patrons must wear masks.

Tickets are \$12.

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# Sports

## Sports on the Side

### SF wrestlers awarded for their good grades

The Central Coast Section recently recognized the St. Francis High wrestling team for its work in the classroom. The Lancers this month won a 2021-22 Winter Season Scholastic Championship Team Award for posting a collective grade-point average of 3.382, which ranks as the fifth-highest GPA among the section's varsity wrestling teams. Only the top five teams in each winter sport receive an award.

### CIF invites seniors to apply for awards

The California Interscholastic Federation, which governs the state's high school sports, is accepting applications for the 2022 CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards. Applicants must be "college-bound seniors whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary and whose personal standards and accomplishments are a positive model for others," according to the CIF website. The CIF will select two winners, each of whom will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Additionally, 20 section winners will be awarded \$1,000 (one male and one female per section). The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. March 7. To apply and for more information, visit [cifstate.org](http://cifstate.org).

### Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs a head coach for badminton, a spring sport. To apply and for more information, contact athletic director **Michelle Noeth** at (650) 960-8857 or [michelle.noeth@mvla.net](mailto:michelle.noeth@mvla.net). Mountain View High is looking for hurdles and jumps coaches for the spring track season. To apply and for more information, email athletic director **Tim Lugo** at [tim.lugo@mvla.net](mailto:tim.lugo@mvla.net). St. Francis High seeks assistant coaches in a variety of sports. To apply, visit [tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b](http://tinyurl.com/8hwxav5b).

## Who's No. 1?

Mountain View, St. Francis girls vie for top seed in CCS playoffs

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

While we won't know until Thursday night which girls soccer team will land the coveted top seed in the Central Coast Section Open Division playoffs, it's a safe bet that squad will be from Mountain View.

Located less than 2 miles apart, Mountain View High and St. Francis High are vying to be No. 1 in the elite eight-team division of CCS, and each has built a strong case to be designated as such by the selection committee meeting Thursday. The Spartans and Lancers – who played to a 1-all draw at the Fremont Firebird Classic in early December – both entered this final week of the regular season unbeaten with just one league game remaining.

"For sure, it's one of the two of us," Mountain View coach Jeff Panos said. "If we win out, we're certainly deserving, and I think it gives us a leg up. But we'll see – it's decided by a committee, so it's subjective."

The Spartans Friday beat visiting Santa Clara 3-1 for their 15th win in a row. They wrapped up the SCVAL De Anza Division title two weeks ago and enter today's game at second-place Los Altos, scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m., with records of 11-0 in league and 17-0-1 overall.

St. Francis doesn't have as many wins – coming into this week at 12-0-4 overall – but it plays in the more formidable West Catholic Athletic League that will likely send three teams to the Open Division. The Lancers (6-



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**St. Francis High's Charlotte Kohler, left, and Mountain View's Juno Winegar pursue the ball in a Dec. 7 game at the Fremont Firebird Classic. The teams played to a 1-1 tie.**

0-3 league) need only to tie fifth-place Sacred Heart Cathedral this afternoon in San Francisco to claim the WCAL crown outright.

"The difference could be what everyone thinks of the difficulty of the league," St. Francis coach Carlos Barboza said of his team's competition with Mountain View for the top seed. "I hope so. But whatever happens, we're excited to be one of the top teams in CCS. We've worked hard for this."

The talent-laden Lancers, who overcame a halftime deficit to beat visiting Valley Christian 2-1 Saturday, have been dreaming big since the season began.

"Since day one, everybody's thoughts and beliefs were to win CCS and even get a Nor-

Cal state championship," Barboza said. "But we're taking it one game at a time – we've stayed focused."

St. Francis' standouts include sophomore midfielder Charlotte Kohler – whom the coach called "the best player in the league" – senior backs Caroline Kane and Layne Kohler (Charlotte's older sister) and two freshmen: winger Brooklyn O'Brien and striker Kamryn Rosa.

Mountain View has a more senior-heavy roster, led by the likes of wingers Allie Montoya and Isabella Walker – whom Panos called "the best one-two punch in the section – and backs Elechi Iroaga and

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R. ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER  
**Mountain View's Joey Peir shoots over Los Altos' Alonso Gomez in last week's game.**

## Spartans snare share of boys basketball title

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

The Mountain View High boys basketball team took care of business last week, capping the regular season with wins over Los Altos and Cupertino to clinch at least a share of the SCVAL De Anza Division title and the league's highest seed in the Central Coast Section playoffs tipping off this weekend.

Friday's come-from-behind victory over visiting Cupertino, 42-36, ensured the Spartans would finish no worse than co-champs of the De Anza. Los Altos, which won 59-50 at Milpitas Friday, needed to defeat Palo Alto Tuesday (after the Town Crier's deadline) to snare a share of the crown.

That would put both teams at 10-2 in league, with Mountain View (18-6 overall) receiving the league's best seed in CCS

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because it beat the Eagles (18-4) twice, most recently Feb. 8.

The Spartans held on for a 54-49 win over host Los Altos, which trimmed a 10-point deficit to one in the first 84 seconds of the fourth quarter. Mountain View countered with a 9-0 run of its own to regain control of a game in which it never trailed.

"(The Eagles) made that run because they got a couple open 3s," said guard Joey Peir, who led Mountain View with 14 points. "So, we just closed out a little harder on them. We turned up the intensity a little bit at the end of the fourth quarter, and I think we got the stuff we needed to close out the game."

After Los Altos buried that barrage of 3s – coming from Andrew Reilly, Shawn Toney and

Jerwayne Williams Jr. – it went scoreless for 5:25.

"We got into a little rut and let that moment slip away a little bit," Eagles coach Trevor Naas said. "Credit to Mountain View for bouncing right back and creating that separation again."

Using their superior size and depth, the Spartans' started their scoring spurt with a low-post basket from center Jack Pillsbury, who was fouled on the play and made the ensuing free throw. Guard Ryan Davenport drained a pullup jumper from midrange, Pillsbury scored from the low post again and forward Patrick Kane hit a pair of free throws to make it 46-36 with 1:19 left.

"We stuck with the game plan, and we bent but didn't break," Mountain View coach Kevin Mack said. "That's a great sign for us – that we can fight through

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# Sports

## Soccer

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Charis Toney. But the Spartans also have received key contributions from several underclassmen, including sophomore Karena Shah and freshman Laila Edris, whose 10 goals each are second to only Montoya (22).

Like St. Francis, Mountain View has set lofty goals.

“We’d really like to go undefeated, win the CCS championship and get another chance at NorCal,” said Panos, whose team lost to Burlingame in the regional quarterfinals two years ago. “I think we’ve learned a lesson (from 2020); we’re more experienced and better equipped to get that chance.”

The CCS playoffs are scheduled to start Saturday.



MAL TAAM/TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

**Senior winger Allie Montoya has scored 22 goals for Mountain View this season.**

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a stretch like that.”

The Eagles still had some fight in them as well. They scored 13 points – seven by swingman Reilly – in the final 1:10, but the Spartans sank eight of their 10 free throws in that span to keep their rivals at a safe distance.

Reilly finished with 20 points to pace Los Altos, and forward Jake Skaggs contributed 11. The seniors rarely leave the court – Reilly played through an ankle injury suffered late in the fourth – and have produced most of the Eagles’ points this season.

“We’ve been riding that wave for a little while, but that’s a lot for two kids to carry,” Naas said. “But they’ve been playing great.”

Mountain View had three players score in double figures, with Kane (12) and Pillsbury (11) joining Peir, who shot 5-for-7 from the field. The senior nailed a pair of 3s, including a top-of-the-key swish that pushed the Spartans’ lead to 11 midway through the third quarter.

“Joey played great,” Mack said. “He just stepped up big time, made shots for us, made plays and defended all night.”

### Girls basketball

Pinewood enters CCS on a 17-game winning streak after beating host Bishop O’Dowd 57-47 in non-league play Saturday.

Elle Ladine led the Panthers with 21 points and averaged 22.8 per game in the regular season.

Coach Doc Scheppler said he expects Pinewood (19-1) to land the third seed in CCS Open Division, behind Mitty (23-1) and St. Ignatius (16-6), which handed the defending champion Panthers their lone loss. The CCS seeding meeting is scheduled for today, with games starting Friday.

St. Francis could join Pinewood in the Open, comprising the top eight teams in the section. The Lancers beat host Sacred Heart Cathedral 57-43 Friday

### Prep school sports schedule for Feb. 16-22

#### Boys/girls basketball

**Friday**  
First round of Central Coast Section playoffs (all divisions) at homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Second round of CCS Divisions I-V playoffs at homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

**Monday**  
Second round of CCS Open Division playoffs at homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
CCS quarterfinals Divisions (I-V) at



**Los Altos High’s Andrew Reilly puts up a shot against William Van Zuylen of rival Mountain View High last week. Reilly scored 20 points to lead the host Eagles, who lost to the Spartans for the second time this year.**

R. ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

to finish the regular season 16-6 overall and 5-5 in the West Catholic Athletic League.

Coach Sami Pompei recently told the Town Crier her team welcomes an invitation to the Open.

Los Altos is bound for the CCS Division I playoffs, and coach Erik Stuart said his team will likely get a 5-8 seed and a first-round bye. The Eagles, who made it to the Division I final last season, went into Tuesday’s league finale against Palo Alto with a 15-7 overall record.

Los Altos whipped Wilcox 42-23 Friday, improving to 5-6 in the De Anza Division. The visiting Eagles outscored the Chargers 20-2 in the second quarter.

Macy Watson finished with 11 points to lead Los Altos.

Mountain View is also headed to the Division I playoffs. The host Spartans beat Cupertino 38-26 Friday to go 8-4 in the SCVAL El Camino Division and 13-8 overall in the regular season.

### Boys soccer

Mountain View claimed second place in the De Anza by winning both of its games last week.

The Spartans first blanked homes of higher seeds, 7 p.m.

### Boys soccer

**Today**  
Sacred Heart Cathedral at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Los Altos at Mountain View, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
CCS quarterfinals (all divisions) at homes of higher seeds, TBA

**Tuesday**  
CCS Open Division semifinals at homes of higher seeds, TBA

### Girls soccer

**Today**  
St. Francis at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 3:15 p.m.

visiting Gunn 3-0 Feb. 7, getting two goals from Julian Hsien and one from Taaran Chohan. Then on Friday, they edged host Santa Clara 2-1 behind goals from Edgar Neco and Bryan Kim, and a stellar defensive effort.

“Our defense did an outstanding job, led by Bryan Kim, Eduardo Caballero, Jamieson DeAngelis and goalie Anthony Pertsel,” coach Jim McGuirk said.

Mountain View (6-2-3 league, 11-4-3 overall) is bound for the CCS playoffs that start Saturday.

### Wrestling

Mountain View secured the El Camino Division title at last weekend’s SCVAL meet, where the Spartans tied Cupertino for third overall with 124.5 points.

Mountain View, undefeated in the El Camino, placed behind only a pair of De Anza teams.

Seven Spartans qualified for CCS, led by league champs Jack Hecht (160 pounds) and Calvin Conway (220). Chase Bandy (285), Darren Nhieu (126), Rohan Kumar (113), Landon Aikin (106) and Nolan Pham (120) also made CCS, a two-day event that starts Friday at Independence.

Mountain View at Los Altos, 6 p.m. **Saturday**  
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# Schools

## LAHS students protest Oakland school closures



By **Jannah Pendleton**  
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Los Altos High School students staged a walk-out and march to protest Oakland school closures last week, a demonstration designed to show solidarity with students of color.

Although planned in the days prior, the walkout occurred only hours after the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education narrowly approved plans Feb. 8 to close, merge or shrink 11 schools over the next two years, a decision that affects primarily Black and Latino students.

The demonstration was peaceful, but it did result in interactions with Mountain View police.

After their lunch period Feb. 9, a group of approximately 150

Los Altos High students left school after lunch Feb. 9 to march up San Antonio Road in solidarity with Oakland schools, above. Many demonstrators showcased signs with messages of support for fellow students, including Diego Vera, above right from left, Bianca Martinez and Taizz Estrada. Kiyoshi Taylor, below right from left, Kenan Moos and Seth Donnelly confront a Mountain View police officer who came close to colliding with Taylor. The officer told the men the group needed to stay off the street.

students marched up San Antonio Road, with Justice Vanguard co-founders and Los Altos High alumni Kenan Moos and Kiyoshi Taylor helping direct traffic. Los Altos High civics teacher and activist Seth Donnelly supervised from the back of the group and made announcements via bullhorn.

The demonstrators arrived at the northwest corner of San Antonio and El Camino Real at approximately 2:30 p.m., where they occupied the sidewalk and held signs with messages like

“Education Is a Human Right” to capture attention from passing motorists. Adults in the crowd stood in the farthest lane to the right to keep vehicle traffic far from the teens on the sidewalk. While some drivers looked visibly annoyed by the disruption, many honked and shouted their support.

A Mountain View police officer approached the students via motorcycle within 10 minutes, warning them to stay off the street and remain on the

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## LASD talks timeline for hiring superintendent, plans for new site

By **Jannah Pendleton**  
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### Superintendent search

The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees addressed a host of issues at its Feb. 7 meeting, all aimed at improving the district’s operations.

Agenda items included a timeline for hiring a new superintendent, discussion of possible layouts for the district’s 10th school site and a status report on preparations for the Universal School Meals Program slated to begin in the fall, which will offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to every public school student in Los Altos.

The search for a new LASD superintendent began shortly after Superintendent Jeff Baier announced his retirement this month, effective at the end of the school year. The new superintendent will be hired by the board with community input. Trustees are set to hire a firm to facilitate the search. The incoming superintendent will hire an assistant superintendent in a process similar to hiring a school principal.

Throughout the next few months, trustees will approve the final job description, post the job listing, generate a report based on community feedback,

interview candidates and make an offer in the spring. The board plans to finalize a list of top candidates for assistant superintendent by April so that the new superintendent can interview candidates and make a decision by May. Both new hires will start July 1.

### New school site

Trustees considered two layout options for the district’s 10th school site, set for construction at the intersection of Showers Drive and California Street in Mountain View. Criteria for the layout emphasized safe access to the school for pedestrians, cyclists and children, while

also dedicating space for recreational use. The discussion also emphasized the importance of security.

“A school is not like any other piece of real estate; you need to keep that entire site safe and secure during school hours,” said Lisa Gelfand of Gelfand Partners Architects, the district’s architect.

Each plan incorporated 2 acres of school buildings, 4 acres of recreational space and 2 acres for a city park. The park – which would allow public access – is situated at the northeast corner of California and Pachetti Way in both plans.

The two proposed scenarios come

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sidewalk. The group did not comply. The interaction prompted a protester to shout, “Whose streets?” The crowd responded, “Our streets!”

Fifteen minutes later, a second police vehicle came around the corner and stopped abruptly

less than a foot from Taylor. The quick approach of the car made him jump. Several people witnessed the incident, with one eyewitness saying that he estimated the gap between Taylor and the police car to be smaller than his fist.

The officer at the wheel alleged that he did not see anyone standing around the cor-

ner, despite confirming that he was heading to the protest site to respond to calls concerned about the crowd. Taylor alleged that he saw the same police car parked in the parking lot behind the crowd before the incident.

When Taylor, Moos and Donnelly approached the officer to ask about the incident, the officer did not converse with the three men and drove away. The officer driving the vehicle has not been identified, and the Mountain View Police Department has yet to respond to a request for comment.

Taylor said he is in the process of filing a complaint with the department.

### Fighting for justice

Despite the interchanges with police, the demonstration was spirited and peaceful. Protesters chanted, flaunted their colorful signs and cheered loudly in response to honks of support from passing cars.

Donnelly encouraged students to make speeches. Hazel Oxford, president of the Students for Haiti Solidarity club at Los Altos High, gave an impassioned speech establishing solidarity with the families of Oakland, culminating in, “Alone we are a drop, but together we are a flood.”

Student Taizz Estrada said the only difference between many of the students in Los Altos and Oakland is location.

“Some of us are Latina, some of us are Black, like a lot of the students affected by these closures,” Estrada said. “We are all a part of the same community. We’re fighting for justice for our

own kind, and if it were us, we would want them to be fighting for us, too.”

Demonstrators acknowledged that Los Altos High is one of the most well-funded high schools in the state, receiving approximately \$8,000 more in tax funding per student annually than Oakland high schools on average. Mountain View Los Altos High School District schools are funded by local property taxes, while 70% of the Oakland district’s budget comes directly from the state.

“I’m here today because I think that education is a very important part of this world and it’s sad how some communities don’t have the same opportunities even though there is enough money to go around for everyone,” said Los Altos High student Bianca Martinez.

### Oakland’s woes

The Oakland district voted 4-2 last week to approve the school closures. Board members pointed to budget deficits resulting from declining enrollment, but opponents of the plan claim there is plenty of money to go around.

According to Chalkbeat, a nonprofit news organization that covers education, research shows that school closures often adversely affect graduation rates and test scores. A study by the National Education Policy Center concluded that school closures “differentially affect low-income communities and communities of color that are politically disempowered,” and that “closures may work against

the demand of local actors for more investment in their local institutions.” In Oakland, Black students make up 36% of students affected by the closures but only 22% of the entire district.

Demonstrators at last week’s march specifically addressed California lawmakers like Gov. Gavin Newsom, asking them to allocate funds from the state’s projected surplus to keep Oakland schools open. California is expected to have a \$45.7 billion surplus, \$16.1 billion of which is already required by Proposition 98 to be allocated to K-14 education. Another \$9 billion goes to reserves and supplemental pension payments, leaving \$20.6 billion to use at the state’s discretion.

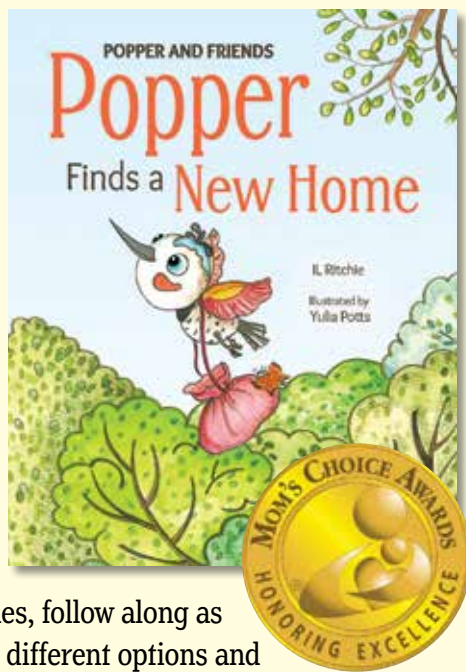
Although Newsom has already proposed a plan for the surplus funds, proponents of keeping Oakland schools open suggest that the state dip into the fund to make up for the district’s projected budget deficit of \$12.3 million.

Los Altos High students are not the only group that has taken to the streets to protest school closures in Oakland. Two Oakland teachers participated in hunger strikes, saying they are willing to risk their lives for the future of Oakland schools. Hundreds of students at Oakland Technical High School walked out of class and held a rally Friday urging the board to revisit its decision.

While the Oakland district has shown no signs of reversing course, opponents of the plan continue to advocate for students of color.

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with different opportunities and constraints. In scenario A, the school site is more removed from busy streets, but its athletic fields border the same roads. Scenario B sets up the fields and park adjacent for possible joint use but leaves the school bordered by busy streets.

Trustees were divided on the two options, but they ultimately opted for scenario B, in which the sports fields are situated in the northwest corner of the space with the school in the southernmost area.

### Free school meals

LASD is in the process of implementing the Universal School

Meals Program as mandated by California law for the upcoming school year. Under the law, each school is required to offer free breakfast and lunch to students without requiring prior sign-up. Currently, LASD does not have any kitchens to produce its own meals, meaning a huge shift is in order.

To implement the new program in the upcoming year, LASD must hire staff to deliver meals and at least two people per site to distribute the meals, plus purchase two refrigerated vans.

Other logistical issues include refurbishing school sites and determining at what time and location schools will serve breakfast. Some school facilities also may need to be renovated

to meet the need, and funds are likely available in Gov. Gavin Newsom’s state budget.

Trustee Bryan Johnson anticipated that some parents may not be satisfied with school-provided meals and suggested that the district get ahead of parents organizing separate meal deliveries for their children from services such as Uber Eats and DoorDash.

“We need to get out in front of it across the whole district and say, ‘Here’s what we are and are not doing,’” Johnson said.

**Do you have an idea for a local schools-related story? Email schools reporter Jennah Pendleton at [jennahp@latc.com](mailto:jennahp@latc.com).**

# Your Health



COURTESY OF DANIELLE KAMIS

Dr. Danielle Kamis visits the site of the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis, Mo. The Los Altos-based psychiatrist is currently serving as a backup sports psychiatrist for the Beijing Olympics.

## Local sports psychiatrist serves on call at Winter Olympics and Paralympics

By Kaitlyn Huang  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

One Wednesday afternoon in her Main Street office, lifestyle psychiatrist Dr. Danielle Kamis received a text that made her jump out of her chair.

It was a message from the chief medical officer of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee asking her to serve as the backup sports psychiatrist for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

"I was very excited," the Los Altos resident recalled. "I got very jittery, and it was definitely a very awesome moment."

Kamis' role as the backup sports psychiatrist is to remain on-call throughout the Olympics and Paralympics, heading to Beijing as soon as her help is needed. As a sports psychiatrist, she would be treating Team USA members and addressing issues such as sleep problems, anxiety attacks and panic attacks; she additionally can prescribe certain psychiatric medications under Olympic guidelines. She would ultimately be part of a mental health team with a sports

psychologist and clinical mental health counselor.

According to Kamis, the Beijing 2022 games is only the second time Team USA recruited a sports psychiatrist. She noted that "special attention" was necessary for this year's athletes, and having sports psychiatrists on the team would allow for medical treatment for mental health issues, and the ability to tailor treatment to each sport.

Kamis' interest in sports psychiatry developed from her own competitive fencing history. She served as captain of the fencing team at the University of Pennsylvania.

"That's where I had the student-athlete mind," she said.

She added that she even had dreams of fencing at the Olympics, but medical school was ultimately her calling.

"(Being part of the mental health team) was my other vicarious way of going to the Olympics," Kamis said.

Since the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the role of mental health in sports has gained traction internationally.

"Athletes are like the rest of us — they all have certain susceptibil-

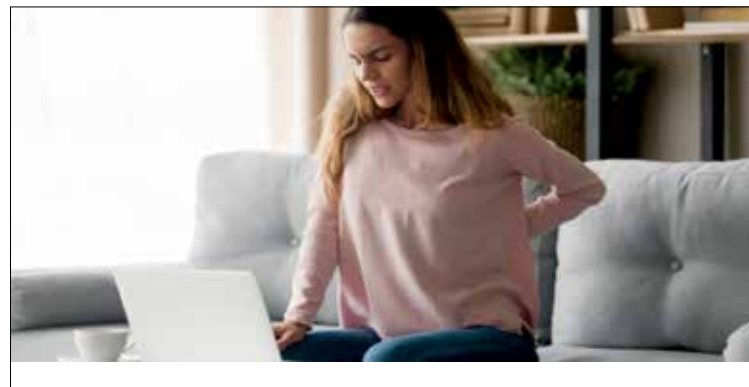
ities to mental illness like anxiety, depression, sleep difficulties and ADHD," Kamis said. "But sometimes they're under very high amounts of pressure, and each sport might give a higher risk to a certain type of eating disorder or a certain type of substance abuse. I think that (athletes) should take that extra step (to seek mental health support) because it could make them able to give that extra peak in their performance, and also be able to feel satisfied inside about what they're doing in their day-to-day life."

The Beijing Winter Olympics began Feb. 4 and run through Sunday; the Beijing Paralympics are scheduled March 4-13.

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**See page 20 for Kamis' take on omicron and the media.**

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Back pain affects roughly 80% of the population at some point.

## Put away the painkillers Physical therapy can help heal the back

By Kim Gladfelter

Back pain is one of the most common causes of disability, affecting approximately 80% of us at some point. For some people, their back pain comes with a specific underlying diagnosis such as a muscle spasm, degenerative disc disease, disc herniation or sciatica. For others, there's simply no clear cause.

The good news is that physical therapy is shown to help people with back pain whether they have a specific diagnosis or not. In fact, PT is recommended as a preferred treatment for most types of chronic pain like back pain.

### What causes back pain?

Here's a quick wellness assessment to try right now: Are you slouched in a chair or hunched over a smartphone? The classic forward-head and rounded-shoulders position that most of us find ourselves in during the day can put extra stress on the spine. Over time, poor posture also can lead to weak core and pelvic floor muscles, reducing the support and stability a spine needs.

Poor posture isn't just a potential cause of back pain. For many people, poor posture is a compensation for discomfort. If your back is hurting, you may find yourself in an awkward position in an attempt to find temporary relief.

What this means is that correcting your posture can be helpful in alleviating back pain. But it's also important to address other underlying risk factors that are driving back pain, including:

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- **Age.** You're more likely to experience back pain once you reach your third, fourth or fifth decade of life.

- **Fitness level.** If you're sedentary or a "weekend warrior," you're more likely to experience back pain.

- **Weight.** Being overweight can increase stress on the back and increase your risk of other health conditions associated with back pain.

- **Genetics.** Certain conditions, including scoliosis and ankylosing spondylitis, tend to run in families.

- **Occupational factors.** Back pain is common in people with physically demanding jobs that involve a lot of heavy lifting, twisting or pushing, as well as in those who are sedentary at work.

- **Smoking.** Smoking reduces the amount of oxygen-rich blood flowing to spinal discs, which can cause them to thin and break down more quickly.

- **Heavy backpacks.** This is a common culprit for kids and teens complaining of sore and achy backs.

- **Mental health.** Anxiety, depression and other mood-related disorders are associated with back pain, can increase muscle tension in the spine and even influence a person's perception of pain.

Another surprising risk factor for back pain is having had back pain once before. A 2017 study published in Physical Therapy found that

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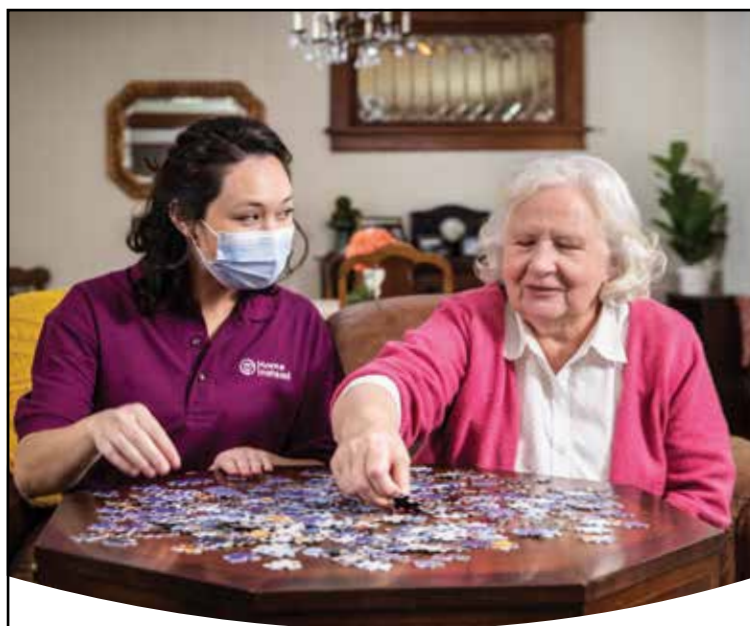
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# Your Health

## How to live outside the omicron news cycle

By **Dr. Danielle Kamis**  
Special to the Town Crier

Omicron appears to be less severe than previous COVID variants, yet its high level of contagion leaves many people on edge.

People feel compelled to listen for omicron news. Many find themselves in a constant state of unrest given the increased rate of spread as well as fear of being infected. Additionally, an increased level of distress exists with the quantity of media released and attempting to decipher whom to trust. At times, people feel obliged to constantly view the news, lending to a permanent state of panic and alarm.

### Fortifying your mental health

The preoccupation with omicron is common; if that describes your behavior, you are not alone. In these difficult times, it is easy to be distracted from prioritizing happiness and mental stability. Mental health is every bit as important as physical health, and they are very much interconnected.

If you are experiencing a degree of uneasiness about the new variant aggravated by a compulsion to keep up with the latest news, here are some tips to enhance and improve your mental well-being.

• **Restrict TV and internet news.** Media is filled with rehashed omicron news. A large portion is hype, instilling and promoting fear, and keeping you tuned in for the next advertise-

ment. Be strong – limit media consumption and step away from the constant barrage of news cloaked as important information. Instead, select a specific allotted amount of time per day and keep track of your news consumption so that you may be more mindful and present in other meaningful daily tasks.

• **Exercise.** It is absolutely vital to stay active and exercise. By helping your physical health through exercise, you are boosting your mental health in parallel. Exercise is an essential tool that optimizes both mind and body. To keep interest and spirits high while exercising, it is helpful to vary routines, including alternating aerobic exercises, strength training or joining a group class in a safe environment.

Additionally, socialization combined with exercise is an ideal activity that can create a sense of kinship while increasing natural endorphins in the body.

• **Calm yourself with mindfulness.** Exercise not only builds physical muscle and strength, it also optimizes our ability to be focused and mindful in the here and now.

Mindfulness frees us from being constantly distracted by our surroundings, such as media or news, and allows us to focus on the task at hand. When in a state of mindfulness, there is no need to focus on how your current state relates to some future event, nor should you ponder how your current mindset re-



**Kamis**

minds you of your past. Be like a camera, observing events without judgment. What you see may surprise you.

Mindfulness aids in slowing our minds and becoming aware and appreciative of small things around us that enhance our well-being. The more awareness we gain, the more we can appreciate what we have. This practice in turn decreases our anxiety as we bring our mind back to the present moment.

• **Meditate.** One of the most effective ways to anchor ourselves in the current moment is our breath. Breath is one of our most powerful tools because it is always with us. Focus on deep breathing; let a feeling of relaxation slowly descend with each breath from head to toe. As you breathe, count down from 10 and focus on relaxing each body part.

When relaxed, recall a time in your life when you were happy. Recreate as much of the happy scene as you can. Decide that you choose to be happy. Few humans have faced as many troubling events as Abraham Lincoln, yet he wisely observed, “Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

Make up your mind to be happy; when the opportunity presents itself, you will choose that path.

• **Take a positive approach.** Rather than think of being permanently trapped in a  
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about one-third of people with an acute episode of low back pain will experience back pain again.

So, don't hesitate to seek out professional help when your back hurts. Because even if your back pain gets better on its own after a couple weeks, you still could have underlying issues that will increase your risk of another episode in the near future.

### How PT helps

Physical therapy features multiple approaches that can help people find relief from their back pain, but every ap-

proach is highly individualized to meet every patient's unique needs and goals.

Generally, most people with back pain benefit from some combination of:

- Manual therapy.
- Specific exercises aimed at facilitating tissue healing and improving core muscle strength, endurance and coordination, as well as improving range of motion in other areas such as the shoulders and hips.
- Movement and postural assessments aimed at improving alignment, body mechanics and efficiency.
- Neuromuscular re-education to redevelop normal movement patterns through exercise and manual techniques.

• Patient education on the neuroscience of pain and the influence of mindset on a person's discomfort and long-term outcomes.

Research shows that one of the best ways to improve and prevent back pain is to participate in regular aerobic exercise. Physical therapists can be instrumental here, because they help people feel good enough to start increasing their activity level again.

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## Local perspective: The search for answers about regressive autism

By Saba Torabian

There's a sentence I hear on a weekly basis when I see new clients coming to my applied behavior analysis practice to start ABA services for a child newly diagnosed with autism: "My child was developing normally but started to regress and lose his skills around 22 months of age."

It's such a common statement that we

### Understanding Autism

recently started to look into the number of parents who believe that their children regressed at some point in their lives. Based on the preliminary data we have collected from a sample of clients seeking ABA services from my practice, more than 60% believe that their children regressed when they were between the ages of 18 months to 3 years.

Regressive autism means that a child who seems to develop typically all of a sudden starts losing communication abilities and social skills or starts engaging in restrictive and repetitive behaviors such as hand-flapping or spinning around. After that, the child continues to follow the classic pattern of autistic development. The condition is also known as autism with regression or autistic regression.

How common is it? Conventional belief is that regressive autism is less common than the classic autism pattern of behaviors (when the child never develops certain skills to lose), but recent studies show that anywhere from 13% to 48% of autism diagnoses are of the regressive type.

Why does it occur? We simply do not know, and this is the

most frustrating part for families to accept. Over the many years I worked closely with parents of children with autism, I have seen the most distress and depression among families of children with regressive autism. It is difficult for them to accept that their children who were once able to utter two- or three-word sentences all

of a sudden lose most of their words or are no longer even able to say a simple word. I have come across many parents who take their phones out during an initial assessment to show me a video of their child before regression. They want to prove that the child was able to talk or play functionally with toys before he or she started losing his skills.

Many parents ask me whether their child will regain the skills. In other words, they want to know if regressive autism can be reversed. This is always a hard question to answer. I wish I had an answer for them, but I unfortunately don't. Early intensive intervention such as intensive ABA and speech therapy can significantly help children reach their maximum potential, whatever that potential is.

### Personal experience

I want to share my personal life experience with regressive autism. Cameron, my older son with autism, never regressed. He never gained skills to lose. My younger son, Ryan, however, regressed significantly at age 24 months. In May 2013, when Ryan turned 2, he started to lose his language and engaged in running back and forth in the middle

of a room. Before, at age 2, he was able to speak 50 words and knew "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse" characters like Donald Duck and Pluto. He now has only two words – "tickle" and "open" – at age 10. For Ryan, he never

regained the skills he lost, despite years of intensive therapy. That might not be the case for other children with regressive autism.

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depressing state, do something, once a day, that is positive, like calling a friend or cleaning your desk. Doing just one new satisfying activity a day can lead to a sense of accomplishment. Demonstrate to yourself that you are in control.

• **Keep perspective.** Throughout history, humans have confronted horrible events: devastating plagues, famines, economic disasters and brutal wars. Humanity has been able to summon its internal fortitude to survive and grow back stronger. Remember, our innate human resourcefulness always exists. We will

survive omicron and any variants that follow.

• **Consider telehealth to talk to a therapist.** If anxiety or mood changes become unmanageable, do not hesitate to reach out to a professional. Many licensed therapists and psychiatrists have in-person and telehealth options available. Take advantage of such services when you feel like your quality of life is being compromised.

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# Business & Real Estate

## The Girls @ Los Altos shifts to e-commerce, closing downtown storefront this weekend

By Katherine Simpson  
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The downtown Los Altos girls' clothing boutique The Girls @ Los Altos is closing its storefront permanently Sunday to shift its business focus to online orders.

Founder and operator Cecilia Chen said the transition to e-commerce allows her to concentrate more on the thriving online side of her business, which has grown over the past two years.

According to Chen, "the way people shop, the things we value, how we spend our time, how we dress, how we take joy" have evolved during the pandemic.

In addition to local customers moving online, Chen has received orders from an expanding international customer base. Between 2019 and 2021, The Girls @ Los Altos fulfilled orders for customers in 179 countries, from Brazil to Belarus. Chen said switching to online

only will allow her to provide more products and better customer service, as well as enable her to adapt to international customers' needs.

### Satisfied customer

Los Altos Hills resident Carly Vasan first shopped at The Girls approximately six years ago – she bought a leotard and tutu for her oldest daughter – and said she'll continue to shop online.

"What I love about The Girls is that Cecilia is a master curator who selects brands that evoke whimsy, fun and nostalgia," said Vasan, adding that buying baby clothes from The Girls when she was pregnant with her now 3-year-old daughter was "just as guilty a pleasure as there is."

The Girls @ Los Altos is offering 40% off in-store merchandise at the 239 State St. shop through the weekend, and 15% off online indefinitely with the code LosAltosFans15.

### It takes a village

Chen opened the business in 2014 after being a stay-at-home mom for two years. When her daughter was young, she loved to shop for her but said she found it hard to find unique and special-events styles.

"My business started with my own need to meet," she said.

Although an online shop was part of the business from the beginning, Chen loved the experience of being part of the downtown community and interacting with customers.

"Los Altos is embedded in our business gene," said Chen, noting that she wouldn't have the confidence to keep the business going without support from local customers.

Just like it takes a village to raise a child, she added, "it also takes a town to foster a business. I feel like Los Altos has been the 'village' who supported us, See GIRLS, Page 23



COURTESY OF CECILIA CHEN

The Girls @ Los Altos, which opened on State Street in 2014, is moving its entire business online after Sunday.

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## Adobe Animal Hospital adjusts amid COVID to make remote work a little less rrr-ruff

By Katherine Simpson  
Staff Writer/katies@latc.com

Working from home has become a reality for many Americans amid the pandemic, but Christina Freeman started working remotely for Adobe Animal Hospital in 2018.

Freeman ended up working remotely from North Carolina as a veterinary technician and customer representative. Now, she manages Adobe's team of 26 remote employees.

Like Freeman, 11 members of the remote team previously worked in person at Adobe's locations in Los Altos and Los Gatos.

Adobe president Summer Burke-Irmiter said employee shortages before the pandemic led staff to explore options for remote work to ease the hiring process. The pandemic "compounded that original staff shortage that we had," she said. Eventually the team was short more than eight veterinarians and 25 total staff.

Cue the so-called pandemic-puppy phenomenon in 2020 to really exacerbate matters.

"We've got all of these new pet owners (who have) added to the patient load," Burke-Irmiter said, "so our number of pets just exploded over the last couple of years."

### In search of solutions

Burke-Irmiter and her team made a number of adjustments to keep up with the number of patients, or pets, and provide quality service for Adobe's clients, or pet owners. First, Adobe stopped taking in new clients, choosing to focus instead only on current clients, and limited emergency hours. But that wouldn't be enough to fill in all of the gaps. For that, Freeman said Adobe's team "had to get creative and figure out over time with our staffing shortage what we can actually do."

They focused largely on customer support, like the times customers spend interacting with staff as they check their pets into and out of appointments, and veterinary technicians who can provide medical advice and answer patients' questions.

Initially, the remote staff comprised people like Freeman, who had worked in person at Adobe but relocated elsewhere, largely taking over administrative and background tasks; however, as the remote team "blossomed" to its current size, Adobe developed more sophisticated remote services, Burke-Irmiter said.

The animal hospital's website now allows clients to chat with remote representatives like Freeman to get answers to quick questions. Burke-Irmiter said that since 2018, the staff has conducted more

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# Business & Real Estate

## GIRLS

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fostered us in the past seven-plus years.”

The Girls @ Los Altos has given back to the community by employing teens from local schools at the shop. Over the years, the business has hired 22 students from schools including Los Altos, Mountain View, St. Francis and Sacred Heart high

schools.

Chen said she'll miss the personal touches of a storefront business, such as holding customers' babies and running into clients around town.

“I was even invited to customers' children's birthday parties. That's such a special connection,” she said. “But you can't have it all.”

*For more information, visit [thegirlsla.com](http://thegirlsla.com).*

## ADOBE

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than 60,000 chat conversations.

“That would have been 60,000 phone calls,” she added.

Clients also can schedule virtual visits with both a veterinarian and a veterinary technician.

The flexibility makes pet care more convenient for pet owners, according to Burke-Irmiter. Not only can online visits help clients “learn anything from how to trim your pets' nails to help you give fluids to your pets at home,” she said, they also can save the hassle, and potential scratches, of trying to load a cat into the car.

The two Los Gatos locations

have already implemented a virtual check-out process that allows clients to pay for services and schedule a follow-up appointment while “in the quiet of the exam room,” Burke-Irmiter said. In other words, clients will no longer have to reach for their credit card while trying to wrangle their dogs on a leash.

Although virtual care might seem sterile or less warm, both Burke-Irmiter and Freeman highlighted the power of the online chat feature as pets near the end of life.

“People can still cry and type,” Burke-Irmiter said.

*For more information, visit [adobe-animal.com](http://adobe-animal.com).*



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
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## Transactions

### Los Altos

- 2005 Fallen Leaf Lane**, S. Mitro to A. & B. Erogbogbo for \$2,100,000
- 689 Kingswood Way**, Pacholski Trust to L. & X. Wang for \$3,580,000
- 851 Manor Way**, Avny Family Trust to Bourgan Family Trust for \$2,605,000
- 520 Patrick Way**, E. Rickansrud to W. & B. Yang for \$4,100,000
- 11690 Putter Way**, T. Burger to S. & Y. Chen for \$2,595,000
- 1075 Russell Avenue**, O'Keeffe Trust to Porat Family Trust for \$3,925,000
- 2009 Scott Lane**, Miller Trust to Vue Trust for \$2,400,000
- 731 University Avenue**, Buchanan Trust to Miller Trust for \$6,995,000

### Mountain View

- 1033 Crestview Drive No. 304**, Glassman Trust to S. & N. Desai for \$880,000
- 280 Easy Street No. 418**, D. Draut to C. Kwok for \$700,000
- 308 Marquette Circle**, Summerhill Montecito Ave. LLC to S. & C. Shen for \$1,762,000
- 50 E. Middlefield Road No. 30**, S. Turan to S. Buchardt for \$625,000
- 226 O'Keefe Way**, G. & K. Mulenburg to K. & K. Miagkogolovyi for \$1,150,000

- 133 Ortega Avenue**, N. Vinnik to J. & J. Zhang for \$1,444,500
- 556 Palo Alto Avenue**, K. & T. Harnett to P. & S. Nguyen for \$2,330,000
- 85 Paul Avenue**, P. Broenen to Mitchell Trust for \$1,826,000
- 1301 San Domar Drive Unit A**, D. & K. Chow to M. & B. Zhang for \$1,050,000
- 49 Showers Drive Unit J217**, Gadgil Family Trust to Y. Gu for \$1,030,000
- 2356 Thompson Court**, J. Pustell to M. & Z. Jin for \$1,732,500
- 220 Velarde Street**, Hanaray Construction Inc. to Yogasundram Trust for \$2,200,000

### Overall

**Los Altos**  
 Total sales: 8  
 Lowest sale: \$2,100,000  
 Highest sale: \$6,995,000  
 Average sale: \$3,537,500

### Mountain View

Total sales: 12  
 Lowest sale: \$625,000  
 Highest sale: \$2,330,000  
 Average sale: \$1,394,200

*Transaction information is obtained from public county records and is provided by Cal REsource.*



## Remodeled Home in Waverly Park

### 2576 Westford Way, Mountain View

4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,340 Sq Ft \$3,358,888

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

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Sealed PROPOSALS for the DUVAL WAY/JOSEFA LN/ELENA RD/PADRE CT/SETON WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS whether mailed or personally delivered, must be received by the Purissima Hills Water District (PHWD) staff by **2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 30, 2022**, at the District's administrative offices located at 26375 Fremont Road, CA 94022. PROPOSALS will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the administrative offices.

PROPOSALS received after 2:00 P.M. will not be accepted. PROPOSALS will not be accepted if they are delivered by fax, telephone or other electronic means. Bidders dropping a PROPOSAL in the District's mail slot are advised to confirm receipt by District staff via e-mail. BIDDER can contact William Lai, P.E., at (925) 224-7717 with any questions.

The project consists of installing approximately 4,435 LF of 8" DIP to replace existing cast iron and ductile iron pipe, cathodic protection of newly installed water main, installation of 3 combination air valves, 9 fire hydrants, 33 service connections of varying sizes, existing water main/apurtenance abandonments, various surface restorations including slurry seal (~92,500 SF), restriping, among other appurtenance work as identified in the bid schedule.

The project is located in the Town of Los Altos Hills, County of Santa Clara, California. The work will be done for the **Purissima Hills Water District** (i.e., referred to herein as the "Owner" or as the "District").

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

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To bid the project, potential BIDDER must purchase the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS from the District. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be distributed exclusively in electronic format. No hard copies will be provided during the bidding stage. Plan houses and Bidders who purchased

the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will receive electronic copies of the addendums and updates.

Official electronic copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Pakpour Consulting Group, Inc. at the above address upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. **Make checks payable to "Purissima Hills Water District." The payment is nonrefundable.**

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting and tour is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** at PHWD's office, located at 26375 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Please contact William Lai, P.E. at (925) 224-7717 to verify the date, time, and location and to receive further updates on this project. BIDDER must have purchased a copy of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and complete the mandatory pre-bid meeting to be considered eligible to bid the project. PROPOSALS submitted by parties not attending the pre-bid meeting will be rejected.

The BIDDER must possess a valid Class A Contractor's license in the State of California at the time of CONTRACT award and throughout the CONTRACT term. The Contractor must have performed work on three (3) cathodically protected DIP water main installation projects over the last five (5) years. In addition, the project foreman must verify they were in charge of at least five (5) previous projects, three (3) of which are exclusively cathodically protected DIP water main installation projects.

This project includes public works as defined by California Labor Code section 1720. The successful BIDDER shall be responsible for the payment of prevailing wage rates, the training of apprentices and compliance with other related requirements. The prevailing wage rates for the Contract include the current California Department of Industrial Relations' General Prevailing Wage Determinations. Prevailing wage rates may be viewed online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>.

Contractors and subcontractors must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) at the time of bid, or else the bid may be rejected as non-responsive. (See Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.) Each BIDDER must submit proof of Contractor registration with DIR (e.g., a hard copy of the relevant page of the DIR's database found at: <https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/PWCR/Search>). This Contract is subject to monitoring and enforcement by the DIR pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.4.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, the successful BIDDER may submit certain securities in lieu of the Owner retaining a portion of progress payments during the Project. The successful BIDDER will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, both in the amounts not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

/S/ Joubin Pakpour  
District Representative Signature  
Date: 2/16/2022  
(02-16,23,03-02-22)

**044-T**

## CITY OF LOS ALTOS PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

**1. TM21-0002 - Navneet Aron - 705 Vista Grande Avenue**  
A request for a tentative parcel map to subdivide a 26,708 square foot parcel at 705 Vista Grande Avenue into two lots. The proposed subdivision would create a 12,166 square-foot corner lot, a 11,120 square-foot interior lot, and dedication of the street frontage along Springer Road. A categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15315 (Class 15), Minor Land Divisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines will be considered. Project Manager: Golden

**The Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM via a conference call. Please go to the following links to identify the conference call number and link: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/planningcommission/page/planning-commission-62>**

Plans and detailed information are available for review at Questions can be answered by calling the Community Development Department at (650) 947-2750 or sent via email to [planning@losaltosca.gov](mailto:planning@losaltosca.gov).

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Yvonne Dupont,  
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**043-T**

## CITY OF LOS ALTOS PUBLIC MEETING AMENDED NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the project described below has been presented to the Planning Commission for review as set forth in the City's Municipal Code. The Planning Commission intends to hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on this project as follows:

**Date:** March 3, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Per California Executive Order N-29-20, the Planning Commission will meet via teleconference only. Members of the Public may call (650) 242-4929 to participate in the conference call (Meeting ID: 149 569 7530 or via the web at <https://tinyurl.com/ypv8es3v>) Members of the Public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Commission Chair and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Members of the public are also encouraged to submit written testimony prior to the meeting at [PlanningCommission@losaltosca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommission@losaltosca.gov) or [Planning@losaltosca.gov](mailto:Planning@losaltosca.gov). Emails received prior to the meeting will be included in the public record.

**Project Description:**  
The proposed project is an update to the City of Los Altos' standards

for development of wireless telecommunications facilities, including standards and preferences as to permitted locations and various design and development standards.

The proposed project involves revisions to the City of Los Altos' existing standards for development of wireless telecommunications facilities, including an ordinance to regulate permissible locations and preferences for the location of wireless facilities. These locational standards, which would replace the locational standards now provided in City of Los Altos Resolution No. 2019-35, would be adopted by ordinance into Chapter 14.82 of the Los Altos Municipal Code.

In addition, the City proposes to expand and supplement existing **development standards and design guidelines** and preferences for wireless telecommunications facilities contained in Resolution No. 2019-35 by (1) adding a set of basic design principles that would apply to all wireless telecommunications facilities and (2) identifying configuration preferences along with design guidelines for specific types of wireless facilities. A Negative Declaration for the project and prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) on the possible environmental consequences of the adoption of the ordinance and design guidelines will be considered for adoption.

**Document Availability:**  
The proposed ordinance, design guidelines, and an Initial Study and Negative Declaration are available for review at the following locations:

- City of Los Altos City Manager's Office, One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022  
- City of Los Altos website: [www.losaltosca.gov/projects](http://www.losaltosca.gov/projects)

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## CITY OF LOS ALTOS ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at its regular meeting of February 8, 2022 the Los Altos City Council took the following action:

Introduced And Waived Further Reading of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Los Altos Amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 Authoriz-

ing Off-Leash Fenced-In Dog Parks In Certain Designated Locations Within Los Altos And Making Findings Pursuant To CEQA

SECOND READING/ADOPTION of the ordinance is scheduled for the Regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., on February 22, 2022, Meeting participation details will be posted at <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-150>

Copies of the ordinance are available for review in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall and via this link: <https://cityoflosaltos-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/achelemengos.losaltosca.gov/Em-RQh1aXt9BHnX1MXG4EY4IBuzTads2N2pwF7HZSex7hfA?e=VfKred>

ANDREA CHELEMENGOS  
City Clerk

PUBLICATION:Town Crier  
February 16, 2022  
(02-16-22)

**041-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF AISU STRAYER ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 22CV393734

**039-T**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Aisu Strayer filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
Aisu Strayer

Proposed Name:  
Aisu Wu

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 04/26/2022 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: 10/29/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede  
Judge of the Superior Court  
(02-16,23-22,03-02,09-22)

**040-T**

## BayCon FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682307

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) BayCon, (2) BAYCON SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION, (3) BAYCON SCI-FI CONVENTION, (4)BAYCON SPECULATIVE FICTION CONVENTION, (5) BAYCON SILICON

VALLEY, (6) BAYCON SAN JOSE, (7) BAYCON SANTA CLARA, (8) BAYCON SAN MATEO, (9) BAYCON 2017, (10) BAYCON 2018, (11) BAYCON 2019, (12) BAYCON 2020, (13) BAYCON 2021, (14) BAYCON 2022, (15) BAYCON 2023, (16) BAYCON 2024, (17) BAYCON 2025, (18) BAYCON 2026, (19) BAYCON 2027, (20) BAYCON 2028, (21) BAYCON 2029, (22) BAYCON 2030, (23) BAYCON 2031, (24) BAYCON 2032, (25) BAYCON 35, (26) BAYCON 36, (27) BAYCON 37, (28) BAYCON 38, (29) BAYCON 39, (30) BAYCON 40, (31) BAYCON 41, (32) BAYCON 42, (33) BAYCON 43, (34) BAYCON 44, (35) BAYCON 45, (36) BAYCON 46, (37) BAYCON 47, (38) BAYCON 48, (39) BAYCON 49, (40) BAYCON 50, 1757 Peartree Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Artistic Solutions Incorporated, 1757 Peartree Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/01/1982. /S/ Michael F. Siladi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/04/2022. (02-16,23-22,03-02,09-22)

**038-T**

## Fulfillment Coaching LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN682155

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Fulfillment Coaching LLC, 3395 Lubich Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Fulfillment Coaching, 3395 Lubich Dr., Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/18/2016. /S/ Irene V. Patel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/31/2022. (02-09,16,23-22,03-02-22)

**034-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF BENJAMIN ADAM LANCASTER ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 22CV393830

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

Proposed Name:  
Benjamin Adam Wishovich

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 04/26/2022 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: 01/31/2022 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (02-09,16,23-22,03-02-22)

032-T

**ICONIC NAILS STUDIO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN682104**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ICONIC NAILS STUDIO, 947 Fremont Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Huynh Nhu Le, 953 Cheswick Drive, San Jose, CA, 95121. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2022. /S/ Huynh Nhu Le / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/27/2022. (02-09,16,23-22,03-02-22)

031-T

**PLENARY BIOLOGICS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN682068**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PLE-NARY BIOLOGICS, 828 Cowper St Apt. C, Palo Alto, CA, 94301, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PLE-NARY RESEARCH INC., 828 Cowper St Apt. C, Palo Alto, CA, 94301. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/21/2022. /S/ Sandy Klemm / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/27/2022. (02-02,09,16,23-22)

030-T

**NORTHSTAR TRAVEL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN681571**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NORTHSTAR TRAVEL, 1241 Kern Court, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): CULTURAL TREASURES, INC, 1241 Kern Court, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/26/1996. /S/ Janice L Bologlu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa

Clara County on 01/07/2022. (02-02,09,16,23-22)

029-T

**Z8 CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN681711**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Z8 CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, 3055 Yancy Dr, San Jose, CA, 95148, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Regina Zamora, 3055 Yancy Dr, San Jose, CA, 95148, Gerardo Zamora, 3055 Yancy Dr, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Gerardo Zamora / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/13/2022. (02-02,09,16,23-22)

025-T

**Ralf Cleaners  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN681780**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Ralf Cleaners, 4600 El Camino Real #107, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Guillermina Torralva Medina, 4600 El Camino Real #107, Los Altos, CA, 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Guillermina Torralva Medina / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/19/2022. (01-26-22,02-02,09,16-22)

026-T

**ESTHER KITCHEN & BEER  
GARDEN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN681760**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ESTHER KITCHEN & BEER GARDEN, 987 North San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Alejandro Omar Otero, 801 Alma St Apt 116, Palo Alto, CA, 94301, Maribel Otero, 801 Alma St Apt 116, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/17/2022. /s/ Alejandro Otero / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/18/2022. (01-26-22,02-02,09,16-22)

022-T

**Wisdom The Sweetness  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN681427**

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Wisdom The Sweetness, 2260 Homestead Court Apt 316, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the

principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, Wisdom The Sweetness, 2260 Homestead Court Apt 316, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (01-26-22,02-02,09,16-22)

020-T

**Notice to Creditors of Warren J. Behler County of Santa Clara**

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named Decedent that all persons having claims against the Decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, and deliver pursuant to Section 1215 of the California Probate Code a copy to Jennifer Keller, as Trustee of the Warren J. Behler Living Trust dated November 12, 2021, of which the Decedent was the Settlor, c/o Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel, LLP, 1100 Alma Street, Suite 210, Menlo Park, CA 94025, within the later of four (4) months after January 26, 2022, or if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code §19103. A claim form may be obtained from the Court Clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. Kimberly J. Brummer, Attorneys for Jennifer Keller, Trustee, 1100 Alma Street, Suite 210 Menlo Park, CA 94025 (01-26-22,02-16,23-22)

021-T

# OBITUARY NOTICE

**CHARLES EDGAR SIMMONS**

*August 7, 1948 - January 17, 2022*

Charles Edgar Simmons, 73, of Los Altos Hills, California, passed away unexpectedly on January 17th. Charlie was born in Kansas City, Missouri to George Ozie Simmons and Catherine Ehrhardt Simmons. At an early age, his family moved to Houston, Texas, where he graduated from Memorial High School as valedictorian of his class. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis as an inaugural Langsdorf Scholar and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. After serving three years in the Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., he continued his education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received a master's degree in electrical engineering. Charlie moved from Boston to the Bay Area with his wife Julie to work as a design engineer for Watkins Johnson. He earned an MBA at night from Santa Clara University and continued his career as a manager at Spectra-Physics. Charlie went on to work as a marketing professional in the tech industry, including several years at Sun Microsystems and then ending his career as the V.P. of Marketing and V.P. of Corporate Development at NetApp.

Charlie was an avid cyclist who participated in the SF-to-LA California Coast Classic, and frequently in America's Most Beautiful Ride around Lake Tahoe. He was particularly fond of ski trips to Lake Tahoe with family and friends. In retirement, he earned his IFR pilot's license, and used that to travel on his TBM aircraft across North America and Europe. Education was a cornerstone of his life, which led him to volunteer his time tutoring East Palo Alto high school students in Calculus.

He is survived by his wife Julie, his brother Tom, two sons Todd and Mark, and granddaughter. In his remembrance, please consider donating to any of the following non-profits that inspired him: Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, Ravenswood Education Foundation, and All Five Preschool.

Celebration of life will be organized later this year.

**PATRICIA JANE SWIGART**



Lifelong Los Altos resident Patricia Jane Swigart (née DiTomaso), age 66, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2022, with her loved ones by her side.

Patti was born on February 22, 1955 in Palo Alto, CA to Frank and Betty Jane DiTomaso. She graduated from Los Altos High School, class of 1973. Over the years she was employed as a banker and bookkeeper, but her most rewarding job was being a magnificent and dedicated mother. Patti was very active in her children's school communities, where she made many friends and touched countless lives with her infectious smile and exuberant love of life.

Affectionately known to many as "The Brownie Queen," Patti was a very talented and practiced baker. She also enjoyed thrifting at estate sales, collecting uranium glass, vacationing in New Orleans, playing board and card games, reading every book she could get her hands on, and spending every available moment she could with her friends and family. Most recently she took immense pleasure in reading and singing to her grandchildren, whom she adored.

She is survived by her children, Michael and Michelle, her daughter-in-law, Albina, her two grandchildren, Alexander and Zana, her three siblings, Susan, Frank, and James, her two nieces, Allison and Laura, and by her mother, Betty Jane.

Services were held at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery on February 9, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to I AM ALS.



# Datebook

**EXHIBITS**

**"An Appreciation of Natural Beauty."** Ranjani Rajapaksa's new acrylic paintings of flora, fauna and landscapes from California and Sri Lanka. Through Feb. 28. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 941-8073.

**"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. Runs through March. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222.

**CLASSES**

**Jazzercise Dance Mixx and Body Sculpting.** Live on Zoom seven days a week. Free trial class. First 10 consecutive classes \$39. Full-time members also have free access to Jazzercise Live on-demand. (408) 505-2048; Nisaleone@sbcglobal.net.

**Adult Ballet Class.** Led by Leslie Friedman over Zoom. 4 p.m. Tuesdays. \$48 for four classes; \$15 drop-in. livelyfoundation@sbcglobal.net.

**CLUBS/GROUPS**

**Meditation group.** Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Kornfield. Susan Murphy at somurphy@earthlink.net for Zoom login. Free.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch 35.** Active mature men who meet for lunch to socialize, enjoy food and listen to speakers. Third Wednesday of each month. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. (408) 313-6852; pschutz3@comcast.net; sirinc2.org/branch35.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP).** Support group provides compassion, understanding and help for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one as the result of drug use. 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. To register, email eshow818@gmail.com

**WOMENSV.** Nonprofit weekly support group for victims of affluent abusers. (650) 996-2200; Dear-Ruth2200@gmail.com (from safe computer/smartphone).

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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
25703 Lomita Linda Court	5	5	6,000	94,007	23	1998	\$8,650,000	\$9,550,000	9/30/21	10/7/21	10/22/21	7	\$900,000	\$1,592	110%
23475 Camino Hermoso Dr	5	5	5,337	41,426	66	1955	\$5,988,000	\$5,575,000	6/9/21	10/19/21	12/3/21	132	(\$413,000)	\$1,045	93%
10669 Magdalena Road	5	3.5	3,895	41,343	43	1978	\$3,995,000	\$5,480,000	12/3/21	12/9/21	1/3/22	6	\$1,485,000	\$1,407	137%
11665 Dawson Drive	4	3.5	3,639	71,003	40	1981	\$4,488,000	\$4,400,000	9/22/21	11/26/21	12/21/21	65	(\$88,000)	\$1,209	98%
10551 Magdalena Road	4	3.5	2,676	41,477	65	1956	\$3,700,000	\$4,352,000	10/13/21	10/20/21	11/19/21	7	\$652,000	\$1,626	118%
24250 Dawnridge Drive	3	2.5	2,223	53,648	63	1958	\$3,200,000	\$4,200,000	11/17/21	11/24/21	12/21/21	7	\$1,000,000	\$1,889	131%
24603 Olive Tree Lane	3	2	2,650	52,122	40	1981	\$2,988,000	\$3,170,000	10/5/21	10/18/21	11/19/21	13	\$182,000	\$1,196	106%

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*Represented buyer*



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*Represented seller*



**863 Russet Dr., Sunnyvale**  
Sold at \$2,986,000  
*Represented seller*



**1988 Deodara Dr., Los Altos**  
Sold at \$3,815,000  
*Represented buyer*



**831 Mango Ave., Sunnyvale**  
Sold at \$3,000,000  
*Represented seller*



**10420 Pineville Ave., Cupertino**  
Sold at \$2,900,000  
*Represented buyer*



**1572 Landell Ct., Los Altos**  
Sold at \$4,050,000  
*Represented buyer*



**2461 Thaddeus Dr., Mtn. View**  
Sold at \$2,180,000  
*Represented seller*



**1034 Highlands Cir., Los Altos**  
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