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## Running through the Hills



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The hills were alive with the sound of physical exertion Saturday during Los Altos Hills' 24th annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk. The event, which included 1 mile, 1K and 10K routes, was a chance for local residents to get out and get active.

## Ground breaks in Woodland Library patio extension

By Christina Casillas  
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Ground has officially broken on the long-awaited Woodland Library terrace and native habitat project, according to a press release from the Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE).

The \$500,000 project, a cooperative effort between the city of Los Altos, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD), GreenTown Los Altos and LALE, will convert an area of dried grass adjacent to the Woodland Branch Library into a vibrant terrace.

"The Los Altos Library Endowment invests in improving the library's physical spaces to create welcoming places for the community to learn, gather, and connect," stated Suresh Shanmugham, LALE treasurer, in the release. "Through thoughtful, long-term capital investments, we are strengthening our libraries to meet the evolving needs of future generations."

The project will transform a formerly unused area of the library – which simply included one table, one bench, two small chess tables with seating, and a grassy area – into a space where community members can gather.

"As Andrew Carnegie once said, 'A library outranks any

other one thing a community can do to benefit its people.' Our Board lives this belief every day as we invest in spaces that serve generations to come," stated Freddie Park Wheeler, LALE president, in the release.

The terrace is intended for community use, with areas offering places to study, read, play and commune, according to the release.

The patio will have amenities suggested by the SCCLD, according to previous Town Crier reporting. Wheeler previously told the Town Crier that outdoor furnishings will include chairs, picnic tables, benches with shade coverings and games including Connect 4 and Jenga for children and families.

The outdoor space will aid with indoor crowding while also providing outdoor opportunities: GreenTown Los Altos will develop a native habitat adjacent to the Terrace, where community members can learn about native plants, pollinators and caring for the environment.

GreenTown Los Altos, a project of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation's Local Impact Collective, aims to enhance and protect the environment through education, engagement and advocacy in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

*For more on the patio project, visit [tinyurl.com/woodlandlibraryproject](https://tinyurl.com/woodlandlibraryproject).*

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One of the aspects we appreciated most about the Campi team was their responsiveness. No matter the question or concern—whether large or small—they were consistently available and quick to provide clear, practical guidance. Selling a home can be stressful, particularly when managing details remotely, but their steady communication gave us confidence that nothing was slipping through the cracks.

Because we were already living out of state, their role extended well beyond that of a traditional real estate team. They effectively acted as our fiduciaries on the ground, overseeing the preparation

of the property and handling the many logistical details that inevitably arise. From coordinating carpeting, painting, and landscaping to addressing minor issues as they came up, they ensured everything was handled promptly and professionally. They also installed a beautiful staging that showcased the home at its absolute best and elevated its overall presentation.

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Ultimately, the Campi Group did an outstanding job generating maximum exposure and market interest for our home. The entire process felt well-managed, strategic, and aligned with our goals. We are very grateful for their expertise and would not hesitate to recommend them to others.

-J.A.

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## Los Altos Hills holds Pathways Run



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### Auto burglary

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May 5, 3:16 p.m.: 1400 block of North Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View

May 5, 5:57 p.m.: 1400 block of North Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View

### Assault with a deadly weapon

May 4, 5:57 p.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

### Battery

May 6, 6:07 p.m.: 500 block of Franklin Street, Mountain View

### Drunk driver

May 3, 3:09 a.m.: Intersection of El Camino Real and El Monte Avenue, Mountain View

May 6, 11:24 p.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

### Elder abuse

May 4, 3:27 p.m.: 800 block of Fremont Avenue, Los Altos

May 4, 3:58 p.m.: 400 block of Almond Avenue, Los Altos

May 5, 4:54 p.m.: 1000 block of Riverside Drive, Los Altos

May 6, 3:29 p.m.: 400 block of Pine Lane, Los Altos

### Financial crime

May 5, 2:32 p.m.: 1200 block of Pear Avenue, Mountain View

May 4, 7:24 p.m.: 100 block of Lockhart Lane, Los Altos

### Residential burglary

May 3, 8:28 a.m.: 1300 block of West Middlefield Road, Mountain View

### Resisting an officer

May 5, 2:23 p.m.: Intersection of Fremont Avenue and Bright Oaks Court, Los Altos

— Christina Casillas

## Challenge team celebrates youth leaders at luncheon

By Christina Casillas  
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**M**arvin Lopez Garcia, a Los Altos High School senior, has his hands full. From juggling five advanced placement (AP) classes his final year of high school to volunteering and helping care for his siblings, he's often busy. But for a few hours last week, he was celebrated for his leadership at the Challenge Team's Champions for Youth Fundraising Luncheon.

The Challenge Team, founded and chaired by Gay Krause, is a group that aims to build relationships among local school leaders and community members to address challenges and explore opportunities to support families and youth in the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

The group, which has been meeting monthly since 1987, focuses on ways to prevent negative behaviors among youth (like drug and alcohol use and gang activity) while honoring students and community leaders who go above and beyond in their work.

The Challenge Team's Champions for Youth event highlights two "champions" — one youth and one adult — who are making a positive impact on local children.

Garcia was distinguished as an AP Scholar with Honor, having completed more than 10 AP classes during his high school career. In addition to serving as the vice president of MVLA Youth Men-



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

Marvin Lopez Garcia thanked his family for supporting him during his years at Los Altos High School, left, during his speech at the Challenge Team's Champions for Youth Fundraising Luncheon. Garcia and Mountain View police officer Thomas Low (right) were honored at the luncheon.

tors for two years, he also contributed more than 100 hours to Los Altos High School's Peer Tutoring program.

"The reason I tutor so much is because I love to see when other students, like myself, who may have slumps but then are able to come back even stronger and prove that they are (capable of) more than they think they are," he said at the luncheon.

Garcia's community service continued even when not in the classroom: He worked full time over the summer at the YMCA summer camp. Garcia also somehow managed to combine giving back to the community and rigorous academics with athletics: Not only did he join junior varsity volleyball as a freshman, but he later participated in varsity football and track and field.

Los Altos High School Principal Tracey Runear noted that Garcia's accomplishments speak for his character, and that his "trajectory suggests that there are many more accomplishments ahead."

During his luncheon speech, Garcia thanked his parents — immigrants from Mexico who he said

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## Mountain View continues mass water chlorination efforts

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
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**O**fficials with the city of Mountain View said a boil water notice for 21 homes on Drucilla Drive and Carla Court will not be lifted until Wednesday, May 13 at the earliest.

Since May 6, crews have been engaged in the "super chlorination" of a contaminated water pipe serving part of the Cuesta Park neighborhood that still remains under restrictions.

The 21 homes will remain under a "boil water notice" until follow-up tests show the water pipes are free of

coliform bacteria. Last week, 46 homes in the Cuesta Park neighborhood regained full access to their residential water service without any restrictions.

The super chlorination period concluded May 7 with pipe flushing. Samples were also taken from the disinfected pipe for lab analysis. There was minimal construction over the weekend, but it was expected to resume on Monday, according to a city press release.

Originally, there were 67 households in the Cuesta Park neighborhood under a no-use water notice since



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See WATER, Page 6 Crews continue the work of restoring water to homes in Mountain View.

## Community foundation grants \$25,000



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Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation Executive Director Crysta Krames (left) presented co-founders of The United Effort Organization Wei Qun E (middle) and Claire Hubel (right) with a \$25,000 check for their plan to seek homes for low-income workers and seniors.

Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation's 'Live Where You Work' awardee is United Effort

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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A Mountain View-based non-profit received a \$25,000 grant for their plan to find residences for low-income commuters and the unhoused right here in the regions where they work.

The United Effort Organization was announced as the winner of the "Live Where You Work" competition on Thursday during "Petals & Prosecco," a community event hosted by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF) at the Los Altos History Museum.

Claire Hubel, co-founder and client manager for The United Effort Organization, said the group plans to use the grant to start a new program securing accessory dwelling units, cottages and empty rooms for low-income workers in Mountain View, Los Altos and the surrounding area.

"We're trying to take care of people who are overlooked. We're trying to address the needs of this group and it's really like a matchmaking process," Hubel said.

With its recent efforts, the LAMVCF has sought to address the divide between where people work and where they can afford to live or rent. This January, the nonprofit partnered with the city of Mountain View with a \$1 million fund dedicated to supporting affordable housing building projects.

The "Live Where You Work" challenge sought out ideas from area nonprofits and organizations to inform broader conversations about housing while municipal governments grappled with the obligations of their respective housing elements, planning documents that designate the development of new housing between 2023 and 2031.

The city of Los Altos must develop 1,958 new units by 2031. Los Altos Hills must develop 489 units and Mountain View must develop 11,135 new units.

Crysta Krames, executive director of LAMVCF, said the organization believes in partnerships across the community to address the hous-

ing crisis. She said that pitching these issues to the community extended the network of support that could result in people being sheltered.

"This community already holds the answers. We just needed to ask the question," she said. "These judges had a genuinely hard job because all these ideas were good."

The judges included Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos, Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows, Los Altos Hills Mayor Rajiv Bhateja, LAMVCF board member Jon Cowan, Anne Wojcicki Foundation community lead Marc Sidel and Housing Trust Silicon Valley Chief Financial Officer Julie Mahowald.

"We thought their group could really help people outside of the bureaucratic process," Ramos said. "United Effort is one of the organizations that can look at an individual and find their needs."

Bhateja said the United Effort proposal had been demonstrated to be innovative.

"As a group of judges, we felt some kinship with The United Effort," he said. "It was a difficult decision, but their idea could actually work and be deployed soon. It was very practical."

The five finalists included the Mountain View Community Land Trust, The United Effort Organization, Leadership Mountain View, Catalyze Silicon Valley and Stewards of the Land.

Marn-Yee Lee of Leadership Mountain View said the issue was larger than the issue of homelessness. The group's proposal had called for local leaders to be immersed in the real experience of housing insecurity via poverty simulations and lived-experience panels.

"It's about low income housing. Our program continues. We will continue to bring attention to these ideas," Lee said.

Wei Qun E, co-founder of The United Effort, said her team was working to find the residences that were hiding in plain sight in the community. The organization essentially works as a case manager, connecting homeowners with local workers and seniors to make affordable units out of unused units, she said.

"It's exciting, but we still have a lot of work to do," she said. "We have to help handle these things for people who can't do it for themselves."



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## WATER

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April 24 after a city contractor, C2R Engineering, allowed cement slurry to get into a water main during replacement work.

The notice was reduced to a boil water notice (BWN) on May 1 following a round of testing which showed the pipes clear of bacteria. Follow-up tests still indicated the presence of bacteria on Drucilla Drive (between

Leona Lane and Montalto Drive) and Carla Court, however, prompting city officials to undertake a site-specific wash of the water pipes.

The city's chlorination contractor, West Valley Construction Co., had to establish temporary water lines so that each of these homes has access to water during a "super chlorination" process. The homes in the affected area were given access to water under the BWN after crews connected the homes to an alternate source.

The city plans to continue to provide hotel, meals and incidentals, as well as shower resources for the 21 affected households until Tuesday, May 12, pending the lifting of the boil water notice. Water delivery will continue through Wednesday, May 13, via a local company, Water World.

For the 46 homes outside that area, officials have recommended that residents perform a flush of their water lines and fixtures, starting with the front yard spigot, prior to consuming

tap water.

Water World has planned the final pickup on May 13 for all bottles of the homes that had the boil notice lifted. For the remaining 21 homes under boil water restrictions, Water World is scheduled to perform the final pickup for all bottles one week after the boil water order is lifted.

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Marvin Lopez Garcia, from left, receives recognition from Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows during the Challenge Team Luncheon. Challenge Team founder Gay Krause looks on.

## HONOR

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he began translating for when he was 5 years old – for his drive and dedication to becoming better.

"My dad, he's not somebody who ever settles for what they have," Garcia said. "He always wants more and more – whatever is for the taking, he wants it. He's also pushed that onto me. I feel that (my mom and dad) have shaped me into the person I am today. They're the reason I am who I am and why I've been able to accomplish what I've accomplished so far."

The Challenge Team also honored Mountain View Police Officer Thomas Low, known by many on the Challenge Team and around the city as "TLow."

Low said he began his career in the nutrition field, working in quality assurance, research and development. But when he wanted change, the call to become an officer was a strong one – especially after the promotional video for the San Jose Police Department hooked him.

While things didn't work out in the South Bay, he eventually landed in Mountain View. Low has been with the Mountain View Police Department for 19 years, serving as a school resource officer known for his humor (and impressions), and helping rebuild Mountain View's Police Activities League mentoring programs

at Gabriela Mistral, Mariano Castro and Monta Loma elementary schools.

Mountain View Police Chief Mike Canfield noted that since Officer Low joined MVPD, he was committed to empowering and working with the youth.

"This is not an assignment (for Low), it's not a special duty," he said at the luncheon. "It's his calling in life."

While Low said he doesn't work with children nearly as much anymore, he said that working with them – especially as a school resource officer – was a highlight of his career.

"We don't work our four days, 10 hour a week shifts," he said. "We work five, six, seven days a week, sometimes answering calls at night and on the weekends. But we do it because we love it and we want to help out the kids in our community."

In addition to the awards from the Challenge Team, Low and Garcia received recognitions from Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos, Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows and the office of California Assemblymember Marc Berman. Chris Hsiung, former Mountain View Police Department chief and founding member and executive director of The Curve (a nonprofit leadership development organization) was the luncheon's keynote speaker.

**For more on the Challenge Team, see [mvpsf.org/programs/challengeteam](http://mvpsf.org/programs/challengeteam).**

## Mountain View's State of the City address scheduled for May 19

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
Staff Writer/giusepper@latc.com

The theme of Mountain View's State of the City address from Mayor Emily Ann Ramos will be "building the Mountain View of tomorrow together."

"From advancing new housing to investing in the spaces that bring our community together, we are actively shaping the Mountain View of tomorrow," Ramos said in a press release. "This year's State of the City is an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made and to share how we are building a more sustainable, connected, and inclusive community."

Ramos' speech will highlight recent city accomplishments, affordable housing and transportation advancements, the city's financial outlook and a quality of life improvement strategy.

Ramos used the phrase "building the Mountain View of tomorrow together" (or variations of it) multiple times at the "Morning With The Mayor" event, a local government and business consortium hosted by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, on March 27.

"There are so many ways to get involved, volunteer and be part of building the Mountain View of tomorrow and it's something we'll all have to do together," Ramos said at the event.

Some of the achievements she offered during the Chamber speech included the opening of the Mountain View neighborhood small business center, which offers small business advice; the facade improvement program which has given grants to 14 local businesses for renovations; the development of a business ambassador team to provide technical support to new and expanding businesses; and the hiring of an economic development strategist.

Ramos added that research and deployment company OpenAI had leased space in the East Whisman area; computer company Lightmatter was moving into an 84,000 square foot space on Bryant Ave.; and the identification company ID.me was moving into a 31,000 square foot building on Castro Street.

"These latest lease deals reflect the developing trend of offices locating in downtown for urban amenities like retail, restaurants, coffee shops just out-

side their front door," she said.

She also added that the city was preparing for a decorative street treatment on Castro Street and visual signage in downtown celebrating Mountain View's history. The City Council recently approved the hiring of a public art administrator to implement new art programs.

"The initial feedback shows just how much our residents enjoy an art-filled city," she said.

The State of the City speech will take place at the Mountain View Community Center's Redwood Hall, located at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave. The event on Tuesday, May 19 begins at 5 p.m., concludes by 7 p.m. and is free.

The event will feature a dinner buffet and city resource tables for volunteering opportunities. Interpretation services in Spanish and Mandarin will be provided to in-person attendees. Child care for ages 5 and older will be available during the event.

The public can also watch the speech live on Mountain View City Television (cable TV channel 26 and AT&T Universe channel 99); on the web at [zoom.us/j/84068309138](https://zoom.us/j/84068309138); and on the city's



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Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos will give the Mountain View State of the City address May 19.

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# Comment

## Pour-in-place material doesn't belong in Los Altos

By Barbara Zieroth-Hoffman

The recent installation of PIP (poured-in-place) in the renovation of the Hillview Park outdoor fitness area was perplexing and disturbing given the fact that numerous notable studies have indicated the inherent health and environmental risks associated with it. At first glance the colorful rubberized design may look visually appealing and feel cushy to the legs, however the facade belies a toxic soup underneath containing hazardous levels of heavy metals (lead, cadmium, arsenic), PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), phthalates, PFAS (forever chemicals), and VOC's (volatile organic compounds). These substances over time can leach into the environment, off-gas toxic fumes and be ingested through surface dust.

The resulting potential health issues from exposure to the chemicals associated with PIP range from allergic skin reactions and asthma to an increased cancer risk and damage to the nervous system. Another significant immediate health risk occurs when the surface can reach 150+ degrees on a hot

## Other Voices

day, making the entire area an unpleasant "urban heat island," and possibly causing burns on contact to the skin of unsuspecting users.

The negative effects on the environment when PIP is installed is wide-spread and long-lasting. EDPM (ethylene propylene diene monomer), the top wear layer of PIP, has been touted as a "clean" alternative to recycled tire rubber and considered generally non-toxic. However, because of the chemical composition of EDPM, granules do break down over time due to weathering and oxidation. This causes micro-elastomers to wash into storm drains and waterways, and the ensuing chemicals contaminate the surrounding soil and environment. Also, since it is a petroleum-based synthetic it does not break down and adds to waste in a landfill.

There are other non-toxic surfaces for the city of Los Altos to consider when renovating playground or fitness areas in the parks that are also ADA-compliant and meet safety regulations. Two viable options

to PIP are cork-based PIP and EWF (engineered wood fiber). When constructed properly both provide a firm surface that is fully accessible for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers, and have been extensively safety tested for falls.

It is unfortunate that marketing strategies have elevated the use of PIP and other "plastic" surfaces such as artificial turf as being superior, low maintenance solutions when in actuality their usage has brought health and environmental consequences and concerns. The Los Altos community should have fitness and playground areas in their parks that are toxic-free zones. Our parks provide nature, recreation, and scenic beauty that enhance the quality of life, and it is important to preserve those qualities, not ruin them with synthetic surfaces.

*Barbara Zieroth-Hoffman is a 30+ year Los Altos resident and community activist.*

## The Los Altos Town Crier welcomes new editor

This week, we welcome our new editor, Clarke Condé, to the Los Altos Town Crier. Condé is an award-winning editor, writer and photographer from New Mexico who comes to the newspaper with three decades worth of journalism experience, including recent stints as the editor of "Albuquerque The Magazine" and the "Roswell Daily Record."

"We enthusiastically welcome Clarke to the Town Crier family and look forward to his leadership in making this great newspaper even greater.



Clarke Condé

He is a wonderful addition to our community," said Dennis Young, Town Crier publisher.

## Letters to the Editor

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Email letters to [clarkec@latc.com](mailto:clarkec@latc.com). Letters should be no more than 200 words. Include a phone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

## Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Costumes for pets and their humans have always been a part of the Los Altos Pet Parade. These girls dressed as mustard and ketchup accompany their pet dachshund who was wearing a hot dog costume in the 1984 Pet Parade.



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## Los Altos actress returns to the Bay to perform in 'Mean Girls' musical

By Skye Dean  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Homegrown actress Maddy Wenig takes the stage as Regina George in Ray of Light Theatre's production of "Mean Girls," running through May 30 in San Francisco.

Based in New York, this marks the Los Altos Hills native's first professional production in California.

"This is where my love for theater started," Wenig said of the Bay Area. "And so it's really, really special to me to also do a show like 'Mean Girls' because that was also one of the shows that I fell in love with when I was auditioning for college theater programs ... so this is all really full circle."

The 24-year-old graduated from Gunn High School in

2020. Before that, she sang in the school choir and performed in local theater productions. Wenig starred in "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Freaky Friday" at Sunnyvale Community Players and played the lead role of Audrey in Los Altos Youth Theatre's "Little Shop of Horrors."

She continued her acting career at the University of Miami, earning a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater. Edgar Miguel Abréu, Wenig's voice professor as a junior and senior, isn't surprised to see her land the role in "Mean Girls."

"What Maddie has in common with Regina is the spice and the flare, for sure, the vocal flare," Abréu said.

The professor added that he helped Wenig train for a series of productions while she was a student and continues to serve as her theater mentor.

"We did play around with a lot of the 'Mean Girls,' and even 'Heathers' adjacent (characters), all this stuff for getting her to this point," Abréu said.

For Wenig, adopting Regina's persona has allowed her to uncover a new side of the elite, cruel girl archetype.

"She's the queen bee. She's an iconic character that everybody kind of has their own idea about," Wenig said. "...It's easy to play power and control, but there's a lot of insecurity in her too. It's all kind of a mask that she puts up."

Wenig attributed her casting, in part, to a "right time, right place" scenario. She was visiting her parents in Los Altos Hills for the holidays during the second round of callbacks, allowing her to audition in person.

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COURTESY OF MADDY WENIG

Los Altos Hills native Maddy Wenig stars in "Mean Girls The Musical."



## LOS ALTOS Kiwaniis 79th Pet Parade Saturday, May 16

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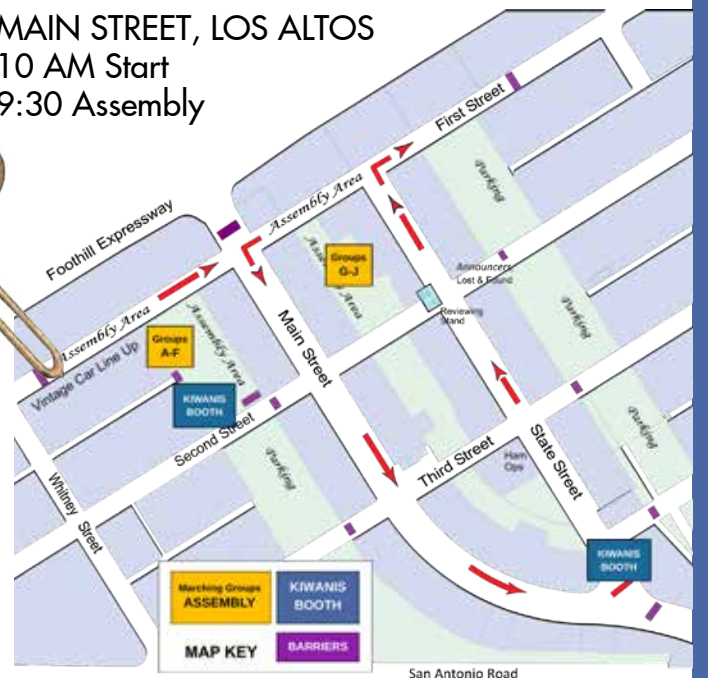
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## Annual Los Altos Kiwanis Pet Parade returns for 79th year

By Robert Henely  
Special to the Town Crier

Spring is in the air, and in Los Altos, that means only one thing – it's time for the beloved Kiwanis Pet Parade. The fun is set to begin at 10 a.m. May 16 along Main and State streets. This year we're celebrating the 79th anniversary of one of the Bay Area's most joyful community traditions.

### Tradition rooted in spring and silliness

A beloved community tradition since 1947, the Los Altos Kiwanis Pet Parade is a celebration that attracts kids,

adults and their pets every year. Traditionally held on the Saturday following Mother's Day, hundreds of kids and adults bring their dogs, cats, birds, chickens, turtles and yes – even worms – while a thousand or more community members line the streets to cheer them on. It is, without question, the only event in town where a goldfish in a little red wagon can achieve celebrity status.

Why did the dog sit in the shade? Because he didn't want to be a hot dog. You're welcome.

### New this year

The 79th parade isn't just

continuing a tradition – it's upgrading it. Here's what's new in 2026:

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**Snack stands:** Because watching a parade of iguanas and costumed golden retrievers works up an appetite, we'll have snacks available for a small donation to keep you fueled and festive.

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TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS  
Dogs galore will be marching in this year's pet parade on Saturday.

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Free coffee courtesy of Peet's Coffee: In a move that may be the most exciting development in 79 years of parade history, Peet's Coffee has generously volunteered to hand out 120 free cups of coffee from a mobile station. First come, first served – so arrive early, because the line for free Peet's will almost certainly be longer than the parade itself.

All the classics are back, of course. Ye Olde Towne Band will lead the procession with their signature lively tunes. Local schools – public and private – will march with pride, often in themed costumes or

with cleverly decorated floats. And the pets? Expect the full menagerie: dogs in superhero capes, rabbits in tutus, the occasional iguana with an air of quiet dignity and whatever magnificent creature someone decides to roll down the street in a wagon this year.

What do you call a parade of cats? A purrrade. Okay, we'll stop.

### How to join the fun

- Pet owners: Dress up your pet, dress up yourself, and get in the parade! All creatures welcome – furry, feathered, scaly or finned.
- Spectators: Grab a spot along Main and State Streets, bring your camera

and enjoy the show. And grab a coffee while you're at it.

- Schools & groups: Rally your crew and show off your Los Altos pride.
- Volunteers: Want to help make the magic happen? Email [info@losaltoskiwanis.org](mailto:info@losaltoskiwanis.org) or call (650) 735-1552.

### Register and learn more

Visit [losaltoskiwanis.org](http://losaltoskiwanis.org) to register your group or as an individual participant. For questions, reach out to [info@losaltoskiwanis.org](mailto:info@losaltoskiwanis.org) or call 650-735-1552.

Come for the parade. Stay for the coffee. Leave with your heart full.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Goats, chickens, rabbits and more will stroll or be strolled at the 79th Kiwanis Pet Parade in downtown Los Altos.



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1. An application by the City of Los Altos for annexation of the entire city to the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District (CCFD). The application also includes amendment of CCFD's Sphere of Influence.

Staff reports and related materials for this item will be on file at the LAFCO Office and will be available on the LAFCO website (SantaClaraLAFCO.org) by May 29, 2026. All interested persons may be present at the meeting and provide comment at said time and place or may submit written comment. Written communications should be filed prior to the date of the hearing by email or mail at the address noted below.

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## ACTRESS

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Wenig said she is up for the task of performing the role of Regina 22 times in 30 days. Out of college, she was the lead vocalist of a classic rock band that performed on Norwegian Cruise Lines.

"There is no better training than doing eight shows a week of wailing rock and roll music for seven months. I mean, I've never felt more in shape regarding my voice," Wenig said.

Looking forward, Wenig hopes to pursue more Regina-like roles.

"I think honestly, I'd love to be in more musical theater shows like 'Mean Girls' where I can play a fun and feisty, edgy character," Wenig said.

Remaining performances of "Mean Girls" are set for 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through May 30 at the Barbary Stage, 215 Jackson St., San Francisco. Tickets are \$41-\$71.

*For tickets and more information, see rayoflighttheatre.com/meangirls.*



COURTESY OF MADDY WENIG

Maddy Wenig stars in "Mean Girls The Musical" in San Francisco.

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# Stepping Out



COURTESY OF CANTABILE

All of Cantabile's youth choirs will perform at Mission Santa Clara de Asis this Saturday.

## Cantabile Youth Singers perform Saturday

By Maya Dutt  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos-based choir Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley will hold back-to-back performances Saturday in Santa Clara to cap its 30th year.

Titled "Sing With the Earth," the performance will feature all of the choir's youth groups – ranging from elementary students to high schoolers – according to associate conductor Jessica Carlson.

"This is our only opportunity in the year that we see our entire organization on stage at one time, from first grade all the way to 12th grade," Carlson said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone on the stage and seeing those pieces that are collaborations for the first time."

The first performance, at 12:30 p.m., will feature all choirs; the second one, slated for 2:30 p.m., includes only the upper-division choirs, Carlson said.

She added that the repertoire for all the choir groups is based around natural themes, with younger choirs focusing on types of nature and older choirs singing about the human connection to nature. The songs were curated by Elena Sharkova, the artistic director for Cantabile.

"We all went and researched different music from different regions that would represent that theme," Carlson said. "Then (Sharkova) selects the ones that she thinks would be the most cohesive for the program and highlight our ensembles the best."

Every choir will sing in mul-

iple languages, according to Katherine Heller, student co-conductor and member of the Vocalese choir (highest division). The Homestead High School junior is looking forward to singing a Basque song.

"I've never sung in Basque before, and especially in Cantabile, we often learn about the history and context of each piece," Heller said. "I really have fun with that. I like the language. I like the sound of it, and I'm excited to showcase it at the concert."

This performance marks the end of the high school seniors' journey in Cantabile. They will receive a send-off with a montage of pictures from their time at Cantabile, Heller said. This can be emotional, especially for members who have been with the program since elementary school, she added.

Homestead High senior Ashna Yadav, a Vocalese member and student co-conductor, said she is excited to perform in her final show with Cantabile.

"This concert, we have a lot of impressive pieces, so I'm looking forward to seeing the audience's reaction to some of the parts of our songs and also getting to sing with my friends again," Yadav said. "Being in a room full of people who care that much and being able to throw yourself fully into the music is something I'll miss."

The performances will be held at the Mission Santa Clara de Asis, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. Tickets are \$15-\$75.

*For tickets and more information, visit [cantabile.org/performances-events](http://cantabile.org/performances-events).*

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• **Stanford Guzheng and Chinese Music Ensembles**, 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday (May 17), Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Laguna Drive, Stanford.

Made up of Stanford students drawn together by their interest in Chinese music, the ensembles explore both traditional and contemporary pieces. The concert is free and open to all.

• **West Bay Opera's "Tosca,"** May 22-31, Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

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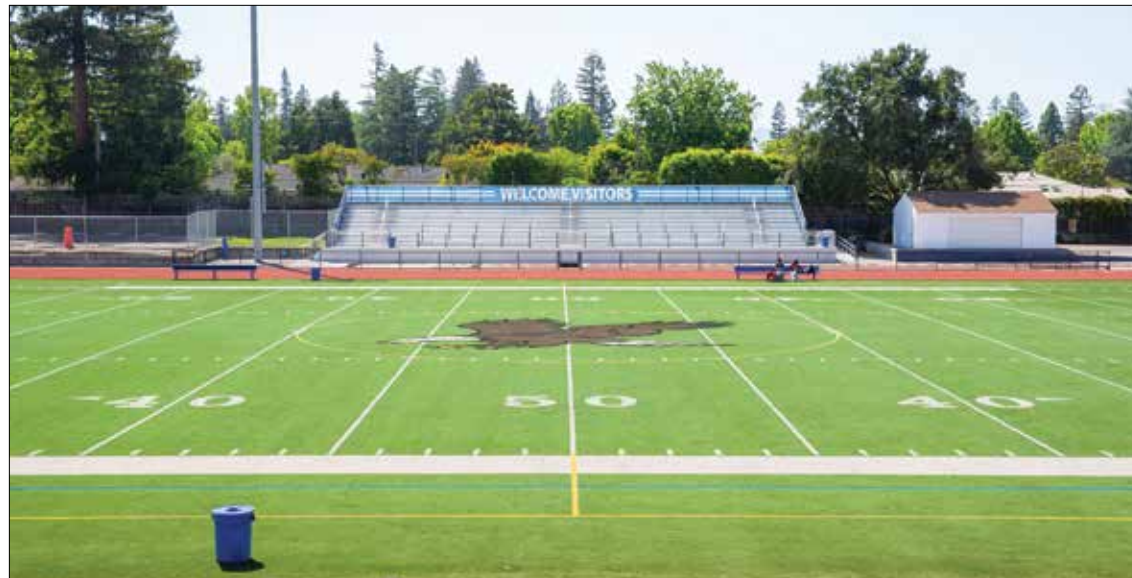
The synthetic turf and athletic tracks at Mountain View and Los Altos High Schools will be replaced this summer after the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the plans at its May 4 meeting.

Trustee Catherine Vonnegut said she didn't oppose the project, but called the roughly \$1.5 million cost per site – about \$3 million total – “flabbergasting.”

District staff said the decision was primarily driven by student safety, noting the current turf is about 12 years old and past its typical 10-year lifespan. Recent testing showed the fields are approaching unsafe levels, with Mountain View slightly worse. Superintendent Eric Volta said replacement couldn't be delayed much longer.

“If we don't resurface the track, we could potentially lose the underpadding beneath the track. That's an even more significant cost if we don't resurface the track,” Volta said.

While not a full rebuild, the project still involves significant



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The synthetic turf fields and athletic tracks at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools are scheduled to be replaced this summer.

work, including replacing the top turf layer, resurfacing the track to prevent deeper structural damage, and installing new materials such as cork infill designed to reduce heat. According to officials, skipping the track work could allow water to damage the underlying structure, leading to much higher costs later.

When asked whether natural grass could be a cheaper alternative, staff said annual maintenance costs would run about \$100,000 and would also

require removing the current field base, adding major upfront costs. Because the fields are used heavily year-round for a variety of sports – including football, soccer, track and field, and PE classes – staff said synthetic turf is more practical.

Trustee Vadim Katz voiced concerns about the contract, particularly the lack of penalty clauses if the project is delayed. Staff said such provisions are uncommon in these types of agreements and could slow down the approval process, po-

tentially pushing construction outside the summer window. Instead, they noted that contractors are held accountable through a prequalification system, where delays or poor performance can affect their eligibility for future public projects.

Vonnegut said she had heard concerns from community members about potential health and environmental impacts of artificial turf, including off-gassing and prolonged exposure during athletic activities.

“It's new turf so there's this

concern it's going to smell and be detrimental to our students,” Vonnegut said. “People have specifically come to me and said ‘I'm concerned because it's new turf.’”

Staff said current research has not found a proven link between synthetic turf and negative health effects, and emphasized that newer materials – such as cork infill instead of recycled tire products – are intended to address those concerns.

The timing of the project reflects both the condition of the fields and long-term planning, officials said, noting the replacement had been evaluated for more than a year before being brought forward for approval.

Construction is expected to take six to eight weeks over the summer, beginning after graduation. Officials said the timeline may impact one to two weeks of fall sports, but the fields are scheduled to be completed by mid-August, before the first home football games.

The project will be funded through the district's general fund maintenance budget, known as routine restricted maintenance, with costs spread across three years.

## LASD adopts new K-5 math curriculum after two-year review

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The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new math curriculum at its April 20 meeting following a two-year review and classroom pilot process in which elementary teachers evaluated competing programs across the district, with officials saying the adopted curriculum emphasizes inquiry-based learning, student discussion, conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.

The review process began after California adopted a new mathematics framework in 2023, which district officials described as the “guiding document” for rethinking math instruction. A planning team and a Curriculum Council – made up of teachers, parents and ad-

ministrators – were formed to study the framework and develop shared instructional goals and selection criteria. That vision emphasized students as active participants in learning, with teachers acting as facilitators who support mathematical thinking through discussion, problem-solving and connected ideas.

During the board presentation, Greg Drummond, director of teaching and learning, said the state framework helped define what mathematics instruction “should look like” in district classrooms.

After an initial screening of available programs, the district narrowed its options to two programs for formal piloting: Bridges in Mathematics and Experience Math. Roughly 25% of K-5 teachers participated in the pilot during the current school year, implementing both pro-

grams in their classrooms and evaluating their effectiveness in supporting student learning and engagement.

According to district documents, 82% of participating teachers strongly favored Bridges in Mathematics, recommending it over the alternative. Educators cited the program's ability to foster student reasoning, encourage mathematical discourse and provide structured opportunities for students to explain their thinking.

Drummond said teachers believed the curriculum “really brought kids into the thinking in a different way and allowed for a more rigorous experience.”

The curriculum combines discussion-based learning with direct instruction when needed, while reinforcing foundational skills through consistent routines.

During the board presentation, Drummond highlighted that Bridges includes collaborative problem-solving tasks, daily discussions and an assessment system aligned with instructional units. It also offers intervention support intended to help students who need additional assistance, as well as opportunities for extension for students ready for greater challenge. Drummond also said students “are able to use a significant amount of math language” and “feel comfortable and eager to share their thinking.”

Community engagement, including parent information sessions and invited feedback, were integrated as part of the review process. While many parents supported an increased focus on conceptual understanding and problem-solving, some raised questions about whether the program would

adequately support advanced learners, ensure consistent development of foundational fluency skills and align smoothly with middle school math pathways.

No comment was offered during the public hearing, and board discussion was limited. Trustee Stella Ka noted the “strong show of support” among teachers for Bridges before the board voted unanimously to approve the adoption.

The district is now moving into the implementation phase, which will include planning teacher training and supporting educators before the program is introduced in classrooms. Officials said the goal is to make the transition smooth across all elementary schools and to support teaching that focuses on helping students understand math, explain their thinking and participate in discussions.

# Schools

## Los Altos teen uses martial arts to empower youth



COURTESY OF SAANVI SHARMA

Sixteen-year-old Saanvi Sharma founded Brave Buds to teach other students self-defense.

By Julia Baum

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At just 16 years old, Los Altos resident Saanvi Sharma has already taught thousands of students self-defense.

The BASIS Independent Silicon Valley junior founded Brave Buds in eighth grade after realizing how deeply martial arts had shaped her self-confidence. What began as a small effort focused on helping girls feel safer has since grown into a nonprofit that serves neurodivergent students, low-income youth and underserved communities across California.

“I wanted to expand that feeling of being confident and secure in your own self to other women out there,” Sharma said.

Brave Buds was inspired during visits to family in India, where Sharma saw girls being treated far differently than boys in conservative communities.

“I remember thinking they don’t really have any way to protect themselves,” she said. “I really wanted to help them.”

Back in California, Sharma also noticed how many of her friends felt unsafe walking around alone, even during routine outings. After practicing Taekwondo for nearly a decade, she said the martial art had given her a sense

of security that many other teenagers lacked.

“It’s helped me feel confident and safe and secure in my own body,” she said.

Sharma launched Brave Buds at age 13 with a curriculum rooted primarily in Taekwondo, emphasizing technique, discipline and confidence-building over physical strength. Students learn basic striking techniques, partner drills and advanced movement forms.

Unlike many martial arts programs, Brave Buds adapts lessons to each student’s individual needs. That became especially important after Sharma began teaching neurodivergent children.

One of her first students was an 8-year-old autistic girl who struggled with anxiety and sensory overload. At first, the student barely spoke during lessons.

“How am I supposed to teach someone if I can’t communicate with them?” Sharma recalled thinking.

Instead of pushing the student to engage verbally, Sharma adjusted her approach. During noisy group exercises, she used simple gestures like a thumbs-up instead of repeated verbal check-ins that heightened anxiety.

Over time, Sharma said, the student became noticeably more confident and participatory. The experience also taught her to adapt les-

sons to each student’s needs.

That philosophy has become central to Brave Buds’ mission. The nonprofit also partners with organizations serving low-income students, including Boys & Girls Clubs programs, to provide free self-defense instruction to children without access to martial arts training.

Since its founding, Brave Buds has reached nearly 7,200 students and recruited 11 teen volunteers to help teach classes.

Sharma said learning to delegate to other student instructors was initially “very scary,” but ultimately allowed Brave Buds to reach more students. “With more volunteers, there’s more impact,” she said.

Now, Sharma hopes to take Brave Buds beyond California. She is exploring partnerships with international organizations that support women and children in conflict zones, including Ukraine and Afghanistan, and hopes to eventually expand the nonprofit’s reach worldwide with online instruction.

“California is a bubble,” Sharma said. “There’s many different types of people that I want to teach.”

Despite balancing schoolwork and nonprofit leadership, Sharma has no plans to stop.

“I’m still in high school,” she said. “I’m not done.”

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# Sports

## Mountain View soccer coach Jim McGuirk retires

By Curtis Driscoll  
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After 37 years and 418 wins at the helm of the Mountain View boys soccer team, coach Jim McGuirk has retired, leaving behind a legacy of service and nearly four decades of memories.

“If you ask me what my best memories are, it’s just the relationships I have with the kids. I have great memories about games, but it’s all the cool people I’ve met,” McGuirk said.

As a math teacher for 38 years and a numbers guy, it’s also fitting that McGuirk has set historic statistical records as a coach for the Spartans. The stats are impressive – 37 years of coaching, 418 wins, 11 league titles, two CCS championships and a NorCal title – McGuirk has also had the added bonus of being able to coach his son, senior defender Patrick McGuirk,

for the last few years.

“These last four years, the kids have been great, the atmosphere has been great at the school, Patrick being part of the team, and then you top it off by winning,” McGuirk said.

The team secured a CCS Division I title this year in a penalty shootout over Everett Alvarez and won a CCS Open title in 2023 over Alisal, the first CCS title in program history. While he never felt a CCS championship was needed to complete his career, his wife, Marti, wanted to win a CCS title.

“I go, whatever, I don’t need to win a CCS championship, I don’t need to win that, it’s fine. But now that I’ve won a couple, maybe I did need one,” McGuirk joked.

The team also won its first NorCal regional title in 2025 with a Division II win over Cardinal Newman. Mountain View boys soccer has 12 Santa Clara Valley Athletic League titles

in its history, and McGuirk has been a part of all of them: one as a player in 1980 and 11 as a coach, including a streak in which it won five in a row from 2009 to 2013. The program has steadily grown during his time as coach, making its first CCS footprint in 2011 in a finals loss to Bellarmine.

### Love of sports

McGuirk’s passion for sports started while playing soccer and baseball as a kid and coaching his brother’s Little League team. Although he grew up in a time when everyone played Little League baseball and soccer was more of an afterthought, he loved playing both. McGuirk graduated in 1981 from what was then Awalt High School, now Mountain View High School, and was part of the 1980 Awalt boys soccer championship team.

McGuirk spent two years on



COURTESY OF JIM MCGUIRK

See MCGUIRK, Page 19 Jim McGuirk with his son Patrick, middle, and wife Marti, right.

## Los Altos’ Alex Crosby qualifies for CIF Diving Finals



COURTESY OF WAYNE CROSBY

Los Altos diver Alex Crosby, second from left, finished second at the CCS Diving Championship May 5, scoring 460, with Palo Alto diver Jensen Craig, far left, finishing first with a score of 502. Both qualified for the CIF Diving Finals Thursday in Clovis.

# Sports

## MCGUIRK

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varsity coached by Steve Sampson, who later went on to coach the United States Men's National Team and the Los Angeles Galaxy. Sampson served as a role model for him as a player and later in his coaching career, providing lessons about the importance of being on time, working hard, treating everyone the same and how to motivate players depending on their personality. He also played for Sampson from his early teens through high school in club soccer.

"I think the main thing I picked up from Steve was the outside-the-game stuff," McGuirk said. "Yeah, we are teaching soccer, and we want to win soccer games, but we are at an age where there are a lot more important things also, so he was just a great role model in terms of learning lots of life lessons."

His first and most important role for coaching was to be honest, explaining why you are making decisions and then letting him know.

"You can do whatever you want if you communicate with me," McGuirk said.

### Helping others

After college, he planned to be a physical education teacher and was considering a full-time career in coaching. However, he realized he also loved teaching, becoming a math teacher in 1987. After serving as the junior varsity coach in the 1988-1989 season, he became the varsity coach the next year. Between teaching and coaching, each day started with his alarm going off at 5:30 a.m. and at work by 7 a.m., no matter if he got home at 6 p.m. after practice or 10 p.m. after a game the night before.

In addition to soccer duties, he also coached the Mountain View High baseball team for a few years, along with several years as the Mountain View boys and girls golf coach. He agreed to coach the girls golf team after a few parents of incoming freshmen approached him about forming and coaching the team. During a three-year stretch, he coached both golf teams and boys soccer, running from soccer practice out to Shoreline at 6 p.m. to watch them practice when the seasons overlapped. He also served as the school's athletic director for two years in the early 1990s.

"Clearly, I have a hard time saying no," McGuirk joked.

He still works part-time for the Central Coast Section Office, the governing body of high school athletics in the area, with increased work during playoff season. Even though he retired as a teacher a year ago, he has



COURTESY OF JIM MCGUIRK

Jim McGuirk, far right, with the Mountain View High School boys soccer team after winning the Central Coast Section Division I title this year over Everett Alvarez.

still been busy.

"For me, it's mostly I love sports," McGuirk said. "I watch them, I play them, I love being outside, I love being with the students."

McGuirk has also helped support the next generation of coaches. Mountain View boys soccer assistant coach Josue Aguilar played three years of varsity soccer for McGuirk before graduating in 2014, and he also played for him when McGuirk coached club soccer at MVLA. McGuirk encouraged Aguilar to coach at the Spartans Sports Camp, which helped solidify his passion for coaching.

"It felt right," Aguilar said. "He helped me begin my coaching career at a young age."

While it felt like he was still one of McGuirk's players when he first started coaching, the many conversations they had over the past five years have helped him find his footing as a coach, crediting him for creating a collaborative coaching environment. Some of the biggest things he has learned are to be punctual, clear with directions and collaborative with players.

"He really mentored me, and he really encouraged me and encouraged my ideas to be put into the space, to be talked about, which was very key in keeping me this motivated to continue working as a coach," Aguilar said.

Aguilar noted how well he treats others is noticed and respected by everyone, something he has seen since his high school days.

"He is very compassionate, empathetic and he works hard for the program that he built throughout these four decades, so he's done so much for the program itself, the school as a math teacher, and I think everyone sees the effort he has been putting into the community for so long, which is why he is reaping all those benefits," Aguilar said.

### Coaching

A lot has changed since McGuirk first started coaching, with many more kids playing competitive soccer year-round. When he first started, of his 20 players, 13 came from the football team, and most of the others played multiple sports, requiring more soccer-specific conditioning. The skill change from when he first started is stark as well, with most freshmen nowadays having years of soccer experience and using both feet.

While he focused on conditioning when he first started, his final years focused more on giving them enough time off so they would not get worn out. Many of the kids are usually in the middle of their club season. It was rare for him to have 75% of the kids in the first month of the new season, with many players in club practice. Some players also attended two practices between club and high school on the same night, prompting him to mandate no conditioning the first three weeks of the season and no practice on Fridays. Balancing the tricky aspects of many high school players finishing their club season during the first month or so of the high school season can be tricky, especially with a new team trying to build rapport. Communicating with club coaches has been key to striking a balance. "The kids deserve to do both, and they should be allowed to do both," McGuirk said.

For McGuirk, it was the right time to leave. He noted that the last few years have been a little more tiring than usual and require more effort, realizing it was a good time to step away in the middle of the season. Soccer is also played during the winter season, with rain and cold part of the equation in his decision.

"A little bit more tiring than normal, a little more effort that I have to put in as I get older, the late nights and that sort of thing. It just felt like the right time with Patrick leaving."

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## A dog-approved Los Altos spot

By Maria Crowder  
Town Crier Food Critic

Waylon was on a mission: find a dog-friendly spot worthy of his refined (but still very snack-motivated) palate— and of course, he brought along his best bud Tater. Now, Tater isn't just any pup — he's a firecracker Chihuahua mix born on the 4th of July, and he absolutely lives up to the hype.

On a drizzly Tuesday, the duo set their sights on Champagne One Main Bistro inside the Enchante Hotel in downtown Los Altos. Rain? No problem. These two were ready for a lunch adventure.

We were warmly greeted at the front desk and escorted to the “board room” — a VIP section for pups since the main dining area is dog-free. It felt

pretty exclusive, like a private dining club for distinguished (and slightly soggy) guests.

Enter Kevin, our hero of the hour. He immediately won Waylon and Tater over with dog biscuits, which disappeared faster than you can say, “good boy.”

The dog menu kept things simple and classy: grilled Harris Ranch hamburger patties or chicken, both paired with veggies. When we asked about the veggie lineup, Kevin assured us it was the usual suspects— green beans, carrots, the works. Perfect for these two, who are equal-opportunity eaters.

The pups were served first (as it should be), and Waylon — the 75-pound Lab — made quick work of his meal like a true professional. Tater,

on the other hand, faced a bit more of a challenge: His chicken came in large chunks, not exactly bite-sized for a 12-pound firecracker. And instead of the promised veggie medley, the plate featured celery. Not a dealbreaker, but let's just say it wasn't quite the veggie variety we were expecting.

As for the human food, let's just say the online reviews had a point. It didn't totally wow us. But honestly? Between the cozy rainy-day vibes, the private pup dining room, and watching Waylon and Tater live their best lives, it was still a pretty delightful lunch. At the end of the day, good company (especially the furry kind) makes everything taste better.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIA CROWDER

Tater and Waylon are excited to head to lunch at Champagne One Main Bistro in downtown Los Altos.

## Food Feud: TC interns make their case for the best eatery in State Street Market

Little Blue Door has array of spices and variety of plates

*This marks the long-awaited return of the Food Feud, which features two Town Crier interns battling it out with words on a chosen food-related topic. This month, they each make their case for the best restaurant inside State Street Market in downtown Los Altos.*

By Ananya Kota  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Little Blue Door has everything I'm looking for when it comes to a fulfilling, warm meal and delicious desserts.

From fluffy, buttery naan bread to a hearty serving of Indian-inspired lentil stew, Little Blue Door's selection always leaves me wondering why I don't come here more often.

While the dish selection may seem intimidating at first, an appreciation of the variety that Little Blue Door offers soon follows once you get a taste of its options. From vegetarian-friendly dishes (which this vegetarian appreciates) to street food-style appetizers to Indian desserts and drinks, Little Blue Door offers it all.



ANANYA KOTA/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Ananya Kota's meal is warm and comforting.

While all of the restaurant's selections are tempting, I want to highlight the vegetarian menu, drinks and desserts.

My go-to option is always the dal makhani. A slow-cooked lentil stew seasoned with Indian spices, this hearty meal works perfectly with the

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The Good Salad offers ample choices, flavors and speed

By Mia Scott  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The opening of The Good Salad at the State Street Market gave downtown Los Altos the ultimate fuel after a long school day. It's the definition of a fresh and efficient lunch for my friends and me — a true standout in our lunch rotation.

Walking inside and seeing the menu for the first time was a bit intimidating. The restaurant doesn't just serve standard salads, instead putting its own spin on the classics. That made me hesitate at first, but the bright neon arrow glowing above the counter and the delicious-sounding descriptions made me give it a second chance. Quickly, I realized that the speed at which the restaurant can make salads is incredible — the employees move through orders so quickly that I've never been late to class.

When it comes to the menu, the Cali Caesar is just perfect. With a base of romaine and topped with parmesan, chicken, avocado and sliced almonds, it has that perfect crunch till the last bite — unlike the soggy Caesars found



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Mia Scott holds a Cal Caesar salad.

elsewhere. The flavors are just amazing; the salty punch of the parmesan balances with the smoothness of the avocado and the crunch of the romaine — all in one bite.

Although the salad is an investment for a student like me, I feel the

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Take on the outdoors this spring with this fresh, picnic-friendly sandwich



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Italian deli meats, cheese and arugula pair well in this perfect picnic sandwich.

Feature Impact

When the weather breaks and it's time to get outdoors, there's hardly any better place to be than resting on a deck, lounging in the backyard or curled up on a picnic blanket at a local park. Enjoy that leisurely time with loved ones by sharing a spread that includes these Picnic Party Sandwiches, perfect for a filling lunch that provides the energy you need for kicking around a soccer ball, playing tag or flying a kite.

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**Picnic sandwiches**

Recipe adapted from "Crunch Time Kitchen"

Total time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1/4 cup salted butter
  - 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
  - 1 large fresh baguette
  - 1/4 cup fig preserves
  - 6-8 ounces cured meats, such as prosciutto, salami and capocollo
  - 6 ounces brie cheese, sliced
  - 2 cups arugula
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
  - 1 pinch kosher salt
- Mash together room tem-

perature butter with fresh parsley. Set aside.

Cut fresh baguette lengthwise and smear bottom half of the baguette with herbed butter. Top with fig preserves.

Layer on cured meats followed by slices of brie cheese. For brie, cut off any large pieces of rind.

In small bowl, toss arugula with lemon juice and salt. Add arugula to sandwich followed by top half of baguette.

Cut baguette into four even sandwiches and eat immediately or wrap each one tightly in paper or plastic wrap.



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**THE GOOD SALAD**

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\$18-\$22 price tag is worth it for the quality offered.

When I asked my friends for the first time to swap their usual lunch for these salads, they also fell in love, both with the quality of the ingredients and the high-energy environment

of the market itself.

While lunch often feels like a rushed chore between classes, The Good Salad has turned it into a highlight. It is not only a meal, but an act of self-care. Even during a week of finals and AP exams, that neon arrow leads me to exactly what I need to power through.

For more information on State Street Market, visit [statestreetmarket.com](http://statestreetmarket.com).

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naan (choice of butter, plain or garlic).

Another solid option is the Bombay veggie panini with tofu. This sandwich is packed with plant protein and veggies, served with a side of seasoned masala potato chips and chutney. It's filling, crispy and leaves me satisfied.

Little Blue Door's may lack a vast selection of desserts and sweet drinks, but don't underestimate their power. Rasmalai, a popular south Asian dessert consisting of spongy pan-

balls soaked in saffron-infused milk, is the main dessert option there. It's nothing short of delicious. The cool burst of floral cream soaked in the soft, moist rounds is the definition of a perfect end to a warm meal.

Looking for a lighter dessert? Try one of the drinks to ground your meal with a sweet end. The cooling mango lassi is the perfect alternative to ice cream on a hot summer day, while a warm cup of chai (yes, just chai, not "chai tea") is perfect for the winter.

Overall, there is no better entry for the best restaurant in State Street Market than Little Blue Door.

# Food & Wine

## Lay down that checkered picnic blanket and sip on this sweet beverage

Feature Impact

Salty snacks and savory sandwiches may fill you up at your next springtime picnic, but no family trip to the park is complete without a sweet, refreshing drink to wash it all down. Stay cool and keep the fun going with a light sip that showcases the taste of the season.

This picnic cherry limeade is easy to make from the comfort of home before being transported (in a non-spill container, of course) to the picnic table or blanket. Just don't forget the cups and ice.

Find more refreshing beverage ideas by visiting Culinary.net.

### Picnic cherry limeade

Recipe adapted from "Southern Living"

- Total time: 5 minutes  
 Servings: 10
- 1 jar (10 ounces) whole red maraschino cherries, chilled
  - 6 limes, divided
  - 1 bottle (2 liters) lemon-lime soda, chilled
  - 1/2 cup tart cherry juice, chilled

Drain maraschino cherries, reserving syrup. Set whole cherries aside.

Juice four limes to yield 1/2 cup juice; thinly slice remaining limes.

In large pitcher, stir cherry syrup, lime juice, soda and tart cherry juice. Add lime slices.

Transfer to container with tight-fitting lid for transport. Serve over ice and garnish with reserved whole cherries.



Cherry limeade blends citrus and sweet for a refreshing sip.

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## Food & Wine

### Simple, convenient and time-saving snacks for busy families



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**Cheesy Mexican rice balls offer cheesy goodness with Mexican spices.**

Feature Impact

When every afternoon feels like a race to the dinner table and weekends are a blur of activities, there's only one way to keep loved ones from getting "hangry": easy, delicious appetizers and snacks. Keeping a few must-have ingredients in the pantry can help you avoid those dreaded moments between meals when stomachs are growling and a meal feels so close, yet so far away.

If you're craving a quick, savory bite, look no further than these Cheesy Mexican Rice Bites. They're prepared in just

20 minutes – but don't be surprised if you find yourself making a second batch afterward. Featuring a touch of heat from Minute Jalapeno Rice Cups that are conveniently pre-portioned and ready in one minute, you can enjoy minimal cleanup while staving off hunger.

Classic Porcupine Meatballs offer another versatile solution as a make-ahead snack before busy weekends. For first-timers, here's a secret: meatballs aren't as tricky to make as they might look. Just mix the ingredients, form meatballs by hand and cook

in a pot until ready to enjoy, or refrigerate then reheat once you're home from Saturday's soccer games.

Since these are "porcupine" meatballs, that means they're made with Minute Instant White Rice rather than traditional breadcrumbs. Known for its light fluffiness and easy prep, it's ready in just 5 minutes. With this dish, however, it's simply added to the meatballs straight from the box.

Visit [MinuteRice.com](http://MinuteRice.com) to find more convenient snack ideas that save time and

See **SNACKS**, Page 25

### Add homegrown flavor to those fun summer gatherings

By Melinda Myers

Special to the Town Crier

Fill your crudites platters with vegetables grown in your own garden and containers. Arrange the raw vegetables neatly on a platter or board and add a homemade dip seasoned with fresh herbs. Your family and guests are sure to enjoy the selection and fresh flavor.

Look for opportunities to grow and share your favorite vegetables at gatherings with friends and families. Many vegetables work well in containers and small compact varieties make it easy to include them in just about any size garden.

Create an attractive display with seasonal bite-sized vegetables that are easy for guests

to enjoy. Snap peas, radishes, and carrots are most readily available during the cooler months of spring and fall.

As the season progresses, include broccoli and cauliflower florets. Try growing some purple varieties like purple magic broccoli, purple crush and amethyst purple cauliflower. Blanch them in cold water to bring out the color.

By mid to late summer, you'll have tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers to include. Grow some colorful cherry tomatoes like sunset torch with excellent flavor and unique yellow with orange striped fruit. The compact patio choice yellow and fantastic red cherry tomatoes are the perfect size for containers

and fit in any size garden.

Plan to grow a few small peppers like pick-n-pop, lunchbox, just sweet, and yum yums or include slices of your favorite sweet peppers. Make room in your garden to grow a few miniature cucumbers like Persian and green light with thin skins and crispy mild flavor.

Fill the voids in your platter with seasonal and colorful fruit like grapes, raspberries and strawberries. Add a little crunchy, flavorful food confetti to the mix with homegrown microgreens. Sunflower microgreens remain firm and have a nutty flavor that is similar to the seeds. Spice things up a bit with

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# Food & Wine

## FLAVOR

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radish greens and add welcome color with red cabbage and bull's blood beet greens. Your microgreens are ready to harvest in just 10 to 14 days after planting. Also use them to add some of your own homegrown flavor when you have to purchase vegetables at the farmer's market or grocery store.

Anchor the platter with a bowl of dip. Even a simple dip of sour cream, mayonnaise and chives will work. Add more complex flavor by adding additional homegrown herbs like basil, dill and oregano to your favorite dip base. Experiment with various

combinations of what's available from your container and in-ground gardens.

Be flexible. As a gardener you know plants do not always follow the descriptions on the seed packet or label. Cooler than normal weather can delay the harvest while hotter than normal weather can speed things up. Just enjoy what is ready and supplement with what you purchase at the farmers' market or grocery store.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books and hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. For more information, visit MelindaMyers.com.*



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Fresh veggies harvested at home can be used for gatherings in the warm summer months.

## SNACKS

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trouble in the kitchen.

### Cheesy Mexican rice bites

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 2

• 1 Minute Jalapeno Rice Cup

- 1/4 cup diced onions
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 cup Mexican cheese blend, shredded
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- nonstick cooking spray
- salsa (optional)
- sour cream (optional)

Preheat air fryer to 375 F. Heat rice according to package directions.

In large mixing bowl, combine rice, diced onions, cumin and Mexican cheese blend. Mix well.

Add beaten egg to rice mixture and stir until fully combined.

Using hands, shape about 2 tablespoons rice mixture into ball. Repeat with remaining mixture.

Roll rice balls in breadcrumbs, ensuring they are fully coated.

Lightly coat air fryer basket with nonstick cooking spray to prevent sticking.

Place rice bites in single layer in air fryer basket, leaving space between each for even cooking. Work in batches, if necessary. Spray tops of each ball with nonstick cooking spray to help with browning.

Cook 15 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp, flip-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MINUTE RICE

Porcupine meatballs offer zesty and cheesy bites.

ping halfway through for even browning.

Allow to cool slightly and serve with salsa or sour cream, if desired.

### Porcupine Meatballs

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 4-6

- 1 tablespoon butter
  - 1 small onion, finely chopped
  - 1 pound lean ground beef
  - 1 cup Minute White Rice, plus additional for serving, cooked
  - 1 egg, lightly beaten
  - 1 packet (1 1/2 ounces) meatloaf seasoning
  - 1 1/4 cups water, divided
  - 1 jar (24 ounces) pasta sauce
  - grated Parmesan cheese
- In 3-quart saucepan over

medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onions and cook, stirring, until starting to soften.

In large bowl, combine onions, beef, 1 cup uncooked rice, egg, seasoning and 1/4 cup water; mix gently by hand until well blended. Shape mixture into medium-sized meatballs.

Pour pasta sauce and remaining water into same 3-quart saucepan. Stir and bring to boil. Add meatballs and return to boil.

Reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer 15 minutes, or until meatballs are cooked through.

Serve meatballs and sauce over extra cooked rice and top with grated Parmesan cheese.

Substitution: Ground turkey, chicken or meatless ground can be used in place of beef.

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# Puzzles Page

## Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

**Across**

- 1. 100-lb. units
- 5. Lawyer, abbr.
- 8. Animation platform, abbr.
- 11. Grimace
- 12. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Harshman
- 14. Free (of)
- 15. Liquid remnant
- 16. Spicy cuisine
- 17. "\_\_\_ questions?"
- 18. Plant a new crop
- 20. Three in Roman numbers
- 21. Country lass
- 22. Founder of the Celebrity Forum Speaker Series, Dick \_\_\_\_\_**
- 25. Retired professors, et al.
- 29. "\_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik"
- 32. Celestial bodies
- 33. Used to express exasperation
- 35. FBI guy, 2 words
- 36. Mountain ranges
- 37. Protest recently held on El Camino Real, 2 words**
- 40. Make a little \_\_\_ long

- way, 2 words
- 42. The NCAA's Buckeyes
- 43. Night time racket
- 48. Some exhibited work
- 49. Some pitches
- 51. Rich Little, e.g.
- 52. Horse command
- 53. Actress, Jessica
- 54. Neighbor of Pakistan
- 55. Turf
- 56. Senate vote
- 57. Singer Lovett

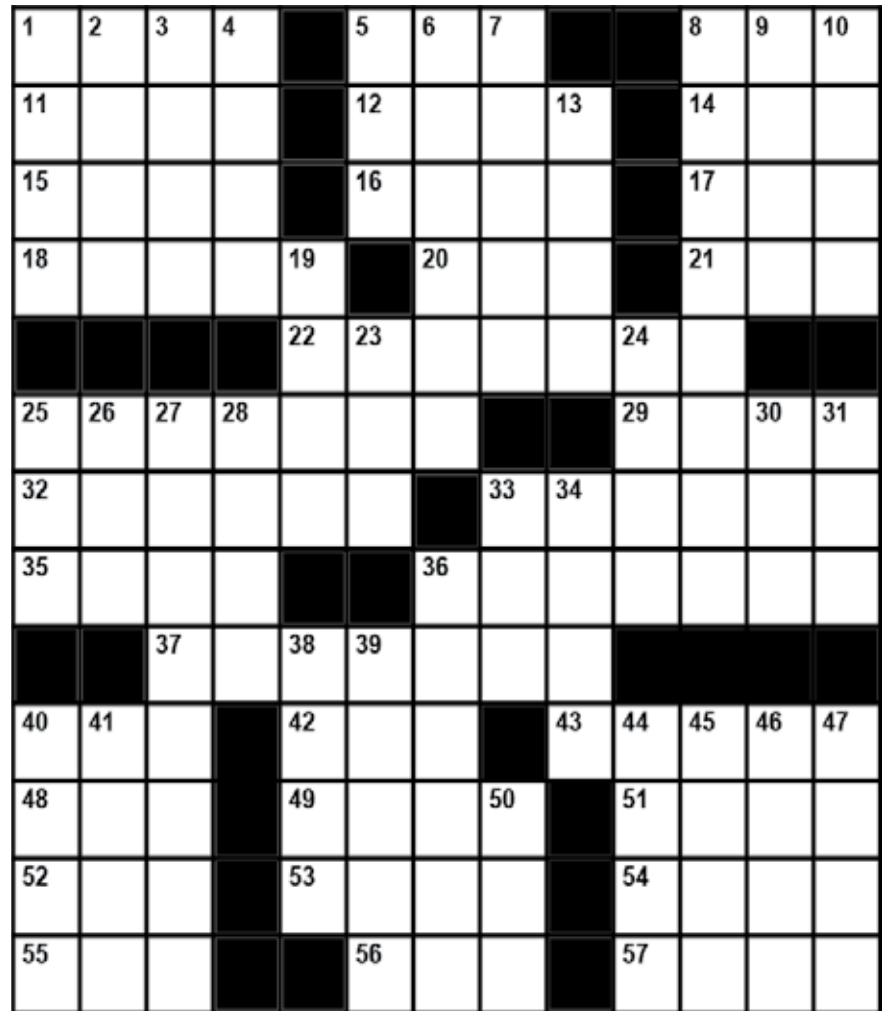
**Down**

- 1. High rank in the Navy, abbr.
- 2. Sported
- 3. Calendar day, abbr.
- 4. Ornamental plant of the lily family
- 5. Quantity, abbr.
- 6. Ground sesame paste
- 7. Get in shape
- 8. More rugged
- 9. Lollobrigida of "Hotel Paradiso"
- 10. Tranquil scene
- 13. King Henry \_\_\_
- 19. Jot
- 23. Space invaders, for short

- 24. "\_\_\_ the twain shall meet"
- 25. Heart monitoring test, abbr.
- 26. Soccer fan in the family
- 27. Came forth
- 28. Nevada city
- 30. Govt. hush-hush gp., abbr.
- 31. "What did you say?" interjections
- 33. Check-cashing requirement, abbr.
- 34. Pianist, Dame Myra
- 36. Short and stumpy
- 38. Caffeine source
- 39. Italian for island
- 40. Comedian's stock
- 41. Nabisco favorite
- 44. Do perfectly
- 45. Grand Ole \_\_\_
- 46. Authentic
- 47. Ocean eagle
- 50. Nice gesture to letter receiver, abbr.

- Los Altos clues bolded

**Answers on Page 34**

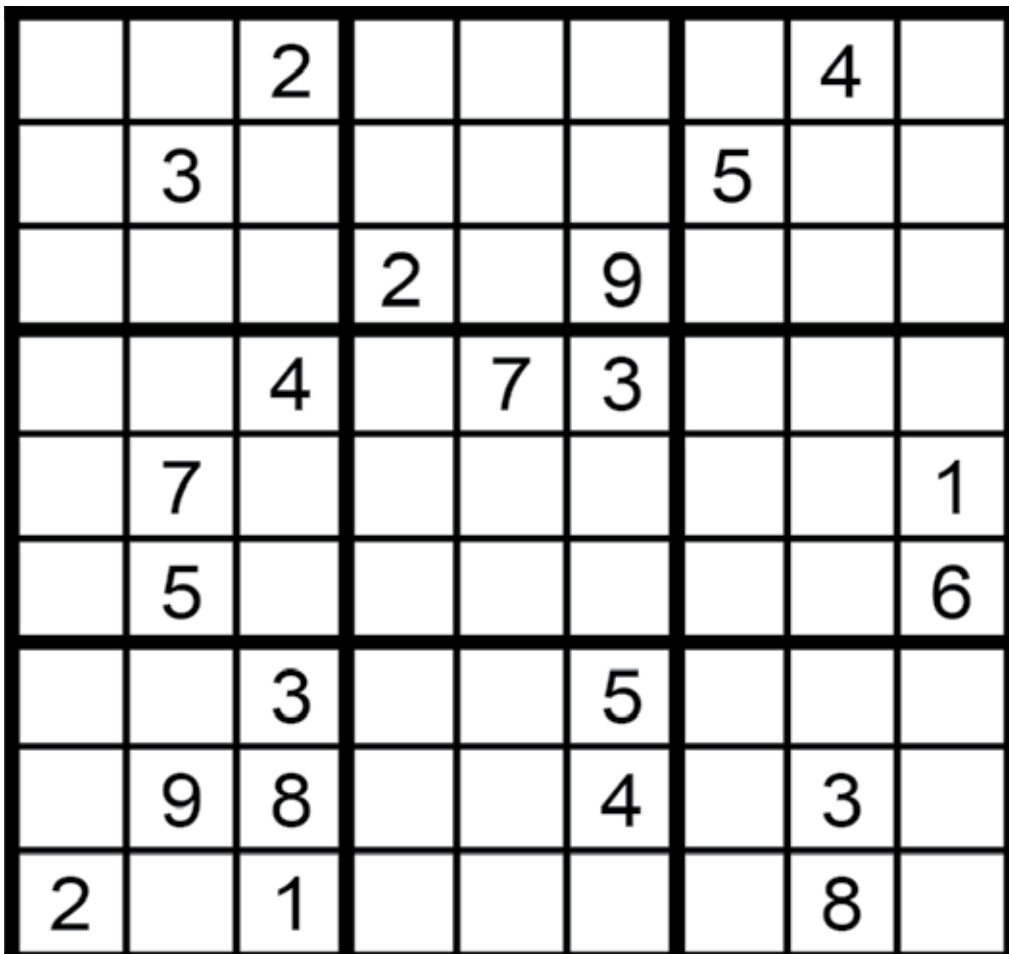


## Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

**Level: Medium**



## Find A Word



15 yellow things are listed below. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one as you find it.

- Banana
- Corn
- Omelet
- Schoolbus
- Butter
- Daffodil
- Squash
- Canary
- Grapefruit
- Swallowtail
- Cheese
- Lemon
- Yolk
- Chick
- Mango

# Business & Real Estate

## Local nonprofit fights loneliness with furry friends

By Dorie Xie  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services has been “licking loneliness” throughout the Bay Area since 1983. With more than 300 volunteers and 250 therapy animals, the nonprofit organizes pet therapy visits to schools and other places that could use a helping paw.

“Our motto is ‘We lick loneliness,’” said Bill Chow, a Furry Friends board member and Los Altos resident. “Whether it’s elementary schools, high schools or colleges, we help students and staff cope with the everyday stresses that come with living here in Silicon Valley. We also go to hospitals and senior care facilities focusing on assisted living, skilled nursing, rehab and memory care patients.”

The organization serves Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties. Locally, Furry Friends visits Pinewood School, The Terraces

senior living community, the Los Altos Library and various corporations, according to Chow.

Furry Friends is run entirely by volunteers, from its board members to pet handlers; all of their animals are the volunteers’ pets.

“The commitment to volunteerism here in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View is very, very strong,” Chow said. “A lot of our members hail from here, even if the volunteer site is not in Los Altos.”

While dogs make up about 80-90% of the therapy animals, Furry Friends has also welcomed cats, bunnies, snakes, chickens and mini goats. In short, Chow said, any animal that passes a vet assessment and evaluation by the organization’s animal behaviorist could become a therapy animal.

“It’s very broad in the sense that it’s not species-dependent,” Chow said. “We look at the suitability of the animal – not only to be able to interact



DORIE XIE/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Bill Chow, Furry Friends board member, pup Ziggy and Anne Tiry, board president, pose in front of the Town Crier last week.

with our target, whether student or patient, but also to behave well with other animals – because usually we come as

a team to a given site.” For volunteers without pets, Furry Friends has a solution: they can handle another

member’s second animal. The format of visits varies by site.

See FRIENDS, Page 28

## Transactions

### Los Altos

128 Cuesta Drive #5, M. Lai to W. Choi for \$1,520,000

62 Cuesta Drive, Gudmundson Family Trust to H. and N. Dun for \$1,940,000

486 Gabilan Street, E. Stephens to Wilke Living Trust for \$2,010,000

624 Oakridge Drive, Shepard Family Trust to Nevholdings LLC for \$3,010,000

822 Amber Lane, Cui and Wang Living Trust to Nagao Living Trust for \$4,100,000

1130 Suffolk Court, Laforest Trust to X. and L. Yang for \$4,780,000

551 Hawthorne Court, Lane Trust to William and Jessica Trust for \$5,080,000

475 Fir Lane, Ghaffari Trust to J. and K. Christensen for \$5,434,000

900 Highlands Circle, C. and R. Chi to Khodosh Trust for \$5,550,000

1340 Miravalle Avenue, Sherkat Trust to S. and V. Ramanathan for \$6,000,000

1049 Russell Avenue, Filsuf Living Trust to Bar-Niv Living Trust for \$6,500,000

### Los Altos Hills

12387 Stonebrook Drive, Kleitman Family Trust to Mcdermott Trust for \$4,900,000

12950 Cortez Lane, Magal Family Trust to S. and R. Misra for \$7,100,000

### Mountain View

205 Infinity Way, H. Liu to A. Jones for \$1,599,000

1901 West Middlefield Road, Moreno Family Trust to J. and W. Ko for \$1,765,000

877 San Simeon Drive, Gonzales Family Trust to Q. Zhang for \$1,960,000

853 Sierra Vista Avenue #B, Colony Sierra Homes LLC to J. Gao for \$1,965,000

1208 San Ramon Avenue, P. Deng to K. and P. Tsai for \$2,340,000

13411 Pastel Lane, Wang and Sieh Family Trust to Shah Living Trust for \$3,500,000

2169 Yorkshire Way, Amaya Trust to T. and J. Lan for \$3,510,000

411 Hedgerow Court, Swenson Family Trust to Oakley Living Trust for \$4,000,000

1418 Meadow Lane, Zaks Fam-

ily Trust to S. and A. Navabi for \$4,067,500

2524 Sun Mor Avenue, Bouchard Family Trust to A. and K. Abiru for \$4,300,000

395 Martens Avenue, Y. Guo to J. and B. Shih for \$5,700,000

3371 Beaumont Square, Goldsilverisland Homes LLC to M. and S. Subramaniam for \$6,250,000

943 Trophy Drive, Jung Trust to S. and A. Shishavan for \$10,350,000

### Cupertino

886 Brent Drive, Epic Estates and Dvelopment Inc to S. and S. Vabbilisetty for \$2,625,000

20087 Pacifica Drive, N. Silbey to H. and Y. Chen for \$2,920,000

22136 Dean Court, A. Kapur to K. and S. Venkateswaran for \$2,950,000

869 Bette Avenue, D. Lee to H. and M. Marques for \$3,200,000

11563 Country Spring Court, H. Cho to S. and S. Karri for \$3,280,000

7608 Peach Blossom Drive, Kuo Trust to Z. and T. Zhang for \$3,422,000

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Lowest sale: \$4,900,000  
Highest sale: \$7,100,000  
Average sale: \$6,000,000

#### Mountain View

Total sales: 13  
Lowest sale: \$1,599,000  
Highest sale: \$10,350,000  
Average sale: \$3,946,700

#### Cupertino

Total sales: 8  
Lowest sale: \$2,625,000  
Highest sale: \$4,175,000  
Average sale: \$3,265,300

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# Business and Real Estate

## How business owners balance business and personal finance

Statepoint

For successful business owners, managing wealth extends far beyond balance sheets — it requires carefully orchestrating growth, balancing business and personal financial priorities, and thoughtfully considering business succession planning and legacy.

PNC's "Business Owner Wealth Insights Report" is the product of a partnership with leading market research firm Ipsos on a nationwide survey of business owners. Its findings center on four themes: connectivity between business and private banking, balancing business and personal growth, family dynamics and governance, and philanthropy and legacy.

"As business owners juggle growth, personal financial priorities, succession planning and legacy, the need for a truly integrated approach has never been clearer," said Don Heberle, head of PNC Private Bank. "This report shines a

light on how prepared business owners are for navigating the complex intersections of business and personal wealth and the keys for unlocking stronger outcomes for families, businesses and communities."

### Business and private banking

For most business owners surveyed (67%), business and personal finances are managed separately. Respondents believe there are potential risks associated with combining business and personal finances, with 83% saying that separating the two reduces the potential for conflicts of interest. Still, 89% say they are interested in receiving advice that considers both their business and personal needs, and 88% of respondents say they value having a dedicated advisor who understands both.

Business and personal goals are reviewed at similar intervals, with the majority saying they revisit their business goals (80%) and personal finance goals (75%) at least quarterly.



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Banking as a business owner can be a balancing act.

### Business & personal growth

There is importance among business owners in finding the right balance between growing the business and achieving personal financial goals.

Most owners (91%) agree that achieving both personal and professional growth is equally important, but that success does not come without barriers, which include:

- Personal time and resources (53%)
- Financial constraints or market conditions (44%)
- Choosing between business reinvestment and personal use of the business' profits (35%)

### Family dynamics & business growth

Most survey respondents (92%) agreed that it is important to have a formal governance

structure for their business. Separately, 84% said succession and exit planning is critical to the continuity of their business. Yet, only 63% said they have a formal exit or succession plan.

Among those without a formal plan, barriers identified include lack of a successor (25%), family conflict in succession (15%), and time constraint (19%).

### Philanthropy and legacy

Philanthropy plays a meaningful role in legacy planning. Two-thirds of respondents view philanthropy as part of their legacy, and 81% structure investment strategies to support charitable goals. Nearly 80% donate financially, and many involve family members — either actively (43%) or in future plans (26%).

"Today's business owners are shaping legacy across generations," Heberle said. "When business and personal strategies are aligned, they are better positioned to create lasting impact."

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## FRIENDS

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They include outdoor sessions on school lawns, room-to-room rounds in nursing facilities and gatherings in a facility's day room, according to Chow.

Chow said he's most proud of the organization's Reading Buddies program. Held at local libraries, including the Los Altos Library, it involves children from preschool through sixth grade reading aloud to the animals.

"It doesn't have the stress of reading to your teacher or your family members," Chow said. "And we've been told by the teachers as well as other counselors that, as a result of that, it does increase momentum and confidence."

Board president Anne Tiry, who joined Furry Friends as a volunteer in 2000, said she has also seen the im-

pact of pet therapy up close.

"I feel good after every single visit, and I've found that to be a pretty common response from the folks (volunteers)," Tiry said. "Often, they're surprised at the response we get from the people we visit — their spirits were raised after just five minutes."

To keep that impact going, however, Tiry said she encourages more community members to get involved, whether through volunteering or donating. Furry Friends maintains a waitlist of organizations hoping to receive pet therapy visits, which is only made possible with more volunteers.

"We would love to open more sites if we have the volunteer base to support it," Tiry said.

To volunteer, donate and for more information on Furry Friends, visit [furryfriends.org](http://furryfriends.org).

## Have a comment or idea? Reach out

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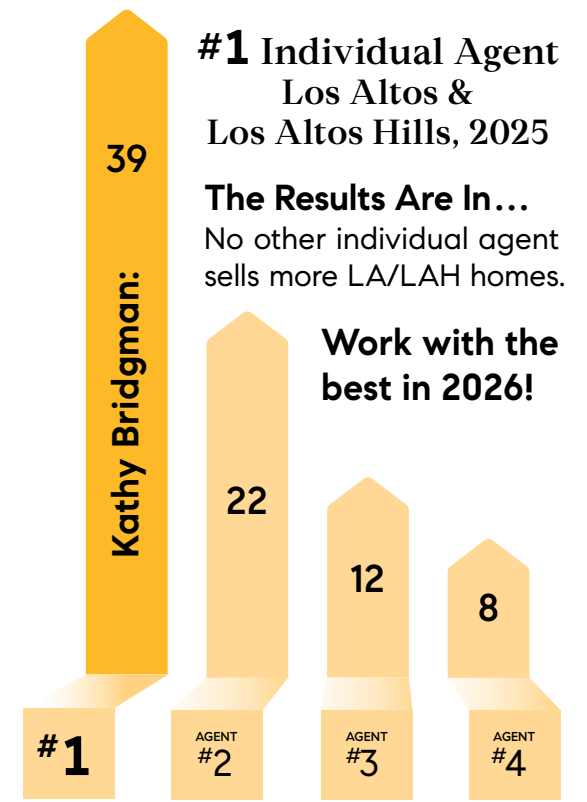
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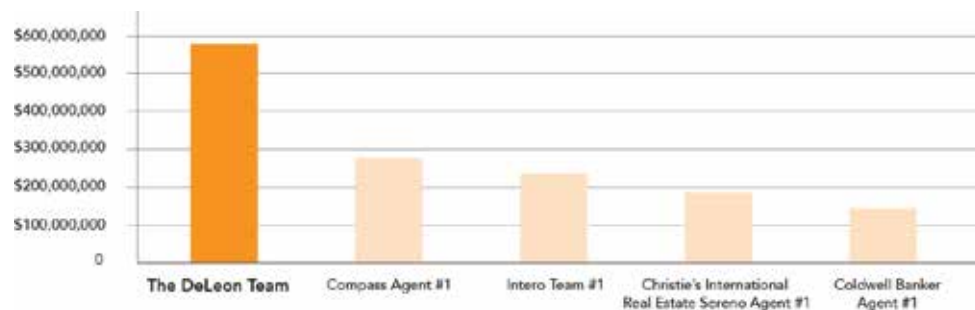
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## PROMO SOCIAL POST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726608

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115-T

## BEIJING CHINESE MEDICINE INSTITUTE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726423

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BEIJING CHINESE MEDICINE INSTITUTE, 745 Distel Drive Suite 119, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BEIJING TCM ACUPUNCTURE PROF. CORP., 745 Distel Drive Suite 119, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Ying Qin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/01/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

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## SAN JOSE ENDODONTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726437

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SAN JOSE ENDODONTICS, 1620 Westwood Dr. Ste A, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DAVID CHOW DDS, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 1620 Westwood Dr. Ste A, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2024. /S/ David Chow / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/01/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

113-T

## AUNTIE M NO PLACE LIKE HOME PET SITTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726491

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AUNTIE M NO PLACE LIKE HOME PET SITTING, 1534 Vineyard, 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): Marion Ray, PO Box 2628, Saratoga, CA 95070. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/1998. /S/ Marion Ray / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/04/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

112-T

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

On or around May 4, 2026, Cal Water will file Advice Letter 2579 requesting authority to increase revenues to recover recently completed and previously authorized infrastructure improvements. In the advice letter, Cal Water requests additional revenue of \$1,515,949, or 2.5% of currently authorized revenue. If approved, effective July 1, 2026, the water bill of a Los Altos residential customer with 9 CCF (which is 900 cubic feet, or approximately 6,732 gallons) of monthly water usage would increase by approximately \$2.38, or 2.5%. Although previously authorized by the CPUC in Decisions 26-04-045, 24-03-042 and 20-12-007 as part of the utility's triennial rate review process, the project's cost could only be recovered through a rate increase after it was completed. A copy of Advice Letter 2579 will be available on the internet at <https://www.calwater.com/rates-advice-letters/> (please select Los Altos Suburban from the drop-down menu), and may also be obtained from the company's local offices by calling (650) 917-0152. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mailing the Rates Department at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, or by calling (408) 367-8200 and asking for the Rates Department. Cal Water offers many programs to help you manage your water bill including a Customer Assistance Program (CAP), (formerly, low-income ratepayer assistance program (LIRA)), water conserving appliance rebates, and other conservation programs. Please visit our website at [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com) to take advantage of these opportunities. Protests and Responses. Anyone may respond to or protest this filing. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in its evaluation. A protest objects to the filing in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based, and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow Commission staff to properly consider the protest. The grounds for protests are:

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2. The relief requested in the filing would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies.
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5. The relief requested in the filing requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the filing process, or
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discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission). A response or protest must be made in writing and received by the Commission's Water Division by May 24, 2026, the end of the comment period. The response or protest should be sent to the CPUC (by email to [water.division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water.division@cpuc.ca.gov), or by mail to the Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102) and to Cal Water (by email to [cwsrates@calwater.com](mailto:cwsrates@calwater.com), or by mail to the Rates Department, California Water Service Company, 1720 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95112). CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY 5/13/26 CNS-4040254# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-13-26)

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## SPIRIT OF PASSION MUSIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726499

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SPIRIT OF PASSION MUSIC, 150 Mas-sol Avenue, Los Gatos, CA, 95030, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Marc T Spilka, 150 Mas-sol Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Marc T Spilka / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/04/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

109-T

## THE ART OF HEALING BY VANESSA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726407

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE ART OF HEALING BY VANESSA, 1307 S. Mary Ave Suite 250, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Vanessa Chung, 2148 Flintmore Ct, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/01/2016. /S/ Vanessa Chung / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/30/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

108-T

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALI JENAB CASE NO. 26 PR 202399

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ALI JENAB A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANNETTE BROSSARD JENAB in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANNETTE BROS-

SARD JENAB be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on JUNE 5, 2026 at 9:01 AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST. SAN JOSE CA 95113 DOWNTOWN SUPERIOR COURT. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: MARY WHITE WHITE LAW 2200 Sand Hill Road #220 Menlo Park, California 94025 Telephone: (650) 854-7950 5/13, 5/20, 5/27/26 CNS-4039774# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-13,20,27-26)

107-T

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget

The governing board of Los Altos School District will conduct a public hearing on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, in accordance with Education Code Sections 42103, 42127, 52061, and 52062, before final adoption. Any interested party may inspect the LCAP and budget before final adoption and speak at the public hearing. The public hearing will be

held on June 1, 2026, between the hours of 7:00-8:00 Los Altos School District 201 Covington Rd Los Altos, CA 94024 The public is advised to participate virtually at [lasdschools.org](http://lasdschools.org) Any interested party may inspect the Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget before the public hearing: May 29, 2026, during the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM at: Los Altos School District 201 Covington Rd Los Altos, CA 94024 Inspection is also available at [lasdschools.org](http://lasdschools.org) 5/13/26 CNS-4032492# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-13-26)

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## ARCA INTERIORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726180

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ARCA INTERIORS, 111 Lena Way Apt 3134, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Irina Keidunova, 111 Lena Way Apt 3134, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/16/2026. /S/ Irina Keidunova / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/27/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

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## INDUSTRIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726175

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: INDUSTRIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE, 22330 Homestead Road Apt. 107, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BRIDGE VOLLEYBALL COMPANY LLC, 22330 Homestead Road Apt. 107, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/30/2026. /S/ Ryan Bridge / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/27/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sate No. 25-00362-2CTT Loan No: \*\*\*0136/ADL 15 LLC APN 170-03-085 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, FIXTURE FILING, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 30, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the Gated North Market Street entrance

of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the "Trustee"), under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, FIXTURE FILING, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT recorded on July 1, 2022, as Instrument No. 25330173 of official records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, CA, executed by: ADL 15 LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as Trustor (the "Trustor"), in favor of Arixa Enhanced Income Fund, L.P., a California Limited Partnership, as Beneficiary, and any modifications thereto are collectively referred to herein from time to time as the "Deed of Trust", WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, allpayable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: As more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the Property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the Property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the Property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this Property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the Property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this Property, you may call 1.866.684.2727 or visit this Internet Website [www.servicelinkasap.com](http://www.servicelinkasap.com), using the file number assigned to this case 25-00362-2CTT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The real Property heretofore described is being sold "as is. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real Property described above is purported to be: 4898 El Camino Real, Los Altos, CA. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or en-

combrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the Property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$9,086,970.54 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. (In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The Property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the Property receiver, if applicable. DATE: April 28, 2026 CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 25-00362-2CTT 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 Lindsay Lopez, Authorized Signor SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1.866.684.2727 EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ONE: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 50 FEET WIDE, AS SAID JORDAN AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP HERINAFTER REFERRED TO; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY 50 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID HIGHWAY AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 200 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY, 50 FEET TO SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2 OF "MAP OF UNIVERSITY PLACE", AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 29, 1892 IN BOOK E, OF MAPS, PAGE 149. PARCEL TWO: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL, DISTANT THEREON 50 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP HERINAFTER REFERRED TO;

# Public Notices

THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY 50 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID STATE HIGHWAY AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 200 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY, 50 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2 AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 29, 1892 IN BOOK E, OF MAPS, PAGE 149. EXCEPTING THEREFROM PARCELS ONE AND TWO, THAT CERTAIN PARCEL CONDEMNED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY FINAL ORDER OF CONDEMNATION RECORDED MAY 25 1983 IN BOOK H582, PAGE 607, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE EXISTING 10 STATE HIGHWAY, ROAD-04-SCI-82, COMMONLY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL, AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO CITY OF LOS ALTOS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RECORDED JUNE 24, 1969 IN BOOK 8580, PAGE 283, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, SOUTH 30° 33' 13" WEST, 10.00 FEET TO A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND DISTANT 10.00 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY AT ANGLES FROM SAID EXISTING SOUTHWESTERLY HIGHWAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE NORTH 60° 05' 42" WEST, 80.70 FEET, THENCE ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 19.50 FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 89° 21' 05", AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.41 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, AS SAID AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON SAID MAP; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE NORTH 30° 33' 13" EAST, 29.28 FEET TO SAID EXISTING SOUTHWESTERLY HIGHWAY LINE; THENCE ALONG LAST SAID LINE, SOUTH 60° 05' 42" EAST, 99.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT. A-4873589 05/06/2026, 05/13/2026, 05/20/2026, 05/27/2026 (05-06,13,20,27-26)

Clara County on 04/22/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

**102-T**

**MV KIDS DENTISTS & BRACES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726240**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MV KIDS DENTISTS & BRACES, 80 W El Camino Real Suite G, 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): RUNGNAPA WAROTAYANONT DENTAL CORP., 80 W El Camino Real Suite G, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/27/2026. /S/ Rungnapa Warotayanont / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/28/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

**101-T**

**SWIRL DSP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726113**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SWIRL DSP, 868 Altos Oaks Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): VALLEY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, 868 Altos Oaks Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Spanta Ashjaee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/23/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

**100-T**

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF MARITES COLINA  
CHUA  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
26CV492061**

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

Proposed Name:  
a. Marites Chua Vercide

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 07/21/2026 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: 04/28/2026

/s/ Charles F. Adams  
Judge of the Superior Court  
(05-06,13,20,27-26)

**099-T**

**KLS Coaching  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN725799**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KLS Coaching, 214 N Clark Ave, 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): Karen Lee Steinkraus, 214 N Clark Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Karen Steinkraus / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

**097-T**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LOS ALTOS**

**Public Hearing Notice**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF REPORT  
OF SEWER CHARGES TO BE  
COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL  
FOR TAX YEAR 2026-27 AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING WITH RESPECT TO  
SAID REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a report of sewer charges to be collected on the Santa Clara County Tax Roll for Tax Year 2026-27 was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Los Altos pursuant to Section 5473 of the California Health & Safety Code on May 6, 2026. The report is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. For an appointment to view the report or additional information please call 650-947-2610 or email mthurman@losaltosca.gov

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, the City Council of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to the report. The City Council public hearing will be held in person at the City Chambers located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California.

Publication: Los Altos Town Crier  
Publication Dates: May 6, 2026; May 13, 2026

Melissa Thurman, MMC  
City Clerk  
(05-06,13-26)

**096-T**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
AN URBAN WATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
WATER SHORTAGE  
CONTINGENCY PLAN  
AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING  
TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON  
THE PROPOSED PLANS  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE –  
LOS ALTOS DISTRICT**

California Water Code (CWC) sections 10610 through 10656, known as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act" (Act), require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) at least once every five years. UWMPs support a water supplier's long-term resource planning to confirm that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands under defined conditions. The UWMP must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The UWMP must also address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management. Further, Section 10632 of the CWC requires that every urban water supplier shall prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as part of its plan (UWMP). Section 10632.2 provides that, "An urban water supplier shall follow, where feasible and appropriate, the prescribed procedures and implement determined shortage response actions in its water shortage contingency plan...or reasonable alternative actions, provided that descriptions of the alternative actions are submitted with the annual water shortage assessment report pursuant to Section 10632.1." The WSCP will be incorporated as an appendix of the UWMP. California Water Service's (Cal Water) Los Altos District, located in Santa Clara County, serves Los Altos and portions of Cupertino, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale. As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its UWMP that will address water service conditions in the Los Altos District. Cal Water intends to adopt and file that UWMP plan, and the incorporated WSCP, as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any applicable city or county within which Cal Water provides service no later than 30 days after adoption. Schedule of upcoming actions: On or about May 2, 2026, an electronic copy of the draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP will be available for review. After a public review period, a public meeting to receive comments on the draft UWMP and WSCP for the Los Altos District will be held online on June 1, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The UWMP, WSCP, and additional information on the public meeting, including a link to participate, are available at: [www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp2025](http://www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp2025) If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP or WSCP, you may send your comments through the inquiry form, located at the URL

above. Cal Water will receive comments on the draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP through June 4, 2026. Please share this notice with others who may have interest in this matter. 5 / 6 , 5 / 1 3 / 2 6 C N S - 4 0 3 6 9 1 4 # LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (05-06,13-26)

**095-T**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT  
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CREATIVELY SEEMA, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 02/19/2026 Under File No. FBN723947 Full Name of Registrant(s): TRSOFT, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 This business was conducted by: a corporation This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Apr. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN725969 (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

**094-T**

**TOTAL CLEANING!  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726065**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TOTAL CLEANING!, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Milton Saravia, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/20/2021. /S/ Milton Saravia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2026. (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

**093-T**

**APEAK CONSTRUCTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN725625**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: APEAK CONSTRUCTION, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yvonne F Szu, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014, Mark A Logie, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2026. /S/ Mark A Logie / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/08/2026. (04-22,29-26,05-06,13-26)

**090-T**

# Datebook

*Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by non-profits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to [christinac@latc.com](mailto:christinac@latc.com) and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).*

## EVENTS

**Los Altos Main Library.** All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness,** 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic,** 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Bay Area Games Day,** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Other events: The Messenger of Peace: A Fabric Sculpture Workshop,** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Celebrate AAPI Month with sustainable artist Leila Ghasempour in an educational, hands-on masterclass where art, history, and intention meet. Participants will explore the cultural semiotics of the Japanese crane, a timeless symbol of hope and longevity, while learning precision textile construction to create a three-dimensional Messenger. Each participant's work will then be gathered to form a collaborative community installation. The program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. **Chinese Medicine for Chronic Pain,** 7 p.m. May 19. Learn about pain and strategies to cope with it during the healing process and beneficial attitudes that support pain relief with Chinese medicine. This talk is suitable for caregivers and family members of those with chronic pain. **Teaching Machines to Learn the Universe: Galaxy Science in the Rubin Era,** 7 p.m. May 21. Explore how deep learning and AI are reshaping galaxy science in the Rubin era. **Making a Superhero Comic Workshop,** 10 a.m. May 23. Join us for a workshop all about drawing superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. He's illustrated characters in X-Men, Thor, Deadpool, Hawkeye and more. **Wednesday Travel Nights: Hiking the French Alps,** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Orchard Room. Join presenter John Trudeau as he takes us on a four-day hike in the French Alps in Vanoise National Park, near the Italian border. We'll encounter spectacular mountain vistas and some historical relics along the way, while observing unique plants and animals and experiencing a variety of remote and varied geological environments. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. **Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei,** 2 p.m. May 31. Online. We will be live streaming an author talk with George Takei, the author of "They Called Us Enemy," a graphic memoir recounting George's childhood imprisoned in American incarceration camps during World War II, and how those experiences planted the seeds for his remarkable future as an actor, author, and equal rights advocate.

**Mountain View Public Library.** All events held in the main library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View, unless otherwise indicated. **Baby Storytime,** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Mountain View Public Library, first floor program room. **Musical storytime** for infants, babies and new toddlers with books, baby bounces and dancing. After storytime, we will host a brief stay and play for grownups to connect and mingle. Program designed for ages 0-18 months. **Needle Crafts Circle,** 10-11:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of every month. Second Floor Program Room. Join the needle crafts circle – a relaxed,



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friendly space for all fabric arts, including hand sewing, knitting, crocheting and more. Bring your project and unwind with a welcoming community of fellow crafters. No registration required. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The needle crafts circle is intended for adults, ages 18 and up.

## CLUBS/GROUPS

**Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.** Meets noon every Tuesday. Manzanita Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: decasun@losaltoskiwanis.org.

**Los Altos Art Club.** 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: losaltosartclub.com.

**InSpirit Healing Rooms.** Healing service for those battling illness, injury or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. Information: InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

**Lindbergh Lodge.** Promotes the learning and sharing of Swedish culture and heritage. Members are of all ages including Swedish natives, first and second generations and many who are descendants of immigrants. Meets 6:30 p.m. the second Friday of the month. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. Information: (650) 948-7030.

**Los Altos Hills Club.** Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons with speakers of local interest, book groups, and occasional outings. Information: Membership Chairperson Sylvia Jensen, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

**Sons in Retirement, Branch 35.** Small group of retired and semi-retired men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. Activities include golf and bocce ball. Information: (408) 313-6852, pschutz3@comcast.net.

**Peninsula Harmony Chorus.** A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs some "doo-wop" numbers from the '50s and '60s, plus show tunes, ballads, pop, folk, world music, and holiday music at year end. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsula-harmony.org.

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Los Altos Chapter.** Nonpolitical women's service organization preserving the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence through work on local historic preservation projects, genealogy research, service to veterans, environmental conservation and other community projects. Founded in 1950, the chapter typically meets the third Friday of the month. Information: LosAltosDAR@gmail.com; losaltos.californiadar.org.

## Crossword Answers

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## Sudoku Answers

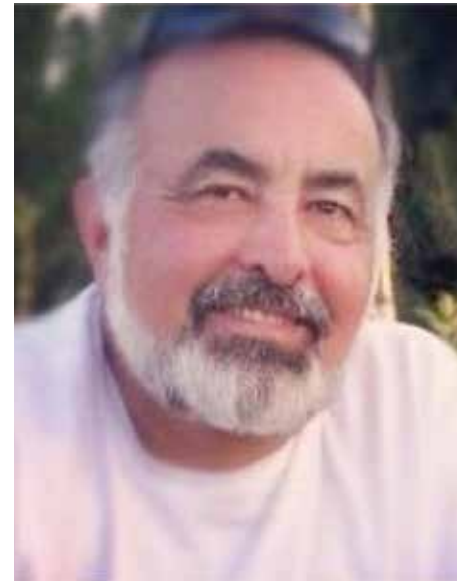
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## Find A Word Answers

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# OBITUARY NOTICE

## RICHARD E. MAESTAS



December 9, 1941 –  
April 24, 2026

Richard E. Maestas passed away on April 24, 2026, at home, due to complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Richard is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Maestas; daughter, Kristin Maestas; granddaughter, Sierra Maestas-Gach and her husband, Eric Gach; and great-grandchildren, Bennett and Layne.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Idaho State University's College of Arts and Letters, where Richard was honored to serve as a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for 10 years. Checks may be mailed directly to the Office of Advancement; memo: In memory of Dick Maestas for CAL student scholarships.



**JUST LISTED**  
**OPEN SAT & SUN, 1-4 PM**

Spacious single-level 5-bedroom, 2.5-bath home for 2,201 +/- SF with beautiful stone façade, brick walkway and front porch  
 Lush 10,237 +/- sf lot with circular driveway  
 Large living/dining room combination with wood-burning fireplace and beautiful, beamed cathedral ceiling  
 Family room with brick wood-burning fireplace opens to backyard  
 Eat-in kitchen with premium appliances  
 Fresh interior paint, new carpets, and modern light fixtures  
 Verdant yard with pool and spa, entertaining patio, wisteria covered pergola, apricot and orange tree  
 3-car attached garage with epoxy painted floor  
 Sought-after Los Altos schools: Almond Elementary, Egan Jr. High, and Los Altos High (Buyer to verify enrollment)

Offered at **\$4,700,000**  
 124JardinDrive.com



**124 Jardin Drive, Los Altos**  
**Elegant 5-Bedroom Single-Level Home in North Los Altos**



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Enchanting 4-bedroom, 4-bath home for 2,531 +/- sf in the Trinity Park neighborhood  
 Lush mature landscaping on a 5,932 +/- sf lot  
 Primary suite, plus bedroom/office on main level, and a second suite  
 Wood floors throughout  
 Artistic double-sided Lennox gas fireplace shared between the dining and living rooms  
 Large family room with built-in cabinetry  
 Designed for optimal passive ventilation: temperature-controlled attic exhaust fan, tankless water heater, net-metered solar panels, and high-speed connectivity  
 Attached 2-car garage plumbed for EV charger  
 Sought-after Sunnyvale schools and Homestead High  
 Ideally located to 3 fantastic parks, a vibrant downtown, and major Silicon Valley companies

Offered at **\$2,998,000**  
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**Stunning Energy-Efficient Craftsman Home**



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