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Fine Art in the Park promenade



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Artists, performers and local residents, two-legged and otherwise, convened at Lincoln Park for the annual Fine Art in the Park event last weekend. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Los Altos, the show marked its 48th year. More than 150 artists showcased their work, and Wi-Fi connectivity was reportedly not a problem this year, unlike in years past, according to Los Altos Hills resident Sandy Mingia.



Hills rejects developer's builder's remedy project, but fight isn't over yet

By Jennah Pendleton
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Two local property owners made headlines throughout the Bay Area in February for submitting builder's remedy applications to construct multiple homes on their respective properties in Los Altos Hills, a town with a regional reputation for being averse to large housing developments.

Hills resident Sasha Zbrozek drew a significant portion of the attention for his fight to bypass local zoning requirements and build multifamily housing on his property as a righteous crusade against the bureaucracy that delayed necessary repairs on his home. (The repairs have yet to be made, and Zbrozek's home is currently vulnerable to mice infestations and fungi growing indoors due to the severe damage.)

Approximately six months after the initial submission, the town has effectively denied Zbrozek's application – and it all came down to one signature.

After months of back-and-forth communication regarding the completeness of his preliminary application, town staff has determined Zbrozek's official submission date to be June 2, which puts it two days after Los Altos Hills' housing element was deemed compliant by the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Once the HCD certifies a city's housing element, the city is no longer subject to builder's remedy applications submitted after the certification date, which means Zbrozek's applications are essentially dead.

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Redwood blues: Trees suffer brunt of climate change, drought

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Christina Hughes grew up in New York, but she's always had an interest in and love for California's redwood trees.

"When I was a kid, I did a project in school ... and I did it on the redwoods," the Los Altos resident said. "And it was an absolute dream come true when I got to move here and realize I live with the coastal redwoods, so I've just always kind

of been aware of them and really happy that I live among them."

That admiration from childhood, Hughes said, is why she probably paid extra attention to their sky-reaching branches and grew concerned at multiple Los Altos redwoods' burned and drought-stricken appearance.

Some trees seemed unaffected and healthy, she observed, while others did not. Hughes attributed the deteriorating trees' state to lack of watering.

"Not every tree has been so affected by the hot weather ... and I think it has to be because they were being watered appropriately or extra in the face of really high heat," she said.

But those redwoods that have been affected, from some lining Foothill Expressway to others surrounding McKenzie Park, seemed to especially decline last year, their green leaves turning red and brown and falling to the ground.

That's when, according to Hughes, the

city sent someone out to tend to the trees.

"I noticed that the city arborist must have come and cut down the branches, because now the trees are really misshapen," she said. "They were the classic kind of perfect redwoods, and now they've been really trimmed down."

Cutting the limbs is recommended for dead, hanging redwood branches, noted Manny Hernandez, Los Altos director of parks and recreation.

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Some unusual weather – for Los Altos, anyway – greeted residents early Sunday evening, with strong winds and light rains generating a stunning rainbow. Braden Dong captured the sight in this photo, taken along Almond Avenue.

COURTESY OF BRANDON DONG

Los Altos resident and seasoned world traveler Kingstone Shih displays his Town Crier during a July 22 soccer match in Rio de Janeiro at the world-famous Maracanã Stadium. The game, pitting Flamengo against América Minas Gerais, ended in a 1-1 tie. Shih was among more than 65,000 soccer fans who attended the game.

COURTESY OF KINGSTONE SHIH



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Police Blotter

Man arrested in Cuesta Park fire

Mountain View police arrested a man Aug. 8 for allegedly setting fire to a dumpster in Cuesta Park. There were families with young children in the area at the time, according to a police department press release.

Dispatchers received reports of the fire at approximately 9:30 p.m., the release said.

The suspect, identified as 43-year-old Bryan Duncan, remained at the scene. Officers spoke with him and soon located items that were possibly used to ignite the fire.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze, which was near shrubbery and directly behind St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Duncan was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail and faces possible charges of arson and vandalism.

MV police thwart business break-in

Mountain View police apprehended an Oakland man Aug. 7 for allegedly breaking into a business on the 1200 block of Terra Bella Avenue to steal electronics.

At approximately 4 a.m., dispatchers were notified of an alarm going off in the building, according to a statement from the police department. The alarm company told police that a man was seen on video breaking in.

Officers arrested the man, identified as 40-year-old Michael Belford, when he walked out of the business with the stolen items in hand, police said.

Los Altos and Santa Clara police assisted with the search.

Belford, facing possible charges of commercial burglary, was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

— Kate Armanini

COVID lingers, but it's too early to predict a surge this autumn

By Christina Casillas

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As local students return to school and mornings begin to cool, fall approaches – and so does the flu and COVID-19 season.

COVID numbers across Santa Clara County are currently medium to high, according to the county's sewershed numbers, and the county's Department of Public Health encourages residents to get their flu shots and COVID boosters as soon as possible.

The county monitors COVID concentration numbers in sewage across the region by analyzing water from sewersheds in Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, San Jose and Gilroy. All sewersheds except Palo Alto reported medium COVID concentrations as of Friday.

The Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant serves approximately 215,544 residents across multiple Peninsula locations, including Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Stanford University, the East Palo Alto Sanitary District and a portion of San Mateo County.

Although the sewershed's COVID concentration numbers are nowhere near the



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A resident receives a COVID-19 booster shot in 2021. Cases are still being reported.

highs they have reached since the county started monitoring wastewater in October 2020, they are still high.

While it's too early to predict what infection numbers will look like in the fall

and winter, numbers of respiratory-related viruses have historically risen around those times, according to health department data, and infection prevention measures

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That does not mean Zbrozek's fight is over, however, as he plans to take the matter to court.

'He said, she said'

The determining factor came down to a single signature, or lack thereof, on a form that Zbrozek argues is not required under state law.

In March, Hills planning department staff told Zbrozek to submit an SB 330 application form and sign an owner's affidavit for the preliminary application to be deemed complete. According to Zbrozek, he complied May 5 as a "courtesy" but continued to argue in written communication that he was not compelled by state law to do so.

In his resubmittal, Zbrozek indicated that his wife, Qianwei Wang, owns 3% of the property, which prompted the city to request an additional owner's affidavit with Wang's signature. Zbrozek's application was considered officially submitted June 2 after his wife provided her signature on the affidavit.

Whether Wang's signature



COURTESY OF SASHA ZBROZEK

Sasha Zbrozek's property, above, is a source of controversy in the Hills.

was needed has resulted in a "he said, she said" between Zbrozek's lawyer and the town's legal team, who each offer a different interpretation of the law. Because the builder's remedy provision is still novel, there is basically no existing case law to reference.

Town officials argue that they are within their rights to ask every owner of the property to sign an affidavit. Zbrozek's team contends that because he owns 97% of the property and has the power of attorney to make decisions regarding the land, his signature was sufficient on the form – which they further argue should never have been required of him anyway.

Seeking accountability

Zbrozek, who previously told the Town Crier that he was so determined to hold the town accountable that he would fight for his project "longer than it makes financial sense to do so," paid a \$2,000 fee to appeal the town's determination of the submission date. In a public hearing Aug. 3, the Planning Commission denied the appeal and upheld the June 2 submission date. Planning commissioners commended how town staff handled the application and took issue with Zbrozek's approach.

"It seems like a lot of dust has been kicked up over a fairly simple thing that we're limited to deciding on. We need to fo-

cus very tightly on one issue: Was the application complete or not, and if so, when was it complete?" Planning Commissioner Jitze Couperus said. "The appellant can say, 'I have the power of attorney, I'm married, it's common law property,' and so on. But the town wants to know, who are the owners? And just to say, 'Yeah, but I've got the right to sign documents on behalf of the owners,' the town still wants assurance that all the owners have been notified and/or have been given permission for this application."

Despite the commission's decision, Zbrozek is not relenting and said he will continue fighting for the project. He made clear that his pursuit of the project isn't about profit, but forcing the town to follow the law.

Zbrozek said he will appeal the Planning Commission's decision to the city council within the next couple of weeks, primarily to exhaust all of the necessary administrative options and get to court faster.

"In some sense this is all performative – this is just exhausting the opportunities for administration remedy to specifically get myself the right to show up in court," he told the Town Crier.



REDWOODS

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Hughes, however, questioned the inconsistent appearance of the trees throughout the Peninsula, with some appearing to thrive and others clinging to life, on her commute to her job in Palo Alto. When she messaged the city of Palo Alto's Instagram page, a representative told her the city waters the redwoods using drip irrigation.

Los Altos provides water to some of its moisture-demanding redwoods using a variety of methods, Hernandez reported.

"(The) city does water trees once a week to newly planted trees if irrigation is not possible," he said. "(The) city has a list of trees that are watered and cared for, including redwood trees at Redwood Grove. Redwood trees in the private (areas) are up to the homeowners to care for, including watering."

Climate change impacts

As climate change and drought continue to affect California, the city of Los Altos is taking into account where new trees are planted and their ability to tolerate drought.

"As the city, when planting new trees, we look at many factors before trees are placed in the ground," Hernandez said. "We look at the area to see if it's feasible (no underground or aboveground utilities that will interfere) and make sure the tree has enough space to grow and become a healthy tree in future. We are also planting drought-tolerant plants, shrubs, trees as a change with climate."

Redwoods only grow natively along the coast of California and southern Oregon, and as climate change impacts the environ-



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McKenzie Park redwoods have struggled in drought and high heat.

ment, their health may be at risk.

Some areas that are currently home to redwoods may become too dry and hot and thus uninhabitable for the tall trees, according to Sempervirens Fund, a nonprofit organization and land trust dedicated to preserving and protecting Santa Cruz Mountain redwoods.

Water wise

Redwoods require a substantial amount of water to thrive.

For those with redwoods on their property, aim to water them until water reaches a depth of approximately 18-24 inches; a drip line, soaker hose or sprinklers placed near the outer edge of the branches is ideal, according to a redwoods watering article by Jackie Woods, UC Master Gar-

dener. Mulch placed near the watering lines or sprinklers can help with retaining moisture. Established trees will need to be watered every three to four weeks during the summer, and more frequently during heat waves.

"Redwood trees require more watering than other trees," Hernandez said. "So, if you're looking for drought-resistant, redwood is not your tree. During the hot weather, drought, redwood trees stress and start to change color. Pruning the brown off redwoods will not help and will only put the tree into more stress."

Hernandez added that homeowners with stressed, dying or color-changing redwoods on their property should consult an arborist for tips on caring for them.

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are encouraged.

"Though still too early to tell what trends will look like in the fall, prevention measures like staying up to date on vaccinations and wearing a mask in indoor crowded spaces can help people stay safe and healthy, especially during the colder months and the holiday season when people begin to gather indoors," a county public health department spokesperson said.

COVID boosters

The current COVID booster being offered is the updated bivalent booster, also known as the omicron booster. The booster is offered to people 6 months old and up; those who are immunocompromised or over age 65 may be eligible for an extra dose of the booster, the county spokesperson noted.

But the new season is expected to bring an updated COVID vaccine, this one formulated to target a specific strain.

"A new COVID booster targeting the XBB strain is expected this fall, pending authorization by the Food and Drug Administration and recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," the spokesperson added.

Even though a new booster shot will be introduced,

demand may not be as high as it once was. Christopher Brown, El Camino Health director of strategic communications, said requests for COVID boosters at El Camino have dramatically decreased this year.

"The demand for COVID vaccines has dropped significantly during 2023," he said. "During 2022, we had more than 4,000 vaccines given to the public through our outpatient pharmacy. In 2023, that number dropped to 333 COVID vaccines so far this year."

The current bivalent booster is being offered by El Camino Health to all at no cost, but the hospital will treat the upcoming booster like RSV and shingles vaccines – meaning provided as covered by insurance, including the possibility of copays.

Although an approved single-shot COVID and flu vaccine is not available, people can receive both shots at the same time.

"Individuals can get a COVID booster and the flu shot in the same visit from their doc-

tor, local pharmacy or other health-care provider," the spokesperson added.

Public health experts encourage everyone to get their annual flu shot as soon as it is available this fall, according to the spokesperson.

While vaccines may prime the immune system to fight off infections before they start and make infections less serious, testing is also a major part of helping stop the spread of COVID. The county has no plans to reopen testing sites, but testing is still available.

"Testing remains widely available and can be done through a person's primary health-care provider or a local pharmacy," the spokesperson said. "Health insurance plans may be required to cover the cost of COVID tests if ordered by a person's health-care provider."

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MVPD provides security camera tips



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The Mountain View Police Department provided home security camera tips in a recent news release with an aim to maximize residents' safety.

While the MVPD did not endorse a specific camera system, it emphasized that capabilities such as audio, night vision and motion detection, as

well as video quality (1080p or higher), should be considered when installing the technology.

Placement should be thorough, department officials advised, recommending that rather than a camera facing solely the front door, it is important to have cameras trained on major entryways into the house, such as patio and garage doors.

Homeowners also should install a camera facing the street, according to the release.

Mountain View Police Department officials compiled the tips in response to residents' requests for home security system guidance after the department hosted its quarterly speaker series on auto, catalytic converter and residential theft prevention last month.

Los Altos installs cool pavement

By Christina Casillas

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A crew began the process of laying a cool pavement coating on the 100 block of State Street between Third and Fourth streets in downtown Los Altos Monday, with road work intermittently scheduled and set to wrap up next Tuesday.

Cool pavement, applied as a coat over roads, parking lots, sidewalks and similar spaces, reduces the land surface temperature by reflecting heat instead of absorbing it.

The project is funded by a \$125,713 Community Resilience Grant from Silicon Valley Clean Energy, a nonprofit agency that provides "clean" electricity – energy that produces low electrical pollution – to 96% of businesses and residents across 13 Silicon Valley communities, according to the group's website.

"It's exciting for the city to pilot the cool pavement coating technology in Los Altos, especially on a block where numerous summer events take place

and restaurants operate, bringing many people downtown," said Sally Meadows, Los Altos mayor and SVCE board member, in an Aug. 9 press release on the project. "We appreciate that SVCE, through its Community Grants, has offered Los Altos this opportunity. If this technology helps keep temperatures down, we can consider expanding its use, which will work toward the city's Climate Action and Adaptation goals."

After the cool pavement's application, city staff will monitor the temperature and solicit input from residents, merchants and State Street event attendees.

"The SVCE Community Resilience Grants are designed to help communities prepare for extreme heat and weather events," said Girish Balachandran, SVCE CEO, in the release. "The Cool Pavement coating pilot project is one of many projects throughout Silicon Valley that aims to make our region more energy resilient in the face of our changing climate."



Making Helping Easy in August

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During the month of August I will be collecting Walmart and Target gift cards for Los Altos School District families in need. Many of these families have come to our area to live with relatives and to keep themselves and their children safe. Some of these families travel from Ukraine, El Salvador, Mexico, and other unstable countries with only the clothes on their backs. A simple \$25 gift card can provide these families the essentials and clothes for their children as they start the new school year.

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Letters to the Editor

Council shares blame for wireless woes

The wireless carriers' representatives who, for more than a decade, have tried to add coverage in Los Altos, must have laughed so hard when reading the Aug. 9 headline complaining about poor wireless connectivity ("Visitors not receptive to spotty wireless connections"). For years, the Los Altos City Council has listened to the loud minority and dragged the carriers over the coals rather than supporting the silent majority who simply want good coverage.

The worst case I remember seeing was a poor Verizon representative who simply wanted to add another set of antennas to an existing tower and was skewered by everyone at that council meeting.

Before paying a third party to negotiate with the carriers, perhaps the council could start by making it fast and cheap for carriers to get the necessary permits to install cell towers,

including for 5G, rather than making them sue for access – and an apology to some of those who have come before the city council feels appropriate as well.

Preston Tollinger
Los Altos

Road markings difficult to decipher

I live on the corner of Alicia Way and Jardin Drive just south of the tennis courts. Recently our intersection became a maze of colors and markings, none of which I or my wife have been able to decipher.

Whenever we have guests stop by, the first thing they all say is, "What the heck is all this mess on the corner?"

"Beats me," I say.

Hopefully it works for someone. I'm going to go out and video the chaos that is about to ensue this week when school is back in session. It could be a classic!

Mark Vasser
Los Altos

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. Drop us a line at 138 Main St., Los Altos 94022, Attn: Editor, or email letters to bruceb@latc.com. Because editorial space is limited, please confine letters to no more than 200 words. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Orville Rockhold is standing in front of the Farnsworth-Myer home in 1919. From the age of 9, Orville lived with his uncle Orville Leach, Farnsworth Farms estate manager, during the summer and helped out on the farm until he was 16. The house is located on Rinconada Court off El Monte.

Create pedestrian paths downtown

It has been quite a challenge to walk in downtown Los Altos. Sidewalks have been taken over by tables, chairs and outdoor heaters belonging to establishments like: Enchanté Boutique Hotel, Satura coffee shop, ASA Los Altos restaurant and more. The city allows most of the restaurants to utilize parking spots, which expands their space, and in some cases, to more than their rented space. Although inconvenient for us residents, we considered it a way of helping these restaurants, many of which were struggling during COVID.

However, that does not give them the right to take over our sidewalks as well. Walking in downtown, you need to navigate through a maze of tables, chairs and outdoor heaters that are blocking the sidewalks. In addition, you must pay attention, so as not to get run over by a rushing waiter. We need to protect our residents, the taxpayers, when they walk in downtown.

I suggest the city paint in light blue a 6-foot-wide pedestrians' path on all sidewalks, similar to the green cyclist's path. Any establishment that blocks that path would be charged a hefty penalty.

We care about our local businesses, but they should care about us as well.

Adel Elshimi
Los Altos

Los Altos Discard Art Show

By Andy Dolich

It has been said that "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

Los Altos has an extremely active, accomplished arts community and a forgetful group of kids and adults who leave their water bottles, caps, jackets, sweatshirts, grocery recycling bags and other assorted items around town.

Why not mix "Fine Art" and "Found Stuff" in the first Los Altos Discard Art Show? I'll leave it up to our local art aficionados to select the categories of creativity.

I do have a few suggestions.

• **Water Bottle Behemoth.** Time for the "Tallest Water Bottle" sculpture in California? Just think about the height if all the water bottles left all over town were creatively stacked to the sky. Designer water bottles will go to parched communities throughout California, along with any H2O that is still residing in the bottles (after purification) donated to Los Altos lawns that have been browned by homeowners conserving this most valuable resource.

This could be a joint effort between our local schools and the California Water Board.

• **One Big Bag.** If we are supposed to be recycling, why

Silicon Folly

would anyone need 30 recycled bags? OK, are you laughing now? Take a look in your trunk and count out the number you have.

Just think about the largest grocery recycling bag in which all the extra bags could go in one gigantic bag and recycled into thousands of smaller bags.

This would clearly be an annual event.

• **Found Footwear Fiesta.** As you spend time watching your young athletes on the playing fields around Los Altos, you will see a number of solo sneakers looking for their right or left partner. This is the perfect opportunity to play the match game at an upcoming event.

All you need is the right size to create a new footwear fashion statement of mix and matchers.

• **Late Lunch.** Another missing-in-action item that parents deal with every day is the wayward lunch box. After thinking this one through, I've decided that in the interest of not tweaking weak stomachs with strong odors, this one will just go into the garbage.

Andy Dolich, a Los Altos resident, owns the sports consultancy Dolich & Associates.

Community

Family, friends rally around ailing Los Altos High grad

By Adrienne Mitchel
Staff Writer/adriennem@latc.com

Lauren Wyckoff has spent most of her life staying active and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

She played water polo for Los Altos High School and at the NCAA Division I level for Indiana University. She eats healthy, and those who know her said she's an exceptional cook, attending culinary school in Paris and starting her own catering company two years ago.

But less than three months ago, the 33-year-old Los Altos native received news she never expected: She had stage 4 diffuse large B-cell and follicular lymphoma.

"When I got the call, and I heard the word, 'cancer,' I was shocked," Wyckoff said. "Even to this day, I feel like it's still not happening to me."

Prior to the diagnosis, Wyckoff felt something was wrong with her body but assumed it was soreness from working out.

"I just ignored it like a normal ath-

lete," she said. "You just grit your teeth and keep moving."

When the sensation increased to severe back pain and stomach swelling, Wyckoff went to urgent care thinking it was appendicitis. A CT scan showed signs of lymphoma, and she was admitted to the emergency room for kidney failure. Wyckoff has since undergone four rounds of chemotherapy, with two rounds left. While diffuse large B-cell lymphoma is curable with chemo, follicular lymphoma is only treatable.

"A lot of the time, people get diagnosed with lymphoma when they're in the doctor for other things or getting bloodwork or have a lump in their lymph nodes somewhere that feels abnormal," she said.

But Wyckoff hadn't been in for a physical since her early 20s.

"I was always so healthy, very active, eating very clean," she said. "But at the end of the day, cancer doesn't discriminate. It's good to have primary-care doctors and to get in annually and get



COURTESY OF LAUREN WYCKOFF

A professional chef, Lauren Wyckoff had just started her own business when she fell ill.

bloodwork done and be proactive with your health versus thinking that everything's fine."

Outpouring of support

As a small-business owner, Wyckoff didn't have medical insurance.

"Doing cancer treatment is very expensive," said Cassie Smillie-Wyckoff, Wyckoff's younger sister. "And Lauren is a young, ambitious business owner

who started her business within the last three years. She's not in a place to pay the type of bills you receive from such a heavy diagnosis."

So, Cassie decided to start a GoFundMe with the goal of \$100,000 to help raise money for her sister's hospital bills. Within a month, the GoFundMe raised over \$88,600 from more than 460 donors.

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Santa Clara County Supervisor
Joe Simitian

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RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA TO SELL A NON-EXCLUSIVE EMERGENCY ACCESS EASEMENT OVER COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDE OF FOOTHILL EXPRESSWAY NORTHWEST OF SAN ANTONIO ROAD IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County"), is the owner of real property which includes an approximately 129 square foot portion located on the northeasterly side of Foothill Expressway northwest of San Antonio Road in Los Altos, California (APN 167-41-069), as more particularly described and depicted in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference ("County Parcel");

WHEREAS, the owner of the adjacent parcel located at 440 First Street in the City of Los Altos is currently building a four unit condominium on their property;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Fire Department supports the owner's request to obtain an easement over the County Parcel for non-exclusive emergency access to its development ("Easement") for fire and rescue operations from Foothill Expressway as part of the development;

WHEREAS, the Roads and Airports Department has determined that the Easement will have a de minimis impact on the County's future use of the County Parcel;

WHEREAS, the proposed Easement has been appraised at \$30,000 by an independent appraisal consultant;

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 25326 requires the County to adopt a resolution of intention to sell prior to the selling any real property interests valued greater than \$25,000; and,

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 25539 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to prescribe the below terms and conditions for the sale of the Easement.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby declare its intention to offer the Easement for sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Easement shall be sold subject to the terms and conditions set forth as follows:

1. The County will entertain bids which shall be received and reviewed for sufficiency in accordance with applicable law. A bid deposit in the amount of \$3,000 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the County of Santa Clara must accompany each bid. The successful bidder's deposit shall become the initial earnest money deposit for said successful bidder and shall be non-refundable. Bid deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned on or around August 23, 2023.

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2. The minimum bid for the Easement is \$30,000.00. Bids of less than the minimum amount for the Easement shall be disqualified.

3. The balance of the successful bid must be paid within sixty (60) calendar days of the acceptance of the bid by the Board of Supervisors, notwithstanding that the date of the County's execution of an Emergency Access Easement Agreement over the County Parcel may be different.

4. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding process, and to withdraw the Easement from the market.

5. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to review all bids for the sale of the Easement and to make the final and sole determination of the successful bid, or reject all bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the date of Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the hour of 2:00 P.M. as the date and time at which sealed bids for the sale of the above described real property will be received at 101 Skyport Drive, San Jose, California 95110, by representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors, at which time and place, oral bids of at least five percent (5%) over the highest qualified written bid for the purchase of the Easement may also be made in accordance with Government Code section 25531.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code section 25539, the Board of Supervisors hereby delegates to the Director of the Roads and Airports Department, or designee, the authority to conduct the bidding process for the sale of the Easement, and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the highest qualified bid, or to reject all bids. Any final acceptance of the bid by the Director or designee shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors by resolution authorizing and directing the execution of the deed as provided in Government Code section 25535.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event any legal action or litigation is undertaken by the County to enforce the provisions of the bid offer or any subsequent written agreement, the successful bidder shall pay reasonable attorneys fees incurred by the County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be posted in three public places in the County of Santa Clara, at least one of which shall be within the city limits of Los Altos, not less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the date of the bid session, and shall further cause notice of this Resolution to be published not less than once per week for three successive weeks before said bid session, on August 23, 2023, in a newspaper of general circulation regularly published at least once per week in Santa Clara County, State of California. Notice shall also be mailed or delivered at least fifteen (15) days prior to accepting offers to purchase to any person who has filed a written request for notice with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and shall describe the property, the terms of the sale, and the location where bids will be accepted, and shall identify the Director of the Roads and Airports Department, or designee, as the person authorized to conduct the bidding process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on JUN 27 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: ARENAS, CHAVEZ, ELLENBERG
NOES: LEE, SMITHAN
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Adopted: 06/27/2023

Susan Ellenberg
SUSAN ELLENBERG, President
Board of Supervisors

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.

Attest:

TIFFANY L. LUNNEAR
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form and legality:

John A. Gilgore
Deputy County Counsel

Exhibit to this Resolution:
A - Legal Description and Plat Map of Property

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EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR AN EMERGENCY ACCESS EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF APN: 167-41-069 LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN RECORD OF SURVEY MAP, FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 302 OF MAPS AT PAGE 5, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, AND ALONG A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, FROM A TANGENT LINE HAVING A BEARING OF S. 37°24'49" E., THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 0°09'04", AN ARC LENGTH OF 10.00 FEET, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5671.65 FEET;

THENCE, LEAVING SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, S. 51°59'07" W., 13.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF PARCEL "A", AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN RECORD OF SURVEY MAP, FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 174 OF MAPS AT PAGE 45, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL "A", AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, FROM A TANGENT LINE HAVING A BEARING OF N. 18°36'01" W., THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 0°09'04", AN ARC LENGTH OF 10.02 FEET, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5945.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1;

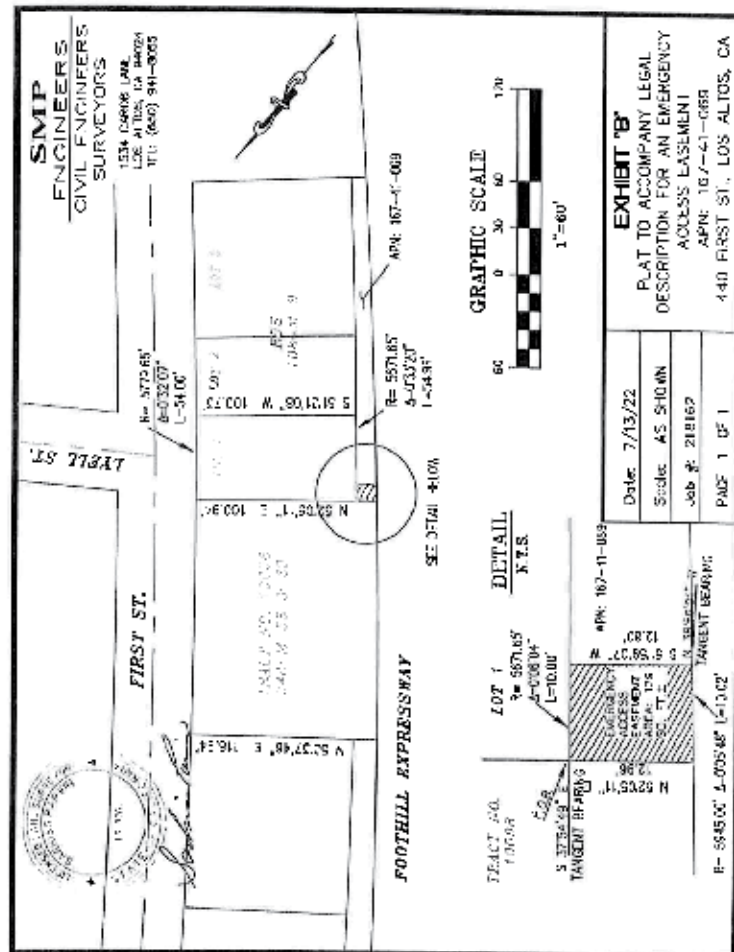
THENCE, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION N. 12°03'11" E., 12.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 129 SQ. FT., MORE OR LESS.

SAID EASEMENT IS SHOWN UPON THE PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.



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Community

Community Briefs

Young at Art entries on display

The Rotary Club of Los Altos sponsors the Young at Art Competition as part of its annual Fine Art in the Park open-air art show.

The work of the participating teen artists from six area high schools is on display through Aug. 30 at the Los Altos main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

For more information, call Karen Druker at (650) 941-8073.

Summer brings Fun Fridays

Los Altos First Fridays and Dogma are co-hosting Sizzling Summer Fun Friday events in downtown Los Altos through August.

Activities include pop-up live performances from local bands all around the downtown area on Fridays.

For more information, call First Friday events chairperson Jamie Lucia at (650) 823-3315 or visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

Exhibition spotlights water management

The Los Altos History Museum's latest exhibition, "Drip, Dry, Flood: Orchard Water Management," runs through Oct. 8 in the J. Gilbert Smith House Gallery.

Harnessing the scarce water resources of the Santa Clara Valley has been a challenge for more than 100 years. The display showcases how orchardists have tackled the challenge historically and today.

Visitors will have the opportunity to read personal stories that add a human touch to the historical narrative; explore photographs of orchards, well diggers and early water systems; examine blueprints and photos of iconic tank houses; and peruse a 1928 catalog from an irrigation company.

The exhibition will also highlight ways the History Museum is working to implement new methods to maintain the city's Heritage Orchard, including the installation of drip irrigation.

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

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/DripDry.

Hills resident wins fashion show contest at Comic-Con

By Ruby Dowling
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Hills resident and fashion hobbyist Rachel Petterson secured guest designer partnerships with two major brands after winning the ninth annual Her Universe Fashion Show.

Her Universe – which describes itself as a “fangirl fashion company” – held the competition July 20 at Comic-Con International in San Diego. This year’s theme celebrated the 100th anniversary of Disney’s founding.

Petterson, 43, won the judges’ award with her outfit “Totally Minnie,” inspired by a 1986 vinyl record of the same name. She will soon begin work on two collections through Her Universe in collaboration with Hot Topic and Disney Parks.

‘Geek couture’

While Petterson has been sewing nearly her entire life – 40 years, she said – she has recently taken interest in “geek couture,” a creative niche characterized by being inspired by a “fandom.”

“That fandom could be anything that people are super excited and obsessive about. Disney, Star Wars, Harry Potter, video games – all of those

inspire geek couture,” she said.

The genre differs from cosplay, the act of dressing up like a fictional character, in that geek couture can pass for everyday clothing.

Petterson first got into geek couture in 2017 after visiting Comic-Con for the first time and watching the Her Universe Fashion Show. She applied unsuccessfully for the 2018 and 2019 shows before finally being accepted in 2023.

Petterson also explores her interest in geek couture through participating in the Disney Princess Half Marathons with her best friend. The two most recently went as Te Fiti and Te Kā from Disney’s “Moana.”

“One of the things I love about (the half marathons) is that it is this opportunity to design activewear that is inspired by my favorite characters,” the Orlando native said.

Making the dress

After her design proposal was accepted in April, Petterson had two months to turn the drawing into a finished outfit. The final piece, a three-layer, floor-length gown with a corset top, weighs nearly 20 pounds and took the full two months to complete.

No detail went unnoticed as she designed the dress. The top



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARK EDWARDS

Los Altos Hills resident and fashion hobbyist Rachel Petterson is working her way up in the fashion world. She has secured partnerships with two major brands. Above is one of her designs.

third of it (the bottom two layers are removable to turn the outfit into an afterparty-ready cocktail dress) include a laser-cut zipper in the shape of Minnie Mouse’s iconic bow and a “hidden Mickey.”

“When I went to the judges, I made sure to show them and unzip and say, ‘Hey, check out my lining,’” Petterson said, referring to the custom-printed fabric she had made for the in-

side of her bodice.

Throughout the design process, Petterson continued to work full time as a software engineer at YouTube. She devoted nearly all of her free time to her dress, pushing back plans to see her parents and have her wisdom teeth removed until after the Her Universe Fashion Show.

Petterson described performing in the Her Universe

show as an unmatched experience, especially in terms of bonding with her fellow competitors.

“It was like being with 24 of your best friends and just hanging out, and everybody has this shared interest,” she said. “I already have plans to see a number of them over the next few months.”

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Community

Avenues unite: Annual block party provides food, facts and fellowship

By Naveli Singh

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Residents of Del Monte, West Portola, Carmel and Paso Robles avenues in Los Altos gathered Aug. 6 for a block party.

The event drew 72 residents, according to organizer Robin Bantz, who lives on Del Monte.



Bantz

Attendees played games that included Jenga and badminton, enjoyed food provided by a potluck and interacted with members of the Los Altos Police Department. Officers Dyno Kam and Steven Debiasio spoke with the children in attendance, sharing informative handouts and goody bags as well.

Unlike last year, the 2023 block party had a theme. It emphasized the history and evolution of the city of Los Altos. The event featured six historical stories and six historical maps about the neighborhood, which Bantz prepared on poster boards in partnership with the David Rumsey Historical Map Center.

While the date of next year's block party hasn't been set, Bantz plans to include more his-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROBIN BANTZ

A recent block party in Los Altos featured games, food, residents of four streets and even a few animals.



torical stories, maps and photos.

"I am always trying to find ways to improve upon my neighborhood block parties so that

our neighborhood stands out as a great place to live with great people with a strong community," she said.

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History Museum hosts exhibition on architectural evolution of Silicon Valley

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos History Museum is set to host the special program “Conversations and Reflections: The Stories Behind the Buildings” 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, featuring artist Richard Adler and Professor Barry Katz, whose Stanford University course on the architecture of Silicon Valley inspired a museum exhibition.

The conversation will explore the visionary tech leaders and architects who have shaped the showcased buildings.

The event is being held in conjunction with the museum’s new exhibition of photographs by Adler, “Building the Future: A Visual History of the Archi-

tecture of Silicon Valley.” The exhibit is scheduled to run through Oct. 22, offering visitors a journey through the transformation of Silicon Valley’s high-tech architecture.

Adler’s photography traces the evolution of Silicon Valley’s architectural landscape, from the humble garage where Hewlett-Packard was founded to the headquarters buildings of the past decade by companies such as Apple, Adobe Systems, Google and Nvidia.

Through visuals, the exhibition immerses visitors in the history and significance of the iconic structures, shedding light on their locations and unique designs.



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Microsoft campus in Mountain View gets a unique Richard Adler interpretation in this shot, one of several photos featured in a Los Altos History Museum exhibition highlighting Silicon Valley architecture.

Curated artifacts related to the buildings, including a shingle from the HP garage, a program from the 50th anniversary of Moffett Field and ar-

chitectural sketches, accompany the exhibition. The diverse collection aims to deepen visitors’ understanding of the

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Your 2016 Measure B Tax Dollars at Work

2016 Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee
Annual Report on Fiscal Year 2022

In November 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent countywide sales tax devoted to enhancing transit, highways, expressways, and active transportation (bicycles, pedestrian, and complete streets) within Santa Clara County. In 2019, VTA’s 2016 Measure B Program began the process to deliver the projects and programs contained in the ballot, having been delayed by an unsuccessful court challenge to the measure.

The ballot entrusted the 2016 Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee (MBCOC), comprised of fellow community members, with oversight to ensure that 2016 Measure B funds are being spent consistent with the ballot and for informing voters on Program compliance.

The MBCOC has conducted its annual hearing to gather input from the public, evaluated the results of the independent audit for the subject period, and completed review of the revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 (7/1/21 – 6/30/22). After thorough and careful consideration:

FINDINGS

It is the conclusion of the 2016 Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee, that for the period of FY 2022, 2016 Measure B tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the measure.

This finding and additional information on the 2016 Measure B Program and the MBCOC are contained in the MBCOC Annual Report on FY 2022 at: vta.org/2016-measure-b-citizens-oversight-committee.

Additional information on the 2016 Measure B Program and projects is available at: vta.org/projects/funding/2016-measure-b

Printed copies of select 2016 Measure B documents are available at libraries and other public buildings throughout the county, and at the VTA offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B lobby.

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City of LOS ALTOS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

August 22, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

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This is not the Final Agenda

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

Presentation from Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023
2. Treasurer’s Report – Month Ended April 30, 2023 and Month Ended May 31, 2023
3. Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Los Altos and BKF Engineers to develop a streetscape concept plan for the southern segment of First Street, between Main Street and San Antonio Road
4. Introduce and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos adding chapter 3.16 to the Los Altos municipal code to provide for bidding procedures under the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act
5. Receive the 2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report (FY23-Year 2)
6. Authorize the City Manager to execute a not-to-exceed contract with C2R Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 to provide on-call sanitary sewer spot repairs and CCTV inspection services
7. Adopt a resolution accepting completion of the On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services for FY 22/23 and authorized the Public Works Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law
8. Authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed License Agreement with Los Altos Grill for the use of City’s Parking Plaza to meet its parking demand as required in the Los Altos Municipal Code
9. Adopt a resolution to adopt the Updated Fiscal Year 2023/24 Pay Schedule to Comply with California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for Compensation Earnable and Publicly Available Pay Schedules

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Introduce and Waive further reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments implementing programs identified in the adopted housing element, Program 4.C Allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers consistent with AB 101, Program 4.D Allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with State law, Program 4. E Allow employee/farmworker housing consistent with State law, Program 4.F Reasonably accommodate disabled persons’ housing needs. The proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines since there would be no possibility of a significant effect on the environment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Introduce and Waive Further Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 12.72 Penalty for Expired Permits and amending Chapter 12.08 and 12.10 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

12. Introduce and Waive Further Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 11.14 Mechanical Equipment to Title 11 Miscellaneous Property Regulations of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

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Los Altos honors Friends

At its July 11 meeting, the Los Altos City Council recognized the 30th anniversary of the nonprofit Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. Friends board president Greg Unangst, center, holds the proclamation, read by Mayor Sally Meadows, second from left. In accepting the award, Unangst discussed the many years it took to build the few miles of Stevens Creek Trail residents enjoy today, noting that "progress is measured in decades." Also pictured: Friends executive director Rajiv Mathur, left; board member Steve Garrity, second from right; and board member Scott Trappe, right.

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Mediterranean Food Festival set Sept. 9, 10

Town Crier Report

Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Redeemer is scheduled to host its annual Mediterranean Food Festival Sept. 9 and 10 on the church grounds, 380 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos Hills.

Festival times are 1-10 pm. Sept. 9 and 1-8 p.m. Sept. 10. In addition to food, the event will include games, music, live entertainment and a raffle.

The Rev. Samer Youssef said the festival is the church's way of thanking the community for its support.

"This lively festival will be a delightful culinary journey, featuring an array of delectable Mediterranean dishes, showcasing the region's diverse flavors and rich cultural heritage," he said.

Festival-goers will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the church, which has been fully restored since a fire in 2002.

There will be a free shuttle service from the Bridges Community Church parking lot, 625 Magdalena Ave., to the Church of the Redeemer on both days.

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motivations behind the buildings, according to exhibition organizers, while providing a glimpse into the future through renderings of upcoming projects.

“Richard Adler’s ability to capture the essence of these architectural masterpieces in his photography is truly remarkable,” said exhibits specialist Jordan Grealish. “The exhibition offers an opportunity for visitors to explore these renowned buildings and gain a deeper appreciation for their significance. It also serves as a catalyst for conversations about the trajectory of architecture and its future direction.”

Adler, a researcher, consultant and Distinguished Fellow at the Institute for the Future, arrived in Palo Alto in 1972, just as Silicon Valley was emerging.

With more than 50 years of

experience in photography, he has received awards for his work and exhibited his photographs of traditional architecture in Kyoto, Japan, and at the San Francisco Zen Center.

While Adler primarily worked with film throughout his photographic career, all of the images featured in the exhibition are digital, spotlighting his adaptability to evolving technologies.

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

Registration for Thursday’s event is required. Cost is \$10 per person, free for museum members.

To register for the program, visit losaltoshistory.org/events/StoriesBuildings.

For more information on the architecture exhibition, visit losaltoshistory.org/exhibit/building-the-future.

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Going forward

While the Her Universe show was Petterson’s first time showing off her designs to such a large crowd, she plans to continue competing. She gestured toward her “skirt support graveyard” of failed hoop skirts and petticoats that she plans to use for future designs.

“Every time I go running, I end up with 10 new ideas,” Petterson said.

Aside from competing and working on her collaborations with Hot Topic and Disney Parks, she plans to post more on her blog, put out a series of YouTube videos on the making of her dress and continue taking fashion classes at Cañada College.

Although her fashion career may be ramping up, Petterson

has no plans to abandon her work at YouTube.

“I try to achieve balance because I’ve got these two sides to myself,” she said. “So, this (fashion) is definitely something that would be, at least for now, more of a secondary job.”

Petterson’s collaborations with Hot Topic and Disney Parks will be available sometime next year, though the specifics have yet to be determined.

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Los Altos High School graduate Lauren Wyckoff is being treated for lymphoma as friends and family rally to her side.

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"We didn't anticipate that we were going to get close to our goal," Cassie said. "And surprisingly, and unsurprisingly, a lot of people have stepped up to support Lauren. And she's had such a great group of friends in her life and family that, without even question or hesitation, a lot of people just wanted to help, which goes to show what type of person she is and how impactful she is on other people's lives."

Including Cassie's kids. Cassie said Wyckoff "is like a second mom" to her two kids – "she's the greatest aunt in the world."

Friend Kristen Martinez met Wyckoff at Egan Junior High School. She's flown out to Arizona, where Wyckoff now lives, twice to support her during her chemo treatments and to celebrate her birthday.

"Lauren is so giving and always doing things for others," Martinez said.

Wyckoff said she felt slightly uncomfortable with the outpouring of support at first, but she's incredibly grateful for all of the donations.

"I'm so used to being on the other side of giving, that receiving was such a foreign concept for me to accept," she said. "It just makes me want to continue giving in other facets, not just food and beverage; however, I can pay it forward to helping others, whether they're in a similar situation or in some regard need help. I want to definitely do more of that and involve more of that moving forward in my life."

As Wyckoff continues chemotherapy, she says she's taking it one day at a time.

"The mental strength from athletics helps me not dive too deep into it and instead just work on 'How do I get through this right now? What can I do at this moment?'" she said.

To donate to Wyckoff's GoFundMe, visit [tinyurl.com/2p8r3aa9](https://www.gofundme.com/2p8r3aa9).

Architect to speak at next week's Garden Club of Los Altos meeting

Town Crier Report

The Garden Club of Los Altos will host a presentation by Michelle Kusanovich, a member of the American Institute of Architects, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave.

Her presentation, titled "Interactions between Architect, Client and Landscapes," will explain how she works with clients to beautify the landscape, makes smart decisions about water and energy, and encourages plant selection that simplifies lifestyles. She will answer questions during and after the

program.


Kusanovich has 20 years of experience in architectural design and construction. She specializes in residential, landscape and large-scale community sites.

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December) at Los Altos Lutheran Church.

For details on membership, email GCLAMembership@gmail.com.

For more information on the club and its activities, visit thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

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Los Altos Town Crier

Schools

Q&A: Tracey Runeare takes reins as new Los Altos High principal

By Jennah Pendleton
Staff Writer/jennahp@latc.com

After nearly two decades with Wynne Satterwhite at the helm, Los Altos High School is welcoming a fresh face as principal. Tracey Runeare, hailing from Santa Cruz, met the student body for the first time last week on the first day of school, greeting students and directing them as they navigated lines for lunch, ID photos and school counselors.

Prior to the start of the school year, the Town Crier met with Runeare to discuss her approach to leading Los Altos High. The following interview has been edited for clarity.

Q: Tell me about yourself.

A: I've been in high school education for my whole career as a grown-up. I started as a social studies teacher and taught mostly U.S. history, economics and government for 17 years, and then got my administrative credential. I be-

came an assistant principal at Watsonville High, then assistant principal at Harbor High and later principal. High school is my favorite age group to work with.

Q: Why is that?

A: I just think there's so much optimism and fun in working with high school students. They're joyful and there's so much promise. When you work in a high school, you can see the grown-ups that these kids are becoming, which is just a thrill.

Q: What drew you to Los Altos High and the Mountain View Los Altos High School District?

A: LAHS is such a strong school. And the district is a place where people come and build their entire career. That felt exciting to me to move to a place where people are really happy in their jobs and feel good about the district. And also the reputation of the commu-



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New Los Altos High School principal Tracey Runeare oversees the lunch period on the first day of school last week.

nity – that the community really supports the school as well. When I visited the school, it felt really comfortable. It

feels relaxed but purposeful, which is what you want.

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LAHS teacher returns from workshop at internment camp site with greater knowledge about her family history

By Jasmine Venet
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos High School teacher Chelsea Doiguchi recently completed a National Endowment for the Humanities workshop, giving her the opportunity to learn about racial injustices in the United States, as well as delve deeper into her own history.

The weeklong workshop, titled “Echoes of History: Mistreatment and Incarceration in the American West,” brought educators from around the country to Wyoming in June to learn about the settling in the region and the treatment of Japanese Americans, German immigrants and indigenous peoples during World War II.

But for Doiguchi, it was also a chance to visit the site of the Heart Mountain internment camp, where more than 14,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated – including her grandmother, Barbara Sugimoto.

While at the camp, Doi-



COURTESY OF CHELSEA DOIGUCHI

Los Altos High teacher Chelsea Doiguchi attended a weeklong workshop for educators at the Heart Mountain internment camp, where she learned about the history of her own family, who were incarcerated at the camp during World War II.

guchi found memories of her family everywhere, from the preserved smokestack that once provided heat for the hospital where her grandmother worked to the land where once stood the barrack her grandmother lived in for three years.

Farther away lies a WWII veterans memorial, on which two of Doiguchi's uncles' names are inscribed after they were drafted to fight in the war.

“Honestly, I'm still kind of

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LASD board approves parcel tax for Nov. ballot

By Jennah Pendleton
Staff Writer/jennahp@latc.com

The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously Aug. 7 to place a ballot measure for a parcel tax renewal at \$295 per parcel on the November ballot. The measure, estimated to cost \$800,000 to place on the ballot, requires approval from two-thirds of voters to pass.

Prior to the vote to pursue the parcel tax measure, board president Jessica Speiser motioned to make a few changes to the resolution based on late feedback from Bullis Charter School officials. The amendment changed a sentence that previously capped Bullis Charter School's potential allocation from the tax at \$625,000 per year to allow the charter school to receive more funds.

“This is a move to ensure that all schools receive the funding required to continue offering a top-notch education to all students in the boundaries of Los Altos School District,” Speiser told the Town Crier.

The new parcel tax would

replace the parcel tax that is set to expire in mid-2025. In 2016, voters renewed the 2011 parcel tax – the first time voters approved a second parcel tax on top of the one originally introduced in 1989 – at \$223 per parcel, which in total generated \$2.8 million annually for the district, or 5.4% of revenue at the time. The figure of \$295 represents the 2016 tax adjusted for inflation and would generate \$3.7 million annually, or 4.4% of projected revenue.

LASD officials and advocates for the renewal said they are seeking to pass the measure to alleviate budget concerns and to “attract and retain quality teachers; protect programs in reading, writing, science, technology, engineering, arts and math; and maintain high-quality neighborhood schools.” Without it, LASD risks facing \$3 million in additional budget cuts.

“LASD has consistently ranked in the top 1% of California school districts, but because

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of inadequate state funding, our local teachers are among the lowest paid in Santa Clara County and struggle to afford

to live anywhere near the community in which they serve,” Speiser said. “We need this parcel tax to not only prevent painful layoffs, but help ensure local teachers don’t leave for higher-paying districts. To put

it simply, if we want to protect the high-quality education students and families expect in Los Altos, we need the funding to keep skilled, experienced and dedicated teachers in our local schools.”

If passed, the parcel tax would expire after eight years and includes an annual 4% adjustment per year to keep pace with inflation and the “rising costs of providing a quality education,” proponents said. Low-income homeowners and people with disabilities would now be eligible for an exemption from the tax, and senior homeowners would continue to qualify for an exemption.

Parcel tax funds are overseen by the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Finance, an independent body of local residents that keeps an eye on district spending.

Ballots will be mailed out Oct. 9 and the election is scheduled Nov. 7.

For more information, visit lasdschools.org/District/5415-Parcel-Tax.html.

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Q: What are your key strengths as an educator?

A: Well, I think that there's a value to having been a principal in a different district before coming and moving to a new district, because you can see things with different eyes and bring that experience with you to a new place. That's one of the reasons why I was excited about having Derek Miyahara as an assistant principal – he has the experience here, but he's stepping into a new role. So, he's going to see the school in a particular way because of his experience as a teacher, and now he's an administrator. So, I'm bringing my administrative experience to a new setting.

Also, I am very student-centered. I'm looking at the school as much as I can in my position from the student experience. That's always how I'm looking at the systems that a school has in place or the programs that a school has in place. How is this impacting students? How is this impacting families? And what can we do to support them? The reason why we are here is the kids.

Q: What do you see as the main areas of need at Los Altos High School coming into the role?

A: I think it's too early for me to say right now, because I haven't had a chance to be in classrooms. I haven't had a chance to meet with students. So, I think asking me that maybe in January, I could tell you more, but at this point, being summer, it's hard to say.

Q: Maybe as an alternative to that, what would you like to

accomplish within a year?

A: I want to really understand the school culture and be able to support those elements of the culture that make Los Altos High Los Altos High. My leadership style is not to come in and have my goals, right? I'm not coming in, like, "I need to accomplish these things in the first 100 days in order to feel like I'm a strong leader."

I'm really collaborative. So, I want to ask a lot of questions of people I meet, I want to work with my admin team and the teachers and see what they're seeing and hear what they understand to be the things that we can make positive change with.

Q: How about five years?

A: I would want to find those areas where we might have small pockets of students who aren't reaching success or who don't feel like they belong to the school and create a place where every student feels like they belong. That can be in academics or that can be in activities or sports or any other part of the school. I think it's important for students to be able to step on campus and have this feel like their place.

Q: Who are you outside of the school campus?

A: I'm a parent of two adult sons and I also have two adult stepdaughters, plus my family lives in the area. So, I like to spend as much time as I can with my family, who live all over the Bay Area. One of my favorite things to do is spend time with the people I love. And I'm in my third year of a dissertation for a doctoral program, so I'm finishing up my last year and beginning my research project this month.

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in the early stages of processing this whole experience; it was a lot to take in," Doiguchi said. "It was very powerful, though. Seeing the camp and seeing the railroad track where my grandmother boarded and disembarked from was crazy. I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, it's literally just right there' – you walk over the hill and then there's the camp."

Doiguchi added that Heart Mountain is different from other internment camps because it is structured to teach people about Japanese incarceration, rather than just memorialize it. An interpretive center that acts as a museum and education center at the camp showcases the stories of formerly incar-

cerated Japanese Americans.

"I'm actually working with their historian (at the center) to send some of my grandmother's things over," Doiguchi said. "It's better than being in a big Tupperware. I just want to send them and share her story."

Connecting with the past

Doiguchi's deep personal ties to the camp were also of interest to her fellow participants at the workshop, organized by the Mineta-Simpson Institute.

"A lot of the teachers who were in attendance didn't really know a whole lot about (Japanese internment), because, you know, when you're learning about World War II in your U.S. history class, Japanese internment is maybe a paragraph in a book," she said. "There's

not a whole lot, so they were very fascinated by all of this."

Doiguchi added that she enjoyed interacting with the other educators participating in the workshop, who ranged from kindergarten teachers to university lecturers, and was able to forge meaningful connections in the few days they spent together.

"I made some really great lifelong friends, people that I'll probably continue to be in contact with," she said. "I'm actually in contact with one (educator) now. She may be able to help our school district with getting some professional development for our ethnic studies curriculum."

With the Mountain View Los Altos High School District implementing an ethnic studies course in the fall, Doigu-

chi said she hopes to share her notes and resources with the ethnic studies and U.S. history teams when school starts. Doiguchi, who taught social studies last school year, will teach microeconomics this year.

Although the workshop did not solely focus on Japanese internment, visiting Heart Mountain turned out to be the most memorable part of Doiguchi's few days in Wyoming.

"There were a lot of pretty memorable things, but the biggest one was just being at Heart Mountain, at the internment camp, stepping foot on the same place that my grandmother was," she said. "She was there 80 years ago, so for me to be able to be where she was, I think it kind of brought some closure for me."

Doiguchi said she would

have probably never visited the camp on her own, but being there allowed her to connect with her grandmother's past. She now hopes to someday bring her kids, who are fifth-generation Japanese Americans, to the camp to learn about their great-grandmother's history.

"Just being given the experience to go (to the camp) was really special, and I probably would have never gone, but now after going there and visiting, I want to bring my kids," she said.

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Salad shop opens, pizzeria coming soon to State Street Market

By **Adrienne Mitchel**

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State Street Market is finally filling up.

Familiar vendors have returned – Little Blue Door (casual California-Indian cuisine) reopened last week, and the bar Murdoch's will reopen Aug. 30. New vendors are making their debut in the upscale dining hall in downtown Los Altos – The Good Salad began serving up fully customizable salads last week, and Bibo's NY Pizza will offer Italian classics beginning the last week of August.

These four vendors are joining Orenchi Ramen, Konjoe Burger, Ikuka, Penny Ice Creamery and Little Sky Bakery in the revamped version of State Street Market, which reopened March 20 with only two vendors operating.

State Street Market is scheduled to co-host a ribbon-cutting event with the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce Aug. 30 to celebrate the opening of The Good Salad, Bibo's NY Pizza and Murdoch's.

The Good Salad

Sanad Al Souz was somewhat hesitant to name his salad bar The Good Salad at first.

"I wanted a name that was

SEO-friendly, and people search for 'good salads near me,'" Al Souz said. "But 'good' implies mediocre."

But his fear of misleading branding dissipated when he discovered a new brand of chocolate that he said he quickly "fell in love with," a brand called The Good Chocolate.

"I saw it in the grocery store, and it said '40 calories and zero sugar,'" Al Souz said. "I love that the size is just a square, because if it's in front of me, I'll eat it, and then I won't feel good."

But he figured if something labeled "good" was his new favorite chocolate, he didn't have to worry about also calling his salads "good." In fact, he reached out to The Good Chocolate and now sells the brand at his salad bars.

"The goal of The Good Salad is to make good food for good people, so they can feel good about what they're eating," Al Souz said. "Our salads are good for your health, good for your taste buds and good for your wallet."

The Good Salad began in 2021 out of a ghost kitchen in Santa Clara – customers ordered their food online and picked it up at a window of the warehouse. This year, The Good



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Celina Kull, manager of The Good Salad in State Street Market, makes the Cali Ceezer Salad.

Salad rapidly expanded, adding a 3,000-square-foot production kitchen in San Jose to prep all the ingredients and distribute them among Santa Clara, Los Altos and – starting at the end of the month – the newest lo-

cation in Palo Alto. This system allows The Good Salad to keep prices low, according to Al Souz, with a signature salad averaging \$13-\$14.

Al Souz said in addition to comparatively lower prices,

The Good Salad stands out from other salad bars because of flavor, customization and customer service.

"Our salads taste better than anything out there," he said.

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Cool kitchen cooking: Simple dinners for hot nights

By **Christine Moore**

If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

While the well-known adage refers to life stress rather than meal prep, there's practical wisdom to it in summer. The 90-plus temperatures of August have me looking for ways to keep our kitchen cool, while still getting dinner on the table. The fix: dinner recipes that keep the cook in the kitchen but keep the hard work and the heat out.

By incorporating store-bought items, relying on the backyard grill and using a few small appliances, meals that are simple enough for weeknights and special enough for com-

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pany will leave you enjoying spectacular summer suppers sans indoor heat.

Weeknight dining

When the temperatures rise, there's nothing better than a slightly spicy, flavorful bowl of cool rice noodles and grilled shrimp. A selection of toppings enables diners to customize bowls to suit their particular cravings. With no pots or pans, cleanup is nearly as simple as assembly. We make versions of this meal with grilled chicken or beef, too. The recipe could come together even faster by

using a favorite store-bought peanut dressing. The red curry paste on the shrimp is a must.

Rice Noodle Bowls

- 1 8-ounce package rice noodles
- 1 1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 tablespoons red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon sesame seed oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt (or to taste)

- Quick pickled daikon and carrots (see below; alternatively, serve with 2 carrots, grated)
- 2 small cucumbers, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Red, yellow or orange bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup salted peanuts, crushed
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- Small bunch of cilantro, roughly chopped

Cook noodles according to package instructions (generally boiling water in kettle and pouring over noodles). When softened, drain and rinse well under cold water. Run your

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Add barbecued shrimp to Rice Noodle Bowls for a tasty meal.

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fingers through noodles to separate them. Tip: I use kitchen shears to cut noodles in half to make them easier to eat.

Toss shrimp with 2 tablespoons red curry paste and remaining vegetable oil. Let sit at room temperature 15 minutes (can be tossed earlier in the day and kept covered in refrigerator).

Plate pickled vegetables, spinach, cucumbers, bell peppers, cilantro, lime and peanuts for diners to top bowls with.

Make dressing by mixing remaining curry paste, vinegar, peanut butter, ginger, honey, sesame seed oil, garlic and salt (if using) and some warm water (add a few teaspoons water at a time until mixture is thin enough to dress noodles).

Toss noodles in dressing

and set aside while you cook shrimp.

Heat outdoor grill on medium high. Be sure grill is clean, then brush 1 tablespoon vegetable oil over grates. Divide shrimp evenly and on skewers for grilling (alternatively, grill in seafood basket). Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side.

Divide noodles among four bowls, place grilled shrimp on each and serve with toppings on side.

Note: To quick pickle daikon and carrots, peel and slice daikon root and 1-2 carrots into small matchsticks and place in jar or bowl. Whisk together 1/2 cup rice vinegar, 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 cup boiling water and 1 teaspoon salt – whisking until sugar is dissolved. Pour pickling mixture over sliced vegetables and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

Saturday Spanish dinner

As friends return from summer travel and kids head back to school, we enjoy reconnecting with families we haven't seen since June. A dinner inspired by the foods of Spain that takes full advantage of our incredible in-season produce, is a perfect party for relaxed reunions. This dish is based on Spanish-style grilled pork skewers. I like the ease of cooking the entire tenderloin and serving slices rather than skewers.

Spanish-Style Grilled Pork Tenderloin

- Juice of 1 lemon (plus a lemon for serving)
- 1 tablespoon grapeseed or olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and



Pan con Tomate, left, makes an ideal complement to Spanish-Style Grilled Pork Tenderloin.



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- finely minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1- to 2-pound pork tenderloin, fat trimmed off

Mix lemon juice, oil, ginger, garlic and spices together to create paste. Slather paste all over pork tenderloin and let marinate 30 minutes.

Heat outdoor grill on medium high. Be sure grill is clean, then brush 1 tablespoon vegetable oil over grates.

Place tenderloin on grill and cook 5 minutes on each side, for a total 20 minutes. Check if internal temperature is 145 F and remove from grill – cook longer if needed. Tent loosely and let sit 10 minutes.

Slice and serve with lemon wedges.

Side of bread

This outrageously easy dish shows up at our dinner table even when we're not eating Spanish fare. It is a great way to use tomatoes. If you have tomato fans in your home, this is sure to be a favorite.

Pan con Tomate

- 1 loaf ciabatta bread, cut in half and then into 3-inch slices
- 1 very large and very ripe tomato
- 1 garlic clove, peeled
- Few tablespoons olive oil
- Muldoon Irish flake sea salt

Cut tomato in half width-wise, place box grater in shallow bowl and grate tomato with inside against grater. Once all pulp is grated, compost skin. Repeat on other side.

Add a decent pinch of sea salt to bowl and stir to combine. Place in refrigerator until ready to use.

Heat grill to 450 F. Be sure grill is clean and lightly oiled before adding bread slices. Close lid and toast bread 2-3 minutes – keeping your eye on it.

Remove bread from the grill and rub peeled garlic clove over each slice.

Glug a few tablespoons of good olive oil into bowl and spoon or brush over each slice of bread. Spoon desired amount of tomato pulp over and finish with a sprinkling of flake salt.

Summer salad

Summer, for me, is all about fresh side dishes and out-of-the-ordinary salads. The greens of winter keep us happily noshing on salad bowls in colder months, but this time of year is ideal for making lettuce-free medleys. Toss this salad just before serving it.

Cucumber, Peach, Avocado Salad

- 1 English cucumber, peeled, halved, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 ripe peaches, sliced
- 2 avocados, cubed
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt and Aleppo pepper, to taste

Toss cucumbers, peaches and avocados with lime juice. Place in serving bowl and season with generous pinch of salt. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Sprinkle Aleppo pepper atop and serve immediately.

Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident. To read her blog and learn how to make the dessert for her Saturday Spanish dinner menu, visit writeyum.com.

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While Al Souza doesn't have a favorite signature salad because he always customizes his own, his favorite dressing is the Pesto Ceezer.

"It has an herby, basil flavor to it, but it's also creamy and rich," he said. "It was the first dressing we made, so it set the standard for all the rest of the dressings."

When customizing a signature salad, The Good Salad offers money back when you remove items. Not only will your salad be made exactly the way you want it, according to Al Souza, the customer service will make you feel good.

"At the Santa Clara store, we have a very limited window of interaction with customers, which is just a few seconds of handoff," he said. "So, we have to overwhelm people with good service because we only have that small window, and that sets the standard for what we do for the service."

Bibo's NY Pizza

Fouad Elian and his older brother Abe, known as "Bibo," started selling New York-style pizza at the back of their dad's

liquor store in San Jose in 2012.

A year later, they outgrew the space and moved a mile down the road into the Willow Glen Village in San Jose. Now, the brothers own three Bay Area-based pizzerias, with a fourth coming to State Street Market by month's end.

"We never thought it would get this big, but here we are," Elian said.

Although Elian grew up in the Bay Area, his family is from New York and they have a passion for true New York-style pizza.

"You get that nice, thin,

crispy crust that you can fold," he said. "It's just an elevated product, in my opinion."

Bibo's sells pizza by the slice, making it convenient for a quick lunch option, Elian noted.

"Or if you're like me and have two kids, and they want cheese but you really want a meat-lover or a veggie, you can win the best of both worlds and make everyone happy," he said.

In addition to pizza by the slice, Bibo's sells pasta. In fact, Bibo's is bringing an exclusive menu item to State Street Market that combines these two

classic Italian dishes. The Spicy Italian Pizza features house-made spicy meatballs with pepperoni, sausage and fresh basil.

"We're not trying to take over the world," Elian said. "We're just trying to make a good, authentic product and keep our customers coming back."

Bibo's is currently working on hiring staff in preparation for its grand opening at the end

of the month.

"If you've been to New York and you love the pizza, that's a great reason to come in," Elian said. "If you haven't, and you want to try an authentic slice, that's also a great reason to pop in."

State Street Market is located at 170 State St. For vendor hours and more information, visit statestreetmarket.com.



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Abe "Bibo" Elian, left, and his younger brother Fouad, pictured in 2012, are set to bring their New York-style pizza to Los Altos.

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Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

- Across**

 - 1. Stock keeper
 - 5. Twisted
 - 8. Scratch paper
 - 11. "I cannot tell ____"- 2 words
 - 12. Crystal ball user
 - 13. Wine color, sometimes
 - 14. Cubs big hitter
 - 15. Food drive donations
 - 16. Period in history
 - 17. Token
 - 19. Slyly hesitant
 - 20. Against the law
 - 23. Carriage for hire
 - 27. Beneficial, 2 words
 - 30. Small branches
 - 31. Los Altos street with cycle track**
 - 32. Stale
 - 33. Bill blockers
 - 34. Exterminator's target
 - 36. Beer-festival mo.
 - 38. Light
 - 43. Fish eggs
 - 44. Actor Sharif
 - 45. Like Cheerios
 - 46. "Morning Edition" producer
- 47. Star Wars hero
 - 48. Bygone Russian despot
 - 49. Sounds of woe
 - 50. Ship title word
 - 51. Jekyll's counterpart

Down

 - 1. Lay in the sun
 - 2. Soothing succulent
 - 3. Hillock
 - 4. Term on a tide table
 - 5. Faintly
 - 6. "Chicago" star, first name
 - 7. Calendar spans, abbr.
 - 8. Rule out in advance
 - 9. "Dynamic" prefix
 - 10. Invasion time in WW II, 2 words
 - 12. Musical exercises
 - 18. His bust is back in public view**
 - 21. Beard type
 - 22. Woodstock-era hairdo
 - 23. Presidential inits.
 - 24. After Mar.
 - 25. Animals
 - 26. High flying toy

- 28. Alec Guinness' title
- 29. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
- 31. One of the Beverly Hillbillies
- 33. Blood pressure, body temperature, etc.
- 35. Reminders
- 36. "Yes ____?"- 2 words
- 37. Imitate
- 39. "Portnoy's Complaint" author
- 40. A snap
- 41. Slightly, 2 words
- 42. Ancient Greek instrument
- 44. Buckeye sch., abbr.

- Los Altos-related clues bolded

Answers to puzzles on Page 35

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Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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

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

Floods

Foggy

Forecast

Freezing
- Front

Hailstones

Lightning

Meteorological

Mist
- Rain

Snow

Sunny

Thunder

Wetness

Stepping Out

New Works Festival enters second week

Town Crier Report

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's New Works Festival opened last weekend and is slated to run through Aug. 23 at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto, 1305 Middlefield Road.

The festival features readings of new plays and musicals on topics including family, food and murder. Information on the remaining performances follows.

A reading of Min Kahng's "Happy Pleasant Valley" is slated 7 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Saturday. Directed by Jeffrey Lo and featuring music by William Liberatore, the musical comedy explores ageism themes in the digital age and seeks to debunk the myth that the enjoyment of sex stops after a certain age – and also includes a murder.

"Nerve" is a dark comedy that explores multigenerational and multicultural legacy through the love language of food. Written and directed by Minita Gandhi, audi-



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Minita Gandhi's "Nerve" receives a reading in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's New Works Festival.

ence members will be able to interact with the live cast and taste new recipes. A reading is set for 3 p.m. Saturday.

"Madeleines" tells the story of a family of Jewish women grappling with how to love each other through dark pasts, grief and the comfort of baking. Directed by Leslie Martinson and written by Bess Walden, "Madeleines" is the 2022 winner of the National Jewish Playwriting

Contest. Readings are scheduled 7 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Michael Gaston's "Low Expectations" is a monologue based on the writer's life. It comprises short tales about immigrants traveling through the United States. Directed by Giovanna Sardelli, TheatreWorks' new artistic director, the play features music composed by Daniel Pierce. A reading of "Low Expectations" is scheduled noon Saturday.

At 7 p.m. Friday, actor and activist Shakina is slated to perform.

The festival concludes at noon Sunday with a roundtable of playwrights and composers who will share their anecdotes and insights into creating new works for American theater. Audiences are invited to bring questions and become part of the conversation with writers shaping the theater.

Festival passes are \$60, \$55 for season 53 subscribers. Single-event tickets are \$20.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 463-1960 or visit theatreworks.org.

'At serious risk,' TheatreWorks kicks off fundraising campaign

Town Crier Report

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley last week announced that it has launched a fundraising effort to save the financially strapped company.

In a press release issued Aug. 9, TheatreWorks wrote that the "devastating after-effects of the COVID pandemic have put its continuation at serious risk." It cited "the abrupt pandemic shutdown in March 2020, followed by years of virtual and hybrid performances and a slow return of audiences" for causing "unexpected and substantial shortfalls in subscription and single-ticket revenue."

TheatreWorks reported that it must raise \$3 million by November to complete its 53rd season, scheduled to run October 2023 through June 2024 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts and the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

"TheatreWorks Silicon Valley is one of this region's leading arts organizations, and it finds itself in an unprecedented situation," said Mark Greenstein, board chairperson for TheatreWorks. "Years of careful stewardship were not enough to overcome the serious blows caused by the pandemic. It would be criminal to see this extraordinary public asset go away – we need our community to step up and show its support to save TheatreWorks now."

For more information on the fundraising campaign, visit theatreworks.org.

Jenna and the KOT Band set to perform free concert Friday evening in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

The city of Mountain View's 2023 Concerts on the Plaza series, launched in June, continues through September downtown.

The free outdoor shows are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 26 at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St.

Jenna and the KOT Band, a tribute to the Woodstock generation, is slated to perform this Friday.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

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Sports on the Side

Coach closing out HOF career at Menlo

Mountain View resident **Bill Shine** this month embarks on his final year as tennis coach at Menlo School, where he has guided the Knights' boys and girls teams to a total of 27 Central Coast Section titles and 24 Northern California championships in nearly three decades. The retiring Shine was inducted into the United States Tennis Association NorCal Hall of Fame last year. He is also in Menlo's Hall of Fame.

Free mini golf slated Saturday in MV

The Village at San Antonio Center is scheduled to host a free 18-hole mini golf event noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the park at the shopping center, 645 San Antonio Road. There will also be a DJ and food carts. To reserve a spot, visit tinyurl.com/mry3fmr.

Rec swims offered at MV's Eagle Park

The city of Mountain View offers recreation swims 1:30-5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 4 at Eagle Park Pool, 650 Franklin St. The cost for residents is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$11 for families; nonresidents pay \$5 for kids, \$6 for adults and \$20 for families. The fee for all spectators is \$3. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/98xe7xts.

Trailblazer Race set for fall in MV

Friends of Stevens Creek Trail's 29th annual Trailblazer Race is scheduled Sept. 24 at the Microsoft Silicon Valley Campus, 1045 La Avenida St., Mountain View. The event includes a 10K run (8:30 a.m.), a 5K run (8:45 a.m.), a 3-mile walk (8:30 a.m.) and kids' races (9:45 a.m.). Registration is \$35-\$45. Proceeds provide funds to maintain the trails and wildlife corridors in the Stevens Creek watershed. To register and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/azd83f2e.

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Bay Sharks reach apex

Local AYSO team claims national title

By **Pete Borello**

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The Bay Sharks' inclusion in the AYSO National Games may have been by chance, but the local soccer team's success in last month's tournament had little – if anything – to do with luck.

Chosen via lottery to participate in the five-day competition in Irvine, the under-14 girls squad from AYSO Region 45 didn't lose a game en route to claiming the national title in its division. The Bay Sharks outscored their foes by a whopping 29-6 in the 14UG-Core division. The team's closest game was the July 30 final versus Diamond Bar, which the Bay Sharks edged on penalty kicks.

"I was optimistic that they could (win the tournament), but we heard the teams were really competitive," coach Miranda Minhas said. "It was amazing how well they worked together on short notice."

Although Region 45 – which covers Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View – found out last summer it had been selected for the AYSO National Games, the Bay Sharks only came together about three months ago. The 15 players couldn't unite in the fall, because that's when AYSO schedules its everyone-plays season with balanced



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AYSO's U14 Sharks celebrate their national championship last month in Irvine. Front, from left: Ava Belton, Brianna Randall and Aylin Orens. Second row (holding shark): Isabella Mercer and Katarina Smith. Third row (behind shark): Megan Pan and Cynthia Ramirez. Back: Coach Miranda Minhas, Naomi Kaemmerer, Madeline Huang, Brianna Delgado, Dahlia Stanford (holding trophy), Lucy Montemerlo, Ayla Millan, Zoe Minhas, Kayla Pierson and coach Steve Orens.

teams. But before year's end, 10 players were invited to join the team for the competitive spring season, "and we kept an eye out to find kids to fill in any gaps," said Minhas, also a Region 45 board member. "Then in early '23, we reached out to a few other players."

Bonding quickly

In their short time together prior to the AYSO National Games, the Bay Sharks played in just one tournament – which they won – and scrimmaged a few teams in between practices.



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The Bay Sharks' Zoe Minhas, pictured pursuing the ball as a field player earlier in the tournament, was in goal for the final and made the game-clinching save in the shootout.

"I think it helped that some of us had played together before," midfielder Megan Pan said. "We worked well together, even without a lot of games together."

Most of the players are entering high school, having just graduated from local intermediate and middle schools such as Blach, Egan, Graham and Crittenden. None of them were more committed than Isabella Mercer, whose family moved to Utah in the spring. Still eligible to play for the Bay Sharks because she participated in the region's fall program, according to Minhas, Mercer returned at the start of summer and stayed with teammates' families so she could train with the team.

That kind of sacrifice was among the traits that made this team special, the coach noted.

"They treated each other with respect, worked hard and were on the same page," said Minhas, who coached the team with Steve Orens. "It was a pretty amazing group of kids."

Pan liked the makeup of the team as well, though she wasn't sure that would be enough to claim the national title.

"I thought we'd get pretty far, but not win the whole thing," said the Mountain View High freshman. "But after winning some games by a large margin, I thought, 'Oh, I think we

can win the whole thing.' By the middle of the tournament, we started to connect more."

A sizzling start

The Bay Sharks devoured their first two opponents in the 24-team tourney, beating LaVerne/San Dimas 6-1 and Palm Springs 7-0. Closer wins followed – 2-0 over Upland and 2-1 against Chino Hills – as they neared the end of bracket play. After narrowly defeating North Oxnard 1-0 and whipping Woodland Hills 6-1 to win Group B, the Bay Sharks were on to the semifinals.

That's where they met Hacienda Heights, eliminating them 3-1. A few hours later, the Bay Sharks faced Group A champ Diamond Bar, also undefeated, with the title on the line.

After playing to a 2-all draw, the final went to penalty kicks – and the Bay Sharks won the shootout 6-5. Lucy Montemerlo scored the team's sixth PK with a shot into the upper-left corner of the net, and goalie Zoe Minhas saved Diamond Bar's ensuing attempt to secure the victory.

"It was pretty scary," Pan said of the shootout, "but we told each other, 'Even if we lose, we're still the second best out of 24 teams.'"

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Coach Minhas – whose daughter Zoe thwarted Diamond Bar’s last attempt by snaring a shot fired directly at her – wasn’t too surprised to see her team stand out in the shootout.

“We had practiced PKs quite a bit in the spring, because we wanted everyone to be prepared,” she said. “We knew we could do it.”

The coach emphasized how it took a true team effort to become champions. The Bay Sharks had a potent offense led by strikers Brianna Randall (nine goals, including two hat tricks) and Ava Belton (eight goals, one in each game). She said Pan was “magical” playing defensive center midfield. Montemerlo anchored a formidable defense,



Ava Belton, right, scored a goal in every one of the Bay Sharks’ tournament games. Only Brianna Randall produced more goals for the team.

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while midfielders Ayla Millan and Brianna Delgado “were really effective playmakers.”

The team also received key contributions from Mercer, Katarina Smith, Cynthia Ramirez, Dahlia Stanford, Kayla Pierson, Naomi Kaemmerer, Aylin Orens and Madeline Huang.

Local high school sports schedule for Aug. 16-22

Football

Friday

Wilcox at St. Francis (scrimmage), 6 p.m.

Los Altos at Fremont-Sunnyvale (scrimmage), 6:30 p.m.

Mountain View at Pioneer (scrimmage), 6 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Tuesday

St. Francis at Mountain View (scrimmage), 6:30 p.m.

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Local high schools seek coaches

Los Altos High needs a varsity coach for boys tennis, junior varsity coaches for boys soc-

cer and badminton, along with a diving coach. If interested, email athletic director Michelle Noeth at michelle.noeth@mvla.net. Mountain View High needs a varsity girls lacrosse coach and an assistant coach for cross-country. If interested, email

athletic director Tim Lugo at tim.lugo@mvla.net. St. Francis High seeks a varsity head coach for girls flag football, an assistant coach for JV boys water polo and an assistant coach for freshman girls volleyball. To apply, visit tinyurl.com/5fxum2ex.

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BK Collections celebrates 45 years of community

By **Adrienne Mitchel**
Staff Writer/adriennem@latc.com

Walk down State Street and you'll come across a small, almost whimsical shop adorned with colorful flower beds and a cheerful orange overhang.

Step inside, and you'll hear the faint sound of peaceful background music and see myriad shapes and colors – glassware, jewelry, figurines, Chinese antiques and more line the shelves and fill the room.

Walk in farther, and you'll meet Belinda Chung, likely reorganizing the store, wrapping a present or even designing handmade macrame-and-jade jewelry.

Chung opened BK Collections 45 years ago, making her gift boutique one of the oldest retail stores in downtown Los

Altos. The secret of her success? Community.

"Belinda is community," said Judie Wolken, a Los Altos resident since 1975. "She adds sparkle to the town."

BK Collections opened its doors mid-August in 1978 after her good friend Ruth Chu, wife of Lawrence Chu of Chef Chu's, convinced Chung to move from Menlo Park to Los Altos. Chung, wanting flexibility while raising her child, thought it would be ideal to run her own business. So, Ruth and Chung walked around downtown Los Altos and looked for vacancies to establish Chung's boutique.

"I said, 'Oh, this is really a nice downtown, out of the main traffic. It's great to see people walking very leisurely, and it just feels very comfortable,'" Chung said.



ADRIENNE MITCHEL/TOWN CRIER

Belinda Chung, owner of BK Collections on State Street, holds earrings that she designed and sells at her shop, which is celebrating 45 years in Los Altos.

"We didn't do a lot of research. We just went, 'OK, let's do it!'"

In the 1970s and 1980s, BK Collections – named after Belinda and her husband, Kenneth,

whom Chung jokingly calls her "silent partner" – mainly sold Asian artifacts, art, furniture and antiques. As the demand for Asian artifacts decreased and

U.S.-China trade relations worsened, Chung expanded to focus more on curating a selection of unique and high-quality gifts
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PGA of America and PGA Tour: What's the difference?

By **Andy Dolich**

Like almost everyone in the golf industry, the PGA of America and Northern California PGA Section were surprised by the June 6 announcement of a potential pathway to a resolution of the dispute among the PGA Tour, DP World Tour and LIV Golf.

Much of the general public doesn't know the difference between the PGA Tour and the PGA of America. The PGA of America and PGA Tour became two separate organizations in 1968. The PGA of America represents nearly 28,000 PGA teaching professionals at 10,000 golf facilities across the country, whereas the PGA Tour solely represents the tour players.

I have served on the board of the Northern California PGA Foundation for several years. PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the foundation's flagship program. Taught by PGA and LPGA professionals, it is an introductory golf program free to military veterans and those on active duty.

PGA HOPE helps veterans with their mental and physical health, and provides social interaction to help them get out of isolation. PGA HOPE is the only golf program for veterans taught

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by PGA pros who have been specifically trained in adaptive golf teaching methods to work with disabled veterans. PGA HOPE is supported by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a form of rehabilitation that can be prescribed by recreational and physical therapists.

The PGA Tour/LIV partnership does not involve the PGA of America, PGA Reach, PGA HOPE or the PGA professionals. The PGA of America, its sections and PGA professionals across the country remain focused on growing the game and impacting lives through golf.

For more information on PGA HOPE, visit tinyurl.com/5n6trpcp.

Andy Dolich operates Dolich & Associates, a sports consultancy, in Los Altos. A local resident, he has more than 30 years of experience as an executive for professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey and soccer teams.



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from all over the world.

“Everything I sell are things that I like, so I can relate it to potential buyers and ensure they enjoy it for years to come – it has to be quality and lasting,” she said. “I look for things that are joyful and are unique. It makes me really happy when I see somebody who bought a pair of earrings, and then they come back saying, ‘I’m still wearing these earrings.’ That gives me the biggest satisfaction ever.”

One of Chung’s favorite memories with BK Collections is from its 40th anniversary. She recalled a customer had walked into the store wearing a trench coat.

“She walked in and went, ‘Ta-da!’ and revealed probably 20 necklaces all bought from us, a lot of them handmade by one of our designers,” Chung recalled. “Things like that make us feel really good, that we’re doing the right thing, that people really like us and support us.”

Personal touch

One supporter is Wolken,

who estimates she’s been shopping at BK Collections for 44 years and said Chung has “become family.” Although Wolken doesn’t remember what initially drew her to walk into Chung’s store, she now visits “almost weekly.”

“Trust me, I’m a shopper,” Wolken said. “I shop at a lot of places, and BK Collections would be my No. 1 store. I travel the world, and Belinda’s store is still the best.”

In fact, while on vacation in Paris, Wolken actually decided to forgo buying souvenirs for her cousins and instead gifted them jewelry made in France from BK Collections.

“They thought that I had bought their necklaces in Paris,” Wolken said. “And I had bought it right at Belinda’s.”

But even more than for the selection of high-quality, unique items in the shop, Wolken goes to BK Collections for Chung herself.

“You can’t duplicate BK Collections, because there’s only one Belinda,” Wolken said. “She is the magic behind the store.”

Wolken said she continues to be amazed by the connection

Chung has with her customers.

“A man will come in, and she’ll say, ‘It’s just about time for your wife’s birthday,’ and ‘Oh, no, you got her that last year. Well, she’ll love this,’” Wolken said. “So, it’s that personal connection that a department store or a mall store doesn’t have.”

Community building

In fact, community interaction is Chung’s favorite part of the job.

“What I like about this downtown is that we can talk to our neighbors, we can talk to a lot of people,” she said. “You get to know people, and you get to know and understand how things are related.”

For example, in 2016 when Chung’s neighbor, artist Hau Beiren, turned 100, she talked to the Los Altos History Museum to create the “Hau Beiren @ 100 Exhibition.”

“He’s world-famous, and all of his paintings are really well sought after in China, but yet in Los Altos, it seemed like nobody really knew him,” Chung said. “So, I talked to the curator of the museum and said, ‘You have this treasure in your backyard. You

should do something to honor him.’”

In addition to personal community projects, Chung served on the Los Altos Village Association executive board, helping with decisions such as street closures during the pandemic and switching farmers’ market management.

“I strongly advocate to have small businesses in downtown because it’s about human connection,” she said. “I like the idea that we’re still a small village, that we’re still talking to people.”

To celebrate 45 years in business, local band The Song Gardeners will be performing in front of BK Collections 1-4 p.m. Friday. BK Collections will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be offering 45% off all merchandise all day.

“For our 40th anniversary, we did a storewide 40% sale for the entire day,” Chung said. “This one guy came in and said, ‘I can’t wait ’til you turn 100.’”

BK Collections is located at 342 State St. For more information, visit bkcollectionslosaltos.com.

Transactions

Los Altos

1601 Ben Roe Drive, Recht Trust to C. & J. Lai for \$3,588,000

1050 Crooked Creek Drive, Marlin Home Solutions LLC to M. & S. Goenka for \$4,500,000

107 Del Monte Avenue, Erichsen Family Trust to S. & J. Enos for \$3,200,000

480 Distel Drive, Willoughby Trust to Y. & A. Chu for \$3,978,000

1 W. Edith Avenue Unit A106, Espinosa Trust to Bruce Family Trust for \$1,800,000

1 W. Edith Avenue Unit C119, Arvidson Trust to Bergman Family Trust for \$1,162,000

5100 El Camino Real Unit 210, K. Fry to C. & C. Nguyen for \$1,550,000

1987 Farndon Avenue, Finland LLC to L. & Y. Liu for \$4,509,000

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1278 Golden Way, Hurt Family Trust to Z. & K. Sun for \$3,550,000
1210 Montclair Way, Schueren Family Trust to S. & A. Joshi for \$4,075,000
904 Odell Way, Cad Industries LLC to Xu & Lu Trust for \$3,412,500
1433 Ranchita Drive, Kersic Trust to Lei Trust for \$3,400,000
270 Santander Court, Cullinan Trust to F. & M. Salehi for \$3,600,000

Los Altos Hills

25601 Fernhill Drive, Vanel 2006 Childrens Trust to Coin Slot Holdings LLC for \$6,100,000
12755 Leander Drive, Krueger Trust to L. & N. Subramanian for \$4,500,000
10703 Magdalena Road, Hwang Family Trust to Forever Mercy LLC for \$7,789,000
24601 Voorhees Drive, K. Owen to Vorhes Ltd LLC for \$5,375,000

Mountain View

333 Anna Avenue, Kim Trust to Rec-

tor Wardens & Vestrymen Ofall for \$2,200,000
1375 Cuernavaca Circulo, R. Bringans to D. & M. Thangavelu for \$2,360,000
135 Easy Street, San Francisco Bay University Trust to M. & S. Jindal for \$2,050,000
1101 W. El Camino Real No. 415, V. Kaul to S. & S. Zehtabian for \$1,325,000
341 Flower Lane, Wang Trust to M. & X. Wu for \$1,751,000
420 Mansfield Drive, K. & G. Ahrens to Lehmann Living Trust for \$4,550,000
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10560 Johnson Avenue, N. & D. Cruz to Daisy Cupertino LLC for \$2,075,000
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 Lowest sale: \$4,500,000
 Highest sale: \$7,789,000
 Average sale: \$5,941,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 10
 Lowest sale: \$1,200,000
 Highest sale: \$4,550,000
 Average sale: \$2,427,400

Cupertino

Total sales: 8
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SABOR LATINO LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697557	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SABOR LATINO LLC, 1509 Gretel Ln, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SABOR LATINO LLC, 1509 Gretel Ln, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/13/2023. /S/ Rosita E Orla Oajaca / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/24/2023. (08-02,09,16,23-23)	192-T
THE NAIL BAR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697655	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) THE NAIL BAR, (2) THE NAIL BAR LOS ALTOS, (3) THE NAIL BAR TOO, (4) NAIL BAR LOS ALTOS, (5) NAIL BAR TOO, (6) THE NAIL BAR LOS ALTOS 2, (7) THE NAIL BAR 2, (8) NAIL BAR 2, (9) NAIL BAR TWO, (10) THE NAIL BAR TWO, (11) LOS ALTOS NAIL BAR, (12) LOS ALTOS NAIL BAR 2, 981 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE NAIL FACE AND BODY BAR INC, 981 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/26/2023. /S/ Gigi Nguyen / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/26/2023. (08-02,09,16,23-23)	191-T
LOST VALHALLA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697631	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOST VALHALLA, 855 Mathew Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Maxine Erlund, 855 Mathew Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Maxine Erlund / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/25/2023. (08-02,09,16,23-23)	190-T
VEG N CHAAT CUISINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697065	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VEG N CHAAT CUISINE, 1180 Bacchus Dr, San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County.	


American Enterprises FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697471	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: American Enterprises, 105 Fremont Avenue, Suite A, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Thomas E. Harrington, 12100 Hilltop Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94024, Jonathan T. Harrington, 450 North Federal Highway, #PH05, Boynton Beach, FL, 33435. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/01/1973. /S/ Thomas E. Harrington / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/19/2023. (08-02,09,16,23-23)	185-T
Long Story Short Childrens Publishing FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697144	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Long Story Short Childrens Publishing, 1200 Franklin Mall #186, Santa Clara, CA, 95052, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jill Richene Medeiros Ranes, 1200 Franklin Mall #186, Santa Clara, CA, 95052. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jill Richene Medeiros Ranes / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/11/2023. (07-26-23,08-02,09,16-23)	184-T
A2ZBUILDERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN696619	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: A2ZBUILDERS, 5450 Thornwood Dr, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hector Gerardo Coello, 870 Leigh Av, San Jose, CA, 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2023. /S/ Hector G Coello / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/21/2023. (07-26-23,08-02,09,16-23)	183-T
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF DIANA T. NGUYEN KEATON & CLINT IAN KEATON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 23CV418474	TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Diana T. Nguyen Keaton & Clint Ian Keaton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Koren Shai Keaton Proposed Name: a. Koren Shai Thuyen Keaton 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 10/24/2023 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: 07/07/2023 /s/ Jacqueline M. Arroyo Judge of the Superior Court (07-26-23,08-02,09,16-23)	186-T
NITNEM TRANS INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697018	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NITNEM TRANS INC., 3650 Buckley St Apt # 507, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Abhishek Sharma, 3650 Buckley St Apt # 507, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Parminder Singh, 3650 Buckley St Apt # 507, Santa Clara, CA, 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/06/2023. /S/ Abhishek Sharma / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/06/2023. (07-26-23,08-02,09,16-23)	182-T
LIQUOR AND FOOD MART FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN697158	The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) LIQUOR AND FOOD MART, (2) UNWIND BOTTLE SHOP, (3) UNWIND BEER STORE, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned	181-T

by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): RIVER N FIELD INC, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tai J Hsu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/11/2023. (07-26-23,08-02,09,16-23)

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EVENTS

Los Altos Hills History Walk. 10 a.m. Sept. 10. Moderate walk hosted by the Los Altos Hills History Committee. Begins at Lower Moody Road from Foothill College and goes to Tepa Way. Park in Lot 8 at Foothill. Led by third-generation resident Bernardo Ferrari, learn the history of the area and about its renown residents. Free; limited to 25 participants. RSVP: es-teta@losaltoshills.ca.gov.

PRESENTATIONS

“Behind Barbed Wire in the U.S. During WWII.” Yukio Shimomura shares his family’s experience during the 1940s when WWII started, and how Executive Order 9066 affected his family, incarcerated and interned in San Bruno and Utah camps. 7 p.m. today. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 948-7683; scclcd.org.

“Birds of a Feather: Dabblers.” Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks takes the audience on a photographic journey of dabblers, a species of ducks. 7 p.m. Aug. 23. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 948-7683. Free. scclcd.org.

Opioid Overdose Prevention. Learn to recognize an opioid overdose and how to safely administer the nasal spray Naloxone (also known as Narcan). Participants who complete the training will be given a free Naloxone dosage, will supplies last. 11 a.m. Aug. 31. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. Registration required. tinyurl.com/mr3737vk.

“Old Timers Gathering.” Led by the Los Altos Hills History Committee, share memories about the town (oldest residents first). 2 p.m. Sept. 24. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free.

EXHIBITS

“An Artist’s Playground.” Solo art exhibit featuring acrylics and mixed media paintings by local artist Rachel Tirosch. Through September. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222; losaltoshills.ca.gov.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

InSpirit Healing Rooms. Healing service for those battling an illness or 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. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Crossword Answers

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Sudoku Answers

3	5	1	8	9	2	6	4	7
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9	4	2	6	7	1	8	3	5
1	3	5	4	8	9	7	2	6
8	7	6	5	2	3	4	9	1
7	1	9	2	4	5	3	6	8
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Find A Word Answers

Y	F	Z	W	R	R	O	J	Z	P	G	F	P	I	E
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T	H	U	N	D	E	R	M	O	W	L	A	N	L	T
K	D	Z	A	R	J	U	W	I	O	H	S	N	O	Y
W	Z	F	H	A	W	U	K	L	S	L	T	Y	G	F
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OBITUARY NOTICE

MARK WINITZ



1950 – 2023

Mark Winitz, 73, a 50+ year resident of Los Altos, California, passed away in June 2023 after an extended period of ill-health.

Mark was born in Ames, Iowa, where his father, Milton Winitz and mother, Charlotte Winitz resided while Milton was working on his PhD in Bio-Chemistry. The family later moved to Silver Spring, Maryland. His father’s research then transferred them to Anaheim and then to Palo Alto when Mark was 14.

Mark graduated from Cubberley High School in Palo Alto and furthered his education with a Bachelor’s Degree in English and a Master’s Degree in Creative Writing at San Francisco State University. He wrote for World Publications (home of Runner’s World) and then took a full-time position as a training and documentation writer at Deterline Corporation, where he met his future wife, Fran. Soon after Mark began his own consulting business, Phrasemaker Enterprises. In 1981, he and his wife Fran combined their offices when they moved Phrasemaker to Main Street, where they remained a part of the downtown Los Altos business community until 2019.

Mark completed 40+ marathons and it was his love of long-distance running that drove his career in an entirely different direction. In the 1990s,

Mark started his own running publication, RunCal, which served the local running community for ten years. Over his career, he also wrote articles for regional and national running publications such as California Track & Running News, American Track & Field and Road Race Management. A major contributor to the sport of long-distance running and track and field, Mark was a long-time volunteer and board member for the Pacific Association of USA Track and Field where he was honored with multiple volunteer service awards. He volunteered for PA-USATF as Long Distance Running (LDR) Chair and later became a USATF Master Level Official/Referee for the local Pacific Association’s LDR grand prix series. During the last ten years of his career, his business WinIt!z Sports Public Relations assisted organizers of road racing events with elite athlete coordination and media communications.

Mark and Fran were married in 1984 and lived in their Los Altos home for 38 years before moving back to downtown Los Altos in 2022. Mark is predeceased by his parents Milton and Charlotte Winitz. He is survived by his wife Fran, brother Jan and sister-in-law Christine. He is interred at Alta Mesa Cemetery. A private service has been held.



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