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## 'Hands Off' protest extends locally



PHOTOS BY SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Nationwide "hands off" protests included one Saturday in Mountain View as upwards of 1,000 participants (according to organizers' estimates) walked along El Camino Real from Castro Street to the San Antonio Road intersection. The protesters railed against recent actions of the Trump administration, which include tariffs on goods from other countries.

## Bike lanes arrive, parking goes away along El Camino Real

By Bruce Barton  
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El Camino Real, running through Los Altos and Mountain View, is turning green.

At least part of it is. For the first time in its long history, painted, striped bike lanes are being added. CalTrans crews had completed most of Mountain View and were working on lanes in Los Altos last week.

The additions were part of a \$44.6 million improvement project along 7 miles of El Camino from the Palo Alto-Menlo Park border to the Mountain View-Sunnyvale border. The project included resurfacing, new ADA-compliant curbs, signals and crosswalk markings, and three new pedestrian crossing beacons at Mountain View intersections.

"Mountain View is 90% com-

plete," said CalTrans spokesperson Victor Gauthier. "Work in both Los Altos and Palo Alto has begun. Some striping has started and most likely all work should be complete by end of June (weather dependent)."

The arrival of the bike lanes means motorists can no longer park along The King's Highway in these cities, at least not without getting fined and towed. Autos also would have to run over vertical elements to park – the bike lanes will be "protected," meaning a metal strip along the outer edge of the bike lanes will hold either bollard or strip panels designed to keep motorists from drifting into lanes.

News of the new bike lanes and parking restrictions prompted mixed reviews from local residents. Some cited increased

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### Online Poll of the Week



Here are the results from last week's question:  
How should MVLA offer ethnic studies courses?

- Make them electives – 16.5%, 151 votes
- Make them mandatory – 5.5%, 50 votes
- Don't offer them – 78%, 714 votes

Watch for more polls at [losaltosonline.com](http://losaltosonline.com).

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## A 'Welcome Home' event for Vietnam vets

Members of Los Altos American Legion Post 558 and the Los Altos chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution co-hosted a "Welcome Home" event honoring veterans of the Vietnam War April 2 at American Legion Hall on First Street. The event drew approximately 140 participants, 45 of whom were Vietnam Vets. At right, survivors of Agent Orange and below right, a group of South Vietnamese pilots, were among those being honored. Below, an empty table recognizes those missing in action during the war.



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## MVWSD board confirms Baier as new schools chief

By Christina Casillas  
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The Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) Board of Trustees appointed Jeffrey Baier, former MVWSD interim superintendent and Los Altos School District superintendent, as superintendent during last week's board meeting.

"I truly appreciate the opportunity and the faith and trust you've put in me," Baier said after his appointment. "For the community, I am ready to take this on and look forward to working with our students, our staff and our community to really make this place the best it can be. I'm really looking forward to working together."



Baier

The vote was unanimous and made during a closed-session discussion, but the employee contract was approved during the meeting as an open session action item, as required by law.

As per the unanimously approved employment agreement, Baier's term is set to end June 30, 2028 pending extension or termination; the board is allowed to extend the agreement by an extra year if Baier receives a positive evaluation. Baier's annual base salary is \$385,000 and is classified as a 12-month employee with a 225-day work year, Board of Trustees President William Lambert said during the April 3 board meeting.

Residents voiced support for Baier during the meeting, thanking him for coming out of retirement and for transparency from the board regarding his pay and the full contract (Visit [tinyurl.com/MVWSDemploymentagreement](http://tinyurl.com/MVWSDemploymentagreement)).

## Experts offer tips in event of LA-type fire

Los Altos Community Coalition meeting continues prevention outreach

By Christina Casillas  
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After a Stanford expert explained a few weeks ago how Pacific Palisades-like destruction could spark in and around Los Altos and Los Altos Hills at a Los Altos Community Coalition meeting, the coalition invited local fire-fighting experts to talk about city-level protections and what residents can do to keep themselves and their properties safe.

Speakers included Denise Gluhan, Santa Clara County Fire Department captain, and Brian Glass, Santa Clara County Fire Department deputy fire chief.

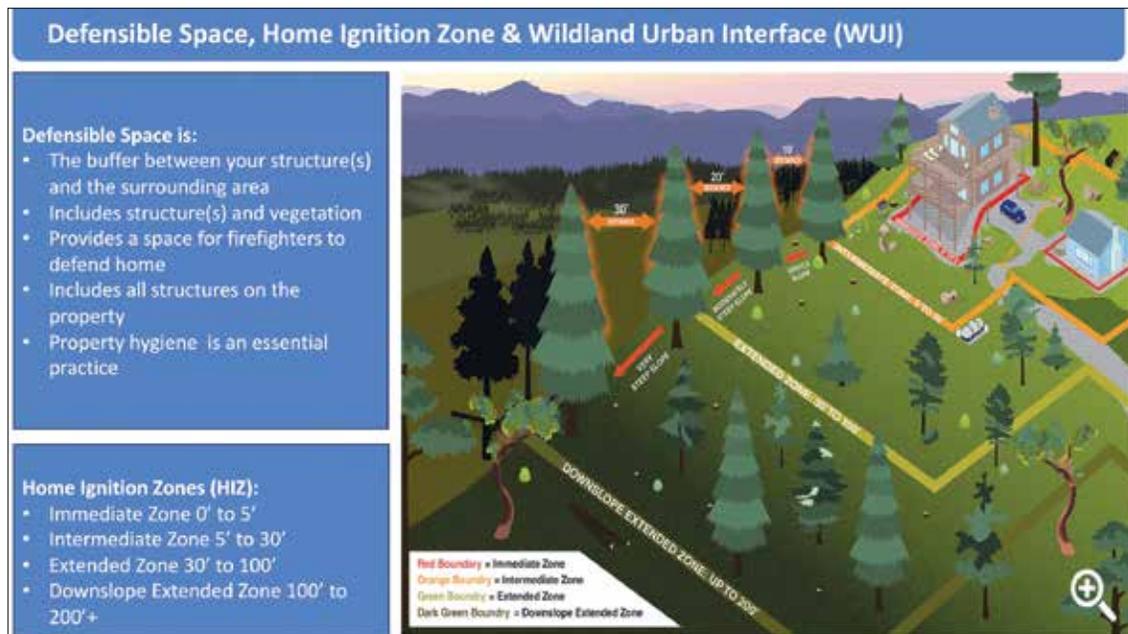
The geographical makeup of Pacific Palisades, a Los Angeles neighborhood that experienced widespread destruction earlier this year after the spark of the Palisades Fire on Jan. 7, is very similar to that of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, Gluhan said.

The extent of the destruction in an area much like that where local residents live was jarring to many.

"(Pacific Palisades is) more of an urban area, much like Los Altos is to Los Altos Hills," Gluhan said at the meeting. "(The fire) started out in the wildland, initially a wind-driven fire, but it burned evenly into the town. It doesn't respect those boundaries, ... It goes right into the built environment."

The town doesn't have its own fire department – instead, it's served by the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, which contracts out Santa Clara County Fire Department personnel and equipment. The district also covers the unincorporated areas surrounding Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Los Altos has its own fire department, which responds to emergencies and fires from two fire stations: The Los Altos Fire Station on Almond Avenue in north Los Altos and the Loyola



SCREEN GRAB FROM LAST WEEK'S REMOTE LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY COALITION MEETING

The graphic above offers useful guidance for residents on fire prevention. Below, Brian Glass, left, deputy fire chief for the Santa Clara County Fire Department, and Denise Gluhan, right, Santa Clara County Fire Department captain, were keynote speakers at last week's Los Altos Community Coalition meeting.



fire station in south Los Altos off Fremont Avenue, according to Glass.

Both of the Los Altos stations have three personnel assigned to each station, Glass noted.

"One at the rank of fire captain, who is assigned to oversee the fire stations operations and the crew, as well as deploy tactically any of the field tactics that we may use in extinguishing and preventing spread of any type of fire and or risk," Glass said.

He added that the personnel have engine choices that can be made based on what sort of fire or emergency they're responding to, including engines 76, 75 and 675. Engine 75 is the primary response vehicle for the Almond Avenue station, and engine 76 is the primary engine at the Loyola Fire Station.

Although the Los Altos Fire Department and Los Altos Hills fire district know of and are ready to respond to a number of different fire hazards, one of the key issues is the threat posed by urban-wildland interface and intermix



seen in many areas of Los Altos and the Hills.

"There's wildland-urban interface, where the wildland abuts developments and communities, and then we have what's called wildland-urban intermix, which is kind of more the model we see in Los Altos Hills and the city of Los Altos, where the wildland is actually interspersed within the community that we're protecting," Glass said. "And then we have a downtown area home to some older buildings (which have) a little bit different building and construction types. Again, these are all things that your firefighters are aware of and they are trained on."

While Glass would not dispute the feasibility of a Pacific Palisades-like fire happening locally, as Michael Wara, director of Stanford's Climate and Energy Policy Program and senior research scholar at Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment, said is possible during a March 21 Los Altos Community Coalition meeting, he said conditions would have to be just right.

"I'm not going to disagree with the climatologist from Stanford, he's an expert in his field," Glass said. "But what I will say is that the right combination to come together to replicate a Palisades-type fire in Los Altos is a rare event. Now, could it happen? Yes. Could we end up in a red flag condition, with sustained decreased humidities with fuel moisture down with the wind from the right direction. Sure, those things could come together. But again, that's a very rare occurrence when we see things that come close to what we saw in Palisades."

Glass also emphasized how the local fire departments are on good terms and communicate frequently with local water purveyors, a drastic difference from one of the key issues that contributed to the mass destruction seen in the Pacific Palisades fire.

"We've taken the proactive stance of making sure that our policies are up to date, that our equipment is modern, that we don't have the same issues that some of those other larger fire departments have, and again, making sure that we build the relationships (with other departments and organizations)," Glass said.

But as Wara noted, with climate change affecting key

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## EL CAMINO

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safety issues while others feared a lack of street parking could hurt El Camino businesses.

“They made the car lanes so narrow, it feels dangerous,” wrote Natasha Stirrup in an email to the Town Crier. “I am constantly getting squeezed from drivers on both sides when they don’t exert enough lane discipline. In my opinion, it’s an accident waiting to happen. Biking along the El Camino would not be my first choice. When I biked, I used side streets because it felt safer.”

“Biked it with my wife today to get to CVS after a short meeting at the Computer History Museum,” said Mountain View resident Matt Raschke. “The new bike lanes are great. Can’t wait for the illegal parking to stop.”

Raschke was among a slew of readers commenting on NextDoor in a post from the Town Crier.

“It’s great to see the protected lane for bikers, but drivers use it to bypass the wait at red lights,” noted Amy Freiha. “More education and some police enforcement would help.”

“I’m loving the new bike lanes on El Camino, and the wonderfully smooth pavement,” said Steve Schmidt. “Great for both e-bikes and road bikes.”

“As an avid cyclist, I thought bike lanes on ECR were a very stupid idea,” said Rich Kennedy. “I have now used them a couple of times and felt 100% safer than before. The lanes are well marked and very smooth.”

“This will be hard on businesses along ECR and encouraging people to bike on such a busy street seems like a poor idea,” said Pattie Rotondo. “It makes it more difficult to patronize local businesses. I think it will be a net negative when considering the number of people it affects.”

“El Camino Real is becoming somewhat of a nightmare,” said Bob Sutis. The Los Altos resident has been vocal about pushing CalTrans to start the project after the agency was beset by delays.

“The traffic lights, especially in Palo Alto, are poorly timed with traffic often stopped at lights as much as 1,000 feet apart,” he said. “With bike lanes the situation will likely get worse as traffic has to stop for inattentive cyclists attempting various maneuvers with a penchant for feeling their movement is first priority after pedestrians. And businesses losing street parking I fear will result in



TOP IMAGE BY HOWARD BISCHOFF/TOWN CRIER; BELOW ILLUSTRATIONS COURTESY OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS

**New bike lane striping lines El Camino Real going through Los Altos and Mountain View, above. Below, Caltrans is considering bollard or panel markers for protected bike lanes. There is no timeline yet for installation of the bike lane separators and vertical elements.**

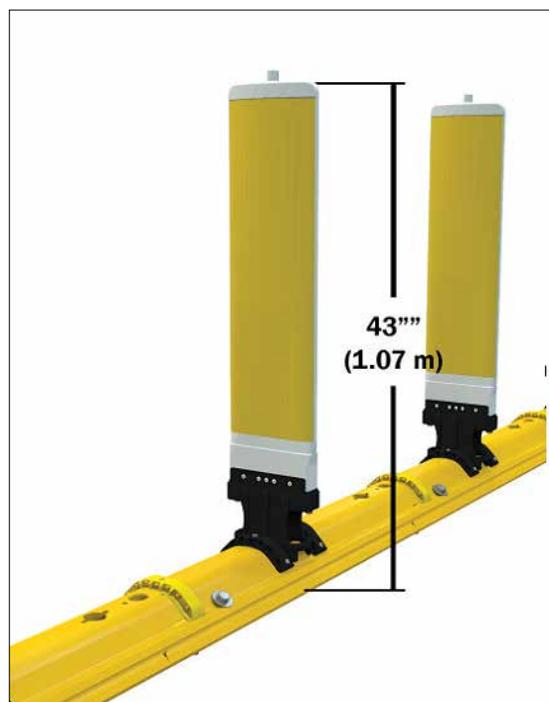
more closures from lack of sales.”

CalTrans didn’t need permission for much of the project, but did leave it up to the cities on the bike lanes option. Los Altos and Mountain View city councils signed off on the El Camino plans in 2022 and 2021, respectively, while the Palo Alto council OK’d the plans last year.

A survey conducted by Los Altos transportation officials in advance of city council discussion noted only one city business was against the parking restrictions.

“What’s interesting is that the loss of parking doesn’t seem to affect the Los Altos portion of El Camino Real,” said David Roode. “There already is no use of parking on the Los Altos side.”

He indicated there would be decreasing demand in Mountain View as well.



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# Supervisor reflects on challenges to county after fed cuts

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Margaret Abe-Koga is used to leading during times of crisis. She was mayor of Mountain View at the height of the recession in 2009, and at the height of the pandemic in 2020.

Now she is beginning her first year as a Santa Clara Coun-

ty Supervisor amid a county budget crisis brought on in part by massive funding cuts at the federal level.

Addressing community leaders at the April 2 Los Altos Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee meeting, Abe-Koga said the federal government's rampant cost-cutting is adversely im-

acting the county's budget. She said the county typically receives one-third of its total budget from the feds.

"Our new administration has definitely kept us on our toes," said Abe-Koga, whose District 5 includes Los Altos and nine of the 15 county cities. "The county is considered the safety net of our community,

serving the most vulnerable. ... The executive orders really do threaten our operations."

Abe-Koga said Medicaid, on the federal chopping block, accounts for \$1.9 billion of the county's \$12.5 billion budget.

"The county budget is about half health care, and so that's the Medicaid piece, and there are many other services, social services – we have about \$400 million that we received from the federal government," Abe-Koga said. "Other grants include things like sustainability projects, another \$130 million. So in total, we're looking at a \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion potential cut."

She said county officials are expecting more definitive numbers in October.

"We will have to make some tough choices, and so it's important for us to really confirm what our priorities as a county should be," she said. "We are going to be engaging in a priority-setting process in the next month."

Despite the gloomy budget news, Abe-Koga noted the county April 1 announced the re-opening of Regional Medical Center in East San Jose. The hospital, purchased by the county, will offer the region's third trauma center, meaning Valley Medical's and Stanford's centers will get some relief with the influx of trauma patients.

Abe-Koga, a breast cancer survivor, values health care. She said her father, a self-employed gardener, was denied health insurance so her family didn't have it.

"I've seen personally the real importance of access to quality health care," she said. "I think it is really a basic human right, and so I'm very proud of what the county has been able to do in acquiring Regional and opening it up, and being able to provide the health care in a neighborhood that has a lot of high need."

On the county budget as a whole, she remarked: "I'm hoping we won't see everything that's been talked about yet, but I do expect that there will be some cuts and challenges as the county is very dependent on federal funding for its health care."

Public safety also is a big priority for Abe-Koga.

"As I walked door-to-door (campaigning) for the last 20

months before I got here, the number one issue I heard on everyone's minds was public safety," she said. "It really started with neighborhood crime and retail crime. But as you all know, with the wildfires in LA, fire safety has been on everyone's minds as well. ... It's a core service. I've spent 16 years on the city council really working to understand public safety, and I will continue to bring it as a top priority here at the county."



Abe-Koga

She touched on the federal impact on immigration and birthright citizenship. Abe-Koga said the county recently filed a lawsuit upholding birthright citizenship.

"This affects our community in many ways – about 40% of our county are residents who were born in a different country. We have H-1b visa residents, we have student visa residents. This issue of birthright citizenship is very important to this county."

She said the county will be "very vigilant in challenging the federal government as they come up with other initiatives around immigration. I just also want to say that as a county, we do continue to keep our doors open for our services to everyone."

Facing a massive budget deficit, Abe-Koga said the county will need to explore an area officials are not used to: generating revenue.

"Coming from a city where we are required to have balanced budgets (and) generate revenue, I feel that I can bring that experience to the county," she said. "A lot of that has to do with the use of land. In Mountain View, as you may know, the city owns land. We've worked hard to continue to acquire land – we're able to then use that land to lease to companies like Google and other entities."

She said the county has some large parcels, including the county fairgrounds land.

"My hope is to be able to look at creative ways to use the parcels and the buildings that the county owns to generate revenues," Abe-Koga said.



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## FIRE

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contributors to wildfire intensity – like increasing vapor pressure deficit, or how thirsty an environment is – wildfires are becoming more and more destructive and both municipality-wide and individual efforts are important to keep people and properties safe.

### Fire safety steps

Gluhan emphasized the fire safety zone, which emphasizes the importance of having the first five feet surrounding a home and deck clear of any potential fuel for embers – this could be mulch or any other combustible materials used to prevent weed growth, or weeds or plants.

This is especially important as embers can travel up to five miles ahead of a fire, she added.

“Property hygiene is an essential practice that

everybody needs to do,” Gluhan said. “One of the biggest surfaces in the zero to five is the house and the roof line, so keeping the roof clear of debris. If you have trees that are next to houses, gutters that get full of debris, an ember can land on that and start a fire in those gutters.”

Removing combustible gates and fences in lieu of metal fencing is also a fire-smart idea, including getting rid of combustible materials within five feet of a home and cutting back trees and other vegetation. She encouraged people to avoid oily plants, like junipers and rosemary, as their needles can serve as excellent timber for flames.

“You want to minimize the combustible items that are near the home in that zero to five feet,” Gluhan said. “So you want to get them outside of that five feet closer to 10 and 20 feet away, or consider replacing them with non combustible options.”

## Lithium-ion battery fire destroys shed at Mtn. View home

Town Crier Report

An unattended charging lithium-ion battery was determined to be the culprit of a fire Mountain View Fire Department officials responded to over the weekend.

The fire is the second reported by the Mountain View Fire Department in the last two months to have been sparked by a charging lithium-ion battery, second to a fire in downtown Mountain View that pushed patisserie Maison Alyzee to temporarily close.

Emergency operators received a report of a fire at 5:26 p.m. April 5 at a single-family residence in the 1100 block of Doyle Place, according to a Monday press release. Units arrived three minutes after their 5:26 p.m. dispatch and found a shed in the backyard of the home fully engulfed in flames.

The fire was extinguished before it could spread to the residence, although a window close to the burning shed broke due to the fire’s radiant heat. Thermal imaging confirmed to firefighters that the fire had not spread to the residence.

The shed was completely destroyed, and financial damages are estimated around \$12,000.

## Save The Date

### Saturday

LAVA egg hunt, 10 a.m., downtown Los Altos. Sponsored by the Los Altos Village Association. Information: [downtownlosaltos.org](http://downtownlosaltos.org).

### April 19

City of Los Altos-sponsored egg hunt, 9:30 a.m. April 19, Hillview Soccer Field, Los Altos. Information: [losaltosca.gov/parksrec](http://losaltosca.gov/parksrec).

Hoppin’ Hounds Biscuit Hunt, 9-10:30 a.m., at Westwind Community Barn in Los Altos Hills. \$10 entry fee benefits Pets In Need Palo Alto animal shelter. Information: [losaltoshills.ca.gov/register](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov/register).

### April 25

State of the Cities, 11:30 a.m. Fremont Hills Country Club, Los Altos Hills. Hosted by the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce. Information: [losaltoschamber.org](http://losaltoschamber.org).

### May 17

Kiwanis of Los Altos Pet Parade, 10 a.m., downtown Los Altos. Registration: <https://forms.gle/6YCXXZzhXGavPDkA6>.

### Aug. 9-10

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# Comment

## Other Voices

### Signs were unpleasant surprise

By Hiu Ho

As a resident for 20 years on the 500 block of Panchita Way, my family and elderly mother are being adversely affected by the new “No Parking” limits. We are troubled by the lack of transparency and public engagement by the city, and below we share our horrid experiences.

The city gave us no warnings, no notice, no communication to the impacted residents. We were shocked when we returned from the Christmas/New Year holiday to see the new signs and later received a ticket for my mother’s car that was parked in front of our own home.

We have done everything we can to get the signs removed because we reside with our 87-year-old mother with dementia and special needs. It’s mandatory for us to have no restriction for parking on our public street as we need to transport her and medical equipment to/from the street. We have multiple cars in the driveway and need street parking for the therapists and aides who provide special services to our mother. Some told me I will need to find new service providers because they now have to park a block away!

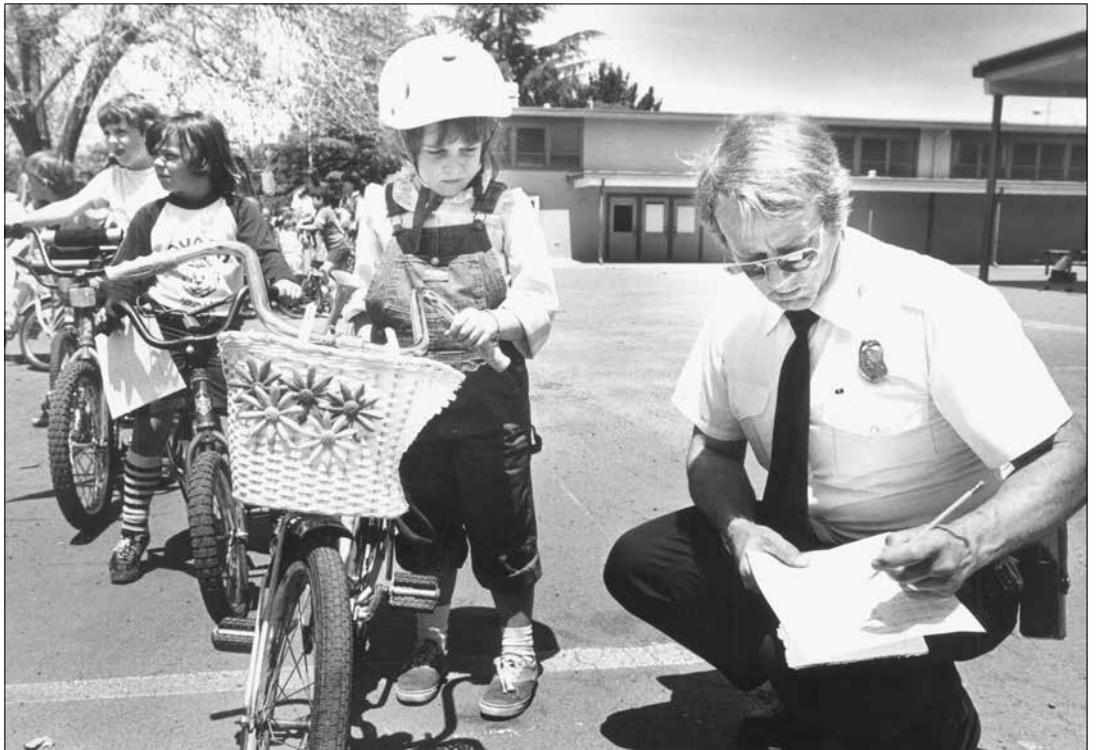
We contacted the City Manager Gabe Engeland, Los Altos City Council and Mayor Pete Dailey, to complain about the signs. It turns out that the signs were planned months ahead, yet the neighborhood received no notices. We did not know of any meetings where there was discussion about the no parking sign, nor about any decisions that would affect us.

Yet, after dozens of emails, numerous meetings at the city council, and endless phone calls with our city council and mayor in the past three months, the city and council continue to neglect us and dismiss our request. We requested to meet with them in person and they didn’t respond. We have gone back and forth trying to persuade them to simply take down the unnecessary signs in our block with the support of other neighbors, but they refuse this win-win solution. Our house is far away enough from the high school that we never had students parking in front of our house, we never had problems until the street signs were put up.

Our city and elected officials have failed us.

*Hiu Ho is a Los Altos resident.*

### Peek into the Past



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Local students line up for bike safety inspections by Los Altos Fire Battalion Chief Dave Whiting in 1983.

## Letters to the Editor

### Bird safety measures needed now

I am a resident and a high school student in Los Altos, and I recently read Mia Ravishankar’s letter about bird safety and lighting ordinances. Los Altos has an opportunity to make a real difference in protecting birds and reducing light pollution, but it seems the effort is stalled.

In October 2023, the city council heard overwhelming public support for strong bird safety and lighting ordinances. What is currently being considered would apply to only a small fraction of new buildings, meaning countless birds will continue to suffer fatal collisions every day, and even this has not reached council yet.

I’ve personally witnessed the dangers of reflective glass. I have a green-cheeked conure, and despite being trained, he often flies into windows, forcing us to put up protective measures to keep him safe. Now imagine a wild bird, flying at full speed, mistaking a window for open sky, often with tragic results. This is heartbreaking,

### Letters to the Editor

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deadly buildings can be.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of birds die after flying into windows. That’s why I was excited when Los Altos started working on a bird safety ordinance – but now, after more than a year, it’s been delayed and weakened. Birds need real protection, not half measures.

The city council was also supposed to consider a lighting ordinance. Bright lights don’t just disrupt birds – they also impact residents. Almost every nearby city has lighting rules, but Los Altos doesn’t. That means harsh new LEDs are ruining the town’s character, ADU lights shine straight into neighbors’ yards, and there’s no plan to fix past mistakes. Without clear standards, our neighborhoods are starting to look more like a cruise ship deck than a peaceful community.

It’s time for the city council to act. Tell them Los Altos needs a strong bird safety ordinance and a real lighting ordinance – now.

**Mia Ravishankar**  
Los Altos



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## Best-selling author describes her journey to success at LALE event

### Alka Joshi of 'Henna Artist' fame makes switch from artist to novelist

Town Crier Report

Alka Joshi, author of "The Henna Artist," addressed a capacity crowd on April 1 at the Los Altos Community Center. The event was part of the annual "Speaking Volumes" series sponsored by the Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE). Joshi's talk was titled "Ten Years to Overnight Success."

"I never intended to become a novelist," Joshi said. "I wanted to be an artist." However, she said, she lacked the genius to succeed as an artist, so she began a successful career in marketing. Then came the housing crisis in 2008, and the ad business was troubled. Joshi estimated it would take two years for the market to recover, and decided to enroll in a Master of Fine Arts program at the California College of the Arts.

Meanwhile, Joshi's brother – living in Jaipur – invited his mother and sister to visit. Joshi told how she and her mother, who had emigrated to the U.S. 37 years earlier, revisited India together. The stories and memories her mother told to her daughter on these trips opened Joshi's eyes to the sacrifices her mother had made in emigrating and to imagining the life her mother might have had if she had stayed in India.

Joshi began writing the stories and memories as part of her MFA program, but when her mother died soon after Joshi completed the degree, Joshi stopped writing. Then her mentor called, saying she had found an agent who was interested in the work Joshi had done for her MFA. "But you still have a lot of work to do," she said. The agent provided a list of developmental editors, who in turn provided 12 or more pages of suggestions for improvement. "I said to myself 'No way!' and set the book aside," but Joshi's husband prodded her to do more. Next came a book contract and more revisions.

"The Henna Artist" finally launched in March of 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic. Joshi feared the book would sink without a trace, but she decided to work with book clubs and social media and ended up connecting with more than 800 book clubs around the world. Next came the selection of "The Henna Artist" as a Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick, and a contract to make the book into a Netflix adaptation.

"The imagination I use to write is the same as the imagination I used to use to draw," Joshi said. "Every book (I have written) brings out some aspect of what India has contributed to the world. ... What started out as a love letter to my mother became a love letter to India."

The Los Altos Library Endowment provides financial support to local libraries, partnering with the local community, stakeholders and the library district to identify priority needs.

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Alka Joshi

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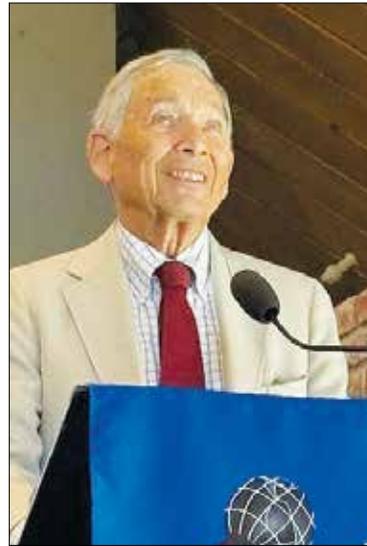
### Morning Forum speaker describes improvements in juvenile justice system

By Nancy Ginsburg Gill  
Special to the Town Crier

Judge Leonard Edwards gave his March 18 Morning Forum audience reason to cheer as he related how much more humane and effective the judicial and family court systems have become since 1980 when he began serving as a judge for Santa Clara County's Municipal Court.

Edwards, a trailblazer in judicial and family court reform, has trained others serving in juvenile justice in 47 states and 11 countries. Through his many publications and videos, he has shared his vision for more effective treatment of juvenile offenders. He has received numerous awards for his work and is the only juvenile court judge to receive the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

Although he retired from the court in 2006, Edwards remains active through his roles as consultant, educator and trainer to help judicial systems



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**Leonard Edwards**

throughout the world adopt proven best practices that lead to rehabilitation of young people who have broken the law. He is also an advocate of relative preferences so that minors from troubled families avoid the trauma that results from family separation.

Edwards decided early on in his career that he wanted

to work in juvenile and family courts because that was where he felt he could make the most difference. At the time, few judges wanted to remain in these courts any longer than they had to. But working with minors and their families has been as rewarding as Edwards had hoped it would be because of the improvements he has been instrumental in implementing.

Edwards emphasized that the old model of "congregate" care was terrible. Sentencing youths to group situations – juvenile prison, camps or group homes – tended to make youth offenders "better criminals" while enticing them to join gangs.

The "biggest change during my lifetime," Edwards said, "is that the state has closed most of these congregate care facilities. Instead, every county has to create alternative placements so juvenile offenders have a better chance of being rehabilitated through education and therapy while remaining close to family members."

In the 1980s, the county typically had 200-300 minors in detention in juvenile hall and hundreds more in two youth ranches in Morgan Hill. Today fewer than 100 are usually in juvenile hall and one of the ranches has been closed.

Edwards acknowledged that some minors who commit serious crimes like murder and rape do need to be incarcerated. However it's essential, he added, that youth who commit less serious offenses not be housed with their more violent peers.

A second significant change, he explained, helped him achieve "my goal to allow most juvenile offenders, except for those convicted of the most vicious crimes," to enter adulthood with clean slates.

Previously, if minors had any interaction with the law, even for a mere traffic stop, the incident remained on their record, thus limiting their opportunities to join the armed forces, go to college or get hired for many jobs.

Now the records of most juvenile offenders who have



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## Nominations sought for Los Altos historic preservation award

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The Los Altos Historical Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Los Altos Historic Preservation Award, which honors individuals, groups, organizations or projects that exemplify the spirit of histor-

ic preservation in Los Altos. The recipient will be recognized with a mayor's proclamation presented by the city council.

The purpose of the award is to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the city's past, and foster

civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the city's historic resources. Past recipients have included Don MacDonald (2012), Margaret Thompson (2014), Nan Geschke (2019) and Liz Nyberg (2024), among many others.

To submit a nomination, complete the nomination form and provide all supporting documentation to the historical commission staff liaison, Sean Gallegos.

Submissions may be emailed to [sgallegos@losaltosca.gov](mailto:sgallegos@losaltosca.gov), hand-delivered or mailed to

city hall at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022. The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. April 23.

*For more details and to access the nomination form, visit [tinyurl.com/LAHistoricPreservationAward](https://tinyurl.com/LAHistoricPreservationAward).*

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successfully completed probation and not committed any more serious crimes are sealed once they reach adulthood.

With proper education and rehabilitation, he added, most minors who come through our courts "will turn out just fine."

Another change that Judge Edwards believes has been instrumental in improving the quality of juvenile and family courts is the presence of so many more women on the bench.

Furthermore, more judges discover the rewards of these positions and stay longer.

Determining when to remove a child from a family situation, Edwards said, is one

of the toughest decisions family court judges have to make. When there are clear signs of children being subjected to neglect or emotional or physical abuse, they have to be kept safe. But the courts now go to great lengths to work with parents to change their behavior or find other relatives willing to fill the parental role. Judges also try to consider the child's interests as removing children from their homes is often traumatic.

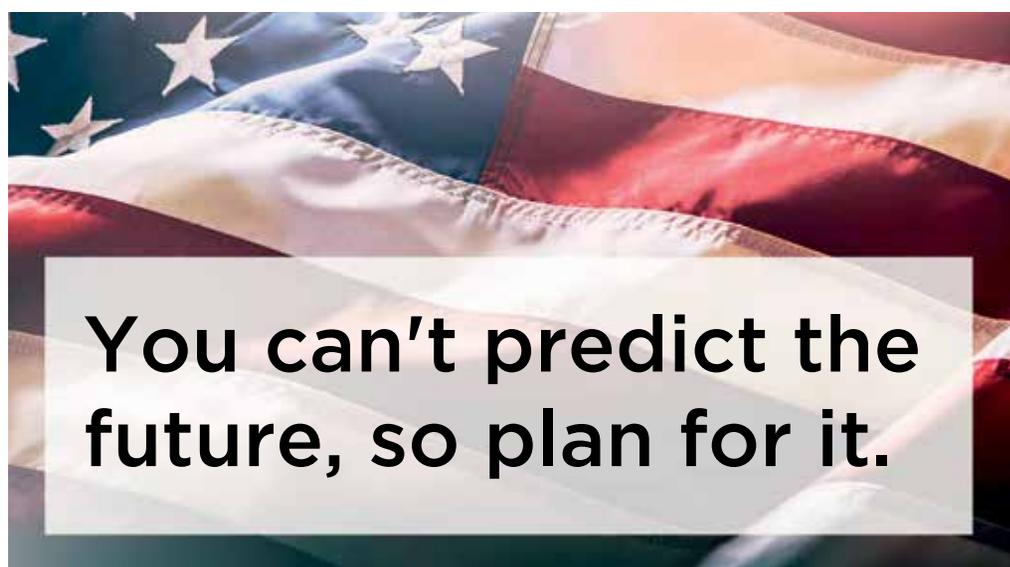
Edwards has become a passionate advocate of Court Appointed Special Advocate programs (CASA). Recognizing how difficult it is for social workers, given their heavy caseloads, to focus on the needs of each individual child, CASA recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to build meaningful

relationships and advocate for abused and neglected children in juvenile dependency court.

During his talk, Edwards credited many other members of the judicial justice system for bringing about the important changes that he described. But it was clear to his audience that his ongoing passion and commitment to changing the way we treat youth offenders and minors who come from troubled homes have been instrumental in ensuring that local youth as well as many throughout the world are more likely to get a chance to lead productive lives.

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## Three key days to observe during Holy Week

By The Rev. David Moore

As many of you know, April 20 marks Resurrection Sunday – more commonly known as Easter. It's the culmination of what Christians call "Holy Week," a time that holds deep significance beyond Easter Sunday. There are two other key days to observe during this sacred week: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Passover meal that Jesus shared with His disciples before His arrest. This meal, often referred to as the Last Supper, marks the beginning of a series of events that would lead to Jesus' suffering. Good Friday reflects on the intense suffering Jesus endured – His brutal beating, the crown of thorns, the mocking by soldiers, and His crucifixion. On the cross, Jesus suffered a slow and painful death, ultimately dying after hours of hanging in agony.

I would love for you to join us at Union Church on University Avenue at 7 p.m., April 17 for our Maundy Thursday service. This special evening will feature a beautiful hour of choral music, accompanied by a chamber orchestra and a moving narrative. This year's presentation, titled "Portraits of Grace," will invite us all to reflect on the events of that sacred night. As the service

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unfolds, the sanctuary will gradually darken, creating a powerful, contemplative atmosphere. We'll end the evening in silence, with 33 bell rings marking each year of Jesus' life. It's a deeply meaningful service and I personally find it helps set the tone for Good Friday.

So much of our Christian walk is about remembering what God has done for us: Jesus' journey to the cross, His resurrection, and how those events transform how we live today.

When we truly grasp the depth of His love, we are compelled to forgive, to extend grace, to love, to serve and to glorify God, all while enjoying His presence. As you prepare for Resurrection Sunday, I pray that you experience the spiritual richness of living life in Christ.

May this Easter be a time of reflection and celebration, as we remember that Christ is risen – and because He lives, we too have hope.

*David Moore is pastor of Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, located at 858 University Ave.*

## Community Briefs

### Downtown egg hunt set for Saturday

Los Altos Village Association is hosting the 62nd downtown Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. to noon Saturday (April 12) along Main and State streets.

The hunt will feature thousands of candy-filled eggs on Main and State streets. Visit Veterans Community Plaza to meet the Easter Bunny and take pictures, participate in fun crafts, a balloon artist and more. There is a limit of five eggs per child 10 years and younger. Participants should bring a basket.

This year's event is sponsored by Spartans Sports

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

### Hop on over to Los Altos' Spring Egg Hunt

The annual Parks & Recreation Spring Egg Hunt is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Hillview soccer field, 97 Hillview Ave.

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## Museum explores history of Muwekma Tribe

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Los Altos History Museum has scheduled a program on the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe 5:30-7 p.m. April 16 at the museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road. Participants will learn about the deep-rooted history and resilience of the Muwekma Ohlone from Indigenous scholar Dr. Michael Wilcox. In his talk, "Reframing Indigenous Histories in the Bay Area," Wilcox will trace the tribe's presence from the end of the Ice Age to the present day.

Wilcox will discuss traditional land stewardship, including fire ecology and sustainable food systems that nourished Indigenous communities for thousands of years. He will also highlight the Muwekma Ohlone's enduring cultural heritage and their resilience through centuries of colonization and removal.

"I grew up in the Bay Area, yet throughout my schooling, I never knew the name of the tribe from the area where I lived," Wilcox said. "This history is not only in need of reframing – it has not even been told."

A scholar of Yuman descent, Wilcox has been

teaching at Stanford University since 2001 and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Native American Studies in the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. He serves as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and is a founding board member of the Muwekma Ohlone Cultural Preservation Land Trust.

"The Muwekma watched the bay form," Wilcox noted. "If you're curious about the long history of Native people in California and how they actively maintained this landscape and biological community, this talk is for you."

This program is offered in conjunction with the museum's exhibition, "She Sang Me a Good Luck Song: The California Indian Photographs of Dugan Aguilar," on display through June 8.

Tickets are \$15 per person; free for museum members. Space is limited, and advance registration is recommended. To reserve a seat, visit [losaltoshistory.org/IndigenousHistories](http://losaltoshistory.org/IndigenousHistories).



Wilcox

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a live children's performance scheduled for 10:20 a.m. Games and other activities will continue after the egg hunt.

The event is aimed at those of walking age to 10 years. Baskets are not provided – participants must bring their own. There is a maximum of five eggs per child.

Admission is free; no registration is required. The event will take place rain or shine.

To volunteer at the event, visit [losaltosca.gov/parksrec/page/become-volunteer](http://losaltosca.gov/parksrec/page/become-volunteer). For more information, email Candace at [CAVina@losaltosca.gov](mailto:CAVina@losaltosca.gov).

### LAMVCF hosts AI event for seniors

The Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation is hosting a Friday (April 11) event titled "A.I. in Everyday Life: What Seniors Need to Know." The event, co-hosted by AnewVista Community Services, is scheduled 2-5 p.m. at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave.

Participants are invited to join in the conversation about artificial intelligence and how it can impact one's life.

Expert panelists from different fields will explain what A.I. is, how it's being used today and how it might benefit seniors in the future with things like healthcare and staying connected.

To register or for more information, visit [anvcs.org/events](http://anvcs.org/events) or [anvcs.org](http://anvcs.org).

### Sierra Nevada lecture scheduled tonight

The Western Horticultural Society is presenting a lecture titled "In Search of Alpines in the Sierra Nevada with Michael Uhler" 7:30 tonight (April 9) at the Shoup Park Garden House, 400 University Ave.

The alpine region, which is above the treeline and looks barren from afar, is full of fascinating, diminutive plant species that have been the focus of Uhler's botanical interest for more than 20 years.

Within the alpine zone are sky islands, special plateaus that were never glaciated. These are refuges for an unusual and diverse assemblage of plant species and are the ultimate botanical destination for the alpine botanist.

For nearly two decades, Uhler has been the curator and horticulturist of the Sierra Nevada section at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Regional Park.

WHS meetings include a sale of diverse plant varieties donated by members and local nurseries as well as books, seeds, tools and other horticultural items on occasion.

Doors open 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for non-members; free to WHS members, students and first-timers.

A Zoom link is available to WHS members.

### CSA hosts ice cream sundae fundraiser

Community Services Agency workers are hosting their homeless services fundraiser as an ice cream sundae party in the park for the fourth straight year.

Featuring ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, handmade bowls donated by Orchard Valley Ceramic Arts Guild and children's activities, this year's event takes place 2-4 p.m. April 27 in Rengstorff Park.

Empty Bowls, traditionally a soup supper, became Sundaes on a Sunday to accommodate an outdoor take on the worldwide phenomena pairing potters to fundraise for organizations serving the homeless.

"Our Homeless Services Program remains steadfast in meeting the ongoing high levels of demand for case management," said John Hill, director of CSA's Homeless Prevention and Homeless Services Program. "We eagerly anticipate this fun and family-friendly event. The support from Empty Bowls sponsorships and ticket sales significantly contributes to sustaining CSA's essential services for our community's most vulnerable members."

Community Services Agency is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides services to elderly, low-income and homeless residents of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Buy tickets online at [csacares.org/events](http://csacares.org/events).

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## LA native sets latest book in his hometown

By Maya Dutt  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos native David Madsen is in the early stages of writing his next book, a memoir about his adventures as a tour guide taking people behind the Iron Curtain of the Soviet Union. His last book takes place closer to home, but also during the Cold War.

Madsen last year published "Under a Secret Sky," a novel set in 1960s Los Altos and a mysterious town in the Mojave desert.

The story begins with the mysterious disappearance of Robert, which leads his wife and son to search for him and piece together what happened.

Madsen said that the book is loosely based on his childhood growing up in Cold War-era Los Altos and is an attempt to imagine the potential behind-the-scenes happenings in a sleepy town.

"I grew up in Los Altos, as it was starting to become Silicon Valley," said Madsen, a 1970 graduate of Los Altos High School. "My parents built their house. My father worked for Hewlett-Packard – I'm named after them, believe it or not. So, I began with 'What if not everything was as it seemed? What if there was stuff going on underneath the surface that I, or my father, didn't know about?' That was the impetus for my interest in the Cold War."

"Under a Secret Sky" was released in August after Madsen said he had taken a decade-

long break from book-writing due to his busy schedule as a screenplay writer in San Diego. Although he had always been interested in writing about Cold War Los Altos, Madsen said the catalyst was seeing himself in the March 13, 1960 issue of the Town Crier. The photo showed him tucked under a desk during a school duck-and-cover drill.

To accurately portray both Los Altos and the secret town in the Mojave desert, Madsen said he did extensive research that included driving to Area 51, poring over numerous records both online and in libraries. Madsen added that he also modeled how older characters in the book spoke by listening to recordings of interviews from the time period.

Stanford medical doctor Yasser Al-Sayed, who helped edit early drafts of the book, said he appreciated the level of detail Madsen put into the mystery and setting.

"I have a hard time following some of the convolutions in (mystery plots), so I was probably more sensitive than others in trying to keep the dots connected so the story made sense to a reader in terms of how these various moments would flow, what kind of clues that were being related to the reader, and whether they had the

balance of mystery and enough transparency to create meaningful connections," Al-Sayed said.

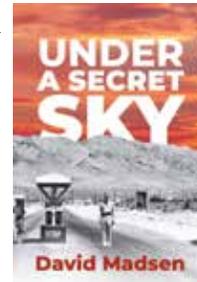
Madsen's longtime friend and fellow screenwriter Peter Hankoff, who helped edit early drafts of the book, said he enjoyed the book because it reflected the turbulent time both he and Madsen grew up in.

"The familiarity of that era is something that is congruent for both of us, even though I grew up in New York City and he grew up in Los Altos," Hankoff said. "When we were kids, we thought the world was going to blow up. Know how you have duck and cover for earthquake drills in school? Well, we had that for atomic blasts. So, when I read the book, it was familiar territory to me and territory I really liked."

While it is detail oriented, Madsen added "Under a Secret Sky" is more personal than his previous work because he drew from many of his childhood memories to create the characters.

He used memories of his parents to form the principal characters and memories of Los Altos to depict the feel of the city at that time.

"With this, I was able to create what my dad might have done in this situation, what my mom might have done, what I (as a 12-year-old) might have done," Madsen said. "That was a new opening for me as a novelist, because I'd never really done that before. I got hooked on that."



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# Schools

## Department of Education executive order may impact local schools

By Brandon Roth

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Many school resources within Santa Clara County such as children with disabilities grants, low-income funds and family health services all face risks of losing support from the federal government.

President Donald Trump announced in a statement on March 20 that many of the states have been using federal resources for “unaccountable bureaucracy” and that shutting down the Department of Education is the only way to ensure that test scores will improve and to terminate programs that talk about “diversity, equity, and inclusion.” The president believes the discretion of student funds should go to the states and provide local officials with fewer regulations.

With Trump’s executive order underway, with effects such as permission from the Supreme Court last Friday to freeze teacher training grants, threatening public school officials with

a memo by having them list out any of their programs that go against Title VI and revoking international students of their F-1 Student Visas, local officials are doing their best through public policy and the court system to revoke the current education downturns.

Last Saturday, State Senator Josh Becker of the 13th District, expressed his disappointment with Trump’s executive order by hosting a rally called “Stand Up and Speak Out for Schools” to support public education and to explain the impacts of losing federal funds. Many school educators, parents and other policymakers were in attendance and spoke at the event to call attention to the issues they may face.

Becker told the Town Crier that there would be a lot of collateral damage with the “reckless” education cuts and there would be no stability in the schools if there is chaos and confusion at the center of it. Becker said that over \$148 million dollars was supposed to come from the teacher training and recruitment grants, but the recent Su-



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President Donald Trump announced on March 20 that the Department of Education will close. The DOE, a public agency that provides federal funds for low-income communities, special education programs and health services, will now need to fund these programs at the state level.

preme Court decision is one of the damages to come out of the “culture war.” He also said many of the programs that are facing threats include special education, school meals and student

loans. “Since I’ve been here, we’ve increased state funding on average of \$7 billion a year for the last five years,” Becker said. “It’s been \$35 billion total. So

California is committed. When I came there, we did not have school meals. Now we have two school meals guaranteed. And we have grants for kitchens to

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## The Department of Education closure will devastate college student programs

By Hollis Bischoff

This March, the Trump administration announced plans to close the office of the Department of Education (DOE) and began laying off staff, moving services to other agencies and shuttering offices. While the full impact of these actions has yet to be felt, there are some immediate impacts.

discrimination. At this time, none of the cases have been reassigned.

Additionally, the administration has ordered a halt to almost 90 contracts and 30 grants to the Institute of Education Sciences; one of the most impactful is the study of interventions to improve outcomes for students with ADHD.

The DOE funds the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which guarantees students with disabilities the right to a free public education. It does so mostly through the use of an Independent Education Plan (IEP) and/or a “504 plan” which references Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These plans provide detailed specifics as to the support needed, including, but not limited to: note takers (either through a person or specialized pen, additional time on exams, keyboard entry rather than handwriting, each item tailored to provide the appropriate support for each learning difference, allowing the student to learn with less impediment.



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College student programs such as graduate programs and research funds and K-12 programs such as IEP and 504 face potential risks due to President Trump’s announcement to close the Department of Education.

Currently, there are approximately 7.5 million students being serviced under IDEA. It is proposed these plans will move to the Department

of Health and Human Services (HHS). Actual impact is unknown, however, there are real concerns about supporting the needs which are mainly

educational, not medical. And, concern over how the head of HHS perceives learning differ-

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### Road to College

The most immediate direct impact is the closing of some regional locations of the Office of Civil Rights, specifically the California office located in San Francisco. Currently, California has more than 700 pending complaints of civil rights violations in schools. Civil rights cases include cases of improper or missing support for students with an IEP, 504, physical disabilities, as well as, racial, religious and/or other

## Career fair reduces teen stress, increases hope for job opportunities

By Sana Buty  
Special to the Town Crier

The Taarika Foundation hosted a dynamic career fair for local teens March 2 at the Los Altos main library.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that creates and promotes youth mental health and works to break the stigma surrounding mental health. Through various community workshops, events and outreach led by youth and adult ambassadors, Taarika Foundation has raised mental awareness to hun-

dreds of youth across the Bay Area.

Many of today's teens are stressed and anxious about their future. Taarika Foundation organized the career fair with the goal of alleviating anxieties while offering hope and options for future careers. The well-attended event connected local youth with leading professionals in a wide range of career fields, including medicine, mental health care, finance, real estate, technology, art, music and education.

The Taarika Foundation

hosted more than 40 speakers from these various fields to give their insights and advice to the younger generation. Attendees had the chance to speak directly with the experts, gaining valuable knowledge and making connections that could shape their future careers.

Many expressed their excitement about the potential and enthusiasm they saw in the local youth. When asked about her experience as a career fair speaker, occupational therapist Renuka Buty remarked, "It was truly a great experience to inter-

act with the younger generation and get a scope of how many students were actually interested in my profession. I enjoyed answering questions, offering advice, and seeing their curiosity. It's inspiring to see how Taarika Foundation brought such engagement and enthusiasm for each field."

Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor made a special appearance at the event, greeting attendees and expressing support for the career fair. She acknowledged the need for improving youth mental health.

Organizers said the event was a success. Dr. Leena Khanzode, child and adolescent psychiatrist and Taarika Foundation founder, noted: "It truly takes a village to raise happy and successful kids."

To learn more about Taarika Foundation, visit taarika.foundation or follow Taarika Foundation on any social media platform. Taarika Foundation organizers plan to host the career fair again next year.

*Sana Buty is a junior at Archbishop Mitty High School.*

## Inaugural Youth Iftar event at MVHS draws 200 people



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MVLA students were invited for an Iftar dinner, a meal that follows a day of fasting during Ramadan, on March 19.

By Janavi Ramde  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain View High School's Muslim Student Association (MSA) recently held its inaugural Youth Iftar to celebrate a fast-breaking meal for Muslims.

Guest speakers at the event included MMA Fighter Amber Leibrock, comedian Sammy Obied and San Francisco 49ers defensive back Malik Mustapha.

"All of them are Muslim Americans, and we wanted to host Muslim speakers since it's about Ramadan," said a MSA president Naiel Chaudry, an MVHS sophomore and Food Network contest winner. "They were the meat of our event, and all the kids loved them. It was just incredible the fact they spoke and showed up, not knowing if they would even see my message when I contacted them."

Youth Iftar sold out, welcoming 200 attendees that included teachers and students from other ethnic clubs and religious groups, according to Chaudry. Major sponsors of the event included Chaudry's Lá Jawab Treats, along with Chicken G's and Ha Lal Fest, all of which he

said want to give back to the community.

Chaudry and MSA vice president Ibrahim Zanghi, a MVHS senior, said they started planning the event in January, expecting a small club get-together. However, thoughts of something bigger came up when they wanted to spread awareness about Islam.

"It definitely meant a lot to have such a large community," Zanghi said. "This year, we started to think about making our event bigger and wanted other students to experience what Islam is really like."

In between speakers, MSA members made up games like Ramadan-themed Family Feud to keep the energy alive. During the event, they kept space available for people to pray, a moment that Chaudry said touched attendees.

"It was one of the most beautiful moments to see," he said. "Students and teachers, who initially didn't know much about Ramadan, were praying on Mountain View High School's main quad, and that was just incredible. So, I was glad we achieved one of our main (goals) - to make people more informed and interested in Muslim culture."

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prepare school meals so kids can have, you know, learn on a full stomach, not an empty stomach. We didn't have transitional kindergarten; we didn't have pre-school before I started. Now we

have the recent universal TK, and we've gone even the last two years from 75,000 to 150,000 kids."

Becker said although the state has a lot of involvement with the school systems, federal fund cuts could impact the state budget, and it is a big "charade" for

Trump to say that there is a big debt with DOE. He said many other countries have better ways of handling debt, such as Australia's student loan program that allows one to pay a percentage of it based on their income. He said the United States is far away from this idea, but he hopes to get there.

"We have massive debt," he said. "Some people don't even graduate, and they have massive loans. It's not tied to your income. I think Australia has a much smarter and more humane model, but very far away from getting there. But that's something I'd like to work towards."

Jessica Speiser, Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee of Area 1, who attended State Senator Becker's rally as a spectator, told the Town Crier in an email that the California education system has protections, but they are not free from tribulations. Speiser said local property taxes provide the bulk of supporting public education while all the local public schools receive federal funding under laws such as the Individuals with Disabilities Act

taking protective actions with hiring freezes and reduction in research scope.

There are indirect impacts as well. With fewer graduate students, staffing for teaching assistants, labs, libraries, animal and human care clinics will be impacted as well.

Student medical centers, often a place for low income patients and seniors, will likely need to cut hours and support. Most of the impact will be felt next school year, as each program is seated into its new department and new funding rounds will need to be approved.

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ences, as an illness requiring medical treatment and isolation from society rather than as a requirement to provide educational support as defined above.

While outside of the DOE, other administration decisions are immediately impacting education. One such action is the pulling of NIH research funding for graduate programs throughout the United States. This has resulted in cancellation of graduate programs and rescinding of admissions for some 2025 Ph.D. entrants. For example, UCSD has cut 30% of their admissions to the Biological Science Ph.D. Program. Even institutions which have not cut student admissions are

county was also threatened with the recent Title VI memo and that the state will most likely fight this issue in court.

"State legislators and administrators are working hard in Sacramento to do their best to insulate our children from attempted changes by the current federal administration," she said. "Be it through starting or joining lawsuits questioning the legality of executive orders, or through introducing bills to overcome the threatened funding cuts."



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**State Senator Josh Becker spoke at a rally on April 5 to discuss the recent Board of Education issues that can affect public schools.**

(IDEA) and Title 1 funds. She said the SCCOE also receives funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Head Start, a program that services vulnerable young families and children with resources, but on April 1 it announced the local office is shutting down due to federal downsizes.

Speiser said the bulk of the resources the county uses from federal funds go directly to vulnerable communities and it is unknown at this time how it will impact children. She said the

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# Stepping Out

## Love, identity and human connection: Frankenstein

By Duanni Hurd  
Special to the Town Crier

It has been nine years since the world premiere of Liam Scarlett's "Frankenstein" by the Royal Ballet in London in 2016, and eight years since the North American premiere by the San Francisco Ballet in 2017. Highly anticipated, the season opening night's "Frankenstein" on March 20 at the War Memorial Opera House was undaunted, striking and sensational.

Considered one of the earliest works of science fiction, "Frankenstein" was written by Mary Shelley at the age of 18 and published on Jan. 1, 1818, when she was 20. A prominent English writer who had a rich literary heritage, Shelley left a lasting legacy on Gothic literature with her novels, short stories and essays.

Based on Shelley's novel, Scarlett's fascinating choreography follows the dramatic storyline of brilliant but reckless scientist Victor Frankenstein's obsession with creating life; his creation and immediate abandonment of a humanoid creature from dead tissue, The Creature, out of horrification and disgust. The Creature seeks love and acceptance by Frankenstein and society but only meets rejection and fear. Eventually, The Creature's despair and revenge kills Frankenstein's loved ones, leading to his own despair and suicide.

Far beyond a disturbing horror tale, "Frankenstein" depicts the themes of curiosity, love, desire, betrayal and loss. What is your favorite quote from "Frankenstein?" I have so many – expressing the most profound desire for love, identity and human connection interwoven with themes of loss, guilt and devastating consequences of defying nature. "I had desired it with an ardor that far exceeded moderation; but now that I had finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart." How to manifest such profound feelings without the vehicle of words, but through the movement of dance, has

been intriguing to me, to say the very least.

Scarlett developed the characters' movements through the storyline, combining classic technique with contemporary qualities while maintaining a distinct theme such as a signature step or movement quality that repeats throughout the entire work, emphasized as the motifs in dance. For example, the primal and awkward contemporary movements at The Creature's birth transform to much cleaner technique as The Creature learns language and social interactions, but the jerks and twitches remain since he is ultimately pieced together of mismatched dead human parts. Other motifs, such as a folded leg held closely against a standing leg, and movement stopped short, forcing reversed direction, showcase the emotional and physical repression of the general characters. Wei Wang as The Creature had an outstanding presence on stage with his strong and dominating physique yet profound emotional vulnerability via powerful executions of these dance motifs.

The dramatic narrative is accompanied by Lowell Liebermann's haunting and disturbing yet romantic and melodic original score which the composer compared to writing a "two-and-a-half-hour symphony" that focused on the emotional flow of the storyline.

Various other design elements contribute to the success of the production. Scenic and costume designer John Macfarlane hand-created models and did most of the painting from rough to finish. The Creature's makeup, that brings out the soul of his innocence, longing, despair and loss, is an extensive process that takes two hours.

An ambitious production based on a monumental piece of literature, San Francisco Ballet's "Frankenstein" depicts profound themes of love, identity and human connection via powerful artistic expressions of dance, music and designs.

An encore production runs April 24 to May 4 at the War Memorial Opera House. For



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The Creature, portrayed by Wei Wang above, will be performing in San Francisco Ballet's "Frankenstein." The encore of the show will run April 24 to May 4 at the War Memorial Opera House.

tickets and more information, visit [sfballet.org/productions/frankenstein/](http://sfballet.org/productions/frankenstein/).

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By Myles Mellor

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15. Record of events
- 16. Resurfaced thoroughfare in Los Altos**
18. Exotic biblical dancer
19. Painter's plaster
24. Chord notes one after the other
26. Hot drink maker (2 words)
31. Bootleg booze
32. Rich, 3 words
34. Hold forth
35. Actually existing, in legal terms, 2 words
- 40. The "other" library in Los Altos**
42. Left
47. Al \_\_\_\_ (not too soft)
48. Fit, 2 words
49. Have a strong desire for
50. Unscathed

51. Is beneficial

### Down

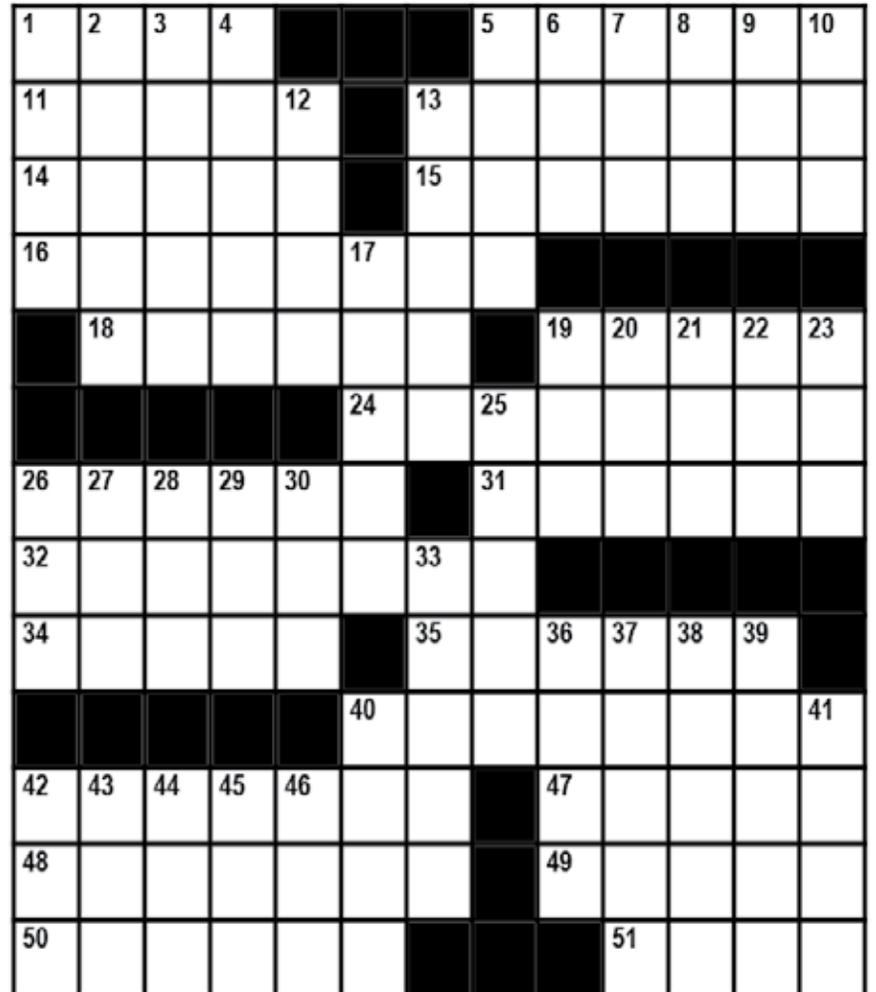
1. Masseur's target
2. Gets a cab
3. Pet protection org.
4. Calyx part
5. Tex-Mex snack
6. Drunk's sound, \_\_\_\_ cup
7. "Don't Bring Me Down" band, abbr.
8. Old French coin
9. Sea bird
10. Stratosphere streaker, abbr.
12. Major-\_\_\_\_
13. More logical
17. Insect stage
19. Prefix with centric
20. Freudian topic
21. Military rank, abbr.
22. Command to an attack dog
23. "Wow!"
25. \_\_\_\_graph (record-player)
26. Couple
27. One engaged in, suffix
28. \_\_\_\_ maison (indoors):

### Fr.

29. Deli request, abbr.
30. Gobbled up
33. Part of LED
36. Go around in circles
37. Eight-hour essential
38. Arabian capital
39. Way in
40. Cried
41. Shelters
42. Lucky Roman number
43. Columnist, Landers
44. Winter hours in Minn., abbr.
45. "So it's you!"
46. Tic-\_\_\_\_-toe

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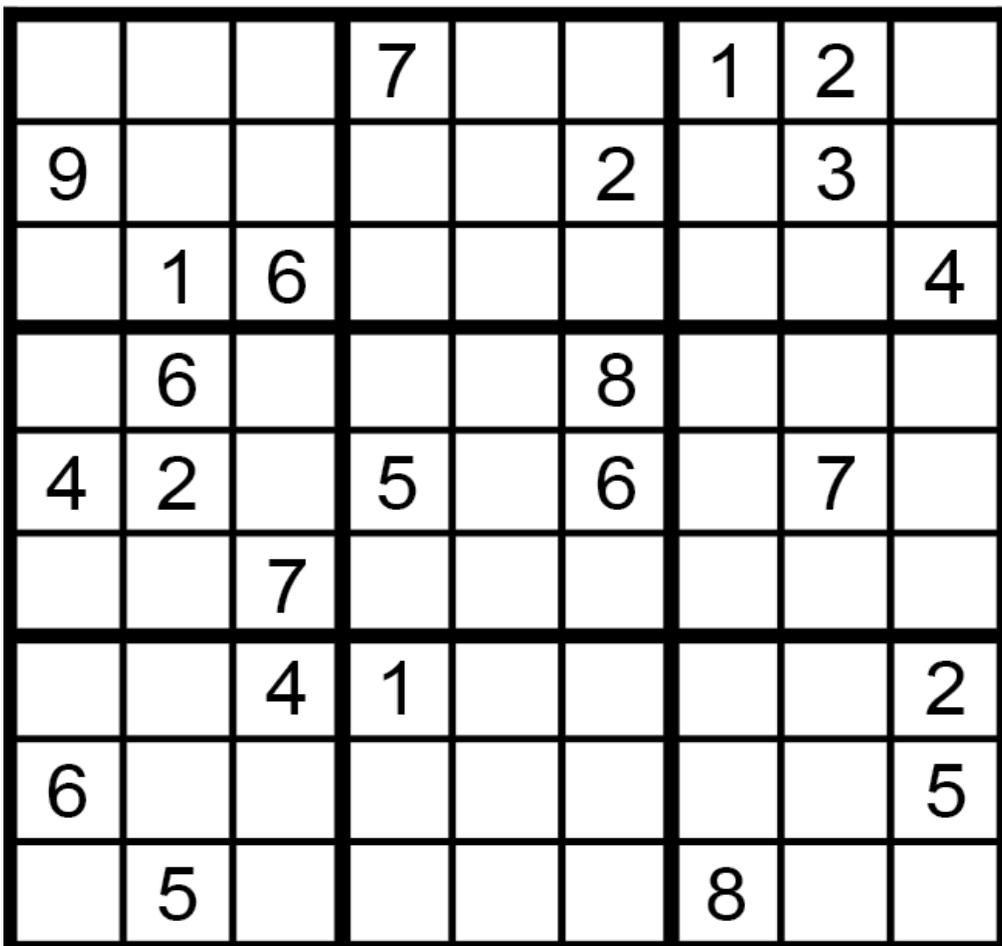
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## Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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



## Find A Word



Fifteen kitchen 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.

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|------------|-----------|---------|
| Breadboard | Knives    | Range   |
| Cabinet    | Microwave | Shelf   |
| Countertop | Oven      | Sink    |
| Cutlery    | Peeler    | Spatula |
| Grater     | Press     | Spoon   |

# Sports

## MV baseball falls to tough Los Gatos

By Curtis Driscoll

Staff Writer/curtisd@latc.com

After a marathon 15-inning game earlier in the week, it was understandable that Mountain View ran out of gas Friday against Los Gatos.

In the toughest series of the season, the Spartans held their own against defending SCVAL champion Los Gatos despite losing both games. The first game started Tuesday, April 1, and spanned two days, with the contest cut off at 7:45 p.m. when darkness hit and the team's tied 5-5 in the 11th inning at Los Gatos. The teams returned to the field Wednesday and continued thanks to both scoring in the 12th and 14th innings until Los Gatos scored the winning runs in the 15th.

Less than 48 hours later, the teams met Friday at Mountain View, where Los Gatos won 9-3 thanks to an offensive surge in the middle innings.

"We probably played sev-

en to eight hours of baseball against these guys this week," Mountain View coach Jeff Schwan said.

Despite the long week, the Spartans responded earlier in the game Friday, getting an RBI single from Kyle Shachal in the first inning to tie the game and solid pitching from Ben McDonald in the first few innings. Los Gatos' hitting showed in the third and fourth innings, with the Wildcats' Lucas Carlisle getting an RBI double in the third inning and Brady Simon and Julian McMahon adding RBI singles in the fourth.

"They have an extremely talented squad and really deep squad," Schwan said. "They are coming here with 28, 29, 30 guys. So when they need someone off the bench to execute, they have a plethora of people to choose from."

Outfielder Luke Orrock, who hit a single up the middle for two RBIs in the fifth inning of the game Friday to make it



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Mountain View pitcher Zander Yocum throws for the Spartans against Los Gatos Friday in a 9-3 loss in the second game of the series.

7-3, noted the team brought the intensity the first two days and fought through the week against the defending league champions.

"Last game, we had a 15-inning battle, so it took a lot to get through that game, so coming into today it was giving it what I had, not a lot left in the tank,

but we were just battling with what we had," Orrock said.

The busy week concluded with a 4-0 win over non league

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## Saint Francis girls wrestling team caps historic season

By Annabelle Eaton

Town Crier Editorial Intern

In only three years, the St. Francis High girls wrestling team has grown from six girls practicing with the boys to 38 athletes excelling at the league, regional and state levels this year.

"We (became) one of the largest teams in the whole state of California," head coach Joey Bareng said. "And as we've been winning, I think it's been attracting more people and more notoriety to our program."

The Lancers growth in numbers culminated in their most successful season yet. After going undefeated in the West Catholic Athletic League and taking first place in the final league tournament, 14 athletes qualified for the Central Coast Section championships.

"I credit everyone on my team and my family and everyone who's just been supporting each other through it," junior team captain April Gao said. "I think wrestling is a really difficult sport, and although it is individual when you're out on the mat, in the room, we all depend on each other's support."

The team went on to take first in the CCS Northern Regional tournament,

bringing home two individual championships courtesy of Gao and sophomore Katherine Love. This marked the first time in St. Francis girls wrestling history that a competitor has claimed a CCS title.

"I stayed really focused," Gao said. "I didn't overthink it. And I knew a lot of my opponents were gonna be good, but I just trusted in myself, and I knew what I was capable of, which I think helped my getting first in North and then in Masters."

From the regional tournament, eight girls moved onto CCS Masters, where St. Francis took second place, leaving only four girls to compete at the state championship. There, sophomore Eva Bhattacharya took seventh, becoming the first girl at St. Francis to place at that level.

"She just has the talent, she has the mindset, she has the discipline," Bareng said of Bhattacharya. "She's bought into the lifestyle of wrestling, the first part that has to happen with every athlete. She's already done that, and she was lucky enough to have gone through as a sophomore."

Bhattacharya credits her mom for being the biggest supporter of her wres-



COURTESY OF EVA BHATTACHARYA

St. Francis wrestler Eva Bhattacharya competes at a meet this season. Bhattacharya finished seventh at the state level, the first St. Francis girl to ever place there.

ting lifestyle, including helping her cut weight.

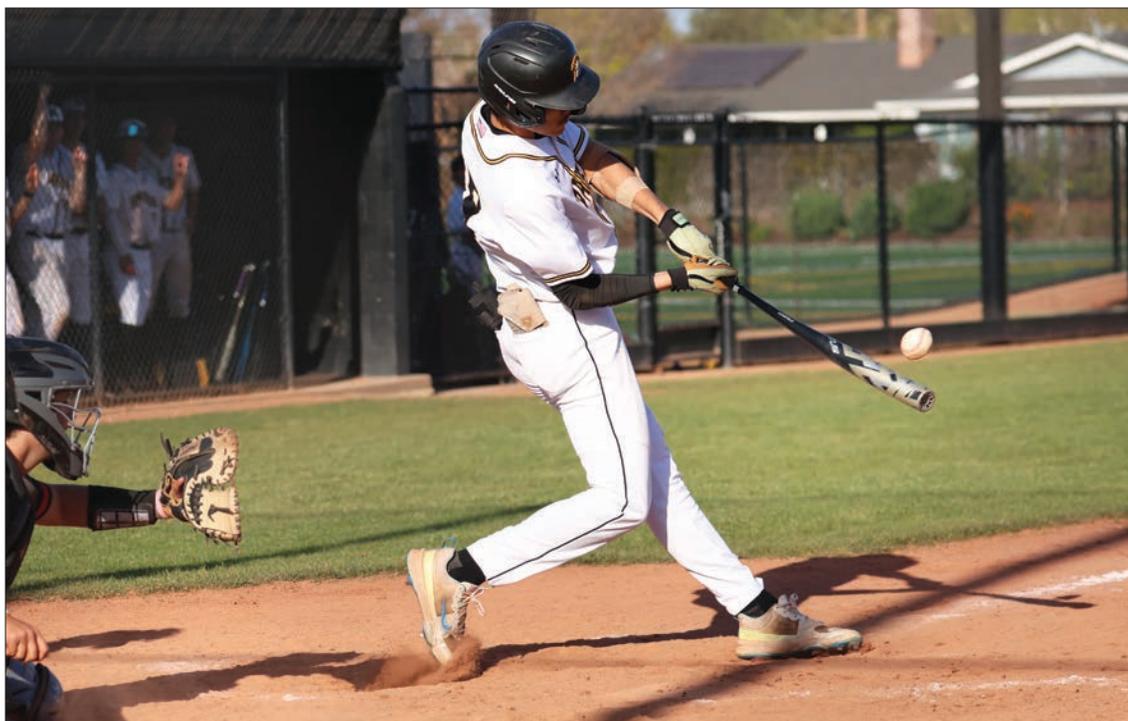
"I genuinely do not believe that I could have got as far as I did this season without her," she said. "She's like, 'I know you're tired, Eva, but you can do this.' She pushed me through it all."

According to Bhattacharya, however, her seventh place on the podium is not

something she will settle for. Despite recovering from an MCL tear that happened in the first week of season and upsetting three girls at the state tournament to finish the season, Bhattacharya hopes to become state champion during her high school career.

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Mountain View hitter Austin Xu makes contact with a pitch against Los Gatos Friday.

## BASEBALL

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opponent Aragon Saturday, improving the Spartans to 10-5 on the season. Mountain View is now 2-2 in SCVAL De Anza Division league play and will rely on a combination of seniors and sophomores to hopefully repeat last year's playoff success. The Spartans won the Central Coast Section Division IV championship last season against Homestead, its first CCS championship since 2019. The team returns six starters from last year's squad and will

rely on its four captains to lead the team: Christian Bandy, Orrock, Jaeden Pietrofeso and Austin Xu. The team has nine sophomores on varsity this season, with four out of the five new starters this year sophomores.

"They've just embraced our style," Schwan said of the sophomores. "They are super coachable. They've performed in games too, so I can't say enough about them coming up as sophomores."

Mountain View's next league game is at home against Homestead April 18 at 4 p.m.

To pitch an idea for the Sports section or to comment on its content, email section editor Curtis Driscoll at [curtisd@latc.com](mailto:curtisd@latc.com).

## Blach girls basketball wins championship



COURTESY OF ANGELA KAO

The Blach Middle School eighth grade girls basketball team won the Valley Athletic League Championship against Graham 37-20 April 3. The game took place at Egan. Blach finished the regular season with an 8-1 record. Back row: Zach Maye (coach), Annaaya Mashru, Olivia Peters, Kate McKinney, Nathalie Zhang, Calla Holtshouse and Hailey Schmidt. Bottom row: Madeline Nord, Emilia Yamada, Juliet Kao, Deanna Yamada, Edith Huang and Leah Shverdin.

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

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“I’m so young that the hunger needs to be ... there,” Bhat-tacharya said. “(The state tournament) was a very big deal to me, but in my heart, I know I can go ... higher than that.”

This hunger is shared among many of Bareng’s athletes and is one of the foundations of his coaching philosophies.

“Successful programs always come from good philosophies,” Bareng said. “As we get better on the mat, the philosophies have to change.”

According to Bareng, his first year of coaching established a philosophy of having fun with winning as a secondary goal. However, his second year, the team was hungry for more success.

“This season was like, well, we were good last year, why don’t we shoot for some amazing goals this year,” Bareng said. “Now we’re at the point where we are one of the top teams in the state and one of

the top teams in the CCS, for sure. So, we have to own that and wrestle to that level.”

As Bareng prepares for the next season, he expects growing interest. However, his focus will not be on growth, but rather developing the players he currently has.

“If we are allowed to have a (junior varsity) team, which we don’t have now, that will definitely grow the program,” Bareng said. “But as of now, I may actually have to do some cutting.”

In the coming months, Bhat-tacharya hopes to improve her skills by wrestling outside of school, hoping to win nationals to become part of the world team. Gao also competes in the off season and, as a junior, is working toward her goal of playing in college.

“I’m definitely looking to get recruited,” Gao said. “I just want to put in a lot of work this summer so then I can use that experience to propel me during my last high school season and also after.”



COURTESY OF APRIL GAO

The St. Francis girls team wrestling celebrates winning the WCAL title and going undefeated in league. The Lancers qualified 14 wrestlers for the Central Coast Section championships.

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# Food & Wine

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## Spring is for oven roasted veggie or lamb tagines

### Silicon Valley Sips

By Christine Moore

I'm an avid reader of New York Times Food. In a recent article, one of their editors suggests that spring is pasta season. With the kind of range Oscar-winning actors would envy, pasta certainly is a well-cast choice for dish of the season. I, however, would like to make a pitch for tagines.

With sunny days and cool evenings, tagines celebrate the vibrancy of the spring season while offering the comforting, warm nourishment we all still crave. A complex balance of both sweet and savory flavors, the North African stew is special enough for a holiday gathering and simple enough for family dinner.

What is great about getting comfortable with tagine recipes is that they open an entire category of recipes. With versions of the dish featuring lamb, beef, chicken, fish or totally vegetarian, they are an exciting way to please all sorts of palates and food preferences.

One day, I will own the conical shaped earthenware vessel also called a tagine that the dish is traditionally cooked in. Until then, my Dutch oven works wonderfully.

### Weeknight tomato and chickpea tagine

This easy tagine is a great weeknight



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There are many ways to explore tagine, a North African stew with many warm and acidic flavors popular in Morocco. There are many versions such as vegetarian, lamb, chicken, beef and fish that can incorporate the flavors.

supper. We try to eat plant-based meals at least once a week. This fits that bill. While it comes together in just about 30 minutes, the dish gives all the comfort of a low and slow cooked stew.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 medium, ripe tomatoes
- 1 14-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed
- 2-3 garlic gloves, finely diced
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

- 1/4 teaspoon coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup Greek yogurt
- Zest of one lemon
- Sprinkle of flaky sea salt, such as

Muldoon

- Chopped Italian parsley for

garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat a skillet or small Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add olive oil and when it begins to shimmer, add chopped tomatoes. Sauté for 4-5 minutes, until tomatoes begin to release their juices.

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## Wine tasting tips from a beginner

By Brandon Roth

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Since moving to the Bay Area last year, I have had the pleasure of exploring the many wineries in Sonoma, Napa and Lodi. With the marvelous backdrops of rolling hills, the outstanding hospitality from the sommeliers and unwinding with family and friends, visiting wineries has become a great pastime for me. There is so much history to be learned when you visit a site and drinking the unique varieties of wine will make you appreciate all the hard work that goes into filling a bottle.

Wine can be a stressful activity for some to comprehend at first. In the last thousands of years, since wine has been consumed, rules have been established on how a wine is best presented, viewed, smelled and tasted. Wine has many subtle differences with our senses that one may miss if they don't know the basic instructions. Although it takes some training and experience to learn the various techniques, it is not meant to overwhelm you, but to get up close and personal with the wine and develop a language with it.

I am no expert, and I have

no qualifications with wine, but I have been actively trying my best to understand it. I hope my list can serve with your first tasting or refresh your memory on how complex and exciting wine tasting can be.

### Don't be afraid to ask questions

The choices are unlimited when finding your wine preference on a list. From a wine's color, taste profiles and meal pairs, there are many choices one can make when discovering a new wine. The best

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Wine tasting may seem like a stuffy activity, but it is a great place to learn about history, appreciate the craft of wine making and be a detective with the subtle differences with each variety.

# Food & Wine

## Grow, harvest and enjoy all parts of cilantro

By Melinda Myers

Growing cilantro is easy, but this cool-weather herb quickly flowers and goes to seed as temperatures rise. This can be frustrating as some vegetables typically combined with cilantro, like tomatoes and peppers, ripen during the warmer summer months. Try making multiple plantings, using all parts of the plant, or growing more heat-tolerant options to extend your enjoyment.

Sow seeds every three to four weeks throughout the summer for continual harvests if your summers are relatively cool. Gardeners in hotter regions will have the best results growing cilantro in spring, fall, and even winter when temperatures are cooler. Grow cilantro in full sun or light shade as temperatures climb and

in moist, well-drained soil for best results.

Mulching the soil with leaves or evergreen needles helps keep the roots cool and moist, helping delay flowering. Avoid overwatering, which can lead to root rot.

Cilantro grows quickly, and its leaves can be harvested when the plants are four to six inches tall. Harvest as needed and as much as a third of the plant at one time to allow it to keep producing. Or cut the whole plant back to an inch above the ground and wait for it to regrow. Cilantro should be harvested often to encourage new growth and before the plants flower for the best flavor.

Store freshly cut leaves like a bouquet in a glass of fresh water. Place in the refrigerator to use for the upcoming week. Hang

leaves upside down to dry or freeze. Just wash the leaves, pat dry, and place them in a freezer bag or air-tight container in the freezer. Or chop up the rinsed cilantro into smaller pieces, place in ice cube trays, and top with a splash of water before placing in the freezer.

Don't be surprised as temperatures rise, the plant will flower and set seed. Look at this as an opportunity to utilize the other parts of this plant. Enjoy the beauty and flavor of the lacy white flowers that attract beneficial insects to the garden.

Seeds will appear after the flowers fade. Wait for the plants and seeds to turn brown if you plan to harvest and use the seeds, known as coriander. Cut off the seed heads, place them in a paper bag, and allow the seeds to



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Cilantro is a favorite ingredient in guacamole, tacos, rice dishes and salsa, but as summer temperatures rise, cilantro quickly goes to seed.

drop to the bottom. The seeds are ground and used in breads, cakes, pickling spices and Asian food. Store in sealed containers until ready to use.

You can also let the plant self-seed. Allow the seeds to drop to the ground in the garden and grow new cilantro plants to harvest and enjoy. Cilantro seeds sprout readily when soil temperatures are 55 to 68° F and the plants can withstand a light frost.

Don't forget to harvest the roots. These have a strong peppery, citrus spicy flavor, so are often used for seasoning Thai and Vietnamese food. They taste best when harvested in the fall.

Extend the season by growing more heat-tolerant varieties that are slower to develop flowers and seeds like Slo-Bolt, Longstand-

ing, Cruiser and Santo. Papalo, also known as summer cilantro, has a similar but stronger flavor than cilantro with a hint of citrus and mint and thrives in hot weather. You will only need one or two plants since this annual grows up to five feet tall and several feet wide. Harvest young leaves for the best flavor and use only 1/2 or 1/3 the amount of cilantro called for in recipes.

Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment by utilizing every part of the plant. Adjust your cilantro growing techniques and plant selection to help beat the heat.

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# Food & Wine

## TASTING

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thing to do when you find yourself overwhelmed with a decision is to ask for help. A sommelier or wine expert is a handy resource when it comes to understanding complex flavors and learning about the product.

A sommelier will usually provide a selection of wines the winery is known for and allow one to sample the product. When in doubt, the experts will provide you with a few varieties that

will put you in the right direction.

### Take notes

Last time I went wine tasting, I carried a notebook with me to remember what I liked and disliked. Although not everyone has to do this, it is sometimes important to record the wine you prefer and not be stuck again buying a wine that you have a distaste for.

My notes are usually organized based on the wine variety and then I write down the smell and taste notes that stood out to me. I also include

how it is served and the food pairing recommendations a sommelier or friend suggests. I like to cherish wine that I know I will appreciate, and I don't want someone to open a bottle at dinner that will go to waste.

### Wine is personal

You don't need to buy the fanciest wine to please yourself or the guests you serve it to. If you know the wine tastes good, that is your only justification to have it in your home. Although I have had plenty of cheap wines in

college to expensive varieties with family in Napa, I think it comes down to the story behind it and why you like it, such as the taste or the memories behind it. Your wine tastes change through time and it can hold a memory each time you drink it.

Wine tasting should be an enjoyment for everyone to learn about a vineyard, bond with loved ones and try a new flavor profile that may either delight or disgust your pallet. Wine is an adventure, and it is all about what you make of it.

## TAGINE

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Salt well, then add all the seasonings. Add garlic and drained chickpeas. Cook for two minutes, stirring a few times. Place lid atop skillet, put into the oven. Cook for 20 minutes.

While tagine is in the oven, spread Greek yogurt evenly out on a small platter. Sprinkle with lemon zest and small amount of flaky salt.

Once cooked, pour tomato and chickpeas over the yogurt. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serve with slices of your favorite crusty bread and a green salad.

### Easter lamb tagine

Growing up on a farm, Easter always meant two things: the bunny had nearly endless places to hide eggs and our home would host a big family celebration. While my mom's menu was always ham, scalloped potatoes, pasta bake and loads of salads, I like serving lamb. The crowds that gather these days are smaller, which makes serving a smaller menu possible. Follow the tips below to pair your evening with the perfect wine and movie menu. Then, find the flick suited for your date night in, and your romantic evening is set to go.

- 3 1/2 pounds lamb shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, more as needed
- 2 cups beef or chicken stock
- 1 cup dried figs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 cinnamon stick
- Large pinch saffron
- 3/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 3/4 teaspoon ground



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**Tagine is slow cooked dish and the flavors are a showstopper. Moore recommends this dish as a great family gathering meal that is simple, but also complex.**

black pepper

- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

- 1 preserved lemon, quartered, seeds removed

- 1/3 cup Italian parsley, chopped, plus 2 tablespoons for garnish

- 1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds

- Fresh lemon juice, to taste
- Place lamb in a large bowl and salt. Set aside for one hour.

Heat oven to 325 degrees. In a tagine or Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the lamb to the pot five to six pieces at a time. Allow to brown on all sides, then remove from pot while you continue browning the lamb.

Drain most of the fat from pot and add the onions and pinch of salt. Cook until soft, 6-7 minutes. Add tomato paste, ginger, cinnamon stick and the spices, cook until fragrant, about two minutes. Add lamb, the figs, preserved lemon and the stock.

Cover pot with lid. Place in the oven to cook for 2 1/2 hours – checking on it a few times.

When cooked, taste for seasoning and transfer lamb to a serving dish. Top with almonds and parsley and lemon juice. Serve with couscous.

*Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident. To read more food and drink tips from her, visit [writeyum.com](http://writeyum.com).*

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# Business & Real Estate

## After a decade on State, Los Altos Rug Gallery is closing



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

Los Altos Rug Gallery has been on State Street in downtown Los Altos since 2015. The store is closing in May, and the owner is trying to sell as much of the shop as possible before that time.

**By Christina Casillas**

Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

**F**ahim Karimi, owner of the Los Altos Rug Gallery on State Street, has been in the rug business for almost 40 years. From buying and selling the beautiful, hand-woven designs without a physical space to opening his first brick-and-mortar in Palo Alto, the tenured business owner has seen it all.

But after the building where the 366 State St. business is located was bought by a new land owner, Karimi said it was time

to close.

The original building owner died a few years ago, Karimi said, after which the building was sold to a buyer at an under-market value. The purchaser then sold the building at a higher price, after which it was bought by a developer.

“I’d have to either sign a lease with a high price or they demolish this place and we’d have to move,” he said.

In his 39 years in business, Karimi said he’s sold around 3,000 to 4,000 rugs. He began to import rugs from overseas in 1986, and in 1989 he opened his

first brick-and-mortar business – Palo Alto Rug Gallery – on Emerson Street in Palo Alto. He then moved the store to 500 University Ave. in the same city, where he operated for 20 years.

Karimi shuttered shop in Palo Alto after the building was purchased by a developer and targeted for demolition, he said – a similar situation to the one that’s moved him to close Los Altos Rug Gallery. He told the Town Crier previously that moving into another space in Palo Alto would have been too expensive, and when he found



the Los Altos State Street location, it was the perfect fit.

The Los Altos Rug Gallery took over the spot that was once occupied by Know Knew Books, and since 2015 he’s had clients from all over the Bay Area, including customers who previously purchased from him when he was in Palo Alto.

What set Los Altos Rug Gallery apart from other rug sellers was the variety, Karimi said. From modern designs to tapestries and rugs that were woven more than 150 years ago, the inventory is diverse.

The Los Altos Rug Gallery

lease is up in May, Karimi said, and how long the business is in the space after that “depends on the landowner,” he said.

Karimi said he’s trying to sell as much of the inventory, including rugs and tapestries, as possible. Buyers can find antique, Afghan and Pakistan rugs at the location, all of which are at a discounted price.

He plans to sell the unsold inventory to local and national rug stores.

“I was lucky to be in this business for a long time,” Karimi said while surrounded by the rugs in his store.

## Consult an expert: Proposition 19 terms and phrases you should know

**By Owen Halliday**

**A**t a high level, when selling their home, Proposition 19 allows homeowners (55+) to transfer the property tax basis on their current home to the new home. There are rules about the timing of the sale and purchase, which are outlined below. The idea behind this proposition was to free up inventory by removing the disincentive the increasing property tax presented to long time homeowners.

### Operative date & timing

- Operative date: The provisions of Proposition 19 began on April 1, 2021.
- Date of transfer: The transfer of base year value occurs on the later of the sale of the original primary residence or the purchase/completion of the replacement home.
- Sale and purchase timing: Only one of the transactions (sale of the original home or purchase of the new

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home) must occur after April 1, 2021, for eligibility under Proposition 19.

- Selling First: If the new home is purchased before selling the original home, property taxes on the new home will be based on its market value until the original home is sold. No tax refunds or cancellations apply during this period.

### Eligibility & requirements

- Age requirement: You must be at least 55 years old when selling the original home to qualify for the base year value transfer.
- Spouse eligibility: If one spouse is over 55, they can transfer the base year value, even if the other spouse is younger.
- Primary residence: The home you

sell must be your primary residence when sold. You can still transfer the base year value if the home was damaged by a disaster (e.g., wildfire or flood).

- Co-ownership: Co-owners on the title can still qualify for the transfer as long as the eligible owner is at least 55 years old.

### Location & transfers

- Statewide transfer: Proposition 19 allows base year value transfers to replacement homes anywhere in California, with no county-specific ordinance required.
- Out-of-state homes: The original home must be located in California for the transfer; you cannot transfer base year value from a home in another state (for example, Georgia).

### Value comparison & taxes

- Higher value replacement home:

If the replacement home costs more than the original home, the new taxable value will be adjusted by adding the difference in value to the original base year value.

- Tax adjustments: Property taxes may change even if the base year value is transferred, depending on the tax rate area.

### Multi-unit property

- Multi-unit homes: If the original home is a multi-unit property, the base year value transfer applies only to the unit used as your primary residence.

### Disaster situations

- Disaster relief: If your home was damaged by a disaster (e.g., wildfire, flood), you can transfer the base year value if the home was substantially damaged and sold within two years of

# Business & Real Estate

## Are ETFs better than mutual funds?

By Artie Green

You're probably familiar with mutual funds. They are arguably the most common type of investment choice for 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But ever since the first exchange-traded fund (ETF) appeared in 1993, investments into ETFs have been steadily overtaking those into traditional mutual funds. Why is this happening? Are ETFs better than mutual funds?

Like traditional mutual funds, ETFs represent a basket of assets such as stocks or bonds. Unlike mutual funds, investors cannot buy ETF shares directly from the investment companies that offer them. Instead, investors must buy ETFs from other investors on the secondary markets, just like stocks. That has several implications: You can buy an ETF anytime during the trading day, unlike a mutual fund, which can only be bought at the end of the day after its net asset value (NAV) has been calculated; and during periods of high demand, the prices of ETFs can exceed the NAV of their underlying assets, and vice-versa when demand is weak.

Since buyers generally do not want to pay more than an ETF is worth, something is needed to keep the price close to the ETF's NAV. The solution is to allow certain financial institutions known as authorized participants (APs) the ability to swap with the ETF issuer blocks of ETF shares (called creation units) for the underlying securities. This approach gives the issuer an arbitrage mechanism that tends to minimize the potential deviation between the market price and the NAV of the ETF's shares. If there is strong investor demand for an ETF, its share price will temporarily rise above its NAV per share, giving APs an incentive to purchase the underlying securities in the secondary market and trade them for additional creation units from the ETF issuer (since the creation units are currently worth more than its holdings). The additional supply of ETF shares the AP acquired from the issuer is then sold in

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the secondary markets, which reduces the ETF price per share, consequently eliminating the premium over NAV. A reverse process applies when there is weak demand for an ETF and its shares trade at a discount from NAV (the AP buys ETF shares from other investors and swaps them with the ETF issuer for the underlying securities).

One of the key advantages of an ETF comes from the swapping capability described above. By swapping, the ETF issuer can defer some of the taxable distributions that mutual funds ordinarily pass on to shareowners at the end of each year. On the downside, when ETFs are thinly traded, they have the same issues stocks do. The spread between bid price (highest price someone can pay) and ask price (the lowest price a seller will accept) can be high. This adds to the cost of purchasing or redeeming shares. Mutual funds do not have this problem since the fund company creates or sells shares at the end of each trading day exactly at NAV.

Another difference is that certain mutual funds may have different classes, each with different expense ratios, targeted for different types of investors. Each ETF has only one expense ratio.

Unless you're a day trader, the fact that you can purchase ETFs at any time during the day is not necessarily a benefit in my opinion. In fact, the time of day at which you make your trade can have a big impact on the bid/ask spread described above.

The greatest benefit to investors of either type of fund is the diversification they bring to different asset classes. If you're planning to buy and hold a fund in a taxable account, ETFs are probably the better choice as long as you stick to higher-volume ETFs and pay close attention to trading costs.

*Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit [cognizantwealth.com](http://cognizantwealth.com).*

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purchasing a replacement.

### Application & filing

- **Claim filing:** To transfer your base year value, you must file a claim with the local county assessor where the replacement home is located after both homes (original and replacement) have been sold and purchased.
- **Form access:** Forms for filing a claim are available at the county assessor's office of the replacement home's location.
- **Refunds:** If you paid taxes based on

the new home's market value before the claim is approved, taxes will be refunded or adjusted based on the new base year value once your claim is processed.

This simplified version captures the core details about eligibility, timing, and procedures for transferring a base year value under Proposition 19 in California. For more detailed questions or specific cases, it's advisable to consult with the local county assessor's office.

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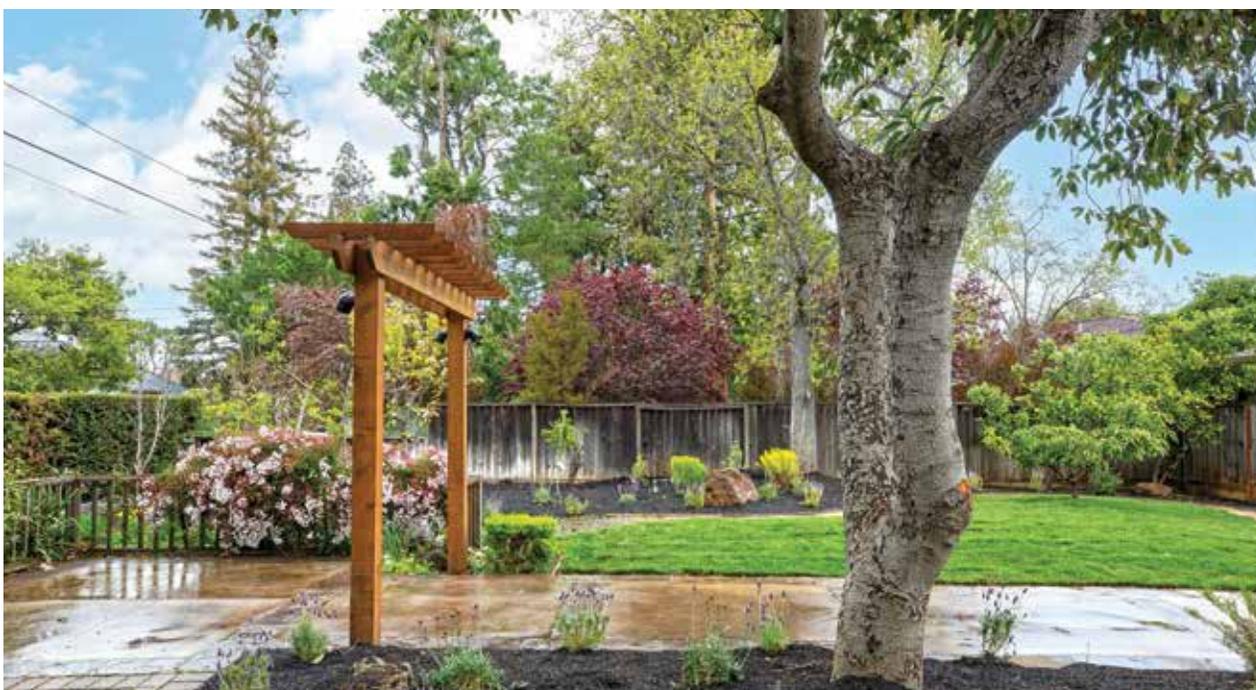


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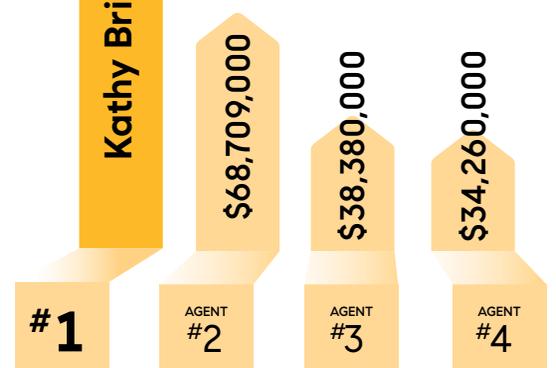
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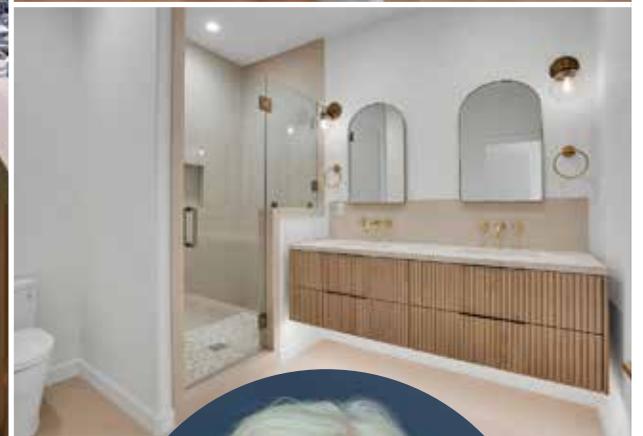
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### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

##### FOR

#### Matadero Creek Restoration and Bank Stabilization Project

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside "Bid For Matadero Creek Restoration and Bank Stabilization Project".

2. VOLUNTARY PRE-BID MEETING. A voluntary pre-bid meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will start at the Town Hall located at 26279 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, to be followed by a site visit.

3. WORK DESCRIPTION. The work consists of, in general, re-grading a portion of the creek channel, installing a rock riprap grade control structure, replanting of the area, removing existing barriers, and installing new guard-rail system. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$440,000.

4. WORKING DAYS. The work under this Contract is to be completed in **FORTY (45)** working days, a ONE-YEAR (1) year landscape maintenance period shall commence at the end of the 30 working days after installation of all planting materials is completed.

5. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. A **Class "A"** Contractor's License is required for bidders to bid on this project. A **Class "C-27"** Contractor's License is required for planting. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

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

7. PERFORMANCE BONDS. Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in Section 3-1.05 of the Special Provisions will be required from the successful bidder.

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

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

10. OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the Public Works Department website at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx>. (b) Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at \$40.00 dollars per set and are obtainable from the office of the City Engineer, Town of Los Altos Hills, Public Works Department, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents.

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

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13. RELIEF OF BIDDERS. As stated in Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5108, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

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

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

16. RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERI-

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 2, 2025  
/s/ Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk  
(04-09,16,25)

**087-T**

#### LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

The Los Altos School District parcel tax exemption for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is available for district residents who meet certain requirements. The deadline for the exemption is June 30, 2025. To see if you are eligible for the Senior Exemption (Measures H and A), or the SSI/SSDI exemption (Measure A) please see the eligibility requirements and download the exemption forms on our website, [www.lasdschools.org](http://www.lasdschools.org), or contact Carol Parris-Brown at the Los Altos School District at 650-947-1150 prior to June 30, 2025.

(04-09,16,23,30-25)

**086-T**

#### RUNDIPITY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714834

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RUNDIPITY, 1213 W Washington Ave Apt 1, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Dante Paszkeicz, 1213 West Washington Ave, Apt 1, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Dante Paszkeicz / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/24/2025.

(04-09,16,23,30-25)

**085-T**

#### SOMETHING SPECIAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714699

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SOMETHING SPECIAL, 112 Prindville Ct, San Jose, CA, 95138, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LOVE TIMES TWO INC, 112 Prindville Ct, San Jose, CA 95138. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/07/2025. /S/ Kimberly Le / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/19/2025.

(04-09,16,23,30-25)

**084-T**

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VICTOR V. PLATONOFF CASE NO. 25PR199443

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of VICTOR V. PLATONOFF. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANGELIQUE ELMENGARD in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANGELIQUE ELMENGARD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/05/25 at 9:01AM in Dept. 2

located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner Diana Dean Gendotti, Esq. 95 Main Street, Suite 7 Los Altos, CA 94022 (650) 947-0307 (04-02,09,16,25)

**083-T**

#### MAGIC CLAW WORLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714746

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MAGIC CLAW WORLD, 447 Great Mall Dr, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HUMAN CLAW MACHINE. INC, 528 N Moore Ave Apt A, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/20/2025. /S/ Shen Bing / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/20/2025.

(04-02,09,16,23-25)

**080-T**

#### TENTS-N-RENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713807

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TENTS-N-RENTS, 14 Muirfield Ct, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Liza Marie Escobar, 14 Muirfield Ct, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/12/2025. /S/ Liza Escobar / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa

Clara County on 02/18/2025. (04-02,09,16,23-25)

**079-T**

#### REDEEMING SPEECH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714830

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: REDEEMING SPEECH, 1548 Meadow Lane, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Natalie Kato, 1548 Meadow Lane, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Natalie Kato / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/24/2025.

(04-02,09,16,23-25)

**076-T**

#### MYSTIC POETS SOCIETY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714848

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MYSTIC POETS SOCIETY, (2) URBAN DEBUG, (3) PURPLE SCREAM, 4173 El Camino Real #41, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BLURRED WHISPER, LLC, 4173 El Camino Real #41, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/03/2008. /S/ Mojdeh Marashi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/24/2025.

(04-02,09,16,23-25)

**075-T**

#### 1EYEC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714727

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1EYEC, 3903 Middlefield Rd Apt D, Palo Alto, CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LED-DYWORD LLC, 3903 Apt D Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/19/2025. /S/ Anthony Leddy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/19/2025.

(03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

**074-T**

#### Lemon Slice FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714529

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Lemon Slice, 608 Palm Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is

(are): Infinity AI, Inc., 608 Palm Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/20/2025. /S/ Lina Colucci / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/13/2025.

(03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

**072-T**

#### SOUTH BAY CRANE & RIGGING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714720

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SOUTH BAY CRANE & RIGGING, 1800 Russell Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ARBORLIFT INC., 1800 Russell Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/30/2015. /S/ Jose Melendez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/19/2025.

(03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

**071-T**

#### SOUTH BAY WATER AND CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714383

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SOUTH BAY WATER AND CONSTRUCTION, 649 Distel Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Margaret Manassero, 649 Distel Dr, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/01/2025. /S/ Margaret Manassero / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/11/2025.

(03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

**070-T**

#### DESIGNFIX LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714677

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DESIGNFIX LLC, 779 Glenborough Dr, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DESIGNFIX LLC, 779 Glenborough Dr, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/01/2022. /S/ Amanda Giles / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/18/2025.

(03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

**069-T**

# Public Notices

## BIT BOAT TECHNOLOGY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714653

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) BIT BOAT TECHNOLOGY, (2) BITBOAT TECHNOLOGY, 1695 Fairway Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Charles Stephen Spirakis, 1695 Fairway Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024, Ruth Ann Spirakis, 1695 Fairway Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Charles Stephen Spirakis / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/17/2025. (03-26-25,04-02,09,16-25)

068-T

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHAEL DAVID FRIER CASE NO. 25PR199362

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHAEL FRIER, MICHAEL DAVID FRIER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAURA CASAS FRIER in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LAURA CASAS FRIER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/30/25 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner  
Laura Casas Frier  
1957 Amalfi Way  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
(650) 906-1514  
(03-26-25,04-02,09-25)

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# Datebook

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

## EVENTS

**Los Altos Main Library.** All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. Monday **Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Wednesday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Healing Art Workshop**, 7 p.m. April 8. An experienced healing artist will lead a Sound Healing + Visual Art Workshop designed to help participants relax, de-stress, and express emotions through creativity. This session combines soothing soundscapes with guided visual art activities, such as painting, journaling, or mindful drawing. **SF Shakespeare Presents Romeo and Juliet**, 1 p.m. April 12. The San Francisco Shakespeare presents Shakespeare's timeless tale of love and loss, Romeo and Juliet. Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance. Set against the backdrop of the tumultuous 1960s, where generational clashes mirrored the intensity of the Capulet-Montague rivalry, the production explores how a single moment can alter the course of destiny. **Discover Poetry**, 7 p.m. April 16. April is National Poetry Month. Read, write, and share poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend. Presented by Poetry Los Altos. Meet in Pod D. **Bay Area Hummingbirds With Joan Sparks**. 7 p.m. today (March 26). Wildlife photographer highlights tiniest bird on the planet. Learn about different Bay Area species and the types of blooms they enjoy. Programs are free and open to the public. No registration necessary. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. 650-948-7683. Information: [scclld.org/events/losaltos](http://scclld.org/events/losaltos).

**Garden Club of Los Altos Spring Plant Exchange.** 10 a.m. to noon, April 26, Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Bring your healthy extra plants, seedlings, cuttings, bulbs, seeds, small trees or shrubs, and take home something new in exchange. Plants must be labeled. No privets or invasive plants. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Los Altos and the Los Altos Recreation Department with support from the Los Altos History Museum. Free admission (but must bring labeled plants). Rain or shine. Information: [thegardencluboflosaltos.org](http://thegardencluboflosaltos.org).

**The Albany Consort** presents Karen Bentley Pollick, violin, and Jonathan Salzedo, harpsichord, 7:30-9 p.m. Friday (April 11) at Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos. The duo will present an eclectic mix of music of the past (Bach, Sweelinck) with music of now (Charles Mason, Ludmila Yurina, John Kreidler, Karen Bentley Pollick). Tickets are \$35 general; \$95 family; or you can pay what you wish to pay. Information: [albanyconsort.com/tickets](http://albanyconsort.com/tickets).

## CLUBS/GROUPS

**Assistance League of Los Altos.** Charitable organization benefiting youth of Santa Clara County. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Located at Third and State streets. (650) 941-2610 and [assistanceleague.org/losaltos](http://assistanceleague.org/losaltos).

**Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.** Service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at Neutra House Conference Center, 181 Hillview Ave. [losaltoskiwanis.org](http://losaltoskiwanis.org), (650) 735-1552.

**Peninsula Harmony Chorus.** A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs "doo-wop" music from the 1950s and 1960s. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: [peninsulaharmony.org](http://peninsulaharmony.org).

# Crossword Answers

1	A	H	A	S				5	T	H	E	S	E	S			
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48	I	N	S	H	A	P	E			49	Y	E	A	R	N		
50	I	N	T	A	C	T						51	P	A	Y	S	

# Sudoku Answers

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

# Find A Word Answers

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

## DONALD ZEPP



August 18, 1932-  
March 24, 2025

With deepest love and remembrance, the family of Donald Charles Zepp announces his passing at his home in Los Altos Hills on the morning of March 24, 2025, with his wife and children by his side. Don was born on August 18, 1932, the son of Walter and Mary Zepp. He died peacefully, with comforting prayers for passage offered by Pastor Smuts of Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto, CA.

Don was a graduate of Lock Haven State University in his home state of Pennsylvania. As a young college student, he enjoyed lifeguarding on the river and wrestling.

Don met his wife Barbara Ann James at the Lutheran Church in Lock Haven, PA. They were married on February 14, 1957 at the naval base in Vallejo, CA, where he was stationed on board the USS Rainier during the Korean war. He served as a navigator and legal officer.

Donald was a financial advisor for over 58 years, retiring with Morgan Stanley as Sr. Vice President in 2019. Deeply regarded for his kindness, sincerity, and dedication to his work, he created genuine and long-term relationships with his clients and business colleagues.

A member and past president of Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club, Don enjoyed the sport of golf with family and friends.

Don is survived by his wife Barbara, his sister Nancy Wildasin, and children James Zepp, spouse Cheryl and children Jennifer, Eric, and Daniel; Rebecca Zepp, son Aaron; Holly Zepp Spiers, sons Christopher and Zachary; great grandchild, Maira Spiers and Surasi Russell Jahanian.

Don, aka "Opaa," requested a family ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto, with music and words by the pastor and choir director.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to any charity that is in your heart.

## JOAN FREDERICK CUNNEEN



June 1, 1931 —  
March 22, 2025

Joan Eleanor Frederick Cunneen, born in San Diego, passed away peacefully on March 22, leaving behind a legacy of love and dedication to her family and community. She was the beloved daughter of the late Theodore Ridenour Frederick (1904-2001) and Mary Trevor Frederick (1903-1999) and sister of William Charles Frederick (1936-1998).

Joan is also predeceased by her loving husband, Wallace V. Cunneen Jr., a proud Naval Aviator. Joan's (Pookie) and Wally's (Poo) legendary love affair was marked by rousing musical entertainment and a remarkable bond deeply admired by their family and friends. Her care for her husband in his last years was a lesson in patience, true love, and encouragement to us all.

Joan had a long and wonderful life growing up in an active-service Navy family during the depression and World War II. She spent part of her early childhood in Virginia, completed middle school in Los Angeles, graduated from San Diego's Coronado High School ('48) (where she was a Cheerleader and Beauty Queen), and earned her undergraduate degree ('52) and Master of Education degree ('54) from Stanford University.

She touched thousands of students' lives as an elementary school teacher, spanning nearly 50 years. Joan was a pioneer in education. In the 1970's, she was selected to be a founding faculty member at Palo Alto's newly repurposed Ohlone Elementary School, which was based on a successful progressive "Open Education" model. While at Ohlone, Joan had the ability to live out her conviction that every child deserved the opportunity to learn in a way that honored their unique strengths, needs, and potential.

For many years, Joan was an avid tennis player (known amongst family as "the human backboard"), deeply loved books (a passion she passed on to her students, children, and grandchildren), and was the number one Race Walker in her Race-Walking Club Age Group. Her boundless compassion for others shone through in every interaction, making people feel truly valued and understood. Throughout her life, Joan was known for her warmth, kindness, and unwavering commitment to those she loved. She was a force for good and service in our world and a wonderful wife, Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, and friend. Her legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her, including her children and grandchildren.

Joan leaves behind three children, Wallace V. Cunneen III (Angela), Mary Cunneen Lion (Chip), and Jim Cunneen (Jennifer), a former California State Assemblyman; seven grandchildren, CJ Lion M.D., Moira Cunneen Lion, Ryan Lion M.D. (Hayley), Courtney Cunneen Thomas (Gage), Laura Cunneen (Shane), Caitlin Cunneen (Cole), and Nicholas Cunneen; and one great grandson, Ridenour.

Joan's family held a private Mass and burial service. Those willing are encouraged to donate to the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation, or a charity of their choice.

## DONALD GERALD DOUGHERTY SR.



July 7, 1930 -  
March 14, 2025

Our beloved father, Donald Gerald Dougherty Sr. was welcomed into Heaven on March 14 after a short illness. He spent the last two weeks of his life surrounded at home by his cherished loved ones.

Donald was born in San Francisco to Berta & Julio Dougherty. He spent his childhood years living in San Mateo and Hillsborough. He attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, Junipero Serra High School, Menlo College, and University of San Francisco. Dad attended Stanford Law School but opted instead for a career in accounting and real estate investment. He became a self-employed accountant and had numerous successful real estate projects, many that still operate today.

On January 29, 1955, Dad married our Mom, Buol Burns (deceased 2016), and they eventually moved to Los Altos Hills where they raised nine children. He was a dedicated and loving father, spectating hundreds of his children's sports meets, matches and games, plays, recitals and graduations for two decades. He was an avid bowler

(scoring a perfect 300!), was a skilled tennis and ping-pong player, enjoyed season tickets to Stanford Football games, and delighted in his backyard summer BBQ's. In 1982, Dad became "Baba" to his first of 23 grandchildren and in 2013, became an adored "Great-Baba" to his now 16 great grandchildren (with 2 on the way). He loved his family more than anything and was often heard saying "family is the best thing in the world and whatever is in second place is so far behind, you can't even see it". He rarely missed a loved-one's birthday celebration as his mantra was "the day is the day is the day". His grand Christmas spirit was displayed annually at his family party in which Santa would bring gifts for all. He was proud of his Guatemalan heritage, and loved conversing in his first language, Spanish, to those who spoke it.

In Dad's later years, he could be found working on his daily sudokus (he was a master), FaceTiming his loved ones, watching Dancing with the Stars and Catholic mass on TV, treating family to McDonalds and Baskin Robbins, and playing cards after family dinners. He appreciated life's simple pleasures and is fondly remembered for making those who loved him feel uniquely special and supported. He was an exceptional role model with unwavering integrity.

Dad's wisdom, generosity, competitive spirit, love of nature, sense of humor and loving heart will be greatly missed by his family: Don Dougherty, Jr., Cindy (Doug) Kirk, Karen Dougherty, Sandy (Art) Antony, Kathy (Mike) Reickerd, Mary (Rick) Apecechea, Julie (Rob) LoGrasso, Mike (Julie) Dougherty, Laura (Zach) Elliott and their families. He is predeceased by his sister Beatrice Ponterio and survived by his other sister, Sylvia Burton and was a loving uncle to their children. Services have been held.



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