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A Los Altos ode to trees



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Local tree lovers gathered last Friday for a Los Altos Arbor Day celebration at Lincoln Park. GreenTown Los Altos member Gary Hedden led the event, top and above right. He talked about the work and volunteers involved in his “500 trees” campaign. Hedden stands next to the 500th tree planted, above right. Above left, Tom and Karen Smith look over information at the event.

Get ready for a major downtown infrastructure upgrade this summer

By Christina Casillas
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Downtown Los Altos is going to be buzzing this summer; not only with people, but with the sound of road construction.

Three main projects are slated for this season, and one of the biggest projects is set to start Thursday.

In an email sent to downtown businesses, Anthony Carnesecca, Los Altos assistant to the city manager, outlined three planned improvements that will cause disturbances to downtown streets: a preliminary crack-sealing project, a water main replacement, and later in the summer, street resurfacing.

Carnesecca said the projects will bring “temporary closures, but (with) hopefully long-lasting benefits for years to come.”

Crack sealing project

The crack sealing project began April 22 and will be conducted 6-8 a.m. Tuesday through Friday through May 9.

This is a precursor to planned street resurfacing that is set to begin sometime toward the end of summer. The crack sealing will target specific cracks along Main and State streets. The goal is to prevent cracks from spreading and growing in size, Carnesecca wrote in the email.

Water main replacement

Downtown Los Altos is old, many of the buildings and infrastructure lining Main Street dating back to the 1950s. Upgrades to the water mains throughout different parking plazas and below downtown streets are set to be executed by

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Farmers’ Market opens Thursday



The popular Los Altos Farmers’ Market is back for another year, beginning Thursday along State Street. The market will be open 4-8 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 9. Warning: The parking plaza behind the Town Crier on State Street will be used for the event. Signs will be posted.

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Corrections

Regarding last week's article "DAR presents community service awards to American Legion leaders": Cindy Newman only organizes the Mountain View Veterans Day ceremony, not the Los Altos ceremony. The Los Altos ceremony is organized by Los Altos and Los Altos Hills council members Neysa Fligor and Kavita Tanka, Kim Mosley, president of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Los Altos. Additionally, Ken Newman is a Vietnam era veteran, not a Vietnam veteran.

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Record breakers



DANIELLE AMARAL/TOWN CRIER

Celebrating weeks of record-breaking sales, the Town Crier sales team took a break from selling ads over Easter weekend by going wine-tasting in Livermore. Pictured from left are Danielle Amaral, Maria Crowder, Linda Monterrey and Janice Fabella.



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Auto burglary

April 24, 12:43 a.m.: 2300 block of California Street, Mountain View

Battery of spouse/cohabitant

April 23, 7:56 p.m.: 1800 block of California Street, Mountain View

April 27, 11:07 p.m.: 800 block of Independence Avenue, Mountain View

Commercial burglary

April 26, 12:33 a.m.: 600 block of San Antonio Road, Mountain View

Drunk driver

April 25, 1:50 a.m.: Intersection of West El Camino Real and San Antonio Road, Mountain View

April 25, 5:36 p.m.: Intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Middlefield Road, Mountain View

April 26, 10:40 p.m.: 1900 block of Gamel Way, Mountain View

Financial crime

April 23, 10:14 a.m.: 200 block of Castro Street, Mountain View

April 23, 4:37 p.m.: 1300 block of Montecito Avenue, Mountain View

April 24, 3:38 p.m.: 4000 block of El Camino Real, Los Altos

April 25, 3:54 p.m.: 500 block of San Antonio Road, Mountain View

April 25, 5:32 p.m.: 100 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

Identity theft

April 25, 1:36 p.m.: 0-100 block of Georgetown Drive, Mountain View

Residential burglary

April 23, 11:29 a.m.: 800 block of East El Camino Real, Mountain View

— Christina Casillas

Residents, council clash over Grant Park transformer

By Bruce Barton
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Frustrations boiled over between Los Altos residents and city council members last week when Grant Park neighbors came to present a petition opposing the planned installation of a PG&E transformer.

After hearing speakers at the April 22 council meeting, Mayor Pete Dailey asked who specifically collected the nearly 300 petition signatures and what people were told.

Walter Eng said he and his wife, former Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng, were among those involved. The Engs live near the proposed transformer site, located in back of Grant Park on Grant Park Lane.

Councilmember Larry Lang asked why people out of the area were among the signers. Eng indicated people from around the region come to use Grant Park.

Dailey asked Eng if he was aware that Grant Park Lane is not a through street and that there is a sign saying that. Eng said no but was surprised when Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg informed him of the sign location at the corner of Grant Park Lane and Holt Avenue.

"I've been living there 30 years, I never noticed that sign," Eng said.



IMAGE FROM GRANT PARK RESIDENTS

One resident used the approximate size of the planned PG&E transformer at this Grant Park Lane corner to show how the transformer would look once installed.

"It calls into question your powers of observation about the rest of the things you're concerned with," Dailey said. "How am I to take the rest of your observations at any value?"

Councilmember Sally Meadows then chimed in: "When you were all gathering signatures, did you happen to mention that this would delay and block the improvements to Grant Park that this council and the former council – including your wife – voted to approve and move forward? Was that part of the description when you asked people to sign this petition?"

"There was no participation from the residents at all," Eng said, referring to public input

prior to the project.

City Attorney Jolie Houston intervened, saying, while council members could ask clarifying questions, the dialog was turning into a debate.

A few observers felt the council was out of line.

"I was both astonished and was made to feel very uncomfortable by the treatment of some of our city council toward the petitioners," wrote Cindy Andrews in a letter to the editor. "The dismissive attitude of council, demanding to find the names of those citizens circulating the petition for 'the merit' of the petition, was both intimidating and disrespectful to our Los Altos residents, as well as to those of us who signed this

petition."

The transformer is intended to power a new HVAC system for the park's multipurpose center and new electric vehicle chargers for the parking lot. The city said PG&E chose the location as the best option for setting up the system. Residents said PG&E reps privately told them they were open to other location options.

The Town Crier asked PG&E reps to confirm this, but was told a "press release" to be issued this week would give a project update.

Residents along Grant Park Lane, adjacent to the park, have been persistent in their call for the city to move the transformer to another location. The current one is at a bend in the road that residents call a blind curve. They claim the 6-foot-4-inch tall transformer would obstruct views and create a traffic safety hazard for cyclists and pedestrians. They say the project violates city regulations and has had no adequate input from residents.

City officials have dismissed the assertions as inaccurate. They said there is no record of any reported accidents at that location.

"The street is a dead end. It is not a through street, and there are only 13 homes on the street. What traffic are they talking

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State of the Cities: They're fine, unlike Washington

By Bruce Barton
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Los Altos and Los Altos Hills mayors offered rosy assessments of their cities last Friday. The local Congressional representative? Not so much.

"I really don't have much to report from Washington," Sam Liccardo joked to the full-house audience at the April 25 State of the Cities event. "I'm glad they put me on first because you usually want to hear the bad news before you hear the good news."

The event, put on by the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, featured Liccardo as keynote speaker while Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey and Los Altos Hills Mayor Kavita Tankha took turns touting their cities' accomplishments.

Ellen Biolsi, owner of the Cranberry Scoop since 2000, received this year's Walter and Marie Singer Award, named after



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Ellen Biolsi, winner of this year's Walter and Marie Singer Award, is flanked by last year's winner Tracie Murray, left, and Chamber president Kim Mosley, right.

prominent downtown business leaders who volunteered in the community. She's been active in the Los Altos Village Association and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a longtime member of the Festival of Lights Parade Association.

"She's a true worker bee and a giver,"

said Tracie Murray, last year's Singer award winner.

Liccardo, elected in November, spoke of his rookie status and a Republican-controlled Congress making it hard to make an immediate impact. As a Democrat, he railed against the actions of the current administration: On Friday, a sitting judge was arrested by the FBI, Liccardo said – an indication that those disagreeing with the administration are retaliated against.

Centering on Silicon Valley, Liccardo expressed concern that Washington leadership – with its tariffs, crackdown on immigration and cutbacks to key agencies – could stymie the innovation and competitiveness that has made the area the high-tech capital of the world.

Liccardo, a "recovering lawyer," said he is part of a group mounting legal

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News

Mtn. View fire department adds ambulance to its emergency response fleet

By Christina Casillas
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A long-awaited addition to the Mountain View Fire Department's (MVFD) emergency response team is expected to hit the road soon: an ambulance.

The vehicle will be joining the fire department's fleet of vehicles, which includes seven engines, one rescue and hazmat vehicle, respectively, and one truck.

"The city of Mountain View Fire Department staffs a paramedic on every fire engine, heavy-rescue, and ladder truck," Robert Maitland, MVFD PIO and Office of Emergency Services coordinator, stated in an email. "Every fire apparatus that responds to any call for emergency services will have at least one city of Mountain View paramedic on the response."

But the ambulance, approved by the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency, will allow MVFD to provide transport of injured individuals directly, according to an MVFD press release.

MVFD, which has operated its own paramedic program since 1998, responds to more than fire-related emergencies: Approximately 70% of the department's emergency responses are EMS-related, and in fiscal year 2023-24, the depart-



COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters offer a look at the new Mountain View Fire Department ambulance from all sides.

ment responded to 4,981 emergency medical service calls.

The ambulance's addition is a long time coming – the fire department initially ordered the ambulance in late 2022, but because of supply chain delays, it was a few years before it arrived in October 2024.

There's a mixture of private and public ambulances throughout the Bay Area, John Blain, EMS specialist for Santa Clara County's Emergency Medical Services Agency, said in an email. The role of Mountain View's new ambulance is that of a safety-net provider, "In essence to assist the contracted ambulance provider during times of high demand," Blain added.

Maitland said the procurement of an ambulance that

belongs to the fire department will allow for faster emergency care for residents.

"Typically, city of Mountain View Fire Department apparatus responding to medical events will arrive on the scene before Santa Clara County EMS ambulances," he said. "Often, MVFD units are closer to calls in the city than Santa Clara County EMS ambulances. Unless they happen to be in Mountain View, their ambulances will have to travel from other areas in Santa Clara County."

In addition to a swifter response, the care the ambulance will provide is more rigorous than what many other ambulances may provide, he said,

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Cal Water from May 1 through Sept. 12, Carnesecca wrote in the email.

From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, parts of First Street, Edith Avenue, and parking plazas 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, will be inaccessible as crews work on improvements.

Micro street resurfacing

For three weeks sometime in "late summer," city contractors will cut off sections of Main and State streets where the pavement has "failed beyond repair," Carnesecca wrote. As a result, the failed sections will be removed and replaced before new asphalt is poured. After the



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Crews work along State Street in this undated photo. The city of Los Altos is planning some major resurfacing work this sum-

mer. The repaving of parking plazas 4, 5 and 6 are set for spring and summer 2026. Carnesecca encourages those with questions related to the slated projects to email the city's engineering department at engineering@losaltosca.gov.

asphalt has cured, crews will re-stripe road dividers and crosswalks. Carnesecca said individual blocks of Main and State streets will be closed "during the work period" and "individual closures of blocks should last about a day."



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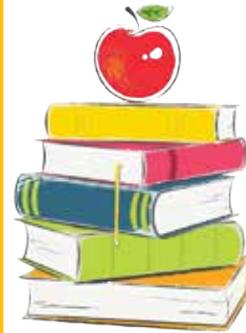
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El Camino Health gets state financing for Women's Hospital

Town Crier Staff Report

El Camino Health will receive a \$275 million bond from the state to help finish the Women's Hospital expansion and refinance existing debt, the California State Treasurer's Office announced Monday.

"Investing in the health and well-being of our communities is one of the most important responsibilities

we have," California State Treasurer Fiona Ma said in a press release. "This bond financing for El Camino Hospital not only supports vital upgrades to women's health services but also strengthens the hospital's long-term financial stability, ensuring access to quality healthcare."

About \$105 million will help to build the Women's Hospital building to improve capacity and patient care,

including its 26-bed private postpartum unit, relocation of the NICU and its expansion from 20 to 24 beds, the addition of a five-bed antepartum wing and the addition of three more labor rooms.

El Camino Hospital currently has a 328-bed acute care hospital in Mountain View and a 143-bed facility in Los Gatos.

The Women's Hospital operates out

of the Orchard Pavilion on the Mountain View campus, with expansion approved in 2021.

Approximately \$167.2 million will be used for refinancing the Santa Clara County Financing Authority (SCCFA) Series 2009A bonds and the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) Series 2015A bonds, resulting in a savings of about \$27.5 million, according to the press release.



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increasing the likelihood of survival for patients suffering from life-threatening injuries or medical conditions.

"The city of Mountain View Fire Department intends to use the ambulance to provide advanced life support services when Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services ambulance transport services make the request of the city and/or there is a need for additional ambulance resources to be used in the 9-1-1 EMS system," Maitland said.

Advanced life support services are protocols and skills that aid in the event of a life-threatening emergency, including strokes, acute coronary syndromes, cardiac arrests and other conditions. Usually, the first line of response to emergencies are ambulances that provide basic life support, which can provide medical procedures and protocols in the early stages of a medical event, according to the American Red Cross. EMTs in advanced life support ambulances can provide more intensive protocols and interventions that stabilize patients in critical condition, per the American Red Cross.

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about?" Dailey told the Town Crier. "The residents on Grant Park Lane likely comprise most of the de minimus traffic themselves."

In a recent memo to city council, City Manager Gabriel Engeland indicated that some residents have been aggressive to the point of interrupting exercise classes and confronting workers.

In response, the city last week erected a construction fence around the transformer site.

"The fact that the city has to take the unfortunate step to erect a construction fence, and that these residents have been harassing city employees, contractors, and even recreation customers is shame-

ful," Dailey said. "The city has a duty of care, not only for the residents but for our employees, contractors and customers, too."

Peggy Chen, one of the leaders of the petition drive, said city officials have not been upfront about the project.

"They have refused to address questions regarding PG&E's involvement and directed us to submit formal records requests instead," she said.

Chen said requests to the city were not only not answered, they were not published among the public records requests.

City officials said they have complied with requests.

Engeland told council members relocation of the sewer line was underway, with the planned PG&E trenching work to begin in late May.

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challenges against the wave of executive orders to thwart staffing cuts and unlawful deportations.

He also co-authored legislation requiring Congressional action for any tariffs proposed.

Mayors tout achievements

Closer to home, Dailey touched on several Los Altos topics, including public safety investment (license plate readers, drones, more staffing), emergency preparedness and downtown vitality.

“This isn’t about collecting tax revenue, this is about creating a downtown – preserving a downtown – that is inviting for all of us and inviting for others from outside Los Altos,” he said.

To that end, the city is working on conversion of public parking plaza space to affordable housing and a downtown park. The city is gauging whether there is also support for a downtown performing



Above left, Los Altos Hills Mayor Kavita Tankha addresses the audience at last Friday’s State of the Cities luncheon. Above right, Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey and Congressman Sam Liccardo interact.



PHOTOS BY SHELLY BOWERS

arts center. Dailey said the city also is working on street repaving and better lighting in the downtown.

He received some applause as he delivered the news that Ada’s Café will be providing food service when the café at the Los Altos Community Center opens. The Palo Alto-based nonprofit is dedicated to hiring, training and empowering em-

ployees with disabilities.

“Community in Los Altos is more of a verb than a noun,” Dailey said. “It takes action and we all need to continue to invest in that fellowship that drives community.”

Tankha praised staff and committee members for working as a team to create an efficient town government. Regarding finances, she said Los

Altos Hills’ budget is balanced and has a strong reserve.

In the wake of increased wildfire risk, Tankha said the town has worked to increase resident awareness, update fire maps and improve backup communications.

The one “big project” this year, Tankha said, has been undergrounding utilities around the town’s El Monte fire station.

“The best part of the project? It was totally funded by Rule 20A credits (a state program for undergrounding), and not a single tax dollar was used,” she said. “It’s been quite an undertaking, and we hope to finish up soon.”

She said this past year “has been a turning point for us in terms of public safety. Crime rates, particularly burglaries, soared in 2022 and 2023. The town responded with automated license plate readers and employing private security, among other measures, to bring down the number of crimes.”

Tankha said “we have to be careful and deliberate when we put high-density housing on our hills” in response to state housing mandates. “We want to make sure that any high-density housing that goes up fits in with the rural character of our town.”

Last Friday’s event, held at the Fremont Hills Country Club in Los Altos Hills, included an audience of community leaders, from public officials to nonprofit group representatives.



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Letters to the Editor

Let's keep honoring American heroes

The removal of reference to Harriet Tubman from National Park Service's Underground Railroad webpage was noted, April 6. On April 9, it was returned.

Harriet Tubman is an American hero. She reached freedom herself, and returned 19 times to rescue others. Her intelligence and courage sets her apart.

She was a scout and spy for the Union Army. Working with Colonel James Montgomery, she led three ships past mines, destroyed plantations, and freed at least 750 persons.

Our government wants the word "history" out. Honoring women and minority groups; thousands of pages: out. Are the censors jealous of our heroes? Brave women and citizens of minority groups also make America great.

Leslie Friedman
Mountain View

Ordinance reversal is a step backward

On April 8, the Los Altos City Council voted to halt work on a proposed Bird Safe Design ordinance. Only Councilmember Neysa Fligor supported continuing the effort. With that vote, the city walked away from years of research, discussion and public

service carried out by its own Environmental Commission – and reversed course on the direction set by previous councils.

This wasn't a sweeping or radical policy. The proposed ordinance would have applied only to new construction – there was no mandate to retrofit or replace existing buildings. The goal was simple: incorporate well-established design practices into future development to prevent birds from fatally colliding with glass, something that kills an estimated one billion birds in the U.S. every year.

These design solutions – such as using patterned or treated glass, minimizing dangerous reflections and avoiding clear line-of-sight corridors through buildings – are cost-effective, widely used and already required in other cities. Mountain View, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, San Jose and San Francisco have adopted similar standards or guidelines.

Instead, the council abandoned the effort entirely.

The Bird Safe Design ordinance may be off the table for now – but residents who care about sustainability, biodiversity and responsible planning should continue to speak up. This work isn't finished.

Shani Kleinhaus
Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance

Peek into the Past



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Furuichi family members and staff pose at the Los Altos Nursery's entrance, 1954. The nursery, located on Hawthorne Avenue for more than 72 years, closed in 2019.

One strike and you're out

By Allyson Johnson

A young friend of mine, after serving as a poorly paid intern/underling for several years, was finally offered his dream job, with a nice title and a decent salary and even some side benefits. He told his partner and they began to dream about upgrading their housing, maybe doing a bit of traveling, paying off some debts.

The dream job was partially funded by the state of California. If you contract with or receive grants from the state of California, California's Drug-free Workplace Act of 1990 requires you to certify that you provide a drug-free workplace.

And he failed the drug test. Studies from the American Psychiatric Association suggest that 5% to 10% of all drug tests may result in false positives and 10% to 15% may yield false negatives. The APA recommends that before submitting to a drug test you should confirm with the lab you visit that a second, confirmatory test will be performed on any positive drug test that may occur: "When initial screening drugs tests (called immunoassays) result in positive results, a second confirmatory (Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry or

A piece of my Mind

GC-MS) test should always be done."

My young friend, confident that he had no problem, did not do this. And the organization for which the tests were being given had not contracted for retakes, so none were allowed.

Why he failed – he is not and never has been a drug user, but he grabbed one of his partner's favorite poppy-seed bagels for breakfast as he was heading out the door that morning.

I fancy I can hear my readers groaning "Yeah, right!" in disbelief. But multiple reputable websites (including the National Institutes of Health) note the possibility of a false positive result on a drug test because of the trace opiates in poppy seeds. I believe my young friend, not least because of his partner's tearful regret for her ill-fated preference.

If you were planning on crossing Death Valley in the summer, and your car had a 5-10% chance of dying on the way, would you make the trip? Would you trust its maintenance to a mechanic whose work had a 10-15% chance of

failing?

If you had optional surgery scheduled, and you had a 5-10% chance of being paralyzed afterward, would you go ahead? What if there was a 10-15% chance you didn't really need the surgery?

My young friend had no choice but to take the test, despite the odds. The drug test is required, though a 5-10% chance of a false positive result plus a 10-15% chance of a false negative result means the test is only accurate 75-85% of the time.

What can my friend do? Jobs in his specialty are few; the chances of a similar opportunity arising are probably less than the chance of a false positive which cost him this one. The dream job is being advertised again, and candidates are being interviewed.

"I'll have to find some kind of job to pay the bills," he says. "But I may never have another chance as good, no matter how many poppyseed bagels I don't eat."

Johnson is a longtime columnist and contributor to the *Town Crier*. Visit allysonjohnson.com.



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Cancer-beating astronaut-author landing at Linden Tree Saturday

By Riya Minglani
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Like most people, Hayley Arceneaux never expected to get a chance to venture into outer space.

Then she did.

The first pediatric cancer survivor to become an astronaut, the author now spends much of her time on Earth telling people how it happened.

“I really wanted to share, especially with other cancer survivors, my story,” the 33-year old said. “I’ve been able to speak to a lot of kids and survivors, just sharing the message of hope.”

Arceneaux is scheduled to be at Linden Tree Books in downtown Los Altos at 11 a.m. May 3 to promote her children’s book “Astronaut Hayley’s Brave Adventure” and her memoir “Wild Ride,” aimed at adults and teens. She

will read “Brave Adventure” at storytime and copies of both books will be available for purchase.

Linden Tree Books’ store manager Grace Lane said the store “immediately jumped” at the opportunity to have Arceneaux at the store after the author asked to bring her book tour to town.

“Every kid has a space phase, right?” Lane said. “It’s amazing to be able to facilitate kids meeting someone who has actually been (to space). And, she beat cancer as a kid. I know there are a few kids who need to hear that story, too.”

While Arceneaux’s books center on the courage it took to travel to space, she described going through cancer treatment as a child as the time she was “the most brave.”

“I have a prosthesis in my

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Hayley Arceneaux, pictured, will be reading her book “Astronaut Hayley’s Brave Adventure,” on Saturday, May 3. Arceneaux, an author and astronaut who had childhood cancer, wrote the children’s book about her experience going to space. A major theme in the book is the importance of knowing that while something can be scary – like young Arceneaux’s childhood fight against cancer – bravery is needed for good things to happen. She hopes the book will inspire children to be brave in the face of fear.

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Cranial cruciate disease in dogs: How the disease is diagnosed & treated

By Kenton Taylor, D.V.M.

The cranial or anterior cruciate ligament is one of the four main ligaments stabilizing the knee or stifle joint. Most commonly, rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament is due to degenerative changes and chronic inflammation that is sometimes compounded by trauma.

Approximately 50% of dogs with complete tears also have a tear in the medial meniscus,

which is a cartilage pad on top of the tibia or shin bone. Since cranial cruciate tears are a result of progressive, degenerative changes, oftentimes the sudden onset of non-weight-bearing lameness is preceded by intermittent, chronic bouts of variable lameness.

Rupture of the cranial cruciate is such a common cause for sudden onset of hind limb lameness in dogs that any sudden onset of hind limb lameness is due to cruciate disease unless proven otherwise. Generally, the pain associated with a torn cruciate ligament is such that there is little to no weight-bearing on the affected leg. If the cruciate tear is not treated, there likely will be some improvement seen over several weeks, but lameness will persist and the resultant arthritis will be worse with no surgical treatment.

Diagnosis of cruciate disease can typically be made based on physical examination and X-rays of the stifle along with possibly other joints on the same leg to eliminate other problems contributing to the lameness. Typically, physical exam demonstrates a “drawer” sign with cruciate ligament

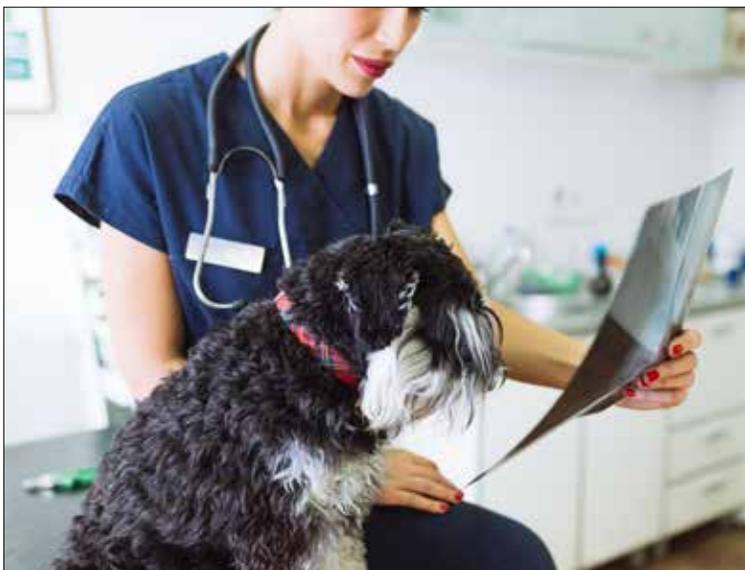
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rupture. This is a movement of the top of the tibia (shin bone) forward from underneath the femur (thigh bone) that would not be possible if the cruciate ligament was intact. It is possible with dogs, especially large dogs, for them to tense muscles so tightly during examination that they must be sedated to accurately do this test. Also a partial rupture may not result in an obvious “drawer” sign.

X-rays are helpful for a number of reasons. While the cruciate ligament itself cannot be visualized with X-rays, a characteristic pattern of effusion (change in normal X-ray density) occurs with cruciate disease. It is also valuable to know the extent of arthritis, changes of which can be seen on X-rays, to prognosticate on extent of recovery of pain free movement after surgery.

Rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament is most commonly due to an idiopathic degenerative condition within the stifle joint. Many large breeds of dogs are particularly

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Bike month organizers encourage residents to get on a bike and ride

By Arnold Ambiel and Margaret Suozzo

May 1 kicks off Bike Month with a series of events to promote and celebrate cycling in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Thousands of cyclists pass through Los Altos and Los Altos Hills each month enjoying Santa Clara County's roads and trails. Hundreds of local children and teenagers cycle to school every day and many recreational cyclists stream north and south on Foothill Expressway or east and west to and from the foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains.

What is it about Los Altos and Los Altos Hills that makes cycling so popular? Perhaps it's the flat streets and safe bike lanes for commuting, or the challenging foothills for recreation, or the near-perfect weather. And once people start cycling, they find joy and freedom in the experience. Students soon learn that the fastest and most fun way to class is via two wheels. To impart a taste of that joy, the city of Los Altos and the town of Los Altos Hills, along with a coalition of groups, are highlighting a number of events to encourage folks to saddle up and ride

during Bike Month:

- May 4 – Check out some e-bikes. The Living Electric Fair, in downtown Los Altos from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature vendors sharing ways to make your home and lifestyle more electric. If you want to climb the hills but could use a boost, check out the e-bikes at the fair.

- May 7 – Bike to school. May 7 is National Bike to School Day. Ask your school how they are celebrating and join in the fun.

- May 10 – Ride to run. The Los Altos Hills Pathways Run is a great excuse to get on your bike and try out some hills. Go early and run (the first race starts at 9 a.m.) or go later and spectate.

- May 16 – Bike to dinner. Downtown Los Altos Bike 'n' Dine is back for the third year in a row, from 5-8 p.m. At the corner of State and Main, park your bike at the free valet and pick up a swag bag

with goodies and discounts for same-day dining at local favorites.

- May 17 – Discover new bike lanes. Join Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for a bike ride to points of interest along El Camino. Locals can meet up at Eagle Park in Mountain View between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and travel with others in a "bike bus" to explore the new bike lanes in Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto.

- May 17 – Donate a bike to students in need. GreenTown's ReCycle Bike Drive takes gently used bikes and works with partners to fix them and spiff them up for students in need. Drop your gently used bike at Los Altos High School between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information on these and other events that promote and celebrate cycling during Bike Month, visit bikelosalto.com.

Bike Month is organized by a coalition made up of the city of Los Altos, the town of Los Altos Hills, GreenTown Los Altos, Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos, Los Altos Village Association, and the Anne Wojcicki Foundation, with additional support from VTA Measure B funds.



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ASTRONAUT

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leg from when I had bone cancer as a kid,” Arceneaux said. “I could not have been a NASA astronaut.”

The Memphis resident was diagnosed with bone cancer in her left leg when she was just 10 years old. She described experiencing multiple “setbacks” such as her prosthesis breaking and having to go back into rehab throughout her treatment.

“It was the hardest time of my life,” Arceneaux said.

However, through the hardship, Arceneaux found positivity within her community.

“It really helps that I’ve always been a product of my environment,” she said. “I was surrounded by so many people that were positive during my darkest days and now they ultimately led to my life path.”

Arceneaux noted that her positive experience as a patient at St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital inspired her to pursue a career in the medical field.

“It’s hard when you are go-

ing through something like cancer to think about the future because you are focused on that one day you are trying to get through,” she said. “I was so inspired by the staff of the hospital where I was treated. They helped me get out of that and dream about what I want to do with my future – which is to help kids with cancer.”

After graduating from physician assistant school in 2016, Arceneaux worked in the emergency department at a Louisiana hospital. In 2020, she took a job at St. Jude’s in

Memphis – the same place she was treated for cancer.

Arceneaux worked as a PA for a year before being approached with the offer to become an astronaut.

“I got a phone call one day saying, ‘Do you want to go to space?’” she said. “I was so shocked – and so was my family.”

Arceneaux added that a St. Jude’s donor wanted to raise money for the hospital in a “unique” way by choosing someone who worked there to join a space mission to advocate on behalf of the hospital.

“I remember being really worried about how my mom would react,” Arceneaux said of being selected, “but she said, ‘You have to do this – it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.’” The privately chartered space mission, SpaceX’s Inspiration4, launched Sept. 15, 2021, as the first all-civilian orbital mission. Arceneaux also became the first person in space with a prosthetic.

“I was nervous at times and hoped it would go well,” she said. “But also, in that way, it is so incredible that I get to be the first and more people will come after me.”

During her mission, Arceneaux made sure to use the opportunity to connect with her St. Jude’s community. While being launched into space, she was able to make a video call to her young patients.

“I got to answer their questions about aliens and all that,” Arceneaux said. “But also, just tell me that if I can do this, you can do this.”

Arceneaux cited the questions she received from kids about what she ate in space or if she saw aliens as the inspiration for her children’s book. Although going to space wasn’t her personal “bravest moment,” she said writing about space has helped her spread the spirit of courage to a younger audience.

“I hope it reminds (kids) of how proud they should be of themselves for their everyday bravery,” she said. “Because it takes bravery to go to school every day, it takes bravery to get to the top of the playground. You don’t have to go to space to be brave; I want to celebrate everyday bravery.”

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at risk and a study in Labradors has found a genetic risk. For a Labrador that ruptures a cranial cruciate ligament, about 62% of the risk is genetic. A genetic test is available to determine risk in Labradors. The test accurately predicts at 98% if a Labrador will rupture a cruciate ligament. A recently published study indicated that neutering before 12 months of age is associated with greater risk of cruciate rupture in Labradors. Weight control is important for decreasing load and stress on the stifle joint. In one study, obesity quadrupled the risk of cranial cruciate ligament rupture.

Treatment for a ruptured cruciate ligament is surgery. For dogs weighing more than 30 pounds, less than 20% have an acceptable outcome without surgical treatment. There are two primary objectives with surgery. The first is to accurately identify and remove any torn meniscus.

This is the cartilage pad on top of the tibia (shin bone) that is attached to the cranial cruciate ligament and is often torn when a cranial cruciate ligament tears. If the torn meniscus is left, it will result in persistent pain like a pebble under your foot in a shoe.

The cruciate ligament’s function is to prevent the movement of the tibia forward when pressure is directed downwards on it by the femur. The second objective of surgery is to fix what a torn cruciate ligament is unable to do. Several procedures have been developed. The generally preferred procedure for active dogs and dogs over 45 pounds is the tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO). This procedure essentially changes the angle or slope of the top of the tibia so that when force is directed downwards through the femur, the pressure tries to push the tibia backwards which it cannot do because of other ligaments. This provides dynamic stabilization of the stifle.

With rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament, there will be development of some arthritis. In order to minimize this, the rupture must be treated surgically and in a timely manner.

Following surgery, weight reduction if indicated along with chondroprotective agents can be helpful. For some, medical therapy with a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and other pain relieving medication may be needed. Most importantly with cranial cruciate ligament rupture, in order to prevent debilitating arthritis, if not already present, one needs timely surgical intervention.

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Los Altos artists showing work this month at Silicon Valley Open Studios

Town Crier Report

Los Altos mixed-media artist and printmaker Jan Davis hopes her artwork sparks viewers' curiosity and encourages them to look more closely at the world around them. From exploring exotic landscapes like Antarctica, Greenland and Iceland, to simple walks in her garden, she finds dynamic energy and visual inspirations everywhere. She draws her inspiration from nature and intertwines elements of urban environments, such as lines, geometric forms and typography, often through layers of collage, paint and tactile elements.

Davis is one of the more than 340 visual artists from San Francisco Bay Area and Coastside communities who will open their studios and galleries to the public during the upcoming Silicon Valley Open Studios 2025 (SVOS)

event.

For 39 years, SVOS has given art lovers and collectors behind-the-scenes access to established and emerging artists from South San Francisco to San Jose and Pacifica to Half Moon Bay. Put on by Silicon Visual Arts, SVOS is Silicon Valley's premier visual arts show. The show features paintings, sculptures, jewelry, photography, woodworking, mixed media, pastels, pottery, metalwork, textile art and more. This year's event focuses on community engagement with talented local artists.

Silicon Valley Open Studios 2025 will be held the first three weekends in May, highlighting artists from a different region each weekend:

- Weekend 1: May 3-4, Coastside and Northern Peninsula
- Weekend 2 : May 10-11, Mid-Peninsula
- Weekend 3 : May 17-18, South Bay



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An artist at a 2022 Silicon Valley Open Studios show shows off some of her art.

South Bay

Studios are open on Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. To see an interactive map of the more than 100 artist locations, view a gallery of all the participating artists and learn about their work, visit the SVOS website at svos.org. Please note that each weekend highlights a different region, but artists may show their work on any or all of the weekends.

Learning to save lives



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Members of the Young Men's Service League Rancho Chapter (class of 2027) and their mothers participated in a hands-on CPR and AED training session this winter. The class was led by the Santa Clara County Fire Department at the Los Altos Community Center. To learn more about YMSL Rancho, visit chapters.ymsl.org/chapter/rancho.

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Sing your heart out with Palo Alto Players' 'Jersey Boys

By **Brandon Roth**

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The legends of the group Franki Valli and the Four Seasons left a mark on all who saw Palo Alto Players' "Jersey Boys." The group came to life with the impressive costumes, music and set design that depicted the various group members and their experiences in the group.

"Jersey Boys" was an interest-

ing tale that weaved through the four group members' lives. Doug Santana, the director of "Jersey Boys," said this production celebrates the Top 40 hits of the 1960s and is an entertaining show that honors and appreciates the marks of achievements of the Four Seasons.

Throughout the night, I couldn't help but sing along to all the familiar music such as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Earth Angel," and "Sherry." A lot of

people around me as well were clapping or stopping their feet to the beat and it felt like a concert from another era.

Franki Valli (James J. Jones), Tommy DeVito (Tyler Savin), Nick Massi (Justin Kerekes) and Bob Gaudio (Andrew Cope) all shined as singers and gave insight into their personalities and personal lives. There were many tensions between the actual group during their two-decade stint together, and

the raw talent and appreciation for music from the actors was interesting to see play out knowing their turmoil.

Jones' performance as Valli moved the show along, starting with his soprano voice as a young kid gaining him the respect of other group members and the greater community where he grew up to becoming the group leader with a commanding off-stage presence. All the group members were able to escape the streets of Newark, New Jersey, but a lot of the turmoil of getting in trouble with the law, marital issues and substance abuse haunted them later in life.

All of the group members made a lot of sacrifices to give up quality time with their family and many of the group members did not find out until later if living a high life with record deals and traveling were all worth it.

As you learn in the show, the Four Seasons are not a typical group. They had a rough edge

to them. They performed all over the world, but they always respected their heritage and never let their egos or fame get the best of them. There were some moments when the audience felt anger and utmost disrespect for some group members, but everyone held each other accountable for their mistakes.

"Jersey Boys" celebrates the story of long-lasting friendships and the idea of pursuing your dreams. The show kind of foretells that fame may dampen the happiness one wants to seek but also that the journey of life is long and that there is always another side. All the actors gave me chills during the performance. Seeing them fumble a little bit in their early career and having music be used as a form of recovery shows that doing what you love can save you from your inner demons.

To learn more about "Jersey Boys" and to buy tickets, visit paplayers.org/event/jersey-boys.

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The company of "Jersey Boys," the Tony Award® and Oliver Award®-winning musical, takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secrets of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of their stardom.

To pitch a story for Stepping Out, email section editor Brandon Roth at brandonr@latc.com.

Puzzles Page

Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. HDTV screen type
4. President after F.D.R., abbr.
7. "Yeah"
12. Get better, as much wine
13. Expression of surprise
14. Surgical opening?
15. Kitchen cleaner, 2 words
17. Famous quarter
18. Finish, with "up"
19. Craggy peak
20. Pair
23. Overnight spot
27. Computer monitor, for short
- 28. HS marching band that performed at 2025 Rose Parade**
31. "Wonderful!"
32. Previously
33. Back when
34. Stumped
36. Good name, for short
37. Lampoons
38. Dame Hess
39. Madame, for short
40. Domingo, e.g.

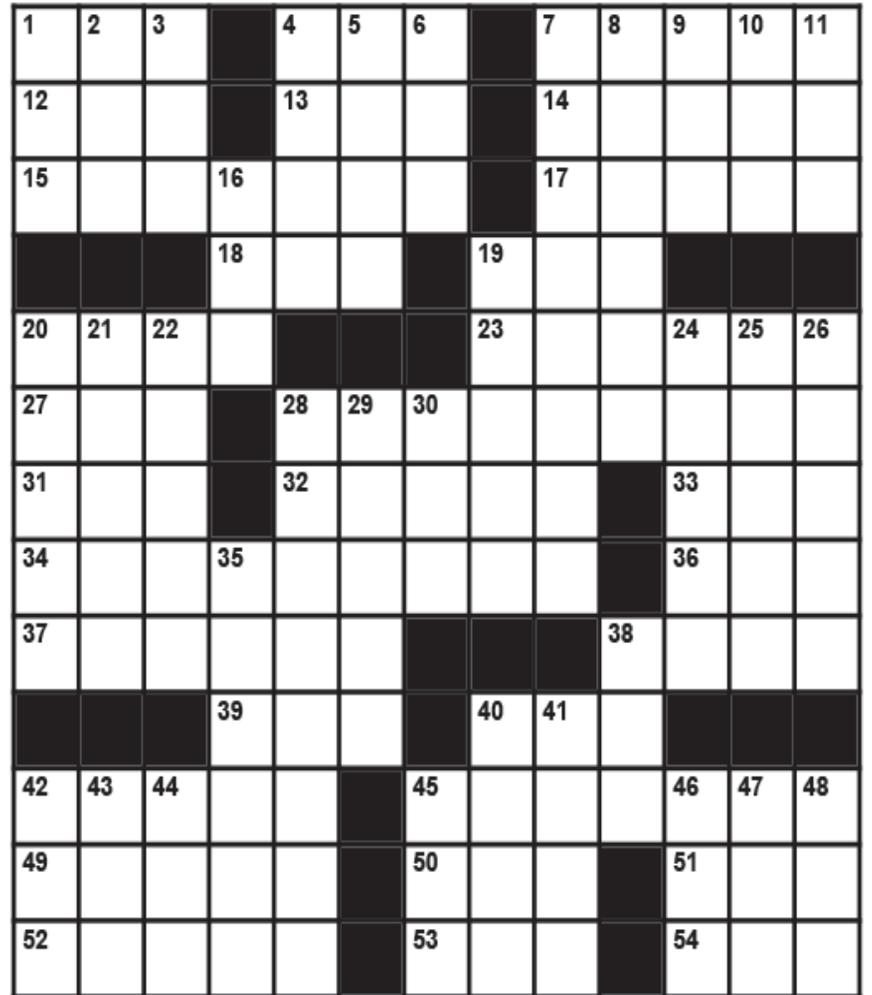
42. Beat
45. "Breathe Again" singer, Toni
49. Bone-related prefix
50. "The Ice Storm" director Lee
51. Prefix with cellular
52. Confine, 2 words
53. Scooby-____ (cartoon dog)
54. ____ Mex cuisine

Down

1. Young guy
2. Animation platform (abbr.)
3. ____ Moines, Iowa
4. ____ de combat
5. "Game of Thrones" character
6. Dress (up)
7. Set free
8. "Yellow journalism" originator
9. Small dwelling
10. Spoon bender
11. Sweetie
16. Be busy
19. "Ta-da!"
20. Important symbols
21. Some scouts
22. Centric intro

24. Visibly upset
25. Gung-ho
26. Parkinson's drug, 2 words
28. Night sky sight, 2 words
29. Helpful, 2 words
30. Criminal patterns, for short
- 35. Local restaurant and volcano victim**
38. The most, for short
40. Bond opponent, 2 words
41. "Otello" baritone
42. Beat
43. Compass pt.
44. Shasta, e.g., abbr.
45. Good, in the 'hood
46. For shame!
47. Inseparable
48. Put the kibosh on

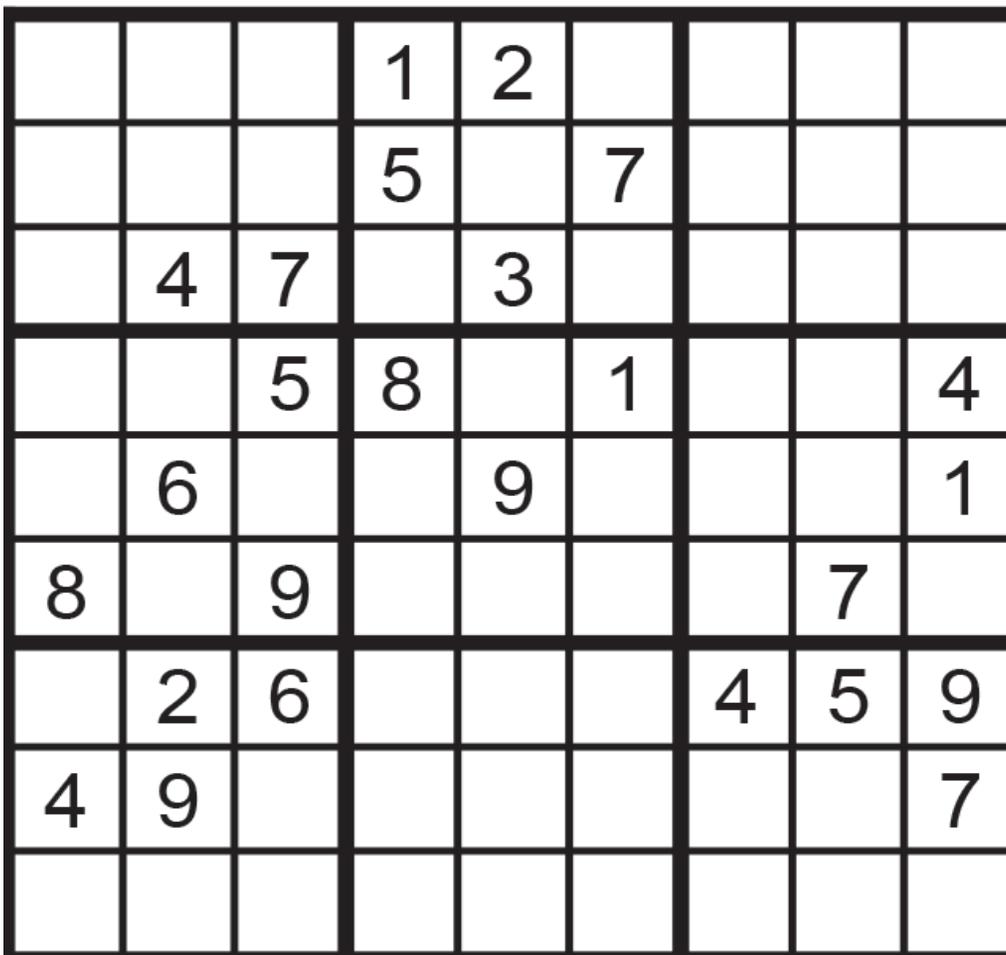
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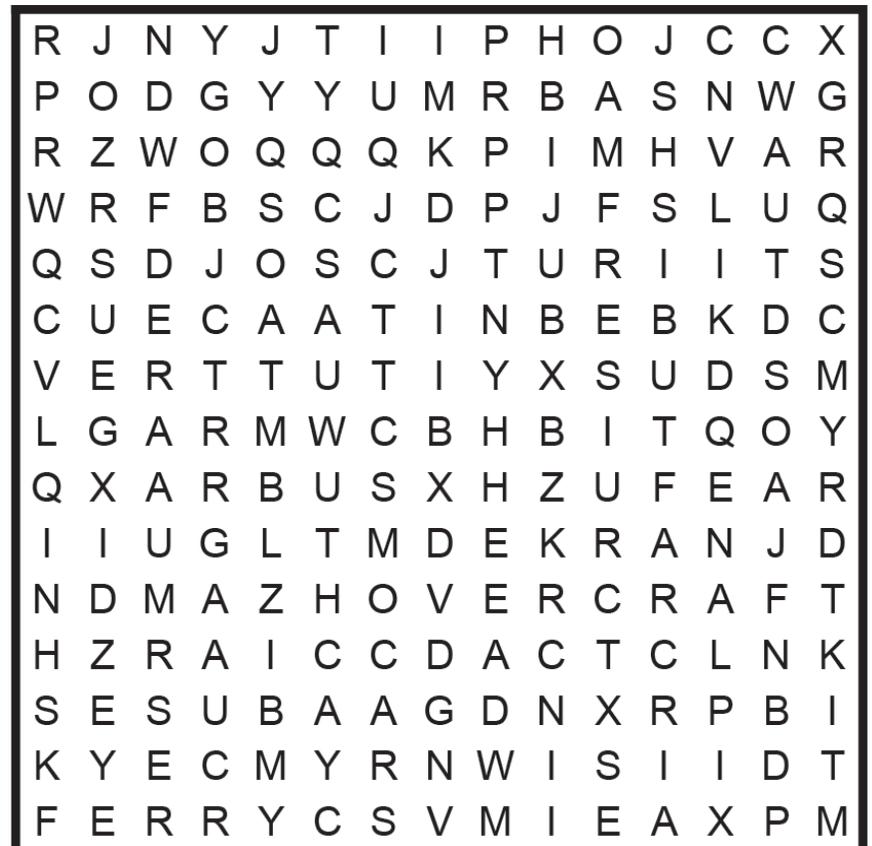
Sudoku

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



Fourteen modes of transportation 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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|----------|------------|-------|
| Aircraft | Funicular | Taxi |
| Buses | Hovercraft | Train |
| Cars | Plane | Vans |
| Cruiser | Rowboat | Yacht |
| Ferry | Suvs | |

Schools

Alternative transportation provides local students independence

By Brandon Roth

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Many students, just like their parents, have busy lives and have to meet the demands of their school schedule, extracurriculars and jobs on a regular basis. While driving may not be an option for some, many students struggle to find transportation that meets their needs.

Chloe Chiang, a Los Altos resident and a sophomore student at Castilleja High School, became passionate about public transportation last summer noticing when her mom was trying to balance her job while driving Chiang across the city. Chiang said she felt bad for her mom, seeing her try to focus on her job while carpooling. Chiang even began taking Cal Train to save her some time.

"She still had to drive 20 minutes from our house to the station just to pick me up," she said.

She said that VTA buses in her school area are not reliable. There were only two actively scheduled bus stops on a given day, and she had to wait a few hours for the next one to arrive. She said she

even experienced a bus that was 30 minutes late. The recent VTA strike in March was also a tipping point for her to see her mom once again struggling and showing how unstable the local bus system is.

"Right now, I commute myself to all my extracurriculars. I don't even have my driver's license because I either bike, take the train or take the bus," she said. "All my transportation is not involved through the school."

She said Los Altos is a "desert island" when it comes to transportation and is behind in providing students opportunities to connect to different parts of the community. She said in cities such as Mountain View, Cupertino and Palo Alto, there are many microshuttle ride share systems that make it convenient for students and other community members to reach other modes of transportation.

Chiang said she hopes to use the microshuttles one day with her school, but right now the routes only exist at the border between Menlo Park and Palo Alto and at the intersection of Page Mill Road which is closer to El Camino. Chiang said about 80%



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Chloe Chiang, a Los Altos resident and a sophomore at Castilleja High School, created surveys for local high schools on how students utilize transportation on their regular commutes.

of students from her school use at least some form of public transportation.

"I'm not too versed in the policy in terms of how we'd make sure that only Los Altos residents are getting on it, but I know the Cu-

pertino system works for them by allowing residents to use it while Mountain View is opened to the entire public," she said. "The current microshuttle systems does not connect to where I live, so it is not convenient for any Los

Altos residents use it."

Chiang, with the guidance of GreenTown Los Altos and the Preservation Action League of Los Altos, hopes to propose the use of microshuttles and See TRANSPORT, Page 19

SSCOE selects new superintendent to bridge gaps with community and board

By Brandon Roth

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The Santa Clara County Board of Education selected David M. Toston, a former senior advisor at the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, as its new superintendent last week. Toston will begin his new position on May 1.

The SCCBOE since October has been trying to find a candidate to replace current interim Superintendent Charles Hinman, who took over the position of former Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan last October.

The superintendent search process took place in six different phases, starting with an initial consultation in early October with the board that discussed the qualities and characteristics they desired for a new superintendent. The next steps were to get community and staff input on what the goals were for the district. The next few phases included

creating timelines, advertising and recruiting and determining the finalists. The last few steps entailed the final interviews which allowed the board to narrow down their selection and provide an offer letter.

Jessica Speiser, Santa Clara County Board of Education trustee of Area 1, said Toston stood out as a candidate because of his many experiences and background within the education system. She said his background includes being a teacher, psychologist and special education administrator. Speiser said many people applied for the position, but the number of candidates is confidential. In Toston's latest role, she said that he supports more than 146 local districts on "effective community engagement."

"I think he will work well with the board and community," Speiser said. "He has immense experience in

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COURTESY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Santa Clara County Board of Education selected David M. Toston, a former educator with 25 years of experience as a teacher, psychologist, special education administrator, county office of education experience as an associate superintendent and statewide experience as a Senior Advisor for California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE).

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the use of other public transportation to the Los Altos City Council to allow kids who have packed schedules to get to place to place without any worries. She said recently reached out to various local high schools such as Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School and Pinewood School and provided them with surveys on how to improve transportation in their schools.

The survey, which is targeted to both parents and students, asks them to list what their mode of transportation is, who they travel with, when they use the transportation and where they need to go. She said the survey hopes to answer the issues on congestion and appease neighbors on how mitigate issues.

“Free public transportation for kids is to show them that car dependency doesn’t have to be like this innate, single-mode thing that just exists throughout America,” she said. “Once you kind of get introduced to it and realize that it’s so convenient for your parents as well, that starts the conversation and allows people to just know that this exists because lot of people have never taken a bus in their life, and they think that cars are, the only way. I feel like kids don’t have a lot of independence here because they must rely so much on cars.”

Tracey Runeare, the principal of LAHS, said that the popular modes of transportation include carpooling with families, driving, bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, e-scooters and walking. She said the school has been working closely with the city to find solutions for congestion and is working with the neighbors as well to share their concerns. She said the busiest times include 8-8:45 a.m., 2:50-3:15 p.m. and 3:50-4 p.m.

“The school has tried to clear street congestion by opening up two car lanes in our turnout area in front of the school to make drop off and pick up more efficient and to prevent congestion on Almond Ave.,” she said. “We also have increased staff supervision before and after school to direct traffic and oversee student safety for those who are walking, biking or otherwise not driving.”

She said she is open to having microshuttles come to the school because it is a “cost-effective” for the school and the city and it works toward supporting families. She said she is looking forward soon to making it happen.

“We continue to encourage alternative means of transportation for our students whenever possible,” she said. “We also know that students and their families have busy schedules that often include multiple commitments beyond the school day that can make alternative means of transportation difficult.”

should be handled through mediation rather than wasting time in the courts.

He believes the board’s ability to fire Dewan goes beyond what was given to them in the California education codes and allows them to threaten a superintendent behind closed doors. He said there have been many other cases that opposed the County Board of Education because its authorities and abilities are not clear.

“I hope they’ll refocus on conserving resources so that they can be used for the benefit of students and the community rather than doing a bunch of investigations into a superintendent that they acknowledge served our community honorably and that they terminated without cause,” Ellenberg said. “It’s like they terminate first and then figure out a reason later. I wish they would refocus their priorities.”

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community engagement and I look forward to him applying those skills in our county.”

Speiser said that they are moving on from Mary Ann Dewan’s lawsuit made against the board, which was dropped on March 28. She believes it was dismissed in order to do what is best for the students. She said the case has affected members of the board differently and they hope to move forward with new ideas.

Dewan hoped to challenge, in this case, the process of how her removal was conducted due to violation of the Brown Act and to reinstate her position.

Steve Ellenberg, Dewan’s attorney, said they wanted a ruling that would not give them authority to terminate Dewan. He said that her termination

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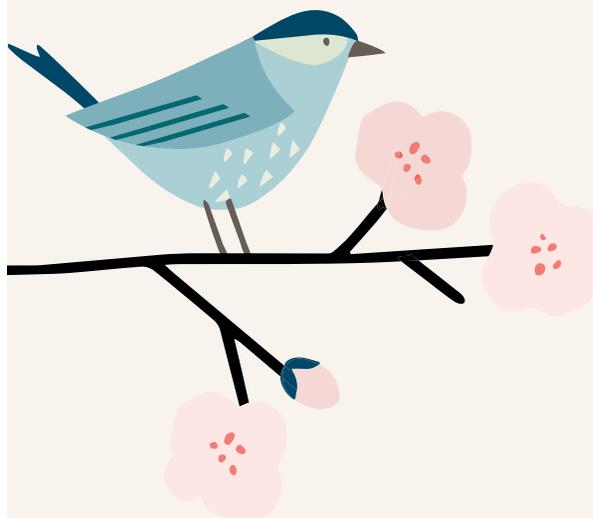
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MVLA Board approves new by-district voting boundaries

By **Brandon Roth**

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The Mountain View Los Altos Union School District board held a special meeting on Monday to decide on the by-district voting map they would like to use in the 2026 and 2028 elections. The next step is to have the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization vote on the final map in a public hearing.

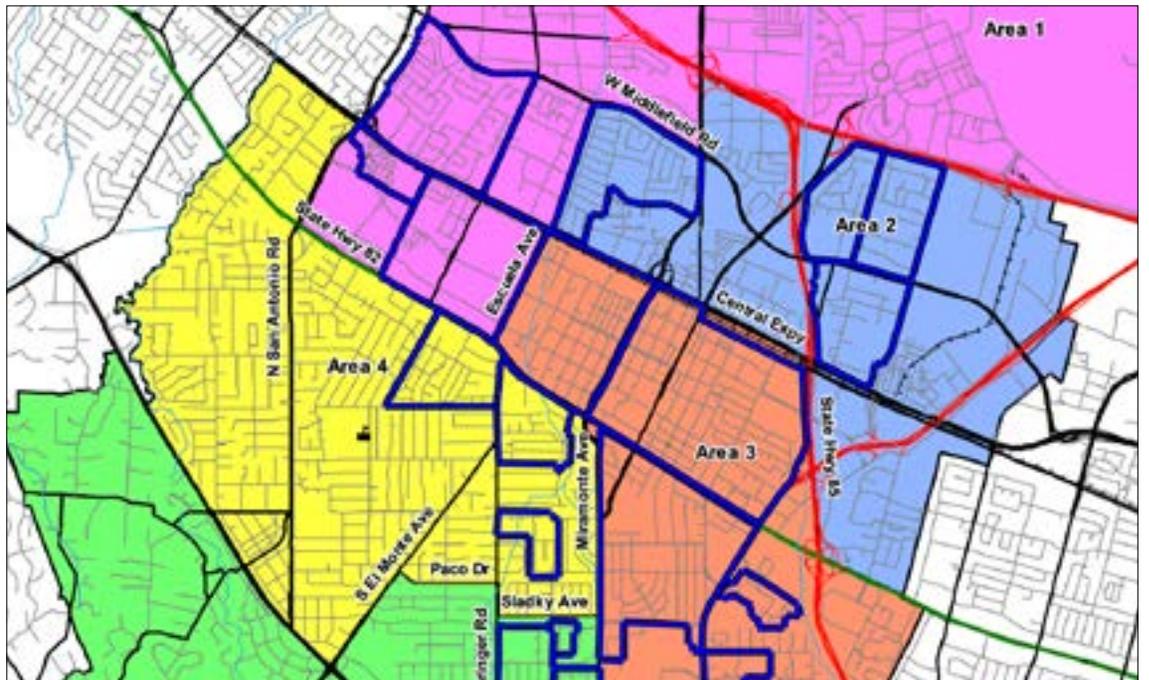
The board members unanimously voted for Map C1 which includes five districts with a population deviation of not more than 10%, an equal balance of citizen voting age populations and having one or more districts with a large Asian and Hispanic population size.

The by-district voting map decision has been an ongoing process for the MVLA board since October 2024 and their latest discussion on the matter was on March 17. MVLA changed their 2026 election voting system in

September from at-large to by-district to satisfy the California Voting Rights Act, protecting minority voters in elections and to vote for a trustee based in their designated district.

Kenneth R. Reynolds, a demographer from SchoolWorks, Inc., worked with the school districts to design comprehensive maps that show the boundaries, and updated the latest maps for the board to view. Previous recommendations the board members wanted Reynolds to include were based on feedback from neighborhood association groups and community events to see what streets have things in common and adjust the borders based on community interest.

The board now will need to send their recommendations to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization to ratify the map. The committee is in charge of evaluating the methods that were used in determining the map changes, whether the maps follow state



SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

The MVLA District board voted unanimously for a new by-district voting map on Monday. The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization will now need to approve the map for it to be used in the 2026 and 2028 elections.

legal voting requirements and determining the new trustee maps based on the census.

David Soldani, an attorney at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo who has been working with the board as their legal counsel, said the county committee will need to conduct the meeting

within the district and will decide if updates or adjustments will need to be made. Soldani said the county committee is the last step in this process and their vote will conclude the hearing.

Soldani also said at the special meeting that the board will also need to update its policies on how

the upcoming elections will take place before 2026.

It is to be determined when the county committee public hearing will take place. For more information on the maps, visit mvla.net/About-MVLA/Board-of-Trustees/Trustee-Area-Election-Information/index.html.

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Sports

Mountain View golf wins El Camino title

By Curtis Driscoll

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For the first time since 2007, the Mountain View boys golf team has won a league title.

Mountain View finished first in the Santa Clara Valley El Camino Division at 10-2 after second place Milpitas lost Thursday, with coach Bruce Jaffe happy about the result.

"I would like to say this is the best group of young student-athletes that I've had in my four years at Mountain View High School," Jaffe said. "It's a very young team."

Freshman Lucas Wang has been the team's No. 1 after an injury to sophomore Alex Sykora early in the year, while sophomore Austin Andersen, one of the team's most improved players, became the No. 2. Jaffe praised Wang and Andersen for their maturity beyond their

years with calm but competitive dispositions on the course that showed their extraordinary love for the game. The pair also play competitive tournament golf outside of high school in the off season.

"They were the cornerstones of the team to start," Jaffe said.

The young team only has three seniors, with one freshman, six sophomores and two juniors. Armaan Kapur, Max Huang, Benny Cittadino and Ian Brodie served as starters at various times during the season.

Mountain View played 12 matches in the regular season, losing away to Milpitas in week six and Wilcox in week 12 April 23.

The Spartans finished second in the El Camino Division last year, with Jaffe confident early this season the team would have a chance to be in



COURTESY OF BRUCE JAFFE

Back row, left to right, assistant coach Calvin Woon, Lucas Wang, Armaan Kapur, Tugy Rajappan, Nicolas Bellas, Isaac Stephenson, Ian Brodie, head coach Bruce Jaffe. Front row, left to right, Max Huang, Rylan Jariwala, Austin Andersen, Benny Cittadino, Kevin Kim, Alex Sykora.

the hunt for a league title for the first time since 2007, when the Spartans completed a threepeat (2005, 2006, 2007).

"I had a good feeling," Jaffe said.

League playoffs are April 29, with an 18-hole course tournament held at Bay View Golf Club in Milpitas. Palo Alto, the SCVAL De Anza Division champion, and Mountain View

qualified automatically. The four other teams that qualified were Los Altos, Gunn, Saratoga and Lynbrook. The highest-ranked players on the

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Dad and daughter promote LAHS sports through photography

By Shaona Das

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Local father-daughter duo Tim and Charlotte Wolfe have taken a team approach to photographing Los Altos High sports.

The two trade off taking photos and LAHS freshman Charlotte also schedules which games to cover, edits photos and posts them on social media.

The pair established their photography group, Sports Family 7 Photography, at the start of the school year. Along with taking photos at games, they do portrait shots on request.

"I'll pick the games - JV or varsity, what time - and we'll go," Charlotte said. "Either me or my dad will take the photos, and then when we get home, me and my dad will go through all the photos, and I'll pick out the best ones, or the ones I think would get a lot of views or likes."

Tim said their work fills a void, as many of the athletes didn't have a lot of photos of themselves at the end of the season.

"We would spend hours putting stuff up, because nobody would do it for the Los Altos sports," Tim said. "You don't see that quality of stuff around. So it really dug in on us, really got it going."

Now, the Wolfes have created banners for athletes, taken photos of award ceremonies and provided game cover-

age for Los Altos on platforms like Max-Preps.

Charlotte said her interest in photography began when she took a class in seventh grade at Egan Junior High. She is currently enrolled in the photography class at Los Altos.

Although Tim said he dabbled in photography for years prior to launching Sports Family 7, his interest in sports photography began when Charlotte joined the LAHS flag football team last fall.

"I heard that the girls flag football team was going to start playing, ... my daughter made varsity. And she said, 'Dad, can you come out and photograph us?'" Tim said. "So, I went out and I shot the first game, and my hardware was so old that the pictures came out OK, but they weren't great. So then I kind of got interested in it."

While Charlotte's passion for flag football only kickstarted the pair's photography team this year, she's been playing since elementary school. According to the pair, Tim's media coverage of her team has helped her gain recognition from college coaches and helped the sport gain more recognition at Los Altos High.

"Because we focus so hard on girls flag, now (Charlotte's) got seven or eight girls football colleges looking at her - as a freshman!" Tim said. "I reached out



COURTESY OF TIM WOLFE

Charlotte Wolfe, left, and her father Tim Wolfe have started a photography group that takes photos of Los Altos High sports called Sports Family 7 Photography.

to some coaches and I said, 'What do you look for?' He says, 'Well, we look for photos and videos.' And I said, 'I got both.' ... We've been using this as a task to help athletes at Los Altos High be seen."

Although rules prohibit her from officially talking to interested college

coaches until sophomore year, Tim's game coverage of Charlotte has connected her with multiple colleges on Instagram.

"I started following a lot of these colleges on Instagram, and they would follow me back, and they comment on my

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posts, re-share them,” Charlotte said. “I’ve gotten notices from all these colleges.”

According to Tim, helping Charlotte and other female athletes gain more recognition is a significant reason he pursued photography.

“Everything about boys sports gets the limelight, right? So I thought to myself ... let’s really put some focus on the girls sports. And that’s

what we did,” Tim said. “I saw how happy it made them.”

While Sports Action 7 has been offering its services for free, due to the high volume of sporting events the Wolfes are covering, they plan to start charging next school year and also expand into more sports. Charlotte noted they may add swimming and golf, among other sports. A website is in the works as well.

To find Sports Family 7 on social media, visit [timwolfe.photography](https://www.instagram.com/timwolfe.photography) on Instagram.



COURTESY OF REBECCA WOLFE

Charlotte Wolfe during middle school at a flag football camp.

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Prep Sports Summary

Baseball

The Los Altos baseball team swept Milpitas last week in league and beat WCAL foe Bellarmine Saturday to move its win streak to seven games. Los Altos (15-4) won 4-3 against Bellarmine thanks to a Darrion Wesley single to score two runs in the fifth inning. Eagles starter Anders Wood went five innings and got the win, with Mitesh Jain pitching in the sixth and Kai MacQuiddy recorded the save against the Bells (11-10). Los Altos overwhelmed Milpitas 13-3 Wednesday in the first game of the series thanks to four RBIs from Wesley, while Gavin Moore, Emmett Heath each had two RBIs. Friday's 3-1 win over Milpitas in the second game saw Heath throw six innings and give up one run. Los Altos is now sec-

ond in the SCVAL De Anza Division. Los Altos will travel to play Mountain View today at 4 p.m.

Mountain View (13-6) beat Branham 6-0 Saturday and lost 6-2 against Wilcox April 23. The loss against Wilcox was in league play and drops Mountain View to 4-3 in the De Anza Division and in fifth place. Zander Yocum had two RBIs in the game against Branham, while Preston Huang pitched five innings and gave up only four hits while striking out five. The Spartans face the Chargers (12-7) Monday (after the Town Crier print deadline). Mountain View will host Los Altos today and then travel to Los Altos for the second game Friday.

St. Francis (17-5) beat Petaluma 5-4 Saturday in a non-league game. The Lancers scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. St. Francis will play Sacred Heart Cathedral Tuesday in WCAL league play (after the Town Crier print deadline).

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other eight teams in the two divisions can go to the tournament to compete as individuals, along with eight other players from ranked teams. Teams are competing to qualify for the Central Coast Section playoffs May 6 in Monterey at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

"We know it's a difficult course for us to play, but we've now played it once," Jaffe said. "We'll take it one shot at a time. We won't worry about anyone else."

Jaffe and the team are hoping to move up to the more competitive SCVAL De Anza Division next season, with the players unequivocally telling Jaffe they want to move up a division. The team has not been in the De Anza during Jaffe's four-year tenure.

"Of course, you can force an argument and say you want to stay where you are and try to finish top of your division, but you also want to test yourself," Jaffe said.



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Mountain View High golfer Austin Andersen, a sophomore, plays during the 2025 season.

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Local students win scholarships to continue their art education

By **Brandon Roth**

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

For many students, art is a way of life, and it is sometimes the only way to express, communicate and understand the world. Iris Wu and Ankhil Enkhbayar, both seniors at Los Altos High School, have known since preschool that being an artist is essential to their identity.

With the encouragement of Christine An, the students' A.P. art teacher, they both applied and were recently designated the 2025 California Art Education Association Duane Hagen & Laurel Burch scholarship recipients for the Northern Region. The CAEA, a professional network of art educators that promotes art curriculum at the state and national levels, designates two art students from both Northern and Southern California and picks them based on their 10 portfolio pieces. They are also asked by the scholarship committee how art has influenced their life, how they are

involved with art outside of the classroom and any hardships they must overcome. According to CAEA, scholarships are financial awards to support students with their art education in their chosen university and are sent directly to the university's financial office.

Wu, the recipient of the Duane Hagen Scholarship, said she did not come from an artistic family growing up, but everyone in her life has supported her on her artistic journey. Wu said she will be attending the University of California San Diego in the fall and is excited to find a community there when she starts. She plans on majoring in interdisciplinary computing and art and hopes to combine various software programs with her passion for design.

"I hope to learn more ways of how my art can reach people and like, through different mediums, not just through a fine arts perspective, but also design perspectives, which is something I want to do," Wu said. "I want to learn how to use soft-



COURTESY OF IRIS WU

Los Altos High School seniors Iris Wu and Ankhil Enkhbayar won the Duane Hagen Scholarship and Laurel Burch Memorial Scholarship, respectively, from the California Art Education Association. The art scholarships are given to only four students from both Northern and Southern California. Above is Iris Wu's piece "My Hopeful Prayer to Nature," where she creates a representing prayer of how she wishes for her dreams to come true during unpredictable times.

ware and combine some aspects of science, like computer science with art."

Wu said many of the pieces she submitted for the scholarship were the best works she

had made last year and the ones

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Interest in Town Crier's internship program is as strong as ever

By **Pete Borello**

Internship Supervisor

For a lot of companies, intern season is approaching. At the Town Crier, it's always intern season.

We are fortunate enough to have an army of interns year-round, thanks largely to the scores of students in this area interested in journalism. It's also due to strong support from Town Crier ownership and staff, which have embraced the program at a time when many newspapers are taking fewer interns because of downsizing.

In recent years, our internship program has grown significantly in numbers and in reach. It has come a long way since the days when we had only a few high school interns during the school year and maybe two college interns in the summer. We currently have more than a dozen high

school interns and expect to welcome at least five college students for the summer. No matter the season, we usually have far more candidates than we do openings.

There was a time when almost all of our interns came from local high schools, such as Los Altos, Mountain View and Pinewood; now we also get students from as far as Menlo Park to the north and San Jose to the south. Our current roster of interns includes several Los Altos and Pinewood students, as well as those from Homestead, Fremont, Castilleja, Cupertino, Prospect, Santa Clara and Nueva high schools.

Our goal is to help keep journalism alive by giving these students an opportunity to gain experience – whether it be as a reporter, photographer, illustrator or graphic designer – that may

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MCKAYLA KAO/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos Town Crier internship program, supervised by Pete Borello, opens opportunities for high school and college students to work for a newspaper and get hands-on experiences to write articles, take photos and create social media content.

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Every penny counts when preparing to send your children to college and it is important to prepare your FAFSA, apply for financial awards or consider financial appeals when preparing for education investments.

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Each year, a majority of American parents of college students are confronted with higher-than-expected costs for tuition and room and board, according to a College Ave survey. The same survey finds that the price tag on other college-related expenses, such as books, activity fees and transportation, also catch large portions of parents by surprise.

"Making a concrete plan to pay for college can help you overcome that initial sticker shock and navigate these important years with less financial stress," said Dan Kennedy, chief marketing officer of College Ave.

Kennedy recommends taking the following steps to create your plan for paying for college:

- Seek aid each year: Don't forget to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each year your child is in

school. This is the only way to receive need-based grants, loans and work-study offers from the federal government.

- Read and compare financial aid award letters carefully: Use each school's financial award letter, delivered in the spring, to get an apples-to-apples comparison of costs. Calculate the net direct cost of each school by subtracting offered scholar-

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that best represented her skills. She said many of her favorite works were ones that displayed the nature of unpredictability and things that are out of one's control. She said with her artistic background; she wants to be able to connect communities with her pieces.

"Art is sometimes under-represented in a community or landscape," Wu said. "Some public art pieces can represent a community and brighten it and make more people want to come in. I think artists have the background of what allows us to connect with things, like with each other."

Enkhbayar, the recipient of the Laurel Burch scholarship, said her parents have supported her art talent and provided her with opportunities such as summer camps and study abroad programs. Last year she went to Paris to study fashion design for three weeks.

Enkhbayar, who just got accepted into the Parsons School

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of Design in Paris, hopes to use

the scholarship to explore careers in the fashion industry. Enkhbayar also has a passion for photography and editorials,

which many of the pieces submitted in her portfolio include, and feels very supported by her school community in creating

art within an uplifting environment.

“I can’t really imagine any other route for me besides going into (it) career-wise because I feel like I would just be very unhappy in any other kind of environment,” Enkhbayar said. “Everybody’s regret is not risking what they wanted to have done. I’m trying my best to listen to myself and take the risk, even though it’s scary.”

In future work, Enkhbayar plans to draw upon her Mongolian heritage and use the many symbols, colors and fonts in her work. She said her A.P. Art portfolio plans to use the traditional forms. She said that is rare to see her cultural identity on the screen and was inspired by the 2024 Mongolian Olympic team with their uniform designs.



COURTESY OF IRIS WU
In Iris Wu’s painting “Spider’s Cradle Web,” she uses mixed media to show how spiders and nature as a whole decorate and connect the world we control.

“My country isn’t mentioned within the public spheres, and it was really surprising,” Enkhbayar said. “I was very proud at that moment. I kind of want to have a similar moment with that about kind of pushing my own cultural identity in a big way.”

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lead them to consider a career in this vital profession.

Some of the students who have interned with us have returned to the Town Crier as staff writers, others are reporters at regional or even national media outlets and a few are working in broadcast news. Several others have chosen another path, such as law school, medical school and, of course, tech.

For those interested in interning with us – or might know someone who would be – read the following for answers to the most common questions we are asked about our program.

What do you look for in an intern?

We prioritize students who have experience on their school papers or have at least taken a journalism class. We prefer self-starters with a passion for journalism, good people skills, great attitudes and a keen ability to meet deadlines. High school interns must make time to be in

the office one afternoon a week and college interns twice weekly.

What is the time commitment?

Approximately four hours per week for high school students and at least double that for college students. Most of these hours will be in the office, but there will also be a few hours of remote work weekly. While our college students are usually here for just a few months, most of our high school students stick around for a few years.

What are the duties of an intern?

After a few weeks of training, interns are often ready to take on their first assignment. Reporting interns, for example, are assigned a story to write after receiving guidance that includes potential sources to interview, an approximate word length and a deadline for submitting a draft. Interns receive feedback on all their work.

How do you apply?

Send an email to peteb@latc.com.

com that includes your name, school, journalism experience and a few samples of your writing. Qualified candidates will be asked to come to the office for an interview.

Are interns paid?

No. However, starting this year, the nonprofit Los Altos Journalism Foundation is offering college scholarships to four high school seniors who have been standout interns.

Are there any summer internship openings?

No; all candidates for the summer have been interviewed and will be selected this week.

What about the fall?

Yes, there are still a few spots available.

For more information on the Town Crier’s internship program, contact Intern Supervisor Pete Borello at peteb@latc.com. For more information on the Los Altos Journalism Foundation, visit losaltosjournalismfoundation.org.

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Los Altos School District students compete during the 62nd annual Junior Olympics, held Saturday on the Los Altos High School campus. Students participated in a wide range of sports, from the softball throw and chin ups to jump rope, relays and dashes.

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ships and grants from the total cost of attendance. If applicable, you can subtract work-study aid, too. You should also factor in expected year-to-year increases in tuition, room, board and other fees. This analysis can help you narrow down schools within financial reach for your family.

- Consider appealing: While an award package can seem like it's set in stone, you may be able to appeal for more aid from the school of your choice. Don't be afraid to ask for more aid if your financial situation has changed.

- Look for outside assistance: Scholarships are typically based on merit or talents and can provide substantial assistance. Colleges and universities themselves award scholarships, as do national and local organizations. One of the easiest scholarships to apply for is the College Ave \$1,000 scholarship sweepstakes. The submission process does not even require an essay and you can apply every month. Encourage your student to continue applying for scholarships year-round, as every little bit

helps.

- Explore private student loans: The College Board reported that the average amount of aid that undergraduate students received in grants, federal loans, tax credits and work-study programs was \$16,360 for the 2023-2024 academic year. Considering that the average total cost of attendance for a public four-year school that same year was \$24,920 for in-state students, you might need more aid than your college initially offers. Private student loans are a great option to help supplement your financial needs. Shop around for a great rate and loan terms you can work with. Use College Ave's student loan calculator to ensure you know the cost of borrowing and what your monthly payment might look like. It can be found at collegeave.com/calculators.

For a private student loan, and for additional tips and resources for college-bound families, visit collegeave.com.

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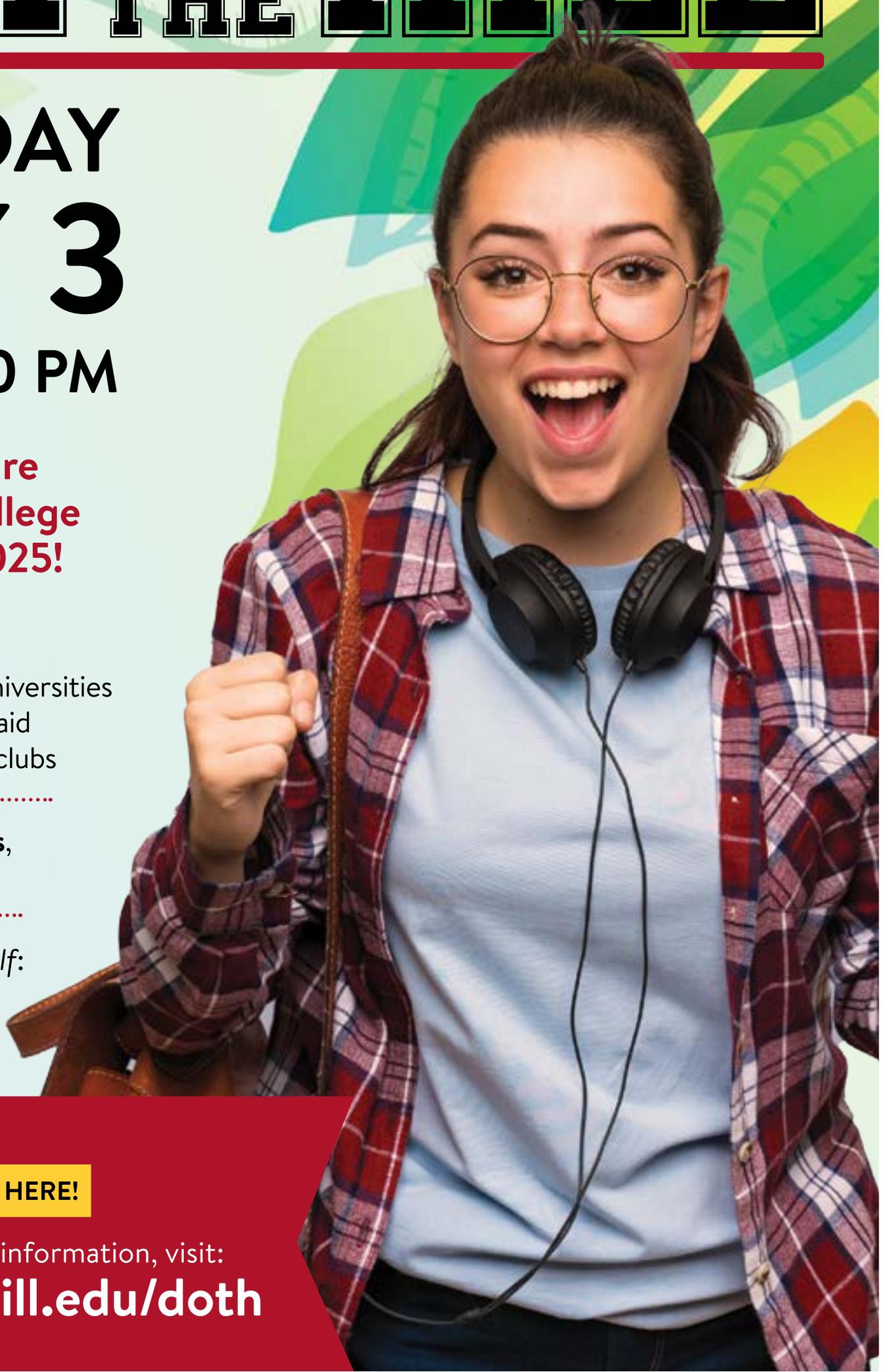
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Business & Real Estate

Maison Alyzée makes inconspicuous return post-fire

By Christina Casillas
Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

Maison Alyzée, a French patisserie off Castro Street in Mountain View that was forced to shutter last month after a fire sparked in the kitchen, is back to providing what owner Laurent Pellet described as quality service and high-end fine French pastries.

The patisserie, which has been at 212 Castro St. since July 2018, was closed for five weeks as Pellet and contractors rushed to repair damage from the fire, which was sparked at 3:57 a.m. March 3 by a charging lithium ion battery.

Although the battery initially combusted, the damage to the building wasn't caused by flames – it was caused by smoke, Pellet said.

“When lithium ion batteries burst, they generate enormous heat, an abnormal level of heat, and (the battery) actually burst the water heater pipe – (we were)

lucky because it basically extinguished the fire,” he said. “So there was no damage across the store by the fire.”

The heat from the lithium ion battery, which belonged to an electric leaf blower, did burn the electrical outlet and some of the other surrounding electrical wires, but the most significant damage was from the smoke. Damages amounted to a total \$100,000, according to the Mountain View Fire Department.

In addition to renovations and repairs in the kitchen, Pellet said the ceiling had to be repainted and the floor itself had to be changed – Pellet noted that the furniture, imported from France, was luckily unharmed.

After the fire and during repairs, Pellet said there was immense support and outreach from customers.

“I had a customer who called me two or three days after (the fire) and she asked me, ‘Can I

come to help you clean?’ Voluntarily, ... she just wanted to help,” he said. “We received so many wonderful messages.”

He said the repairs and re-opening, all done within a few weeks, surprised Pellet himself and many of his friends; he attributed the speed to his corporate background and his dedication to simply getting things done when they must be done.

But that's not to say the process wasn't difficult, Pellet noted, especially because the relaunch had to be done as quickly as possible because the store already had employees who needed to return to work. Time was of the essence, he said.

“The reopening, the relaunch of the store, was more stressful than opening a new store,” he said.

Although the process was difficult, he said the business was still focused on getting better during the process; he noted the



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An improved St. Barth cake is being served at recently reopened Maison Alyzée.

patisserie worked on a few of the pastries it sells and redid its St. Barth cake, allowing for a better bite and appearance when cut.

Maison Alyzée reopened its doors April 19, and Pellet's 10-year-old daughter was the first customer to be served after the patisserie's doors reopened. He said she woke up early for the oc-

casation because “she wanted to be the first one” to order from the business.

As for a grand reopening, Pellet said he had no plans for it.

“I don't like big things,” he said. “The values of Maison Alyzée are respect, humility and sharing, so a ground reopening is not with humility.”

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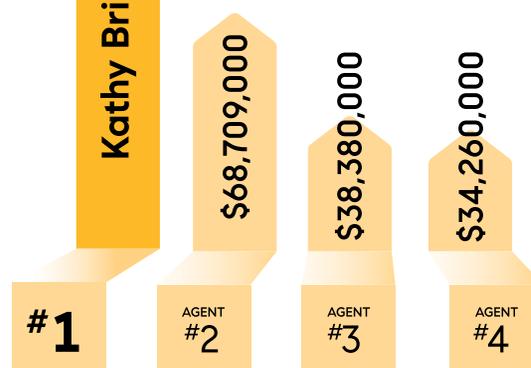


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1932 EMERSON STREET | \$10,500,000 | 6 Bd | 6 Bth
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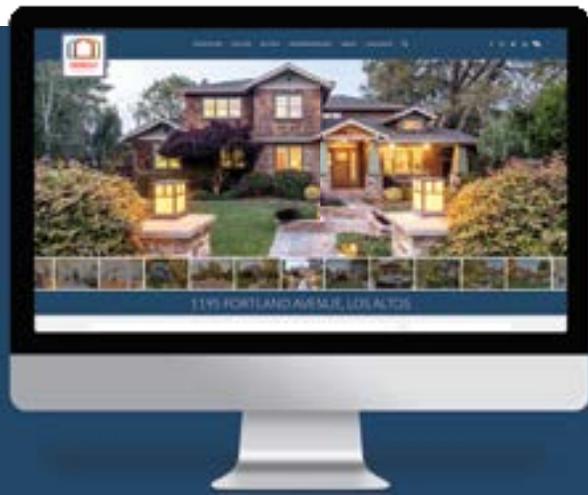
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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SAI PAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV464040

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Sai Pan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
a. Ladyar Gwa

Proposed Name:
a. Lydia Gwa

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/08/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/22/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **108-T**

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF VIDAN IGOR VON BRZESKI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463993

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Vidan Igor von Brzeski filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
a. Vidan Igor von Brzeski

Proposed Name:
a. Marko Brzeski

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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sive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/22/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **107-T**

SEMPER FI GI FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715102

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SEMPER FI GI FOUNDATION, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Robert Mc Cormick, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James R. Mc Cormick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/02/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **106-T**

Grateful Gardens FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715631

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Grateful Gardens, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Bruce Andrews, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Sharon Andrews, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/28/2001. /S/ Sharon Andrews / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **105-T**

GOOD NEWS HOME REVIVAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715419

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOOD NEWS HOME REVIVAL, 5770 Winfield Blvd Spc 90, San Jose, CA, 95123, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Luis A Rodriguez, 5770 Winfield Blvd Spc 90, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2025. /S/ Luis A Rodriguez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **104-T**

LOMYRAH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715542

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOMYRAH, 4441 Renaissance Dr, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LOMYRAH LIMITED LIABILITY CO., 166 Geary St, Ste 1500 PMB 2184, San Francisco, CA 94108. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Huyen Trang Thomas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/18/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25) **103-T**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EL CAMINO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 32103, the Board of Directors of El Camino Healthcare District will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comment and consider adoption of a resolution increasing Board member compensation from One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$115.50) per day to One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$121.28) per day for attendance at a meeting of the Board.

The Public Hearing will be held on May 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM PST at El Camino Hospital, Sobrato Boardroom 1, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by teleconference at +16699009128,,99180905651#

The public is invited to attend and provide oral and/or written comments. Written comments must be received at or prior to the meeting time and date. A copy of the proposed resolution is available for review in the public bulletin posting area located at El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by accessing the District's website at [https:// www.elcaminohealthcaredistrict.org/](https://www.elcaminohealthcaredistrict.org/). Published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066. (04-30-25,05-07-25) **102-T**

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SHAUNA KANANI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463276

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

Proposed Name:
a. Shauna Kanani Ferreira

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least

two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/01/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/14/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25) **101-T**

SILVER MOON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715408

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SILVER MOON, 20387 Kent Way, Los Gatos, CA, 95033, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sabina Kapunov, 20387 Kent Way, Los Gatos, CA 95033. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Sabina Kapunov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2025. (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25) **100-T**

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MATTHEW TELLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463318

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

Proposed Name:
a. Matthew Aguilar Braham

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/14/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25) **099-T**

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS STATE OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR CORPORATION YARD LOCKER ROOM PROJECT – PHASE 1

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received by the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside **"Bid For The Corporation Yard Locker Room Project Phase 1"**.

2. WORK DESCRIPTION. This project consists of an interior remodel to convert the existing 122 SF ground floor storage room into a single occupancy unisex ADA restroom and shower, with a new tanked electric water heater heat pump at ground floor hallway. Two ductless multi-split heat pump systems to condition the entire building are proposed, with removal of existing attic mounted furnace. Close off existing ductwork at second story attic, and all appurtenant work as shown and described in the contract documents with the title of **CORPORATION YARD LOCKER ROOM PROJECT PHASE 1** and on file in the office of the Public Works Director. The Estimate for the project is \$220,000. The project Plans and Specifications/Contract Documents can be downloaded from the Town of Los Altos Hills website at [https:// www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx](https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx).

3. WORKING DAYS. Work under this Contract is to be completed in **SIXTY (60)** working days.

4. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. **Class "B"** Contractor's Licenses is required for bidders to bid on this project. **If a bidder does not have the required license classifications, the bidder's bid proposal shall be considered as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.** 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.

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

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

7. 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.

8. PRE-BID METING (MANDATORY). A pre-bid meeting is scheduled

for **10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2025** at the Corporation Yard Building located at 27400 Purissima Road in the Town of Los Altos Hills. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidder's attendance is **required**.

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 full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the office of the Public Works Department, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. They can also be downloaded from the Town's website at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/579/City-Council-Meeting-Documents> at no charge.

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.

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

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

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 combina-

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

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

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

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 public work on or after March 1, 2015, and contracts entered into on or after April 1, 2015, unless the contractor and its subcontractors are registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. The Bidder and its Subcontractors must be registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, subject to limited legal exceptions under Labor Code section 1771.1.

April 11, 2025
/s/Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk
(04-23,30-25) **098-T**

KIKU FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714611

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KIKU, 1060 Lincoln Ave Ste 20-116, San Jose,

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CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Veronica Kiku Kanno, 1060 Lincoln Ave Suite 20-1106, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Veronica Kiku Kanno / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/14/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

096-T

**MMW Creative Group
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715038**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MMW Creative Group, (2) NEW EROS PUBLISHING, (3) FIRE ORCHID MUSIC, (4) BLACK GIRL ABOARD, 2404 Fairview Lane, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): MMW Creative Group, Inc., 2404 Fairview Lane, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/06/2008. /S/ Miriam Wynn / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/28/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

095-T

**R & T PAW
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715198**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: R & T PAW, 3255 Padilla Way, San Jose, CA, 95148, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): JSR HORIZON LLC, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Shuo Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/04/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

094-T

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PETITION OF THUY TRAM THI
NGUYEN
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
25CV461451**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Thuy Tram Thi Nguyen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
a. Thuy Tram Thi Nguyen

Proposed Name:
a. Thuy Tram Thi Collishaw

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least

two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/03/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/20/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

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**GULRANGI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715070**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GULRANGI, 5272 Rio Lobo Dr, San Jose, CA, 95136, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Kirtan Kapil Vyas, 5272 Rio Lobo Dr, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/23/2024. /S/ Kirtan Kapil Vyas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/01/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

092-T

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

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. BOUND, 828 Onyx Court, San Jose, CA 95117 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 12/01/2021 Under File No. FBN680716 Full Name of Registrant(s): Montserrat Llaurodo, 828 Onyx Court, San Jose, CA 95117 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Apr. 4, 2025. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN715181 (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

091-T

**STANFORD CARPET,
UPHOLSTERY & RUG
CLEANING CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715182**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: STANFORD CARPET, UPHOLSTERY & RUG CLEANING CO., 1140 Karen Way, 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): Yousri M A Touni, 1140 Karen Way, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1981. /S/ Yousri M A Touni / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/04/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

090-T

**White Peony Acupuncture
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN714943**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: White Peony Acupuncture, 885 N San Antonio Rd Suite M, 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): Loren Romley LAC, 885 N San Antonio Rd Suite M, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/07/2024. /S/ Loren Romley / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/26/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

089-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 Prindiville 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 Prindiville 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

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 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 Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Spring Card-Making With Dei!** 7 p.m., today (April 30). Join local instructor Deidre a for a spring-themed card-making program, designed for adults and teens. **Celebration of Jewish-American Heritage Month**, 7 p.m. May 5. This event will feature speakers on Jewish culture and religion, as well as a live Torah demonstration by a scribe, offering a rare and engaging look into the art and spiritual depth of Torah writing and who we are as "people of the book." Co-sponsored by Los Altos Chabad. **Author Talk with JJ Elliot**, 7 p.m. May 6. Author JJ Elliot will read from her novel, "There Are No Rules for This," talk about the writing and publishing process, and about mental health and suicide prevention. Programs are free and open to the public. No registration necessary. **Gardening demonstration**, 7 p.m. May 21. UC Master Gardener Monique Frappier shows how easy it is to grow a variety of plants that connect one to nature. **Wednesday Travel Night: Focus on Cuba**, 7 p.m. May 28. Photographer Harlan Crowder offers a visual tour of the Caribbean's "most fascinating island."

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. **Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.** Service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at Neutra House Conference Center, 181 Hillview Ave. 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. **GreenTown Los Altos.** Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. Information: greentownlosaltos.org.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos and local area. Meets 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. fars.k6ya.org. **HP Retired Employees Club.** Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Activities include luncheons, trips (local, regional and foreign), volunteer work and more. (408) 867-5086; hp.com/retiree.

Friends of the Los Altos Library. Used book sale. 6:30-9 p.m., May 2, Members Night, join at the door for \$10; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 4, books sold by the bag (\$5 per bag). A large selection of fiction and non-fiction, and media in all categories for all ages,

plus puzzles, specials, graphic novels and silent auction and featuring a special collection of train-themed books. Proceeds benefit Los Altos libraries. Information: losaltoslibraryfriends.org. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., in cooperation with the City of Los Altos. **The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area** is presenting a panel on what local governments are doing about climate change. The League of Women Voters is presenting a panel on what local governments are doing about climate change. Panelists will include: Sally Meadows, Los Altos City Council member; Pat Showalter, Mountain View City Council member; and George Tyson, Los Altos Hills City Council member. The event is scheduled 3-4:30 p.m. May 4 at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Refreshments will be served, and parking is available.

American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. (650) 207-6625; lamv.ca.aauw.net. **Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups.** Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. (650) 917-9914; lasmadres.org. **Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos.** Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students. Noon first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. (650) 967-5404; quotamvla.org. **Rotary Club of Los Altos.** Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. losaltosrotary.org. **South Bay Storytellers.** 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. (650) 494-1383; (650) 917-1920; southbaystorytellers.com.

Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Non-profit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltosnewcomers.org. **Sons in Retirement, Branch 5.** Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (408) 391-1078. **Morning Forum of Los Altos.** Celebrating its 75th year, the Morning Forum of Los Altos announces its spring program of diverse and knowledgeable speakers. May 6: Robert Hartwell, professor of music history, author and lecturer at San Francisco Opera and Foothill College, will discuss "Mozart's Last Year." May 20: Darius Nabors will recount humorous and compassionate tales of visiting all of the national parks in "59 Parks in 59 Weeks." To subscribe and for more information, visit morningforum.org.

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OBITUARY NOTICE

SUZANNE LATOURRETTE



November 23, 1936 –
April 15, 2025

Suzanne LaTourrette passed away peacefully in Los Altos on April 15, 2025, at the age of 88.

Daughter of John Griffin of Colorado and Marjorie McEwan of Los Angeles, Suzy Griffin grew up in the Toluca Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles and attended Marlborough School. She was an outstanding student and went on to Stanford University, where she majored in Russian Studies. While on spring break in Mazatlán, she met Peter LaTourrette, also a student at Stanford. After graduating, they married in 1958 and settled in Los Altos, where they raised three sons.

Sue was adventurous, fun-loving, and loved world languages and cultures. Soon after graduating, she got her teaching credential and taught English as a Second Language for the city of Mountain View. She was engaging and social, throwing pool parties for her students and hosting exchange students from around the world.

Passionate about travel, she again went back to school and

began a 20+ year career as a travel agent at All Horizons Rancho Travel, specializing in Hawaii. One of the perks was that tour operators and resorts often hosted travel agents to allow agents to share first-hand experiences with their clients, which Sue happily took advantage of to travel far and wide.

A great lover of the outdoors and nature conservation, she and Peter were active participants in several local community organizations, including the Environmental Volunteers, Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, Peninsula Open Space Trust, and Green Foothills. She also enjoyed many years of hiking with a devoted group of friends that dubbed themselves the Walkie Talkies.

Sue was remarkably energetic, masterfully balancing her career with the roles of mother and wife, always caring and joyful. She had rewarding careers in teaching and travel, had a deeply engaged relationship with her community, was a devoted and attendant mother and grandmother, and a loving and beautiful wife.

She is survived by her husband, Peter, her sons Jeff, Tom (Katherine), and Dean (Emily), and her six grandchildren and was predeceased by her brother, John Griffin, and daughter-in-law Maureen. A celebration of Sue's life will be held in late May at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills, those interested can contact Dean LaTourrette (deanlatourrette@gmail.com / 415-596-7873) for details including the exact date and time. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Peninsula Open Space Trust (<https://openspacetrust.org>), Green Foothills (<https://www.greenfoothills.org>) or Hidden Villa (<https://www.hiddenvilla.org>).



FRANCES KELLER



April 8, 1926 –
April 15, 2025

Frances was born as her Naval officer father was earning his wings - her mother always said that they soloed together. Her family moved about every two years, including a longer assignment in Pearl Harbor just before the war in the Pacific. They moved to a small town in Pennsylvania, where Fran met Roy Keller. Another move to the west coast separated them, but they stayed in touch. Fran went to George Washington University and Roy went into the army in Europe. Before her senior year, Fran and Roy married, and soon after she graduated, they welcomed their first daughter. Roy attended Colorado College, where their second daughter was born, and eventually they moved to San Francisco and then the Peninsula where daughter number three was born.

By far, the most significant part of Fran Keller's career was her approximately 30 years with the Menlo Park City School District, beginning with a long stint as Hillview School's clerk and ending as school secretary for several years. Teachers, administrators, and students all loved her cheerful and caring personality. During her time there, she made many close friends, belonging to bridge clubs and other social groups that continued after retiring and moving to Los Altos.

Fran lost her dear husband in 2010, but remained active and independent until 2020 when her family realized she needed assistance. Cheryl and Janel of Care on Call provided loving care until her death, April 15, 2025, at age 99. She is survived by her three daughters, Christine Redlin (Bob), Caryn Berez (Daniel), and Catherine Lowe (Jeff); granddaughter Mariel Redlin (Nick); and grandsons Conner Lowe (Chieko), and Colin Lowe.

Crossword Answers

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Sudoku Answers

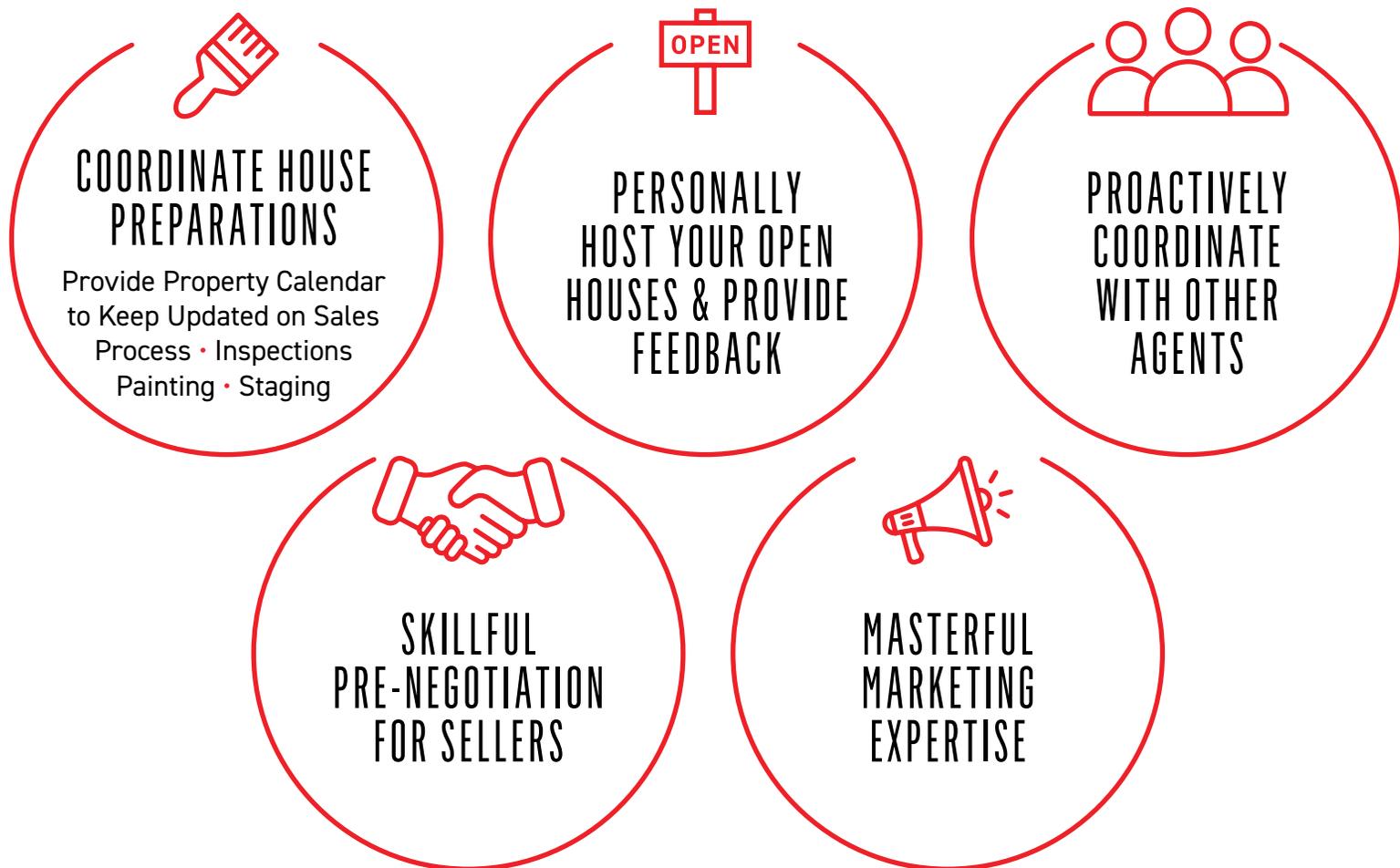
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Find A Word Answers

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