

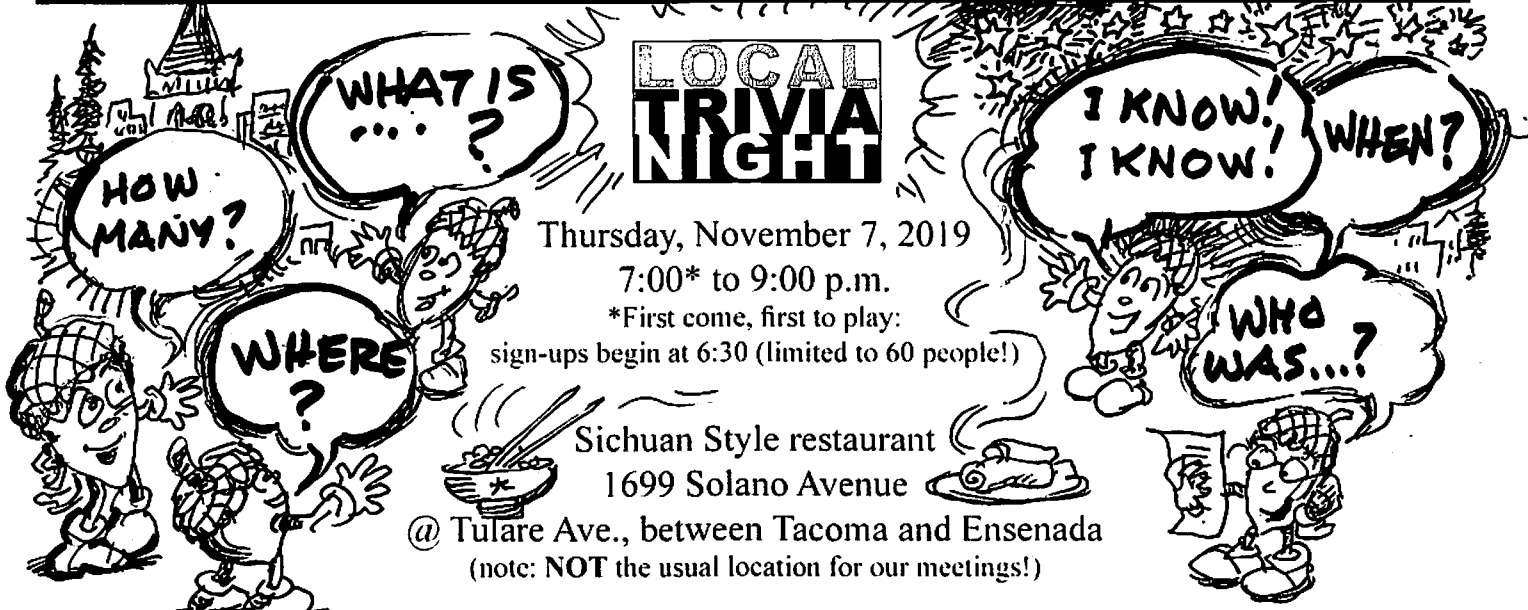
# Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association

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Hey, Thousand Oaks! We're doing something very different for our next gathering. We're joining forces with the Solano Avenue Association and the Albany and Berkeley historical societies to put on a free **Local History Trivia Night**.

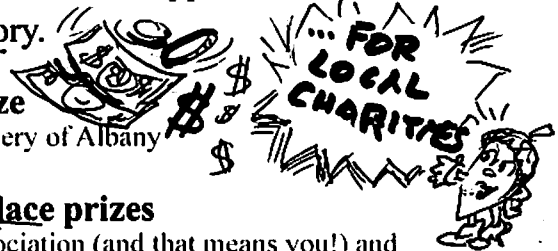
We're holding it at Sichuan Style restaurant so you can order appetizers and beer and/or wine while you test your knowledge of local history.



**\$ \$ \$500 1st place prize**  
provided by Abrams Claghorn Gallery of Albany

**\$250 (each) 2nd and 3rd place prizes**

provided by us, the Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association (and that means you!) and Albany Historical Society



That's some serious change! Half of the winnings go to the local charity of the winning team's choice. Teams are 3–5 people (but you can come as an individual and join a team); maximum capacity is 60 people, so come right at 6:30 to sign up!

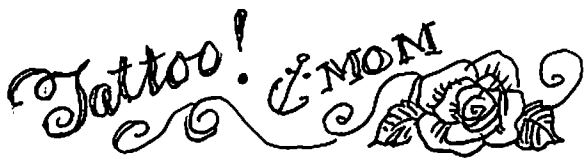
**Rules:** Determine a team name. Write your team name on each answer sheet before the beginning of game play. This will ensure that your team is identifiable once sheets are turned into the judges.

Assign a player to record your answers on the answer sheet and to turn it into the judges at the end of each round.

Trivia consists of three rounds, with 15 questions per round.

Correct spelling on the answer sheets is not always required; however, the judges must be able to recognize your answers.

*(Trivia Rules continued on last page)*



## On the Avenue

Tanya Grove

The first change I noticed while strolling east from Peralta was **Ritual Tattoo** (1563) taking the spot that UPS left behind when it moved one storefront over. It is open for business.

Although French-born chef Alain Delangle tried to keep **La Bedaine** going despite his health issues, the French take-out place had to close. In its place (1585, between Peralta and Tacoma) will spring **voluptas** (with a lower-case "v"), an artisanal bakery, or so promises the sign on the window.

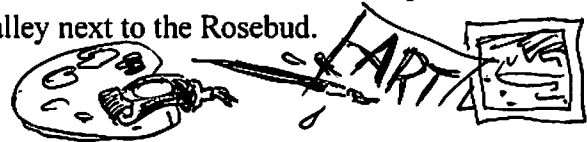
**Subway** is closing shop on that skinny little corner where Solano meets Tacoma (1615) to make way for **Organic Greens**, which is already in downtown Berkeley and the Elmwood district. Organic Greens will offer breakfast, gourmet salads, paninis, smoothies, fresh juices, and three variations of "flu-shots," which all involve concentrated ginger. They also do catering.



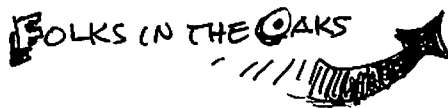
I saw no signs of activity inside 1605, where **William Stout Books** once was; 1779, where **Merit**

**Cleaners** used to live; or 1821, former home of the **Beauty Center**.

**Art Thou Graphics** has moved to 1533 Solano. No news as to what will fill its old spot at 1861 down the alley next to the Rosebud.



Still empty are 1869, 1871, and 1877 (formerly **Jay's Shoes**, **Allure Hair Studio**, and **Hannah's**, respectively), which are all in the same building as the former **Oaks Theatre** and future **Touchstone** climbing gym.



And it's been a year since **Solano Jewelers** left 1895, and there is still no tenant there.

Interestingly enough, the south side of Solano Avenue is virtually the same as it was the last time I wrote this column!

If you know of a business opening or closing on Solano that I've missed, please write in to let me know! (tona.board@gmail.com).



## A Historical Stroll along Solano Avenue

FROM THE NORTHBRAE TUNNEL, BERKELEY TO ADAMS STREET, ALBANY

David Peattie



Just in time for the Solano Stroll, a coalition of TONA, the Solano Avenue Association, and the Berkeley and Albany historical societies produced the map that came to your doorstep with this letter. Allen Cain, Fred Etzel, Jennifer Hansen-Romero, Ann Harlow, Dave Peattie, and Karen Sorensen all put their time and effort into making this map a reality. It was supposed to be titled with the same heading that titles this article, but a last-minute error (by yours truly) left it out.

Nevertheless, it's a wonderful glimpse into Solano Avenue of yesteryear. It was designed so that you can try to guess the locations of the photos (the answer key is intentionally printed on the reverse side, in small

type, upside down). Take a stab at it... how many were you able to answer correctly?

If you did well, then you should be excited about the Trivia Night (see front page article)! Get your team together and join us for a fun-filled evening!

There are plans to expand on what was put into this map by creating a website of Historic Solano Avenue (and surroundings), which may even be able to link to GPS locators so that as you walk Solano Avenue, you'll be able to look up old photos of the spot where you're standing. If you are interested in contributing with old photos (or memories), please email us at tona-board@gmail.com. Thanks! We'll keep you posted of any development of this project.

## Discover Notable Past Neighbors

Tanya Grove

Did you know that the Berkeley Historical Plaque Project has a number of virtual historical markers called e-Plaques? (<http://berkeleyplaques.org/e-plaques>) One can peruse the listings by category (e.g., architects, music, artists & writers) or click on color-coded spots on the website's map to find what e-plaques are near you. Within Thousand Oaks, there are currently three that honor past residents.

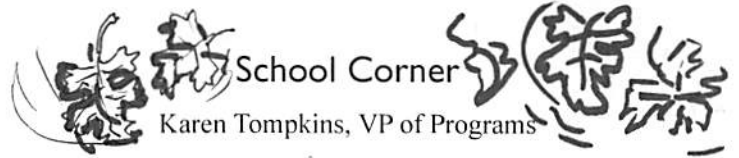


**Chana Bloch** (1940–2017) was a poet, translator, teacher, and activist who lived on Menlo Place. She got an English degree from UC Berkeley and taught at Mills College for over 30 years. Six books of poetry bear her name, and her work graced the pages of many journals and magazines, including the *New Yorker*. Bloch received many awards, including the Pen Award for Poetry in Translation, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and two Pushcart Prizes.

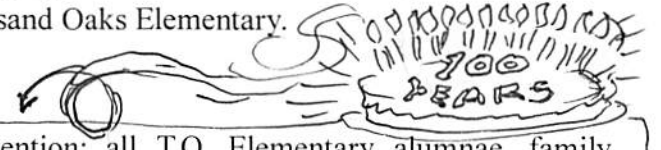
In her home on The Alameda, early music expert and musician **Laurette Goldberg** (1932–2005) founded MusicSources, a cultural resource center designed to nurture historically informed musical performances. In addition, it housed a museum of early instruments. Dubbed the “Matriarch and Master of Early Music” by music critic Robert Commanday, Goldberg also taught music and founded the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra.



Another noted musical leader who lived in Thousand Oaks was **Arlene Sagan** (1928–2012), who directed the Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra from 1988 to 2011. Sagan considered singing a spiritual experience and was dedicated to the idea that all should be given the chance to sing, whether they were talented or not. The City of Berkeley declared Sagan a cultural icon, “one of those people who embody the aspirations and ideals of Berkeley.” Sagan lived on Santa Clara Avenue.



Happy fall from all the families, staff, and teachers at Thousand Oaks Elementary.



Attention: all T.O. Elementary alumnae, family and friends! **Thousand Oaks Elementary turns 100 years old this year!** We are looking for anyone who would like to be a part of the celebration, which will be held in February. If you or a family member would like to help us plan this special event or participate by sharing your memories of your T.O. years, contact Rebecca Jelen, our PTA VP at [rjelen426@gmail.com](mailto:rjelen426@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!



The school's Halloween Parade is just around the corner, on Thursday, October 31, at 10 am. Come listen to the Cal Band and cheer our little witches, goblins, and ghouls as they parade up and down Solano Avenue. Upper Solano Avenue from Ensenada Avenue to The Alameda will be closed from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Thanks for your patience!

Interested in learning more about what's happening at your neighborhood school? See all school events on the calendar, consider a donation to the PTA, or just come check out our new website. Go to [berkeleypta.org](http://berkeleypta.org).

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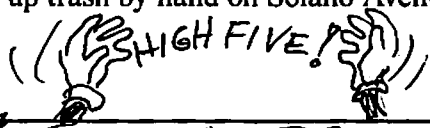
The 45th Annual Solano Avenue Stoll was another complete success, as was evident by the turnout of 210,000 people! Attendees were greeted with clear blue skies and a perfect temperature for the annual saunter down the avenue. Despite some turbulence around the free shuttle network, operations went rather smoothly.

The Grand Marshal for the parade was none other than Iraj Vafaenia from Solano Oriental Rug Gallery. This year El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative garnered first place for their parade entry. Following in second place was the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, and rounding out the top three was Alba-

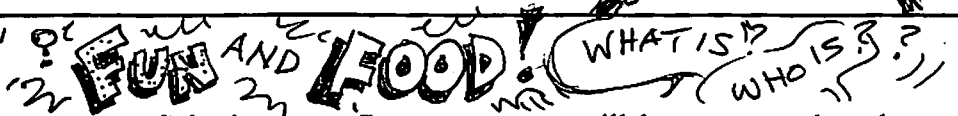
ny Armada Aquatics. The parade judges were Dickie Nitta, Lisa Bullwinkle, and Robert Cheasty.

There was so much to see, but the gang of five toddlers attempting to commandeer a golf cart was definitely a highlight! And did you see the Bernie Sanders look-alike?

Many thanks to all those who put on such a big show. It was enjoyed by many. A huge high-five to everyone who got Solano back in order for business as usual on Monday morning. And don't forget the ongoing efforts of the **Blue Glove Crew**, the team of dedicated individuals who pick up trash by hand on Solano Avenue.



Trivia Rules (continued from first page)



Each question has only one correct answer. Submitting more than one answer or general descriptions will be scored as incorrect.

Neatly print your answers. Use the pencil provided on your table in case you have to erase.

Answer sheets must be turned into the judges table during the time allowed at the end of each round. Changing answers is not allowed once answer sheets have been turned in.

Electronic devices or other resource materials are strictly prohibited for use during Trivia Game play. Teams found to be violating this rule will forfeit the entire round. If you must take a call during the game, please do so outside of the trivia game area.

Correct answers will be announced at the end of each round. If you feel your team score is incorrect, notify the judge's table as soon as possible. The Solano Avenue Association, in consultation with the judges, will have the final say on any disputed answers.

In the event of a tie, a tie-breaker question between all tied teams will be used to determine the winner. First-, second-, and third-place teams will win a cash prize that is to be split with a LOCAL 501(c)(3) that the winner chooses.

Hint: Keep your team discussions at a low volume unless you want the neighboring team to eavesdrop.

Most importantly, **YOU MUST HAVE FUN!!**



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