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Los Altos honors TC alumnus



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Bruce Barton, former Town Crier Editor-in-Chief, was honored by the city of Los Altos during one of former mayor Pete Dailey's last proclamations for his 32 years of service to the community. Barton, accompanied by his wife Marit, accepted the honor humbly, noting he was just a "schmuck" doing a job. Barton was also named Los Altan of the Year by the Town Crier. The Town Crier will hold a reception for Barton from 5-7 p.m. March 5 at the Los Altos Golf and Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive. Tickets are \$85. For more information, email Maria Crowder, mariac@latc.com.

City of Los Altos swears in new mayor and vice mayor



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Los Altos City Council members applaud former vice mayor Neysa Fligor, second from right, before her council resignation went into effect.

By Christina Casillas
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The Los Altos City Council started off the new year with a reshuffling during its first meeting of the year, welcoming a new, returning mayor and vice mayor.

The Jan. 13 gathering was also former Los Altos vice mayor Neysa Fligor's final council meeting before her resignation went into effect at 7:30 p.m. that day. She left her seat less than a year before her term expired after she ran a successful bid for Santa Clara County Assessor, although the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has yet to certify the win.

Sally Meadows, sworn in by Fligor, will serve as mayor in 2026. She previously served as mayor in 2023. Larry Lang, sworn in by City Clerk Melissa

Thurman, serves as vice mayor.

Prior to Meadows taking oath as mayor, council members thanked Councilmember Pete Dailey for his mayorship and the way he led the council in 2025.

"Pete, I think you had an incredible year as mayor, and it's already been said (that) you've led us efficiently," said Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg to Dailey while he was still acting mayor. "While all of us on the council, your colleagues and staff and the community appreciate having short, quick meetings, that's not the mark of a successful mayorship – the mark of a successful mayorship is having led the city through a successful year, when it comes to the budget ... to our streets ... to our relationships with the

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Baby sea lion rescued in Mountain View



SCREENSHOT FROM THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

A baby sea lion was rescued near the Shoreline area of Mountain View Jan. 5 and is on the way to recovery, the Mountain View Police Department said in a press release Thursday. Police received a call about a baby sea lion in the area of Garcia Avenue Jan. 5, and on-scene security guards and police helped guide the sea lion out of traffic and away from danger. The police then coordinated with The Marine Mammal Center to ensure the sea lion was transported safely for proper care and rehabilitation, the police department said. According to a social media post from The Marine Mammal Center, Babymac was malnourished and weak but is now out of the intensive care quarantine unit, with his condition improving.



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News

New traffic signal installed along Rengstorff

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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A new traffic signal in Mountain View at Rengstorff Avenue and Latham Street was greenlit last month and is now in use.

The City Council approved the final construction contract during a meeting Dec. 9. The total project expenditure was estimated to be approximately \$1,160,000 and was considered within the allotted budget.

The council approved the plans for a major replacement and upgrade of the traffic signal Oct. 25, 2022. The lowest responsible bidder at that time was Columbia Electric, Inc. of San Leandro – the cost was \$941,831.

The work included replacing the existing six-phase traffic signal with an eight-phase traffic signal, restriping west- and east-bound Latham Street to have dedicated left-turn lanes and shared through and right-turn lanes. The changes were intended to make fixes to pedestrian and bicycle traffic conflicts with drivers at the intersection.

The work also installed bicycle lane green markings through the intersection on southbound Rengstorff Avenue crossing Latham Street to guide bicyclists on a direct path through the intersection. Two curb ramps were reconstructed to conform to ADA standards and high-visibility crosswalks and a video detection system were also installed.

The video component uses artificial intelligence to allow remote evaluation of potential lane closures, signal outages and other transportation issues to city staff.

Have a comment or idea? Reach out

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Mtn. View council holds annual changing of the guard

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Emily Ann Ramos was appointed Mountain View mayor for 2026 at the Jan. 13 City Council reorganization meeting.

Ramos, appointed to the City Council in 2023, was re-elected in November 2024. She most recently served as vice mayor. Councilmember Chris Clark, who rejoined City Council after being re-

elected in 2024, will serve as vice mayor. He previously served on the City Council from 2013-2021.

Ramos has made affordable housing a priority during her time on the council, as well as protecting vulnerable residents. Ramos said her belief is that government is simply a structure for people to make community decisions for themselves, an ethos that will guide her time as mayor.

“My focus as mayor is on community engagement. I

have always believed that government is simply a structure for the community to make decisions for themselves,” Ramos stated in her mayoral message. “Mountain View is an ambitious city with residents who care deeply about making things better. When people are engaged, informed and involved, our city is stronger. I encourage residents to participate in neighborhood associations, city programs, advisory boards, nonprofit service organizations and

community groups, because service is how community comes alive.”

Clark thanked his colleagues, the community and family for supporting him over the years as he begins his turn as vice mayor.

“I am honored to be entrusted with the vice mayorship,” Clark said. “I look forward to serving all of you in the year ahead.”

Ramos replaces outgoing Mayor Ellen Kamei, who will continue as a council member.

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schools, and traffic and parking. There were some tough issues you had to deal with and you led us to deal with them in a fair and well-thought-out manner, and I truly appreciate that.”

Lang – who said he didn’t want to get ahead of himself since Dailey still had less than a year on council – noted that one of the things he was grateful for was Dailey’s service to the constitution and the state.

The meeting was an opportunity for council members to reflect on the year they had, while residents and local leaders were also able to comment and give their commendations to council.

Margaret Abe-Koga, Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor, noted she was excited to work with Meadows and Lang in the upcoming year and thanked Dailey for his service to the local community as mayor.

“I very much appreciate ... (Dailey’s) work, and all of you, quite frankly, in affordability and housing affordability,” she said during public comment. “Achieving the pro-housing designation is really quite an achievement – only 65 cities in the state have that.”

She was especially proud of the city for the groundbreaking of 330 Distel Circle, the city’s first 100% affordable housing development.

In addition to Abe-Koga, commenters included Los Altos Hills Mayor Rajiv Bhateja, Campbell Councilmember



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Mayor Sally Meadows is sworn in by Neysa Fligor, left. Vice Mayor Larry Lang will serve with her, right.

Sergio Lopez, Saratoga Vice Mayor Tina Walia and representatives from the offices of Rep. Sam Liccardo, Assemblymember Marc Berman and Sen. Josh Becker.

Many of the speakers, as did members of Los Altos City Council, also thanked Fligor for her years of service.

“I don’t think there’s any way to measure the impact you’ve had on people’s lives, Neysa,” Dailey said. “Not just your colleagues and staff and residents here in the city, but because you have touched people in these ways and because you have been such an incredible example of grace and dignity and professionalism and consideration for others, that example plays out in how Jonathan does his job, and how I do my job, and how all those who

follow you do their jobs.”

While still acting mayor, Dailey also issued a proclamation thanking former Town Crier Editor-in-Chief Bruce Barton for his decades of service to the city of Los Altos. He also thanked Fligor for her years of service in Los Altos.

With Fligor’s resignation, the once five-member council is now a four-member council. The seat can be left vacant until November when the seat is up for grabs, or it can be filled by appointment or election. The fate of the seat must be decided by the City Council within 60 days of Fligor’s resignation, City Manager Gabe Engeland told the Town Crier previously. If the council decides to call a special election, possible election dates are in January or June.

The Los Altos City Council faces a busy year with a number of decisions and discussions ahead, many related to parks, fulfilling the city’s housing element and the future face of downtown. Mayor Meadows gave some guiding words for both residents and her council colleagues.

“We all love Los Altos the way it is, and some of us oppose change because we do love Los Altos the way it is,” Mayor Meadows said during the council meeting. “But the choice we actually face, and you’ll probably hear me say this throughout the year, is not change or no change – the choice we actually face is will we have change that we get to manage ourselves, or will we have change that is done to us?”

New law requires secure storage of firearms

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A new California law requiring firearms to be securely stored whenever they are not under a gun owner's immediate control took effect Jan. 1, a change public health experts say could reduce suicides, accidental shootings, gun thefts and school violence by limiting easy access to lethal weapons.

Senate Bill 53 states that firearms must be secured whenever not under the owner's immediate control. The law applies even if no children live in the home, marking a key shift from earlier legislation that focused on child access.

The previous law's complexity often left gun owners uncertain about when secure storage was legally required, according to Susie MacLean, a retired primary care physician and Los Altos resident who has worked on firearm injury prevention from a public health perspective. She's currently a board member of the Stanford nonprofit Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, which aims to integrate firearm injury prevention education at medical schools nationally.

"The prior law was really focused only on child access prevention, and it was written in a convoluted way," MacLean told the Town Crier. "What's changed is that ... anytime you're not having a gun on your person or under your immediate control, you must keep it locked securely."

Secure storage requirements are intended to address risks that extend beyond deliberate misuse of firearms, including accidental injuries, suicide and unauthorized access by children or others in the household, public health experts say. Research has shown that firearms kept unsecured inside the home are often more accessible than many owners realize, particularly to children, according to studies cited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Parents think their guns are safely hidden,

but if you survey the kids, they know where the guns are, and they can access them in less than five minutes in many cases," MacLean said. "Kids are curious. They know where the firearms are, and accidents happen and they're always tragic."

Secure firearm storage can also reduce suicide risk, according to researchers, since many firearm deaths occur impulsively during short-term mental health crises.

"Anything that puts time and distance between someone in crisis and lethal means will reduce suicide risk, so having the firearm locked accomplishes that," MacLean said.

Studies about school shootings show that the majority of firearms used come from the shooter's home or the home of a relative.

While public health experts emphasize prevention and behavior change, local law enforcement officials say the practical impact of the new law – particularly in terms of enforcement – remains limited for now.

Los Altos Police Chief Saskia Lagergren said the department has not yet received formal guidance on SB 53 and expects more detailed legal updates later this year, as is typical with new state laws.

Lagergren said that the first few violations would be treated as infractions, carrying fines in the range of several hundred dollars. In terms of enforcement, she added, "We would only be able to give people citations for this offense if we were lawfully inside their home and happened to see an unsecured firearm."

With enforcement expected to be limited, the law's effectiveness is expected to depend largely on voluntary compliance and everyday storage practices inside the home.

"It's like wearing a seatbelt," MacLean said. "It's having a practice change, a cultural practice change in the community where people may store, let's say they have six guns, and they store five of them safely, but they keep one handgun in their bedside stand. That's not okay. They need to have them all stored securely."

MV commission advances development standards

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission has offered its support for a series of developmental standards intended to guide new housing development in the high-density R3 zoning district.

The new standards focus on building heights, parking requirements and other massing details. They also allow for lot consolidations in order to develop higher density housing and make the process more streamlined for housing developers.

"I think it reflects years of discussion and thinking and certainly work by staff," said Commissioner Hank Dempsey.

The city's Environmental Planning Commission met Jan. 7 for an agenda item that was a study session and did not require a vote of the commission.

The R3 zoning district is the city's primary multi-family residential zoning district, cover-

ing low-income housing and rental units among other housing options. An update of the development standards has been ongoing, and is intended to better address neighborhood conditions, enable more diverse housing types and create more incentivized outcomes for developers.

The City Council has provided a series of project goals for the update over many years of review. They include advocacy for middle-income ownership, improving design quality through objective form-based standards, the promotion of pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods and parcel aggregation.

Commissioner Alex Nunez said the commission appeared to have consensus on a variety of strategies to promote new development in the R3 zoning district.

"It sounded to me like lot-consolidation is going back to the drawing board and then ground floor retail with less restrictions, if any," he said.

The update is anticipated to be completed in early 2026. The development standards will be next considered by the City Council.

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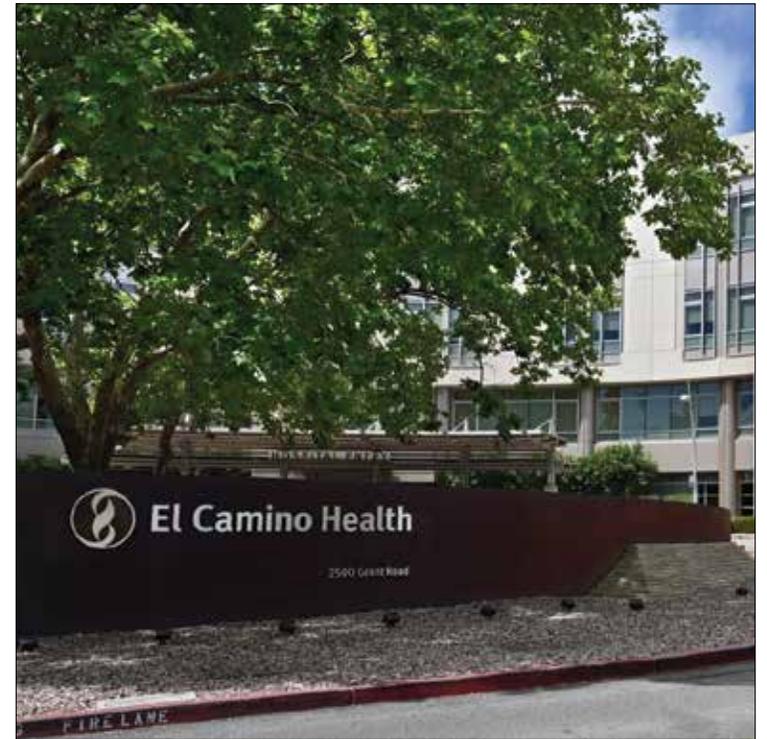
El Camino Health appoints new CFO

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Newly appointed CFO Raju Iyer comes to El Camino Health with more than 25 years of healthcare finance leadership experience; he's served as CFO at healthcare groups including Sutter Health and UCSF Health, according to an El Camino Health press release. There he led capital investments, growth initiatives and large-scale financial operations.

"El Camino Health's commitment to clinical excellence, innovation, and the community aligns perfectly with my passion for advancing healthcare through strategic financial leadership," Iyer was quoted in a press release. "I am excited to join an organization that is not only investing in its future, but also deeply values delivering exceptional care to every patient. I look forward to working with the talented team at El Camino Health."

At Sutter Health, Iyer oversaw the financial operations of 21 hospitals and five medical foundations; he not only developed long-term strategic plans, but he also was involved with the construction of five medical foundations. He also managed multi-billion-dollar



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El Camino Health, which operates in Mountain View (above) and across the bay area, has a new CFO - Raju Iyer (below).

capital investments, according to the release. At UCSF, Iyer financially stewarded a number of hospitals and hundreds of clinics, according to the release. He supported intensive infrastructure projects and collaborations that benefited UCSF's reach and mission. Iyer received a Master of Science in accounting from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Iyer's appointment is a result of "unprecedented

growth" at El Camino Health, according to the release. In his new role at El Camino Health, Iyer will oversee all financial functions to support El Camino Health's growth plans that emphasize patient care and community benefit, like the Los Gatos hospital rebuild and future acquisitions.

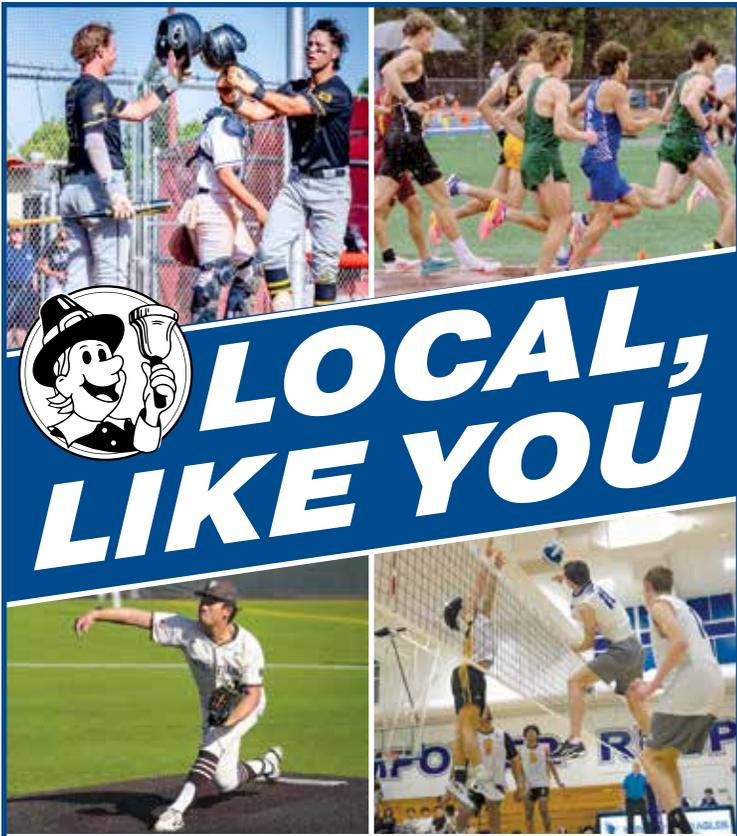
"El Camino Health is taking bold, strategic steps to shape the future of healthcare in our region," said Dan Woods, chief executive officer of El Camino Health, in the release. "Raju's experience and vision will help us deliver on our promise of providing compassionate care for generations to come."

Currently, El Camino Health is serving double the patients it did six years ago and it's expanding its care team to more than 300 physicians.

"Iyer's appointment marks a significant step forward for El Camino Health as we expand our regional footprint and invest in the future of healthcare," Woods stated. "His expertise in strategic financial planning and operational excellence will be vital as we build a stronger, more connected healthcare system that delivers world-class care close to home."



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Mountain View Nob Hill location to close in months

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The Nob Hill Foods supermarket located at 1250 Grant Road in Mountain View is set to close in May, according to the Bay Area grocery chain's ownership company, The Raley's Companies.

"We have been proud to serve the community at this location for nearly 20 years. With the lease up for renewal, and after careful review of the store's performance and economic factors, we have chosen not to extend the lease," said Chelsea Carbahal, a spokesperson for The Raley's Companies.

The store, opened in 2006, is 58,490 square feet and is located in the Grant Park Plaza.

There are about 50 employees who were impacted by the closure, Carbahal said. She said the ownership team was



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The Mountain View Nob Hill location is set to close in May.

committed to transitioning employees to nearby supermarket locations.

Nob Hill Foods was purchased by the Raley's Supermarkets chain in 1998. It is near Safeway on El Camino Real and 99 Ranch Market, which is also in Grant Park Plaza.

According to the grocery conglomerate's website, Raley's owns and operates 121 grocery stores, which includes 18 Nob Hill Foods.

Mtn. View Center for the Performing Arts seeks exhibit applications for 2026-2027

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Officials with the city of Mountain View are accepting applications for art exhibitions at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts for the 2026-2027 season.

"With the development of the city's first Public Art Strategy, there is a lot of excitement in the community around art, which we plan to build upon with this year's exhibits. For 2026, the city will offer more opportunities for the public to connect with participating artists through social media, artist talks and other events," said Lenka Wright, the city's chief communications officer, in an email.

Exhibitions are approximately eight weeks in length and include a \$250 stipend. Artists and artist teams must be over the age of 18 or apply with an adult sponsor and be residents of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The pieces are shown in the MVCPA lobby, where they will be seen by thousands of visitors every year in a public venue space.

Preference will be given to artists who have not exhibited at the MVCPA within the past three years, unless the artists propose a "substantially new body of work," according to the application website.



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Art placed on exhibit will be shown in the MV Center for the Performing Arts lobby.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 23, 2026. There is no fee to apply.

Selected artists will be notified following review and approval by the Visual Arts Committee, with the first exhibition scheduled to begin in April 2026.

The arts are still being featured at the MVCPA during the application process. The city's Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Downtown committees are hosting an artist reception with Donald Hershman on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, located at 500 Castro St.



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In my opinion there is no need for an additional downtown park and the longtime disruption associated with its construction. What about the cost of its maintenance? Los Altos can't even keep up with its current parks and areas that require constant trimming and pruning.

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ters to the Crier voicing negative opinions of this venture. Why doesn't the Crier set up an online voting procedure or a ballot box at its office so that the community can express their feelings on this issue?

I suggest that the build of a new dog park and a new theater also be listed on the ballot separately. Why the City Council is pursuing these three projects without buy-in from a majority of property owners in Los Altos is beyond me. Hopefully, the results of a vote on these items will alert the council as to the desires of the community.

Larry Gittleson

Los Altos

Community

Leah Litman to talk about Roe v. Wade anniversary

Town Crier Report

Leah Litman, co-host of the popular “Strict Scrutiny” podcast, will speak on “No Rights, No Law – A Discussion about the Supreme Court and Attacks on Reproductive Rights and Justice” to members of the Silicon Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. The date is the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, overturned in 2022.

Litman is a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School, where she teaches and writes on constitutional law and federal courts. She was a law clerk on the Sixth Circuit from 2010 to 2011 and then for Justice Anthony Kennedy on the U.S.

Supreme Court from 2011 to 2012.

She is the co-host and co-creator of “Strict Scrutiny,” a weekly podcast about the Supreme Court. She is the author of the 2025 NYT bestseller “LAWLESS: How the Supreme Court Runs on Conservative Grievance, Fringe Theories, and Bad Vibes.” Her aim in writing the book was to inform readers who are not immersed in the law about the workings of the Supreme Court at this point in its history. Litman got the idea for the book from “Strict Scrutiny.”

“A lot of very smart people want to understand the Supreme Court better,” she said. “The book was designed to give them a resource that I hope will be accessible about what I think is driving their decisions. We



COURTESY OF AAUW

Leah Litman, co-host of the popular “Strict Scrutiny” podcast, will speak to Silicon Valley AAUW.

often think of law as something that is objective and determinant, where there are right answers,” she said. “Vibes, by contrast, are more subjective;

they’re your innermost feelings. By suggesting the court is drawing on vibes rather than law, it’s meant to suggest that what they are doing is imparting more of

their own views into the law that governs all of us.”

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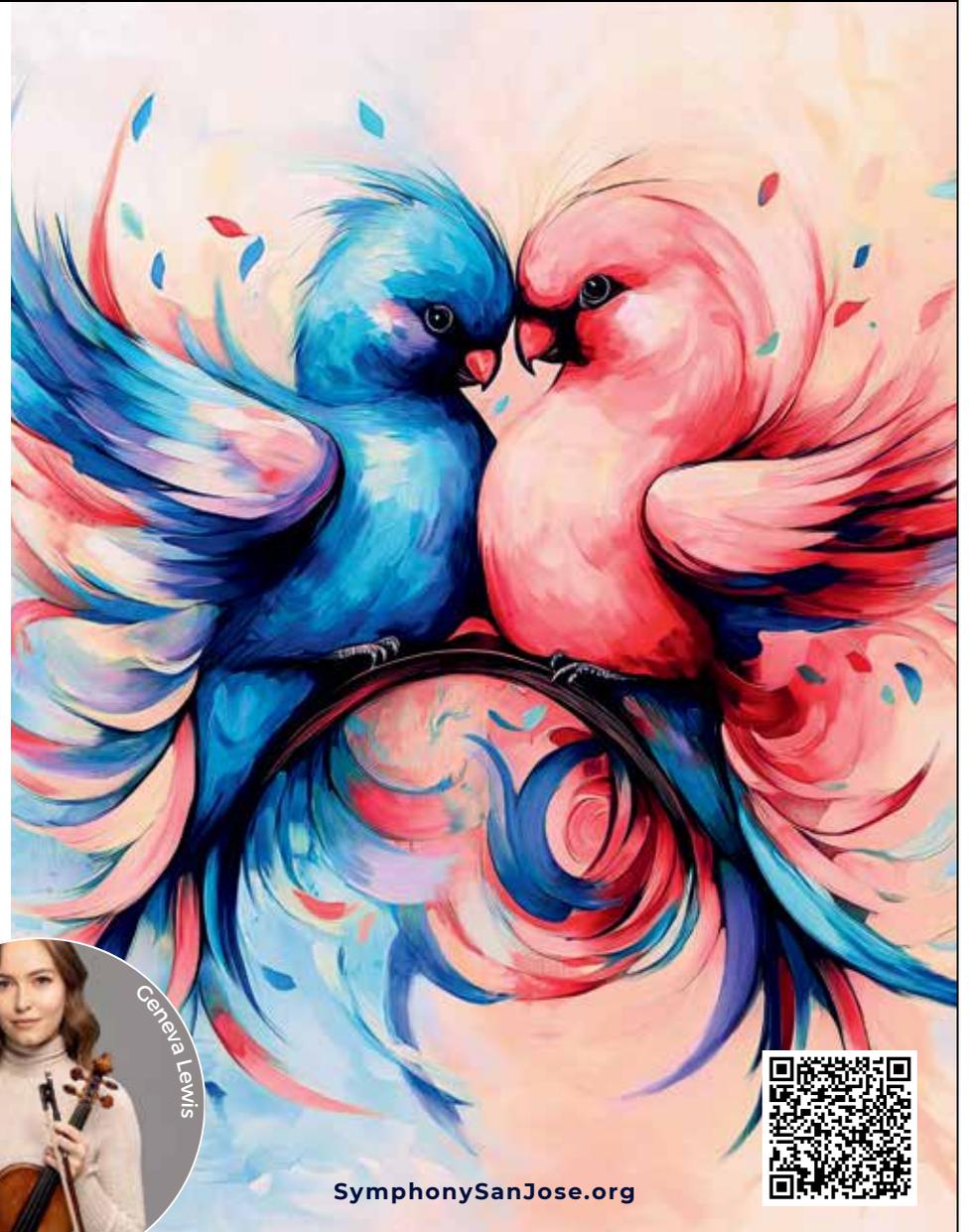
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Community

MVHS grad goes from law to radio



COURTESY OF AILSA CHANG

Mountain View native Ailsa Chang is now a national correspondent for NPR after starting her career as an attorney. Chang wrote for The Oracle, the Mountain View High School newspaper and eventually became the editor-in-chief.

By Lara Leon
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Twenty years ago, Ailsa Chang had her life mapped out – landing a job as an attorney at a prestigious San Francisco law firm. Four years later, she had a change of plans that led her down a different career path – radio.

Today, the Mountain View native is a national correspondent for NPR.

“What I’m most proud of is that I had the courage in my 30s to ditch one career and begin a totally different career,” Chang said. “When I remind myself that I did that and I survived and I was able to thrive and find new happiness, it kind of steels me up for the next challenge.”

A 1994 graduate of Mountain View High School, Chang loved creating stories as a child, crafting characters, conflicts and climaxes. At MVHS, she continued her love for words by joining the school’s speech and debate team “in part because my parents forced me; they thought the

last thing the world needed was another shy Asian girl,” she said. She also wrote for The Oracle, the school’s newspaper, eventually becoming editor-in-chief.

“I was a nerd in high school, but like a happy, friendly nerd,” Chang said. “It mattered to me to do well in school, but it also mattered to be kind to people, to be open to all kinds of friendships, to not stick to just one social clique, but to get to know people from all different parts of campus.”

Mark Shahenian, who met Chang in a seventh-grade English class at Blach Intermediate School and later became her second-in-command at The Oracle, recalled her studious nature and infectious personality.

“She’s extremely nerdy and she has a fantastic laugh,” Shahenian said. “It’s fun to be in classes with her because she picks up things and you can learn from her.”

He hasn’t forgotten her leadership during the emotional highs and lows of student

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Morning Forum announces 2026 speaker schedule



COURTESY OF SUSAN METCALF

Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey honors past and current presidents of the Los Altos Morning Forum.

Special to the Town Crier

The Morning Forum of Los Altos, now in its 75th year, will resume its 2025-2026 season Feb. 3 with the first of nine lectures. The forum meets live from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Lectures are also livestreamed, and recordings can be made available to subscribers on request.

Topics covered in the spring season will include Leonardo DaVinci's "Last Supper," American foreign policy issues with the Middle East, Russia and China, artificial intelligence, musical genius linked with mental illness and other topics. Speakers range from university professors, journalists, government veterans and activists to authors, musicians and other experts in their fields.

- Feb. 3: "Iran and the Middle East" with Stanford professor and Hoover research fellow Abbas Milani.
- Feb. 17: "Living a Life of Greater Meaning" with Robert M. Edsel, author of "The Monuments Men."
- March 17: "A Morning with Jose Antonio Vargas." Vargas is a journalist, author, film maker and immigration rights activist.

- April 7: "The Accidental Masterpiece" with Renaissance Art expert Ross King recounting the making of Leonardo de Vinci's "Last Supper."
- April 21: "Awe: the New Science of Everyday Wonder" with Dachel Keitner, co-director of the Greater Good Science Center of Berkeley.
- May 5: "Issues Between the US, Russia and China" with Michael McFaul, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia.
- May 19: "The Promise and Peril of Artificial Intelligence" with Gary Rivlin, author of "AI Valley."
- June 2: "Musical Genius and Mental Illness" with Richard Kogan, MD, psychiatrist and concert pianist.

The Morning Forum has been hosting distinguished speakers on a variety of topics for more than 75 years and welcomes new subscribers. A subscription entitles the subscriber to nine presentations and also includes access to livestreaming of the events and two guest tickets for friends or family who wish to sample the programs.

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January 27, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
In Person

Note- This is not the Final Agenda

Members of the public are invited to participate in person at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA. To attend virtually, please view the final agenda for details.

Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Public comment will be received in person during the meeting or by written public comment submitted to publiccomment@losaltosca.gov

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Declaring Weeds, Brush and/or Rubbish on Certain Described Properties to be a Public Nuisance and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. Adopt a resolution regarding fire protection service options in the City of Los Altos
3. Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with PlayCore Wisconsin Inc. dba GameTime of Fort Payne, Alabama, to design, purchase, and install new playground equipment and safety surfacing at Grant Park in an amount not-to-exceed \$444,098.99 and at Shoup Park in an amount not-to-exceed \$536,845.04, with a contingency of up to 15% for each project (not-to-exceed \$66,615 for Grant Park and \$80,527 for Shoup Park), for a total combined project cost not-to-exceed \$1,128,086.03, to complete the playground renovations at Grant Park and Shoup Park
4. Adopt a resolution accepting completion of the Grant Park Building Mechanical and Electrical Renovations Project (CF-01034); authorize the Park & Recreation Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law; and find the project categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
5. Affirm 2026 City Council Mayoral Appointments to Local, Regional Boards and City Committees and Commissions Pursuant to the City Council Norms and Procedures

PUBLIC HEARING

6. 81 Pepper Drive Appeal
7. 4898 El Camino Real Appeal
8. 4898 El Camino Real Tentative Map
9. 996 Loraine Ave Tentative Map

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Number of Commissioners on Commissions
11. Review of Council Norms

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Community

Los Altos pastor has twins



COURTESY OF ROBIN CHAPMAN

David Moore and his wife Kaidi have found a new way to increase the size of the congregation at Union Presbyterian Church in Los Altos, where Moore is the pastor. Their twins were born at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Redwood City Jan. 13. Sally, born first (and seen at left in the photo), weighed in at 6.8 pounds, and Toomas, who appeared moments later, weighed 6.9 pounds. Kaidi Moore is a native of Estonia, hence the unusual spelling of Toomas' name. Sally and Toomas join the Moore's three other children, Lisa, Daisy and Calvin in the family congregation.

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RADIO

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journalism.

“Emotions run really high on a student newspaper, and Ailsa was so good at riding through all that and managing it and making the people around her feel good about what we were all doing,” Shahenian said.

For her Taiwanese immigrant parents, Chang’s love of writing and debating pointed to an obvious career: law. Chang bought into the vision herself, imagining a lawyer as “a warrior in a courtroom, speechifying in front of a jury or a judge.” She attended Stanford University, then Stanford Law School before taking a job with that San Francisco law firm.

But something was missing. Although she enjoyed debate competitions and her clerkship on the Ninth Circuit Court, she realized law wasn’t her true passion.

“I was the person who always executed her plan, and the fact that I had worked so hard to get this very well-paid, prestigious job at a law firm and then de-

ecided it wasn’t for me,” she said. “... I was paralyzed because I had never, up until then, ditched a plan and that was terrifying.”

Her parents’ reaction made the decision even harder.

“My parents were really angry and disappointed when I first told them I was leaving the legal field,” Chang said. “As immigrants, they see a job as a means for survival and stability.”

In 2006, Chang took the risk anyway. She began an unpaid internship at KQED’s Forum with Michael Krasny, followed by a second internship in 2007 at the California Report. Later that year, she enrolled at Columbia Journalism School, officially beginning her journey as a journalist.

What followed was a steady climb in the radio business: a KROC fellowship, a reporter position at WNYC, a transition from political reporting to covering criminal justice, and eventually a job as national correspondent for NPR and a host for its podcast Planet Money. Through her work, Chang has earned multiple awards, including the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Uni-

versity Silver Baton and Daniel Schorr Journalism Prize.

Shahenian, who watched his friend leave a prestigious law career to start over, finds her journey inspiring.

“The thing she did that is singularly impressive is she switched entirely,” he said. “It’s so impressive and inspiring to see someone do that and do it well.”

As her parents watched her thrive in journalism, their disappointment transformed into finally understanding their daughter, Chang said.

“Maybe the greatest gift they gave me is the luxury to think about vocation as an extension of identity, as personal fulfillment,” Chang said.

Looking back on her unconventional path, Chang has some words of wisdom for young people facing pressure to map out their futures.

“My biggest piece of advice to any young person is: Don’t feel that pressure to come up with the blueprint for the rest of your life,” Chang said. “Live life, learn about yourself, be open to self-discovery, be open to serendipity.”

Construction crews work on 40 Main Street project



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Stepping Out

Los Altos Stage Co.'s 'Yoga Play' opens Friday

By Amalia Tormala
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Stage Company's latest situational comedy, "Yoga Play," takes the stage Friday, kicking off a 17-performance run at the Bus Barn Theater.

"('Yoga Play') is a comedy ... looking at the West and America's obsession with yoga and Eastern spirituality and how companies are co-opting that for their own consumer goals," director Gary Landis said.

Landis said he discovered Dipika Guha's 2020 play four years ago after reading reviews of the San Francisco

Playhouse's production. In an attempt to include comedies that examine ideologies and beliefs affluent communities hold, Landis was drawn toward putting on "Yoga Play" in Los Altos.

"Yoga Play" follows a white yoga company CEO named Joan, played by Los Altos Stage veteran actress Kristin Walter. The play's plot centers around Joan, who Walter said was booted from her previous job following a nervous breakdown, attempting to save the image of her new company following a fatphobia-laden scandal.

Of course, per comedy logic, saving the company's reputation is no easy

task. She and her two direct reports – Raj and Fred – embark on a journey involving sweatshops, gurus and spiraling consequences.

"Yoga Play" runs through Feb. 15. A pay-what-you-can preview is set for 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday's 8 p.m. show is opening night. Future performances are slated for 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. Tickets are \$25-\$48.

For tickets and more information, visit losaltosstage.org.

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The cast of "Yoga Play" rehearse for Los Altos Stage Company's new production, opening this Friday at Bus Barn Theater.



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Schools

MVLA teachers propose social studies restructuring

By Julia Baum

Staff Writer/juliab@latc.com

Teachers and department leaders urged the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees at a Jan. 12 meeting to consider a proposal restructuring ninth-grade social studies to pair ethnic studies with world history, warning that recent board actions could affect student learning and teacher jobs.

The board voted in October to shorten its ethnic studies graduation requirement from a yearlong course to one semester, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. The 3-2 decision followed months of public debate and drew opposition from students, parents and teachers who argued the change would weaken instruction and disproportionately affect students of color. District leaders said the shift aligns with the state's definition of ethnic studies and allows room for other required courses.

During public comment, Los Altos High School social studies instructor Kevin Hiken described a proposal that would divide the district's existing world history course into two semester-long classes – one paired with ethnic studies in freshman year and the other completed in sophomore year. He said the approach aligns with California's A-G requirements and mirrors models used in nearby districts.

"So MVLA would not be distinguished or strange for doing this approach," Hiken told the board.

Hiken said the freshman-year course would emphasize

skill-building, global analysis and the use of primary and secondary sources, covering topics from the 19th century through World War II, including the rise of antisemitism in Europe.

Nate Bowen, department coordinator of social studies at Mountain View High School, described the second course in the sequence, which would focus on social movements, the decline of the Soviet Union and globalization. He also raised concerns about the process surrounding ethnic studies decisions and the impact on staff.

"This might all seem kind of unconventional," Bowen said. "But if you think about it, this is an unconventional situation from the get-go."

Bowen said nearly all district social studies teachers support the proposal and asked the board to give it formal consideration. Quoting Hungarian political scientist Bálint Magyar, he told trustees, "Deliberation is an expression of our obligations to one another."

Julie Yick, a Mountain View High School social studies teacher, criticized the board's earlier decision to eliminate a semester of ethnic studies and said teachers were excluded from the process.

"As the board deliberated on the future of ethnic studies, they did so with limited information about classroom instruction and minimal teacher input," Yick said.

Yick also urged the board to move forward differently.

"This proposal brought forth by (the District Teachers Association) is an opportunity to hear teachers' perspectives, respect our professional judgment, and take action to move



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Teachers and department leaders urged the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees to consider a proposal restructuring ninth-grade social studies to pair ethnic studies with world history. The request was made at a Jan. 12 board meeting. The board voted in October to shorten its ethnic studies graduation requirement.

forward in a positive way that supports students and staff," Yick said.

Bowen said the reduction of the course to five credits comes as the district prepares its annual staffing projections, a process that can result in teachers being reassigned or laid off.

"That's an unconventional situation," Bowen said, add-

ing that social studies teachers could be moved or, "worst-case scenario, lose their job."

Yick said the October vote had broader ripple effects.

"When the board voted 3-2 to eliminate a semester of ethnic studies, it caused many negative impacts," Yick said, citing staffing instability, the possibility of layoffs and fewer

opportunities for students of color to see themselves represented in the curriculum.

The board did not take action on the proposal, which was raised during public comment and was not agendized for action. Teachers asked that it be placed on a future agenda for formal deliberation and a vote.

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Sports

LAHS grad returns home, continues career with USA Baseball

By Dorie Xie
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Since leaving a legacy as Los Altos High School's first female baseball player in 2018, Jamie Baum went on to smash records in college and play in the 2024 World Cup finals. Her journey stretched from Indiana to Canada – and now, she's back home.

Baum is pursuing her master's at Stanford University and playing club baseball – all while a member of the USA Baseball women's national team.

"Playing baseball as a woman at this time is an amazing thing," the Los Altos resident said. "I always try to represent myself well anytime I'm on that field and show the level that women can play baseball at."

It all started at Purissima Park, where the 2021 LAHS graduate grew up playing baseball with her family. She then joined her Little League, middle and high school teams.

In college at Rose-Hulman

Institute of Technology in Indiana, Baum played both baseball and basketball at the NCAA Division III level. She graduated last spring with a bachelor's in civil engineering and a spot in Rose-Hulman's history as its first female baseball player.

"All of Jamie's teams knew that she was an extremely positive contributor – if you love the sport and you play it to the same level as everyone else, they're going to respect you," Jamie's older brother Ryan Baum said. "Jamie's done such an amazing job to be at that level where she is respected on any team."

But the highlight of Jamie Baum's athletic career has been playing for the women's national team, she said. Since being selected for the team in 2022, Baum has competed and trained around the country and the world with Team USA.

Namely, Baum played in the 2024 Women's Baseball World Cup, where Team USA finished second to Japan.



COURTESY OF JAMIE BAUM

Los Altos High graduate Jamie Baum pitching for Team USA on the women's national team.

"Even though we did end up losing in the final, we beat Japan in bracket play – no one had beat Japan in 12 years – so that was really cool," Baum said. "We have to wait three years for the next one, but we

have our eyes on the prize and hopefully we can take down Japan for real this time."

Preparing for the next World Cup beginning in 2027, Baum and the national team continue training through-

out the year. This fall, Baum was recognized as a stand-out in the Women's National Team Development Program (WNTDP), according to USA Baseball press releases.

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St. Francis girls basketball off to a strong start to season

By Curtis Driscoll
Staff Writer/curtisd@latc.com

The St. Francis girls basketball team extended its winning streak to 15 games in an 82-40 rout of Valley Christian Tuesday night, with the team's strong shooting a key reason for its early-season success.

The Lancers (15-1) got off to an 18-5 lead in the first quarter and never looked back against the visiting Warriors (6-10) thanks to several 3-pointers and balanced scoring from its starting five.

St. Francis is in the early stages of play in the West Catholic Athletic League, and its only loss this season as of Jan. 14 came in its non-league opener against East Bay powerhouse San Ramon Valley.

"I think that's a real strength of our team," St.

Francis head coach Sami Pompei said of the shooting. "But more so than that, not just knocking down threes, is that we are talking a lot about great shots vs. good shots."

St. Francis has many weapons this year who can go off and get points, with senior leader Paige Spencer offering tremendous shooting for the team.

"She has stepped up big time," Pompei said of Spencer. "She's done so much for us for four years. She is a four-year varsity veteran, and her leadership both on and off the court has been huge."

Katia Grizelj, Sophie Holmes and Grace Curley all offer offensive shooting and firepower as well, while point guard Whitney O'Brien sets the offensive and defensive tempo.

"We've got so many weap-

ons and I think that's what makes us so special," Pompei said.

The non-league schedule was focused on competing at a high level and finding out how elite the team can be, and Pompei noted the girls have played at a high level during that portion of the season. Pompei said playing against San Ramon Valley in its first game, a 75-42 loss, was a good experience for the team, leading to talks about practicing with the same intensity as they play with and not practicing at a different pace, something the girls have responded to positively.

Returning to the Central Coast Section Open Division playoffs is the goal this year after making it as the No. 6 seed last year and reaching the CIF Division I playoffs. St. Francis wants to battle with



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St. Francis forward Grace Curley dribbles the ball during the win Tuesday against Valley Christian.

the top teams in the WCAL, like Archbishop Mitty, Archbishop Riordan and St. Ignati-

us, with the WCAL expected to send several teams to the CCS Open Division.

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Throughout the five-day camp in October, Baum and 39 other top female baseball players from all over the country received coaching – including from MLB professionals – and played intrasquad games. Baum led her team in hits and helped the squad to a perfect winning record.

“She’s an incredible infielder and she’s pitched some big games and hasn’t disappointed,” Ryan Baum said. “Hitting-wise, she’s always at the top of the order.”

For Jamie Baum, the World Cup and WNTDP were relatively rare opportunities to play baseball against only women.

“When you’re playing against women, you see a lot of speed and they really try to trick you,” Baum said. “All of us have grown up playing with the boys. The women’s national team is the only opportunity where we have a team that’s pretty much all women, where we have the same shared experience of pushing through boundaries just to play this sport.”

Beyond the national team, Baum also competes on the Stanford men’s club baseball team – a local training ground where she continues

to hone her game while away from the world stage. She said its laid-back atmosphere helps her balance her athletic, academic and social life.

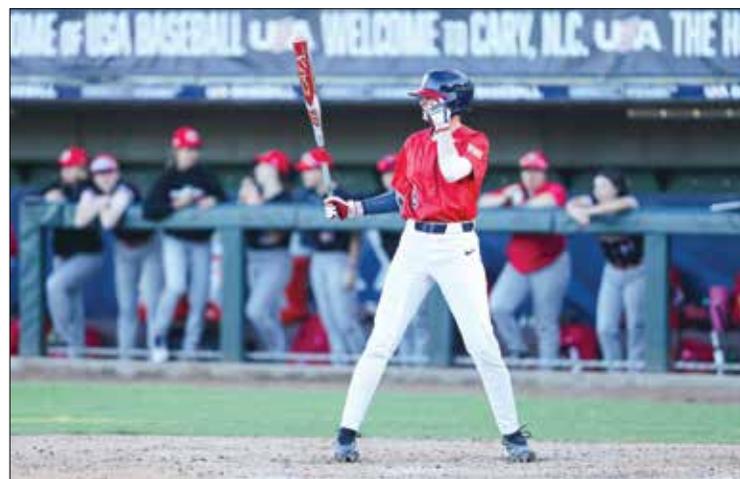
“It’s good for me to keep playing the game and gain experience so I’ll be ready in the summer for the national team,” Baum said. “Sports have always been my social life, so it’s what I enjoy doing.”

After going from LAHS to the World Cup, Baum doesn’t plan on leaving the field anytime soon. Although she wants to prioritize her studies and engineering career over playing professionally, Baum added that she wants to stay with the national team as long as possible.

“Some of my best friends are on the national team – the goal is to keep practicing and keep making the national team for the next eight to 10 years,” Baum said.

But most of all, Baum said she hopes her career can inspire future generations of female baseball players.

“I want to show any girl who’s growing up and thinks they could play baseball that it’s something they can do,” Baum said. “If baseball’s what your daughter wants to do, sign her up.”



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Los Altos High graduate Jamie Baum.

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The hidden key to intimacy: Don't ignore pelvic health

By Kim Gladfelter

For many adults, the topic of sexual wellness is kept behind closed doors, often shrouded in a sense of private frustration or quiet resignation. When intimacy becomes painful, difficult or simply unfulfilling, it is common to assume that these changes are just an inevitable part of aging, a side effect of childbirth or a psychological hurdle that cannot be cleared. However, a growing body of medical evidence points toward a physical culprit that is often overlooked: the pelvic floor. This complex bowl of muscles at the base of your torso serves as the foundation for your core, but it also plays a starring role in your sexual health. When these muscles aren't functioning correctly, the impact on quality of life can be profound, yet the path to healing is often much closer and more accessible than many realize.

To understand how pelvic floor dysfunction impacts sexual wellness, it is helpful to first understand what the pelvic floor actually is. Imagine a sturdy hammock or sling made of muscle and connective tissue that stretches from your pubic bone to your tailbone. This hammock supports

Mindful Movement

your bladder, bowel and – in women – the uterus. Beyond support, these muscles are responsible for the “contract and relax” cycle that allows for healthy bathroom habits and, crucially, sexual function. In both men and women, the pelvic floor muscles are active during arousal and are the primary muscles that contract during orgasm. When these muscles are too tight, too weak or uncoordinated, the mechanical process of intimacy is disrupted. This is known as pelvic floor dysfunction, and it is far more common than most people think, affecting one in five Americans at some point in their lives.

Symptoms

Sexual health issues related to the pelvic floor manifest differently across the gender spectrum, but the emotional toll of embarrassment and anxiety is universal. For women, the most common symptom is dyspareunia, or painful intercourse. This might feel like a sharp pain upon entry or a deep ache during movement. It can be caused by hypertonic



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Pelvic pain can often cause intimacy issues, which can disrupt relationships – but it can be treated.

muscles – muscles that are “stuck” in a state of tension and cannot relax to allow for comfortable penetration. For others, it might manifest as a complete inability to achieve orgasm or a significant loss of sensation. Men are often surprised to learn they even have a pelvic floor, but dysfunction in this area is a frequent contributor to erectile dysfunction, premature ejaculation

or chronic pelvic pain often mistaken for prostate issues. In both cases, the body begins to associate intimacy with discomfort, creating a cycle of anxiety that further tightens the muscles and makes the problem worse.

Treatment

If you have mentioned these issues to a general practitioner in the past, you may have been

told to “just relax” or “have a glass of wine.” If the muscles are physically restricted or uncoordinated, mental relaxation alone isn't enough. Pelvic floor therapy is a specialized, evidence-based approach that treats the root cause of the dysfunction.

Treatment begins with a private, one-on-one evaluation

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Expert talks consequences of gender-affirming care bans on youth

By Susie Driscoll

When it comes to proposing bans on gender-affirming care, the evidence for a ban can be more science fiction than science, some experts say.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a rule in December that would bar hospitals providing gender-affirming care for children under age 18 from participating in Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The proposed rule by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) followed a report the department released in November, alleging the dangers of gender-affirming care (which has been referred to in the proposed rule as “sex-rejecting procedures”). The report claims gender-affirming care causes significant long-term

Authentically You

damage to youth.

Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at UCSF Dr. Dan Karasic shared his perspective on the proposed rule. Karasic helped create the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care and served as an expert witness on multiple legal cases on gender-affirming care.

Karasic reported he was cited roughly 11 times in the November report. He states that some citations referenced his papers, but others were blatant lies about him. He says, “You look at that document and it's filled with untruths.”

Karasic shared an example of the report

referencing a podcast episode of someone who made a false tweet about him. He stated the report also claims he had a “conflict of interest” regarding the medical necessity of adolescent medical health care because of his role in updating the WPATH Standards of Care, even though Karasic was not on the team writing the chapter on adolescents.

Karasic also noted experts referenced in the HHS report were expert witnesses in red state cases banning gender-affirming care. He states, “those are the only voices heard in the HHS document, not the voices of the people who provide gender-affirming care.”

Karasic states the HHS rule writes off care recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association that support the effi-

cacy and effectiveness of gender-affirming care for minors.

“(People) want to believe that there is a conspiracy of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics ... WPATH ... all of the people who take care of trans youth and their parents are all conspiring to harm trans youth, and the only people who can defend them are the people who are making America great again,” he said.

Karasic noted the proposed rule from the HHS reminded him of science fiction.

“What came to mind for me was George Orwell,” he said. “It's unbelievable, you know?”

The proposed ban on gender-affirming care could be devastating for many

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to determine whether your muscles are overactive (too tight) or underactive (too weak). Next is a combination of manual therapy – hands-on techniques to release trigger points and improve blood flow – and customized movement patterns. Treatment will also incorporate education on body awareness

and diaphragmatic breathing, which helps retrain the nervous system to stop viewing intimacy as a “threat” and start viewing it as a source of pleasure again.

The most important message for anyone suffering from these symptoms is that you do not have to just live with it. The outcomes for those who seek professional help are significantly better than for those who wait and hope for the issue to resolve on its own.

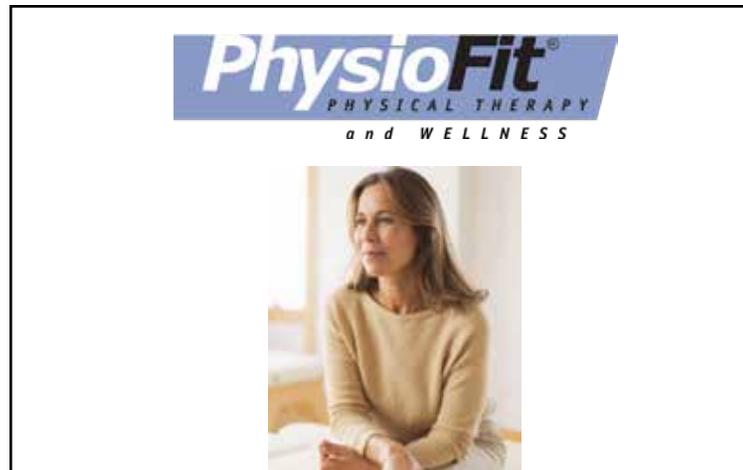
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transgender youth and their families, especially after the House of Representatives passed a bill criminalizing gender affirming care on a federal level.

Karasic explained how many families in states that banned gender-affirming care fled and are scrambling to get care elsewhere. In areas where programs providing gender-affirming care have shut down, many other providers prioritized filling the need for care.

He said the proposed rule by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Department of Health and Human Services and Secretary of Health and Human Services, jeopardizes care for patients beyond transgender youth and their families.

“The most recent threat that RFK Jr. was making on the basis of these falsehoods is not just to cut off government funding for gender-affirming care for minors but to cut off all funding to doctors and institutions unless they stop providing gender-affirming care for minors,” Karasic said.

He remarked on the extreme nature of the threat to health care providers.

“It’s really a nuclear option to ... not even allow them to provide care without delaying Medicaid or Medicare,” Karasic said.

Karasic explained that HHS’s report in November recommends therapy as an alternative to gender-affirming medical care for gender dysphoria.

ria. Gender dysphoria is a psychiatric diagnosis referring to the psychological distress from an incongruence between one’s sex assigned at birth and gender identity. Karasic notes the HHS recommendation is not scientifically supported.

“From the evidence that exists and the clinical experience of the multitude of people who actually provide (gender-affirming care), for those people in which medical intervention is indicated there’s no psychotherapy substitute,” he said.

Karasic said that the studies the HHS report cites on the effectiveness of therapy on adolescents were about depression and anxiety, not gender dysphoria.

Karasic highlights there is significant evidence to suggest that conversion therapy (psychotherapy designed to push transgender youth and adults to adhere to their sex assigned at birth) is actively harmful.

The HHS recommendation for psychotherapy in lieu of gender-affirming medical care either recommends care with no evidence of effectiveness for reducing gender dysphoria for people who want and have been determined could benefit from medical interventions or care that poses risks of significant psychological harm to youth.

The proposed rule by the HHS is open to public comment until Feb. 17.

Susie Driscoll, LMFT, is a licensed psychotherapist. For information on her practice, email susie@kindwithincounseling.com.

What’s the ‘Everyday Life’ section?

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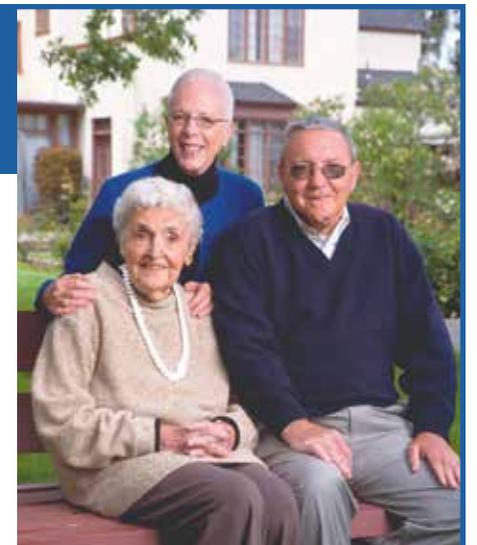
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Business & Real Estate

Los Altos Draeger's still going strong despite East Bay shutter

Owners claim Danville shopping center to blame for location closing

By Julia Baum
Staff Writer/juliab@latc.com

News that Draeger's Market is closing one of its East Bay locations has raised questions among some Peninsula shoppers, but the longtime grocer's Los Altos store is expected to remain open and is performing strongly, according to owner John Draeger.

Owners of the grocery store chain announced two weeks ago that the Blackhawk Plaza store in Danville will close after nearly 20 years. According to Draeger, the decision followed years of decline at the shopping center that ultimately affected the store's viability.

Founded more than a century ago, Draeger's Market marked its 100th anniversary last year. With the Danville closure, the company now operates two locations — in Los Altos and Menlo Park.

"When we opened the store in Danville in 2007, we were impressed with the beautiful Blackhawk Plaza shopping center. We believed in the potential of the site and the demographics were good. At the time, the shopping center was fully leased, well maintained, and an inviting place for customers to shop," Draeger said in an email to the Town Crier.

But over the years, Draeger said that "the condition and maintenance of the shopping center declined and vacancies increased," creating "a real impact on customer traffic and, ultimately, on our ability to operate the store successfully."

"After a great deal of thought, this led to the difficult decision to close the

Blackhawk location," Draeger said.

In a follow-up comment, Draeger emphasized that the deterioration of Blackhawk Plaza in recent years had been "significant."

Those challenges, however, are not present at the Los Altos location, which Draeger said benefits from a vibrant downtown setting and loyal customer base.

"In Los Altos, we are fortunate to be part of a vibrant, well-cared-for downtown that draws people in and supports a strong sense of community," Draeger said. "The health and performance of our Los Altos store are excellent."

Draeger said the Los Altos store "continues to be an important and thriving part of our business," citing customer loyalty and the surrounding downtown setting.

He added that factors such as shopping center conditions and landlord relationships play a meaningful role in determining whether a store can succeed over the long term.

"In Los Altos, the strength of the downtown environment makes a positive difference and supports the long-term success of the store," Draeger said.

Following the Blackhawk closure, Draeger said customers and employees in Los Altos should understand that the company's direction locally remains unchanged. He said the company remains committed to maintaining its presence in communities where conditions support long-term success.

"Draeger's longstanding commitment to quality, service, and the communities we serve remains unchanged," he said. "We are proud to continue serving Los Altos and Menlo Park, both of which are strong, valued locations for our company."



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Owners of Draeger's Market said the Los Altos location is strong despite a Danville closure.

Transactions

Los Altos

425 1st Street #21, 425 First-Los Altos LLC to C. & S. T-Pothen for \$1,740,000

857 Hierra Court, A. Combes to P. & H. Chin for \$3,490,000

11664 Winding Way, Adl 10 LLC to M. & P. Anton for \$3,900,000

83 Almond Avenue, Jensen Living Trust to A. & V. Raman for \$3,900,000

442 Knoll Drive, Mmg Survivors Trust to 849Mesaave LLC for \$5,310,000

24745 Summerhill Avenue, Lyons Trust to Z. Clawson for \$5,541,500

Los Altos Hills

25310 Elena Road, Stutz Trust to

Carroll Project LLC for \$3,150,000

14300 Saddle Mountain Drive, M. Le to Ghaffari Trust for \$6,850,000

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Los Altos

Total sales: 6

Lowest sale: \$1,740,000

Highest sale: \$5,541,500

Average sale: \$3,980,300

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Highest sale: \$6,850,000

Average sale: \$5,000,000

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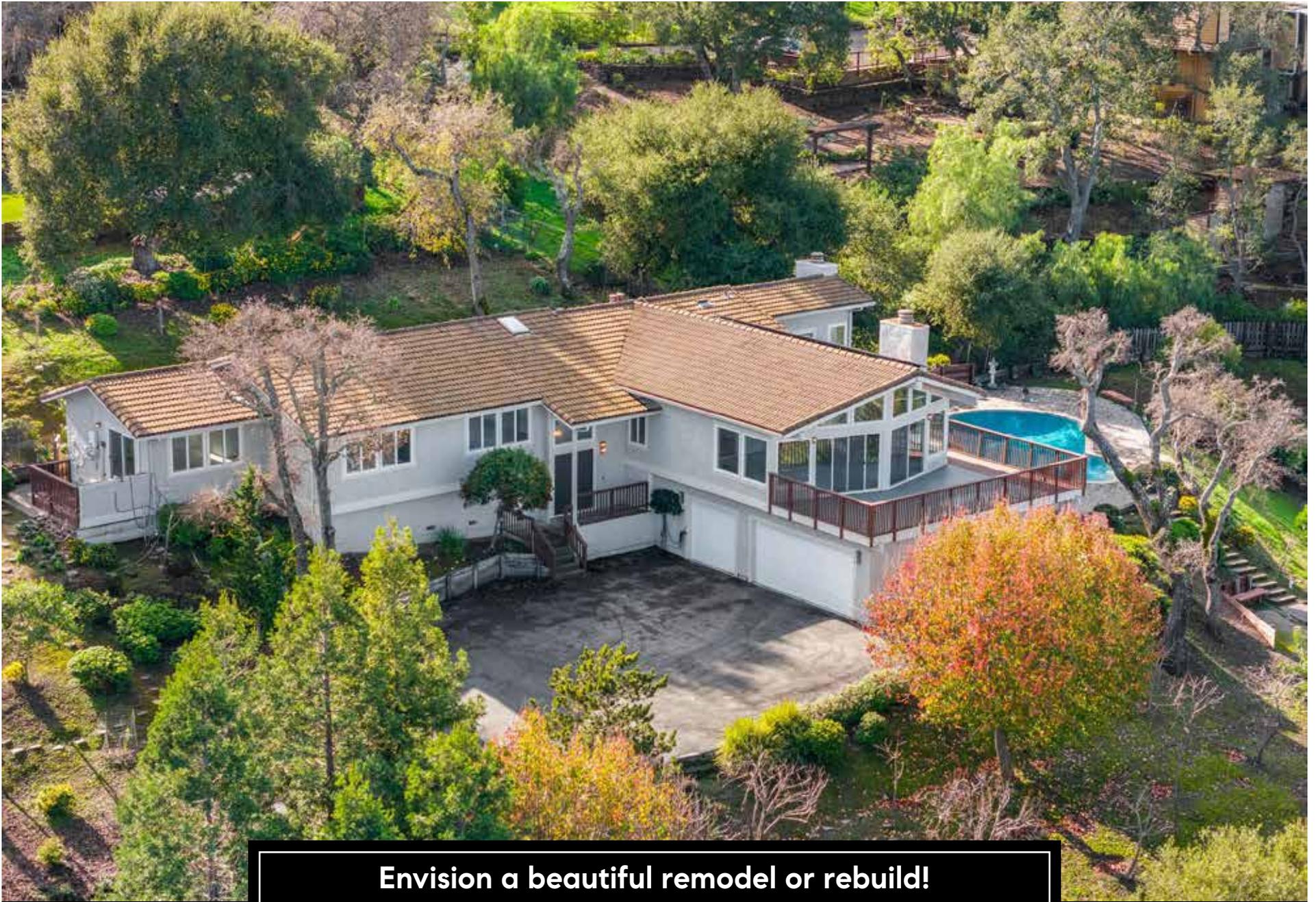
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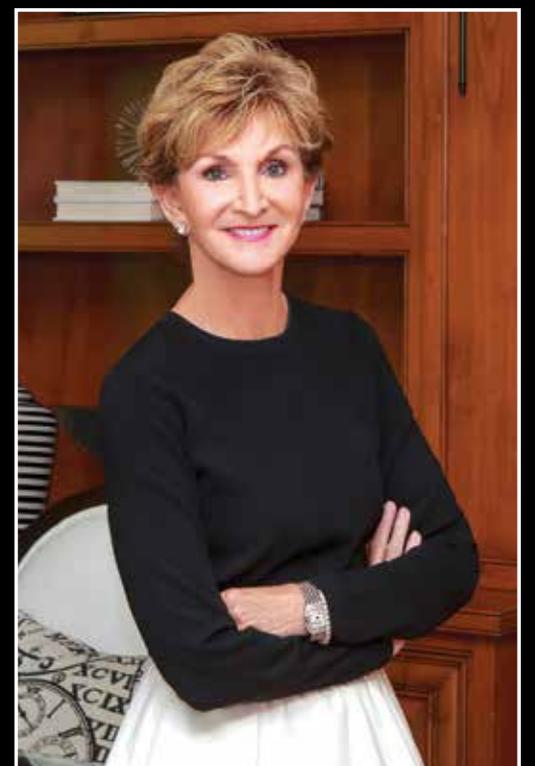


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Public Notices

EBENEZER MEDIA PRODUCTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722249

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EBENEZER MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, 1289 Anvilwood Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Miguel Quintero, 1059 Mango Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/01/2025. /S/ Miguel Quintero / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/22/2025. (01-21,28-26,02-04,11-26)

010-T

RANGAN LOGIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722637

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RANGAN LOGIC, 24801 Prospect Ave, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Venkat Rangan, 24801 Prospect Ave, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/05/2026. /S/ Venkat Rangan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/08/2026. (01-21,28-26,02-04,11-26)

009-T

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

999 Fremont Ave Police Department Remodel Project CF-01006

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

1. Description of Work: The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed bids for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therefor. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project, and no warranty is made or intended to final quantities:

The project includes demolition of the existing wall as shown on the plans, construction of new walls to create dorm rooms, extending the fire suppression system, and upgrading the existing building's electrical, mechanical, and HVAC systems.

2. Location of Work: 999 Fremont Avenue, Los Altos, CA

3. Contract Documents: Bids must be submitted on PlanetBids only. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engi-

neer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022, for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 or visit the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids to download the PDF file(s) (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home>). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

4. Labor Compliance. Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. This Code requires the Contractor to pay their workers based on prevailing wage rates established and issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Statistics and Research.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

5. Pre-bid Site Review: A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk will be held at 999 Fremont Ave on the following date(s) and time(s):

January 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

It is highly recommended that each prospective bidder should attend the Pre-Bid Site Walk. The City will not provide another opportunity to visit the building beyond the date and time identified. Bids WILL be accepted from all Bidder including those who did not attend the site walk.

6. Contractor's License: The Contractor is required to have a **Class A or B** for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

7. Bid Bond: A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

c. Form of Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be submitted to the City in cash, a certified or cashier's check, an ORIGINAL paper bid bond, or an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety in favor of the City.

d. E-bond platforms requirements. In the event the Bidder elects to submit an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond), a bid will be considered complete only if the applicant:

i. Obtains an E-Bonds issued by Surety2000 <http://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding> platforms; and

ii. Uploads the E-Bond in pdf form to the PlanetBids portal as a General Attachment. E-Bonds from other e-Bond platforms will not be accepted. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges. The City is not responsible to Bidders for (i) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (ii) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (iii) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

e. Purpose of Bid Bond. In the event that the successful Bidder fails or refuses to enter into the Contract awarded to it, the bid bond shall be retained by the City and applied to any damages sustained by the City.

8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening: The City accepts electronic submittal of bids only. Bids shall be submitted electronically to the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> on or before

February 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm

The PlanetBids contract ID for this project is (CF-01006). The Bidder's PlanetBids vendor identification number may also be necessary for the Bidder's Security.

Each Bid received before the Bid submittal due date will be automatically opened and unsealed by PlanetBids at the time of the Bid deadline. Bids received after the Bid submittal due date will be rejected. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date. Bid results (not verified) will be published.

9. Payment & Performance Bonds: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract.

All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

10. Award of Contract: Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid. In the event of any discrepancy between extended and unit prices as set forth in the bidder's bid schedule (i.e., the bidder's extended price does not equal the unit price multiplied by the applicable quantity), the City shall use the unit price to recompute the extended price and bid totals accordingly, and the re-computed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. In the event of a significant discrepancy between unit and extended prices, the City reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject the bid as nonresponsive.

11. Time of Completion of Work: The work shall be completed and ready for full use within **one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days**, the first day of which shall be the date specified in the City Engineer's "Notice to Proceed".

12. Substitution of Securities: Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

13. Rights of the City: The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

14. Project Administration: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing submitted through the PlanetBids portal no later than **five (5) business days from the bid due date and time.**

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: December 18, 2025

/s/ Steven Son, P.E.
Public Works Manager
(01-14,21-26)

007-T

DI WANG ZZY MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722421

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DI WANG ZZY MANAGEMENT, 390 Hacienda Ct, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Di Wang, 390 Hacienda Ct, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/24/2025. /S/ Di Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/29/2025. (01-14,21,28-26,02-04-26)

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GL MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722298

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GL MANAGEMENT, 171 Main St, #558, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lizhen Wu, 171 Main St, #558, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/01/2025. /S/ Lizhen Wu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/23/2025. (01-07,14,21,28-26)

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PULL & BREW EQUIPMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722303

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PULL & BREW EQUIPMENT, 4546 El Camino Real B10, #611, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): WALNUT HILL ENTERPRISES LLC, 4546 El Camino Real B10, #611, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Christopher Helmich / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/23/2025. (01-07,14,21,28-26)

002-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KAREN RENEE MAZZOCCO CASE NO. 25PR201547

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KAREN RENEE MAZZOCCO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD AUSTIN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANN-SOPHIE ELISABETH TAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/05/26 at 9:01AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JANET L. BREWER - SBN 74181 LAW OFFICE OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN ST., STE. 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022

Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner ELIZABETH E. COMEAU 516 W Shaw Ave Ste 200 Fresno, CA 93704 (619) 381-1162 (01-07,14,21-26)

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Ideal Self Care LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722143

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Ideal Self Care LLC, 998 La Mesa Terrace, Unit H, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ideal Self Care LLC, 998 La Mesa Terrace, Unit H, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kristina Lo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/17/2025. (12-31-25,01-07,14,21-26)

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Datebook

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

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness,** 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic,** 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Other events: Paintings Exhibit,** through Jan. 30. Eileen Logsdon Bugée's paintings in acrylic, watercolor and gouache will be on display at the Los Altos Library for the month of January. **UC Master Gardeners: Winter Care for Roses,** 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Are you not sure what to do after your roses have finished blooming? If so, join Laura Westley at the Los Altos Library to learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter. Program will include a live pruning demonstration and is free and open to the public. Program is designed for adults and teens. No registration necessary. Information: 650-948-7683, scld.org/events. **Key/Zipper Felt Fob Craft,** 2 p.m. Jan. 31. Join local crafts artist Deidre at the Los Altos Library to create a cute key/zipper felt fob. All materials will be provided. Program is designed for adults and teens. No registration necessary. Information: scld.org/events. **Silicon Valley Reads: Art With Drawn2Art,** 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Come join instructors from Drawn2Art studio for this fun Silicon Valley Reads-themed art program. This program is designed for adults and teens. **Mixed Media Valentines,** 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Join local artist Kristina Eng for a relaxed, creative worksop focused on watercolor and mixed media. Using simple shapes, bright colors and easy techniques, participants will create a handmade Valentine, galentine, or palentine to share or keep as a positive affirmation. Program is designed for adults and teens. All supplies will be provided. No registration necessary.

CLUBS/GROUPS

American Association of University Women - Silicon Valley Branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 464-2830, siliconvalley-ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons, book groups, bridge and card games. Information: (650) 948-5382, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

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. Information: (650) 941-2610, assistanceleague.org/losaltos.

Kiwanis Club of Los Altos. An international service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: (650) 735-1552, losaltoskiwanis.org.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs some "doo-wop" numbers from the 50s and 60s, plus show tunes, ballads, pop, folk, world music and holiday music at year end. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: 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. Information: fars.k6ya.org.

HP Retired Employees Club. Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Members can participate in activities.

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. Information: (650) 207-6625, lamv.ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies five and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. Information: (650) 917-9914, lasmadres.org.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Volunteer organization of boating enthusiasts who perform community service, including boating education, voluntary vessel inspections and boating operations. Not involved in military or law enforcement activities. Ages 17 and up. 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave. Information: (650) 941-5466.

Rotary Club of Los Altos. Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. Information: (650) 948-1455, losaltosrotary.org.

Electric Toasters. Toastmasters group. Noon to 1 p.m. today. Electric Power Research Institute, 3412 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Information: (650) 855-2270.

Los Altos Lodge No. 712 F. & A. M. 7:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Los Altos Masonic Hall, 146 Main St. Information: (650) 941-6615.

Weekly meditation practice group. Based on Jack Kornfield's book "A Path with Heart." 7 a.m. Tuesdays. Foot-hills Congregational Church, Los Altos. Information: (650) 969-3452.

South Bay Storytellers. 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Information: (650) 494-1383, (650) 917-1920, southbaystorytellers.com.

Vasa Order of America, Lindbergh Lodge. Organization for experiencing the Swedish culture, open to people of Scandinavian descent and their families. 6:30 p.m. second Friday of each month; supper 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. Information: (650) 948-7030, (650) 773-0199.

Mountain View Foothills International Training in Communication Club. 7 p.m. first and third Thursday of the month. Union Bank, El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Information: (650) 967-6466.

Baha'I Faith of Los Altos. Fireside talks. 8-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. 158 Coronado Ave., Los Altos. Information: (650) 948-0143.

Mountain View Women's Club. Community service organization. Monthly meetings. Masonic Temple, 890 Church St. Information: (650) 967-1390.

Technology and Society Committee. 11:45 a.m. alternate Tuesdays. Golden Wok, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. Information: (650) 969-7215 (after 6 p.m.).

Quota Club of Mountain View. Noon first and third Thursdays of the month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Information: (650) 967-2964.

Optimist Club of Palo Alto-Mountain View. Luncheon meetings noon to 1:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of the month. Hyatt Rickey's, Palo Alto. Information: (650) 855-1847.

OBITUARY NOTICE

WILLIAM E. TERRY



April 11, 1933-
December 28, 2025

William E. Terry, 92, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2025 in Palo Alto, California. A third generation Californian, Bill was born on April 11, 1933 in San Jose. He spent his infancy in Carmel and was baptized at Carmel Mission.

Bill graduated from Santa Clara University in 1955 and went on to serve his country as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill from 1955 to 1957. His early commitment to service would become a defining theme throughout his life.

Following his military service, Bill embarked on a distinguished career in business and philanthropy. He rose through the ranks at Hewlett-Packard to become Executive Vice President and Board Director, retiring in 1995, contributing significantly to the company's growth and innovation during a pivotal era for Silicon Valley. That same year, he was appointed Chairman of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, where he served until 1996. His leadership helped shape the foundation's mission of community engagement and charitable giving.

Bill remained deeply connected to his alma mater throughout his life. He was appointed to the University of Santa Clara Regents in 1983 and later joined the Board of Trustees in 1997. He also served on the Advisory Committee of the SCU Engineering School, offering guidance and support to future generations of engineers.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill was known for his unwavering integrity and deep compassion. He believed that true fulfillment came not only from giving but from being personally involved - by leading, counseling, coaching, and listening. Whether through boardrooms or community halls, he lived a life rooted in grace and gratitude.

Bill found joy in simple pleasures as well. He was an avid

stamp collector who appreciated history through philately. He loved hiking and found peace in nature's quiet beauty. Music brought him comfort and inspiration throughout his life.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jan; his children Cathy (Krauss), Carol (Mowat), Tom and Christopher; his grandchildren Winston (Heather Krauss) and Ellie, and great grandson Jay; and his brother Larry, and his nieces and nephew.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire lives of purpose and compassion.



CHARLOTTE COE



February 17, 1931-
November 2, 2025

Charlotte Coe, 94, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2025, surrounded by her daughters. Born on February 17, 1931 in New Haven, CT, Charlotte lived a long life with her husband George, until his passing in 2017.

Charlotte spent many happy years working at Stanford University, until she retired in 2000, when they moved up to Auburn, CA. There she played a lot of bridge with great friends, and she was very involved with the Auburn Symphony. They frequently hosted the symphony musicians for after parties and other events. She also enjoyed helping with the Auburn home tours, and other community events. They had welcoming friends and neighbors in Auburn that provided a busy social life. Charlotte cherished keeping in touch with lifelong friends and neighbors from the Bay Area.

She is survived by her two daughters, Eileen and Leslie and was preceded in death by her daughter Judie.

A celebration of Charlotte's life will be held in the Spring.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Auburn Symphony, Auburn CA.

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