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Swinging into summer



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Two young Los Altos residents – and their doggie – enjoy the swing set at Shoup Park, proving once again that you don’t need to sit in front of a screen to have fun. The area’s gorgeous weather will continue through the Fourth of July and beyond with highs in the low-to-mid 70s. Visit losaltosonline.com for the latest weather.

Los Altos council to e-bikers: Stay off the sidewalk – It’s the law

Council OK’s new, more restrictive ordinance

By **Bruce Barton**
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Los Altos City Council members last week introduced an e-bike and bike ordinance aimed at keeping them off the sidewalks.

The law allows exceptions for sidewalk use if there are dangers or obstacles in the street that allow no choice. It also reflects state law requiring helmet use for riders under 18 and limits to one person per bike, unless the bike allows for a second passenger.

The new law leaves police with the option of levying fines

with first infractions. Council also modified the law June 24 to remove age restrictions for e-bikes on school grounds.

The new ordinance, to be adopted 30 days after approval, arrives amid complaints – particularly in the downtown – of fast, reckless riding by juveniles. Most e-bikes can reach speeds of 20 mph. State law permits sidewalk use but allows for individual cities to add their own restrictions.

Notably, the one public comment at the meeting was from a student attending Bullis Charter School. The girl, identifying herself as Hannah, favored the e-bike sidewalk restrictions.

“In the neighborhood I live in, many people use e-bikes

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Pancake breakfast, ‘Glorious’ picnic, await you on the 4th

Special to the Town Crier

Get set for a busy Fourth of July in Los Altos with two lively events. The First Presbyterian Church in Los Altos is scheduled to hold its traditional pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. The event is free, but donations will benefit the nonprofit Help One Child. Founded in Los Altos 30 years ago, the program supports families of foster and adopted children in six Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County.

The event will be held at Union’s Bailey Hall, 858 University Ave., and

will include pancakes, fresh fruit, sausages and orange juice, along with tea and coffee. A local scout group’s color guard will be there to honor the American flag.

Union Presbyterian Church’s history in Los Altos goes back to World War I, when residents first held services on Main Street. The church moved to its University Avenue location in 1953.

For more information, visit Union’s website at unionpc.org. More on the nonprofit Help One Child can be found at helponechild.org.

‘Glorious Fourth’ event

Los Altos’ Glorious Fourth of July celebration is scheduled 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave.

Put on by the city’s Parks and Recreation Department, this year’s event will feature live music, games and activities. As tradition dictates, Ye Olde Towne Band will be performing 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by Sounds of Swing, from noon to 2 p.m.

Activities will include face painting, caricatures and temporary tattoos for the kids. A Quick Dogs food truck

will offer food for purchase. Shaved ice desserts also will be for sale. American Legion Post 558 of Los Altos will be handing out stick flags to attendees.

The event is free and no registration is required.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (650) 947-2790 or visit rec-info@losaltosca.gov.

Look up at the sky toward Mountain View after 9 p.m. when fireworks are set to light the sky over Shoreline Amphitheatre.

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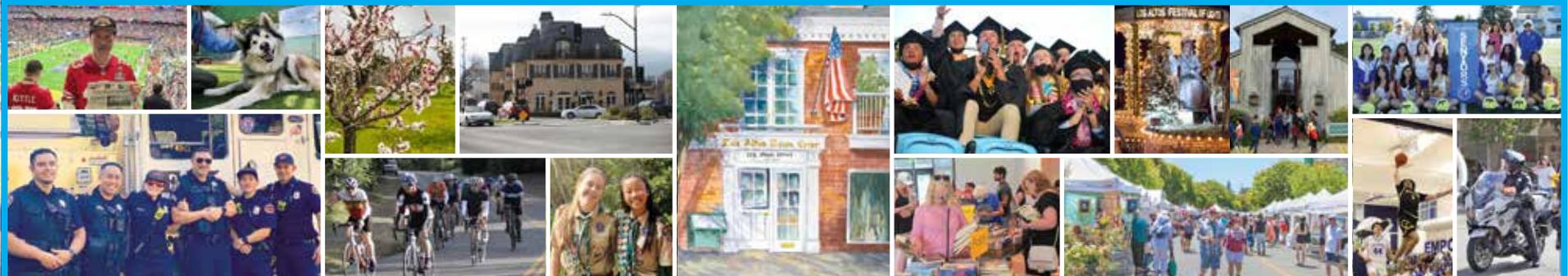
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Around Town



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Happy 100th birthday, Stanford Theatre

By Lina Broydo
Special to the Town Crier

Being an official movie nut, I attended the packed-to-the-max historic Stanford Theatre celebration of its 100th anniversary June 9 with the screening of “That’s my Daddy,” the 1928 silent movie starring Reginald Denny. Denny’s granddaughter Kimberly Pucci was in attendance.

The Q&A segment of the evening featured David Packard, the founder of the Stan-

ford Theatre Foundation, reminiscing about the history of the Stanford Theatre and Pucci, whose best-selling book “Prince of Drones” about her grandfather was available for sale.

I followed up by watching “Speedy,” the funniest movie I’ve ever seen (well, after “Some Like it Hot”) about Harold, who is trying to save New York City’s last horse-drawn trolleys run by his girlfriend’s grandfather. The hysterically funny segment in this silent movie belongs to the

guest appearance of baseball great Babe Ruth.

The Stanford Theatre first opened in 1925, and it served for decades as Palo Alto’s premier movie house. In 1987, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation bought the theatre and restored it to its original splendor.

For more information about the historic Stanford Theatre, located at 221 University Ave. in Palo Alto, visit stanfordtheatre.org.

Broydo is a longtime Los Altos Hills resident.

Correction

In the June 25 print edition on page 24, the Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Little League Minor AAA Royals photo caption did not include the name of player Jackson Paff, pictured in the front row of the photo behind the trophy.



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News

Los Altos Hills gives final approval on fire severity map

Town Crier Staff Report

The Los Altos Hills City Council has adopted its fire hazard severity zone map following a vote on June 24, ending the lengthy process.

The council held the June 24 meeting to have a second reading of an ordinance approving a fire hazard severity map that meets the minimum requirements from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) following initial map approval at a June 20 meeting.

An ordinance requires two readings to be adopted, with the council passing the second reading 3-0. Councilmember Linda Swan was not at the meeting, and Mayor Kavita Tankha recused herself from the discussion because she lives near

some of the affected properties on the map.

The map categorizes properties into fire risk classification zones of no risk, moderate, high and very high and can lead to stricter building code requirements, mandatory defensible space requirements and real estate disclosure obligations for high- and very high-risk designations. The state requires map approval.

The process of selecting a map took a turn when significant community push-back occurred at a June 18 council meeting to the originally suggested map offered as an option by city staff.

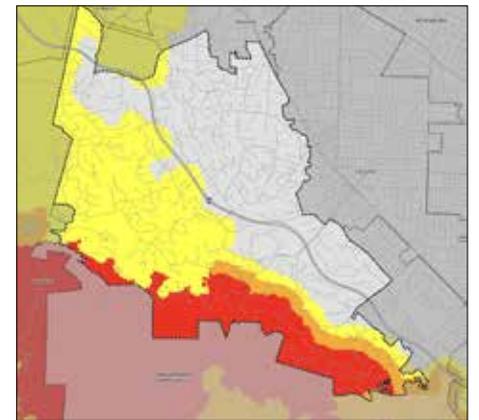
That map added approximately 50 more properties to high- and very high-

risk designations.

While the originally suggested map was initially agreed upon by the council by a vote of 3-1 at a May 15 meeting as part of the first ordinance reading, residents opposed it due to concerns about changes to property values, home insurance and other factors.

Public interest in the topic was high, with a petition on change.org garnering over 400 virtual signatures calling for the Cal Fire map and dozens of people showing up to comment at the June 18 council meeting.

The public feedback prompted the council to switch to the Cal Fire map on June 20, which is the minimum requirement from the state.



SCREENSHOT FROM LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNCIL MEETING

The Los Altos Hills City Council went back to an initial fire zone map that meets the state's minimum requirements, after outcry over proposed changes.

How's the market doing?



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos Farmers' Market bustled with activity last Thursday as people strolled along State Street, or waited in line, for their favorite items. The June 26 market also marked the last day for popular food vendor Pizza & Amore. A contractual misunderstanding among market organizers prompted the ouster. For more on the story, see last week's Town Crier.

Vice Mayor Fligor to run for Santa Clara County Assessor

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor June 26 announced that she is running to be the next Santa Clara County Assessor.

Fligor will be running in the Nov. 4 special election to replace 30-year assessor Larry Stone, who announced his retirement three days earlier. She currently works as a special assistant in the assessor's office, which assesses property values for tax purposes.

"I know the work," Fligor said. "So it's not a situation where I speculate what the work is, and think I would like it. I enjoy it. I don't know if it's because of my legal background, because it's very legal driven and process oriented. And it also is very collaborative, and I like that environment."

"I am delighted to endorse Neysa Fligor as the next Santa Clara County assessor," Stone said in a statement. "I have known Neysa for over 15 years and have seen her success firsthand as an attorney for the assessor's office and later as part of my executive management team. After 30 years as assessor, no one knows better than I do what the job entails – and what kind of person is best suited for it."

"As assessor Stone has successfully done during his ten-



Fligor

ure, I will produce an efficient, accurate and timely roll and keep customer service as a top priority for the office," Fligor said. "Supporting our employees, continuing the work to modernize our technology and increasing outreach and education to all communities throughout the county will also be my priorities."

Fligor most recently played a key role in managing a multi-million-dollar property assessment solution technology project and getting a contract in place that will allow the assessor's office to replace its four-decades-old property

Los Altos City Council approves 'safety element'

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos City Council last month unanimously approved the General Plan amendments adopting the Safety Element, along with the revised Natural Environment and Hazards Element.

According to a June 20 city press release, the adoption cements the city's dedication to long-term resilience in emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation and community safety.

"The city of Los Altos is committed to fostering a safe, resilient and sustainable community," Assistant City Manager Nick Zornes said in the release. "Adoption of the Safety Element affirms our dedication to long-term planning that protects residents, businesses and future generations from natural and human-made hazards, while strengthening the city's capacity to adapt,

respond and recover."

This is the city of Los Altos' first standalone Safety Element, which began development in early 2024. The city says that its streamlined adoption reflects Los Altos' proactive approach in addressing community needs and reducing vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards.

According to the release, "In this effort, the Safety Element defines comprehensive goals and policies, while also laying out actionable strategies to uplift our community through enhanced emergency response and infrastructure resilience."

Key components of the Safety Element include:

- Hazard identification and risk assessment
- Evacuation routes and emergency response

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News



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Young e-bikers make their way through downtown Los Altos streets last week.

E-BIKES

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on the sidewalks, and twice I had to grab my sister and pull her out of the way," said the Los Altos resident, "because people on their e-bikes were flying down the sidewalks, and it did not look like they were going to stop. Because of that, I'm consistently looking backwards, making sure no e-bikes or e-scooters are coming. Most of the time, people on their e-bikes are not looking out for us. They expect us to look out for them."

Council approved the new law on a tight 3-2 vote, with Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor and Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg dissenting.

Although supporting the concept, Fligor felt the law lacked clarity and needed to provide more guidance for police officers. She also felt there should be an education period to familiarize youth with the new law.

"I hope that we are proactive in getting this ordinance to our

schools community," she said. "We want to make sure they understand what's coming."

Weinberg also had concerns about the ordinance.

"The issues that we're trying to correct here are very important," he said. "But they need to be done at the state level . . . E-bike ordinances in other jurisdictions are also going to be different. The type of regulation we're trying to put in this ordinance really needs to be from the top-down . . . I don't think that this ordinance makes us as safe as we can be."

"It is dangerous to let the perfect become the enemy of the good," responded Councilmember Larry Lang, who supported the ordinance. "To vote no is to say, I'm OK with it still being legal to shoot down the sidewalks on an e-bike. . . . And I'm not waiting for education or anything else – I want it to be illegal to ride e-bikes on sidewalks. (The ordinance) is not perfect, but it's certainly better than nothing."

Councilmember Sally Meadows added: "We've made

very clear (in the ordinance) that bicycles of all natures and other regulated mobility devices are prohibited on all sidewalks. . . . People shouldn't have to feel that a motorized thing is going to come up behind them and knock them over."

Fligor asked city attorney Jolie Houston whether a distinction could be made in the ordinance between e-bikes and bicycles. Based on ambiguous state law, Houston said no.

"Unless we want to open a can of worms of asking officers to identify or somehow know, before even pulling someone over, whether or not they're on a Class 1, 2 or 3 bike," said Mayor Pete Dailey, "there's not going to be a way to provide the distinction that you want."

Lang also felt restrictions should apply to all bikes.

"They're called sidewalks," he said. "There's a little hint there."

"We do have an ordinance that will allow young learners to use the sidewalk when appropriate," said Dailey, who voted in support.

FLIGOR

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assessment management system.

Stone is planning to step down July 6. The special election in November is to fill his unexpired term that ends in December 2026.

Fligor said being elected to the unexpired term would give her "a huge advantage" over opponents if she runs as an incumbent in 2026.

If she wins in November,

Fligor will leave the city council with a year remaining. The city would either have a special election or the council could appoint a replacement.

"It's mixed feelings, obviously, because I love my council work," Fligor said. "I love serving Los Altos. It's my home, and I'm going to miss that. But I can't not take this opportunity."

"Neysa has the both the skills and personal qualities to be the next assessor" said Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei. "As an attorney, a regional leader, an executive in the as-

essor's office, a tech industry veteran, and the first Black Los Altos City Councilmember, she brings relevant knowledge to the position."

Fligor's relevant work experience includes: certified tax appraiser; legal counsel for the assessor's office; former Los Altos mayor and current vice mayor; El Camino Healthcare District board and El Camino Hospital board member; president of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County; and legal counsel at Hewlett-Packard Company.



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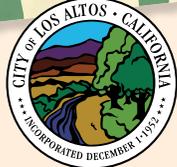
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MV City Council OKs 2025-2026 budget

By Christina Casillas
Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

Despite a short presentation and a quick unanimous vote, Mountain View City Council approved the final Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget after months of readings and careful considerations.

City staff led the final 2025-2026 budget reading during the June 24 city council meeting. The \$662.9 million budget goes into effect July 1. Derek Rampone, Mountain View finance and administrative services director, said during his presentation to council that the budget was structurally balanced.

The budget, which staff began working on in November, was first presented to council

on April 8 - just two months after staff provided council a mid-budget update for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. Staff also received input from some members of the public June 10.

Rampone noted the budget focuses on long-term service delivery, council's strategic priorities, downtown and other economic vitality strategies and improving and innovating city operations. He added it will accommodate the addition of a few long-term city staff positions.

Capital improvement projects include 28 nondiscretionary projects, 11 discretionary projects and 41 amendments to existing projects, Rampone said. City council approved the projects and amendments June 24 and will need to allocate the

total \$72,595 for those projects, Rampone said.

The budget's approval also included the green light for the city council's strategic workplan and priorities, which will guide the city council this fiscal year. These include community for all, intentional development and housing options, sustainability and climate resiliency, livability and quality of life, mobility and connectivity, economic vitality and organizational strength and good governance.

The construction of a new public safety building will be funded by Measure G this fiscal year, according to communications from the Mountain View Office of the City Manager to city council.

The city's general operating



SCREENSHOT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mountain View City Council's priorities are listed above.

fund - the largest of the city funds, which provides financial support to core community services and city administration support - shows an operating balance, Rampone said, and it's projected to grow.

"We are showing a small operating balance of \$232,000 for next year. In future years, we are projecting some nominal deficits

in some of the years after next year," he said during the meeting. "As we continue to look at revenues, staff have also been looking at ways to analyze overhead and other expenditures of the general fund. ... We hope to bring some positive news, or a more favorable update, in the February mid-year budget update."

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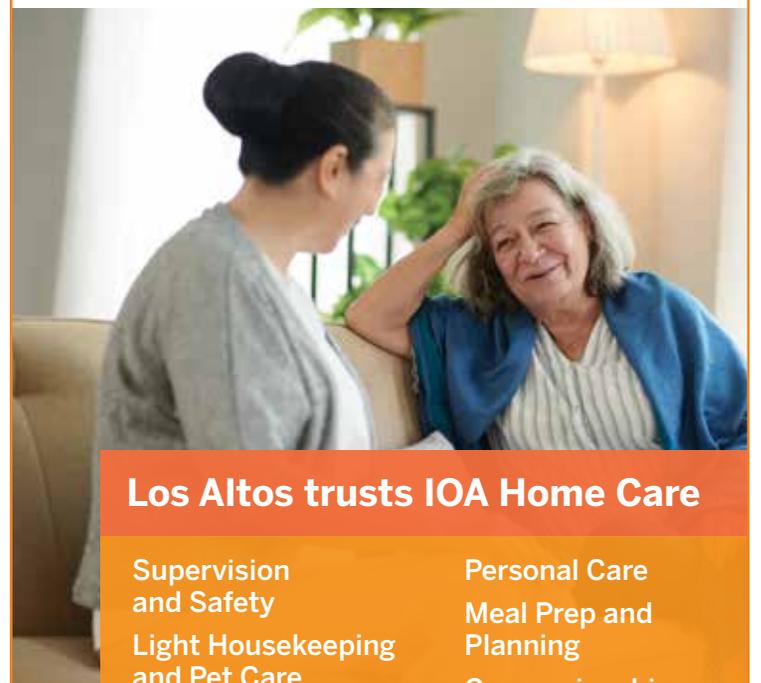
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News

Los Altos ups recruiting effort to fill police officer positions

Town Crier Staff Report

The city of Los Altos has enlisted the services of Epic Recruiting in a \$300,000 marketing effort to attract more qualified candidates to the Los Altos Police Department.

Epic Recruiting of Scottsdale, Arizona, is charged with development and implementation of recruitment marketing services, including video production, marketing materials, website development and targeted digital advertising, according to a city staff report. The Los Altos City Council approved the allocation in May.

“The city of Los Altos continues to face significant challenges in attracting and retaining qualified candidates for key positions, particularly in public safety roles such as police officers and dispatchers,” the staff report said. “Despite offering competitive salaries and benefits, the city has struggled to fill vacancies due to a lack of visibility and effective marketing to potential applicants.

Staff said Epic Recruiting has “a proven track record” of attracting high-quality candidates through digital content and modern recruiting strategies.

“Many qualified candidates do not apply simply because they are unaware of the city

and the benefits of working here,” the report said. “This lack of visibility has contributed to ongoing staffing shortages and an over-reliance on a limited pool of candidates. Further compounding the issue is the city’s current track record of police officer trainees being unsuccessful in either the Police Academy or the Field Training Program and dispatchers being unsuccessful in training. This has led to higher attrition rates and increased costs associated with recruitment, onboarding and training. These outcomes highlight the urgent need to not only attract more applicants, but also to attract better-qualified candidates who are more likely to succeed in their roles.”

Since 2022, the city has reported between two and five police officer vacancies and one dispatcher vacancy. Between 2022-2024, 20 applicants were hired as police officers, four as dispatchers. Only seven of those officers passed training and are currently employed in Los Altos. Two dispatchers passed training in the same timeframe.

The police department in 2025 hired another six police recruits/officer candidates.

Police Chief Saskia Logergren told the Town Crier last month the department has three officer and three dis-

patcher positions open. As of last week, those numbers remained unchanged.

Staff said Epic Recruiting’s services are worth the cost, with potential turnover savings in the thousands of dollars.

Courtyard timeline extended

Construction of a \$2 million courtyard for the Los Altos main library has been extended from this summer to possibly late fall.

Freddie Wheeler, president of Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE), said the process of dealing with two government agencies is a slow one. LALE is providing a portion of the funding. Both the city of Los Altos and the Santa Clara County Library District, which runs the Los Altos libraries, are involved.

“We just submitted the application for a building permit,” Wheeler said last month. “We also have the Library District process, which takes time. Nothing is ‘delaying’ the project, it’s just a lengthy process because LALE is working with two governmental entities.”

The Los Altos City Council approved the 8,265-square-foot courtyard, to extend from the library’s north side, in February.

implementation measures and forward-thinking policies that incorporate climate adaptation and geologic hazard mitigation.

“The completion of the Safety Element reflects over a year of extensive community outreach, public engagement and collaboration with regional and state agencies,” Zornes said. “The city of Los Altos remains firmly committed to meeting California’s statutory requirements, while ensuring that community voices are at the heart of planning for a safer and more resilient future.”

The Safety Element serves as a crucial integration to the

General Plan, which was recently strengthened with the adoption of the Housing Element in 2023, according to city officials.

“By establishing key provisions, the Safety Element aligns local decisions related to zoning, subdivisions and entitlement permits,” according to the release. “This plan further addresses safety concerns at the local level, including evacuation, hazardous materials management and crime reduction.”

For more information and to view the Safety Element online, visit losaltosca.gov/216/Los-Altos-Safety-Element.

SAFETY

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- Climate adaptation and resilience
- Wildfire risk and evacuation planning

With the last update to the Los Altos General Plan occurring in 2002, the Safety Element reflects extensive community input, interagency coordination and inter-departmental partnerships to reach this final development, the release stated.

In addition to aligning with state mandates, this plan empowers the city to safeguard the community with clear

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Comment

Letters to the Editor

A free lunch, continued

I recently railed against the use of educational funds to feed students. A confession – I was once the beneficiary of such a program. My wife is Swedish and when we married in Sweden she wanted to return to California quickly. I found that country fascinating and prevailed upon her to stay awhile so I could learn the customs and the language – her parents didn't speak English. Mona got a job while I enrolled in a Swedish language class for foreigners. Our class occupied one classroom in a normal neighborhood grammar school. Lunch was provided to all the students in the school. I stood in line with 10-year-olds. Breakfast was expected to be provided at home.

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1. Most Swedish mothers

have jobs and it is simply more efficient as a society to have lunch prepared en masse rather than individually.

2. Schools supply only lunch, and only on days when classes are in session.

3. Their government is more responsible and able to function on a balanced budget.

Jerry Clements
Los Altos

Leave plazas 'as is'

The "Better uses of funds" letter to the editor in the June 16 Town Crier is right on. I totally agree with Lothar Kleiner that a downtown park uses up way too many parking spaces in plazas 1 & 2. And a downtown theater? The current Los Altos Stage Company has lots of parking because it's close by the Los Altos Community Center. Please leave everything as is!

Rita Cartalano
Los Altos

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

In 1959, trays of drying apricots were seen everywhere in Los Altos' orchards this time of year. There are plenty of 'cots for these boys to have a snack.

Whose Library Is It Anyway?

By Allyson Johnson

The Los Altos branch of the Santa Clara County Library system is the second oldest and second smallest of seven branches, but second busiest in the number of visitors. The Library Commission has announced intentions to "modernize the library, enhance accessibility and improve functionality." But what is meant by "modernize," "accessibility" and "functionality?" Forty users responded to a survey about needs, but our library has more than 600 visitors daily.

Modernize: Does this mean new carpets? New furniture to replace the institutionally uncomfortable naugahyde and vinyl chairs? Does it mean replacing the heating/air conditioning system with efficient heat pump technologies? Does it mean providing modern DVD and video-streaming equipment so that researchers can take advantage of the library's collections without having to take the materials from the library?

Accessibility: Does this mean widening doors and the space between book shelves? Does it mean adding multilingual signage? Does it mean adding services and features to attract a more diverse cross-section of

A Piece of My Mind

the community? Or do these get in the way of the library's research and study purposes? Does the Passport Office really belong in the library?

Functionality: On a recent visit to the library, a friend and I passed through the lobby where a group of young women and children in strollers were sharing lunch and gossiping. "What do they think this is, a free day care center?" he fumed. "It's a library. It's supposed to be quiet." Is the success of the library's story hours and the availability of snacks in the lobby a detriment to other functions? Or is this addressing the needs of an underserved section of our community?

And how about the users of the library who bring their laptops, sit around a table, and conduct a business meeting at normal volumes? Is providing meeting space a library function? Do we need sound-proof study carrels where a small group can work on a project or hold a meeting together?

What space do we reserve for our chief fundraisers, the

Friends of the Library (FOL)? I'm personally addicted to checking out their 25-cent book cart, but I was surprised when a second book cart appeared recently, impeding access to the community bulletin board, the battery recycling container and the free magazines. The FOL Sale bookshelves are expanding also, with a third book cart dedicated to teen lit, a table laden with puzzles, and additional tables for seasonal offerings or out-dated magazines. Is this a library benefit, or is it FOL mission creep?

The Orchard Room is the only large meeting space in the library, and it is booked months in advance. Do we need more large meeting spaces? Will the proposed patio enhancement funded by the Los Altos Library Endowment help satisfy the need for more meeting space? Or should we consign large meetings to the adjacent Los Altos Community Center?

We need more than a survey of less than 1% of the library's users to determine what the library should be today.

Allyson Johnson is a long-time resident and regular contributor to the Town Crier. Visit her blog as allysonjohnson.com.

Community

Fire officials: Stay safe, leave fireworks to the professionals

Town Crier Report

Santa Clara County fire chiefs are encouraging community members to enjoy professional fireworks displays to avoid potential injuries and fires this Fourth of July.

Fireworks are responsible for thousands of emergency room visits and millions of dollars of property loss across the U.S. every year. Professional fireworks displays are planned throughout Santa Clara County to offer families a safe way to enjoy Independence Day.

According to fire officials, all fireworks, including those labeled “safe and sane,” are dangerous and illegal to use, own, or sell in the North County, including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

“Illegal fireworks are a serious danger to all, causing devastating wildfires, structure fires, and injuries,” said Juan Diaz, Mountain View Fire Chief. “In Mountain View, our dry conditions magnify this risk, making every illegal spark a potential catastrophe for homes and open



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Though enchanting, fireworks can be dangerous. Celebrate responsibly this week.

space areas. Using illegal fireworks carries significant fines, starting at \$1,000, with property owners also potentially liable for emergency response costs. This Independence Day, protect our community by avoiding all illegal fireworks and instead, join us for the safe and professional 2025 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular with the San Francisco Symphony at Shoreline Amphitheatre.”

Fire officials said the area is experiencing higher temperatures and dry vegetation. The risk of fires starting in both

urban neighborhoods as well as wildland areas is high. Fireworks have ignited trees, fences and homes in cities throughout the county on and around the Fourth of July, causing significant damage to property and homes.

Local hospital emergency rooms treat individuals suffering from fireworks-related injuries year after year. Patients include victims of all ages, and the severity of injuries ranges from moderate to extreme.

Fireworks-related fires and injuries are 100% preventable, fire officials said. They strongly encourage the public to celebrate the holiday safely, and without the use of illegal fireworks.

Several cities have family-friendly community events as well as professional fireworks displays planned this 4th of July. Mountain View’s fireworks display begins after 9 p.m. at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

Firefighters remind residents to dial 9-1-1 if they observe an active fire or medical emergency.

Pet of the Week



COURTESY OF PETS IN NEED

Charlie, a 10-week-old kitten “with a big heart and an even bigger purr,” is available for adoption at Pets In Need, representatives said. Found as a stray, Charlie currently resides at Pets In Need’s Palo Alto location. To adopt Charlie, contact Pets In Need at (650) 496-5971 or visit petsinneed.org.

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Community

Museum's Apricot STEM Fair offers fresh & fun picks for all

Town Crier Report

Apricot-themed and nature-inspired activities await at Los Altos History Museum's "Apricot STEM Fair" scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19. Held in the Museum's courtyard and adjacent Los Altos Heritage Orchard, the event blends STEM, history and creativity for a day of hands-on learning and fun.

Designed for all ages, the fair features activities and games rooted in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – from discovering native plants to extracting DNA from apricots and exploring the wonders of robotics.

"We hope to connect the past with the future by honoring our collective memory of the Valley

of Heart's Delight," said Christina Zhao, the museum's education and volunteer coordinator. "At the same time, we're encouraging exploration and innovation in what we now call Silicon Valley."

Attendees can explore the microscopic world using Foldscope, a portable paper microscope; witness DNA being extracted from an apricot; power a blender by pedaling a bike, courtesy of GreenTown Los Altos; enjoy robotics demonstrations from local high schoolers; engage in hands-on STEM challenges inspired by orchard care; combine naturalist curiosity with STEM fun in kid-friendly activities.

Visitors can also check out books from Los Altos Library's Go Go Biblio, and meet Lisa Prince

Newman, who will be signing copies of her book, "For the Love of Apricots."

Children who complete a specific challenge will win a special apricot-themed prize (while supplies last).

"This family-friendly event brings together all ages and backgrounds to celebrate the region's agricultural legacy and rural roots," Zhao said. "It's a unique opportunity to engage the younger generation with our local history."

Admission is \$10, payable at the gate, with free entry for museum members and children 12 and under. Apricot-inspired food prepared by Chef Mo will be available for purchase. For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/ApricotSTEM2025.



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The agricultural past meets the innovation of Silicon Valley at Los Altos History Museum's Apricot STEM Fair on July 19. Fun, hands-on activities await all ages.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

July 8, 2025 - 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 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with Flock Safety in the amount of \$70,000 over the two years remaining on the contract for installation, maintenance and service for Flock Safety cameras in the City of Los Altos and the management of the Camera Registry Program
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing design contract with Noll & Tam Architects in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,650, to provide expanded construction administrative services related to the Emergency Operations Center project (CF-01021)
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with CivicPlus LLC to provide CivicRec, a recreation management software, for the Parks & Recreation department registration and facility reservations
4. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with IMPEC Group for janitorial services in the amount not to exceed \$885,276 for a two-year term on behalf of the City
5. Adopt a resolution authoring the use of Public Art funds in the amount of \$9,000 for the purchase of the Compass Turtle sculpture currently located at Grant Park
6. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with R3 Consulting Group, Inc. (R3) in the amount not to exceed \$585,282 for on-call professional services in support of the City's solid waste management program for the five-year period from FY 2025-26 through FY 2029-30, and find that the proposed agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
7. Staff recommends City Council adopt the updated Financial Policy, which was reviewed by the Financial Commission on June 16, 2025
8. Receive informational report on Flock audits

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Stepping Out

'Come Back to the 5 & Dime' celebrates friendship in hard times

By **Brandon Roth**
Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

James Dean, a rebellious teen actor who captivated female audiences in the 1950s, lived and died an idol. Dean's death at age 24, in a car accident near San Luis Obispo County, left many fans in disbelief.

"Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean," a play written in 1976 by Ed Graczyk and adapted into a film in 1982, shows a group of women who gather to pay homage to James Dean, who filmed his last film, "Giant," near their small town of McCarthy, Texas in a Five and Dime shop operated by the prude and conservative Judith Miller (Loretta). The group, which is called the Disciples of James Dean, has gathered every

year since high school. Some of the characters bring in their memorabilia while others reflect on their experiences working on the film's set.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley put its twist on the play by turning it into a musical. Many of the songs will captivate audience members by exploring events from the women's past, such as examining the history of their fan club, the challenges of growing up in a conservative town, and the painful secrets they are afraid to admit.

All the women had different expectations for themselves growing up, such as being rebels themselves or starting a family of their own. Lauren Marcus (Mona) was one of the first girls from the group that was introduced, is a grown woman, but is fragile in state and is afraid to ad-

mit her faults. Other characters soon make their way into the store such as Gibson (Sissy), who is overly confident in singing and how she dresses; Ashley Cowl (Edna Louise), a Hispanic woman ridiculed for her culture as a child and grew up not achieving her aspirations; Hayley Lovgren (Stella Mae), who is a pompous and spoiled cowgirl who is not afraid to share her beliefs; and Shakina (Joanne), a mysterious woman who from the girls' past.

Mona is not a character who gives up and is sometimes stubborn in getting her way. All of the other women are in different places in their lives, but Mona is content in holding up her childhood promises and is the main organizer for their club. Without her, the women would be on a different path. All the women tend to go along with her club and feel sorry that she has never moved on from her childhood self.

The play reflects that when our past has still not healed, it tends to follow us through life. All of the women carry a burden of what they should have been and relate to one another on things in their lives they are missing. Life is filled with mistakes and many of the women can't let go of some image they had for themselves when they were younger.

To learn more about this play, visit tinyurl.com/4xfpetwz.



COURTESY OF KEVIN BERNE

Joe (Ellie van Amerongen) watches as Sissy (Stephanie Gibson), Mona (Lauren Marcus) and Stella Mae (Hayley Lovgren) reminisce about James Dean in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's World Premiere "Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean: A New Musical," performing June 19 - July 13.

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Schools

Pinewood student aims to match those in need with meals

By Shaona Das
Los Altos Town Crier Intern

A student from Los Altos recently created a service dedicated to streamline food bank distribution.

Rising Pinewood School senior Harry Yang started Meal Match in December as part of a school-supported entrepreneurship project. His website enables people in need to order specific items from food banks at which they are registered. Volunteers then

organize the food into personalized packages for consumers, reducing food waste and cutting down wait times.

“Most families, a lot of the time, can’t store a lot of the foods that the food bank provides, so they want some of this food, some of that food,” Yang said. “In my past experiences going to a lot of food banks – I volunteered there heavily – I found that they can’t really adjust that, since Second Harvest, the company that gives them the food, basically gives them a certain

quantity per family.”

To accomplish this, Yang partnered with the Sunday Friends Foundation, a non-profit that organizes volunteers who want to help underserved communities.

Getting the project off the ground wasn’t easy. Yang said it took persistence.

“At the beginning, I just had this idea, and I kept on cold calling different nonprofits around the area, and food banks,” Yang said. “Eventually, in December, finally, Sunday Friends got back in touch with me and said that they would be willing to help implement this project.”

Since February, Meal Match has offered QR codes to visitors of the River of Life food bank in Milpitas during Sunday Friends’ community days. The visitors can scan the codes on their phones to place orders on Meal Match’s website. After placing orders, volunteers sort the food into personalized packages for visitors (as opposed to the standard combinations of food items), personalizing the food bank experience and cutting down on wait times.

“It just brings a lot of flexibility, and also it helps families get food that they normally won’t have, or save food for other families in need, so that they could get extra food that they want,” Yang said of Meal Match.

Yang was inspired to start Meal Match after years of vol-



COURTESY OF SAM JEZAK

Harry Yang, a rising senior at Pinewood School, has been volunteering with food banks since he was in seventh grade. He recently created a website that allows community members to order specific products and quantities at food bank sites.

unteering at food banks.

“In seventh grade . . . I started getting into food banks a lot, and I’ve spent a lot of time around the Bay Area volunteering at food banks from San Francisco to San Jose. And I was just looking for issues to solve,” Yang said.

To do so, Yang said he talked to families utilizing food banks about how they had to get up early in the morning to receive their food or take time off work to get it.

“. . . that process could be shortened a lot, and so I focused my project on shortening that time,” Yang said.

The student said the Meal Match service has grown from 17 to approximately 40 users.

“I was talking to one family – normally, when they come

out (of the food bank), there’s barely any food left,” Yang said. “Through this online order system, we get to save them food, and we get to help them actually get food. I feel like it just helped the community get food and also diversify how much food each person is getting and less wasted food.”

Yang hopes to continue developing Meal Match in the coming year.

“I hope, in the future, (our service) could spread to other food banks, so that more families around the area don’t have to wait in this really, really long line in order to get food . . . so that a food bank won’t have to be a two-hour, three-hour chore.”

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Schools Brief

Los Altos High School is looking for Avid Mentors

Want to help a student become the first in their family to attend college? Los Altos High School is looking for caring community members to help AVID seniors navigate the college admissions process. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a class that offers academic support to a cohort of first-generation students starting freshman year. In their senior year, with the

help of their teacher and mentors, AVID students research colleges and majors, complete college applications and apply for financial aid and scholarships. An AVID college mentor works with two students they get to know and support throughout the school year.

For the 2025-26 school year, mentors will meet with students on campus on Mondays during their first or second period AVID class (8:30-9:20

a.m. or 9:27-10:17 a.m.). Training and weekly agendas will be provided so mentors do not have to be experts in the college application process, but they do need to be able to commit to regularly attending the weekly classes at LAHS.

For more information contact MVLA Scholars recruiting coordinator Dale Tritschler at dal-etritschler@gmail.com or visit mvlascolars.org.

Sports

Warriors center Quinten Post talks season at Los Altos camp

By Curtis Driscoll

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Golden State Warriors center Quinten Post may tower over his current teammates, but that wasn't always the case growing up.

Speaking to campers of the Golden State Sports Academy Basketball Camp at Egan Middle School Wednesday, Post noted that he wasn't the best or the biggest player on his team in the Netherlands at ages 13, 14 or 15 and was a late bloomer, growing to be 7'0" later in his teens. Even during his college days, when he first arrived in America to play college basketball at Mississippi State and later Boston College, he didn't play much in his first year and focused on making improvements in practice and maximizing his reps. While his shooting was always a strength growing up in Amsterdam, it took a while for his body to catch up.

"I think the big thing for me is that I grew really late, so I was always playing guard growing up, so I kind of had to be a shooter," Post said. "I wasn't big or physical."

Post reminded the kids that while someone might be bigger than them or better at shooting, working hard on their game can help them get to the next level of development. Post focused on hard work during his rookie year with the Warriors, which included spending time with the G League affiliate, the Santa Cruz Warriors, on a two-way contract.

"It was humbling to get sent down to the G League; on the other hand, it's part of the journey," Post said. "The Warriors have had a lot of success in starting their guys warming up in the G League, but I also knew that I had to perform somewhat in the G League to be able to get a shot up top."

He played well in the G League, and with the Warriors needing energy and a spark early in the season, he began to get playing time in the NBA in January.

"I think I capitalized on the opportunity," Post said. "From then on, everything has been so fast, and we made a hell of a run. I believe we would have made it a lot farther (in the playoffs) if Steph didn't get injured, but that happens, and I'm looking forward to next year."

He cracked the rotation in January and played in 42 games during the regular season, one of his primary goals for the season.

"Maybe I should have put the bar a little higher," Post said. "But at that point, I just thought, take it step by step, and that was the first step, so I achieved that."

His shooting has been a key factor in his path



CURTIS DRISCOLL/TOWN CRIER

Warriors center Quinten Post playing games with campers at a Warriors basketball camp at Egan Middle School June 25.

to the NBA and securing a role, with Post hitting 40.8% from the 3-point line in his rookie season and 77.8% from the free-throw line. Growing up, he was always a good shooter and had the talent, thanks to his father, Arjen Post, who played in the second division of the Dutch League and spent a year at the University of Victoria in Canada. Quinten Post started playing basketball at 11, with his dad playing the sport and taking him to his games.

"My dad is 6'8", very talented shooter, great touch," Post said.

One of the significant moments of his rookie season was having his two-way contract converted to a standard contract, ensuring he would remain with the team and not be assigned to the Santa Cruz Warriors.

"It was just kind of a nod to me that showed that they appreciate the work that I've been putting in, and they wanted to have me available to play," Post said.

His season also included significant playoff experience. He played in all seven games against the Houston Rockets in the first round of the Western Conference NBA playoffs and all five games in the Western Conference Semifinals against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"It's not miles and miles different, but the intensity is different; you're playing against the same team, potentially seven times," Post said.

He took two weeks off after the season and returned to the Netherlands, and now plans to spend the rest of the offseason preparing his body for the rigors of the NBA season.

"I need to get a little stronger, a little more agile, a little more athletic, work on that inside game, but then most certainly I don't want to shy away from what has brought me here, which is my shooting – I'll just keep hammering on that," Post said.



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Warriors' Quinten Post in Los Altos speaking to kids June 25.



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Land Rover Defender offers durable option

By Mike Hagerty

Hard to believe, but the “new” Land Rover Defender is now six model years along. The Defender is the Land Rover model closest to the spirit of the original Land Rovers that made their reputations on safari and expeditions around the globe.

The Defender’s model naming convention is pretty straightforward. Defender 90 is a short-wheelbase two-door, Defender 110 (“On The Road,” January 2024) is a four-door, and the Defender 130 is the stretched version, allowing for a third row of seating and/or sufficient cargo room, as the Beach Boys put it, go “on safari to stay.”

Under the hood is a 3.0-liter six-cylinder engine with 395 horsepower and 406 lb-ft of torque. With an eight-speed automatic transmission, all-wheel drive with twin-speed transfer case, selectable driving and off-road modes, terrain response, a rear electronic active differential, all-terrain progress control, hill descent control, air suspension, adaptive dynamic and 22-inch wheels, it will go just about any place it’s possible to go in a motor vehicle.

If you do get adventurous, plan your fuel stops. The 23.8-gallon fuel tank allows for a significant range, but the EPA says that fuel gets burned at a rate of 18 miles per gallon

city/20 highway. The towing capacity is 8,201 pounds.

The Defender 130’s rear cargo area with the third row of seats in place is only about that of a family sedan’s trunk, about 15.3 cubic feet. But with it stowed, that figure more than doubles to 35.8 cubic feet. There is also a Defender 130 Outbound model that only seats five and has 46.9 cubic feet of cargo space. And if you only need the two front seats for people, there are 76.1 cubic feet to work with.

Auto Review

The base price of the 2025 Land Rover Defender 130 X (an upper-level trim) is \$100,900 (\$102,525 including destination).

In addition to what we’ve already discussed, that price buys premium LED headlights with automatic high beams, an opening panoramic roof, rain-sensing front wipers, a rear wiper, rear privacy glass, power-folding heated door mirrors with memory and approach lights (auto-dimming on the driver’s side), Windsor leather and Kvadrat upholstery, heated and cooled power front seats with lumbar and memory, 60/40 heated second-row seats with manual slide and recline and 40/20/40 folding rear seats, a power-adjustable full leather steering wheel, three-zone cli-



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The 2025 Land Rover Defender 130 X base price is \$100,900.

mate control with rear heating and cooling assist, configurable cabin lighting, a ClearSight interior rearview mirror, keyless entry, pushbutton start, a 700-watt Meridian audio system, with wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, HD Radio and a three-month trial subscription to SiriusXM with 360L, black roof rails and a comprehensive suite of active safety features.

Our test vehicle also had extra-cost options – an upgraded towing package with advanced tow assist and a tow hitch receiver was \$1,294, a cold climate package with a heated windshield, heated washer jets and a headlight power wash was \$500, second-row heated and

cooled captain’s chairs added \$1,000, an in-car WiFi system with limited data plan was \$360, an interior protection package was \$310, an emergency package (first aid kit) was \$75, and a fancy box for the key fobs (which Land Rover calls a “Handover Pack”) was \$28. All told, the as-tested price of the 2025 Land Rover Defender 130 X is \$106,092.

At present, the tariff picture remains unclear. While Land Rover is a British company, it is owned by the Chinese carmaker Geely. The Defender line is assembled in Slovakia, with only 1% American parts content. Pricing could be higher at your dealer by the time you read this.

Whatever the tariffs do, it’s a six-figure off-roader. The appeal of the Defender is that it’s a vehicle you can leave civilization in for a week, come home, wash and drive to the opera that night. It’s a blend of luxury and ruggedness that really is unique among vehicles on the market today.

Mike Hagerty, past vice president of membership for Western Automotive Journalists (waj.org), has been writing about cars since 1997.

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The interior of the 2025 Land Rover Defender 130 X.

On the Road

Mazda 3 Sedan is spacious option

By Mike Hagerty

Time flies. Looking through the Town Crier archives, it's been six years since I last reviewed the Mazda 3 Sedan.

The Mazda 3 is a standout among compact sedans, a category with many strong choices – the Toyota Corolla (“On the Road,” February 2020), Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra and VW Jetta (“On the Road,” July 2019) among them. Part of what makes Mazda stand out is that, while its competitors are mainstream vehicles, Mazda is choosing to stake out a “premium” position in every segment in which it competes – and that includes compacts. There are trim levels of the Mazda 3 sedan with base prices between \$25,000 to \$30,000, but Mazda puts the good stuff in the Mazda 3 2.5 Turbo models. That includes an engine with up to 250 horsepower (on premium fuel), a very noticeable jump from the 191 in non-turbo Mazda 3 models. Even on regular fuel, the 2.5-liter turbo four-cylinder puts out 227 horsepower and 310 lb-ft of torque, resulting in 0-60 sprints in 6.1 seconds. That's just 4/10ths of a second slower than Mazda's MX-5 Miata sports car (“On the Road,” September 2024). The Mazda 3 2.5 Turbo sedan delivers solid fuel economy as well – an EPA-estimated 23 city/32 highway – which is even more impressive given that the car is all-wheel drive and features a six-

speed automatic transmission. By compact standards, the Mazda 3's trunk is roomy, at 13.2 cubic feet, and rear-seat legroom is generous as well, at 35.1 inches.

Auto Review

There are two 2.5 Turbo sedan trim levels available, Carbon and Premium Plus. Opting for Premium Plus gets literally everything Mazda has to offer in terms of materials and feature content.

At first glance, the base price of \$35,800 (\$36,985 including destination) seems high, but the quality of the cabin and the length of the standard feature go a long way toward justifying the price: 18-inch black alloy wheels, LED headlights, taillights, daytime running lights, a power sliding glass moonroof, rain-sensing wipers, windshield wiper de-icer, heated power side mirrors with turn lamps, tilt in reverse and memory positioning, power driver's seat with power lumbar and memory, heated front seats, a 60/40 split-folding rear seat, keyless entry, an electronic parking brake, leather-trimmed seats, a heated leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, paddle shifters, rear seat armrest with cupholders, illuminated vanity mirrors, dual-zone automatic climate control, wireless phone charging, carpeted floor mats, auto-dimming frameless

rearview mirror with Homelink, navigation, a 12-speaker Bose premium audio system with wireless Android Auto and wireless Apple CarPlay, a three-month subscription to SiriusXM satellite radio, adaptive front lighting and a comprehensive suite of active safety features.

The only extra-cost option on our test vehicle was the Machine Gray Metallic paint, at \$595, which brings the as-tested price to \$37,850. As I write this, tariffs are a big question mark. The Mazda 3 sedan is built in Japan and has zero percent U.S. parts content. The price at your dealer could be higher than our sticker price by the time you read this.

Mazda's premium approach to the Mazda 3 sedan fills the gap between the typical Asian compact and the smallest European sedan; the Audi A3, for example, is similarly sized, has nearly identical performance, and a price tag that begins just above where the Mazda 3's stops. I'd recommend back-to-back test drives of those two cars if you're in the market for a premium compact sedan.

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The Mazda 3 Sedan base price is \$35,800 and offers a premium compact sedan option for drivers.

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449 Farrel Court, M. Cheng to N. & Y. Hsieh for \$1,690,000

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More on California home insurance premium increases

By Artie Green

In light of the recent Southern California wildfires, California residents probably assume that their homeowner's insurance premiums will be going up – but by how much, and how do California rates compare with those in the rest of the country?

Insurance comparison platform Insurify just completed a cost and projection analysis for homeowners insurance nationwide (tinyurl.com/insurifyreport). They collected insurance quotes across the 10 largest urban areas in each state over the past five years and then used the relationship between loss ratios and subsequent rate changes to project 2025 rates. The data is both illuminating and sobering.

First, the bad news: Insurify expects California's home insurance premiums to rise 21% by the end of this year to an average \$2,930 per single-family home. That's among the highest increases of any state and is partly due to the devastating wildfires the state has experienced as well as a new insurance model that allows insurers to take future climate risks into account when setting rates.

Surprisingly (at least to me), even after such a huge increase, California doesn't even make the top 10 states with the highest premiums. In fact, the average premium cost in California is likely to continue to remain well below the projected average rate across the U.S. (\$3,520). The most expensive state for home insurance is Florida, with a projected annual cost in 2025 of \$15,460.

That's primarily because Florida, as well



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as four more of the eight states with the highest 2025 premiums (Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Mississippi), all border the Gulf Coast, an area highly susceptible to hurricanes. Hurricanes cause more financial damage than any other type of natural disaster, according to the report.

Other states with excessively high rates include Oklahoma (\$8,369), primarily from tornadoes; Colorado (\$6,630), from hail and wildfires; and Nebraska (\$5,203), from hail and severe storms. Texas rates are high (\$6,522) due to a plethora of weather-related events including hurricanes, flooding, drought, hail, tornadoes, wildfires, ice storms and even heat waves and cold waves. (Sounds like Texas is a pretty uncomfortable place to live).

Thanks to media coverage, you are probably acutely aware of the challenges that California insurers and homeowners are facing today. But that problem is by no means limited to this state. In Louisiana, 12 insurers became insolvent after Hurricane Ida struck in 2021. In Florida, 16 insurance companies have withdrawn from the state and another 16 have become insolvent since 2017.

The report also speculated on the impact of higher tariffs on home insurance rates. Canada and Mexico are major suppliers to the U.S. for sawmill, wood, lime and gypsum products, all major components used in homebuilding. Trump has also announced higher tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. The National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) estimates that the tariffs would raise the cost of materials by up to \$4 billion, increasing rebuilding costs and consequently the cost of home insurance. Note that the projected rate increases above do not include the effects of tariffs since the details cannot yet be fully determined.

But what can you do to keep your insurance costs under control? Comparison shopping between different insurance companies and raising your deductible are simple ways to reduce premiums. You can also check with your insurer to find out if weather-resistant home upgrades (e.g. roofs, windows) will be rewarded with premium reductions.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit cognizant-wealth.com.

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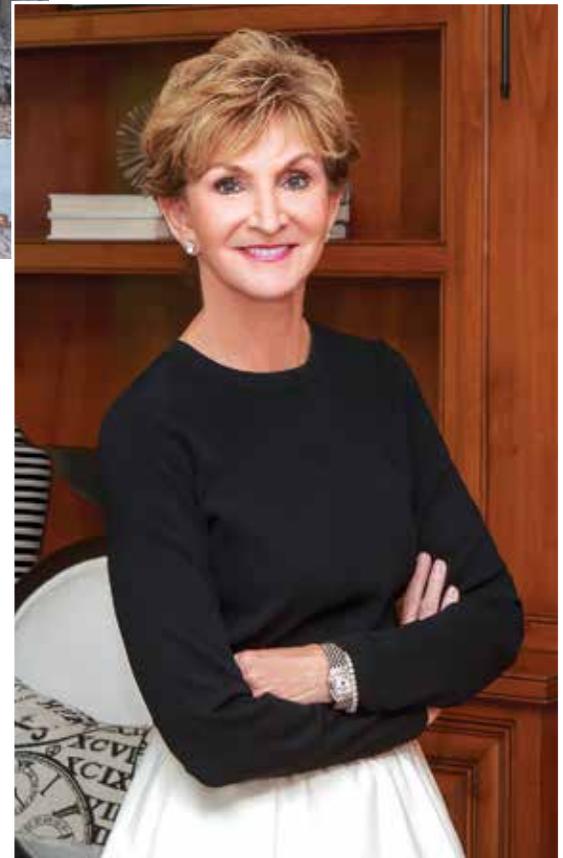


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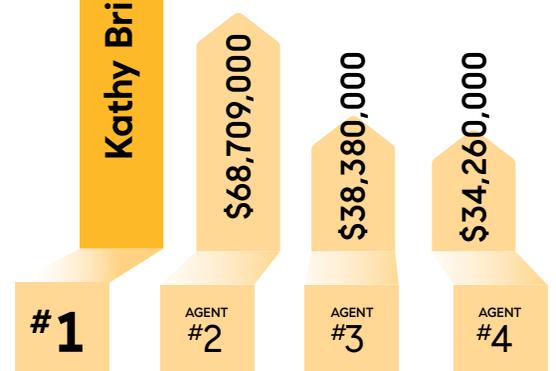


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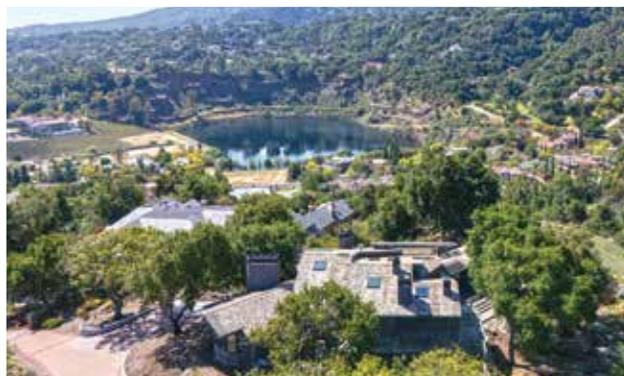
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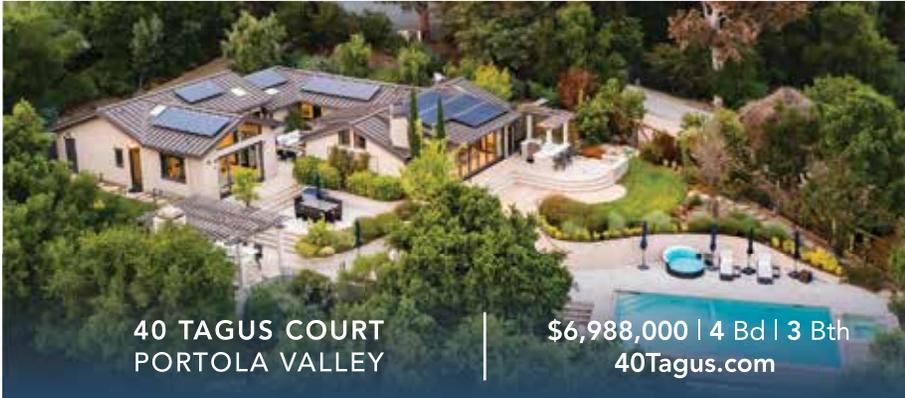




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Public Notices

PORTOLA WELLNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717331

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PORTOLA WELLNESS, 881 Fremont Ave Suite A5, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Krista Fielding, 881 Fremont Ave, Suite A5, Los Altos, CA 94024, Lawrence Choy, 881 Fremont Ave, Suite A5, Los Altos, CA 94024, Zaakir Yoonas, M.D. PC, 881 Fremont Ave, Suite A5, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/22/2011. /S/ Zaakir Yoonas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/23/2025. (07-02,09,16,23-25)

168-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES C.T. CHIEN CASE NO. 25PR200107

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLES C.T. CHIEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GRACE L.C. CHIEN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GRACE L.C. CHIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/30/2025 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal deliv-

ery 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 Philip S. Sousa 1100 Alma St., Ste 210 Menlo Park, CA 94025 (650) 324-9300 (07-02,09,16-25)

167-T

STURDY FENCE COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717160

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: STURDY FENCE COMPANY, 171 Main Street, Suite 227, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Michael T Hampel, 171 Main Street, Suite 227, Los Altos, CA 94022, Catherine B Hampel, 171 Main Street, Suite 227, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1987. /S/ Michael T Hampel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/16/2025. (07-02,09,16,23-25)

166-T

RUNELEAF PRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717244

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RUNELEAF PRESS, 2015 San Luis Ave, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Brian Gardner, 2015 San Luis Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Brian Gardner / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/18/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

165-T

SURESTAY BY BEST WESTERN SUNNYVALE SILICON VALLEY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717209

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SURESTAY BY BEST WESTERN SUNNYVALE SILICON VALLEY, 1280 Persian Dr., Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ROHIT CORPORATION, 1280 Per-

sian Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/26/2019. /S/ Bhavna B Shah / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

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VITESSE DETAILING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717004

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VITESSE DETAILING, 55 Marian Lane, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Gavin Joseph Regua-Jimenez, 55 Marian Lane, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/01/2025. /S/ Gavin Regua-Jimenez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/09/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

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MXTECH & CHROMATIC HEALING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717181

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MXTECH & CHROMATIC HEALING, (2) AMAN'S ACE OF TRADES, 575 Piazza Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Aman Anit Patel, 575 Piazza Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/23/2025. /S/ Aman Anit Patel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/16/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

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ALEPH-B FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717144

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALEPH-B, 332 Forest Ave, #9, Palo Alto, CA, 94301, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ALEPH-B LLC, 332 Forest Ave, #9, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/10/2025. /S/ Michel El Khoury Maroun / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/13/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

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Elite Events FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717128

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Elite Events, 1281 Lawrence Station Road #402, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Fresh Global LLC, 1281 Lawrence Station Road #402, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/18/2025. /S/ Diane Youel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/12/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

158-T

SHEERSARCASM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717087

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SHEER-SARCASM, PO BOX 235, Los Altos, CA, 94023, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Simplify Digital AI LLC, 1450 Oak Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/20/2024. /S/ Anec-Cecile Bellisario / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/11/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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INNOVATEACH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717069

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: INNOVATEACH, 1269 Lakeside Dr., #3114, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Stephanie Gervais, 1269 Lakeside Dr., #3114, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/27/2025. /S/ Stephanie Gervais / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/10/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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THE F1RST TAKE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717059

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE F1RST TAKE, 76 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA, 95113, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KAFFEINEX LLC, 2469 Renfield Way, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on: 06/03/2025. /S/ Celine Truong / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/10/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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VERY BLESSED CHOCOLATES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716333

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VERY BLESSED CHOCOLATES, 2310 Homestead Road, Ste. C1-308, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): VICTORY FINANCE INC, 2310 Homestead Road, Ste. C1-308, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/11/2018. /S/ Weihong Victoria Bracha / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/16/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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ISHKA FLOW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716706

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ISHKA FLOW, 1065 Miramonte Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Shweta Aneja, 1065 Miramonte Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/24/2025. /S/ Shweta Aneja / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/29/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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ADDVIA.AI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716869

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ADDVIA.AI, 3477 McKee Road #245, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ADDVIA.AI LLC, 3477 McKee Road #245, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Misook Chung / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/03/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

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TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716851

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TEQS-

CALE SOLUTIONS, 1400 Coleman Ave Ste C13-2, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): G R Enterprises Inc, 1400 Coleman Ave Ste C13-2, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/03/2025. /S/ Gopi Chowdary Ravipati / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/03/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

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ALTO PLASTIC SURGERY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716818

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALTO PLASTIC SURGERY, 171 Main St, Suite 404, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sean Hashemi, M.D. Inc, 171 Main Street, Suite 404, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Sean Hashemi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/02/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

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DENTAL SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716821

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DENTAL SOLUTIONS, 903 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yvonne Wong D.D.S Inc, 903 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/10/2002. /S/ Yvonne Wong / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/02/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

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SKY BODYWORK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716717

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SKY BODYWORK, 22620 Ricardo Rd, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Natsumi Kondo, 22620 Ricardo Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Natsumi Kondo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/29/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

147-T

NOXENEMIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715990

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NOXENEMIES, 4450 Alex Drive, San Jose, CA, 95130, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yury Shirokov, 4450 Alex Drive, San Jose, CA 95130. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Yury Shirokov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/05/2025. (06-11,18,25-25,07-02-25)

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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; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Healing Art Workshop**, 7 p.m. July 8. Relax, de-stress, and reconnect with emotions through a multisensory experience. **Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages**, 2-5 p.m. July 12. Join an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. **Dividend Investing for Financial Growth**, 7 p.m., July 15. This in-depth program provides you with the knowledge and actionable strategies to confidently build a portfolio of dividend-paying stocks for both consistent passive income and substantial long-term growth. **Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. July 26. Materials provided, allowing participants to design a masterpiece. For ages 13-18 years old. Programs are free and open to the public. Information: (650) 948-7683, scld.org.

REUNIONS

The 60-year reunion of Los Altos High School Class of 1965 will be held Aug. 16 in Los Altos. Information: Jim Koski, (408) 313-4848, koskiphoto@gmail.com.

The 50-year reunion of Awalt High School Class of 1975 will be held Oct. 3-5, including a happy hour get-together (Friday), reunion dinner party (Saturday) and pot-luck picnic and campus tour (Sunday). Tickets are now on sale and all details are on awalt75.com. Information: contact the planning committee at AwaltClassOf75@gmail.com.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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

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

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

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens

helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. Information: greentownlosaltos.org.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos and local area. Meets 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Information: fars.k6ya.org.

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.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos. Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students. Noon first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. Information: (650) 967-5404; quotamvla.org.

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

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.

Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Nonprofit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltosnewcomers.org.

Sons in Retirement, Branch 5. Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Information: (408) 761-3941.

EXHIBITS

Gallery 9 Los Altos. "California in Brush Strokes" by Abby Zhang through July 27. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Located 143 Main St., Los Altos. Information: gallery9losaltos.com.

Viewpoints Gallery. "Simplicity and Elegance in Nature," works in gold leaf, acrylic and collage by Amy Rattner through July 27. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Information: viewpointsgallery.com.

MADSEN LLC gallery. Featuring summer artists through Aug. 30. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. Friday (by appointment only) and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. Information: apmadsen.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Midpeninsula Widows and Widowers Association. Nonprofit volunteer group organizes activities for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Meets 1:30 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and 7:30 to 9 p.m. the remaining Tuesdays at the Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. Information: mpwwa1.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

KATHLEEN MARIE RIVERA



March 4, 1945 –
May 29, 2025

Kathleen Marie Rivera, 80, of Los Altos, CA, passed away on May 29 at 7:54pm from Primary Immunodeficiency and Lewy Body Dementia. She was interred at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos on June 9.

Kathy was born in Decatur, IL on March 4, 1945 to Lynn E. Catlin and Dorothy M. Major. After attending MacArthur High, she earned a BS in Math from SJSU. Her graduate degrees include an MBA from Santa Clara University and a Teaching Credential in Early Childhood Education from SJSU.

Kathy was a devoted mother to Andrea L. Henke and Marla B. (Henke) Azriel from her first marriage to Richard L. Henke, and to Christopher J. Rivera and Eric D. Rivera from her second marriage to Julio J. Rivera. She had

5 grandchildren: Ritsu M. (Sophie) and Alex M. Azriel, Joaquin D. Erickson, and William T. and Owen J. Rivera.

Kathy was preceded in death by her son, Christopher, and by her sister, Janet L. Murphy. She is survived by her beloved husband, Julio; her other children and grandchildren; her son-in-law Simon Azriel and her daughter-in-law Heather M. (Anawalt) Rivera; and brothers Gary M. and J. Brent Catlin.

A memorial will be held at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Avenue at 2pm on Sat, July 26. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to UNICEF (unicefusa.org) or the Lewy Body Dementia Fund (americanbrainfoundation.org/robins-wish/).



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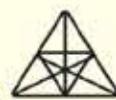
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