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Los Altos raises the flag to recognize Pride Month



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A small gathering, above, led by Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey, recognized June as Gay Pride Month, by raising the pride flag on Monday at Los Altos City Hall. At right, the pride flag is positioned below the state and American flags. Pictured with Dailey, second from left, is Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga. "I want our young people to know they live in a city that supports them and loves them," Dailey said. "At a time when we struggle to meet the youth mental health challenge, teen suicide is on the rise, and the rhetoric and policy coming out of our federal government is so toxic and hateful toward the LG-BTQ+ community, the symbol of the city of Los Altos raising the Pride Flag couldn't be more important."

MV council cracks down on tobacco products

Ban considered for flavored nicotine

By Christina Casillas
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As the prevalence of e-cigarettes and vapes among youth grows, the city of Mountain View is paving the way to ban the sale of flavored nicotine products – like vapes and other tobacco products – in the city, according to actions at last week's city council meeting.

The ordinance presented to council, which council members voted to move forward for a final presentation and vote later in the year, will include a partnership with Santa Clara County and adoption of its

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Los Altos Summer Concert Series begins Saturday

The city of Los Altos Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a free 2025 Summer Concert Series that begins Saturday with the Peninsula Symphony at Grant Park.

Concerts are scheduled to begin 6:30 p.m. at Hillview Soccer Field, 97 Hillview Ave., and at Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave.

This year's lineup of performers includes:

Grant Park Soccer Field

Saturday, June 7: Peninsula Symphony
Thursday, June 12: Mustache Harbor

Thursday, June 26: Coast Tribe
Thursday, July 10: Sinister Dexter

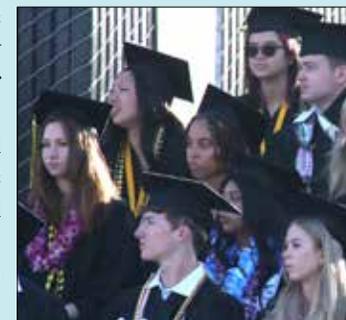
Hillview Soccer Field

Thursday, July 17: The Cheeseballs
Thursday, July 24: Neon Velvet
Thursday, July 31: Fleetwood Macrame

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

High school commencement ceremonies this Friday

Graduating seniors at Los Altos and Mountain View high schools will collect their diplomas during commencement ceremonies scheduled to begin 6 p.m. at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave. and 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave.



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Around Town

E-bike ordinance may come before Los Altos council next Tuesday



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Los Altos officials are in the process of drafting a proposed ordinance that would establish more rules and restrictions on e-bike use. City Manager Gabriel Engeland said staff is working to get the issue before the public as soon as Tuesday's (June 10) city council meeting. The "tween" vehicles, too fast for the sidewalk, too slow and invisible for the road, have proved controversial in recent years as their use has skyrocketed. Downtown locals have complained of safety issues, such as e-bikes speeding along sidewalks and dodging pedestrians.



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News

MV fire causes \$500K in damage

Town Crier Report

Mountain View firefighters extinguished a commercial office building fire Sunday in the 2600 Block of West El Camino Real, but not before the blaze caused an estimated \$500,000 in damages.

Firefighters respond to a 9-1-1 call at 6:53 a.m. reporting flames in a single-story office building.

Fire units arrived at the scene five minutes later to find an active fire burning through the roof of the unoccupied structure.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames with an aggressive fire attack, preventing the fire from spreading further into the building.

According to a press release from the Mountain View Fire Department, "Firefighters performed an extensive overhaul of the building by cutting open



COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters took these shots after extinguishing a fire Sunday at a commercial office building.

the walls and roof to ensure complete extinguishment of the flames. Firefighters used thermal imaging cameras to measure heat behind the walls to ensure the fire did not spread."

No injuries were reported.

The Mountain View Police Department provided traffic control for two hours while fire units and equipment were on the scene.

Firefighters said the blaze originated from the exterior of the building and spread

through the bottom of the east wall.

The cause remains under investigation.

The fire department said the building was turned over to building management before fire crews left the scene.

Mtn. View to hold first Pride event

By Christina Casillas
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Mountain View limited pride events to a Pride flag raising in previous years, but this year the city is inviting community members to celebrate LGBTQ+ residents during its inaugural Together in Pride event.

From a family fun zone with sparkles and hair tinsel to LGBTQ+ performers and educational signage and booths, the event, scheduled for Saturday, celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and its history.

According to Lenka Wright, Mountain View spokesperson, city staff had been pushing for a bigger event since Councilmember Chris Clark started the annual Pride flag raising in 2014.

This year was the year it came to fruition.

"There was growing interest from community members and city of Mountain View staff in hosting a larger-scale event to celebrate Pride Month," she said. "The Together in Pride celebration is a way to raise awareness and support for Mountain View's LGBTQ+ community. The city's adopted fiscal year 2024-25 adopted budget included funding for a citywide Pride Month event."

The flag-raising, she said, was part of the last city council meeting.

Clark, the first openly gay person to sit on council, pushed for the flag raising despite public and council opposition. He first ran for city council in 2008, when California Proposition 8 – which banned same-sex marriages – was passed by California voters.

"I remember feeling deeply disappointed when it passed. Just five years later, I became the first openly gay person

TOBACCO

From Page 1

Tobacco Retail Permit Program.

The ordinance addressed multiple issues related to the sale and use of nicotine products in public, like traditional tobacco products and e-cigarettes, and bans flavored tobacco products from being sold in the city.

The crackdown comes as statistics related to teen usage of e-cigarettes come to light, Mountain View Police Captain Scott Nelson said during the meeting. The project was also included in the council's projects for this year.

In December 2018, the U.S. Surgeon General declared e-cigarette use an epidemic, Nelson noted, and in the 2023 California Youth Tobacco Survey, 83.8% of students who reported ever using a tobacco product said e-cigarettes were their introduction to nicotine.

The ordinance would require nicotine product vendors to apply for a permit annually, with a cost upwards of \$300.

Currently, the city only requires permits for "Significant Tobacco Retailers"

according to a council report.

The ordinance would require vendors to require identification with every nicotine product purchase – 22.4% of the teens surveyed in 2023 who use e-cigarettes reported they bought the products themselves, Nelson said – and face penalties if caught foregoing requiring identification.

It would also ban smoking any nicotine products around playgrounds and tot lot sandboxes – designated play areas for children under the age of 5.

Councilmember Lucas Ramirez – who cast the only dissenting vote – said an amendment suggested by Councilmember Pat Showalter regarding identification prior to nicotine product purchase wasn't strict enough.

Showalter's amendment would change



Showalter



Ramirez

the blanket proof of identification requirement to only require carding if a customer looks younger than 30.

Ramirez emphasized it should be as hard as possible to get a permit to sell vaping and nicotine products.

"Any obstacle that makes it that much harder to buy this product is good," Ramirez said during the May 27 meeting. "... We're trying to deter smoking, right? And to reduce the impacts that smoking has on our community, so making it easy is an antithetical thing to that goal."

Councilmember Chris Clark noted that he wanted to ensure in the ordinance language that nicotine cessation products – like vaporizers or patches – were excluded from the ban and will not be hindered from sale in any way.

Mountain View City Attorney Jennifer Logue said the suggested amendments must be cleared by the county before being approved to be included in the second reading of the ordinance.

She added she and staff will return to council in the late fall for a final reading of the ordinance and answers to the city's inquiries related to carding and nicotine-use cessation products.

Los Altos Hills budget shows property tax revenue increase

By Curtis Driscoll
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Los Altos Hills' upcoming year budget shows balanced finances focused on public safety and capital improvement projects, with property tax being the main revenue driver for the town.

Property tax revenue of \$9.5 million remains a significant part of the budget, accounting for 51% of general fund revenues in 2025-2026, according to a city staff report. The city council discussed the 2025-2026 budget with the Finance and Investment Committee at a special meeting May 22. Future revenue from property taxes could be affected by housing market conditions and broader economic trends like tariff policies and global market fluctuations. The town's \$9.5 million in property tax revenue is a 5.5% increase from 2024 and has increased steadily since 2021 when the town brought in \$7.3 million.

Other significant revenue streams include city licenses and permit fees, totaling \$2 million, and allocations at \$3.4 million.

General fund revenue is estimated to be \$18.5 million, while expenditures will total approximately \$18.1 million. The town has general fund reserves estimated at \$15 million. The 2025-2026 budget is scheduled for adoption June 26 and is the second year of a two-year budget plan aimed at allowing more multiyear projects to be budgeted for and streamlined.

"Right now I think we are in good shape, and let's keep managing it the way that we need to," Councilmember George Tyson said at the council meeting.

cil meeting.

Public safety accounts for a significant portion of the town's budget, at \$4.1 million, or approximately 23% of the yearly budget, according to the staff report. The public safety contract with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office increased from \$2.5 to \$2.7 million.

Public safety costs have gone up by \$1 million since the 2021-2022 fiscal year, driven by a rise in residential burglaries and crime response costs, according to the staff report. Around \$550,000 of the budget is for private security services, \$93,000 for Automated License Plate Readers, \$100,000 for overtime funding for law enforcement and \$60,000 for a law enforcement consultant. The Sheriff's Office contract expires in 2026, and the town must negotiate a new agreement, which will likely be more expensive. Los Altos Hills Mayor Kavita Tankha thought the town needed to reevaluate the use of ALPR cameras at some point.

"I haven't found them to be very effective, in my opinion," Tankha said.

Los Altos Hills Vice Mayor Rajiv Bhateja noted while the cameras have helped, there could be a discussion about the cost-effectiveness.

Community development expenditures are approximately \$4.8 million, with significant costs related to the housing element, the staff report stated. Public works costs are approximately \$3.5 million.



Tankha

PRIDE

From Page 4

elected to our city council – and one year after that, the city's first openly gay mayor," he said.

While there was pushback from the community and members of council against his bid to raise the LGBTQ+ flag during his first year as mayor, he said it's different now.

"As far as I know, there hasn't been any significant opposition to this year's Together in Pride celebration," he said.

The celebration is a reflection of the city's dedication to be a welcoming city for all, he said. The impact is especially prevalent as the national zeitgeist toward the LGBTQ+ community differs greatly from what is experienced locally.

"Historically, the fight for equality has often taken several steps forward and then a few steps back," he said. "Here in Mountain View, our Pride celebration demonstrates a

continued commitment to building a community for all, even in a more challenging national climate."

First recognized by the U.S. in 1999, Pride Month was specifically chosen to be celebrated in June in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. The uprising was a series of standoffs from June 28 to July 3, 1969, between members of the LGBTQ+ community, their supporters and New York City police officers.

The uprising was named after the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar where thousands defied police violence against and oppression of members of the LGBTQ+ community for a number of days after plain-clothes officers arrested 13 members of the LGBTQ+ community – especially employees of the bar,



Clark

those violating gender expression laws and others for alleged disorderly conduct – in the early morning hours June 28, 1969, according to the Library of Congress.

The activism displayed during and after the Stonewall Uprising (and other similar acts of activism) resulted in the first LGBTQ+ Pride event in the U.S. being held a year later on June 28, 1970.

"Ten years ago, I couldn't have imagined the city incorporating a Pride celebration into its regular calendar without controversy," Clark said. "Now, we're preparing to hold one without a specific council vote or vocal opposition – and I think that speaks volumes about the strength of our community."

The Together in Pride event is scheduled 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 7 at the Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/togetherinpridemv.

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AAPI 'heroes' honored



Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, center, hosted a District 5 Asian American Pacific Islander Month Heroes luncheon May 27 at the Quinlan Center in Cupertino. Honorees included Yul Kwon of Los Altos, left, and Pastor Brian Leong of Mountain View, second from left. Kwon, a Google product manager, is notable for winning it all during his 2006 appearance on “Survivor Cook Islands.” Other local attendees included Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey, Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Jessica Speiser, pictured at right, and Ginny Lear. Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei also was in attendance.

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School board reacts to new budget restraints

By Brandon Roth
Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is facing even more financial strain after Governor Gavin Newsom's revised budget updates show decreases in supportive services.

Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) trustees discussed the new state budget at their meeting last week. Along with this state decrease, the office is losing federal funds.

Newsom's May revision is projected to be lower than expected, dropping a few billion dollars on each of the personal income, corporation and sales and use taxes used for funding state programs such as special education, transitional kindergarten and nutrition.

The state is required to fund K-12 schools through Proposition 98. Even though there is less money in the annual budget, board members said there are no local cuts from them in the 2025-26 budget year.

Jessica Speiser, trustee for Area 1, which includes Los Altos, said the state budget has a direct impact on elective services in the county. She said many of the local districts get funding from their property taxes, but many state and

federal programs for special education, universal meals and Head Start could be cut or have to become a local resource.

“The SCCBOE's budget is directly shaped by state revenue projections and federal funding levels,” she said. “The expected state budget shortfalls and thus the possibility of decreased state funding have caused the SCCOE to approach budget planning with increased caution. As we look ahead to the coming year, we are carefully examining key factors such as declining student enrollment, adjustments to the cost-of-living and the potential reduction and/or expiration of state and federal funding on critical areas like early learning and migrant education. It is important to know we are committed to ensuring equity and access to high-quality education for all students across the county. However, we have to do it while maintaining fiscal responsibility.”

Board members are also grappling with enrollment decline. In the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District, the student population has declined 2.93% and Fremont Union High School District has declined 6.31%. The local elementary school districts, including the Los Altos School District and Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District, are showing a slight increase.

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Vietnam War vets get special salute at Memorial Day event

Los Altos American Legion Post 558 co-hosted a Memorial Day paying tribute in particular to Vietnam War veterans. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The Mountain View Veterans Memorial Committee also co-hosted the event, held at Eagle Park. The event featured speakers, such as Vietnam War veteran John Poggi, below center, and a wreath laying in honor of the fallen.

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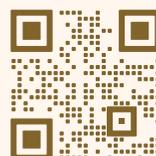
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Comment

Letters to the Editor

A waste of money

After attending the architect's review of the proposed "refresh" for the Los Altos Library, I came away wondering just what is the goal of spending over \$9 million. Do we need a reduction of space dedicated to the Friends of the Library, the largest fundraising group of the library? Do we need glass panels, new carpet, new furniture and tiny meeting rooms? No. We need a new, updated library. Ours is the second oldest library in the district of seven libraries and next to the smallest but has the second largest number of visitors.

What problem will this proposal solve? The library needs larger meeting spaces, not phone booth size meeting rooms. The library needs to make the Whipple collection functional for research with DVD and CD equipment on site.

The survey requesting comments from library users about this "refresh" proposal had only 40 respondents and of those, one-third are not frequent visitors. Our community library records over 600 visits a day. If feedback is wanted at least take an accurate survey.

The library requires a proper needs analysis from professionals in order to use this money in a more productive way to ben-

efit the staff and patrons. Please do not approve this proposal to waste \$9 million on library cosmetics when overlooking the more important needs of the Los Altos Library.

Mary Popek
Los Altos

Library makeover

As a regular Los Altos library patron, I was excited to review the design options in a very well-organized exhibit on May 24 when I stopped by to return a book. The library project certainly will be a metamorphosis.

My visit also gave me an opportunity to meet city officials and interact with library commission members. The generosity of private funders and coordination with the Santa Clara County Library District and other stakeholders make this a model civic collaboration.

Inasmuch as the makeover is a once-in-a-generation opportunity, I urge the city of Los Altos and the design team to make the library 100% electric as it updates wiring and mechanical systems, by investing in super-efficient heat pump technologies for the library's water heating and HVAC. This investment will certainly pay off economically but also serve as an inspirational example for our community at large. Cleaner, safer, and more sustainable, this

Peek into the Past



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MUSEUM

From left, members of the Los Altos Ansley family, including May, Gordon, Homer's mother, Norman Ansley, gather near the bridge to the Ng Tong temple in Shoup Park in 1936. The Ansley's home was located on the site of today's Garden House at Shoup Park.

upgrade will be an affirmative step by the city to fulfill goals of its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (Focus Area 4 Municipal Operations) in this critical plan milestone year.

David Cain
Los Altos

Tunnel vision

Providing meals at schools for those in need is not a partisan issue, it is a humanitarian one. If children sit hungry in class, will they learn what they are being taught? If a family cannot afford to feed itself, will their children attend school at all? Most likely they'll be put to work, to contribute whatever they can to make ends meet.

Many countries aside from the U.S. have taken action in this regard. Countries like Brazil, India and Estonia have government-backed, universal meal programs for all students for a reason. These programs ensure not only that their most hungry get fed, it also safeguards their children's education. Because to be fed, you must go to school.

Wealthier countries including Japan, France, Sweden and Finland, among others, have numerous government-backed meal programs too. Like the less affluent countries, they understand that a country cannot be strong if their future generations are weak.

Children must be fed. They must be educated. They must have empathy for those who are different, or for those who

in some way are less fortunate than them.

Physiological needs (air, water, food, shelter, clothing and sleep) form the base of Maslow's pyramid of needs for a reason. Without these needs being met, we can't function. And we don't need a theoretical model to tell us what we already know:

These are basic human rights. No matter our income, education, color of skin, gender, religion, or belief system.

There are better places to balance the budget than education or basic health.

Jennifer Mitchell
Los Altos

Gas leaf blowers remain pervasive

Why do we have a ban on gas leaf blowers in Los Altos if the city will not enforce it? Despite having been banned for 34 years, the use of gas leaf blowers in our city remains pervasive.

Why? Because the city is not enforcing the law. The numbers tell the story: More than 300 warnings were issued, but only two citations in the past year. Gas leaf blowers account for 86% of code violations reported to the city, but enforcement is virtually non-existent. Imagine if the police department issued only two tickets per year.

The reason the use of gas leaf blowers remains pervasive is simple – gardeners know there is no risk of being cited. Currently, the Los Altos Code Enforcement Officer CEO does not conduct patrols to actively

search for gas leaf blower violations and instead may visit an address only after the city has received multiple reported violations from residents. This reactive approach shifts the burden of enforcement from the city to residents. Without active patrols, violations are (sometimes) cited when they happen to coincide with the CEO's visit to a previously reported address – a remarkably unlikely occurrence given the brief duration of typical leaf-blowing activities.

Absent enforcement and the intended result, residents give up and quit reporting violations.

The city's "educate and seek voluntary compliance" (issuing warnings only) approach is insufficient and ineffective. The city should start enforcing the law by proactively conducting patrols and issuing citations for violations as mandated by the municipal code.

To rid our city of these obnoxious and highly polluting machines, residents should contact city council members and the city manager, and report the address, date, and home of day of violations via the city's online code enforcement form, tinyurl.com/codeenforcement-reporting. The identity of the resident reporting the violation is confidential and is not disclosed to the public.

The use of a gas leaf blower is illegal in Los Altos and the city should start enforcing the law.

Bruce McFarlane
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Los Altos artist wins annual DAR women in arts award

By Ann Hepenstal
Special to the Town Crier

The Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented the Women in the Arts Recognition Award to Los Altos artist Caroline McClintic in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the world of multimedia art.

Through her distinctive use of watercolor, textures and mixed media, McClintic brings urban and natural landscapes to life, capturing the beauty of Northern California in her uniquely layered and expressive style.

The DAR Women in the Arts Recognition Award honors a woman who has exhibited excellence in her chosen genre in the arts. The DAR – a nonprofit that focuses on local historic preservation projects, genealogy research, education and other projects – recognizes out-

standing achievements in the arts including fiber arts design and creation, fine arts, sculptures, music composition, authorship and artisan design.

“The Los Altos Chapter is proud to help to preserve our diverse, American artistic traditions and to recognize local women artists,” said Donna Santistevan, Los Altos DAR Women in the Arts Recognition Award chair. “Here in our local area, we have multiple women artists working in a range of media and it’s challenging to select just one artist to nominate for this recognition award each year.”

Beyond her personal artistic achievements, McClintic has contributed to the community as a volunteer art docent for the Los Altos School District, sharing her love of art with students and inspiring the

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COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS DAR

From left, 2022 winner Badri Valian, Donna Santistevan, 2025 award-winner Caroline McClintic and Melanie Ercoli gather after McClintic was awarded the Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Women in the Arts Recognition Award.



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next generation of creatives. McClintic values her role in the Los Altos arts scene and enjoys the connection it brings to the local downtown community. Her work has been exhibited at several local galleries, including Viewpoints Gallery in downtown Los Altos, 315 State St.

Her recent exhibit, "Textured Landscapes," featured Northern California scenes created with texture media, collage and acrylic paint on wood panels.

"I love the enigmatic nature and beauty of watercolor but am currently enjoying mixing mediums to create interesting textures," McClintic said. "From my architecture

training, I'm drawn to urban scenes, but I'm also drawn to unique lighting and textures found in nature."

With a background in architecture, she seamlessly integrates principles of balance, proportion and perspective into her artwork. Her photographic references, many taken in San Francisco, serve as inspiration for her pieces, allowing her to reimagine urban and natural spaces with artistic freedom.

McClintic's style has evolved from realistic and detailed to a looser, more expressive artistic approach. She's constantly pushing herself to grow – having taken painting and drawing classes at the Pacific Art League and various workshops in California, New Mexico and

New Orleans – experimenting with techniques she hasn't used previously.

Previous winners of the Los Altos Chapter DAR's Women in the Arts Recognition Award include Los Altos residents Lucy Boyadjian Jangjian, painter, and Morgan Gessford Bricca, muralist; Los Altos Hills resident Badri Valian, installation artist; Palo Alto resident Rochelle Ford, sculptor; and now-Tiburon resident Holly Van Hart, painter.

Any woman over the age of 18 is eligible to join the DAR if she can prove lineal descent from a supporter of the American Revolution. For more information on the Los Altos Chapter of DAR, visit losaltos.californiadar.org.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Sewer Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
2. Accept On-Call Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspections
3. Approve Development Services Department Professional Service Agreements for Consultant Services
4. Adopt City Special Events Policy
5. Approve Update to Commission Handbook
6. Approve Public Records Request Policy

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

7. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider the Adoption of the Proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget
8. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider the Adoption of Sewer Charges to be Collected on the Tax Roll for Tax Year 2025-2026
9. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider the Adoption of Safety Element Update

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CSMA continues its mission to provide art for all

By Oscar Johnson
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain View's Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) does more than offer classes. It also campaigns to expand access to the arts through community outreach, merit scholarships and financial aid programs.

"CSMA was founded with the idea that everybody could participate in the arts, that the arts are inspiring and a necessary part of everyday life," director Adriana Marcial said. "CSMA is meant to be accessible and reach people wherever they're at in their arts journey. That can be a 3-year-old who is interested in egg shakers and finger paint, up to somebody who has studied music for their entire childhood."

In an effort to make arts open for all, CSMA has a financial aid program that provides reduced or free tuition.

"Part of making arts accessible is not just offering lessons," Marcial said. "It's about removing as many barriers as possible. Our ultimate goal is that anybody, no matter what their financial situation is, can participate in our programs."

Founded in 1968, CSMA



now reaches nearly 30,000 students annually. Many of them come to the Mountain View location on San Antonio Circle or the newly opened campus on Old Country Road in Belmont, while others receive lessons at school.

Onsite, the nonprofit offers lessons in 27 instruments and several forms of art, including painting, ceramics and digital media. Offsite, CSMA operates an extensive arts education program in kindergarten through middle school classrooms at more than 50 schools in the Bay Area.

"For many of the kids that we serve during the school day, this is their only outlet for art or music, and sometimes the only outlet for art that they'll ever get," Marcial said. "It might also be kind of their first exposure to art and music and become the impetus for why they choose to pursue it further as a student or perhaps as a career down the line. I think that program is really influential and really important to the school system."

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Left, CSMA students practice music. Above, an instructor leads a ceramics class demonstration, which includes wheel throwing.



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Morning Forum audience learns life lessons from national park odyssey

By Allyson Johnson

Darius Nabors, national park artist in residence, talked about the lessons he learned in his project to visit all 59 national parks in 59 weeks to an absorbed Morning Forum of Los Altos audience May 20.

President Abraham Lincoln laid the foundation for what would become the National Park Service when he set aside Yosemite Valley in 1864 "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people," Nabors said during the discussion. The parks service expanded when naturalist John Muir met with then-president Theodore Roosevelt during a later trip to Yosemite.

While national parks previously received unquestioned federal support, budget cutbacks on the park system are "scary," he said, when asked about the state of the parks during his talk. "My friends and I are planning to seek out other federal lands to ease the burden on the remaining staff of the parks."

While some wealthy sponsors may be able to raise funds for maintenance of parks and special projects as many parks have a nonprofit conservancy, it's not sustainable.

"The parks need reliable funding," he said.

The park system today attracts more than 331 million visitors annually – more than the combined totals of attendees at Disney's Parks, all major-league baseball, basketball, football, hockey and soccer games, and college sports, Nabors said.

When Nabors was a child, his father took him and his family on national parks vacations; his father had been inspired by family vacations led by Nabors' grandfather. When teaching at a Native American reservation in South Dakota, Nabors realized that the only way he could help his students truly understand the grandeur of the national parks was through photographs and virtual-reality goggles.

He decided he would be the one to take on the project of visiting and photographing all the parks. He said he built a spreadsheet outlining the best



COURTESY OF ALLYSSON JOHNSON

Darius Nabors displays a vest decorated with his 59 National Park Service junior ranger badges to a Morning Forum audience.

times to visit each park, and soon he learned the first of his life lessons: "Haters are gonna hate. There's always going to be people who tell you why your dream is a bad idea."

But he decided to "channel his inner Theodore Roosevelt," quit his job, borrowed a truck from his family and set out after convincing his friend Trevor Kemp to come along. Halfway through his journey he discovered that his entry in Kellogg's Bare Naked granola contest had won him a \$10,000 prize, so his trip was nicely funded.

During his visit to Glacier National Park in Montana, Nabors decided to hike to the summit of a glacial peak but quit before reaching the top because of his fear of heights. When his friend returned and told him of the marvelous views, Nabors learned his second life lesson: "Life is scary. Learn how to deal with it." He had only been 100 yards from the top, and he said he resolved to somehow lick his fear of heights.

Nabors and Kemp befriended the driver of the bus that plied the road on the way to

the Denali National Park Preserve headquarters every day. Bus driver John Allen was a fountain of information about the local area and wildlife, Nabors said, and he made an observation that Nabors said he treasures: "Trying to record Denali in photographs is like going to a party through a keyhole." Nabors also learned a third life lesson: "Make friends with the locals. They will be better informed and more useful than any map or guidebook."

The fourth lesson, "I have worse ideas than you," came when Nabors won an argument with Kemp over whether they should drive the trans-Alaskan highway to visit national parks in Washington and Oregon. Nabors said he learned – albeit too late – to listen to reason rather than sticking stubbornly to his first idea.

While at Yosemite National Park, Nabors gave up envying the climbers and BASE jumpers on El Capitan and learned a fifth lesson: "Stop competing with others. Live your life."

A Christmas stopover with

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his family brought the sixth lesson. Nabors' father gave him a diary which he had begun writing when he was diagnosed with a fatal cancer. At the time, Nabors' father was expected to live only a few months. Nabors said he was moved to tears as he read his father's entries about family camping and hiking expeditions that had taken place 25 years earlier. He resolved to "keep a journal" of memories that would stay fresh for decades.

Along the way, Nabors found that "be yourself" was an important seventh lesson as he allowed his sense of humor to lighten his trip and ease contact with new people. As friends occasionally joined him on his travels, he discovered that their appreciation and wonder at the natural beauty of the parks enhanced his own experience. Lesson eight: "Bring friends along."

Near the end of his odys-

sey, Nabors was descending from a hike on Cadillac Mountain, the place where the sun first hits the eastern coast in Acadia National Park, Maine, when he said a weary hiker on his way up asked Nabors, "Is it worth it?" Nabors was almost speechless. He wanted to ask the passer, "What's your alternative? Would you rather be home sitting in traffic?" The lesson: "Stop asking 'Is it worth it?' Once you've done it, it will be."

The final lesson Nabors learned was "It's not about you." He encouraged the audience to share the love of nature with friends, children and grandchildren. Now that Nabors' father is not able to lead hikes anymore, it has fallen to Nabors to lead his younger brother and sister into the outdoors.

Morning Forum of Los Altos is a membership lecture series held Tuesdays at the Los Altos United Methodist Church. For more information, visit morningforum.org.

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partnerships with the city of Mountain View, nonprofits like the Hewlett Foundation and companies like Google.

Aside from financial aid, CSMA offers a merit scholar program that requires auditions. Scholars participate in public concerts and perform at nursing homes.

"I actually really enjoy the duet concerts and stuff because I get to play with new people," Los Altos High School senior Sandy Xu said. "It's hard to organize those kinds of things on your own, but having a teacher help coach you is really fun. And at the end of the year party, you get to meet merit scholars as people beyond their music."

Marcial said the school wants to continue expanding, but funding may soon be limited due to the recent reduction of grants provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. So far, it has not affected CSMA's operations and outreach, according to the director, and the school



COURTESY OF ERIN BROWNFIELD

A CSMA instructor leads choir practice.

plans to continue its work.

"Art can really make a stronger community – it unifies people and allows people to have a creative outlet, which can be so impactful for mental and overall health," Marcial said. "I think that that is something that communities need, especially in today's day and age."

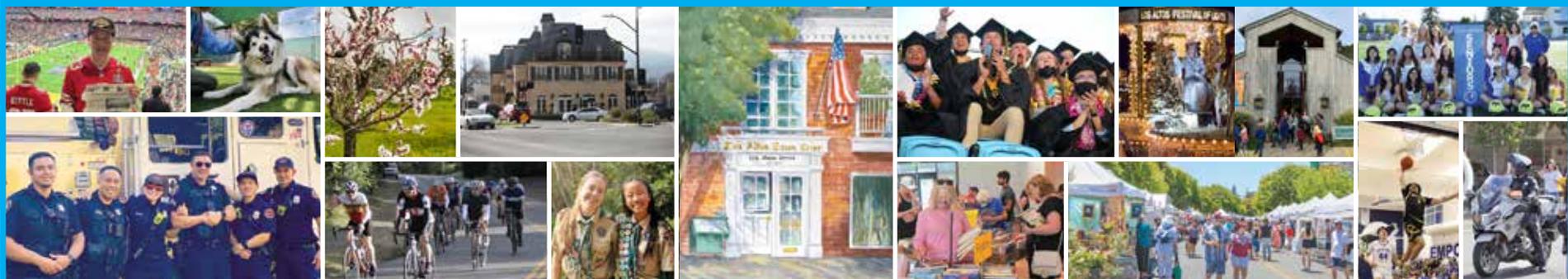
On top of its music and arts lessons this summer, CSMA has scheduled its free Community Arts Day Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 20 at the Mountain View campus.

"What I love about the school

is that you can walk into the building and you can discover something," Marcial said. "At our community arts day, there were families who arrived at 10 a.m. and didn't leave for the whole day because they were just having so much fun."

There are also arts events to expose the community to traditions and art forms from different cultures, such as a Dia de Los Muertos event to celebrate Hispanic food, art and music like flamenco.

For more information on CSMA, visit arts4all.org.



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Hills resident's fourth book tackles values and feeling of belonging

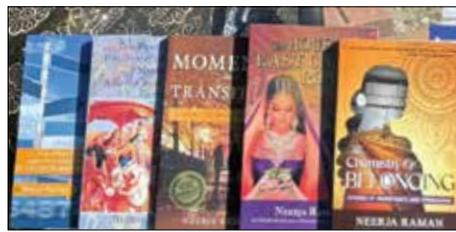
By Prisha Mohapatra
Town Crier Editorial Intern

When Los Altos Hills resident Neerja Raman arrived in New York City from India in 1970, she didn't know anyone in the United States. Soon after enrolling at Stony Brook University, she asked fellow students which books they were reading in an effort to connect with them.

"I had to figure out how to ... relate to these kids and I had always been a big believer in books," Raman said. "So I asked around and said, 'What are the 10 books these kids read in high school?' – and I read them all."

Years later, during her career in IT, Raman began writing books. Her fourth book, "The Chemistry of Belonging: Stories of Inheritance and Upbringing," was published in January.

The memoir follows the story of Raman and her family's journey in post-independence India, exploring cultural complexities, social justice and family values. Despite focusing on her family's experiences in India, Raman said her story resonates with global audiences, including a writing buddy



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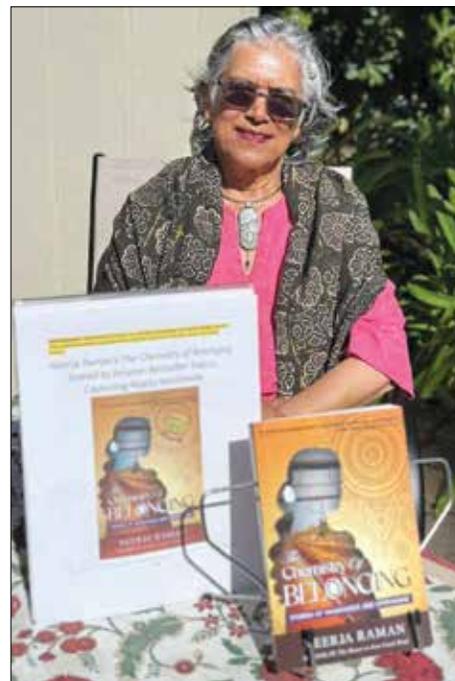
Right, author and Hills resident Neerja Raman poses with her newest book. The novel targets a younger audience, Above are a number of Raman's works, including her most recent.

based in the deep South.

"At the human level, (my book buddy) could totally relate to me ... so it's about the values," Raman said. "I think that's what the book talks about, is what your inheritance and upbringing is. If you get those values, then you can be happier in life and have strength in your own identity."

Raman wrote her first book, "The Practice and Philosophy of Decision Making: A Seven Step Guide," 22 years ago. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Raman said she took her writing career more seriously and that led her to write two fictional books before this year's memoir.

Raman said her mother's passing in 2006 and her grandchildren's interest



in their heritage inspired her to write the "Chemistry of Belonging."

"My grandkids are very fascinated by (my mother)," Raman said. "Like my granddaughter will ask me, 'Who's your mommy, who's your mommy?' and I realized how, ... really they have no exposure, especially the cultural aspects of (our past)."

Raman said she made sure the

memoir covered aspects of her entire family's life, while keeping herself as the point of continuity.

"It wasn't a book about me, yet I was the continuing factor," Raman said. "The values we inherit, the choices we make and the strength we find – that's what the book is really about."

Raman hopes that her book not only provides cultural continuity for her grandchildren, but Generation Z overall. She also hopes it resonates with many others.

"Well, I did target (Gen Z)," Raman said. "My book is pretty universal, both from an Indian perspective as well as a global perspective."

Though nervous about sharing her family's story at first, Raman said she began to feel better about the progression of the book with each chapter she wrote. Every chapter is its own individual story, yet contributes to the overall narration, she added.

"It was truly, actually fun in a way," Raman said. "It's like programming. Suddenly, when it falls into place, it falls into place. I had bits and pieces already."

"The Chemistry of Belonging" is available on Amazon at tinyurl.com/yeypyv6w.

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Stepping Out

Foothill's 'Rhinoceros' induces fear of political ideologies

By Brandon Roth

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Our security can seem like it is disappearing as our community and our inner circle fall for the destructive discourse and actions that we fear. Although it could seem like our world is crumbling, it is important for us to stay true to who we are and to stand up for causes that no one else

will participate in.

Foothill College Theatre Arts is presents Romanian Playwright Eugene Ionesco's 1959 absurdist comedy play "Rhinoceros" this month to tell the story of people falling for the the trap of propagan-da. Ionesco alludes to the fascist party in the play by suggesting that the characters who turn into rhinoceros are the people who accept the information that comes before

them. Ionesco hoped the play would remind audiences not to believe everything at face value and not to follow harmful agendas.

Bruce McLeod, the director of "Rhinoceros," modernizes the story to set in our world through the technology, pop culture references and professions they mention in the dialogue. McLeod said in the introduction to the play that every society is susceptible

to totalitarianism. He said he is drawn to stories that have characters wary of the greater context of their world.

The play opens in an undisclosed city as many patrons go about their business on a Sunday afternoon, such as buying food at the market, eating at a cafe and catching up with friends over a drink. Berenger (Caitie Clancey), the protagonist and first character we meet, has a hard time adjusting to her daily life. She drinks heavily and feels too anxious about her own issues to care about what is going on around her. Her friend John (Lian Malla) meets up with her and calls her out on how she dresses and her indifference to doing better for herself.

As the friends and other patrons have their conversations, a rhinoceros is seen storming the street, confusing everyone in their ordinary day. The patrons try to make sense of it and try to understand how it is possible, but Berenger is the only one not to engage in conversation about it. Although an out-of-ordinary experience just happened, Berenger continues to ignore the unusual encounter and seems to struggle with why people care so much.

Throughout the play, one

will see that Berenger continues to avoid the social norms and the typical behavior that are expected of her friends and colleagues at work. She refuses to conform to the ideas people want her to believe in and would rather be her own person.

Her individuality is expressed even more when the rhinoceros begin to show up in larger numbers. What started as one strange encounter with the beasts turns into a common figure in the media. She is afraid that she will turn into a rhinoceros and she begins to lock herself away.

This play shows the downfall of humanity and how common it is for people to be tricked by the alleged benefits of new ideas. The rhinoceros was once perceived as an unusual sighting but was soon viewed as a misunderstood animal that people needed time to understand. Many did not want to be left behind if they did not turn into a rhinoceros fast enough and others soon changed their viewpoints once they saw themselves as the minority.

The play is set to run until June 8. For more information, visit foothill.edu/theatre/rhino.html.

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John (Lian Malla) starts to undergo a transformation, to the consternation of Berenger (Caitie Clancey) in "Rhinoceros" presented May 23 - June 8 at Foothill Theatre Arts.

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

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Saint Francis' Quiz Bowl team reaches nationals

By Brandon Roth

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Many students thrive under the pressure of competitions, stretching their academic abilities in all fields and using fast recall memory to outpace their competitors.

Similar to the game show "Jeopardy!," Saint Francis High School students participate in Quiz Bowl, a local and national buzzer competition that places two to four students competing against other schools in a rigorous lineup of literature, mathematics, science, history and other educational questions. Quiz Bowl is organized by the National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC, which helps organize and prepare students for the competitions.

Elise Hasty Bibriescas, an English teacher at St. Francis High School and moderator of Saint Francis' Quiz Bowl club, said this was her first year working with the students and her main goal was to help them get to the national competition. She said last year the team qualified for nationals, but a mistake happened in the application where

they did not register in time, disqualifying them from attending. Many of the students, which are made up of seniors, juniors and sophomores, were disappointed and made sure it did not happen again. She said the students on May 23-25 went to Atlanta, Georgia this year for nationals and placed 21st out of 350 teams. She said the students are "wise beyond their years" and took the reins on getting to where they needed to be.

"To qualify for nationals, they had to participate in a lot of other competitions," she said. "They would have to wake up sometimes at 5 a.m. because the tournaments would often start at 7 a.m. in the Midwest. They won many of these tournaments and they won a certain amount of these games to get an invitation."

She said St. Francis is a member of the California Quiz Bowl Academy and Northern California Quiz Bowl Academy and they participate in events with local schools. They even hosted a competition in March on their campus. She said since the pandemic, the students also play remote tournaments through



COURTESY OF ELISE HASTY BIBRIESCAS

Fourth from left, Neha Pandya, a sophomore St. Francis student, traveled with her Quiz Bowl team to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the National Quiz Bowl competition. Her team placed 21st out of 350 schools across the nation.

the website Discord, allowing schools from around the country to play against each other.

She said despite the students' busy schedules, they are practicing and attending their

Tuesday club meetings

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The One, Big, Beautiful Bill and the impact on educational funding

By Hollis Bischoff

President Trump's self-named budget bill, the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, has a number of line items regarding higher education and, if passed as is, will significantly impact the financial burden on college-going students and their families.

Road To College

The bill changes the way aid will be awarded in numerous ways, starting with how much aid a student may be eligible to receive. First, it changes the way need is calculated. Instead of comparing ability to pay/need against the total Cost of Attendance (COA – containing tuition, fees and housing), need will be based on Median Cost of College (MCC – based on a formula which collects total costs from all colleges and calculates a median amount).

All financial aid going forward would be based on the MCC; any need above that median cost would become the responsibility of the student and their family, even if the student/family still has federal funds available. It is unclear exactly how the data for the MCC will be collected and calculated, both on the individual institution level and at the federal level across all colleges.

In addition, rather than yearly caps on loans, there will be caps on lifetime borrowing which will severely limit the amount of money a family can borrow through the federal government. The proposed new lifetime caps would be: undergraduate students: \$50,000; graduate students: \$100,000; graduate professional students (e.g., medical and law school): a total limit of \$200,000 across all education combined. It proposes to eliminate all Grad PLUS

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President Trump's new budget called the One, Big, Beautiful Bill is expected to cut many federal education services such as caps on student loans that will put a strain on families' to afford private and out-of-state universities.

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consistently. She was impressed with how organized and communicative the team has been this year and the joy it brings them. She said the national quiz alliance posts different categories for them to practice and that they sometimes do mock competitions against each other with actual buzzers. She said the bulk of their preparation is done outside of school.

“From the moderator, teacher perspective, my role has just been to support them,” she said. “They’re so ambitious and motivated, and it’s just like a joyful community for them. They meet every Tuesday outside the library and they practice, and even though they have sports and so many other obligations, it is a joyous, fun way for them to get together with their friends.”

Although she wasn’t able to attend the event this year, it was exciting for her to see how far the teams have gone. She said an accomplishment they faced at nationals was beating all the Bay Area teams such as Archbishop Mitty High School and Bellarmine College Preparatory.

“I feel like this joy of learning is the whole reason I got into education – not learning for the grades and the points,” she said. “It’s like finding the things that you love, are passionate about and what excites you. And I feel that energy around these kiddos, like they just love this program so much, and it’s awesome that St. Francis funds

the trip for them to go to nationals. It’s an amazing program to fuel a passion for students.”

Neha Pandya, a sophomore at St. Francis and a Quiz Bowl All-Star for answering 75 toss-up questions at nationals, said she has been participating in Quiz Bowl since she was in fifth grade and gravitated toward it because it was a “huge database of like, stuff to know.” She said her interest began with literature because her first team didn’t have anyone who specialized in it, but over time she pushed herself to understand disciplines. She said the competition has opened her worldview to new possibilities and taught her material that is often found in universities or beyond her age.

“I think for me, a lot of Quiz Bowl involves knowing a lot of facts that aren’t taught at a grade level. For example, in middle school, I learned a lot of history material that I needed to know for Quiz Bowl, but that had nothing to do with my curriculum at that time. And that helped me a lot for my high school courses, because, like, I don’t have to study a lot of the material. Because I know it already from years prior.”

She said practicing with her club members helps her bounce off ideas and help her answer toss-up questions, and long answer-formed questions, during the competitions. She said not everyone is an expert in a particular field and it is good to identify people’s strengths so they can apply them to the competition. She said the Bay Area competitions are “really



COURTESY OF ELISE HASTY BIBRIESCAS

St. Francis Quiz Bowl club members participate in many rounds of questions of all academic disciplines at the 2025 National Quiz Bowl competition. Club members spend many hours within their club and at home every week to prepare for their many tournaments – at either the local or state level.

competitive” and it is important to practice so one does not lose one’s skill set.

“Quiz Bowl helped me get faster at recollecting information because when you’re faced with a question you have a completely blank sort of mind at the start,” she said. “You then have to slowly narrow down the possibilities. It has helped me become sharper when answering questions.”

She said nationals are very tough and it took a long time during the weekend to go from 146th place in the preliminary

rounds to 65th place at the start of the playoffs. She said at the national level they expect contestants to know everything and get points based on how fast they answer, such as either getting 15 or 10 points. She said it is important to work together at the competition and to make the best of everyone’s skills.

She said her teammates’ goals are to help grow the competition and expand it to more freshmen. She said many people don’t know what Quiz Bowl is and hopes to spread more awareness of the program with

how much knowledge they will learn and the amount of competitions they will participate in. She hopes to also increase the number of girls in the program in the next year.

“A lot of people don’t know about it, which is a little unfortunate, because I think a lot of people would be interested if they knew there was a club at school, or if someone told them about it,” she said. “I’m sure a lot more people could be there.”

To learn more about Quiz Bowl and how the program works, visit naqt.com.

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and subsidized loans.

Any amount needed beyond the median cost will become the responsibility of the student/family, through the use of Parent Plus Loans (proposed cap of \$50,000 per family, regardless of the number of children), private loans or personal funding

sources (family members, home equity, etc.). Given the caps as compared against the cost of private universities today, with some institutions approaching \$90,000, federal funds could run out as early as the first year of college, leaving students unable to complete their undergraduate degrees without straining family credit and financial wellness.

There is no current guidance

or proposal related to transfer students or students with a gap in education. There are also big changes in Pell Grant eligibility and the way colleges will see federal support.

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Local youth poetry+pop music workshops

Sierra Elman, a youth poet laureate of Burlingame-Hillsborough and a Mountain View resident, has a mission to promote poetry to youth in her area as a youth ambassador of the literary arts.

She has hosted six different youth poetry workshops at the Burlingame and Sunnyvale public libraries and she is bringing two youth poetry workshops to the Palo Alto and Mountain View public libraries this summer.

She will be hosting two youth poetry workshops for tweens/teens ages 10-18. The first date is June 9 at the Palo Alto Public Library at the Mitchell Park branch; the second is July 26 at the Mountain View Public Library.

The workshops are entitled “The Tortured Poets Workshop: The Poetry of Pop Music” and will feature a number of musical artists popular with youth. The hour-long workshop will allow youth to explore poetry in pop songs, write poetry and share it

with their peers.

Many of the singers that will be featured include Sabrina Carpenter, Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo.

What Elman enjoys about this workshop in particular is it takes something tweens and teens are familiar with – pop music – and uses it as a gateway to engage tweens and teens with poetry.

Sierra Elman is an award-winning writer and poet and the Youth Poet Laureate of Burlingame-Hillsborough. She has been recognized by more than 50 awards and publications, including four Gold National Medals and two Silver National Medals in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Blue Marble Review, 1st Prize in Ringling College’s Storytellers of Tomorrow Contest, 1st Place in Youth Journalism International’s Excellence in Journalism Contest, Stone Soup Magazine’s Story Prize, and a three time winner of the Sarah Mook Poetry Contest.

The Santa Clara County library district’s summer reading program

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) encourages everyone to press “start” on an epic summer of reading and adventure with the Summer Reading Program, “Level Up at Your Library!” Dive into thrilling stories with unexpected twists, embark on library programs, and lose yourself in captivating stories filled with unforgettable characters. No matter your reading level or genre preference, there’s a book waiting to help you level up your summer.

“Research shows that the summer break is a critical time where students can experience learning loss, but we can counteract that at the library,” said county Librarian Jennifer Weeks. “Level Up at Your Library encourages readers of all ages to unlock new worlds through the power of books, attend epic library events, and craft new memories. You really can reach new heights with help from the library.”

According to the California Library Association, summer reading programs help children and teens retain and enhance their reading skills over the summer and also provides a haven and community for readers. Plus, reading benefits adults by stimulating the brain, increasing vocabulary and sparking imagination.

SCCLD librarians have created enjoyable and entertaining booklists for children, teens, and adults (fiction and nonfiction). Residents who do not have an SCCLD library card are invited to get one at any of the SCCLD library locations. Your library card unlocks free online resources including coding games like CodeCombat.

SCCLD libraries are also hosting free and engaging programs throughout the summer. Highlights include watercoloring classes for kids, teens and adults, special performances, virtual author visits, as well as

a Science Heroes program for kids and teens. Stay updated with new events by visiting the calendar of events online.

It’s easy to get into the game. Library patrons can register on Beanstack. Participants can earn a prize for reading five books and completing an activity, so make sure to log it all on Beanstack. Level Up at Your Library runs from June 1 – July 31. Completion prizes will be available from August 1 – 31, while supplies last.

Also this summer, Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries are offering the Lunch at the Library program. Children ages 0 – 18 can receive free, nutritious meals starting Monday, June 9 between noon and 1 p.m. (excluding holidays and while supplies last). Lunch at the Library runs through Friday, August 8.

Visit scclld.org/summer to learn more about Level Up at Your Library, check out their free programs and explore the booklists.



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By Myles Mellor

Across

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5. Fraternity "T"
8. Wine container
11. Casanova, for one
12. Sounds of amazement
13. Wire service (abbr.)
14. "Ella Enchanted" star Hathaway
15. "All You ___ is Love" (Beatles)
16. "Captain's ___ ..." ("Star Trek" opening)
17. Louisiana state flower
19. "... ___ yellow submarine"- 2 words
20. Early folk flute
23. ___ Forum - lecture series in Los Altos
27. Divides
30. Nearby, 2 words
31. One of Shakespeare's begins "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"
32. Brouhaha
33. Food-packaging factory
34. Young frog

36. "As I see it," in an email

38. Marketplace on State Street

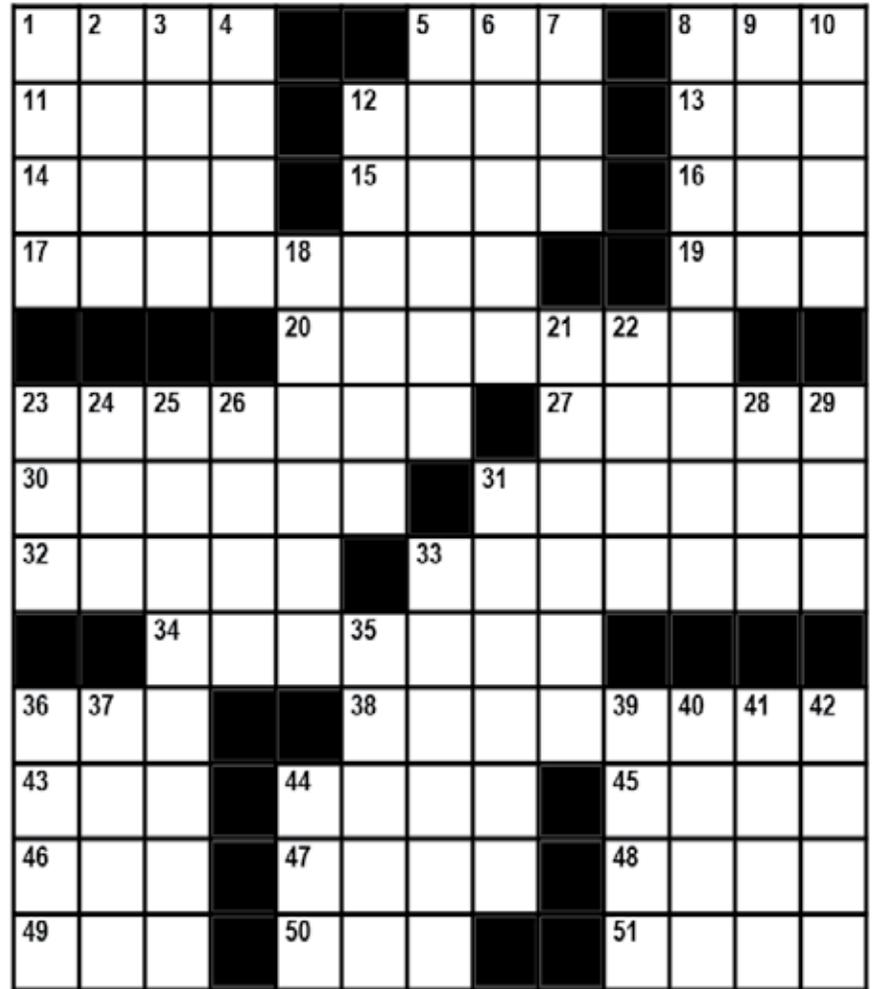
43. Lady's man
44. Bookish type, often
45. A while ago
46. Floral ring
47. Blue Triangle org.
48. Final Four org.
49. Abbr. in a business letter
50. Compass point
51. Workout areas

Down

1. Biblical name for Syria
2. Lady of Barcelona
3. Manure
4. Dated
5. Driving a nail obliquely
6. Lots, 2 words
7. Currency exchange board abbr.
8. Of food, thinly stripped
9. At the time of
10. Prefix with byte
12. Not at sea, 2 words
18. Expressed a

- viewpoint
21. Pressed
 22. Brown alternative
 23. More, in Madrid
 24. How some stocks trade, briefly
 25. Bombast
 26. "Peter Pan" dog
 28. "___ Freischütz" (Weber opera)
 29. Farm area
 31. Popular tea maker
 33. Bully
 35. Exclamations of relief
 36. Bermuda, e.g.
 37. Comportment
 39. Actor B. D. of "Law & Order: S.V.U."
 40. Suffix with consist
 41. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
 42. Afternoon affairs
 44. Educator Bill

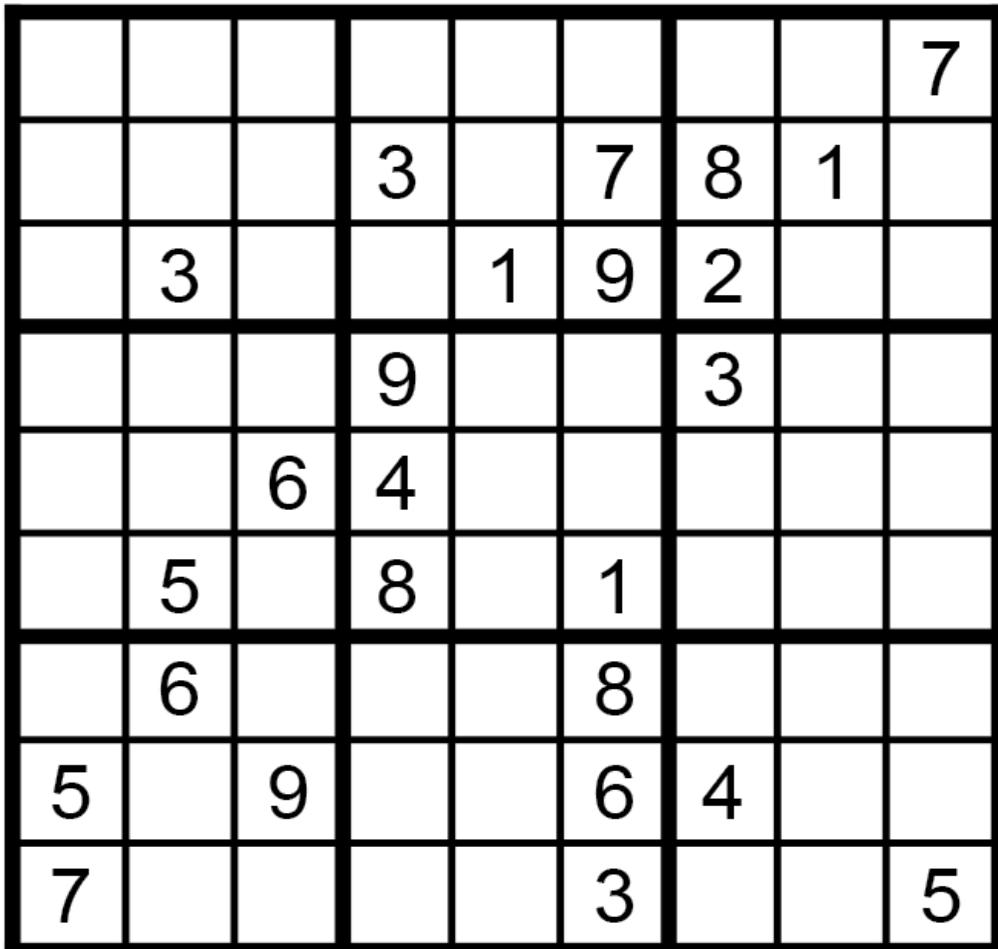
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Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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



Find A Word



Fifteen tech terms are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find it.

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| Adobe | Icons | Save |
| Artificial | Intelligence | Screen |
| Desktop | Keyboard | Server |
| Email | Laptop | Storage |
| Excel | Message | Text |

Sports

St. Francis softball repeats as champs in CCS Open thriller

By Curtis Driscoll
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In a game filled with experience and pressure moments, a surprise player provided the spark needed in St. Francis' 9-6 win over Willow Glen in the Central Coast Section Open Division Championship Saturday.

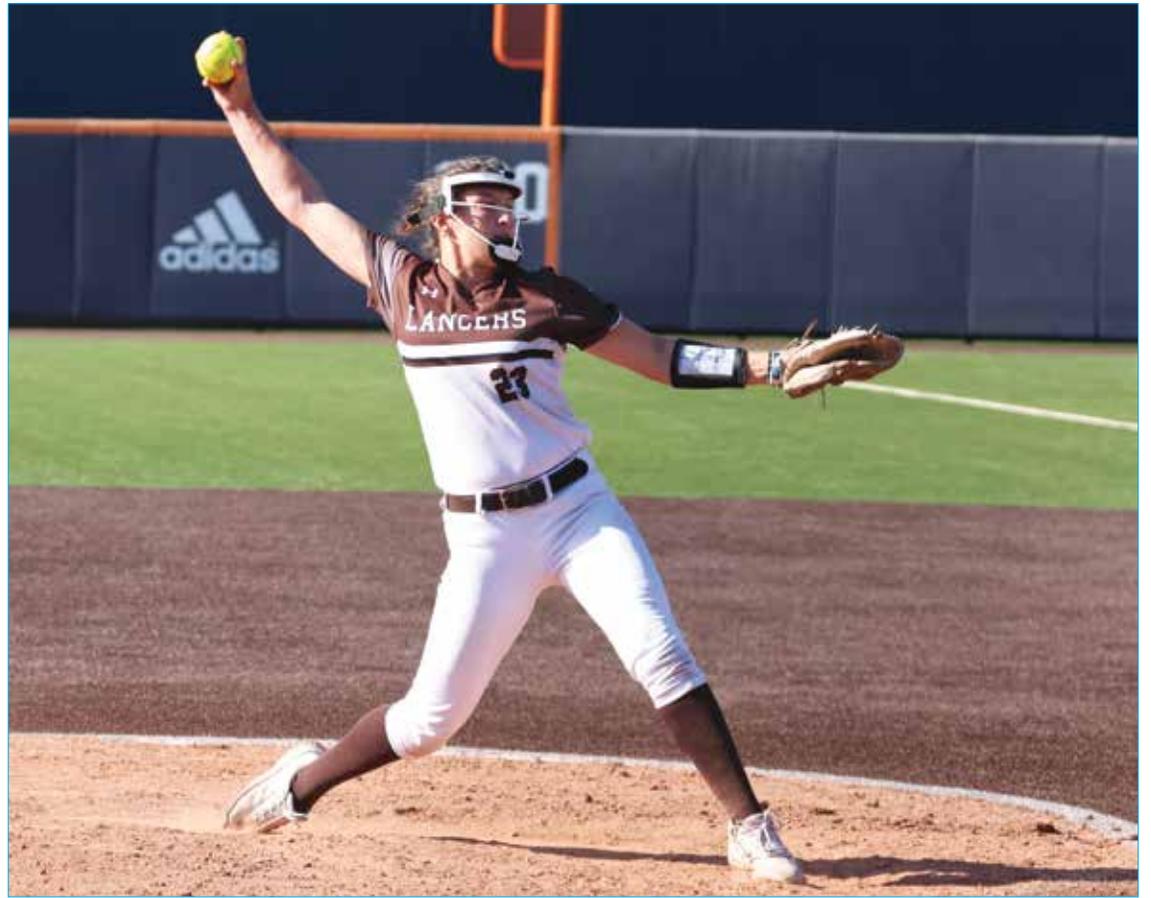
Tied 6-6 in the bottom of the sixth and momentum with Willow Glen after scoring four runs unanswered, St. Francis coach Mike Oakland turned to freshman Bianka Fisher, a junior varsity call-up with only two varsity innings pitched this season and serving as the third pitcher due to an injury. Fisher delivered in relief, finishing the game with three scoreless innings and dealing Willow Glen (28-1) its first loss of the season.

"To come in and do what she did, I wasn't even expecting that; personally, I didn't think she would be able to pull that off," Oakland said. "It was unbelievable. She stepped up big time."

No. 2 seed St. Francis (27-3) needed the spark after the letdown of No. 1 seed Willow Glen scoring four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie it 6-6 and the lull of a scoreless top of the sixth in response. Fisher got six straight outs in the sixth and seventh to send it to extra innings, bolstering her belief and firing up the team.

"I was already going on with a bit of confidence from mental preparation, and honestly, the strikeouts really did help, a lot of confidence boost," Fisher said.

St. Francis took the lead in the top of the eighth inning thanks to a patient approach that yielded four walks in the inning. A single from Maya Meltz started it off, followed by a walk of Maya Yumiba, a bunt and an intentional walk of Peyton Tsao to load the bases with just one out. St. Francis took an 8-6 lead after back-to-back bases-loaded walks of Ava Bulanti and Hayden Hummel. St. Francis added another run on an RBI groundout from Isa-



ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

St. Francis pitcher Bianka Fisher throws during the CCS Open Division win over Willow Glen Saturday in Saratoga. Fisher went three innings and gave up no runs.

bella Sandoval. Up 9-6 in the eighth, Fisher held her cool and got the final out despite giving up two singles in the eighth inning to bring the tying run to the plate.

"Nothing really changed," Fisher said. "I just knew I was ready; I could do what I could do."

The team called on Fisher after a high-scoring start for both teams, and St. Francis starter Ava Bulanti completed 4 2/3 innings. Bulanti initially pitched four innings and came out in the bottom of the fifth with no outs for relief pitcher Hailey Nguyen, who faced four batters and got one out before

the team recalled Bulanti for the last two outs and to face a hitter in the sixth inning.

St. Francis hadn't needed a third pitcher during the season but needed it Saturday in the Saratoga heat at West Valley College, where the temperatures were in the high 90s in

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Prep Sports Summary

Baseball

The St. Francis baseball team lost in the semifinals of the CCS Division I playoffs 7-4 against Serra Thursday at Excite Ballpark in San Jose. The No. 5 seed Lancers took an early 3-0 lead over the No. 1 seed Padres in the top of the third before a six-run outburst by the Padres to make it 6-3. St. Francis and Serra both scored in the fifth. St. Francis' Tanner Wall finished with three RBIs, while Jack Leeper had one. St. Francis' season continues in the NorCal Division II playoffs as the No. 2 seed. St. Francis (20-10) hosts No. 7 seed Cathedral Catholic (23-11) Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline). Serra went on to win the CCS Division I championship and is the No. 3 seed in the NorCal Division

I baseball playoffs, playing College Park.

Los Altos lost a high-scoring contest 10-8 against Willow Glen in the CCS Division III semifinals, ending the Eagles' season. No. 7 seed Los Altos had a 4-2 lead until the bottom of the fifth inning when No. 3 seed Willow Glen scored six runs to take an 8-4 lead. Down 4-3 in the fifth, Miles Austin of Willow Glen hit a bases-loaded triple to make it 6-4, with an error and another triple from Willow Glen making it 8-4, Los Altos coach Gabe Stewart said. Los Altos' Emmett Heath hit a two-run double in the top of the sixth to bring it to within two, but Willow Glen extended the lead back to four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Los Altos added two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but a Gavin Moore fly ball to centerfield was the final out, Stewart said. Los Altos beat No. 2 seed Sequoia 4-3 May 24 in the Division III first round to reach the semifinals.

No. 4 seed Mountain View lost in the first round of the CCS Division IV playoffs 7-4 against No. 5 seed Branham May 24. Mountain View (16-12) was the home team and started brightly with a two-run first inning. Branham (14-11) responded with three runs in the second inning. Tied 3-3 in the top of the sixth, Branham scored three runs to take the lead for the eventual win. Mountain View got two RBIs from Preston Huang and one from Kyle Shachal.

Softball

The Mountain View girls softball team lost 2-1 against Westmont Wednesday in the CCS Division IV semifinals. No. 4 seed Westmont (16-14) scored the eventual winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning against No. 7 seed Mountain View (11-13). Pitcher Allison Marcelino went six innings for the Spartans, giving up only one earned run. Naila Rocha hit

Mountain View's only RBI for the day. Mountain View upset No. 1 seed Carmel 13-9 May 24 to reach the semifinals. Westmont went on to win the Division IV championship over Aptos 4-3 Saturday.

No. 5 seed Los Altos (14-11) lost to No. 4 seed Westmont 4-1 in the Division IV quarterfinals May 24 to end the season.

Track and Field

Mountain View's Hannah Ruthford finished second in the girls 400-meter dash at the CIF state track and field championships in Clovis Saturday with a time of 54:27. Maya Eisenberg finished 23rd for the Spartans in the girls 3200-meter run in a time of 11 minutes and 11 seconds.

Lily Symon of Los Altos finished eighth in the girls 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.24. Daniela Hughes finished eighth in the girls triple jump for Los Altos with a jump of 11.72 meters.

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the afternoon. The call-up before the playoffs was so new that the Lancers didn't even have a varsity uniform for Fisher, so she wore her junior varsity uniform, which featured distinctive brown sleeves compared to the white of the varsity squad. Oakland consulted his pitching coach when he thought about taking out Bulanti and bringing in Fisher for the sixth inning. The confidence of his staff convinced him to try it in a tied championship game. For Fisher, entering the circle wasn't too big a moment.

"I was mostly just thinking, I'm ready for this, and I know what to do, I know how to do it, and just give it my all," Fisher said.

The Lancers may not have been in a position to go into extra innings and take the lead without the defensive efforts of second baseman Meltz in the bottom of the fifth inning. Tied 6-6 and the bases loaded with one out, Willow Glen's Cianna Miranda hit a looping pop-up to Meltz that she caught over her shoulder running towards the outfield. Meltz then threw out the runner at first for a double play to end the inning. Oakland called it one of the two pivotal moments of the game that kept St. Francis afloat, noting it would be hard for any team to come back from a two-run deficit that late.

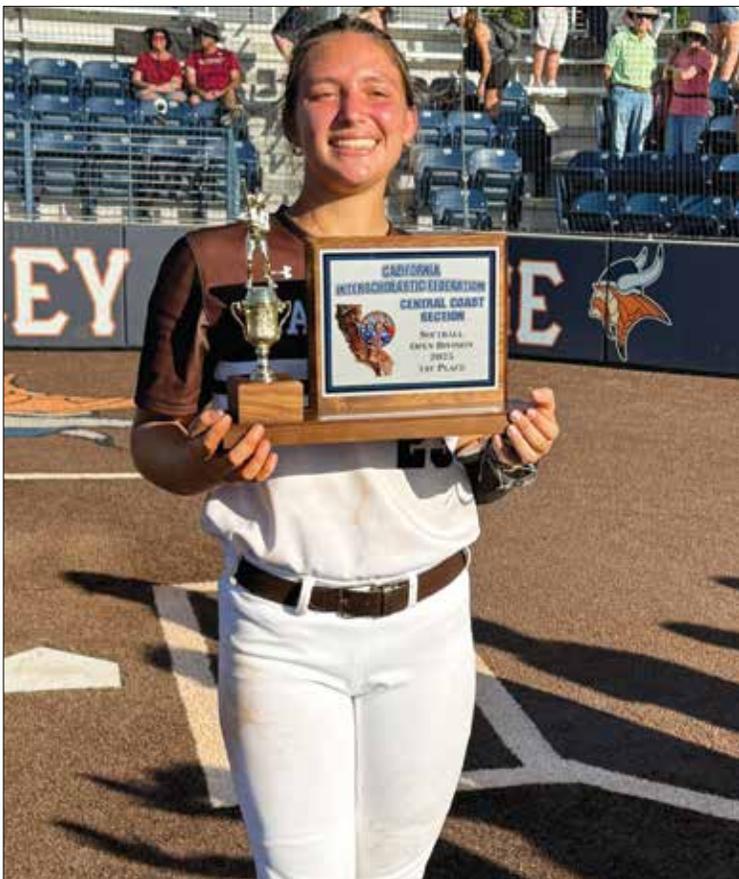
"It's tough to rebound from that, especially with someone like Alanna Clincy throwing (for Willow Glen)," Oakland said.

St. Francis took a 2-0 lead in the first after RBI doubles from Tsao and Hummel, but Willow Glen answered with a two-run home run from Clincy in the bottom of the first. St. Francis tacked on two runs in the third with a double from Gabby Rocha and added two in the fourth with RBI singles from Tsao and Sandoval before the rally from Willow Glen. Tsao, Sandoval, Hummel and Rocha all finished with two RBIs in the game.

St. Francis has now made it a habit of winning back-to-back CCS titles, accomplishing the feat in 2021 and 2022. After a loss in the CCS Open Division title game in 2023 against Hollister, St. Francis won the 2024 Open Division title over Archbishop Mitty and capped it off with the 2025 win. St. Francis also beat Willow Glen in the CCS Open Division semifinals last year, 10-0.

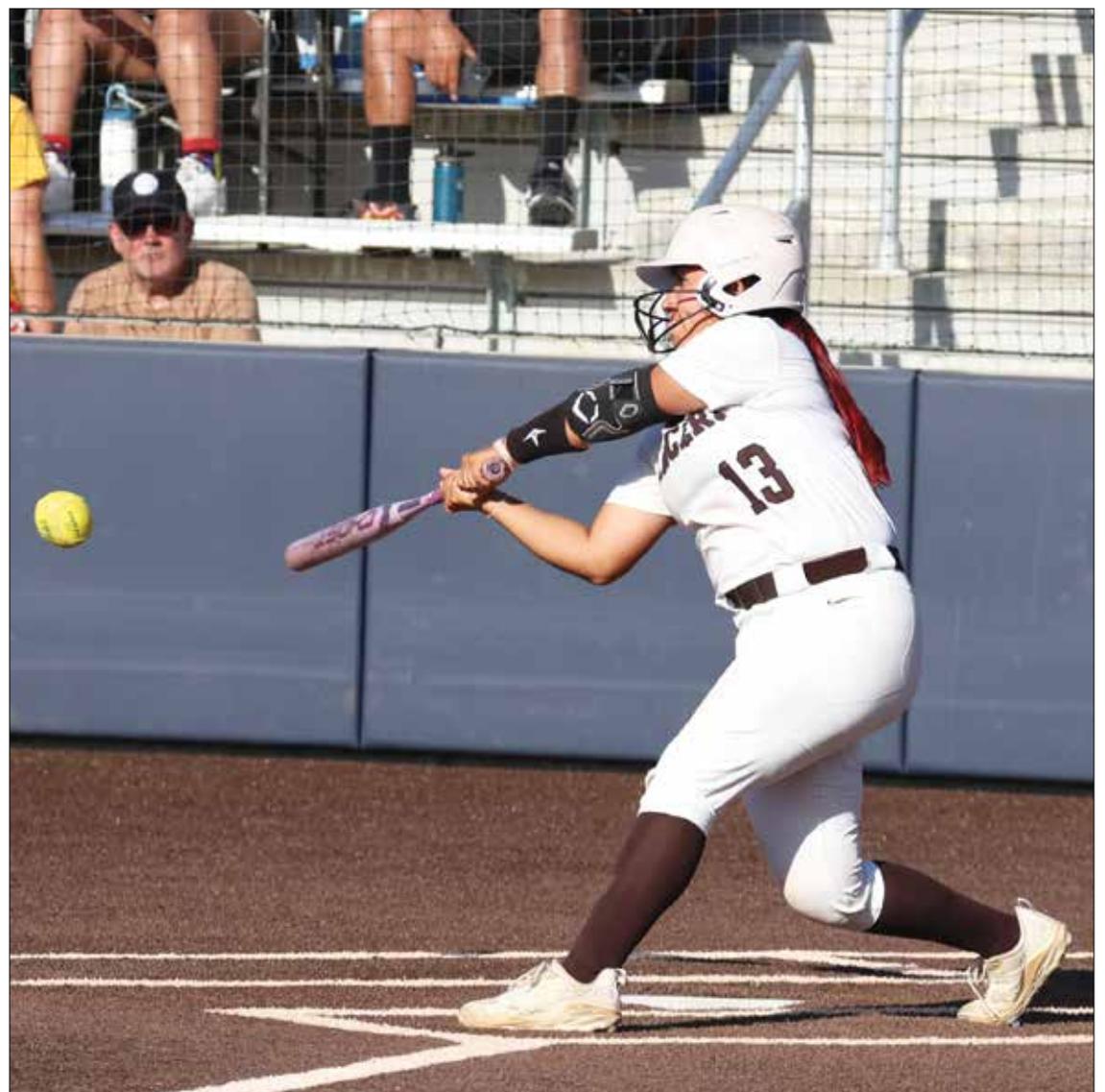
"It's really hard to do, especially when you have a team like Willow Glen, as good as they are and as hungry as they are to win," Oakland said of the repeat. "Their desire probably outweighs ours because a lot of kids on our team have already done what we did today. Staying with it and being consistent throughout the entire season has paid off."

St. Francis will host Rocklin 4 p.m. Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline) in the first round of the NorCal regional championships. St. Francis is the No. 3 seed, while Rocklin is the No. 6 seed.



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St. Francis pitcher Bianka Fisher holds the CCS Open Division trophy after the win Saturday.



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St. Francis' Isabella Sandoval hits the ball during the CCS Open Division title game against Willow Glen. She finished with two RBIs in the game.

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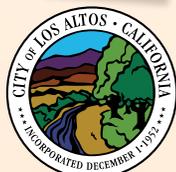
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Mountain View swimmers finish strong at state



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From left to right, Allison Liu, Karina Conover Hui, Kammie Conover-Emmert and Erin Griffis.

The Mountain View swim team finished eighth at the CIF state meet in Clovis May 15-17. The girls medley team finished fourth overall in a time of 1:44:62, and the girls 200 freestyle team finished 12th in 1:36:22.

The team consisted of Allison Liu, Karina Conover Hui, Kammie Conover-Emmert and Erin Griffis. In the Paralympic Class III 50 meter freestyle, Mountain View swimmer Amanda Ford finished in first place.



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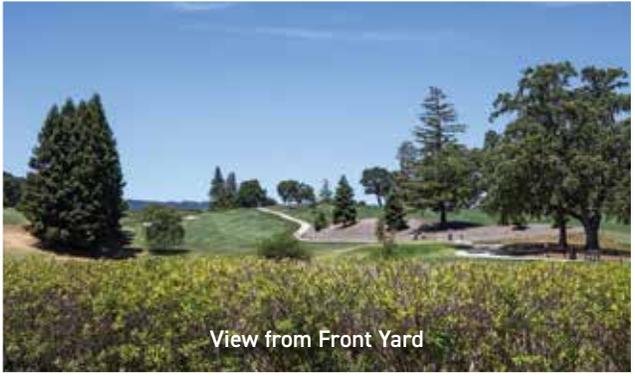
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Lincoln Nautilus shines as luxury SUV

By Mike Hagerty

This month marks six years since my friend, the late Gary Anderson, and his wife, Genie, did me the honor and the privilege of recommending me to succeed them with the “On the Road” reviews here at the Town Crier.

That’s long enough for you to have learned a few things about the “new kid.” One of them that I hope has come through loud and clear is that I am not a technophobe. Not a grumpy old man grouching about the automobile in 2025 being not much more than a computer on wheels.

I can even make a pretty good case for really big screens in cars. Easier to check navigation at a glance – maybe not even have to take your eyes off the road at all, if you have good peripheral vision.

But the 2025 Lincoln Nautilus

Reserve ... well, this might be a screen too far. Across the entire car’s width, just below the windshield, there is a curved 48-inch display divided into fourths – showing vehicle speed and other driving information, navigation, audio and a combination weather and time display.

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You can re-arrange all but the driving information to put them in different places, or you can press a “calm screen” button buried in a menu on a separate 11.1-inch screen that turns off all but the driving information.

It’s gorgeous. I mean, just from a purely aesthetic standpoint, it’s beautiful.

It’s also overkill. I don’t need to watch the seconds tick down on the song that’s playing; I



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The 2025 Lincoln Nautilus base price is \$61,010.

don’t always need a nav screen up by my speedometer. I practically never need to know what the cloud cover and temperature for each of the next three

hours is going to be.

Yes, I can use the “calm screen” button, and I did. And then I was surrounded by all this wasted black space where

the muted displays live.

I’d love to tell you that this is an extra-cost option on a top-level trim that you can easily

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Solving common mechanic fuel systems and codes: Part Two

By Matt Pataky

This is my follow-up article from May 7 on the 2014 Acura MDX EVAP problem.

If you did not read the article from last month, we were working on a check engine light problem in the evaporative fuel system (EVAP). After testing the car, we found a piece of plastic stuck in the fuel tank pressure sensor vacuum passage. Once we removed the piece of plastic, we ran an EVAP system check again and it passed, but we needed the car to run the EVAP test by itself (not with the scanner). Since the car’s fuel tank was full, we let the customer pick up the car and drive it.

Matt the Mechanic

The customer drove the car for about a week. Once the fuel level was at three-quarters, the check engine light came on again. We connected the scanner and pulled codes – the P1454 FTP (fuel tank pressure sensor) circuit range/performance problem that was stored in temporary and permanent

memory and code P2422 evaporative emissions (EVAP) canister vent solenoid (CVS) stuck in permanent memory. These two codes were in the system at the last visit, but the one code that did not come back was P0452 FTP sensor circuit low voltage.

Both the fuel tank pressure sensor and the canister vent solenoid are installed in the evaporative charcoal canister. The evaporative emissions charcoal canister’s job is to trap any unwanted fuel vapors from escaping out of the EVAP system. Next, we ran a complete EVAP system test using the scanner. The system passed the test. We then ran specific tests on the fuel tank pressure sensor (P1454) and on the canister vent solenoid (CVS/P2422). Both sensors passed their activation test. The problem is that even though these sensors passed their test, it was unclear if they were correctly operating in and on the evaporative charcoal canister. The other big question was, where did that piece of plastic come from that blocked the EVAP canister filters’ vacuum line? It was becoming increas-

ingly obvious that we had to replace the evaporative charcoal canister.

Since the evaporative charcoal canister traps a large amount of fuel vapor over time, it becomes extremely corrosive inside the canister. This corrosion can cause the canister to deteriorate. The charcoal inside of the canister can become oversaturated and start to fall apart. In the past, we have found EVAP purge valves clogged with pieces of charcoal. Most charcoal canisters come equipped with sensors, but not on the MDX. We had to replace the charcoal canister, the fuel tank pressure sensor and the canister vent solenoid.

Once we had the old canister off the car, we checked to see if we could find any loose pieces of plastic or charcoal. With the sensors removed from the canister, we did find a few small pieces of loose debris in the canister and sensors.

After replacing the charcoal canister, fuel tank pressure sensor and the canister vent solenoid, we cleared codes and started to run monitors. As stated in the first article, it can take

days or weeks before the EVAP monitor successfully runs on the car itself. It took us about three days to satisfy the EVAP monitor. Once the EVAP monitor was finally completed, we ran one more EVAP test just to look at the EVAP data. All the data looked great.

Anytime we have to work on EVAP systems, I try my best to explain to customers how difficult it can be to solve. This particular problem was difficult because the charcoal canister was shedding debris into multiple EVAP systems and sensors. The most important thing to remember when working with EVAP is to make sure to follow the test plan.

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avoid, because the rest of the Lincoln Nautilus is a very good luxury SUV, but no. Even on a base model with zero options, you get the 48-inch panoramic display.

And the Nautilus isn't some shoot-the-moon electric vehicle trying to be different. It's a gasoline-powered SUV, with a hybrid model, Reserve, available. And that's the one I drove.

With 310 horsepower, 295 lb-ft of torque, and all-wheel drive, the Nautilus Reserve is quick, with 0-60 in 7.2 seconds, and remarkable fuel economy for the class – an EPA-estimated 30 miles per gallon combined city/highway. The ride is smooth, though I found the tire noise a bit too loud for a luxury vehicle.

There's solid cargo room (35.2 cubic feet behind the second row, 68.8 cubic feet with the rear seats folded) and a limousine-like 43.1 inches of rear seat legroom.

The base price of the 2025 Lincoln Nautilus AWD Reserve III is \$61,010 (\$62,605 with destination). That buys a very well-appointed car with the following as standard equipment: black painted roof, LED headlamps with lightbar LED taillamps, a heated area for when the windshield wipers aren't in use, heated, auto-folding exterior mirrors with embedded turn signals and approach lamps, privacy glass, rear window wiper/washer/defrost, auto-dimming interior

rearview mirror, dual-zone climate control, heated leather-wrapped steering wheel, power tilt and telescoping steering wheel with memory, heated and ventilated front seats with driver's side memory, 60/40 split-folding rear seats and a comprehensive suite of active safety features.

Our test vehicle also had extra cost equipment, including \$750 for the Lustrous Gray Metallic paint, \$2,000 for the hybrid powerplant, and \$4,455 for a special equipment group that bundles an auto air refresh system, digital scent, hands-free liftgate, a panoramic vista roof with sunshade, 24-way power seats, a 110-volt power converter and a 28-speaker Revel Ultima 3D audio system.

The as-tested price is \$69,810.

Again, overall, the Nautilus Reserve is a very nice luxury SUV with a few drawbacks. If you think you can live with the panoramic screen (and don't plan to live with it long enough for it to be obsolete if and when it needs repair), then this should be on your test drive list. Call me a Luddite, but the screen would be a deal-breaker for me.

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The interior of the 2025 Lincoln Nautilus AWD Reserve III.



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Honda Civic Si offers affordability in a fun sports sedan option

By Mike Hagerty

Those of us of a certain age will remember fondly the heyday of the imported sport sedan. Four doors, five seats, six speeds and a whole lot of fun.

Sixteen years ago, Gary and Genie Anderson sampled four of them in one review: the Audi A4, BMW 3-Series, Lexus IS 350 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class (“On the Road,” February 2009). There was quite a price spread in that quartet – from \$44,430 for the Lexus to \$68,080 for the Benz – and their 2025 equivalents cost substantially more.

Auto Review

So, may I recommend the logical spiritual successor – the 2025 Honda Civic Si?

Heresy, you say? Well, hang on a second. This is the 200-horsepower, six-speed manual, summer sport tire-wearing Civic – capable of zero to 60 in 6.6 seconds while still returning an EPA fuel economy average of 27 miles per gallon city, 37 highway. And the Civic has good bones – being essentially the same car as the Acura Integra Type S (“On The

Road,” March 2024), just with 120 fewer horses under the hood.

The Civic Si is an eager, feisty companion that loves winding roads so much you’ll start shopping in Ben Lomond just for the 60-mile roundtrips on Highway 9. Credit the limited-slip differential, four-wheel disc brakes, front MacPherson strut and rear multi-link suspension and selectable drive modes.

And it’s a bargain. The base price is \$30,250 (\$31,345 with destination charges).

For that money, it’s a long list of standard equipment. In addition to what we’ve already discussed, there’s a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, front sport seats, sport pedals, a Bose premium audio system with 12 speakers, including wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay and Google Built-In, automatic climate control with air filtration, heated front seats, floor mats, a one-touch power moonroof, 18-inch alloy wheels, LED headlights and taillights, automatic high beams, heated power door mirrors, a smart entry system with security, variable intermittent windshield wipers, and a comprehensive suite

of active safety features.

In fact, the only extra-cost option available is premium paint colors – including our test vehicle’s Urban Gray Pearl, which added \$455 to the tab for a total of \$31,800.

(A word about pricing: There’s still a lot of uncertainty about tariffs as I write this. The Civic Si is assembled in Ontario, Canada, and only 55% of its parts are from North America. The price at our local dealer could be higher by the time you read this.)

If you think about it, a performance Civic makes every bit as much sense as Volkswagen’s GTI (“On The Road,” January 2019). A well-built compact car with more power and the suspension bits to back it up is a great way to achieve performance without the price penalty.

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Business & Real Estate

After 20 years, Kuzak's Closet set to close this month

By Christina Casillas
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Amanda Kuzak, owner and founder of Kuzak's Closet, said she's always enjoyed that her business helps grieving families when they most need it. She said that's why the decision to close Kuzak's Closet to focus on her health was unbearable.

For approximately two decades, Kuzak has been leading a dedicated group to different estates within the local community, from Woodside to Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, taking some of the burden off of families who are left to accommodate the belongings of deceased family members.

"People often don't realize how much trust it takes for a family to hand over their keys to a company like ours and allow us to work our magic," Kuzak said in a phone call. "Yet hundreds – 1,200 families –

have done exactly that over the last 21 years, and that's pretty incredible."

But after an accident at a Los Altos estate left her with a punctured eye muscle, she can't operate a vehicle or exert herself because of developing complications that can worsen her health. With a heavy heart, she decided to close the business by the end of June, which she said some customers and even some of her friends have responded to incredulously.

The major contributing factor to shuttering was the fact that many of those Kuzak's Closet serves – families going through loss or dynamic and mobility changes – may be made harder because of her health issues and inability to exert herself or be in the sun for too long.

"Given what these families are going through, I don't want my own health or mobility challenges to be part of the



COURTESY OF AMANDA KUZAK

Kuzak's Closet employees wrap up what work remains at a Menlo Park estate in December 2024.

conversation," Kuzak said.

She noted the work is also fast paced, Kuzak's Closet completing three liquidation projects a week, and she wouldn't be able to keep up with all of them and direct her team the way she is used to.

While Kuzak has toyed with the idea of selling the business

and the app her and her husband created to sell items acquired during liquidations, she hasn't had any serious conversations with potential buyers yet but has them scheduled after June 20, the date by when Kuzak expects the business to close.

The application – a direct

interface for customers to buy items from estate sales as they're listed – has received previous interest from a variety of different groups, she said. She anticipates inquiries specifically related to buying it.

"Since launching the app in

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Investing during a tariff war

By Artie Green

A number of readers of my previous article on President Donald Trump's tariff war asked about the best places to invest during the current situation. Let's explore the various stock markets and sectors to see which ones might make the most sense to take advantage of at this time.

We'll start with those areas that are most likely to be negatively impacted and therefore best to be avoided. The majority of economists and business leaders have alleged that Trump's actions will probably result in higher prices for businesses and consumers, so sectors that are especially susceptible to foreign imports ought to be top of mind.

China has been especially targeted, and most toys sold in the U.S. are manufactured there. Trump also imposed a worldwide 25% tariff on automobile imports. Both of those products fall under the consumer discretionary sector. That would seem to be a likely sector in which to avoid investing. How has it performed this year? Not surprisingly, since the start of 2025, it's down approximately 5%. But wait – since Trump's April 2 announcement imposing broad worldwide tariffs, this sector has boomed over 13% and was among the top performing S&P 500 sectors since that

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time.

Well, what about international stocks. After all, Trump's tariffs are allegedly intended to punish foreign countries for "ripping off" the U.S. Wouldn't you think foreign-based companies would be an asset class to stay away from? Surprisingly, since the start of the year the S&P 500 is up only a fraction while international stocks are up over 15%.

Perhaps we should instead look at sectors likely to do well under the Trump Administration. Based on Trump's "drill, baby, drill" policy encouraging fossil fuel growth, surely the energy sector should be thriving. But as of this writing it's down over 1%.

I think you can see where I'm going with this. There are countless events one can point to where stock prices moved in the opposite direction of what an informed investor would logically have predicted. On Dec. 22, 2018, the federal government was shut down for 35 days over a disagreement between then-President Trump and Democrats over funding for a

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 1927 Amalfi Way, A. Behara to A. & R. Bose for \$2,225,000
 810 San Lucas Court, T. Coles to P. & R. Sharma for \$2,300,000
 400 Chiquita Avenue, Y. Huang to J. & Z. Zhao for \$2,350,000
 2115 Aitken Avenue, Bin Living Trust to W. & W. Yue for \$2,425,000
 310 Villa Street, Yu Family Trust to J. & E. Carlassare for \$2,500,000
 1663 Morgan Street, S. Cai to M. & C. Cong for \$2,566,000
 224 Lassen Avenue, J. Cotter to Tieu Living Trust for \$3,033,000
 22430 Franklin Court, Gross Liv-

ing Trust to Angara Family Trust for \$3,800,000

Cupertino

10232 Nile Drive, N. Marcott to S. & Y. Zhu for \$805,000
 21997 McClellan Road, Chaudhuri Family Trust to Z. Wang for \$1,300,000
 10134 Congress Place, H. Li to Y. & S. Liu for \$1,350,000
 10505 Madrone Court, Happy-ocean LLC to N. & S. Divakarla for \$2,025,000
 18784 Arata Way, Schneider Trust to Ganesh Family Trust for \$2,490,000
 6288 Shadygrove Court, Miller Living Trust to N. & K. Do for \$3,225,000
 942 September Drive, M. & P. Anand to A. & R. Kamalanathan for \$3,278,500
 10641 Wunderlich Drive, W. Suleiman to S. & D. Xu for \$4,060,000
 20337 Clay Street, Nakashoji Family Trust to T. & K. Zhang for \$4,220,000
 22181 McClellan Road, Damico Living Trust to Vora Family Trust for \$4,500,000

Total sales

Los Altos

Total sales: 8
 Lowest sale: \$1,783,000
 Highest sale: \$5,500,000
 Average sale: \$4,016,900

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 1
 Average sale: \$15,000,000

Mountain View

Total sales: 14
 Lowest sale: \$650,000
 Highest sale: \$3,800,000
 Average sale: \$2,100,600

Cupertino

Total sales: 11
 Lowest sale: \$805,000
 Highest sale: \$4,720,000
 Average sale: \$2,906,700

– Information provided by CalREsource

Avoiding hotel online booking scams

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BBB Scam Alert

If you are planning an upcoming trip, keep an eye out for hotel booking scams. BBB Scam Tracker continues to receive reports of travelers falling victim to lookalike websites. Always confirm you are on the right website before making hotel reservations.

How the scam works

You search for hotels in the city you plan to visit. Among the top search results is what appears to be an official hotel website or a legitimate travel booking agency. When you click the link, you find a website with professional photos from the hotel and reasonable pricing.

Everything looks normal, so you decide to book a room. You enter your credit card information and check out. However, when you review your credit card statement, you notice you've been charged a much higher rate than you agreed. It turns out that you weren't on the official hotel website after all! You accidentally clicked on a third-party site without affiliation with the hotel.

In an example of an online hotel booking scam, a consumer lost over \$600 and reported their experience to BBB Scam Tracker: "The scammer accepts hotel reservations at one rate over the phone and then changes the rate with new amount in an email confirmation. Reservation Desk also adds hundreds of dollars in taxes and fees on top of the changed rate and then refuses to make any changes or offer a refund once the customer realizes what has changed. When attempting to dispute the rate, Reservation Desk also will make the customer wait 5-7 business days per request to draw the process out longer while never offering any resolution."

When you contact the company to cancel your reservation, you may not be able to get through to anyone. And even if you do, they'll likely tell you you've made a non-refundable reservation. The best they can do is cancel your reservation and charge you for it anyway.

To ensure you're not scammed:

- Only book hotels through official

websites. The best way to avoid this kind of scam is to check and double-check you are on an official hotel website before you enter your credit card information. Scammers are pros at building fake lookalike websites to fool you into giving up your information. Look closely at the URL to ensure you are on the hotel's official website or a booking agency you know and trust.

- Only make reservations through secure websites. You'll also want to ensure websites and their payment pages are secure, meaning they start with https:// and display a padlock symbol. If a web page isn't secure, don't enter your personal information and close the tab.

- Contact the hotel directly. If you're unsure about a booking site or deal, call the hotel directly to confirm that the offer is real and that your reservation is in their system.

- Look for red flags in communication. Be wary of unusual payment requests, such as wire transfers, prepaid cards, or payment through untraceable methods. Also, be on the lookout for typos and grammatical or spelling errors. Legitimate hotels typically do not have these errors.

- Watch out for misleading ads. Look at search results carefully. Just because a website is the first result on the page doesn't mean it's legitimate. Watch out for high-ranking ads that scammers could sponsor.

- Research businesses you aren't familiar with. If you find a booking site that looks professional but you haven't heard of it before, proceed with caution. Search for reviews on third-party websites and keep a close eye out for reports of scams. Never share your personal information with a person or business until you know they are trustworthy.

- Check the cancellation policy. Review the hotel's cancellation policy carefully. Scammers might not provide clear information on this, making it difficult to get a refund.

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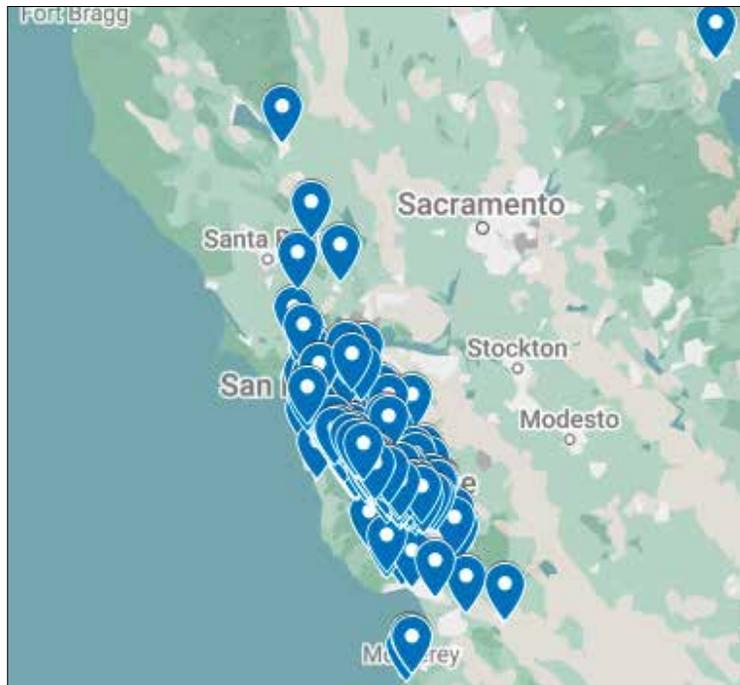
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2023, we've received interest from various investors with inquiries on expansion," Kuzak said. "Given the market we operate in—several of the top zip codes in the country in regards to real estate values—the estates we handle are incredibly diverse. The online shopping experience we offer is truly unique."

Currently, she's focused on tying up loose ends and helping her employees chart their next steps. Kuzak said unlike other estate companies, her employees are full time, many of whom have worked for her for more than a decade.

"Several team members are planning to retire or take some well-earned time to reset after we close, and a few have already moved on to new roles," she said. "This work has been fast-paced and physically demanding, and for many on my team, it's been that way for over a decade. It's the end of a significant chapter for all of us."

Although wistful looking



MAP COURTESY OF AMANDA KUZAK

A map curated by Amanda Kuzak displays all the locations of estates Kuzak's Closet has served.

back on the 20 years in business, Kuzak remains hopeful for the future and grateful for the positive impact and legacy for which Kuzak's Closet is known.

"I feel incredibly lucky that things turned out the way they did with my medical care, and I'm especially grateful it wasn't one of my team members who

had to go through this," Kuzak said. "I'm staying optimistic about what's ahead. I started Kuzak's Closet when I was 23 and have poured so much of myself into it. Now, I'm hopeful about what new ideas or opportunities might come next."

For more on Kuzak's Closet, visit kuzakscloset.com.

INVESTING

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U.S.-Mexico border wall. After an initial drop of about 7%, the S&P 500 surged ahead more than 15% before the dispute was settled. In 2016, U.K. voters unexpectedly voted to leave the European Union. Despite the shock, within weeks U.K. stocks began setting new highs.

It's a truism that you can't predict the future. With respect to investing it's because the most unpredictable factor affecting market returns is investor sentiment. Whatever expectation of market movements you have, someone else will have an opposing view. Taken in aggregate, it is impossible to guess which way net investor sentiment will swing during any period

of time and its subsequent impact on stock prices.

So where should you invest during a tariff war? The answer is everywhere. Don't try to guess the winners and losers. Instead, be as diversified as you can (including other asset classes beyond equities), and try to maintain a portfolio that minimizes the risk associated with the return that you need in order to support your lifestyle. You are unlikely to go wrong with that approach.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors.



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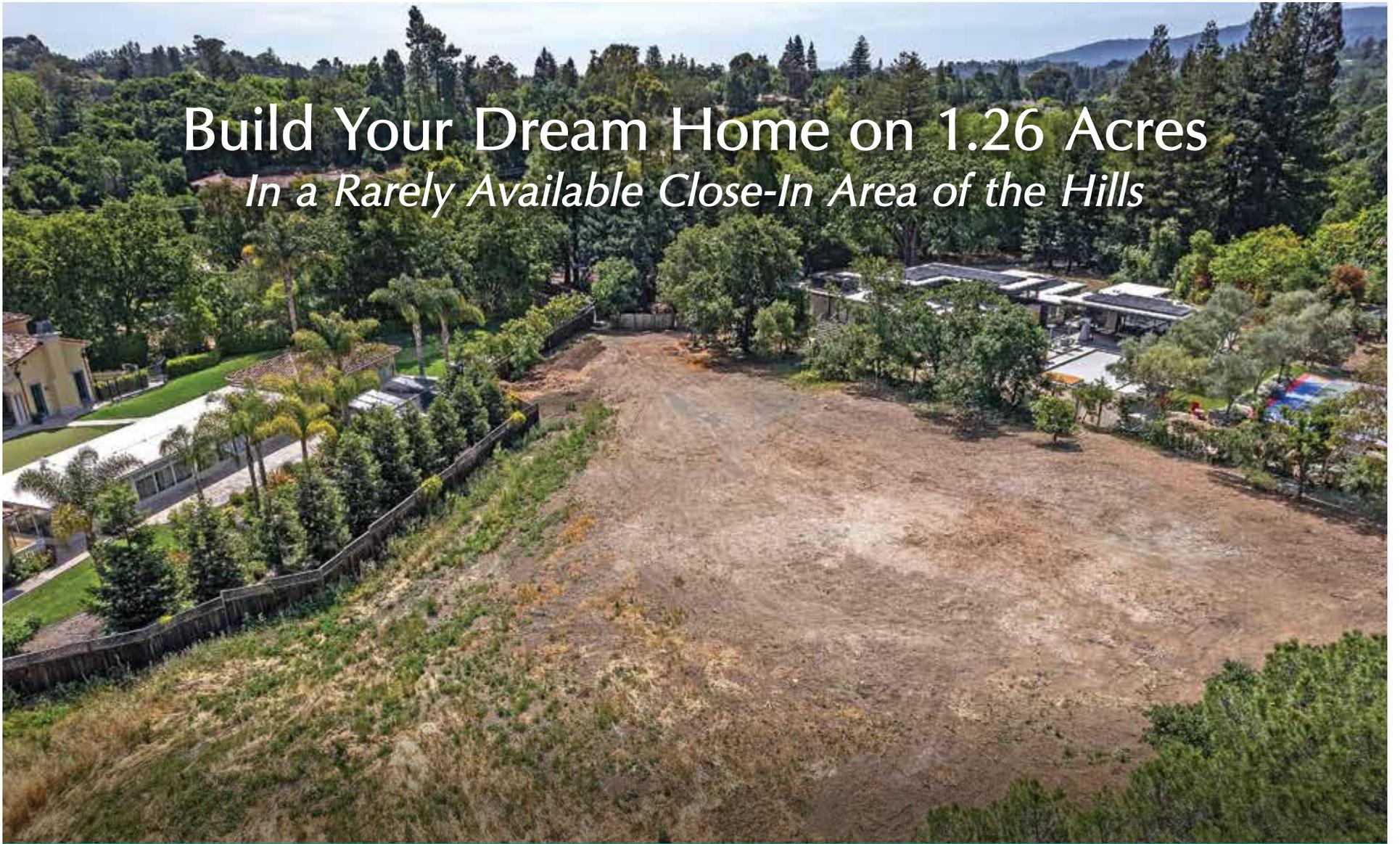
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Outstanding Opportunity on Nearly One-Half Acre

945 Carmel Court, Los Altos

- Classic ranch ready to enjoy or remodel for the future
- 4 bedrooms and 3 baths
- Approximately 1,876 square feet (not verified by Compass)
- Nearly one-half acre (approximately 17,922 square feet; not verified by Compass)
- Privately located at the end of a cul-de-sac
- Fresh updates include landscaping and reglazed bathrooms
- Wood-like luxury vinyl floors in the main living areas and carpet in the bedrooms
- Spacious living room with fireplace plus formal dining room
- Large, bright kitchen with casual dining area
- Paneled family room with fireplace opens to the rear grounds
- Privately located primary bedroom suite
- Separate bedroom wing with three bedrooms and two baths, including one with en suite bath
- Attached 2-car garage with washer, dryer, and sink
- Expansive and very private rear grounds with large patio and refreshed landscaping
- Outstanding North Los Altos neighborhood just blocks to San Antonio Center and 1.5 miles to the Village
- Excellent Los Altos schools

Price upon request
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Sought-After Townhome Living Minutes From The Village

699 Manresa Lane, Los Altos

- Gated 18-unit community just blocks to The Village
- 3 bedrooms and 3 baths on two levels with just one shared wall
- Approximately 3,408 square feet
- Sliding glass doors in almost every room open to private decks and patios
- New paint and hardwood floors throughout
- 5 signature vaulted and beamed pyramid-style ceilings with skylight
- Spacious living room with gas-log fireplace
- Beautifully updated kitchen features Craftsman-style cabinetry, granite slab counters, breakfast bar seating, and leaded glass doors to the formal dining room and foyer
- Family room with a fireplace
- Main-level bedroom currently customized for a home office
- Primary suite plus a second suite with large adjoining bonus room
- Central air conditioning and attached 2-car garage with EV charging
- Community pool and open space
- Top-rated Los Altos schools

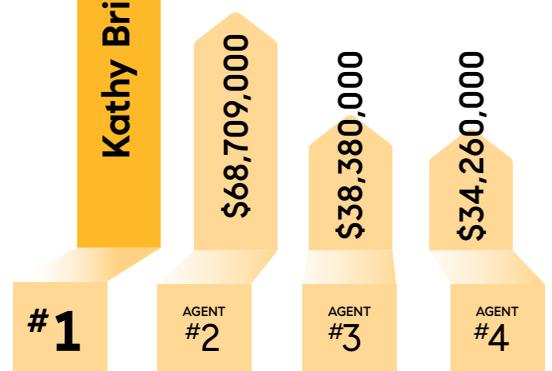
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LOS ALTOS

\$5,988,000 | 5 Bd | 3.5 Bth
1320Oakhurst.com



176 ENCINAL AVENUE
ATHERTON

\$21,888,000 | 8 Bd | 10.5 Bth
176Encinal.com



26270 PURISSIMA ROAD
LOS ALTOS HILLS

\$9,988,000 | 5 Bd | 5.5 Bth
26270Purissima.com



128 CORNELL ROAD
MENLO PARK

\$3,988,000 | 3 Bd | 2.5 Bth
128Cornell.com



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\$3,240,000 | Triplex
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721 14TH AVENUE
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835LaHonda.com



695 N CALIFORNIA AVE
PALO ALTO

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8 REYNA PLACE
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\$8,988,000 | 4 Bd | 7 Bth
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1932 EMERSON STREET
PALO ALTO

\$10,500,000 | 6 Bd | 6 Bth
1932EmersonStreet.com



590 MILITARY WAY
PALO ALTO

\$4,988,000 | 4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
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II. The Right to Legal and Tax Guidance

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III. The Right to Industry-Leading Marketing

DeLeon sellers will receive more marketing and better marketing than any other comparable property on the market (excluding other DeLeon listings).

IV. The Right to Maximum Exposure

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V. The Right to Print and Digital Visibility

Your home will appear in at least one newspaper advertisement every week it's on the market and will include a custom video, 3D tour, and professional photography, all featured on a dedicated micro website specific to your home.

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VIII. The Right to Covered Inspections

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IX. The Right to Flexibility

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X. The Right to a Team That Works for You

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1320 OAKHURST AVENUE LOS ALTOS



ELEGANT LIVING ON NEARLY 1/3-ACRE

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- New rules that impact buyers
- Opportunities to increase listing exposure and sales prices
- Why buyers actively prefer DeLeon listings over other brokerages

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- How the DeLeon business model fits so well in this new real estate market

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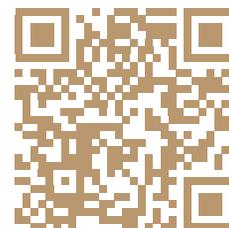
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Tucked away on more than a quarter acre of land near the Los Altos border, this classic home pairs timeless curb appeal with thoughtfully refreshed interiors and a wonderfully versatile layout. Refinished hardwood floors, new carpet, and abundant natural light create a warm and inviting atmosphere across two spacious levels. The main living areas are ideal for both relaxing and entertaining, with large formal rooms, two cozy fireplaces, and a granite-appointed kitchen that flows into a casual breakfast area and walk-out family room. Five bedrooms offer flexibility for a variety of needs, including a comfortable primary suite and a privately situated guest suite perfect for visitors or extended family. Outside, a generous deck shaded by mature trees offers a quiet spot to unwind amid lush surroundings. All of this in a prime location just minutes from downtown Los Altos and The Village at San Antonio Center, with top-ranked Fletcher Middle and Gunn High School a short walk away.

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51179.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Los Altos Hills City Council has introduced, on May 15, 2025, and proposes to adopt, on June 18, 2025, an Ordinance of the Town of Los Altos Hills to Designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones Pursuant to Government Code Section 51179. Specifically, if adopted, the Ordinance would adopt a map entitled "Town of Los Altos Hills Fire Hazard Severity Zones" to specify that properties in the Town of Los Altos Hills in Fire Hazard Severity Zones of medium, high, and very high based on CAL FIRE recommendations with local amendments to the maps and findings based on substantial evidence for those properties increased to a very high fire hazard severity zone in accordance with the Government Code Section 51179.

Said map is located electronically on the following website: <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/640/Fire-Hazard-Severity-Zone-Maps>.

The fire hazard severity zones would then require the town and property owners to respond to regulations related to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act), the Subdivision Map Act, the General Plan Safety Element, State Fire Safe Regulations, Sales Disclosures, Home Hardening, and Defensible Space based on the fire hazard severity zone designation.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Ordinance would have a significant effect on the environment since they do not create any land uses, approve any development projects, issue any entitlements, or make any physical changes to the environment, but are regulatory actions taken to implement state law requirements only.

Additionally, this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 as the Town is required by and authorized under Government Code Section 51175 et seq. to take this action to designate fire hazard severity zones, which would either require or encourage/facilitate fire prevention and mitigation measures to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment by reducing wildfire and structural fire risks. As such, this ordinance is a regulatory action involving procedures for environmental protections.

This Ordinance Summary was prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 36933. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Town's City Clerk's Office at 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA, or on the Town's website at www.losaltoshills.ca.gov.

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, ARIKA BIRDSONG-MILLER, City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, CERTIFY that on the 4th day of June, 2025, at least five days prior

to the City Council meeting set for the 18th day of June, 2025, when this Ordinance was scheduled for adoption (1) the Summary was published and circulated in the Town, and (2) a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance was posted in my office, all in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

/s/Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk
June 4, 2025
(06-04-25)

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CARETAKER HOUSE DEMOLITION PROJECT NUMBER CF-01049

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 generally includes abatement of lead and asbestos materials, demolition and removal of the Caretaker House, capping of associated utilities, and returning the footprint to a natural state.

2. Location of Work: 482 University Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022

3. Contract Documents: Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications may be obtained from the CIP Manager at 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of \$50 or visit City website to download the PDF file(s) (<http://bids.losaltosca.gov>). Copies may also be inspected at the Los Altos Community Center. 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 Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk will be held at the **corner of Adobe Creek Way and University Avenue on June 25, 2025 at 10:00am**. Each and every Bidder should attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk. Prospective Bidders may not visit the Project Site without making arrangements through the CIP Manager. Bids will not be accepted from any Bidder who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk.

6. Contractor's License: The Contractor is required to have a C-21 Demolition Contractor license for this work as well as a HAZMAT Certification. 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: Bids must be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or a Bid Bond in favor of the City in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening: Said sealed bids shall be delivered to the CIP Manager of said City on or before

July 09, 2025; 2:00pm

at City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date.

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 Base 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 recomputed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bid-

der. 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 **Thirty (30) 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 and directed to the CIP Manager, City of Los Altos, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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

Dated: **June 04, 2025**

/s/ Scott Reeves
CIP Manager
(06-04,11-25)

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TWOMAIDS OF CUPERTINO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716158

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) TWOMAIDS OF CUPERTINO, (2) TWOMAIDS OF PALO ALTO, 1084 S De Anza Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95129, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ghaderi Family LLC, 1255 Dorchester Ln, San Jose, CA 95118. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Amir Ghaderi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/12/2025. (06-04,11,18,25-25)

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LUVLI-UGLI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716203

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LUVLI-UGLI, 406 Sierra Avenue, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lisa Toni Hyndman, 406 Sierra Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/11/2025. /S/ Lisa Hyndman /

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/13/2025. (06-04,11,18,25-25)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE No. 25-3311-SCL

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 28, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 18, 2025 at 10:00 am, at the gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, Ca. 95113, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 27920 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, Ca. 94022 APN: 351-01-044 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding in a foreclosure sale under a lien secured by the property, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (408) 374-7204 or visit www.foreclosureco.com or www.nationwideposting.com and check Trustee's Sale #25-3311-SCL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the

trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (408) 374-7204 or visit www.foreclosureco.com or www.nationwideposting.com and check Trustee's Sale #25-3311-SCL to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jean Warren Gillon, as Trustee of the Jean Gillon Revocable Trust U.A.D. December 30, 2006, as Trustor, Recorded on November 4, 2022 as Instrument Number 25396507 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$408,293.59. To verify the opening bid call (408) 374-7204, before the sale date. The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060 Date: May 20, 2025 By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose; whether that information is obtained verbally or in writing. NPP0474701 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 05/28/2025, 06/04/2025, 06/11/2025 (05-28-25,06-04,11-25)

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR

Lower Arena Improvements at Westwind Community Barn Project

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received by the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside **"Bid For Lower Arena Improvements at Westwind Community Barn Project"**.

2. WORK DESCRIPTION. The scope of work in this project is to remove existing wood fences, fence posts, concrete post bases, and sprinkler

3. WORKING DAYS. Work under this Contract is to be completed in **THIRTY (30)** working days. **Work shall start no earlier than August 11, 2025.**

4. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. **Class "B"** Contractor's License is required for bidders to bid on this project. A **Class "C-36"** Contractor's License is required for plumbing work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

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

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

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

8. PRE-BID MEETING. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2025** at the Town of Los Altos Hills Town Hall located at 26379 Fremont Road in the Town of Los Altos Hills. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. This meeting includes field visit to construction sites. Bidder's attendance is **optional**.

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

10. OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for inspection without charge at the office of the Public Works Depart-

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ment, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (b) Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at fifty- dollars (\$50.00) per set and are obtainable from the office of the City Engineer/Public Works Director, Town of Los Altos Hills, Public Works Department, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents. An additional charge of \$10.00 will be made for each set of Contract Documents sent by regular mail with the U.S. Postal Service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR) REQUIREMENTS. This Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, a contractor may not bid, nor be listed as a subcontractor, for any bid proposal submitted for public work on or after March 1, 2015, and contracts entered into on or after April 1, 2015, unless the contractor and its subcontractors are registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. The Bidder and its Subcontractors must be registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, subject to limited legal exceptions under Labor Code section 1771.1.

Dated: May 20, 2025

/s/Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk
(05-28-25,06-04-25)

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HW ARCHITECTURE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716380

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HW ARCHITECTURE, 205 Rayos Del Sol Dr, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hao Wang, 205 Rayos Del Sol Dr, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/19/2025. /S/ Hao Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/19/2025. (05-28-25,06-04,11,18-25)

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T.S. No.: 19-2961 Loan No.: *****6943 APN: 124-13-054 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/17/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JUDITH S. DECKER AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/25/2016 as Instrument No. 23475869 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale : 6/18/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale : At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$951,375.51 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1851 BRYANT ST PALO ALTO California 94301-3710 A . P . N . : 124 - 13 - 054 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate

the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Website <https://prestige-postandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 19-2961. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website <https://prestige-postandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 19-2961 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: 5/16/2025
Prestige Default Services, LLC
1920 Old Tustin Ave.
Santa Ana, California 92705
Questions: 949-427-2010
Sale Line: (949) 776-4697
Patricia Sanchez Foreclosure Manager
PPP#25-003244
(05-28-25,06-04,11,18-25)

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Unify Center FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716358

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Unify Center, 765 Story Road, Ste 200, San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County. The business is owned

by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lisa Lam Paterson, 1230 Montclair Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/11/2003. /S/ Lisa Patterson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/16/2025. (05-28-25,06-04,11,18-25)

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JAG TAX PREPARATION & BOOKKEEPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716229

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JAG TAX PREPARATION & BOOKKEEPING, 900 N San Antonio Red, Suite 106, 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): JAG TAX & BOOKKEEPING, INC., 900 N San Antonio Rd, Suite 106, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/01/2022. /S/ Juanita A. Gonzales / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/13/2025. (05-28-25,06-04,11,18-25)

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BBMCKEE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716332

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BBMCKEE, 419 Offenbach Place, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Beth Miller Bo, 419 Offenbach Place, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/08/2025. /S/ Beth Miller Bo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/16/2025. (05-28-25,06-04,11,18-25)

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RPG CONSTRUCTION SOLUTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716267

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RPG CONSTRUCTION SOLUTION, 2240 Barlow Ave, San Jose, CA, 95122, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rene Plancarte, 2240 Barlow Ave, San Jose, CA 95122. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Rene Plancarte / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/14/2025. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

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PANDA AUTO DETAIL LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716009

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PANDA AUTO DETAIL LLC, 301 Acalanes Dr Apt. 52, 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): PANDA AUTO DETAIL LLC, 301 Acalanes Dr Apt. 52, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/24/2024. /S/ Brayan Pena / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/06/2025. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

132-T

EL KING TIRES LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716010

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EL KING TIRES LLC, 2281 Stevens Creek Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): EL KING TIRES LLC, 2281 Stevens Creek Blvd, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/21/2025. /S/ Reynol Dominguez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/06/2025. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

131-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF CARLOS GUTIERREZ ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV465139

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

a. Carlos Gutierrez

Proposed Name:

a. Carlos Gutierrez Tagle

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 08/05/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four succes-

sive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 05/07/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

130-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SU JEN JENNY YANG ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV465657

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Su Jen Jenny Yang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name:

a. Su Jen Jenny Yang

Proposed Name:

a. Su Jen Jenny Chang

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 08/12/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 05/13/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

129-T

HAIR X DIANA NICOLE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716078

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HAIR X DIANA NICOLE, 420 Toyon Avenue, 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): Diana Nicole Stallings, PO Box 32703, San Jose, CA 95152. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/01/2019. /S/ Diana Stallings / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/07/2025. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

128-T

Public Notices

DensityAI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN716179

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DensityAI, 2570 W El Camino Real, Suite 410, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Density AI, Inc., 2570 W El Camino Real, Suite 410, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Robert Hood / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/12/2025. (05-21,28-25,06-04,11-25)

127-T

Osmena Pearl
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715805

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Osmena Pearl, 197 1st St, 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): Jennifer Yvonne Ruiz, 197 1st St, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/28/2015. /S/ Jennifer Yvonne Ruiz / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/29/2025. (05-14,21,28-25,06-04-25)

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WEAR BLUE TREE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715972

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) WEAR BLUE TREE, (2) AOKI DESIGN, 3628 Mona Way, 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): Wes Aoki, 3628 Mona Way, San Jose, CA 95130. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2025. /S/ Wes Aoki / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/05/2025. (05-14,21,28-25,06-04-25)

123-T

Slon Exterior Care
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715814

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Slon Exterior Care, 1931 Old Middlefield Way, Suite 216, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Slon, Inc., 1931 Old Middlefield Way, Suite 216, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) list-

ed above on: 01/04/2025. /S/ Ivan Nikolaev / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/29/2025. (05-14,21,28-25,06-04-25)

122-T

San Jose Endodontics
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN715961

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: San Jose Endodontics, 1680 Westwood Dr. Ste D, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): David Chow DDS APC, 1680 Westwood Dr. Ste D, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2024. /S/ David Chow / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/02/2025. (05-14,21,28-25,06-04-25)

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is usually all it costs to publish your Fictitious Business Name in the Los Altos Town Crier

Email
legals@latc.com
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Crossword Answers

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Sudoku Answers

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Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to bruceb@latc.com 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; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Art With Drawn-2Art**, 6:30 p.m. June 11. Join local Drawn2Art instructors as they walk participants through a step-by-step drawing of a chess piece, focusing on how to draw ellipses. Program is designed for adults and teens. **Sound Bath Meditation**, 7 p.m. June 18. Experience the melodies and tones of world instruments such as singing bowls, gongs, flutes, rattles and drums. **Wednesday Travel Nights: Death Valley Hot Spots**, 7 p.m. June 25. Join presenter John Trudeau for a photographic tour of the "hot spots" in Death Valley. Highlights include a visit to Furnace Creek, site of the hottest-ever recorded temperature on Earth, Dante's View. **No Fuss Meal Prep**, 4 p.m. June 29. A guest chef will offer practical solutions for busy individuals and families. Discover the joy of having delicious, ready-to-eat meals at your fingertips. **Indian Dance Performance by Pagrav Dance Studio**, 1 p.m. June 29. Live Indian music and dance performance by Pagrav Dance Studio, led by Purvi Jejurkar. Programs are free and open to the public, except where indicated. No registration necessary. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. 650-948-7683. Information: scld.org.

The Commonwealth Club-World Affairs has scheduled a talk with Oliveseed founder Barb Mackraz, 7 p.m. today (June 4), Los Altos Main Library. Mackraz started a nonprofit in Palo Alto that grew into a grassroots initiative in rural Kenya and Morocco transforming thousands of lives. The organization has blossomed to dozens of library and literacy projects in disadvantaged settings; a Women's Work Center with Maasai women earning an income for the first time in their lives; safe water facilities, addressing the greatest daily challenge many families face. With individual stories, especially from youth, Mackraz will discuss how even small changes well placed can make deep, lasting impact. The program is free to attend, and pre-registration is not required. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Seating capacity is limited to 100, so arrive early to ensure a seat. For more information, visit commonwealthclub.org/peninsula-chapter.

Book launch honoring the legacy of Los Altos poet Irene Adler, 5-6:30 p.m. June 8. Featured is the posthumous release of *Bone Flute: A Woman Speaks* by Irene Adler. Event, hosted by Paloma Press and Poetry Los Altos, is remote. Zoom link will be provided in a reminder email before the event starts. Event is free. Registration and information: bit.ly/4jLTmKn.

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 of the details are on awalt75.com. For more 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 and 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, jenssylvania@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.

HP Retired Employees Club. Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Activities include luncheons, trips (local, regional and foreign), volunteer work and more. Information: (408) 867-5086, hp.com/retiree.

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 5 and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. Information: (650) 917-9914, lasmadres.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

SUSAN GRAHAM



June 19, 1941 – May 11, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Susan Graham died at home on May 11, 2025. She was born in Washington DC and spent most of her early childhood in Scarsdale, NY. Later, her family moved to Mexico City, where she graduated from the American High School in 1959. She then attended Mills College in Oakland where she met her future husband Kim Graham early in her junior year. Sue graduated in 1963 and immediately took a position with Pacific Bell in San Francisco. She and Kim were married a week after he graduated from Stanford in June 1964. The couple then moved to Oregon, where their son Garrett was born, then to Pennsylvania, where their second son, Marc, was born. In 1974 the family moved back to California where Sue spent the rest of her life.

Sue worked for different components of the phone company until she retired from Pacific Bell in 1992. After spending the next year working around the house to fix, replace, and update all the little things that had been neglected for many years, the novelty of retirement wore off and Sue began to get involved in community service. She got her chance with a campaign to pass a bond measure to renovate the buildings at the local high schools. After the bond measure passed, Sue decided to run for the school board of the Mountain View/ Los Altos High School District. After she was elected, she served two

terms as a highly respected board member. This experience solidified her passion for helping out in the community, and to learn more she took the Leadership Mountain View class and then participated for two years on the council for LMV. During this time she also served on the board of the Community Health Awareness council.

In 2005, Sue joined the League of Women Voters and served as Secretary, Membership Chair, VP-Program, and President of the Los Altos-Mountain View area chapter. Sue joined the LWV because it is an organization that explores issues thoroughly and shares the information with the community. She particularly enjoyed encouraging and mentoring new members. Sue continued to engage with the League until just days before her death, always happy to connect with the wonderful women and men she had met.

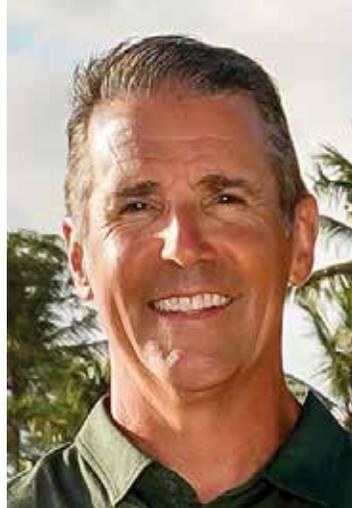
Life was not all work and volunteering - both Sue and Kim had developed the travel bug early on and ended up seeing a good portion of the world, often accompanied by family or friends. They particularly enjoyed Italy, where Marc and his family are living. Italy was both a destination and a starting point for many trips to locations far from California.

Sue and her husband have lived in Mountain View for almost 50 years and she has always retained her love for the city, greatly appreciating the beautiful parks and nearby hills, the friendly and knowledgeable city staff, all the resources available for maintaining a good life, and the many wonderful people who live and work here.

Sue was a kind and well-loved woman who is already greatly missed by members of her immediate and extended family, along with many friends and fellow volunteers. The best tribute to Sue's memory would be to volunteer with a good organization that provides education and information. Otherwise, in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory would be appreciated by the League of Women Voters, KQED, or Opera San Jose.



DANIEL JAMES FLAHAVAN



March 23, 1969 – April 13, 2025

Dan Flahavan, beloved husband of Christy and father of Haley and Tenley, passed away on April 13th at the age of 56. Dan lived a life marked by purpose, passion and deep connection with those around him. His warm presence and magical laugh illuminated every space he entered.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Dan's passion for helping others was evident in all facets of his life. Dan took tremendous pride in his 32-year career as an Athletic Director and physical education teacher at Corte Madera School in Portola Valley. Dan was constantly developing his program to inspire a love of movement in all students. He taught with intention and a strong belief in the importance of a positive attitude, growth mindset, teamwork and humor. To enrich his teaching career, Dan established Panthers Camp in 1995, with the mission of "building confident movers who inspire others". Dan found tremendous joy at Panthers Camp because it allowed him to combine his favorite things - mentoring students and being with his family.

Working alongside Dan at camp was the highlight of summer for his wife and daughters. Dan's leadership extended beyond the classroom as a courageous advocate for fellow teachers. Dan demonstrated sincerity and tenacity as the head of the PVSD teachers bargaining team, most recently establishing Portola Valley School District as a leader in fair compensation for teachers. He led with an unwavering vision of world class education for all students.

Dan brought enthusiasm, integrity and a competitive spirit to every team he coached, not just at work but also for his daughters. He was their greatest fan and built his schedule around them - rarely missing an opportunity to coach or cheer them on in any endeavor. Off the field, he could be found playing tennis, cycling, running in the foothills, and cheering for the Oregon Ducks. His steadfast faith in God shaped his life and relationships and he absolutely loved the life he built with his family.

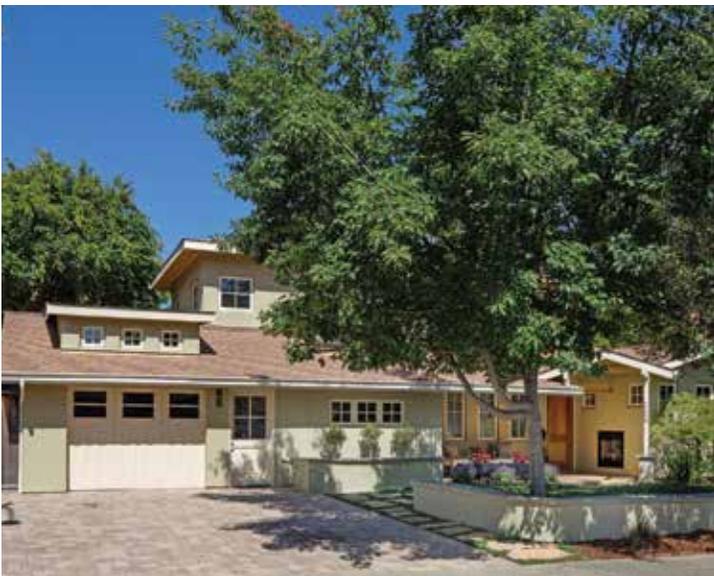
Dan was deeply loved by his family, dear friends and colleagues. He is survived by his wife, Christy and their daughters, Haley and Tenley, who were the center of his world. He is also survived by his mother Rose; brother Tom (wife, Donnie); sister Carolyn Schlaefter (husband, Mike), nephew Daniel; sister-in-law Jennifer, nephews Michael and Kevin; mother-in-law Nancy Brown; brother-in-law Dan Brown (wife, Noel), and nieces Kennedy, Campbell, and Piper. Dan was preceded in death by his father, Tom, brother, John, sister Julie, and father-in-law, Hal. Dan's life will be honored and celebrated on June 20th, 1:30 pm at Menlo Church, 950 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park.



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