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Lots of fun along the pathways run



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Runners take off from Westwind Community Barn on Saturday to compete in the 23rd annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk. Many in the crowded field of runners were in good spirits, flashing smiles, at top, or giving a thumbs-up, above right. The event featured 5K and 10K races, and a “fun” 1-mile run.

Mtn. View council sets eyes on foot traffic as downtown vacancies wane

By Christina Casillas
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Downtown Mountain View vacancies are down compared to this time last year – albeit by a percentage or two – but the trend is positive as downtown business inches closer to pre-pandemic levels.

In the city’s first quarter of this year, 23% of office and 6.8% of retail space was vacant in downtown Mountain View, the area bordered by Evelyn Avenue, El Camino Real, Hope Street and Franklin Street, according to Lenka Wright, Mountain View spokeswoman.

The data, provided by commercial real estate data source CoStar, is less than what was reported in the first quarter of 2024. During the first quarter of 2024, 25% of office and 8.5% of retail space was vacant.

While the numbers point to a positive outlook, Peter Katz, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, said there are hurdles to bring vacancy rates down in and around downtown Mountain View.

“Downtown is a historical district, so there are additional requirements and fees,” Katz stated in an email. “There are spaces in need of renovations and upgrades, which can be costly. There are internal spaces that were designed many, many years ago and are not sized for modern use – either too small or too big.”

Wright added that many of the spaces aren’t feasible locations for modern purposes, and some of the buildings are “physically obsolete” and don’t meet current retail needs.

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Pet parade set for this Saturday

The 78th annual Los Altos Kiwanis Club Pet Parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday (May 17) along Main and State streets in downtown Los Altos. The annual event has traditionally featured pets and their human partners, along with school groups and musical performances. Parade registration is closed. For more information visit info@losaltoskiwanis.org.



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(Not so) Around Town

U.S. Reps address concerns at town hall

Social Security, veterans services, public health and education programs were just some of the topics that were discussed by two Bay Area congressmen at a Saturday (May 10) town hall for concerned citizens. The twist is that the two Democratic members of the House of Representatives, Sam Liccardo, from Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, and Jared Huffman of the North Bay, were not talking to their constituents.

The town hall took place at a local high school in Roseville, about 30 minutes northeast of Sacramento. More than 500 people from the 3rd Congressional District turned out to hear the duo after their representative, Republican Kevin Kiley, refused to hold any local town halls in the district.

Liccardo and Huffman both stressed to the crowd to keep speaking out about concerns they have for maintaining current programs like Social Security and veterans resources administered through the Veterans Administration.

Liccardo says he has seen polls showing most Americans feel part of the problem is getting



HOWARD BISCHOFF/TOWN CRIER

U.S. Congressmen Sam Liccardo, left, and Jared Huffman participate in a town hall Saturday.

money out of politics. He is trying to get legislation to combat that.

He is hopeful that as President Trump's numbers continue to decline, "perhaps we will see more courage, and stronger spines grow on the other side."

— Howard Bischoff

Clarification

Regarding the April 23 Morning Forum of Los Altos story ("Intrepid explorer takes Morning Forum audience up the Amazon"): Andres Ruza is not just a "self-described" geothermal scientist, communicator and educator but a National Geographic geothermal scientist and speaker. Some readers may have felt that "self-described" implied that Ruza is an amateur; he is not.



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COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Los Altos police seized methamphetamine and other controlled substances, along with cash amounting to \$2,900.

Police seize drugs, cash at traffic stop

By Christina Casillas
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Los Altos police arrested a San Jose man the morning of May 2 after a traffic stop for multiple vehicle equipment violations revealed a felony warrant, a “large quantity” of drugs and other incriminating evidence in the vehicle.

Los Altos police pulled over the motorist at 2:01 a.m. for health and safety code violations related to his vehicle, according to the May 2 Los Altos Police log. Police discovered the 48-year-old motorist had an active felony warrant issued by the San Jose Police Department, according to a post on the Los Altos Police Department’s Facebook page.

In a subsequent search of the man’s vehicle, officers found methamphetamine and other controlled substances, cash amounting to \$2,900 and a cellphone and notebook with phone numbers.

In addition to the outstanding felony warrant, the man was arrested without incident for possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell. He was then booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail, according to the Facebook page post.

Council encourages flexibility with downtown park

By Bruce Barton
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City of Los Altos-funded consultants are underway preparing a community engagement process aimed at transforming downtown parking plazas into a public park.

Residents can expect outreach from park designers MIG (Moore Iacofano Goltsman) and architects Watry Design, Inc. as they pursue a redevelopment of plazas 1 and 2, located between First and Third streets, and Main Street and San Antonio Road.

The outreach will include everything from surveys to workshops and social media. The idea is to use the input to develop three concept alternatives before working with the city on a final design that would be permitted and sent out to bid.

Los Altos City Council meetings at an April 22 study session were encouraging the planners to “be daring,” as Councilmember Larry Lang said, as well as flexible. Mayor Pete Dailey noted there were downtown projects – such as the conversion of



CONSULTANT ILLUSTRATIONS FROM CONSULTANT AT APRIL 22 LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Preliminary illustrations from a consultant show a full or partial use of plazas 1 and 2. One key component is whether a planned performing arts center comes to fruition.

parking plazas 7 and 8 to affordable housing – that were more definite than “aspirational” plans for a performing arts center on parking plaza 1 – a project yet to see major funding.

According to plans from the April 22 presentation, the first part of the process involves creating marketing materials, a website, preparing a list of outreach contacts and a questionnaire for initial engagement focus groups. Then comes discussion of ideas, overall character and components of the park. Following that are focus groups and appearing at events like

First Fridays to get feedback. There also will be “open house” workshops.

By November, consultants hope to have developed three concept options, and then go to the community for preferences. Along the way, updates will be given to council, which will also have opportunities to give further direction. By no later than February 2026, a proposed final plan will emerge for further feedback. Once the plan is approved, there are two design phases, followed by permitting and sending out to bid for construction.

The process also will include a site survey, geotechnical report (borings and soil sampling), noise and traffic studies, environmental report and cost estimation.

Some council members offered initial feedback.

Lang said he would like outdoor space whose uses could change with the seasons.

“I’m particularly interested in how you’re going to get feedback from our younger residents,” added Dailey. “They love our downtown but they and all of their friends go to

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Cal Water begins water supply upgrades in downtown

Town Crier Staff Report

California Water Service (Cal Water) began a water infrastructure upgrade this week in downtown Los Altos that will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in the area.

The upgrade includes replacing more than 7,060 feet of aging water main, along with replacing and installing additional fire hydrants and valves.

“We continually modernize and upgrade our water system because providing safe, clean, reliable drinking water to our customers is our top priority,” said Dawn Smithson, Los Altos suburban district manager. “This is an important project for our downtown area, and we appreciate everyone’s patience during construction, as we continue our partnership with the city of Los Altos to make water system improvements that will benefit our community for decades to come.”



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Cal Water crews replace piping last week along Main Street in downtown Los Altos.

Work will be completed in two phases:

- Phase one includes construction on Plaza Central, from Third Street to State Street, then going down State Street to Main Street, and back up Main Street to Third Street. Crews will also install main on Third Street, from Plaza North

to Plaza South.

- Phase two, the remainder of Plaza Central, from Third Street to First Street, will be completed.

Work will continue along all of Plaza North, from First Street to Edith Avenue, and then down Edith to San Antonio Road.

Construction is expected to take two months for phase one and three months for phase two.

After each phase, Cal Water must flush the water lines and test water quality samples. Traffic control will be in place to help keep motorists and workers safe, and to reduce potential traffic impacts when partial lane closures are needed.

While some parking spaces may be unavailable during construction, all businesses in the immediate area will remain accessible, officials said.

For more information, contact the Cal Water office at (650) 917-0152 or visit calwater.com.

California Water Service provides water utility services to 70,100 people through 18,500 service connections in Los Altos, and more than 2 million people statewide through 499,400 service connections.

News

EXHIBIT 19. RETAIL VACANCY RATE, MOUNTAIN VIEW AND DOWNTOWN, 2006-2023



GRAPHIC FROM THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The above graphic shows the current gap between retail vacancies in downtown Mountain View and the rest of the city.

TRAFFIC

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Other issues relate to property owners' marketing pitfalls and elusivity.

"... These include absentee and difficult to contact property owners (and) property owners not actively marketing their available spaces," she stated in an email. "... These varied reasons require unique approaches from the city, which the city is pursuing individually and with partners in the community."

One such approach is the city's Pedestrian Mall Vacant Storefront Activation Program, which Mountain View City Council members slated for the council work plan for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 during an April 22 city council meeting. The work plan is set to be finalized at the June 24 city council meeting.

The \$300,000 activation program will "develop and implement vacant storefront display and pop-up program guidelines including both requirements and incentives for storefront maintenance and aesthetics," according to city staff evaluation of the work plan project.

City staff identified the program as meeting the city's Economic Vitality Strategy by its potential for decreasing retail and business space vacancies, reinvigorating downtown and its attraction for dining, shopping and entertainment, establishing commercial hubs and community-gathering spaces and encouraging business and entrepreneurship.

Katz said that while there is no "silver bullet" to solving downtown vacancies or increasing visitor numbers to

downtown Mountain View and the Castro Pedestrian Mall, which includes pedestrian-only areas of Castro Street between the east leg of West Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street, Villa and West Dana streets, and West Dana and California streets, downtown businesses are overall welcomed to the city's long-and short-term projects.

"The chamber works very closely with the city and collaborates often on matters concerning downtown – be it sustaining and supporting existing business, or making new investment more inviting," Katz said. "We frequently share strategies and jointly execute initiatives that involve event planning, regulatory reform, marketing, information dissemination, training and tools."

The chamber also meets with the city's economic development team weekly, in addition to serving on the city's Downtown Advisory Council, he said.

Currently, events are the most effective way to increase downtown foot traffic, Wright said. This includes the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival, concerts on the plaza and the Multicultural Festival.

When it comes to such bigger events, Katz said the collaboration between the city and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce is beneficial for both parties.

"For the past several years, the chamber has worked very closely with our businesses to ensure they are an integrated part of the event," he said. "Whereas 10 years ago some closed their doors during (the Art and Wine Festival) because they weren't getting enough

traffic. Now they are staying open with promotions, way-finding and awareness campaigns directly supported by the chamber and are seeing more new customers come in."

Beautification initiatives, like the Ribbons decorative treatment that began May 6, are a way city officials hope to make downtown Mountain View more vibrant and attract more visitors, Wright said.

Springtime is an especially lucrative time for downtown businesses as the weather brings more people outside, Katz said. During the weekends, he noted business is almost at pre-pandemic levels for many businesses, but during the week business continues to struggle because of a smaller lunch crowd.

Restaurants bring the most traffic downtown as they're the most numerous businesses in the area, Katz said. The lunch crowd – those who often leave their offices to grab a bite to eat at one of many restaurants in downtown Mountain View – is smaller as the surrounding office spaces remain empty since companies moved their employees to online work.

But as a whole, businesses and visitors have both voiced a desire to see more diversity in what's offered downtown, like an increase in retail. Wright said the city is exploring how it can help that desire come to fruition.

"The city's economic development staff is reaching out to brokers and property owners about the options downtown can offer as well as diversifying the types of businesses that can do well here, including retail," she said.



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Mountain View instead – and the reason they go to Mountain View is because they can park and walk and because Castro (Street) is partially closed off.”

Council members also discussed the ongoing complaints among young people that there’s “nothing to do” downtown.

“You need somebody who speaks teenager,” Dailey said.

Consultants offered solutions that included reaching out directly to schools and use of social media. One consultant noted a project in Emeryville in which direct high school outreach “dramatically changed what we were thinking out.” Issues included walking and frequency of bus service.

Maddy McBirney of the nonprofit Arts Los Altos said she hoped public art would be considered – art that is “interactive, immersive and electric and ignites fun.”

Council members also advised consultants to be prepared for scrutiny from the public that could include concerns about construction impacts and cost estimates.

Although there was initial talk about underground parking as part of the project, the indication from Dailey was that above-ground parking not associated with the park space was more likely. He encouraged working with staff “in discussion of a broader downtown context” involving parking.

“As we look at parking downtown, (the) city owns a number of assets, lots of real estate, lots of parking lots, so it is possible that the right parking solution isn’t necessarily taking part of the footprint or going subterranean under the park – it could be pillar parking a block away or two blocks away,” Dailey said. “I would just ask that that flexibility be part of the public input. The stakeholders will certainly want to weigh in on parking in Los Altos.”

Lang encouraged consultants to “be daring” in their design process.

PG&E finishing first phase of key capacity project in Los Altos residential areas

Town Crier Report

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is wrapping up the first of four phases of a major capacity project that will modernize its electric system in Los Altos – paving the way, officials said, to more affordable, reliable power and room to grow as the state electrifies.

The overall project will convert 3,944 customer services from the existing 4,160-volt distribution system to a reinforced 12,000-volt system. Upgrading the distribution system to a higher voltage will nearly triple capacity to support future building and transportation electrification.

The final work of phase one is scheduled for this week, when crews will remove pole butts and transfer communication lines along the following streets: El Monte Court, El Monte Avenue, N. El Monte Avenue, Higgins Avenue, Otis Way, Mills Avenue, Benvenue Avenue, Camellia Way, Hawthorne Court, Hawthorne Avenue, Lerida Avenue, San Luis Avenue, Paco Drive, Giralda Drive, Stardust Lane, Springer Terrace, Amador Avenue and S. Clark Avenue.

Since the start of phase one in

March 2024, PG&E crews have upgraded more than 130 overhead transformers and poles, replaced 5,000 feet of overhead powerlines and installed nearly 650 feet of underground cables.

Phase two will start in October 2025 and will include additional pole and transformer replacements, the installation of underground cables and advanced switches that will speed up power restoration. Before that can move forward, a separate project needs to be completed to lay the groundwork.

Due to the size and complex nature of these projects, some customers may experience more than one planned power outage through the duration of the work. “No Parking” signs will be placed along impacted streets at least 24 hours before work begins. Residents and businesses should prepare for minor delays when crews are working nearby. Most work will take place Monday through Friday during business hours.

All four phases are expected to wrap up by the end of 2026 – at which point system capacity would have nearly tripled. Capacity and reliability projects, like this system upgrade in Los Altos, are funded by PG&E’s General Rate Case (GRC).

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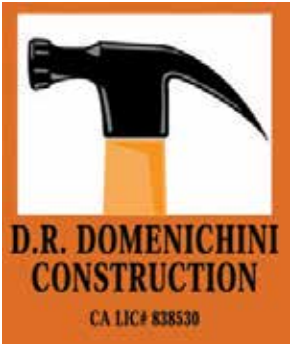
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CSA welcomes community to refurbished headquarters

Staff with the Community Services Agency held a ribboncutting event Friday to celebrate their newly renovated headquarters. The \$2.5 million project was funded by the state and federal governments, city of Mountain View and Google. CSA Executive Director Tom Myers said no money was used from its budget to fund day-to-day programs serving the unhoused and underserved. The renovations improved space efficiency for both the bottom floor, where its food program operates, right, to the top floor housing employee offices. Local leaders were among the more than 100 in attendance at the May 9 event, including Congressman Sam Liccardo, Assemblyman Marc Berman and Senator Josh Becker. Members of the Mountain View and Los Altos city councils also were present. Below left, Myers receives a proclamation from former Congressional representative Anna Eshoo. Below right, a CSA staffer chats with Los Altos Hills Councilmember George Tyson and former Town Crier owner Liz Nyberg in the agency's colorful new lobby.

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Letters to the Editor

Dog owners, obey leash laws

Both Los Altos and Los Altos Hills have laws requiring dogs to be on a leash at all times when in public spaces. These common-sense laws protect pets, wildlife and people – especially children who may not be trained on how best to approach a dog.

I understand the appeal of walking and playing with your dog without a leash, but I implore you to limit that to your own property. Your dog may be perfectly well-behaved and friendly, but please remember that not every dog you encounter will be so well-trained. For example, my dog can be nervous around other dogs. If I'm walking her, she may misunderstand a well-intentioned, friendly approach from an off-leash dog as a threat. She may bark defensively out of fear to protect herself and me, which could in turn cause the approaching dog to start barking and turn aggressive. The encounter can be easily handled if both dogs are on leash; not so easily if one is on a leash and the other is not.

This is especially a problem at Lincoln, Shoup and Redwood Parks. Dogs are often off leash there, and they will not hesitate to come up to my dog to say hello when

we walk by. "Don't worry, he's friendly," I often hear. "Yes, but my dog is nervous," I reply, leading to awkward, potentially dangerous, interactions.

Until we have a dog park in Los Altos, please remember to keep dogs in public on leash.

Peter Detkin
Los Altos Hills

Mapmakers, it's time for an update

Magdalena Avenue? Magdalena Road? Which is right? It depends on where you are.

The four-lane portion of Magdalena between the Foot-hill Expressway and 1-280 is maintained by the county. It claims the naming rights: Magdalena Avenue.

The town of Los Altos Hills was founded to preserve a rural island in a sea of development. The Los Altos Hills Town Council, in 1961, passed Resolution Number 181 changing Magdalena Avenue to Magdalena Road within Los Altos Hills effective January 1, 1962. Resolution 181 also changed many other street names (Avenue to Road, Street to Lane, etc.) to preserve what rural flavor the town had left.

Some mapmakers haven't gotten the word yet.

James F. Shively
Los Altos Hills

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Allan, John, Diane, Nancy, Joan and Debbie wait for their turn to march in the 1957 Pet Parade in downtown Los Altos. If you recognize any of these children please contact the Los Altos History Museum at research@losaltoshistory.org.

Liccardo should champion End Kidney Deaths Act

By Jeff Byron

As a longtime advocate for science-backed public policy, I urge my Congressman Sam Liccardo to cosponsor and champion the bipartisan End Kidney Deaths Act (H.R. 2687) and ensure it is included in this spring's reconciliation package. The bill represents a rare opportunity to both save lives and dramatically reduce taxpayer spending.

Two years ago, I donated a kidney to a stranger who is alive and living a normal life today. But there are too few who can afford the time off from work in retirement like me and the added expenses of doing this.

This legislation would establish a 10-year pilot program that provides refundable tax credits to Americans who donate a kidney to a stranger – helping patients who have waited the longest and face the highest risk of dying while on dialysis. At a time when more than 90,000 Americans remain on the kidney waitlist, and more than 100,000 have died waiting over the past decade, we can no longer rely on a donation system that leaves so many behind.

Other Voices

Congressman Liccardo's record of bold, data-driven leadership on housing, safety, and infrastructure shows that he understands the value of innovative policy solutions. He is well positioned to help push this legislation over the finish line. With his role on the pivotal Ways and Means Committee, he has the power to support a proposal that could save up to 100,000 lives and \$37 billion over 10 years. That's real impact for both our communities and our country.

The economics are simple. The federal government spends around \$100,000 per year per dialysis patient, adding up to \$50 billion annually, or 1% of all tax revenue. Kidney transplantation, on the other hand, is far more cost-effective and results in longer, healthier lives. But the shortage of living donors is the limiting factor. This bill aims to fix that.

I've spent most of my career advancing clean energy innovation and sustainable infrastructure. Today, I see an equally compelling opportunity to support sustainable

healthcare by encouraging life-saving generosity through smart, ethical incentives. Just as we compensate firefighters and police officers for lifesaving work, we should also support kidney donors – who voluntarily undergo surgery to save the lives of people they may never meet.

The End Kidney Deaths Act builds on a long-standing idea. The lead sponsor of the National Organ Transplant Act said in 1984 that if voluntary donation failed to meet demand, tax credits should be considered. Four decades later, it's time.

Congressman Liccardo has demonstrated the courage to lead on ambitious policies that others might shy away from. I hope he will take the same approach here by endorsing the End Kidney Deaths Act and helping to move it forward in reconciliation.

Together, we can end preventable deaths from kidney failure – and we can do it in a way that makes both moral and fiscal sense.

Byron is a Los Altos resident.



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Word on the Street – Photos by Matthew Lee-Asiong and interviews by Brandon Roth and Janavi Ramde

Where is your favorite spot to relax in Los Altos?
(Asked around downtown Los Altos)



State Street Market is the perfect spot. It's got a little bit of everything: a little bit of food, a little bit of entertainment and it is a good spot for the kids, too.

Mike Chen
Los Altos



I like going to Satura because my dog can sit with us outside in the parklet and the coffee is excellent. I go there about once a week.

Julene Jones
and her dog Jack
Los Altos



A quiet spot I like to go to is Shoup Park. I used to go there a lot as a kid and it's pretty peaceful. It has nice trees and it is right next to the Redwood Grove.

Jared Chua
Los Altos High School Senior



The Los Altos Library is somewhere me and my friends go to relax after school. It is a good place to study and we sometimes look at new books to read together.

Sandy Xu
Los Altos High School Senior



I think Boba Guys is our favorite spot. I like to go here with my daughter once a week after school. We always order the strawberry matcha latte.

Erika Riquelme and
her daughter Isabella
Los Altos



Satura has a nice atmosphere in downtown where a lot of people are walking by, but at the same time, it is quiet enough that I can do work there.

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Museum highlights history, reawakening of Chochenyo language

Town Crier Report

Los Altos History Museum will shine a light on the endangered indigenous language of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe – aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay Area – in its upcoming program, “A History of Chochenyo: A Language Reawakened,” 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21.

Leading the program is Bernadette Quiroz, language revitalization chair for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. A descendant of the tribe’s original inhabitants – many of whom were baptized at Mission San Jose in the early 19th century – Quiroz will explore the origins, meaning and revitalization efforts of the Chochenyo language.

“I’ve always been fascinated by our language,” Quiroz

said. “As a child, I wanted to learn it, but there were no resources available. It wasn’t until I was a teenager that I discovered the language revitalization effort.”

Today, there are five fluent speakers of the Chochenyo language. Quiroz, who hopes to be the sixth, is learning the language using materials compiled specifically for the Muwekma Tribal community. Rooted in the natural world, the Chochenyo language presents unique challenges as it is adapted for modern use.

“I wanted to understand more than just vocabulary,” she explained. “The words carry history, spirituality and the worldview of our people. They are so much more than words.”

As the language revitalization

chair, Quiroz develops and implements learning resources for tribal members. To date, she has created 15 online lessons, with 43 students currently enrolled in self-paced classes. Her next goal: to launch in-person instruction.

“Language is vital to our identity and shouldn’t be gatekept,” Quiroz said. “I hope attendees leave with an appreciation of the Chochenyo language, a deeper understanding of the Muwekma people, and the truth of why our language was put to sleep – and why it must now be reawakened.”

Admission is \$15 per person; free for museum members. Space is limited; advance registration is recommended at losaltoshistory.org/chochenyo.

Los Altos History Museum began in 1977 with the opening of the historic J. Gilbert Smith House, built in 1905 on 14+ acres of apricot orchards planted by Mr. Smith. In 2001, Los Altos History Museum opened the modern building next door, which houses the museum’s collections, permanent and changing exhibits, store and administrative offices. The museum and its grounds are available for rent during evenings and

weekends. Its collections are owned by the city of Los Altos and are managed by an independent nonprofit organization, whose staff and volunteers are responsible for all programs and operations.

Museum fundraiser scheduled June 14

Los Altos History Museum invites the community to celebrate in style at “A Taste of History,” its signature fundraiser and auction, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Held in the museum’s scenic garden courtyard, this new open-air experience offers an evening of casual elegance, complete with fire pits, live music by a local jazz combo, wine tastings from local wineries – including non-alcoholic options – and curated food pairings by Heirloom Catering.

The event includes both silent and live auctions, along with a special “fund-a-need” to support the museum’s educational programs, from interactive school tours to enriching adult learning experiences. Guests can bid on exclusive items donated by local businesses, all while raising a glass to education and the power



Quiroz

of community support.

“Our new signature event will showcase the summer glory of our garden while featuring the local history of one of Los Altos’ favorite things: wine!” said Executive Director Anna Toledano.

A highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Julie Bly DeVere, former interim executive director of the museum, on the history of wine in the Bay Area. For those new to the museum, docents will lead guided tours of the permanent exhibition, the J. Gilbert Smith House, the current exhibit and the Los Altos Heritage Orchard.

Tickets for “A Taste of History” are \$250 through May 16, and \$275 through May 31. All proceeds will support the museum’s operations, with a special focus on educational programs.

To purchase tickets, visit losaltoshistory.org/TasteofHistory.

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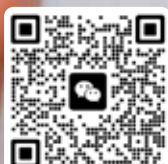
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Bike to Wherever Days rolls into Los Altos Thursday through Saturday

By Marc Sidel
Special to the Town Crier

Bike to Wherever Days come to Los Altos this Thursday, Friday and Saturday as part of Bike Month. To help inspire local residents, the city of Los Altos and the town of Los Altos Hills, along with Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos, Los Altos Village Association, GreenTown Los Altos, Los Altos Community Investments, Bicycle Outfitters and State Street Market, are teaming up to offer an energizer station by hosting the Third Annual Downtown Los Altos Bike 'n' Dine on Friday, May 16 from 5-8 p.m. Participants of all ages are invited to pedal downtown and use GreenTown's bike valet service at Veterans Community Plaza. After parking at the plaza, cyclists will receive a list of participating downtown restaurants and businesses offering discounts and freebies. "Dining in downtown Los Altos is always a treat, but it's even more fun when you arrive on two wheels," said Shannon Geary of Los Altos Community Investments. "Bike 'n' Dine is a great way to explore local restaurants, enjoy the community vibe and celebrate sustainable

transportation all at once." The first 100 residents who register at bit.ly/BnD25 and check in will receive an awesome swag bag full of goodies. The Downtown Los Altos Bike 'n' Dine is just one of many energizer stations being hosted in Santa Clara County during the May 15-17 Bike to Wherever Days. On Saturday, May 17, local residents are invited to check out the new bike lanes on El Camino Real by joining Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's El Camino Real Ride. Participants will join an organized group riding in a "Bike Bus" – a group of 50+ riders who will stick together along the route. The ride begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station and ends in Menlo Park at Santa Cruz Ave. For anyone wanting to join a Bike Bus exclusively for the Los Altos and Mountain View segment, you are invited to meet in Eagle Park at 650 Franklin St. in Mountain View between 11 and 11:30 a.m. GreenTown Los Altos is also hosting their ReCycle Bike Drive on Saturday, May 17 at Los Altos High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can take that gently used bike in your garage and give it a new life by donating it to a great cause. Donated bikes will be fixed up and given to local students in need. There are so many great ways to celebrate Bike Month and Bike to Wherever Days this weekend. Let's enjoy this beautiful May weekend together while cruising on two wheels!



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Families show off their swag bags from 2024's Bike 'n' Dine event in downtown Los Altos.

For more information on these and other events that promote and celebrate cycling during Bike Month, visit bikelosalos.com. Bike Month is organized by a coalition made up of the city of Los Altos, the town of Los Altos Hills, GreenTown Los Altos, Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos, Los Altos Village Association, and the Anne Wojcicki Foundation, with additional support from VTA Measure B funds. *Marc Sidel is with the Los Altos-based Anne Wojcicki Foundation.*

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Community Briefs

Commonwealth Club hosts talk with Oliveseed founder

The Commonwealth Club-World Affairs has scheduled a talk with Oliveseed founder Barb Mackraz beginning 7 p.m. June 4 at the Los Altos main library. Mackraz started a small nonprofit in Palo Alto that grew from its first library to a grass-roots initiative in rural Kenya and Morocco transforming thousands of lives. The organization has blossomed to dozens of library and literacy projects in disadvantaged settings, such as a Women's Work Center with Maasai women earning an income for the first time in their lives and 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.

Free admission; 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 commonwealth-club.org/peninsula-chapter.

served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. For his actions that day, Captain Manoukian was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross.

Judge Manoukian is a graduate of Los Altos High School and his son, Matt, was a graduate of St. Francis High School in Mountain View, where a scholarship now bears his name.

Union Cemetery is located at 316 Woodside Road, Redwood City, just west of El Camino Real. Parking is limited.

After the formal service, which is sponsored by American Legion Post 105 of Redwood City, all are invited to stroll the memorial park and learn more about this Civil War site of remembrance, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Viva la Musica to play Mozart in Los Altos

Mozart's Requiem is scheduled to be performed in a June 1 concert at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave.

Viva la Musica choir and orchestra perform under the baton of Shulamit Hoffmann. The quartet of soloists consists of Helene Zindarsian, soprano; Solmaaz Adeli, mezzo-soprano; Corey Head, tenor; and José Mendiola, bass. Hoffmann was formerly choir director at Los Altos United Methodist Church; Mendiola is the current director.

Mozart's Requiem is arguably the most beloved of all choral-orchestral repertoire. In part because of the movie "Amadeus," the music is recognized beyond classical music circles. The most famous part, the "Lacrymosa," was featured at this year's Oscar award ceremony.

The June 1 concert is a preview to a performance that Viva la Musica choir, including some LAUMC choristers, will give at Carnegie Hall on June 22, under Hoffmann's baton. This is the fourth appearance of the choir at Carnegie.

The Requiem, approximately 50 minutes long, will be performed without intermission. The concert starts at 3 p.m. Admission is free; donations to Viva la Musica are appreciated.

For more information, call (650) 346-5084 or visit vivalamusica.org.

'Pancakes & Paws' set for Sunday

Residents and their pets are welcome to a "Pancakes & Paws" breakfast event 10 a.m. to noon Sunday (May 18) at Rancho Shopping Center, corner of Springer Road and Foothill Expressway, Los Altos.

A \$10 donation benefits the annual Kiwanis Club of Los Altos Pet Parade. The event is hosted by the Rancho Merchants Association, Redwood Grill Los Altos, Los Altos Veterinarian Clinic, Wine & Design and the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit visitranchos.com.

Manoukian to speak on Memorial Day

Local Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Socrates Peter Manoukian, of Los Altos Hills, will be speaking on Memorial Day, May 26, at Redwood City's Union Cemetery to honor America's fallen.

Judge Manoukian is a Gold Star father whose son, Marine Raider Capt. Matthew Patrick Manoukian, was killed in action, August 10, 2012, as he



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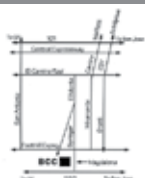
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Local art duo's work on display at Los Altos Hills Town Hall

Town Crier Report

The fine art exhibit “Rhythms and Reflections” featuring local artists Anil and Charlene Sawe will be on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall until September 2025.

Anil and Charlene Sawe are both pursuing their passion for the fine arts in their retirement years. They met almost 48 years ago in Florida, when Charlene was an educator and Anil an electrical engineer, and watching the sunrise from the beach was one of their favorite activities.

Though pursuing very different career paths, the couple always enjoyed frequent visits to museums and art galleries. After moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in the 1980s, their favorite place for weekend excursions soon became Carmel, where they could spend long days visiting the galleries and enjoy evenings by the ocean. Twenty years ago, when the

couple made the Aptos seaside their home, their art interest and activity really took off. The expansive ocean vistas were the perfect motivation for creating their own works.

Charlene enjoys creating abstract and impressionist paintings using acrylic paints. Her paintings embody fluidity and rhythmic qualities, expertly created with many diverse textural tools, and often incorporate seaside finds of shells and driftwood. Her art is an extension of movement – a visual dance of color, form and emotion. With her training in ballet and modern dance, she intuitively incorporates a sense of motion into her paintings. She loves to explore the interplay of color, texture and composition, creating pieces that evoke spontaneity, harmony and peace while radiating movement, emotion and energy.

For Anil, spending time in Aptos was a return to his roots. Growing up near the seashore in Mumbai, Anil was deeply in-



DANIELA FRIEDMANN/LOS ALTOS HILLS ART CURATOR

“Sunset Epiphany” and other works by Anil and Charlene Sawe are on display at Los Altos Hills Town Hall through September.

spired by the tropical sunsets, dramatic monsoon clouds, and the powerful energy of the turbulent seas. The vivid Monterey Bay sunsets echo the memories of his youth.

Anil has developed a distinctive style that alternates between realism and expressionism, blending techniques using both brushes and palette knives. His paintings cap-

ture the ocean's ever-changing moods at different times of the day, from serene mornings to vibrant twilight scenes. Working with oil paints, Anil excels at capturing the essence of being near or on the water, with light and reflections that bring his scenes to life.

The Sawes' retirement years are dedicated to pursuing their lifetime love of art and shar-

ing their work with Bay Area art enthusiasts. Over the years, their art has been showcased at various galleries in Carmel, Palm Desert and Capitola, various Los Altos Art Club venues, as well as at art fairs throughout the Bay Area and the coast.

For this art show, the Sawes distill their unique artistic styles and subject matter into one impactful visual celebration of color and light, urging the viewer to come closer and dive into both their expression of natural movement and exciting textures on canvas.

An artists' reception is scheduled 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Admission is free; refreshments and wine will be served.

For more information, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov or call (650) 941-7222.

For information on Anil and Charlene Sawe's art, visit sawearts.com.

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San Francisco Ballet explores human relationships via contemporary ballet

By Duanni Hurd
Special to the Town Crier

Two dramatic and distinctive productions were on stage at San Francisco Ballet in mid-April, highlighting towering figures in the arts and performing arts history: “van Manen: Dutch Grandmaster,” celebrating the legendary work of the groundbreaking choreographer; and “Broken Wings” (first piece in “Broken Love”), creating a surreal dreamy world narrating Frida Kahlo’s love and loss.

Considered one of the most important living choreographers of this time, Hans van

Arts & Culture

Manen, 92, is a revolutionary Dutch choreographer in contemporary ballet, blending classic technique with modern dance movements exemplifying power dynamics and visual impact on stage. Eschewing decorative frills and traditional narrative plots, van Manen’s distinctive choreography focuses on clarity of structure and space, clean and strong forms and precise and athletic movements set against dynamic scores from classic to contemporary compositions to showcase musicality.

Featuring four pieces from his 150 choreographies, this production showcased “Grosse Fuge,” “Variations for Two Couples,” “Solo,” and “5 Tangos,” which was a San Francisco premiere this season. First premiered at Nederland’s Dans Theater in 1971, “Grosse Fuge” feels just as modern and refreshing more than 50 years later. One of van Manen’s most famous works, it explores interpersonal relationships between men and women via group and duet dance movements to depict tensions and conflicts and eventual intimacy and connections. Set to Beethoven’s Grosse Fuge, Op. 133 and Cavatina, Op. 130, the music not only frames the choreography but also the emotional underpinning of the work. The minimalist set and costume design was groundbreaking for its time with a completely white stage, neon lights, women in white leotards and bare-chested men in black skirts. Men and women first danced on their own, then together. The dynamics culminated in men removing their skirts, revealing only belts and shorts with women holding onto their buckles and sliding across the floor in a breathtaking flow. Gender roles, sexuality

and erotic dynamics were fully explored in “a dramatic ballet without a story.”

Performed during the same week, “Broken Love” featured two heartbreaking love stories. My favorite was “Broken Wings” by Columbian-Belgian choreographer Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, which was commissioned by artistic director Tamara Rojo for English National Ballet in 2015 and had its North American premiere at San Francisco Ballet in 2024. The Mexican ballad “La Llorona” was performed live by Geo Meneses and Los Macorinos. Costume design stood out in this production, highlighting the vibrant art world and Mexican heritage. Inspired by her bigger than life artistic journey, the production featured Frida Kahlo’s self-portraits parading on stage with 10 male dancers in color-saturated traditional dresses and matching head-dresses and a female deer based on Kahlo’s self-portrait “The Wounded Deer.” Diego Rivera was included in the narrative – a rather subdued presence dressed in a plain jacket and pantsuit. Rather interesting were black-clad skeletons in contrasting tight bodysuits with white strips, white head and black hollow eyes, appearing as spectators at various times of the narration, symbolizing darkness, pain and death.

The two productions could not be more distinctive in narrative styles, costume and stage designs and music settings, but both explored human relationships and gender dynamics through the innovative languages of contemporary ballet – two triumphs of the second season under artistic director Tamara Rojo at San Francisco Ballet.

Duanni Hurd is a Town Crier columnist covering arts, culture and lifestyle. Find her coverage of arts and performing arts on Instagram @duannihurd9.



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Dores André and Fernando Carratalá Coloma perform in van Manen’s “Grosse Fuge” by San Francisco Ballet. The ballet has recently announced its 2025-26 season. For more information, visit sfballet.org.

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Los Altos cellist to raise funds for Myanmar earthquake victims

Town Crier Report

Cellist Sarah Hong of Los Altos is scheduled to perform works from Russian composers in two chamber music concerts, June 20 in Palo Alto and June 22 in San Francisco.

The concerts have Hong teaming with pianist Makiko Ooka and violinist Fumico Ando performing pieces from Rachmaninoff, Myaskovsky and Arensky.

The first concert, set for 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, in Palo Alto, is a benefit for Phos, Hong's humanitarian project. All donations from the concert will go toward ministry to children in earthquake-affected Myanmar. The second concert is scheduled 4 p.m. June 22 at Old First Church in San Francisco.

Hong and longtime collaborator Ooka have been performing since 2000 as a duo, "Le Due Muse." Celebrating their 25th anniversary this year, they have performances planned this summer in the United States, Japan and South Korea.

Acclaimed by music critics as a "free, warm and very expressive" performer, cellist Hong was born in Seoul, Korea. She began studying cello at age 6 and was selected as the most promising young cellist in the nation at age 16, her performance broadcast nationwide by KBS. She made her New York debut at Carnegie



Hong

Hall as a winner of Artists International.

As a soloist, Hong won numerous competitions, including the grand prize from the International Young Artists Peninsula Music Competition, the International Sorantin Young Artist Award and the first prize award from the Jennings Butterfield Young Artist Competition.

Hong balances a busy career as a soloist, collaborative artist and teacher. In addition to Le Due Muse, she performs with the San Francisco Cello Quartet and Ensemble Ari. She started the Phos Benefit Concert Series in Palo Alto to help support various nonprofit organizations serving children in underdeveloped countries in 2014.

For more information, visit cellistsarahhong.com.

Save The Date

• Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market, 4-8 p.m. every Thursday along State Street, beginning May 1. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.

• Silicon Valley Open Studios, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 17-18, various locations around Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Information: svos.org.

• Kiwanis Club of Los Altos Pet Parade, 10 a.m. May 17, downtown Los Altos. Registration: losaltoskiwanis.org.

• 46th Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 12 and 13, downtown Los Altos. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.

• Rotary Club of Los Altos' 50th Fine Art in the Park, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Aug. 9 and 10, Lincoln Park, Los Altos. Information: rotaryartshow.com.

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Stepping Out Lost within the colors of the sky and sea



COURTESY OF CECILIA MASES

Above is Cecilia Mases' piece "Gilded Grove." Gallery 9 is showcasing Mases, a Sunnyvale artist's, work in "Over Land and Sea." This showcase explores Mases' interest in clouds and how they vary in shape and color depending on environment and location.

By Brandon Roth

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Our perception of our environment changes wherever we go. We have an attachment to our places of birth, our adopted homes and our travels and any little friendly reminder gives us a sense of peace.

Cecilia Mases, a Sunnyvale resident and artist in residence at Gallery 9, is showcasing her work through June 1 in "Over Land and Sea." This showcase is about comparing landscapes and subtle differences you can see just by looking up in the sky. Mases, who is originally from Stockholm, Sweden and has lived in the United States since 2007, said clouds are her biggest inspiration. She said the sky connects everyone and no matter where she goes around the world, it makes her a little less homesick.

"In the fall, I was painting and thinking a lot about where my photos were taken and how the skies look different in places around the world," she said. "Two of the paintings are from one photo from the Caribbean, lots of the paintings are inspired by photos from Sweden, a lot of from Lake Tahoe and from the beaches here, too."

She said even at a Safeway parking lot she stops and takes

a photo of the sky and transforms it into a painting. She also likes to mix the settings into one piece, either combining the colors of the clouds from one place into another landscape or adding more light and shadows. She said the paintings are not meant for viewers to easily identify a place; she wants people to interpret her work by just understanding the beauty of life.

"I lose myself in my work," she said. "I always try to be the best I can be and to do something for the rest of the world. When I paint, and someone buys my paintings and afterward loves them or shows me a picture of it hanging there in their living room or their office, say my pieces help them get a little bit of rest from their stressful days. It makes me happy to hear and it feels like I've done something."

She said art is a way for her to calm down and has kept her busy her whole life. In Sweden, she started as a graphic designer for an advertisement agency and when she moved to the United States she worked for the Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) publication as their managing editor. She always needed to create and since she was a child, found drawing and painting to be her calling and many people in her life commented that she should be a full-

time artist.

It wasn't until 10 years ago that she picked up the brush and oils as a career and was motivated to work in a studio. In 2017, she applied for a membership at Gallery 9 to display her art to the local community and receive feedback. She said working in a studio helps her focus, but having downtime with her family, bonding with people from her culture and working alongside other artists enriches her pieces even more.

"I don't think an artist could stay in their studio and just paint, paint, paint, paint, without getting any influences from outside," she said. "I do hiking every Wednesday with a group of Swedish ladies and that gives me a lot of just energy for the painting, talking and getting a lot of views, seeing all the beautiful nature."

She said art is important for everyone and is a way to exercise the part of your brain that isn't involved with numbers. She said incorporating art in your life allows you to release your emotions and try to be a better person. She challenges people to look up in the sky and to discover something beautiful once in a while.

To learn more about the artist, visit ceciliamasesart.wordpress.com.



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Schools

Local bipartisan student group organizes media workshop event

By Brandon Roth

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Before voting age, students are surrounded by political forces they have no control over. They are put into a system where they have to pick sides, work with people who they may have conflicts with and also exist within a digital space where normal dialogue is spun out of control.

Olivia Chiang, a freshman at Stanford University and a The Nueva School alumna, saw the effects of polarization and extreme hate spread across the 2020 election and began noticing how divided her own local area was. Chiang, who grew up in Palo Alto, said she was surrounded by extreme liberal ideologies and wanted to understand why people in her area had a lot of antipathy toward Republicans.

In 2021, she founded the nonprofit Let's Talk United as a way to bridge communities and to find common ground with those of different political beliefs. Chiang said even within her own family, political ideas are split and it should be normal to have conversations with all different backgrounds.

"Once you just start to understand a person and where all of their values are coming from, you realize, they are not

such a bad person even though they have these beliefs," Chiang said. "You can learn how these beliefs were formed and become empathetic to them, but you don't have to agree with everyone."

She said people her age have access to a diverse set of news through social media platforms and are not just confined to one single source like the previous generations. She said if one is busy, she recommends that people subscribe to newsletters or follow news outlets on their Instagram or TikTok accounts. On average, she said many Americans are too busy to be updated on the latest news and with short attention spans, it makes it even harder to subscribe to a trusted source.

"We have so much access to a lot of timely and compact information," she said. "What I love to do is just subscribe to news sources, like CNN and then look at five things on Fox News to get a diverse set of news sources."

Charlotte Kofman, who is the president of Let's Talk United and a junior at Kehillah Jewish High School, said that the student volunteers are from Henry M. Gunn High School, The Kehillah School, Palo Alto High School and The Nueva School. The students meet once a week and through the year



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From left, Charlotte Kofman, a junior at Kehillah Jewish High School and Olivia Chiang, a freshman at Stanford University, both hold leadership roles with Let's Talk Unite, a nonprofit organization that gives local students opportunities to understand the effects of polarization and to practice open dialogue.

plan events and workshops that practice civil conversations through meeting with professors who study political discourse, creating projects with local politicians at cultural events and hosting lectures at high schools.

Kofman said their most recent event, "Navigating Media in a Polarized World" on Sunday,

invited professional journalists, politicians and professors to discuss how news sources are handling the issues with political polarization on both traditional and social media landscapes. She said the primary focus of the event was to teach students what to be aware of when consuming media and how current media sources check in within

their own biases and how they work with the community.

"A lot of high schoolers are facing the consequences of social media," Kofman said. "The goal of the event is to bring together our community so we can spread awareness about political polarization and about

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MVLA Board of Trustees holds a world history study session

By Brandon Roth

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Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees invited teachers and community members in a study session this week at their recent board meeting to discuss how the four world history courses at MVLA meet California's state standards of world history, culture and geography.

At the meeting, AP World History, AP Human Geography and AP European History teachers sat in front of the trustees to give a presentation about their course and how it satisfies California requirements such as analyzing various world revolutions,

world wars and the industrial revolution. Many of the courses diverge in context, but all cover the periods between 1750 and the present and themes such as globalization and cultural diffusion. The last time the California History-Social Science Framework was updated was in 2016.

Thida Cornes, the vice president of the board of trustees, was concerned that AP European History did not connect to the state standard of including other global colonial powers such as China. However, Kevin Hiken, the AP European History teacher from Los Altos High School, explained that the course frames Europe as not a superior region but with how it has contributed to global affairs



SCREENSHOT OF MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees and history teachers discussed the California World History requirements and how their curriculum is built around it.

through colonization, wars and trade.

"There have been at times criticisms fired at the California

Standards for being Eurocentric," Hiken said. "I don't think it is a bad thing and we talk about other places in terms of

how it is related and connected, but I think Europe very much

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AAUW greets science camp scholars with reception



COURTESY OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

AAUW Tech Trek volunteer Lori van Houten assists Tech Trek scholars on May 8.

The Silicon Valley branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) introduced local middle-school girls who have been awarded scholarships for attendance at AAUW's Tech Trek Science camps at a reception for the girls and their friends and families at 4 p.m. on May 8 at the Manzanita Room of the Los Altos Community Center.

Natalie McClure, Stanford Chemistry PhD and Tech Trek Committee Chair for Palo Alto Schools, invited the girls to participate in making carmine dyes from cochineal insects as an introduction to chemical

reactions with acidic and basic substances. The girls made patterns with the dye on cotton cloth, then experimented with changing the color of the pattern by adding vinegar or baking soda. This will be an example of the kind of interactive projects the girls will share during Tech Trek.

11 of the girls will attend a live camp held at Santa Clara University from July 6-12. The scholars include Sophia Oozhak and Molly Zhu (Egan); Dylan Nguyen and Juliette Aguilar (Crittenden); Lilly Tekie and Sara Mottaghian (Blach); Autumn Carlson, Kendra Lui, Lillian Luong,

and Sara Seeger (Fletcher) and Dana Sharon (JL Stanford).

An additional six girls will attend a virtual camp held through Zoom sessions from July 20-25. They are Caitlin Devine (Fletcher); Ziton Wang (JL Stanford); Kiana Chan and Ria Maheshwari (Blach) and Alice Finizola de Albuquerque (Crittenden).

The girls were nominated by a science or math teacher at their school, and then interviewed by a committee of AAUW-Silicon Valley before a final selection was made.

For more information about AAUW-Silicon Valley, visit siliconvalley-ca.aauw.net.

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how current media is just contributing to that. We're focusing a lot on journalism and our event because we believe that journalism is a great outlet to share your opinion."

Chiang said that everyone is partisan in the group and she invites people to join the program to get insights from professionals from "all dimensions of the political spectrum." Chiang is looking forward in the near future to spread the program to new states such as Florida and Pennsylvania, to bring in new perspectives.



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Josh Becker, California state senator from the 13th district, spoke at Let's Talk Unite's event "Navigating Media in a Polarized World" on Sunday about how national media has fractured Americans by using inflammatory language.



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features the world in very pronounced ways.”

Trustee Vadim Katz, alongside parents who participated in the public comment section, echoed the concerns of the ethnic studies course being taught too early and questioned the teachers if they have seen any gaps in a student’s education. Katz was interested in learning how the curriculum has changed since world history in ninth grade was replaced. Many of the parents were concerned that their children were missing core world history lessons that were important for later AP classes and questioned the district on how they plan on filling the missing gaps.

“Students who entered high school in 2023-2024 are no longer allowed or have the opportunity to take world history in ninth grade,” Katz said. “That class has been replaced by eth-

nic studies. It’s just a fact. The first time a student gets to take world history is in 10th grade and in 10th grade, they have to choose among the four world history options.”

All the teachers responded that they are prepared to fill the missing gaps in the students’ education. The teachers also agreed that students who take ethnic studies do not lack in their critical thinking or source analysis skills as they move into their world history classes as upperclassmen.

By the end of the discussion, the board members agreed the world history courses met the California standards. Trustee Catherine Vonnegut said the next step for the board is to review the various class curriculums and to see what areas need to be modified or improved for future school years.

To learn more about California world history requirements, visit cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/cf/hssframework.asp.

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Bowman School leader honored with ‘Tribute to Women’

Bowman School in Palo Alto announced that Kathy Hovsmith, director of marketing and communications, has been recognized with the 2025 “Tribute to Women” Award for Excellence in Leadership among Non-profits.

Presented by the YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley, this award celebrates outstanding women leaders across industries. Hovsmith was one of more than 40 honorees recognized at the May 1 ceremony in Santa Clara, which drew hundreds of Bay Area professionals and was emceed by NBC Bay Area’s Janelle Wang. The event was sponsored by Cisco, NVidia and other major corporations.

Hovsmith was nominated by Bowman Head of School Mary Beth Ricks for her impact in elevating Bowman’s visibility and credibility in the community. Since joining the nonprofit Montessori school in 2023, Hovsmith has helped Bowman earn multiple regional and national



COURTESY OF BOWMAN SCHOOL

Kathy Hovsmith, marketing and communications director of Bowman was honored by the Young Women’s Christian Association for leadership.

awards, including four honors from Bay Area Parent and recognition as one of America’s “Best K-12 Schools” by Niche.com.

Ricks, herself a 2012 “Tribute to Women” honoree, noted the strong legacy of female leadership at Bowman. Several former parents have also been recognized with “Tribute To Women” awards for their leadership in tech and healthcare. Committed to diversity and inclusion, Bowman continues to foster empowered female leadership among staff and families alike.

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Sports

LA girls lacrosse flies high in league

By Curtis Driscoll

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A year after finishing third in the SCVAL De Anza Division, the Los Altos girls lacrosse team has taken another step forward with a second-place showing this year.

Los Altos coach Christina Sabin said the team's league placing is the highest in recent memory and is down to the 13-member senior class, which includes senior goalie Gabby Zuraek, who has learned the game from scratch, attacker Natalie Barton and draw taker Lola Bacchi, among others.

"Our season has been a testament to my seniors," Sabin said. "I have such a great core of seniors that are graduating this year who are skilled, tactical, high communicators and just all out amazing humans. They are the reason we did so well

this year."

Teams like Los Gatos and Gunn have dominated in previous seasons, but Los Altos held its own this season, beating Los Gatos away 13-12 April 16 and Gunn away 14-13 May 2. After getting swept last season, Los Altos split the season series with both teams. Los Gatos won the De Anza Division last season and is in third place this year, while Gunn is the newly crowned league champion with a 10-1 record. Although Los Gatos beat Los Altos on senior night Wednesday, Los Altos still finished 10-6 overall with an 8-3 league record, edging out Los Gatos for the second spot by a game.

"It's a crazy win across the board to just be able to say we beat them, both respectively at home schools," Sabin said. "Tonight was a bit unfortunate in how it played out."

Sabin praised the team for its



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The Los Altos girls lacrosse team playing against Los Gatos Wednesday night in the last SCVAL De Anza Division game of the regular season on senior night. Los Altos' Natalie Barton, No. 9, runs with the ball while attacking the Los Gatos defense.

ability to control the ball when needed, mental toughness and a rock-solid defense for the success this season. She believes

the program has found a way to pipeline and train talent to be consistent in a tough league moving forward, which often

takes time. When she first took over, the team was languishing near the bottom of the league

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Los Altos softball team sweeps rival Mountain View

By Curtis Driscoll

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Los Altos star freshman Makayla Mase hit her team record seventh home run of the season Friday to ensure a sweep over rivals Mountain View and move one step closer to a CCS playoff berth.

A whirlwind week of three games in four days for the Los Altos girls softball team culminated in a 5-3 win for the Eagles after Mase hit an inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the third inning, with Mase now at 27 RBIs on the season and full of confidence.

"That's what I think softball is all about, staying confident in yourself and believing in yourself," Mase said.

Los Altos coach Robert Herrera said seven home runs is the most for anyone in the program since he started coaching. Mase credits her family with supporting her and building her mentality, noting that reaching seven home runs was her goal this season because she hit seven for her travel team.

"It means a lot because I have a lot of power coming from my Polynesian descent, and my family is a ball family, so it means a lot to them, and they are really proud of me, and it's all about making them proud," Mase said of her seventh home run.

While everyone expected Mase, a

right hander, to pull the ball, she instead took the ball on the outside corner and drilled it to right field, with the outfielder taking a while to get to the ball and Herrera sending her home after the throw from the outfield was off, giving her a two run home run and Los Altos a 3-0 lead.

"She and Sabrina (Neal) have consistently been our best hitters and have been carrying us, at one and three all the time," Herrera said. "Makayla leads in RBIs, but Sabrina leads in hits, but now, this is seven home runs for Makayla, which is by far the most we've ever had for our team, so that's pretty cool."

The Eagles scored the eventual winning run in the fifth inning with a Neal sacrifice fly. Los Altos pitcher Chloe Caldbeck pitched seven innings and gave up only one earned run on six hits. The Eagles got out of several jams in the game without any runs scored, including runners on second and third with no outs in the top of the third inning and bases loaded with no outs in the sixth inning.

"It says a lot about the composure of the team today that they were not going to fold," Herrera said. "The pitcher (Caldbeck) did a great job of hitting her spots, which allowed me to set up the defense and stop those pop-up fly balls that they couldn't score on, or we got a



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Los Altos centerfielder Makayla Mase takes a practice swing during the game against Mountain View Friday in a 5-3 win for the Eagles.

grounder, so she did a great job doing that. Even with the bases loaded, they didn't get tense."

The win will help Los Altos gain extra Central Coast Section playoff acceptance points. The team currently sits in fifth place, with the top four teams in the SCVAL De Anza Division automatically qualifying for the CCS playoffs. Los Altos is eligible for the playoffs because of its winning non-league record,

but to make the playoffs, it will need to be one of the top 13 teams in points. Los Altos will have to see how it stacks up with the other teams, with points awarded based on wins, losses and ties, with extra points for things like beating a league champion.

"If we can continue to end on a power note with the next two wins, I think it will help us a lot in the points situation," Herrera said.

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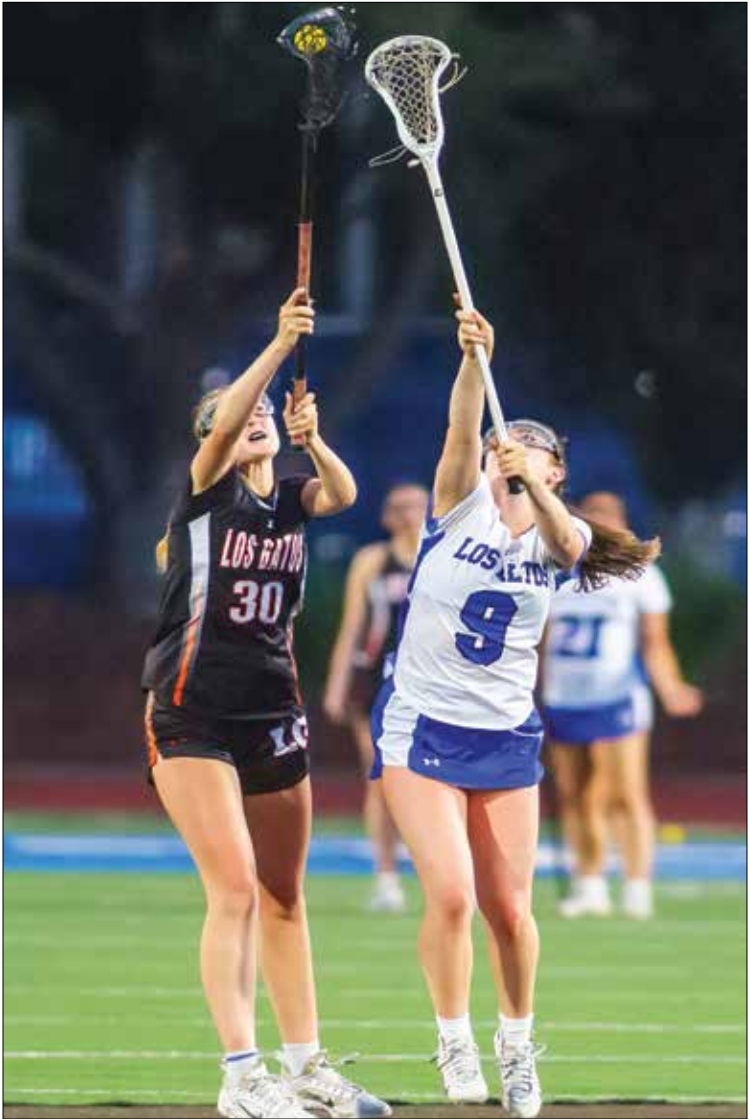
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“Lacrosse has been one of those sports that has really struggled a lot, but we’ve found a groove, and I have a great group of girls,” Sabin said. “I’ve been coaching these seniors since they were in sixth or seventh grade, so that’s going to be really hard losing them next year, but I’m really confident with our JV program the way it is and everything else moving forward, we are going to be contenders and our league is more even in that competition

level.”

Los Altos is now in the Central Coast Section playoffs in Division II as the No. 2 seed, playing Live Oak Tuesday at 7 p.m. (after the Town Crier print deadline). Los Altos was in the Division II playoffs last year as well, falling to Sequoia 18-11 in the quarterfinals round.

“Last year, even going to CCS for us was unbelievable, and I couldn’t fathom that it was happening,” Sabin said. “So this year, for the second time in a row (to make CCS), and the fact we are bringing the competition up, it’s amazing.”



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Los Altos and Los Gatos players fighting for the ball.

Prep Sports Summary

Baseball

The Los Altos baseball team beat Sequoia on Saturday but was swept by Wilcox earlier in the week in league play. Los Altos (18-7) will now play Homestead in the final league series of the season to determine if they finish fourth and earn an automatic Central Coast Section playoff place. The Eagles are 7-5 in the SCVAL De Anza Division, with Mountain View in fifth place at 6-6.

Mountain View (15-9) swept Gunn in its league series during the week, winning 6-5 Wednesday and 8-2 Friday. Infielder Luke Orrock had three RBIs Friday. Pitcher Brennan Dooley went seven innings. Mountain View will host Palo Alto Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Saint Francis lost its series with St. Ignatius last week, falling 11-1 Tuesday and 7-3 Friday. The Lancers finish the regular season in fourth place in the West Catholic Athletic League.

Softball

The St. Francis softball team beat Presentation 19-2 Wednesday and Sacred Heart 10-0 Friday to remain undefeated in WCAL play. St. Francis (23-2) will host Archbishop Mitty Wednesday.

Boys lacrosse

The Mountain View boys lacrosse team (11-6) beat Los Altos 15-5 Thursday and now visits Live Oak in the CCS Division II playoffs Monday (after the Town Crier print deadline).

Girls lacrosse

The Mountain View girls lacrosse team is the No. 6 seed in the CCS Division II playoff bracket, traveling to play Hillsdale Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline).

St. Francis is the No. 3 seed in the CCS Division I bracket, hosting No. 6 seed Menlo Atherton Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline).

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Los Altos and Mountain View swim teams compete at CCS



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Los Altos and Mountain View participated in the 2025 Central Coast Section Swimming and Diving Championships May 6-10, with several impressive showings from the two schools. Left, Los Altos swimmer Maren Byrne competes in the 200 Meter Individual Medley Saturday. Right, Mountain View's Austin Conover Hus-tis participates in the 200 Meter Individual Medley.

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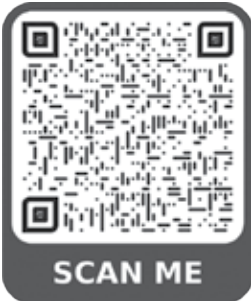
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The flavors of Tanzania will stay with you forever

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When you travel somewhere new, you never know what exciting foods, sites or stories you will remember when you return home.

Marianne Oglo, a Los Altos Hills resident, and her family said when she booked a trip to Tanzania last year, she didn't know what she would discover on the trip. For three weeks, the Oglos toured around Tanzania using Legacy Exchange Outfitters, a tour company that allows visitors to handcraft their trip and visit places that hold special meaning to the tour guides and locals. Oglo said that on the tours, there were many opportunities to learn and practice cultural exchanges.

"There's an opportunity for the Maasai tribe to ask us ques-

tions and in one of the encounters, one of the first questions a mother asked me was, 'Which number wife are you?' Oglo said. "She looked at my husband and was like, 'What is wrong with you?' She then started asking things about how we met, when we got married and how many cows we own. She was interviewing me, and her questions told me so much about her experiences."

Oglo worked closely with Eugene Simon Malley, the CEO and founder of Legacy Exchange Outfitters, and she was able to build a trip with him that took them on a safari, a hike near the basecamp of Kilimanjaro and a walk through the colorful foods within the Arusha central marketplace. Oglo said she and her family were well taken care of on the trip and Malley ensured food and comfort were always available no matter where they



COURTESY OF MARIANNE OGLO

Marianne Oglo and her family went a spice tour in Tanzania with Legacy Exchange Outfitters, a travel program that connects visitors with locals to learn traditional dishes, go on safaris and learn the customs of local tribes.

went.

Malley said there were many traditional food offerings

throughout the trip and many guests have the opportunity to see how the food is prepared.

Malley said there are more than

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Terroir, tariffs, tasting rooms and tannins

How drinking local is best for your palate, pocketbook and local producers

By Christine Moore

I've written before about the joys of drinking locally. It's an approach to wine drinking that makes great sense to palates and pocketbooks. Drinking local is a meaningful, rewarding way to connect with our region, support local businesses, and make the most of our wine-drinking budgets.

When we pour California wines into our glasses, be they tumblers, goblets, flutes or coupes, we delve into the terroir – a French term meaning "sense of place." It's the soil, the weather, the hands that tend the vines, and the character of the land all captured in a bottle. In Sonoma County, one of the world's premier wine regions, terroir is not just a marketing term – it's the essence of every sip.

Beyond the inherent joy of drinking wines produced in California, doing so supports our much beloved local wine industry. Given the current economic climate, the idea of drinking locally has never mattered more.

Tariffs and their ripple effect

Recent tariffs on international goods are causing ripple effects across the wine industry, even here at home. From corks and barrels to

Silicon Valley Sips

glass bottles, many essential winemaking materials are imported. Tariffs on these goods are driving up costs for producers. Cristina Bisio of Highway 12 Winery (highway12winery.com) in Sonoma shares how her team responded:

"All tariffs will have an impact. Fortunately, our glass supplier stopped buying from China last year and now buys American-made bottles," she explained. Adding, "we've also made changes to reduce packaging costs without sacrificing wine quality, so we likely won't raise our prices."

However, international tariffs have also curbed global demand for American wines, especially in export markets. While Highway 12 doesn't export, Bisio notes that "other wineries will be looking for alternative markets to sell their oversupply," which intensifies competition here at home.

Why local support matters

Organizations such as Sonoma County Vintners (SCV), representing more than 250 wineries, are advocating for local producers. SCV has communicated county concerns to trade partners, members of the U.S. Congress, and other federal officials related to tariff impacts. SCV Executive Director Michael Haney warns



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More than ever, California wineries need all the support they can get as new tariffs affect wine business export operations.

that the stakes are high.

"The issuance of tariffs could negatively impact not only wineries but also hospitality workers, farmers and communities that rely heavily on tourism and wine production."

He adds, "Sonoma County

Vintners, in solidarity with other wine industry and beverage partners, strongly supports all government officials in each impacted country to communicate and work together

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Food & Wine

Enjoy pleasant Peninsula pints and support superb Bay brewers

Cheers!

By Derek Wolfram

If you're looking for locally owned breweries to patronize on the Peninsula, you'll find a gap between Sunnyvale, which is home to Laughing Monk and Off the Rails, and Menlo Park, where Barebottle Brewing has a taproom. However, if you head just a bit further north, six breweries are located within just a few miles of each other: Freewheel and Ghostwood in Redwood City; Devil's Canyon, Hapa's, and Blue Oak in San Carlos, and Alpha Acid in Belmont. I recently visited Freewheel and Ghostwood to see what they were pouring, and opened up an Alpha Acid bottle

from my cellar. I'll pay a visit to the other three breweries in a future column.

Ghostwood Beer Company opened in Redwood City in 2018, and moved to their new Ghostwood Kitchen restaurant and taproom on Main Street in 2023. Known for their modern versions of both West Coast and hazy IPAs as well as their lagers, they also have a full craft cocktail program and excellent food, including smash burgers, fried chicken sandwiches, salads and appetizers like cheese curds, fried pickles and chicken wings (try the blueberry barbecue sauce).

Ghostwood's latest West Coast IPA, Ocean Shore Railroad, was brewed with Ekuanot, Azacca, and Enigma hops, and a moder-

ate 6.5% ABV. Clear and golden in color with a dense moderate white head, the beer highlights hop aromas of tangerine zest, lime, and orange blossom. On the palate, a crisp light malt backbone supports sturdy hop bitterness that persists through the finish, with dank hop flavor notes of grapefruit pith, green mango and earthy pine.

Freewheel Brewing Company was founded in Redwood City in 2012, starting with a focus on traditional cask conditioned English beers, but later expanding to include numerous other American and German craft beer styles. Freewheel opened its second taproom in Fremont last year, and they have a new San Rafael location opening later this year. Freewheel also serves clas-



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Ghostwood's Ocean Shore Railroad is a classic example of West Coast IPA with notes of citrus and pine.

sic British pub fare like burgers, fish and chips, and bangers and mash.

One of Freewheel's staples is the London Calling ordinary bitter, which is super flavorful for its low 3.5% ABV (for reference, most American mass market light lagers are about 4.2% ABV). With a crystal-clear copper gold color, its soft natural carbonation makes for a creamy white head and smooth body. With a delicate biscuity malt aroma, smooth biscuity malt flavor, subtle but distinctive bitterness, and a woody/floral hop flavor from American Golding and Syrian Golding hops, the beer features a long smooth malty finish.

Belmont's Alpha Acid Brewing Company got its start in 2014, and they have developed a following who enjoy the wide variety of styles they brew, including sours, hoppy brews, lagers and dark beers, including their popular Barrel Constrictor imperial stout. They release several variants of Barrel Constrictor each

year, including versions aged in a variety of spirits barrels, cocktail-inspired blends, and brews with vanilla, cacao, coffee or other adjuncts.

I enjoyed a vintage August 2023 bottle of Alpha Acid's Vanilla Rye Barrel Constrictor, which spent 20 months in a Templeton rye whiskey barrel before being finished with Tahitian vanilla beans. The beer weighed in at a hefty 14% ABV. A viscous pour with a full body, a deep black color, and a low tan head that dissipates quickly, the beer showcases a boozy aroma accented by sweet vanilla and baking spices, with a flavor profile melding sweet marshmallow, bitter dark cocoa, and smooth whiskey that persists throughout the finish.

Derek Wolfram is a Certified Beer Judge through the Beer Judge Certification Program and an officer of the Silicon Valley Sudzer's homebrew club. For more information, visit sudzers.org.



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120 tribes are in Tanzania and each of them has a unique dish. He said many people have different requests on where they want to go such as a visiting spice tour on the island of Zanzibar, taking cooking classes with professional chefs, eating meals with local tribes or preparing and bonding over coffee.

"When I created this company, I wanted to make sure people don't just come on a safari, but giving them the experience to see the wildlife

and to immerse themselves in the cultural programs," Malley said. "This includes walking tours with the local guides and then you come back, do a coffee tour and then you will have a cup of coffee from the farm to the table. I also take my clients who are especially interested in cooking classes to the villages, and they learn how to cook traditional foods and eat the food that you cooked."

Tina Worley and Tina Hall, residents of Monterey and former coworkers of each other, said that they took the trip last year and it changed both of

their lives. Worley even quit her job upon her return home and hopes to return to the country soon. She said everyone in the country was very welcoming and that she could tell all their dishes came from their heart and soul. Worley's favorite person on the trip was Mama Jane, a woman who invited the group into her home and cooked them traditional dishes such as banana soup.

"We went to a local woman's house, we bought groceries and we cooked food in her house, the traditional meal of Tanzania," Worley said. We then all

sat down on this big picnic table and ate after we all learned how to cook different parts of the meal. At the marketplace, we went to buy the fruits, the vegetables and the spices. We didn't learn much of it from the vendors, but we learned from the guides about the food items that we were buying and the history of the market."

Hall said she appreciated how sustainable the tour was and how none of the food went to waste. She said it was a life-changing trip based on the connections she met along the way and that the Tanzanians



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An example of a Tanzanian vegetable stew served to guests by professional chefs.

really touched her heart.

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to resolve this issue as quickly as possible to mitigate potential negative impacts felt by consumers, members of the wine trade and the more than 54,000 employees who work in the Sonoma County wine industry."

Beyond the wines consumers enjoy at home, the tariffs are poised to have a major impact on smaller, boutique wineries who rely upon tasting room visitors. Indeed, according to Visit California, Canadian tourism alone, which contributes \$3.7 billion annually to the state's economy, has plummeted. With all international travel declining, it's clear that planning a trip to your favorite or yet to be discovered winery this year is critical.

Getting to know Sonoma terroir

Terroir can seem like an intimidating concept – how can anyone taste a wine and pinpoint its origin? But once you're familiar with a region's landscape, climate, and signature varietals, recognizing its wine becomes second nature. It can be akin to recognizing a village you've visited just by seeing a photo of the surrounding hills.

Drinking local deepens your connection to food and place. As California's seasonal bounty unfolds in spring and summer, pairing local produce with local wine elevates your meals to something memorable.

Grilling a steak? Try it with a Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel. Serving a fresh salad with goat cheese? A Russian River Sauvignon Blanc will sing beside it.

Sonoma County wineries to try include:

- Iron Horse Vineyards – Known for its elegant sparkling wines and stunning views in Sebastopol. (ironhorsevineyards.com)

- Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs – A powerhouse in Zinfandel and field blends, nestled in Healdsburg. (ridgewine.com/visit/lytton-springs/)

- Marimar Torres Estate – The estate spans 81 acres, with 56 acres under vine, cultivating Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Albariño, Godello, Tempranillo, and Syrah. (marimarestates.com)

- Foppiano Vineyards – One of Sonoma's oldest family-run wineries, specializing in Petite Sirah. (foppiano.com)

Wine is a kind of time capsule. It captures the conditions of a vintage, the character of the land and the creativity of its makers. Visiting a winery and possibly meeting the people behind the wine is an extraordinary way to take your wine appreciation to the next level. Tasting room visits leave a lasting impression. Drinking wine from where you live – or from where you've taken a weekend trip – can stir memories and emotions just like a familiar song.

Final pour

By choosing California wines, we're supporting small businesses, weathering economic uncertainties together and strengthening the communities that make places like Sonoma County so special.

Next time you pick a bottle, consider one from our backyard. Your taste buds, your neighbors, and even your local economy will thank you.

Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident. To read more food and drink tips from her, visit writeyum.com.

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Business & Real Estate

Bevri leaves Los Altos

Business owner sets sights on enhancing Palo Alto location



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Georgian restaurant Bevri closed in late April.

By Christina Casillas
Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

Georgian restaurant Bevri, which opened in Los Altos May 25, 2022, abruptly closed in late April. In a letter posted to the door of the 325 Main St. location, the owners of the restaurant thanked those who've dined there during its almost three years on Main.

"We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our wonderful guests who have dined with us at this location," owner Pavel Sirotin wrote in the letter. "Your support and patronage have meant the world to us."

The reason for the shutter is a focus on the original Bevri location, Sirotin said in a followup email. Bevri's first – and now only – location is situated at 335 University Ave. in Palo Alto.

"We've decided to focus our attention on our Palo Alto location to fully realize our vision of the Georgian experience in the Bay Area," Sirotin said. "We're planning to host more vibrant events, develop our catering offerings, and expand our group and private dining packages."

The owner noted the closure

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Alotta's Deli shutters after 40 years



SHELLY BOWERS/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Above, Mike Mansch serves customers for one of the last times at Alotta's Deli and Catering. Mansch and his wife Joanne operated Alotta's for 40 years in south Los Altos. The deli's doors were closed for the last time May 11 after the owners decided it was time to focus on spending time with family, especially their grandchildren. In a letter to the community, the owners explained they decided not to sell the deli because they wanted to ensure the deli would always be remembered for its quality service and dedication to the community. Left, customers lined up for one last sandwich in the days prior to the deli's closure.



Los Altos real estate sales surge in the first quarter of 2025

Realtor Field Notes

By Alex Wang

The Los Altos housing market demonstrated remarkable strength in the first quarter of 2025, with substantial price appreciation in three of the four major areas. North Los Altos (211) led the charge with an impressive 34.4% increase in average sales price, jumping from \$4.53 million to \$6.08 million year-over-year. This dramatic increase solidifies North Los Altos' position as one of the most sought-after neighborhoods.

While North Los Altos, Country Club, and South of



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A graph compares average Los Altos home sale prices in the first quarters of 2024 & 2025 by neighborhood.

El Monte all posted gains exceeding 28%, the Highlands area (213) showed more modest growth at 2.9% year-over-year. This creates an interesting divergence in the market, with Highlands homes now significantly more affordable relative to other Los Altos neighborhoods than they were a year ago.

Transaction volume insights

The transaction data

reveals steady activity across Los Altos neighborhoods. North Los Altos (211) saw 26 homes sold in Q1 2025, up slightly from 24 in the previous year. Country Club (212) remained relatively quiet with just six sales this quarter compared to four last year. Highlands (213) recorded seven sales, an increase from four in Q1 2024, while South of El Monte (214) maintained consistent activity with exactly 33 sales reported for both periods.

The combination of both higher prices and increased transaction volume in most areas suggests strong buyer demand despite elevated price points. The Country Club and Highlands areas

Business Brief

Uncommon Threads finds new home

Uncommon Threads, a yarn store that's been located at 293 State St. in downtown Los Altos for more than 40 years, is happily moving to a new location on Main Street.

Uncommon Threads will be located at 164 Main St., the location that previously housed Brownhouse Design. To accommodate the move, Uncommon Threads will close for a few days in "mid- to late-June to move inventory."

"We are so thankful for all of the amazing memories and friendships we've made (at the State Street location). But even good things come to an end," Uncommon Threads owner Stephanie Hein said in an email to customers. "I'm very excited to make a fresh start in a beautiful new space. As luck would have it, our new landlord was good friends with the former owner of Uncommon Threads, Louise Spangler. It was meant to be! I can't wait to continue to build our amazing yarn community there."

The move comes after

the store, and three other downtown businesses, including Cambric Limited, Cranberry Scoop and Mimi and Coco the Salon, are looking for new spaces after their new landlord alerted them their leases would not be renewed. All of the businesses had been in downtown Los Altos for decades.

"I look forward to many more years knitting, crocheting and chatting with you," Hein wrote in the email.

Those who need to pick up holds or online orders are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, she added.

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are showing particular momentum in terms of buyer interest, with modest but notable increases in transaction activity.

The price gap between Los Altos neighborhoods has widened considerably. In Q1 2024, the difference between the highest-priced area (North Los Altos) and the lowest-priced area (Highlands) was approximately \$424,000. In Q1 2025, that gap has expanded to more than \$1.86 million, reflecting increasing neighborhood-specific premiums.

While North Los Altos predictably maintains its premium position, South of El Monte (214) emerges as the surprise performer, with average prices now nearly matching Country Club. At \$5.51M, South of El Monte has experienced a 30.5% year-over-year increase despite maintaining exactly the same sales volume (33 homes in both periods), suggesting that stronger properties came to market or signifi-

cant bidding competition occurred.

I hope you've found this comparison of first-quarter sales prices from 2024 and 2025 insightful. This snapshot reveals how differently each Los Altos neighborhood is performing, with North Los Altos, Country Club, Highlands, and South of El Monte each following distinct patterns. Such variation highlights why neighborhood-specific knowledge is crucial when making real estate decisions. As market trends continue to evolve throughout the year, I'll keep you updated with the latest information. If you have questions about any Los Altos neighborhood or your specific property, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

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BEVRI

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of the Los Altos location will help the restaurant provide "an even better

experience to our guests." Guests whom, Sirotin noted, he hopes will include those who've frequented the Los Altos location.

Bevri is open in Palo

Alto from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit bevri.com.

Transactions

Los Altos

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966 Clinton Road, Adey Trust to G. Verma for \$4,100,000

1644 Kensington Avenue, K. & J. Farnas to Tawakol Trust for \$4,800,000

271 Stratford Place, Ingram Trust to Wilbur Trust for \$5,300,000

93 Sunkist Lane, K. Chen to Chae Family Trust for \$5,710,000

169 Marvin Avenue, D. Jaques to T. & T. Mieczkowski for \$6,300,000

Los Altos Hills

26928 Elena Road, A. & J. Mullens to Dmf Trust for \$4,500,000

27885 Fawn Creek Court, Repka Family Trust to E. & K. Schwarz for \$6,150,000

11921 Hilltop Drive, Detter Living Trust to Oktagon Holdings LLC for \$12,035,000

Mountain View

217 Ada Avenue #17, H. Peng to D. Keshishyan for \$1,069,000

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Trust to C. & A. Rasmussen for \$1,850,000

1007 Varsity Court, Jin & Zheng Living Trust to Y. & Y. Wang for \$4,010,000

1952 Adams Court, A. Pan to T. & C. Facanha for \$4,710,000

Total sales

Los Altos

Total sales: 9

Lowest sale: \$3,050,000

Highest sale: \$6,300,000

Average sale: \$4,720,400

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 4

Lowest sale: \$4,500,000

Highest sale: \$12,035,000

Average sale: \$7,021,300

Mountain View

Total sales: 6

Lowest sale: \$1,069,000

Highest sale: \$4,710,000

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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) listed 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 transact-

ing 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)

121-T

Notice to Los Altos District Customers Regarding Rate Change for Pre-Authorized Infrastructure Improvements

On or around May 15, 2025, California Water Service (Cal Water) will file Advice Letter 2554 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking permission to change rates in its Los Altos District and other ratemaking areas for costs associated with recently completed and previously authorized infrastructure improvements. Although previously authorized by the CPUC in Decision 24-03-042 as part of the utility's triennial rate review process, these project costs could only be recovered through a rate increase after they were completed. In the advice letter, Cal Water requests additional revenue of \$64,106, or 0.11% of currently authorized revenue. If approved, effective July 1, 2025, the water bill of a Los Altos District residential customer with 9 CCF (approximately 6,732 gallons) of monthly water usage would increase by approximately \$0.10, or 0.12%. A copy of Advice Letter 2554 is available on the internet at www.calwater.com/rates-advice-letters/ (from the dropdown menu, select Los Altos). Copies may also be obtained from the company's local Las Altos office by calling (650) 917-0152. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mail at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, or by calling (408) 367-8200 and asking for the Rates Department. Cal Water offers many programs to help customers manage their water bill, including a low-income Customer Assistance Program (CAP), water-saving appliance/device rebates, and other conservation programs. Please visit our web site at www.calwater.com to take advantage of these opportunities.

Responses and Protests Anyone may respond to or protest this filing. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the CPUC in its evaluation. A protest objects to the filing in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based, and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The grounds for protests are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the filing.
2. The relief requested in the filing would violate statute or CPUC order or is not authorized by statute or CPUC order on which the utility relies.
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the filing contains material errors or omissions.
4. The relief requested in the filing is pending before the CPUC in a formal proceeding.
5. The relief requested in the filing requires consideration in a formal hearing or is otherwise inappropriate for the filing process.
6. The relief requested in the filing is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigat-

ing a prior order of the CPUC). A response or protest must be made in writing and received by the CPUC's Water Division by **June 6, 2025**, the end of the comment period. The response or protest should be either emailed to water.division@cpuc.ca.gov or mailed to Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. On the same date the response or protest is sent to the Water Division, it must also be either emailed to cwsrates@calwater.com or mailed to Rates Department, California Water Service, 1720 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112. Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division within the protest period so that a late-filed protest can be considered. The informing document should include an estimated date on which the proposed protest may be voted. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Cal Water at (408) 367-8200 and ask for the Rates Department. 5/14/25
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(05-14-25)

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Notice of Public Hearing

The governing board of Los Altos School District will conduct a public hearing on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in accordance with Education Code Sections 42103, 42127, 52061, and 52062 prior to final adoption. Any interested party may inspect the LCAP and budget prior to final adoption and speak at the public hearing. The public hearing will be held on June 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM at: Los Altos School District 201 Covington Rd City: Los Altos CA 94024 The public is advised to participate virtually at: lasdschools.org Any interested party may inspect the Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget prior to the public hearing: May 28, 2025, during the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, at: Los Altos School District 201 Covington Rd City: Los Altos CA 94024 Inspection is also available at: lasdschools.org 5/14/25
CNS-3917075#
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER
(05-14-25)

119-T

NOTICE OF FILING OF REPORT OF SEWER CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR TAX YEAR 2025-26 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO SAID REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY that a report of sewer charges to be collected on the Santa Clara County Tax Roll for Tax Year 2025-26 was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Los Altos pursuant to Section 5473 of the California Health & Safety Code on May 7, 2025. The report is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. For an appointment to view the report or additional information please call 650-947-2610

or email mthurman@losaltosca.gov. On June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Los Altos will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to the report. The City Council public hearing will be held in person at the City Chambers located at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. Interested parties should check the City Council website for information on how to join the meeting and to confirm the meeting, date, time, and agenda: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil> Response to this Notice may be made verbally at the Public Hearings and/or in writing before the hearings. Written comments may be made to the City Council by email at or letter (for mail or hand delivery) to: Melissa Thurman, City Clerk City of Los Altos 1 North San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 94022

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May 7, 2025
May 14, 2025

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk
(05-07,14-25)

118-T

JUNK KING PENINSULA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715790

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JUNK KING PENINSULA, 407 California Ave Suite 2, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): FLAGSHIP JKBY INC, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/15/2024. /S/ Michelle Chin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/28/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

116-T

KHLOE SPORTS LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715638

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KHLOE SPORTS LLC, 1820 Nelson Dr, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KHLOE SPORTS LLC, 1820 Nelson Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/10/2025. /S/ Liced Natalia Vargas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

115-T

LUCY'S PRO CLEANING SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715721

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LUCY'S PRO CLEANING SERVICES, 1902 Rock St Apt C, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lucila Hernandez, 1902 Rock St Apt C, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/25/2025. /S/ Lucila Hernandez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/24/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

114-T

SEMPERFIGI.COM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715729

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SEMPERFIGI.COM, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Robert Mc Cormick, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James Robert Mc Cormick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/24/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

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TRICKYBIT SYSTEMS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715762

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) TRICKYBIT SYSTEMS, (2) TRICKYBIT.COM, (3) TRICKY BUSINESS, 4142 Baker Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James D Mackraz, 4142 Baker Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James D Mackraz / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/25/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

112-T

Sirat Prison Project FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715496

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Sirat Prison Project, (2) Kisa Family, 4415 Fortran Ct., San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Imamia Education Center Inc., 4415 Fortran Ct, San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on: 10/01/2024. /S/ Amir Mithani / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/16/2025. (05-07,14,21,28-25)

111-T

T.S. No.: 2024-12418-LOG APN: 154-10-087Property Address: 263 MARIPOSA AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94041NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/4/2024. 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: Nellie Gagloeva, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/11/2024 as Instrument No. 25710813 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, CaliforniaDate of Sale: 5/28/2025 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: \$648,940.66 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 263 MARIPOSA AVE MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94041A.P.N.: 154-10-087The 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. 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 866-266-7512 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites www.elitepostandpub.com or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-12418-LOG. 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 TENANTS: 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 866-266-7512 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites www.elitepostandpub.com or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-12418-LOG 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: 4/25/2025 Nestor Solutions, LLC214 5th Street, Suite 205Huntington Beach, California 92648Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Giovanna Nichelson, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer EPP 43477 Pub Dates 05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2025 (05-07,14,21-25)

110-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SAI PAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV464040

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Sai Pan

Public Notices

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
a. Ladyar Gwa

Proposed Name:
a. Lydia Gwa

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

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

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

/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong
Judge of the Superior Court
(04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

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

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

Grateful Gardens FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715631

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

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

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

LOMYRAH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715542

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOMYRAH, 4441 Renaissance Dr, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by:

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

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

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

Proposed Name:
a. Shauna Kanani Ferreira

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/01/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/14/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25)

SILVER MOON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715408

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

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

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

Proposed Name:
a. Matthew Aguilar Braham

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/01/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 04/14/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25)

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OBITUARY NOTICE

ED MILLER



April 7, 1932 – May 3, 2025

Ed Miller passed away on May 3, 2025 in Los Altos, California. He was born in Los Angeles to his parents Lenard and Belva Miller on April 7, 1932 during the Great Depression. In 1945, between VE and VJ days, his family moved to Hood River, Oregon where he attended high school, graduating in 1949. After high school he worked in a lumber mill “pulling on the green chain.”

In 1951 he returned to Southern California and worked in his uncle's bookbinding shop until he was inducted into the Army. He trained at Fort Ord and was shipped to Korea where he joined a heavy weapons company in the 25th Infantry Division. He later served as First Sergeant of his company.

After discharge, and with the aid of the GI Bill, he earned undergraduate and graduate Mechanical Engineering degrees from Brigham Young University (BYU) and Stanford University, respectively. He was the first in his family to have the opportunity to attend college. He instilled the importance of education in his children and grandchildren, generously paying their college tuition. While at BYU he met his wife Shirlee. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1957.

In 1960 he joined Hewlett Packard (HP) and held several engineering and management positions. He was the Manufacturing Manager when HP entered the computer business. After 31 years he retired from HP. For a few years post-retirement he consulted for HP and several other technology companies. For over 25 years he served as a Director/Trustee for local nonprofit organizations including: Avenidas, Channing House, Palo

Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, Mid-Peninsula High School, and Los Altos Library Endowment. He was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a Bishop of a Los Altos congregation in the 1980s. He and Shirlee together served a mission in the California San Jose Mission.

Ed was known for crafting projects for family and friends in his woodworking shop and took great pride in keeping a meticulous yard. He loved history and read extensively about western emigration, WWII, the Korean War and the Civil War. Over the years he was able to visit many historical locations around the world with family and friends, including sites along the Mormon Trail where his ancestors traveled West in the 1840s and 1850s. For over 45 years, and well into his 80s, he enjoyed riding his road bike.

His family was of utmost importance to him. He is survived by his wife Shirlee of 68 years and their four children: Brad Miller (Camille) of Boise, Idaho, Cynthia Kunz (Paul) of Midway, Utah, Andrea Hall (Joel) of Farmington, Utah, and Rachelle Croft (Joe) of San Clemente, California. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one sister Susan Ogilvie (James) of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents and older sister Marian Miller.

His life was well lived, and he leaves a posterity devoted to the same principles that governed his life. As we read in 2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

A graveside service will be held in Utah for family and friends.



Ryan Gowdy

REPRESENTATION WITHOUT EGO

As one of the top agents in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, I provide personalized, hands-on service from start to finish. I'm the one answering the phone, hosting tours, and overseeing every detail. No assistants—just my direct expertise and commitment to your success. From open houses to negotiations, I'm your full-service partner, always placing your interests at the forefront. And the results speak for themselves.

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You will not find a harder-working agent anywhere. If you have Ryan sell your home, he will work day and night to get your home in the best condition for the sale. He's a Los Altos native, knows everybody and has the connections to get any job done right. Have a special request? Need a favor? Ryan is on it. Nobody does more to earn their commission, and I would consider no other agent to sell my home.

-ERIC & ALICE | LOS ALTOS

It was an absolute pleasure to work with Ryan. Both the smooth process and the amazing result of our Los Altos home sale exceeded our expectations. Nobody knows the area like Ryan does, and his first-hand involvement in preparing us for the process, prepping the home and being onsite to personally sweat the details was incredibly valuable – especially since we had moved out of the area and essentially sold the house "remotely" with Ryan's local guidance. Bottom line—if you want a stress-free/excellent outcome experience, with a partner that's super-easy to work with, call Ryan!

-TOM & LINDA | LOS ALTOS

IF YOU'RE READY TO MAKE A MOVE AND WANT AN AGENT WHO PUTS YOUR NEEDS FIRST, GIVE ME A CALL.

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