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The Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution organized a flag raising for the country's 250th birthday July 3. The event, also hosted by the Los Altos American Legion Post 558, included a trumpet performance. Organizers also launched a number of local events that will celebrate America's 250 years as a country. Turn to page 7 for more Independence Day photos.

Park smartly: Los Altos partners with parking enforcement agency

By Christina Casillas
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Despite downtown Los Altos construction, parking laws are still being enforced along Los Altos streets – and the city of Los Altos is getting third-party help to get the job done.

Since July 1, the city of Los Altos and the Los Altos Police Department have partnered with ACE Parking for better parking enforcement across the city. City officials said the goal of the partnership is to improve the flow of parking, safety and accessibility.

Anthony Carnesecca, Los Altos assistant to the city manager, said during a March 25 meeting that the third-party parking administrator would be able to track vehicle parking in timed parking zones by “digitally chalking” vehicles with the use of ALPRs. The administrator could also issue parking citations.

While traditional parking enforcement may occur, Carne-

secca said the goal of the partnership is to free up police officers from parking enforcement duties to focus on enforcement responsibilities.

While ACE Parking enforcement officers will be issuing citations, Saskia Lagergren, Los Altos Chief of Police, said the company will not be benefitting financially when citations are issued.

“ACE Parking does not receive revenue from the parking citations they issue,” she said. “TurboData is still the parking citation processing company that the city of Los Altos uses to process citations, collect fines, etc, for the city of Los Altos.”

The total contract amount is not to exceed \$700,000 over the three-year contract, Lagergren added. The partnership is being funded by the city's general operating fund, according to previous Town Crier reporting.

“However, staff is hoping the contract will be cost-neutral to

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Around Town

The Fireworks

By Christine Moore
Special to the Town Crier

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News

Police Blotter

Battery of spouse or cohabitant

July 4, 9:07 p.m.: 0-100 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

July 4, 10:14 p.m.: 2200 block of California Street, Mountain View

July 5, 9:49 p.m.: 2400 block of West El Camino Real, Mountain View

Drunk driver

July 4, 5:13 p.m.: Intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Pear Avenue, Mountain View

July 5, 2:23 a.m.: Intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

July 5, 11:17 p.m.: Intersection of Latham Street and Ortega Avenue, Los Altos

July 6, 12:15 a.m.: Intersection of California Street and Chiquita Avenue, Mountain View

July 6, 2:34 a.m.: Intersection of East Evelyn Avenue and Moorpark Way, Mountain View

Financial crime

July 3, 1:11 p.m.: 800 block of Sladky Avenue, Mountain View

Grand theft

July 3, 9:36 a.m.: 100 block of Lena Way, Mountain View

July 3, 11:15 a.m.: 700 block of Continental Circle, Mountain View

Residential burglary

July 4, 1:23 p.m.: 200 block of Frances Drive, Los Altos

July 6, 5:03 p.m.: 500 block of University Avenue, Los Altos

Theft

July 2, 12:37 p.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

July 3, 9:42 a.m.: 100 block of Eldora Drive, Mountain View

July 4, 12:55 p.m.: 500 block of Showers Drive, Mountain View

— Christina Casillas

Los Altos Hills fire sparked after equipment use

Town Crier Report

A 1.6-acre vegetation fire near the intersection of Elena and Purissima roads was stopped by fire crews June 26, with no people injured or structures destroyed.

A Santa Clara County Fire Department spokesperson said the cause was accidental when a person mowing the property sparked a fire while doing vegetation clearing. Although the person had a fire extinguisher with them, the fire escalated too quickly to be stopped without help from firefighters.

The fire started at 5:37 p.m. and was contained by 6:15 p.m. Five homes were threatened during the fire. In addition to the Santa Clara County Fire Department, Cal Fire also responded and provided a helicopter with a crew of approximately six firefighters, with helicopter crews completing two water drops.

The department also noted that one of the property owners near the fire had recently completed a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) inspection, which helped reduce the spread. An owner mowed the grass down to the dirt on their property, which caused the fire to stop in that area and allowed firefighters to focus on



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

A fire along Elena and Purissima roads June 26 was sparked by the use of heavy equipment.

other parts of the fire. A HIZ inspection involves local fire agency officials coming out to individual homes and walking the property for an hour to review defensible space and home hardening options and making recommendations for property improvements within a 100-foot defensive space zone, often related to vegetation, tree limbs, brush and plants. The Santa Clara County Fire Department urged the public to take precautions when clearing brush and landscaping, especially with powered equipment. Any work should be done in the early morning hours and avoided on high fire danger days.



The June 26 vegetation fire is the second in the last month in Los Altos Hills. A June 11 fire in the 2700 block of Roble Blanco Court destroyed a pool pump house for an outdoor pool, with several other structures threatened by the flames.

Special assessor election to cost county \$13 million

Town Crier Staff Report

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters will conduct a special election to fill the county assessor position, to be vacated after longtime assessor Larry Stone announced his retirement last month.

The Board of Supervisors June 25 authorized the special election, which is required to be held within 120 days of Stone's last day in office, July 6. The board also approved for the appointment of an interim assessor on Aug. 12. Stone named assistant assessor Greg

Monteverde as the interim assessor, but the board has the option of naming an alternate interim assessor on that date.

The special election is set for Nov. 4, with a runoff election, if needed, on Dec. 30. A runoff would occur if no candidate received the majority of the votes.

The election will cost the cash-strapped county \$13.1 million, \$26.2 million if there's a runoff election.

"This is a very unfortunate situation — hard to stomach the cost of this, but we really have no legal option," said Margaret Abe-Koga, supervisor for District 5 that includes Los

Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

Speakers at the June 25 meeting urged the county to consider ranked-choice voting, in which voters rank candidates in order of preference. The option, speakers said, would save the county millions.

County Counsel Tony LoPresti said ranked-choice voting could not be done without an approved system in place. A county committee took up the subject in April.

"There's no choice here other than to hold

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News

Foothill partners with union to provide trade programs with associates degrees



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Apprenticeship students will soon be able to receive their trade qualifications and an associates degree free of charge thanks to a program created by the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 104, Bay Area Industry Training Fund and Foothill College officials.

Town Crier Report

Foothill College has partnered with Sheet Metal Workers' Local 104 and Bay Area Industry Training Fund to provide career-seekers a five-year apprenticeship and associates degree free of charge.

The program – which became available last summer – is open to all apprentices at the International Association of Sheet metal, Air, Rail and Transportation. The association covers Northern California; this year, testing, adjusting and balancing, in addition to building trades service apprentices, can take part in the program, according to a June 19 press release.

Prior to the partnership, college credits were given to those in the apprenticeship program. On average, about five students annually, for the last six years, would finish their associates degree, said Chris Allen, Foothill College's dean of apprenticeship.

In addition to on-the-job training, the partnership between the fund and Local 104 will provide apprentices with credit for five out of seven general education requirements. Apprentices can take the remaining courses – humanities, ethnic studies and English – online during their free time or at the training facility. All associate degree coursework is free to apprentices, according to the release.

Allen and Tim Myres, Local 104 and Bay Area Industry Training Fund administrator, joined forces on the project in 2019 shortly after Allen joined Foothill. The apprenticeship curriculum was put together by Myres, Allen and other Local 104 training coordinators and academic faculty at Foothill.

“We’ve had two education systems running side by side for too long,” Allen was quoted in the press release. “It’s innovative work to shift the narrative that you have to choose between the building trades and college. This is the work we’ve been doing to really be in front of that. You have to educate the educators, so they can educate the parents. I’m not trying to tell you to choose between the apprenticeship and the college – I work for a college. You don’t have to step off one to do the other. You can do both, and we’re proving it.”

While the apprenticeship program is currently voluntary, Myres said in the release, his dream is for it to be a requirement for all.

“Now, we can say when you graduate our program you can have an associate degree as a journey person,” Myres said.

Myres also hopes a continuing education program for journey persons will be the next program Local 104 and Bay Area Industry Training Fund and Foothill tackle.

For more information on Foothill College, visit foothill.edu.

for the city. The city wants compliance from community members and this can be achieved through a combination of education, warnings and citations.”

For more information on ACE Parking, visit aceparking.com.

PARKING

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the city with citation revenue canceling out payment to ACE Parking,” she stated. “Parking citations are not relied upon to be a revenue generator

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Mountain View Fire Department retains prestigious ISO Class 1 rating

Town Crier Report

The Mountain View Fire Department announced last week that it has once again achieved the highest possible Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating – Class 1 – from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). This marks the third time in MVFD’s history that it has earned this designation. The MVFD remains the only fire department in Santa Clara County to hold a Class 1 rating.

The ISO Class 1 rating is a nationally recognized benchmark of excellence in fire protection services. Department officials

said it reflects a commitment to deploying state-of-the-art emergency response practices, maintaining robust infrastructure and minimizing risk to the community. This rating can also help lower fire insurance premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties across Mountain View, benefiting residents and local businesses.

ISO evaluates fire departments every five years across critical areas such as emergency communications, water supply, firefighter training, fire suppression capabilities and prevention initiative, including community education, inspec-

tions and outreach.

“This recognition is a testament to the exceptional work and unwavering dedication of our firefighters, inspectors and support staff,” said Fire Chief Juan F. Diaz. “Being among the elite group of fire departments in the nation to achieve a Class 1 rating is an honor. It reflects our mission to provide the highest level of fire prevention and suppression, prehospital EMS/Paramedicine, and environmental protection services to the residents of Mountain View.”

Mayor Ellen Kamei expressed her enthusiasm for the designation.

“I am incredibly proud of MVFD for earning this prestigious recognition once again,” she said. “The Class 1 rating underscores the department’s steadfast dedication to public safety, public service and its vital role in keeping our com-



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Mountain View Fire Department achieved the highest Public Protection Classification rating for its second year in a row.

munity secure. This distinction not only enhances emergency response but also supports economic resilience, which may help in lower insurance costs for our residents and businesses.”

Achieving a Class 1 rating places MVFD among the top

1% of fire departments. Nationwide, fewer than 500 out of more than 38,000 departments hold this distinction. According to the department, it serves as a powerful indicator of MVFD’s strategic planning, readiness and alignment with national best practices in the fire service.

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Mountain View awarded for sustainability

Town Crier Report

The city of Mountain View is one of only 112 cities and two states and regions in the world to receive the top “A” list status from the Carbon Disclosure Project for its leadership in environmental transparency and climate action. Mountain View is one of only 37 cities in North America to receive top grade. The city also received an A score from CDP in 2023.

“We are pleased that the Carbon Disclosure Project has recognized Mountain View for its leadership in sustainability and climate resiliency for the second year in a row,” said

Mayor Ellen Kamei. “The city council’s strategic priorities include sustainability and climate resiliency. We are working collaboratively with our residents and businesses to develop policies and implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for climate change and protect the community from sea level rise.”

In 2024, nearly 1,000 cities participated in the program offered by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), an international nonprofit that supports thousands of companies, cities, states and regions to measure and manage their risks and op-

portunities on climate change, water security and deforestation. Of these, 752 received scores, and 15% achieved an A.

Mountain View made the 2024 A list by demonstrating that it had conducted a climate risk and vulnerability assessment, adopted plans that address climate adaptation and mitigation, published a community-wide emissions inventory, established mitigation and adaptation goals, and made progress towards achieving targets, a press release stated.

For information on the city’s sustainability efforts, visit MountainView.gov/Sustainability.

ASSESSOR

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the special election and incur the expenses associated with it,” LoPresti said.

According to the registrar, a candidate guide is being prepared and will be posted on the registrar website “soon.” The qualifications to run for this office are set out in the government code, including the stipulation that candidates must hold a valid appraiser’s license in order to run.

Stone announced his resignation June 23 after serving three decades as county assessor.

Three days later, Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor announced her intention to run for the position in the special election. Former Saratoga Mayor Yan Zhao also has declared her intent to run.

The candidate filing period is July 14 through Aug. 8.

Stone has endorsed Fligor to be his successor. Fligor is currently working as a special assistant in the assessor’s office.

Stone explained the timing of his retirement decision.

“My office has been working diligently to find a vendor with a California-compliant assessment management system

to replace our four-decades-old system,” he said in a press release last month. “I am happy to announce that after a long request for proposal process, the (county) board of supervisors approved the new system contract on June 17. I knew I just couldn’t leave until this critical project was moving forward. Now, with the new system ready to implement and the successful completion of my 30th assessment roll close, the timing feels right to step down.”

Stone’s current term ends in December 2026. The assessor position will again be open in 2026 for a four-year term.

America, the beautiful Community celebrates USA

Town Crier Report

Local residents, from fuzzy friends to grandparents with their wobbling toddler grandchildren, celebrated the Fourth of July together across different community events Friday.

Residents marched from the

Los Altos Hills town hall down Fremont Road during the 14th annual Fourth of July Parade, the caravan ending at Gardner Bullis School for other Fourth of July festivities. Los Altos held its annual Glorious Fourth celebration, providing attendees live music, activities and games.

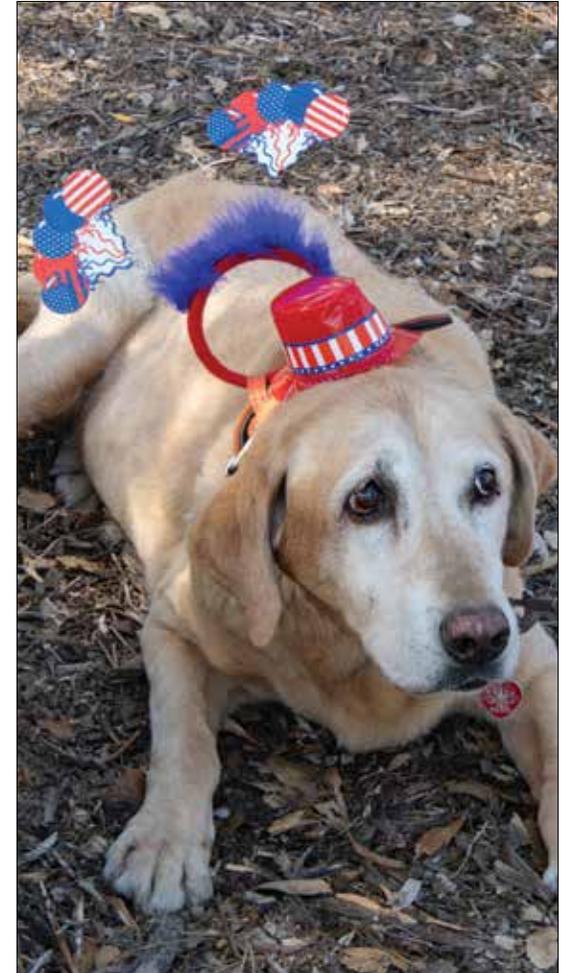


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Above, community members create chalk art during Los Altos Hills' Fourth of July Parade. Right, a child sits with red, white and blue facepaint.



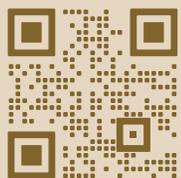
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Left, the Fourth of July caravan is in full swing in Los Altos Hills. Below, a pup is tucked out after the event's walk and festivities.



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Letters to the Editor

Bike ordinance is too vague

I'm writing to express concern about the new Los Altos ordinance banning bike riders – including those on pedal-powered and e-bikes – from “trick riding” and using “pedestrian paths.”

The ordinance feels like an overreach that may unintentionally target safe, everyday biking behaviors. It sends the wrong message. If “pedestrian paths” include the many cut-throughs in Los Altos that connect otherwise disconnected streets, this could significantly affect students. These paths are highlighted on the Safe Routes to School maps as preferred biking routes. Was the school district consulted before this decision? Redirecting students to longer or more dangerous routes seems counterproductive.

The “trick riding” ban also feels overly vague. I recently saw someone biking to town with their dog in a front basket. Do we really want him to drive instead? What about kids riding with no hands or doing wheelies in their own neighborhood? Are we really criminalizing this kind of normal, active play?

I understand concerns about unsafe e-bike use, especially downtown. But this ordinance feels like an overreach that may unintentionally target safe, everyday biking behaviors. It sends the wrong message to young people – that biking is risky or unwelcome – at a time when we should be encouraging outdoor activity and reducing car traffic.

Please consider revising this ordinance to address specific safety concerns without punishing responsible riders or limiting safe school commutes.

Dan Beyer
Los Altos

Ordinance lacks needed guidance

The front page Town Crier e-bike article from July 2 clearly explains that the new Los Altos ordinance bans all bikes (e-bike and old-fashioned, non powered bicycles) from sidewalks. The new ordinance exposes the importance of emphasizing the existing state bicycle rights and laws, particularly on the streets of downtown Los Altos.

Two laws are emphasized on a street post at the entrance of West Edith Avenue, at the

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Theodore Vail Halsey Sr. at his San Jose Telephone Company office, circa 1910. Theodore married Emma Wright in 1915 on the site of their future home in today's Redwood Grove. The property was a wedding gift from Emma's parents. The Halsey's home was completed in 1923, and Emma planted the redwood trees we enjoy today.

intersection of First Street and West Edith. Further down West Edith, multiple painted markings of bicycle signs on the pavement further emphasize the probable existence of bicycles in the middle of that avenue.

As a serious bicyclist, I always wondered why these two critical state bicycle rules (the three feet separation and full lane occupancy rules) are displayed on West Edith, but not on other downtown streets that are frequently visited by cyclists: Main, State or First Street. I have been honked at on Main Street and State Street by aggressive drivers expecting me to get out of their hurried ways. I believe now is the time for the existing state bicycle law to be displayed and emphasized along



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

A sign on West Edith Avenue in Los Altos shares two bike laws that Los Altos resident Feraydoon Jamzadeh believes should be emphasized in a bike ordinance passed by Los Altos city council members in June.

with the new city ordinance showing up for four hours on a weekday evening.

Feraydoon Jamzadeh
Los Altos

Return pizza to farmers market

Shame on LAVA and shame on the pizza restaurants that kicked Pizza & Amore out of the farmers market. They sure know how to make our small town look small. Business must be really bad at local pizza parlors if they're threatened by a husband-and-wife team

showing up for four hours on a weekday evening. Let's not forget the LAVA employee who hung up on a resident and had no qualms about admitting it – plenty of shame to go around.

I plan to boycott all the brick-and-mortar pizza places in Los Altos until Pizza & Amore are welcomed back. I hope all 139 people who signed the petition to LAVA will join me. Meanwhile, there's plenty of great pizza in Mountain View and Palo Alto.

Pat Marriott
Los Altos

Letters to the Editor

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Community

Local couple nears 50 years of volunteering at festival

By Kaitlyn Stattler
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Local residents Jeanne and Stu Farwell have been volunteering at the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival since its second year, making this weekend's annual event their 45th.

"We are happy to (do so) as long as we can physically do it," said Jeanne, who married Stu 67 years ago. "And every year we say, 'Oh man, can we do that next year?' And here we are again."

Jeanne has had a long history of volunteering and giving back to the Los Altos community. When her two children were growing up, Jeanne said "my job was to volunteer (at) everything," to help out at her kids' schools and with their extracurricular activities. She also volunteered for Deer Hollow Farm at Rancho San An-

tonio Open Space Reserve, eventually being hired as a naturalist at the farm.

Stu spent 38 years serving Los Altos as a firefighter, then worked as a consultant for the Los Altos Hills County Fire District for another 20 before retirement. It was during his time with the fire department that the Farwells began volunteering at the festival, at the request of the city.

"I think it looked good for the city to have city employees volunteer since they were paying back to the city for being employed by the city," Jeanne said.

The Farwells both moved to Los Altos in the early 1950s, when they were 12 years old, and met at Christ Episcopal Church on Orange Avenue. The Mountain View High School graduates married in



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See VOLUNTEERS, Page 10 Longtime Arts and Wine Festival volunteers Stu and Jeanne Farwell.

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Mountain View's 10th annual tech showcase scheduled to kick off July 16

By **Chloe Eshagh**
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The city of Mountain View and Mountain View Chamber of Commerce are working together to host the 10th annual Technology Showcase. The free two-day event runs July 16 and 17 in downtown Mountain View.

The showcase features panel discussions both days and exhibits the second day.

The first panel, titled "The Future of Work: AI and the Workforce" is set for 5 p.m. July 16 on the SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Leaders from LinkedIn, nSpire and the Krause Center for Innovation will discuss AI's impacts on the workforce and how it's transforming industries, according to Amanda Rotella, Mountain View's acting economic and vitality manager. This marks the first panel on AI in the showcase's history, according to Peter Katz, the president and CEO of Mountain View Chamber of Commerce.

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Those interested in robotics will be sure to geek out at some of the stalls, where they can get hands-on experiences and learn more about their interests, like the child above.

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1958 and have lived in the area ever since.

"We're blessed that we can live here," Stu said. "We have almost everything. And we don't have a lot of the problems that exist in other areas too."

Before having children,

Jeanne was crowned Miss Los Altos in 1956 at an event that served as a fundraiser for the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce.

The Farwells have become familiar faces for people like Liz Williams, the marketing and event manager for Los Altos Village Association, which puts on the festival each year.

"They always have a friendly face," Williams said. "You know, they epitomize community spirit. They have a real sense of ownership and pride in their Los Altos community."

The Farwells are scheduled to volunteer from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the soda and water booth on the corner of Fourth and State streets.



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United Effort celebrates 5 years of helping unhoused neighbors in Santa Clara County

Town Crier Report

July 1 marked the 5-year anniversary of The United Effort Organization, Inc., a Mountain View-based, grassroots nonprofit that has helped more than 2,000 individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Santa Clara County.

Founded at the height of the pandemic on July 1, 2020, The United Effort began with three volunteers and a clear goal: to treat everyone with dignity and help them move from crisis to stability.

Since then, it has grown into a trusted organization, with volunteers helping with public

benefit applications, housing searches, mentorship, employment support, peer support and outreach – while also building online tools and partnerships that are shared across the county.

Agency officials said they have helped more than 150 people move into housing.

“This is more than just an anniversary,” said Wei Qun E, co-founder and volunteer CEO. “It’s a celebration of what’s possible when a community comes together to care for its neighbors.”

The United Effort Organization continues to evolve, creating unique mobile tools, forming strong collaborations and

pushing for lasting solutions to end homelessness.

“We’ve made great progress, but there’s still so much more to do,” added Claire Hubel, co-founder and volunteer COO. “Today we pause to reflect – and recommit to the road ahead.”

The nonprofit helps unhoused people across the county – including in Mountain View and Los Altos. The United Effort has received funding from local funders, including the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation and El Camino Health.

To volunteer or support the organization, visit theunitedeffort.org.



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Those experiencing homelessness – like those living in RVs – are being helped by The United Effort Organization.

Mark your calendars: Looking ahead this summer

- 2025 Summer Concert Series, hosted by the city of Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department. Concerts held 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave. and Hillview Soccer Field, 97 Hillview Ave. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/losaltosconcertseries.
- Los Altos Farmers’ Market, 4-8 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 9, along State Street. For more information, visit downtownlosaltos.org.
- Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 12-13, downtown Los Altos. For more information, visit 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. For more information, visit rotaryartshow.com.
- Groundbreaking on 90-unit affordable housing project., 1-3 p.m., Aug. 28, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos.
- Mountain View Arts Festival, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 7, Castro Street, downtown Mountain View. For more information, visit mvtartwine.com.



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Community

Los Altos Rotary gearing up for 50th annual Fine Art in the Park



By Sandy Mingia
Special to the Town Crier

The Rotary Club of Los Altos invites the community to celebrate the 50th annual Fine Art in the Park, scheduled August 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park in downtown Los Altos.

This beloved summer tradition features more than 150 juried artists showcasing exceptional works in painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography, glass, textiles, wood and more. Attendees can preview artists' portfolios at rotaryartshow.com.

While enjoying the art and chatting with the artists, patrons can relax in a festive, family-friendly atmosphere listening to live jazz, rock and blues performances. New this year is the community stage, where talented, local youth will perform.

Local restaurants will offer a tempting array of food selections. Drink selections include fine wines from local vintners and craft beers.

Each year, the event raises more than \$100,000 for Rotary's local and international service projects. Every dollar earned by the club goes to organizations making a difference near and far.

Local beneficiaries include the Foothill College Veterans



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Numerous booths manned by artisan creators will be open for passersby to peruse during this year's Fine Art in the Park, put on by the Los Altos Rotary Club.

Resource Center, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, Westwind Barn, Hope's Corner, East Palo Alto Kids (EPAK) and scholarships for promising, local high school students who have persevered in the face of financial or personal challenges.

Internationally, Rotary collaborates with other clubs to

support projects promoting health, literacy, sanitation, sustainable agriculture and the environment in underserved communities across the Americas, Africa and Asia. Examples include eradicating polio worldwide and improving farming in the Andes.

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Fine Art in the Park visitors of years prior admire ceramics and sculptures, above, and fine jewelry, below.

FINE ART

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The event is organized by a dedicated team of Rotarians and volunteers, led by art director Carol Dabb, who curates the high-quality show, and event director Royce Cablayan, who oversees the weekend with care and heart.

Free vehicle parking will be available at Los Altos High School, Almond School and the Los Altos Community Center. Free shuttle service to and from the event will be provided by Rotarians. Valet bike parking will also be available. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Rotary encourages guests to embrace sustainability: bike or walk to the park, bring reusable water bottles and recycle on site.

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of art, community



and giving back. You may just find the art that touches your heart.

Los Altos Rotary is part of Rotary International, the first and largest service organization in the world.

For more information on the event, visit rotaryartshow.com.

Sandy Mingia is the Los Altos Rotary Club public image chair.

Community Briefs

Donate blood

St. Nicholas and St. William parish will host a blood drive July 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. William Hall, 611 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos.

The parish encourages those eligible to consider making a life-saving blood donation. Appointments can be made at vitalant.org using the blood drive code: SNSW

Help CSA this summer

The Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills is putting out the call for more canned food donations, in the wake of increased demand.

“On a typical day at CSA, we

provide more than 2,000 cans of food and other dried food items plus fresh food to over 200 families,” an agency representative said. “Food donations tend to drop in summer months but hunger doesn’t take a vacation. In fact, when schools are closed for summer, many children eat fewer meals.”

Top needed food items include pop-top meals, high protein items, and low-sodium canned vegetables.

CSA is located at 204 Stierlin Road in Mountain View. Canned food deliveries are welcomed any weekday 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m.

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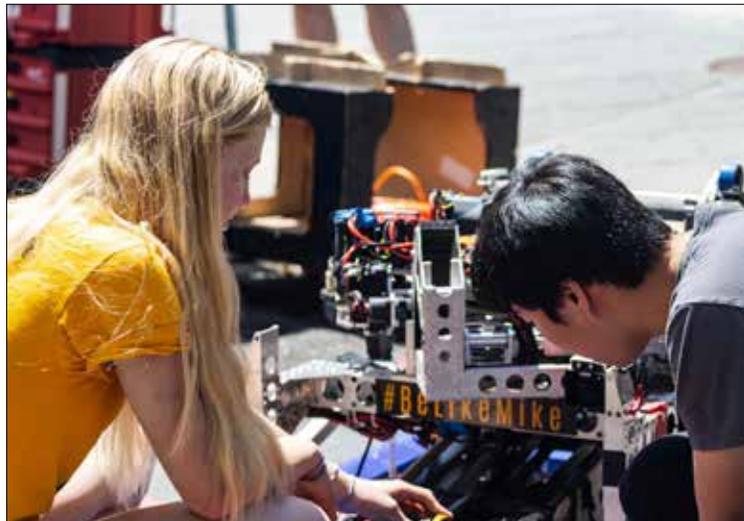


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Left, tech businesses, like drone business Matternet, will be at the showcase. Above, attendees get a look at cutting-edge tech.

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SHOWCASE

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The second panel, “The Growth of the Space Economy in the Bay Area,” is slated for 4 p.m. on Second-Stage. The discussion will include experts from NASA and Lockheed Martin Space, among others in the field. They will highlight how aerospace innovation locally influences everything from national research to daily life and creates career opportunities in the process, according to a press release.

“A lot of people don’t know that NASA Ames is right here in Mountain View,” Katz said. “... We want people to understand how vibrant the aerospace industry is here and how (NASA Ames) has been here for 80 years or more, and really get people more excited about what’s happening locally.”

The exhibits and demonstrations, many of them interactive, will be on display from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 17 in Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St.

“One of the things we tell our exhibitors is, this is your

chance to showcase what you do,” Katz said. “This is your chance to tell your story. I’ve seen it so many times where a 10-year-old, a 16-year-old, a 22-year-old will come to one of the exhibits and the exhibitors will just light up because it’s a chance to tell their story to an audience they don’t normally get to.”

Katz added that the city and chamber of commerce seek input from local schools and the community when planning the exhibits and panels in an effort to make them accessible for everyone. He said they also emphasize engaging demonstrations.

“We’re really trying to gear the showcase toward interactive experiences,” Rotella said. “The demos, the 3D printing and being able to interact one-on-one with some of these cool vehicles and technology. We really wanted to be immersive where tech enthusiasts, students and just interested parties are getting to experience it.”

For more information on the showcase or to RSVP for any of the panels, visit chambermv.org/technology-showcase.

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Stepping Out

'Constellations' unites one couple across multiple universes

By Brandon Roth

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Have you ever considered all the countless decisions you make throughout the day and the effects of each one?

The Pear Theatre is showcasing the many timelines of a relationship through playwright Nick Payne's Broadway 2012 debut play "Constellations." In this play, we see Roland, played by George Alexander K., Thomas Nguyen and Sahil Singh, and Marianne, played by Raven Douglas, Elana Swartz and Vivienne Truong, navigate their lives with one another through heartbreak, joyous occasions, and life-changing moments.

All six actors who appear on stage play out the various scenarios in different universes. The actors, who

are each paired off, decide on one action, affecting the other actors in a different timeline, who will have a slightly different role in their dialogue. The characters follow one main storyline, but split off through the changes and outcomes.

Swartz and Nguyen are the first version of the characters we see appear under the spotlight on the stage. While they are performing, we see the other multiverse couples, Troung and Alexander K. and Douglas and Singh sitting in darkness as they wait their turn. The story starts with the couple's first meeting together, setting off the chain of events for the next couple to appear.

It is difficult to predict the outcomes of a person's life, but this play predicts or suggests the directions

one's life can take. Marianne, who is a physicist, is obsessed with the secrets to life and finding evidence of her own free will. Roland, who is a foil to Marianne's complex nature and a beekeeper by trade, wants her to be happy and distracted from the complications of the universe. Both characters are destined to be together and are the sources for the rapid changes they both experience.

When each couple reacts or decides to speak, each subtle moment can be a catastrophic or safe experience for them. As the play moves along, we see them move in and out of their lives and come together when they are at their lowest points. The story weaves through their experiences, showing the different couples going through

turmoil at different points in the show.

The play explores that people are lost without each other. We are controlled by the laws of the universe and each person we meet creates new possibilities for us. We are the performers of our own lives and we are provided with options of how to grow with the community that we surround ourselves with.

Each performer in the

show reflects that everyone can create their own path and become different people through their choices. In this show, we can't pretend that our small impacts won't matter. Everything we decide to do in the end will ultimately lead to a new future.

The show is expected to close on July 20. General admission is \$45. To learn more about "Constellations," visit thepear.org/whats-playing.



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From left, Elana Swartz (Marianne) and Thomas Nguyen (Roland) perform in "Constellations" at the Pear Theatre. The show runs through July 20. The play focuses on the love and pain of a couple who have to make difficult decisions as they move through life together.

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Schools

LAHS students host PBS podcast on student wellness

By Brandon Roth

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Many students feel isolated in their crises. They feel overwhelmed with their emotions as they grow up, unsure of their decisions and feeling powerless to ask for help. It is sometimes a battle to connect with others, but there is a feeling of being uplifted when one can start opening up to their friends and learning from people their age.

Eason Dong and Evelyn Chao, both recent graduates of Los Altos High School, are close friends who never expected to host a podcast with each other. Dong, who has journalism experience working as a photography editor for the student-run Mid Peninsula Post, said Chao and he connect really well. When the opportunity came from his Digital Communication and Yearbook teacher, Jodi Hwang, to apply for the National PBS Student

Podcast, he pulled Chao aside at lunch one day and asked her to apply and co-host with him.

“Evelyn, and I and our other friends would have these deep conversations while hanging out late nights or driving around and kind of talked about our academics and our stresses in life,” he said. “A part of me thought that it would be a good thing to share with other people as well and share our experiences.”

He said the application required them to submit a written and video essay to both express their dynamic and the topics they were interested in sharing with viewers. They received news at the end of their winter break that they were accepted and took the beginning of the spring semester to prepare and collect information with their East Coast producers to begin the project.

Their podcast, which was called “On Our Minds,” allowed the students to



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Eason Dong and Evelyn Chao, both recent graduates of Los Altos High School and close friends, got the opportunity to participate in a national PBS Podcast called “On Our Minds.”

connect with their friends, to get insight on academic affirmations to people that family, community members pressure, overarching and people around the country life lessons and provide

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MV teen creates local chapter of nonprofit combating climate change

By Amalia Tormala

Los Altos Town Crier Intern

When local student Zoe Chien first tried to make her mark in the climate policy scene, it was to no avail.

Between intimidation and not knowing where to start, the Mountain View resident said she faced multiple roadblocks in becoming a driving voice in climate policy, her voice blending into the masses of curious and passionate climate activists. But, after joining Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, achieving change became easier – thanks largely to the new Mountain View-Los Altos action team Chien created.

“It’s really important that we created the MVLA team to initiate a deeper and more meaningful impact around the Mountain View-Los Altos area,” Chien said. “Expanding this team to Mountain View and Los Altos will allow us to mobilize even more students to help create larger change in the

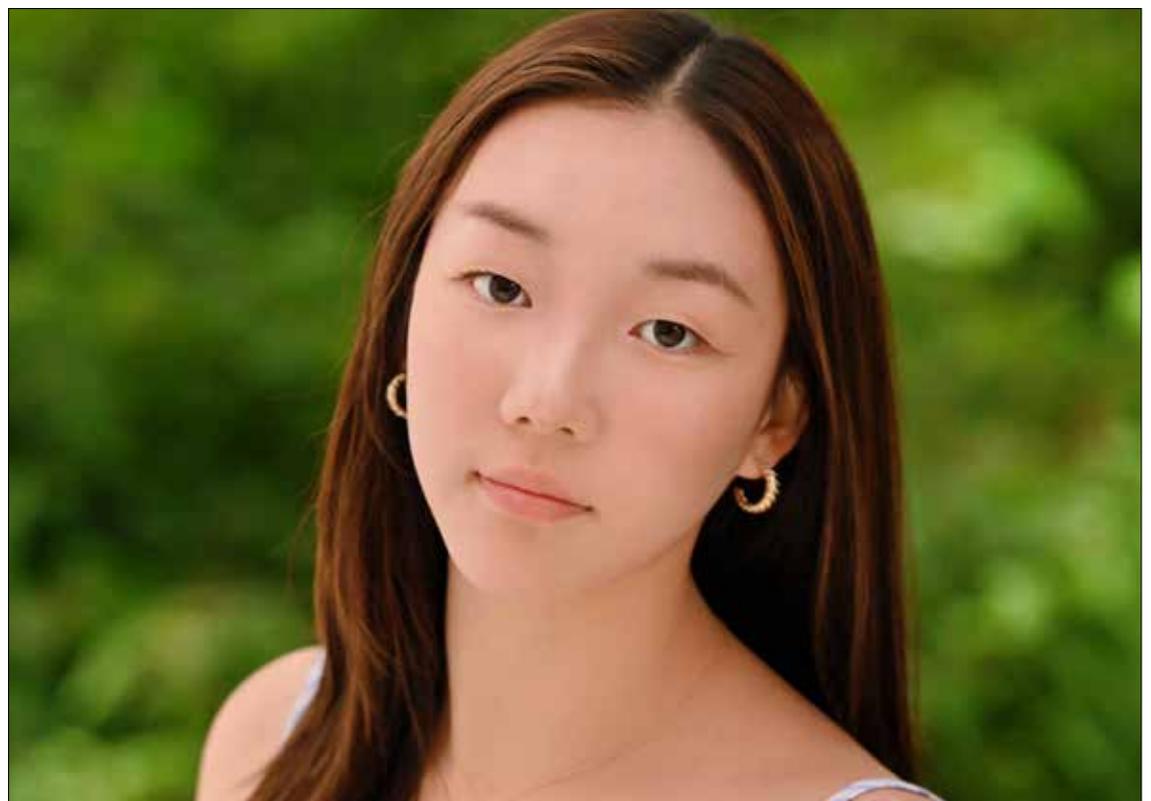
broader area.”

SVYCA is a youth-led nonprofit aiming to combat climate change through policy and education initiatives, according to longtime member and rising freshman at Stanford University Jayden Wan. Founded in 2019, the organization has grown to include 12 action teams across three counties: Santa Clara, San Mateo and Alameda.

Chien, a rising junior at The Nueva School, joined the organization in late 2024. Despite being a newer member, she sparked discussion of the new MVLA action team just this January, and Chien said the team is off to a great start.

“Right now, we’re mostly focusing on outreaching to different (prospective) members, and we’re also starting on some of our actual environmental initiatives,” Chien said.

Ultimately, after finishing up outreach and initial projects, Chien said the goal of the MVLA branch is to collaborate with the other chapters of SVY-



COURTESY OF ZOE CHIEN

Zoe Chien, a Mountain View Resident, is a member of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action. The group’s goal is to prevent climate change through local policy and partnering with other chapters.

CA and push for changes in the Mountain View-Los Altos area.

“One of the most unique parts about building a branch under SVYCA is the incredible

opportunity to get adequate

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they will get through their mistakes.

“We were able to hear from different student journalists that would kind of make their own mini-stories,” he said. “It was nice hearing stories from people about their experiences from all across the country. I remember distinctly hearing this one story about a girl sharing a pen pal with an old lady from a church. It was sweet. It was nice to hear stories that you would normally have to go out and find.”

Chao said that as her second semester went along, she thought it would be great to use the podcast on her experiences to help those who are having a tough time. By the time the friends began filming their eight-episode series in early April, she figured out that one of the biggest things she experienced as a student was her impostor syndrome. She said no matter what she was doing, she felt like whatever room she was in, she would compare herself and convince herself that everyone else was more knowledgeable on a subject.

She said the project got a lot easier with time. She felt stiff in

the beginning when cameras were pointed at her, but began to feel more like herself when Dong began making jokes and their producer flew Briget Ganske into Los Altos to help them understand their workflow for the first two episodes. She said Ganske also helped them connect with other PBS student podcasters who worked on the same podcast over the years to get advice from them.

“I didn’t have as much experience in journalism before this, but I’ve always enjoyed journaling and creating stuff that involves sharing my voice,” she said.

“I think that this podcast, for me, was proof that I could do it on a larger scale and to the public. I hope in the future I’ll do more things that involve sharing my experience and my voice in ways that help people.”

Dong, who plans on attending University of Maryland as an engineering student, said he plans on being involved in journalism in college, such as broadcast or radio, as much as he can and also hopes to maybe intern for PBS which is located nearby in Washington D.C. Chao, who plans on attending University of California, Berkeley as a

biology student, said even though journalism is not her path, the project taught her how to use her voice and gave her an opportunity to try something new.

“Journalism, for me in general, has kind of given me a lot of opportunities and kind of insights into things that I didn’t think I would have since I’m going into engineering,” Dong said. “I have very different sides in my academic spectrum, but I think having that kind of broad experience is very good to have.”

To listen to their podcast, visit studentreportinglabs.org/on-our-minds/.

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support and guidance and access to resources,” Chien said. “We also have the special experience to get to build a team from the ground up and learn how to navigate that and then beyond that.”

To help build this team, Chien has help from several experienced SVYCA members, including Sarah Adkar, a rising senior at Washington High School and co-lead of SVYCA’s Fremont chapter. Adkar said she has been helping Chien and the other co-leads of the MVLA branch get situated into the SVYCA co-lead network.

“With the new MVLA Chapter, I’m really just hoping that they bring new ideas and insights, which the East Bay could use a lot of,” Adkar said. “In my opinion, we are (the East Bay is) kind of behind on the climate action game.”

Adkar has ample experience networking and spreading the word about SVYCA – including witnessing the global reach of the organization – and said all climate progress must begin at the local level, starting with the action teams themselves.

To recruit potential members and help the organization progress, SVYCA hosts an annual Leadership Summit, at which current members gather prospective members from across the Bay Area to learn about the organization’s climate efforts.

Wan said the new MVLA action team bodes well for SVYCA, hinting at the organization’s promising future of continuous expansion and

influence across the Bay Area. Thus far, SVYCA has thoroughly “addressed the needs of local communities,” Wan said, and, with the introduction of teams like MVLA’s own, he is confident it will continue to do just that.

The Leadership Summit, this year dubbed The Impact Summit, is scheduled for Aug. 9 in Campbell.

For more information on the organization, visit svyouthclimateaction.org.

Schools Briefs

Homestead High School hosts Goodwill and E-Waste event

There will be a Goodwill and E-Waste event at Homestead High School, located at 21370 Homestead Road, Cupertino, on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 9 a.m.–2 p.m. or if the trucks get filled. The school is asking people to clean out their closets and donate their

clothing, shoes, toys, books, small appliances, e-waste and electronics. This event will support the school’s Winter Percussion group.

Email HemaLakhani@intero.com with any questions on unacceptable items or event logistics.

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Sports

St. Francis students donate equipment to kids in Honduras

By Curtis Driscoll
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Two St. Francis students have spent the past school year gathering 100 pounds of used sports equipment to donate to children in Honduras.

Arya Jamkhandi and Aanya Singh collected donated sports equipment for the Honduras Child Alliance, which supports community-based programs in the Honduran city of El Porvenir and seeks to address cycles of poverty and lack of education in Honduras by supporting programs around language, computer competency, science and art.

Jamkhandi and Singh, both rising seniors, did so as part of Promoting Leadership in Athletics and Youth Sports, or P.L.A.Y.S., an organization they created that provides used sports equipment to children to make a difference in the community. The pair grew up playing sports and started the organization in their sophomore year so

underprivileged children who might not have the resources or money to get equipment could have the same experiences.

Jamkhandi and Singh partnered with Sports Basement this year as a location to donate equipment, with the two also helping organize a drive at Presentation High School for a month and hosting a drive at St. Francis to collect soccer, baseball and football equipment. The two looked into potential donation spots and chose the Honduras Child Alliance because they thought its mission was making a difference and could help the most people. The year before, Jamkhandi and Singh donated 90 pieces of sports gear to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula aimed at helping underserved children in the community.

“We wanted to expand a little more just to see what we can do and how far we can get the equipment and the impact it would make, hopefully it



COURTESY OF DANI AND DAVID, MANAGERS AT THE HONDURAS CHILD ALLIANCE

Children in Honduras receiving sports equipment from Promoting Leadership in Athletics and Youth Sports (P.L.A.Y.S.). The organization was started by two St. Francis students and donates used sports equipment to communities in need.

would get bigger,” Jamkhandi said.

Singh noted many families in Honduras can't prioritize sports and equipment due to the high costs, with their focus on getting food on the table or paying rent. Many kids often have to get jobs earlier in life and may not have as

many opportunities to stay in sports.

“I think just being able to get donations of equipment takes a load off of the families, and they don't have to worry as much about having to buy it themselves,” Singh said. “Arya and I both play sports ourselves. We know how im-

portant it is and how impactful on our childhoods to be able to continue to play our sports.”

Honduras Child Alliance Executive Director Eve Horowitz said the recent donation from P.L.A.Y.S. serves

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Los Altos local Catherine Paulson signs Bay FC extension

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Los Altos local Catherine Paulson has signed a new contract through the end of the 2025 season with NWSL team Bay FC, the club announced last week.

Paulson, a St. Francis and Stanford graduate, is in her second year with the club. Paulson was on a short-term contract on the active roster through June of this year. She first signed with Bay FC in August 2024 as a National Team Replacement Player after graduating from Stanford in the spring of 2024. Paulson during her youth career also played for local club team Mountain View Los Altos Soccer Club.

“Catherine has worked hard throughout this season and showed an incredible attitude and mentality,” Bay FC head coach Albertin Montoya said in a press release. “Her presence on the field is felt in every session. As we prepare for the second half of the season, we are confident that her work ethic will be vital towards our playoff efforts.”

Bay FC also announced new contract agreements with four other players on the team: goalkeeper Emmie Allen, defender Joelle Anderson, defender Maddie Moreau and midfielder Jamie Shepherd. All four are now signed through 2027 with a mutual option for 2028.



COURTESY OF BAY FC

Bay FC midfielder Catherine Paulson, right, dribbling with the ball and preparing to make a pass.

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approximately 25 children who participate in local soccer teams, along with another 75 children each week who attend the organization's educational programs. Horowitz noted the equipment helps expose kids to new activities and supports their social-emotional and physical growth.

"All of the soccer gear collected by the P.L.A.Y.S. group is being put to great use by a local organization that's running fútbol teams for both girls and boys," Horowitz said in an email. "Our staff and volunteers are pitching in by working alongside the coach. It's especially exciting because, in many places, girls are sidelined from sports

by around third grade – but that's definitely not the case here!"

The pair will raise additional funds through a bake sale this summer to send money to the Honduras Child Alliance so the organization can buy equipment and choose what it wants to buy, as shipping costs for the equipment from the United States to Honduras were a significant expense during the donation process. P.L.A.Y.S. is selling cookies and brownies in boxes of four for \$10 until the end of August.

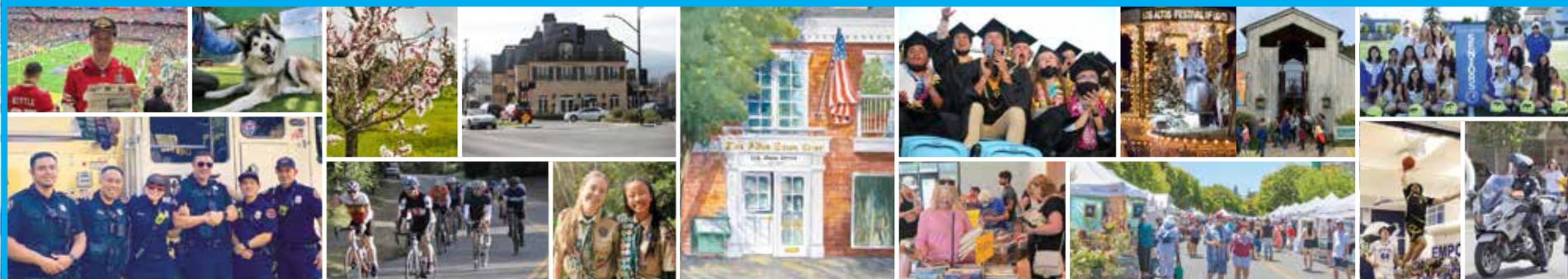
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COURTESY OF DANIA AND DAVID, HONDURAS CHILD ALLIANCE MANAGERS

Dania and David open donated sports equipment from Promoting Leadership in Athletics and Youth Sports, an organization started to help those in need by two St. Francis students.

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Food & Wine

Show up with love and blueberry cobbler

Silicon Valley Sips

By Christine Moore

It's summer. The trees know it, heavy with fruit and sweetness. The sky knows it, clear with radiant blue and sunbeams. The grill knows it, fired-up nightly for al fresco dinners. And this recipe for blueberry cobbler knows it. Relying on a summertime favorite berry, the cobbler celebrates warm evenings and seasonal bounty.

It's the kind of recipe that comes together so simply that I make it a lot over summer. In fact, I've taken to calling it my "show up cobbler." Its ease of preparation and universal appeal make it the perfect dish to show up with for family, friends and neighbors who might need a bit of comfort in their lives.

I've been known to leave the cobbler on doorsteps just as often as preparing it for a potluck. When someone in my life needs a



reminder that they are not alone or that they

are stronger than they imagine, this cobbler delivers a reassuring message in every sweet bite. I encourage you to consider who in your life could benefit from a blueberry cobbler drop off. Bonus points if you're able to include a pint of vanilla ice cream in your delivery.

While cobblers are often made with heavy cake-style drop biscuits, this lighter version lets the fruit be the star of the show.

The lemon zest is a whole lot like love. Even a small amount changes everything. The zest is essential to the flavor despite being the least ingredient in terms of quantity. Lemon balances the blueberry and sugar, creating harmony, while adding brightness and ensuring the simple dessert isn't one-dimensional – like love.

Christine's Show Up Blueberry Cobbler Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups washed, organic blueberries
 - Zest and juice of one lemon
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
- Preheat oven to 375°. Mix ingredients together in a large bowl then add to a 9x13", buttered baking dish.



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A nice summer day calls for a refreshing blueberry cobbler with a side of ice cream. This dessert is a great topper to share with your friends and to nourish those during a hard time.

Set aside while you prepare cobbler topping.

Topping

- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking

powder

- Pinch of salt

Cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla extract and mix well. Add salt, flour, baking powder and mix just until incorporated.

Spray a small ice cream scoop with

non-stick

spray. Evenly place batter in tablespoons atop blueberries. Try to cover most of the berries.

Remove from oven, cool and serve at room temperature or slightly warm with ice cream or whipped cream.



Recreate the taco truck experience at home

Statepoint

There's no better treat than Mexican street fare, thanks to the complexity of its flavors and the freshness of its ingredients. And this summer, it's easier than ever to recreate the taco truck experience at home.

While the rich, slow-cooked flavors of Mexican cuisine can sometimes take hours to prepare, a new line of cooking and simmer sauces from Cholula can help you recreate these complex flavors without the time-consuming process. Bringing its signa-

ture balanced heat to 11 new products crafted with authentic Mexican flavor, convenience and versatility in mind, Cholula can help you go way beyond Taco Tuesdays to whip up a broader spectrum of Mexican cuisine in your own kitchen.

To get you started, Cholula is sharing this mouth-watering recipe for quesabirria tacos, a crave-worthy spin on classic birria. These cheesy, crispy tacos are filled with tender shredded beef made with Cholula Birria

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There are many Mexican street food dishes such as birria, a slowed stewed meat dish that is served with a cheese taco. It's a delicious twist on a traditional taco.

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Cooking & Simmer Sauce, then fried until golden. Serve with warm consommé on the side for dipping for the ultimate flavor experience.

Ingredients

- 3 pounds beef chuck roast, cut into 2-inch chunks
- 1 bottle Cholula Birria Cooking & Simmer Sauce
- 16 corn tortillas, warmed
- 4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Fresh lime wedges

Instructions

1. Place beef and cooking sauce in electric multifunction cooker. Close lid. Set valve to seal.

2. Cook on high pressure for 45 minutes. When done, quick-release the pressure. Open lid once pressure inside pot is completely released. (Follow manufacturer's safe operating instructions.)

3. Skim fat from surface of cooking liquid and reserve, transferring to shallow dish or pie plate. Transfer beef to large bowl and coarsely shred using two forks. Mix shredded beef with reserved cooking liquid as directed.

4. To assemble tacos, heat large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Dip one side of a

6-inch corn tortilla into pie plate with reserved fat to coat lightly. Place fat-side down in skillet. Sprinkle tortilla with 1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese and layer with about 1/4 cup of shredded beef. Cook just until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with cilantro, drizzle lightly with lime juice and fold tortilla in half to enclose filling. Cook just until browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining filling.

5. Serve with additional lime wedges and remaining sauce for dipping.

Craving a spicy, yet refreshing beverage to wash these delicious tacos down? Follow this Magonadas recipe from Cholula. From the icy, sweet mango, to the fresh lime juice and uniquely salty, sweet, tangy and spicy flavors of Cholula Chamoy Sauce, it's easy to see why this Mexican dessert is so popular.

Magonadas

Ingredients

- 16 ounces frozen mango chunks
- 2 cups mango nectar
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar or agave nectar
- 1/2 cup Cholula Sweet & Spicy Chamoy Sauce, plus more to rim glasses

- Finely chopped fresh mango
- Lime wedges or wheels
- Tamarindo candy straws

Chili Lime Seasoning Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons McCormick Chili Powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar

Instructions

1. Place frozen mango, mango nectar, lime juice, ice

and sugar in blender. Cover and blend on medium until smooth.

2. Mix all chili lime seasoning ingredients in small bowl. Spoon about 2 tablespoons Chamoy on small shallow plate. Place seasoning mixture on another small plate. Dip rims of 2 large beverage glasses into Chamoy, then into seasoning mixture to coat.

3. Fill glasses 1/3 of the way with Magonada mixture. Drizzle with some of the Chamoy. Repeat layers until glasses are full. To serve,

top with chopped mango and garnish with lime wedges and Tamarindo candy straws.

Helping you achieve restaurant-level authentic Mexican flavor at home, the offerings from Cholula include simmer sauces like Fajita Cooking and Simmer Sauce, drizzling sauces like Cilantro Lime Cremosa Sauce, fan-favorite toppings like Chili Crisp Sauce and seasoning mixes based on popular Latin dishes. For recipes and cooking inspiration, visit cholula.com.

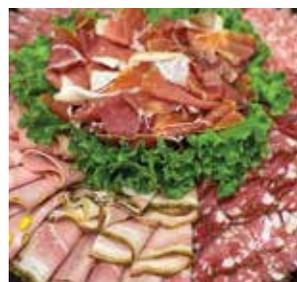
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Store for curious palate set to open in Los Altos this fall

By Christina Casillas

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From diverse seasonings to coffee and wine, those with a curious palate may be delighted to know a store dedicated to feeding their curiosity is set to open along State Street in Los Altos sometime next month.

Founded by Los Altos residents Pooja and Shri Gorthy, the new store, Polymath, is aptly named. A polymath is someone with wide-ranging knowledge spanning multiple topics and areas of study, and it will especially serve those polymaths with interests in food and wine.

“(The name) Polymath came from the idea of having very curated stuff related to food or wine or coffee, all these things that we consume on a daily basis that are related to the palate to taste,” she said.

Polymath was the brainchild of Pooja’s husband Shri, who was inspired to create a curated space with fresh, well-sourced herbs and spices for people like his wife. Pooja said the idea came to Shri after constantly hearing Pooja’s woes about spice freshness or needing a spice she couldn’t find.

In addition to the herbs, food and coffee – which Pooja said they’re sourcing from

around the world – the wine the couple will sell at the store are from Pooja’s wine brand, Calligraphy.

She said they wanted to return to farming – both Pooja and Shri’s ancestors farmed in India – and decided to pair that desire with their passion for good wine and its intricacies.

Pooja founded Calligraphy in 2021 with two vineyards up north. Calligraphy offers chardonnay made with grapes from the Richard Dinner Vineyard, situated in the Sonoma mountains, and pinot noir from Bootlegger’s Hill Vineyard, the former site of a prohibition-era moonshine operation between Occidental and Sebastopol. The single-vineyard series wines, crafted by tenured winemaker Megan Baccitich, are produced in small batches yielding 200-250 cases, Pooja said.

“We really appreciate the fact that wine can be made every year and it can be so different,” she said. “And we associated it with calligraphy. We liked the name Calligraphy because every stroke is different, just how wine is different. Every bottle is different.”

Polymath will be the only location to offer bottles of Calligraphy wine, Pooja said, as it’s

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Los Altos residents Pooja and Shri Gorthy turned their love of wine, good food and aromatic spices into up-and-coming store Polymath. Targeted toward those with curious palates, the store will be a haven for those looking for fresh seasonings, coffee, food and wine. The wine is also a passion for Pooja, as the store will be the first brick-and-mortar to sell her label Calligraphy and upcoming canned wine project Manuscript.

From 35 days to four offers: A Los Altos pricing strategy

By Alex Wang

In my years working with sellers in the Los Altos market, I’ve observed a fascinating paradox: Despite clear market data showing patterns in buyer behavior, seller pricing decisions often come down to individual comfort levels and market conditions that vary from property to property.

What the data shows

Looking at recent 90-day sales data in Los Altos, the numbers reveal interesting buyer patterns. Of the 57 homes sold, the average list price was \$4.88 million, while the average sales price reached \$5.21 million. Forty-one properties – more than 70% – sold above their asking price.

This trend reflects certain buyer behaviors and market dynamics, though every situation is unique. When I share this data with sellers, reactions vary

widely. Some see an opportunity to price strategically, while others prefer a different approach based on their specific circumstances.

Recently, I worked with sellers facing a challenging situation. Based on comparable sales, we had several pricing options to consider. They initially chose to list their home at \$3.8 million – a defensible price point based on its features and recent comparables. After 35 days with no offers, we reassessed our strategy. The market was telling us something, and we had to decide whether to wait it out or try a different approach. We opted for a significant price adjustment – a \$300,000 reduction to \$3.5 million. The response was immediate: Four offers materialized, and we ultimately sold for nearly the original asking price.

This outcome worked well for these particular sellers, though it’s worth

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noting that aggressive price reductions carry risks and aren’t appropriate for every situation.

Understanding dynamics

When strategic underpricing does work, several factors typically contribute:

- Search Parameters: Buyers often search within specific price ranges online. A home listed at \$3.8 million won’t appear for buyers searching up to \$3.5 million, even if they might stretch for the right property.
- Competition Effect: Multiple interested buyers can create competitive dynamics where emotional decision-making influences final offers.
- Market Perception: Properties that

appear fairly priced relative to recent sales may generate more initial interest, though this must be balanced against potential risks.

Considerations

The hesitation many sellers feel about strategic underpricing makes sense. Valid concerns include leaving money on the table, market perception, and loss of negotiating position. These are legitimate considerations that should factor into any pricing decision.

However, sellers retain control throughout the process. Any offer can be rejected if it doesn’t meet expectations. The goal of any pricing strategy – whether at, above, or below perceived market value – is to create the best possible outcome for that specific situation.

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only sold online and available at a Solage Resort and Spa in Calistoga and Menlo Tavern at Stanford Park Hotel. The shop will also be the only location to sell the project she's working on, a line of canned wine called Manuscript. While she's passionate about her bottled wines, she said she wants to make the wine-enjoying experience more expansive.

"We also want to target the audience who want to go camping, want to go hiking, and want to be able to have the ease of, you know, opening a can and drinking the wine," she said. "So that's our intention. To have really good, very curated wine in a can for people who are out and about and

who want to enjoy good wine." While the brand names reflect the distinctive flavors and qualities of the product, Pooja added the names of her wines, Manuscript and Calligraphy, are related to her artistic passions. While she now works in tech, she studied classical music in India and did some acting.

"My husband said, 'I think calligraphy fits the way your life has been so far, it is very artistic and very diverse.' And wine is also very much the same, so that's why we chose the name," she said.

Pooja has not set an opening date, but she expects the store to open sometime in August.

For more information on Calligraphy, visit calligraphy.wine.



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Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard in Sonoma County supplies grapes for wine brand Calligraphy.

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Local expertise

This is where working with an experienced local agent becomes valuable. We can help evaluate different pricing approaches based on your specific property, timeline, financial goals and current market conditions. Sometimes aggressive pricing makes sense; other times, a patient approach at full market value is the better choice.

Every seller's situation is different. Market conditions, property characteristics, tim-

ing pressures and personal financial goals all influence the optimal strategy. The key is making an informed decision based on current data, market realities, and your individual circumstances.

Strategic underpricing isn't right for every seller or every situation, but when conditions align, it can be a powerful tool to consider in your overall pricing strategy.

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- Just one common wall at the garage
- 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths
- Approximately 1,200 square feet (per County records; not verified by Compass)
- Immense private rear yard with synthetic lawn and patio
- Freshly painted interiors, engineered wood floors, new carpet upstairs, new kitchen counters and backsplash, plus new fireplace surround
- Large living room with fireplace and rear yard access
- Formal, but open, dining area
- Remodeled all-white kitchen with new quartz counters and new tile backsplash
- Main-level half-bath with bonus added shower
- Two upstairs bedrooms, with tall vaulted ceilings, plus full bath with shower
- Dual-pane windows and door throughout
- Laundry on main level, individual mini-split coolers and heaters, and attached 1-car garage with outside access
- Great location just blocks from Whole Foods, San Antonio Center, and Caltrain
- Excellent Los Altos schools

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699 Manresa Lane, Los Altos

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- Gated 18-unit community just blocks to The Village
- 3 bedrooms and 3 baths on two levels with just one shared wall
- Approximately 3,408 square feet
- Sliding glass doors in almost every room open to private decks and patios
- New paint and hardwood floors throughout
- 5 signature vaulted and beamed pyramid-style ceilings with skylight
- Spacious living room with gas-log fireplace
- Beautifully updated kitchen features Craftsman-style cabinetry, granite slab counters, breakfast bar seating, and leaded glass doors to the formal dining room and foyer
- Family room with a fireplace
- Main-level bedroom currently customized for a home office
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3865 MUMFORD PLACE
PALO ALTO

\$3,488,000 | 4 Bd | 2 Bth
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3503 ALMA VILLAGE CIR
PALO ALTO

\$2,788,000 | 4 Bd | 3.5 Bth
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548 EVERETT AVENUE
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448 FELTON DRIVE
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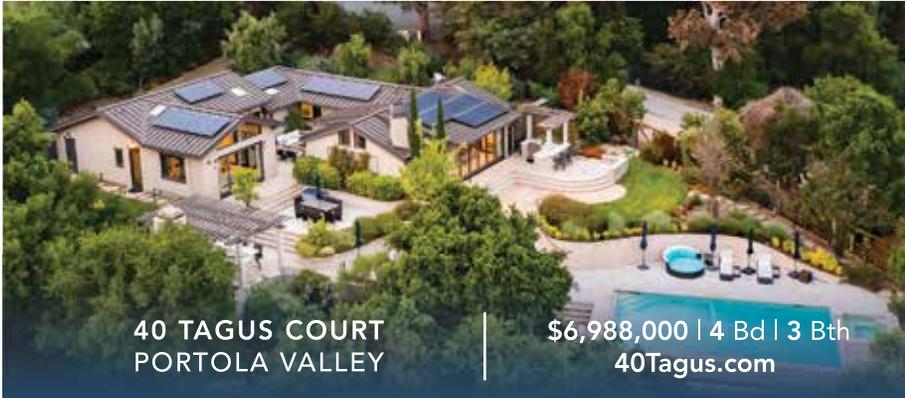




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1932 EMERSON STREET
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\$10,500,000 | 6 Bd | 6 Bth
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12355 STONEBROOK COURT
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\$9,988,000 | 6 Bd | 9 Bth
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Public Notices

SYSTEMATIC SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717575

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SYSTEMATIC SOLUTIONS, 309 Laurelwood Road Suite 17, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Asghar Laique, 309 Laurelwood Rd. Suite 17, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/30/2025. /S/ Asghar Laique / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/30/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

173-T

ARTWORK BY TERESA H KO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716853

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ARTWORK BY TERESA H KO, 26480 Anacapa Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Teresa H Ko, 26480 Anacapa Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/31/2024. /S/ Teresa H Ko / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/03/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

172-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ALEXANDRA CYRIA EATON STANFILL ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV468245

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Alexandra Cyria Eaton Stanfill filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name:

a. Alexandra Cyria Eaton Stanfill

Proposed Name:

a. Alexandra Cyria Eaton Strange

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 09/16/2025 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: 06/18/2025

/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong
Judge of the Superior Court
(07-09,16,23,30-25)

171-T

FIT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717480

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FIT, 600 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): IMPACT FITNESS, LLC, 600 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/04/2000. /S/ Tracey Downing / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/26/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

170-T

PRONTO LED DISPLAYS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717402

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PRONTO LED DISPLAYS, 727 Lakefair Dr, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PRONTO ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS LLC, 548 Market St. #703770, San Francisco, CA 94104. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Michael H Hawkins / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/24/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

169-T

PORTOLA WELLNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717331

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

168-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLES C.T. CHIEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GRACE L.C. CHIEN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GRACE L.C. CHIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

07/30/2025 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner Philip S. Sousa 1100 Alma St, Ste 210 Menlo Park, CA 94025 (650) 324-9300 (07-02,09,16-25)

165-T

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SURESTAY BY BEST WESTERN SUNNYVALE SILICON VALLEY, 1280 Persian Dr., Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ROHIT CORPORATION, 1280 Persian Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/26/2019. /S/ Bhavna B Shah / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

164-T

VITESSE DETAILING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717004

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VITESSE DETAILING, 55 Marian Lane, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Gavin Joseph Regua-Jimenez, 55 Marian Lane, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

above on: 06/01/2025. /S/ Gavin Regua-Jimenez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/09/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

163-T

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MXTECH & CHROMATIC HEALING, (2) AMAN'S ACE OF TRADES, 575 Piazza Drive, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Aman Anit Patel, 575 Piazza Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 0/23/2025. /S/ Aman Anit Patel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/16/2025. (06-25-25,07-02,09,16-25)

160-T

ALEPH-B FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717144

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

159-T

Elite Events FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717128

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

158-T

SHEERSARCASM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717087

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SHEERSARCASM, PO BOX 235, Los Altos,

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

157-T

INNOVATEACH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717069

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

155-T

THE FIRST TAKE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717059

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE FIRST TAKE, 76 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA, 95113, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KAFFEINEX LLC, 2469 Renfield Way, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/03/2025. /S/ Celine Truong / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/10/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

154-T

VERY BLESSED CHOCOLATES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716333

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

Clara County on 05/16/2025. (06-18,25-25,07-02,09-25)

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ISHKA FLOW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716706

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

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

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages**, 2-5 p.m. July 12. Join an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. **Dividend Investing for Financial Growth**, 7 p.m., July 15. This in-depth program provides you with the knowledge and actionable strategies to confidently build a portfolio of dividend-paying stocks for both consistent passive income and substantial long-term growth. **Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. July 26. Materials provided, allowing participants to design a masterpiece. For ages 13-18 years old. Programs are free and open to the public. Information: (650) 948-7683, scld.org.

REUNIONS

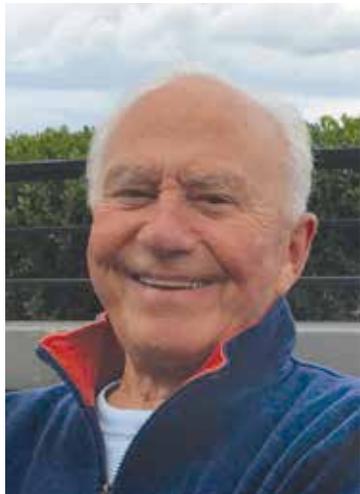
The 60-year reunion of Los Altos High School Class of 1965 will be held Aug. 16 in Los Altos. Information: Jim Koski, (408) 313-4848, koskiphoto@gmail.com.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

HARRY EMERZIAN



March 6, 1938 – June 18, 2025

Harry Emerzian was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was alive for 87 trips around the sun, and he accomplished so much during his vibrant life.

Harry was a California boy through and through. Born in San Francisco to an Armenian father and a Belgian mother, Harry was the youngest of 3 rambunctious boys and was fondly known as "Baby Harry." He spent his childhood attending Catholic school in San Francisco and working in his parents' dry cleaning business, where he learned how to perfectly press clothing without ever leaving a crease. Later during his formative years, Harry moved to Selma with his family and farmed grapes on the family's ranch. Harry's years in Selma were spent with good friends, close Armenian relatives who were also neighbors, swimming on the swim team, and restoring and racing cars. Harry was the homecoming king of his high school.

Harry had a work ethic that only kept growing. He became interested in engineering and electronics and developed these skills while serving as a Sergeant in the Army. After serving, he worked at Hughes Aircraft Company when Howard Hughes was still active there. He met and fell in love with Karen Leitner and the two were married in Laguna Beach in 1963. And from here, Harry's professional life took off.

Harry attended college at Long Beach State and was the first in his family to earn a four year college degree. His Electrical Engineering degree landed Harry a job which later brought Harry and Karen to the Philippines for some of the best years of their lives. Harry was in charge of installing ten high speed "freight train size" transmitters for Voice of America (VOA). When he returned home, Harry quickly moved out of an engineering role

and into executive management roles at Hughes, Watkins-Johnson, Loral (Corporate Officer), and Teledyne (Group Vice President). He traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and America during his professional years. Harry's warm personality made him a natural leader, and he connected with everyone in his roles. He cared about all people from the ground up. When Harry retired from his professional career, he decided to put his building skills to use and became a licensed General Engineering Contractor. His first job was in the Hills for St. Luke's Chapel and resulted in a letter of reference "...of the Highest Order." For years Harry was seen zooming around in his white Chevy truck; always washed, full of tiny golf pencils and a scalding hot cup of black coffee. Harry also spent time serving on the Los Altos Hills Pathways and Open Space committees.

Harry loved sunshine, red wine, and golf. In his younger years, he loved swimming, running, and playing racquetball with friends. He gave the world's best hugs. He always made people feel like they were the most important person in the room. Harry had a booming laugh, kind eyes, and a smile that lit up the room. He was a loving father who always made sure his kids had spending money in their pockets, no matter how old they were. He loved planning and organization. His suitcase packing skills were unmatched. In the 1980s, Harry built his beautiful home from scratch with an architect and good friends who shared their expertise in plumbing, electrical, tile setting, and woodworking. Harry and Karen continued to pour their hearts into their home throughout his life. He also lovingly rebuilt his 1940 Ford Pick-Up truck. He cared about timeliness and considered "5 minutes early" to mean that you were running late. Harry loved to BBQ and to go out for milkshakes. He always preferred a phone call or a face to face interaction over an email or a text. And, he never complained, even when he became sick and Parkinson's Disease took away so many of his freedoms.

Harry will forever be missed and remembered. He is survived by his wife of 62 years (Karen Emerzian), daughters and sons in law (Laura & Nico Becucci and Sara & Mike Vogel), 2 loving granddaughters (Natalie Vogel (21) & Julia Vogel (18)), his nieces and nephew, and so many friends. Raise a toast to Harry when football season starts up again in hopes that his favorite team, the 49ers, will make him proud this year.

A celebration of life will be held for Harry in August.

RICHARD PATRICK NUZZO



February 14, 1936 – May 5, 2025

Richard Patrick Nuzzo, aged 89, peacefully passed away on May 5, 2025, leaving behind a profound legacy of love, service, and dedication that touched the lives of everyone who knew him.

Born on February 14, 1936, in Fresno, California, Richard was the cherished son of Kay and Anna Kazarian. From a young age, he exhibited remarkable athletic talent and determination. As a student at Ventura High School, Richard emerged as a standout track star, earning accolades for his speed and competitive spirit, traits that would define his approach to life.

After graduating, Richard heeded the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1954. During his years of dedicated service until 1964, he was stationed at RAF Sculthorpe in England, where fate introduced him to the love of his life, Alice. Their connection was immediate and enduring.

Richard and Alice returned to California, where they forged a remarkable partnership that spanned nearly seven decades. They made their home in Los Altos Hills for over 49 years, lovingly raising their two children, Mark and Alicia Nuzzo. Their marriage, lasting just a week shy of 67 years, stood as a testament to their deep love, mutual respect, and unwavering commitment to one another.

Rick (aka "Mr. Los Altos") dedicated many years of his life to serving others at the CAR, now known as Abilities United in Palo Alto at Mitchell Park, where he tirelessly assisted physically challenged and neurodivergent children in the therapeutic pool. His compassion and dedication to these children reflected his generous heart and desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

Rick traveled extensively around the globe and was an avid fisherman. He was a passionate supporter of the San Francisco 49ers

and became a beloved figure in his community, affectionately known as "the Beloved Bear" in the Festival of Light Parade, a cherished Los Altos tradition that brought joy to families year after year.

Rick was a beacon of light to all who knew and loved him, always offering a kind word and a helping hand to anyone in times of need. Family was the center of his life, and his warmth, generosity, and unwavering love created a foundation that will continue to inspire those he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Alice; his two children, Mark and Alicia Nuzzo; five grandchildren Brandon, Ashley, Joshua, Elizabeth and Grant; and two and a half great-grandchildren, Sofia (5), Willow (1), and the newest bundle of joy due September 25, 2025.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on July 19, 2025 at the Los Altos Golf and Country Club from 1 pm - 3 pm.

CHUCK WHITNEY



June 21, 2025

Chuck Whitney, 82, former resident of Menlo Park, alumnus of Stanford Medical School, was an ophthalmologist with Altos Eye Physicians in Los Altos. He and his wife were longtime supporters of Music at Menlo and combined their love of music with full retirement enjoyment of fly fishing, wine and wine making, and great food as Chuck helped to found the chamber music festival, Music on the Strait, and the Olympic Strings Workshop, all while holding offices on the Board of the Port Angeles Symphony. Chuck died on June 21, 2025. He is survived by his wife Darlene and son Kendall.

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