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Signs of trouble?



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A group of protesters, above, makes clear which side they're on in the early days of the new Trump administration, during Saturday's meeting of the Peninsula Democratic Coalition at Shoup Park in Los Altos. The meeting, however, was mostly positive as members honored longtime local legislator Joe Simitian. Simitian, right, just finished a four-year term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, capping a 41-year political career. New Congressman Sam Liccardo, who succeeded longtime representative Anna Eshoo, also spoke. In an interview with the Town Crier, Liccardo reflected on his experiences thus far. See page 4.



LAH weighs options amid state housing density requirements

By Curtis Driscoll
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Los Altos Hills is looking at ways to better manage housing density in the area, with options like amending its housing element discussed at a recent resident listening session.

At a March 4 meeting with the public and the Los Altos Hills City Council housing element ad hoc group of Vice Mayor Rajiv Bhateja and Councilmember Stanley Mok, talks occurred on amending the housing element to reduce maximum development potential at sites like Twin Oaks while still meeting housing element commitments.

A housing element provides a blueprint for filling housing needs during an eight-year cycle and is part of a city's general plan. The city is expected to

provide conditions to build 489 units, of which 240 have been allocated so far, with penalties of loss of local control as options if it doesn't.

Los Altos Hills recently received a preliminary application for a proposed 596-unit development at the Twin Oaks site at 30 dwelling units per acre, which has generated significant resident opposition and would be far denser than typically allowed in the past. The Los Altos Hills Housing Element listed Twin Oaks as one of three opportunity sites for more housing, with 92 potential units listed, with state density bonus laws allowing for more units at the site. The other two potential sites are the 17.2-acre St. Nicholas Catholic School property and 14 acres at Foothill College.

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St. Paddy's Day comes early to downtown Los Altos

Town Crier Report

Celebrations for St. Patrick's Day (or St. Paddy's Day, as they like to say these days) are coming early to downtown Los Altos.

On Friday, the Los Altos Village Association is hosting a "St. Paddy's Beer Stroll" 6-9 p.m. Participants will receive a free collectible glass, sample bag of chocolate-covered nuts (courtesy of Choco Del Mar), and most importantly, a wristband that allows for strolling throughout the downtown area to sample beers.

Beer samplers will be given a map showing the locations of all 20-plus beer sampling sites.

Check-in sites are open at 5 p.m. at Veterans Community Plaza at the intersection of Main and State streets; and at Diamond Brokers of Los Altos, 333 First St. For more information, visit downtownlosaltos.org.

St. Patrick's Day itself falls on a Monday this year. Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Church in Los Altos will have a St. Patrick's Day celebration with an Irish potato bar after the Holy Communion and Confirmation Service at 10:30 a.m.

Online Poll of the Week



What should be done to solve the parking problem around Los Altos High School?

- Implement resident permit parking
- Remove 8 a.m. to noon restrictions
- Add more parking at the high school
- Restrict student parking to those living more than two miles from campus
- Other – write in suggestion online

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Around Town

Plum blossoms line San Antonio Road



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Plum trees lining San Antonio Road are in full bloom, as this photo, taken Monday, shows. Former Los Altos planning commissioner Phoebe Bressack said the trees were “an enduring gift” of former city manager Doug Schmitz, who had them planted before leaving in 2012. “Every spring I say, ‘Thanks, Doug!’” Bressack said.

Correction

Last week’s photo of Los Altos Rotarians’ donations to two new Lincoln Park water fountains incorrectly reported that local Rotarians raised

all of the funding for the \$40,000 project. The Rotary Club of Los Altos donated a portion of the funds needed.

Rotary and Los Altos city officials participated in a Feb. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Main Street entrance to Lincoln Park.



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News

MVPD responds to mail theft



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Mountain View police responded to a report of theft at an unsecured mailroom at the Central Park at Whisman Station apartment complex March 9. Although responding officers found multiple mailboxes open, only one victim was identified.

By Christina Casillas
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Mountain View police are still investigating a mail theft committed over the weekend at the Central Park at Whisman Station apartment complex. One victim was identified at the time of the report.

Officers were dispatched at 9:49 a.m. Sunday to reports of a theft at the 100 North Whisman Rd. apartments, according to Police PIO Monica Leon. There, officers spoke with a victim who said his package was stolen from an unsecured mailroom adjacent to the front lobby.

In addition to the stolen package, worth approximately \$45, other mailboxes were found open, “though there were no signs of forced entry,” Leon stated in an email. No additional victims were identified at the time of the report, she said, and the case is still open as officers look for suspect information.

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New Congress member sees signs of hope amid ‘chaos’

By Bruce Barton
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Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo ran on the slogan “get things done” in his campaign for the 16th Congressional seat, which represents the Los Altos area. But the Democrat is finding out that doing so is challenging with the U.S. government dominated by President Donald Trump and the Republicans.

Instead, Liccardo has to opt for small victories. Like helping a veteran at the Palo Alto Healthcare System get his job back amid the recent waves of federal job terminations. The Trump administration March 4 fired Daniel Sandecki, a disabled U.S. Army vet, from the U.S. Department

of Veteran Affairs. But Liccardo’s alert on social media resulted in an outcry that had the feds reverse the decision just a few hours later.

“This is amateur hour at the White House – a bunch of reckless rookies at DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) have fired more than 2,400 employees in the VA system,” Liccardo said in a statement. “By rescinding Daniel’s termination, DOGE admits that he should never have been fired in the first place. This isn’t saving any money, it’s chaos.”

One of Liccardo’s first pieces of legislation was inspired by Trump: The MEME Act (Modern Emoluments and Malfeasance Enforcement), introduced last

month, would prohibit federal officials from issuing digital assets and securities.

“After President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump made a windfall on their respective meme coins, experts sounded the alarm about the glaring ethical concerns,” Liccardo said in a statement. “Although the Constitution’s Emoluments Clause prohibits federal officials from receiving gifts from foreign nationals, offshore investors – particularly in China – benefited wildly from the early-hour trading of the \$TRUMP meme coin.”

Liccardo told the Town Crier later: “Not only did Trump get rich, we know

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Mtn. View council members reaffirm priorities

Budget constraints force city to narrow project scopes

By Christina Casillas
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Unlike previous years, Mountain View City Council’s fiscal year 2025-27 work plan is shaping up to be more focused on quality over quantity, with all projects focused on achieving the city’s strategic priorities.

Council members voted unanimously to reaffirm strategic priorities – which include community for all, economic vitality, intentional development and housing options, livability and quality of life, mobility and connectivity, organizational strength and good governance, and sustainability and climate resiliency – during the Feb. 25 city council meeting.

According to Audrey Ramberg, assistant Mountain View city manager, previous council work plans have been robust and comprehensive, including 40 to 70 projects per work plan since 2019. In the past, she said it’s been difficult for most of the approved projects to come to fruition.

“Typically, it’s been possible to accomplish, within the two-year work plan, less than 50% of those projects,” Ramberg said during a presentation to council at the meeting. There were 41 fiscal year



SCREEN GRAB FROM LAST WEEK’S MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mountain View City Council members are governing from seven strategic priorities that include economic vitality, livability and quality of life, and mobility and connectivity.

2023-25 work plan projects, Ramberg said.

Eighteen of the projects are still in progress, including: Steven’s Creek trail extension; transportation demand management ordinance; downtown precise plan; R3 zoning standards; low- and middle-income homeownership; affordable housing at the VTA Evelyn site; active transportation plan; citywide travel demand update; micromobility guidelines; climate vulnerability assessment; decarbonization strategy; race, equity and inclusion action plan; historic preservation and dark skies ordinances; urban forest plan; biodiversity strategy; and the Moffett Boulevard precise

plan.

With small city staff numbers and financial constraints, the city is shifting from a high project-based framework to a smaller, high-visibility and big-picture work plan.

“The target is to create a work plan of 10-14 projects, thereabout, with a focus on high-visibility projects that can be clearly tracked and communicated showing progress on achieving the council’s strategic priorities,” she said. “This approach right-sizes the program to fit current staff and fiscal resources, and it also frames the work plan within a bigger picture of city efforts.”

City council members provided staff 16 different projects

they would like to see included in FY 2025-27, including a few of the unfinished FY 2023-25 projects and new projects.

Projects voted on by council included, but were not limited to, expanding broadband access, a downtown vacancy program and improving pavement conditions.

In the following months, council and staff will analyze the projects based on legal and fiscal impacts, duration and timing, staff capacity, and if they meet the city’s approved strategic priorities.

Staff plan to bring updated recommendations and analysis to council on April 22, and FY 2025-26 is set to be adopted on June 24.

LICCARDO

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that he and his family made more than \$100 million in fees. There were 800,000 investors who have lost about \$2 billion in valuation in the pump-and-dump scheme.”

At this early stage, Liccardo is pragmatic about getting much done.

“It takes the majority of Congress to act, and the American people have voted for a Republican majority that is unwilling to stand up to this president,” Liccardo said. “So all of the legislation in the world that I and my colleagues introduce won’t matter if we can’t find colleagues on the other side of the aisle willing to stand up against the cult of Trump.”

Liccardo said he’s spent “a lot of time in quiet conversations and in the house gym at 8 p.m., and in elevators with Republican colleagues, who quietly admit they are deeply frustrated for a host of reasons. ... I’m spending a lot of time, playing part advocate, part psychologist, to encourage the growth of stronger spines. In the meantime, I’m doing legislative work in various ways to curtail the worst impacts of what we’re seeing from this administration.”

For example, Liccardo’s co-sponsoring legislation that would force Republicans to vote on the Trump tariffs “that are going to cause American households to pay between \$1,200-\$2,000 or more a year for necessities like groceries.

“We know that will not pass this week or this month, but we’re already seeing (Trump’s) numbers drop, his poll ratings. If we start to see his popularity drop into the 30s, there will be increasing opportunities to bring along members of the opposing party who will feel emboldened to actually stand up



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Sam Liccardo speaks Saturday during a meeting of the Peninsula Democratic Coalition at the Garden House at Shoup Park.

for the privacy of taxpayers and for constitutional protections.”

Meanwhile, a government shutdown is set for Friday, unless averted.

Liccardo said all the concerns over cuts into programs like Medicaid and Social Security are valid, and the administration is using untrue assertions (tens of millions over age 100 on Social Security when the number is actually 89,000) to justify cutting waste.

“Obviously we know that if there are going to be any real savings, then real people are going to have to be hurt,” Liccardo said.

Looking ahead, Liccardo said: “We are going to be spending a lot of time listening in communities throughout the districts to identify the top priorities around capital needs and infrastructure, where community funding grants can help local towns and cities to be able to, for example, reduce wildfire risk in the hills of Los Altos or stem the impacts of coastal erosion in Pacifica.”

Liccardo spent time locally this past weekend, holding a forum with the Peninsula Democratic Coalition Sunday at the

Garden House at Shoup Park.

The Congressman urged constituents not to give up hope.

“The way that we defeat project 2025 is with project 2026,” he said. “We are only three seats down in the House of Representatives, and the surest way to force a lame-duck presidency and some balance in the government is to retake the House. So I’m spending a lot of time focused on how, particularly in Silicon Valley, we can be a force both for a more balanced approach to governance in Washington, as well as a Congress that will be more supportive of the innovation economy.”

Meanwhile, Liccardo and others are trying to limit the damage. More than 40 court injunctions have been issued to freeze layoffs to federal staffs.

“We’re seeing real significant success in pushing back on the administration through a whole host of public actions,” Liccardo said. “We’ve seen the administration propose tariffs, pull back tariffs, propose tariffs, pull back tariffs. Over the course of the last 35 days, we’ve seen the administration fire 750 employees at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and then announce the rehiring of them. I could go on and on.

“Look, we know that this is a mess of an administration, and I’ve seen better organized riots, but it’s important for folks to know there are significant gains being made in containing the damage. ... We’re going to be focused on issues that are most important to the American people, above anything else, it’s the fact that millions of families are struggling to afford to live in their communities. Right now, we’ve seen nothing from this administration to help them to do so, and in fact, we’ve only seen the opposite.”

agreement terms to be more satisfactory to the city. The owner of the Twin Oaks property and Fenwick lands are related entities, with a farm being considered on the Fenwick lands and part of Twin Oaks. Bhateja noted it was also possible to pursue all options if the city wanted to.

“There is nothing to stop us from pursuing a housing element amendment and development agreement in parallel,” Bhateja said.

Several residents spoke at the meeting about potential changes to the Fenwick lands and called for better planning at the city level for decision-making on Twin Oaks and the Fenwick lands. Others were worried about farming developments on steep slopes around the Fenwick lands. Some wanted to see the city reduce density in the area and make any potential buildings not look like apartments.

DENSITY

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Potential amendment options at Twin Oaks include reducing the maximum density allowed from 30 to 24 dwelling units per acre, reducing rezoning acreage from 14.5 to four or five acres or negotiating with the owners of the Twin Oaks property and the former Fenwick estate about amending the development

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Professor John W. Gardner, a distinguished public servant, championed community building. His teachings continue to be guideposts for Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

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News

Local nonprofit wins court battle over crime victims’ in-person hearings

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos-based Mothers Against Murder (MAM), claimed a “landmark victory” Feb. 25 by successfully challenging the state’s Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) in court.

An Alameda County judge’s August 2024 decision ensures crime victims are afforded due process by restoring in-person hearings for victims contesting denied compensation claims. A second ruling in October awarded MAM attorney’s fees totaling nearly \$97,000. MAM filed the case in 2021.

For the past 15 years, thousands of crime victims in California have been denied fair hearings, forced to rely solely on written records that failed to capture their full experiences, said MAM executive director Margaret Petros in a Feb. 25 announcement.

“This systemic injustice often resulted in wrongful denials of compensation, leav-

ing victims without critical financial and emotional support,” she said. “MAM’s lawsuit successfully exposed how CalVCB’s regulations had unlawfully stripped victims of their right to an evidentiary hearing, violating California law.”

“This ruling is a lifeline for thousands of victims who have been silenced by an unfair system,” said Petros of Los Altos. “Survivors deserve the dignity of being heard, not dismissed through paperwork. With this decision, justice has been restored.”

The decision mandates that CalVCB provide victims the option of an in-person hearing when contesting compensation denials.

Petros remains irked by CalVCB’s resistance, which included attempts to reject MAM’s claims based on “technicalities.”

Now the agency is seeking an additional \$4.5 million in

state funding in order to give victims in-person meetings.

“Nonsense,” Petros said. “We did this to help victims, not to reward incompetent, lazy bureaucrats with more staff and more funding to take their sweet time to go to meetings on ways to deny claims.”

Mothers Against Murder is a nonprofit organization providing support to help grieving families of murder victims.

“This ruling is more than just a legal decision – it is a resounding affirmation that victims’ rights matter,” added Roger Smith, MAM’s founder and chairman who funded this legal battle. “We will continue to fight for victims and hold institutions accountable for their duty to serve and protect the most vulnerable during the difficult times of surviving and healing from tragic acts of violence.”

For more information about MAM, visit mothers-againstmurder.org.

VTA employees begin strike Monday; local students, residents impacted

By Brandon Roth

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Approximately 1,500 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority employees went on strike this Monday, affecting commutes to local community colleges, K-12 schools, El Camino Hospital, and businesses.

VTA issued a press release on Sunday advising people to take alternative transportation such as ridesharing, carpooling, regional rail, walking and biking. VTA Paratransit vehicles will still be in operation.

The VTA workers, including bus, light rail operators and other frontline staff, are members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265. In recent weeks, they have been working with the VTA to negotiate a contract to avoid a strike. The union, however, sent a letter of intent to strike against VTA on Friday and gave 72 hours’ notice to prepare for the strike.

Rajvander Singh, ATU 265 president, said in a Sunday union meeting that VTA and ATU had no productive nego-

tiations over the weekend. He said their negotiation meeting turned unproductive when VTA asked them if they had prepared revisions to their recent contract memo, which includes an increase in their dental coverage and a merit increase for bus and light rail operators but could impact their holiday pay and keep the leave of absence due to an injury up to a one-year limit. He also said VTA wanted to make them at-will employees and rejected their idea of having a third party handle their workplace disputes.

“This is truly unfortunate that we find ourselves in this situation,” he said. “I want to emphasize that the union is still willing to engage in conversations and efforts to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. However, in the last 72 hours, a strike seems inevitable at this point.”

According to VTA’s open data, which has been updated as of Oct. 2024, approximately 104,000 people on an average weekday use their buses for their daily commutes in the

county. The concerned sites that rely on buses for both boarding and alighting include Foothill College with an average of 180 passengers, De Anza College with 390 passengers, El Camino Hospital with 365 passengers and many of the local high school sites within Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Fremont Union High School District.

Greg Richardson, VTA’s deputy general manager, said at a press event on Friday that he was disappointed with the actions of the union and the impact it will have on all the students, businesses and people needing to visit medical appointments. Richardson said VTA promises to give competitive wages to their employees with a 9.3% increase over three years, making them the second highest-paid operators in the region and the fifth in the nation.

With various requests that ATU has made, such as a 19.1% wage increase over three years

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VTA

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in previous negotiations, Richardson said that VTA would lead to potential service cuts and a “likely” elimination of other employees if they agreed to their terms.

“This is not a direction we are willing to go,” he said. “We will not cut services to accommodate unreasonable demands.”

He said when he first heard the strike was going to take place, VTA started communicating with the various schools and cities that use their services to explain to them the impacts of a potential strike.

Richardson said there may not be many options, but it was important to give people a heads-up on a plan.

Eric Volta, superintendent of Mountain View Los Altos High School District, told the Town Crier in an email that the district will be sympathetic to those who rely on public transportation. He said it would cause “considerable hard-

ship on students” and since each household is different, there isn’t a recommendation list that can help everyone. Volta said that many students rely on VTA buses at each of their sites.

“As of now we don’t have an alternative for our students,” he said. “Currently, our district only has two buses and because of this we provide VTA passes to our students.”

Graham Clark, superintendent of Fremont Union High School District, said over 400 students and a “handful of employees” use VTA daily to arrive to school. He said they purchase approximately 700 monthly VTA passes for student transportation needs. He said these strikes are rare and hoped the services could be up soon again.

“As a backup, I think it would be prudent for families to try and coordinate carpools for Monday. If a strike occurs, VTA has informed us they will prioritize the restoration of service for bus lines that service students, but this will not be in place for Day 1 of a strike.”

For more information on the strike, visit vta.org.



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Amalgamated Transit Union protest on Monday morning at the VTA North Division facility on La Avenida Street in Mountain View. ATU is protesting for better wages, benefits and employment protections.

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Letters to the Editor

Recognize Girouard occupancy rights

I am writing to urge the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors to recognize the Girouard family's occupancy rights and to resolve this matter by granting the Girouard family a long-term lease to remain in their home at the Rhus Ridge entrance to the Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. For over 50 years, the Girouard family has provided invaluable service to our community, maintaining trails, deterring vandalism and contributing to the safety and security of the Rhus Ridge area. Their presence has been an essential asset to MidPen, providing stewardship that extends far beyond the duties of a typical caretaker.

The Duveneck family donated the land where the Girouards live to MidPen in 1987, with the understanding that they would remain as residents and continue work they'd performed since 1972. Until Raye Girouard's passing in 2018, he and his family worked in partnership with MidPen, Hidden Villa and local residents to protect and maintain the land. His son, Jeremiah Girouard, has carried on this work, ensuring that the Rhus Ridge entrance remains safe and well cared for.

After a severe winter storm damaged their home, however, rendering it uninhabitable, MidPen has refused to acknowledge the Girouards' occupancy rights. Without that, the family cannot justify investing in repairs. Instead, on January 10, 2025, MidPen issued an eviction notice, citing the home's disrepair as the reason to remove the family from the land they have cared for over five decades. This decision is unjust and disregards the contributions the Girouards have made to MidPen and the greater community. As I understand, with a long-term lease, the Girouards are ready to invest their own resources to repair their home and continue serving as stewards of the land. Without a long-term lease, they will lose their home, and Raye's grandson, Raylen, will also be displaced from the Los Altos Hills school district, where he receives vital special education and one-on-one support.

Granting the Girouards a long-term lease will ensure the preservation of Rhus Ridge by those who have dedicated their lives to its care. It will also demonstrate that MidPen values the people who have served its mission for decades.

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Peek into the Past



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Mrs. E. Girard Rosenblatt, Mrs. Roy Rosendall and Mrs. J. Fred Kerr get ready for the March of Dimes Mothers March to collect money for fighting birth defects, 1965.

Advice to parents: Let them fail

By Hollis Bischoff

Am I taking enough APs? Should I be participating in sports, or research? Am I taking on enough leadership? Which activity looks best for college applications? If I get a "B" in a class, will it prevent me from getting into a "good" university? If I take the SAT four times, can I improve my score enough? Which major is "easier" to get into? Which major has the best potential for growth and earnings? How big a loan can I take?

Those are questions I get almost every day, by students and their parents obsessing over getting into the "right" colleges, the stress and angst in their voices apparent. I am regularly fielding calls related to students' (and parents') anxiety, fears and yes, more often than I'd like, suicide ideation. It takes a toll on all of us, those suffering and those who listen and support.

Students and their parents are overly concerned with perfection, thinking that this is the best way to "game the system" and gain admissions to highly rejective institutions. This leads to unintended consequences. Parents, in an attempt to prevent their students from making a "fatal" mistake which might preclude them from gaining the lofty ideals the parent pictures

Other Voices

for them, tend to overcontrol students, making all the "right" decisions for them, instead of allowing the student to fail and learn from their mistakes.

This creates a false impression that students must be perfect in order to exist. That is an incredible amount of pressure to put on a young developing person. And it creates a crisis, when they do fail, even if it is something minor or they just aren't perfect – like getting a B.

So, as an experienced independent college admissions advisor with more than 19 years of experience and having shepherded more than 800 students through the college applications process, this is my number one piece of advice:

LET THEM FAIL. Let them get the weird haircut, wear the stripes with the polka dots, let them get a B, let them do something because they like it, rather than if it will look good on an application, let them be a kid. Let them burn dinner, spend the money on something foolish. Failing will allow them to see that perfection is not the only way to live and that small mistakes lead to learning and course correction. Let them make those mistakes while they

are home and safe, so that they can learn to make good judgment calls on the bigger things when they have flown the nest. If they are never allowed to make mistakes and decisions for themselves, even the littlest failures will convince them they are not worthy.

Did they end up getting Bs? Not taking ALL the APs? Pass on the branding/passion project? Remember, there are more than 3,000 public and private four-year universities in the U.S. alone. The top 20% encompass more than 600 schools, and only about 200 schools admit less than 50% of their applicants. I have worked with Stanford graduates who go on to be baristas, having burned out before the ripe old age of 21, and CSU graduates who go on to have careers and salaries which many of us would envy. At the end, it is the student and their resilience which determines their success.

Will this be difficult? Yup, it is hard to see our loved ones struggle, but it is the struggle that gives them confidence, that will see them through the inevitable failures they will have to face along the way.

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MV's Multicultural Festival set for Saturday on Castro Street

By Janavi Ramde
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The city of Mountain View is set to host its annual Multicultural Festival this weekend in downtown Mountain View.

Scheduled 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (March 15) at Civic Center Plaza, the free event celebrates the community's cultural diversity.

The festival will feature 12 live performances and more than 20 booths highlighting cultures worldwide. A cultural art showcase, which has been on display in the City Hall Rotunda since the start of the month, is part of the festivities. The showcase features artifacts and art from several local organizations and peoples' homes.

"It's actually a really cool display," said Maureen Grzan-Pieracci, the city's recreation supervisor. "We have some paintings from South Asia, dresses from Turkey and African masks."

She added that proposed displays include attire from different cultures, informational boards, interactive activi-

ties, crafts and even some free samples. Along with the festival, city officials have partnered with downtown businesses in a promotion to boost commerce in the area.

"We want to encourage the participants and guests to visit our local vendors in the city so that we can continue to have our downtown thriving," said Xavier Webb, the city's human relations commission liaison. "We want to also give people more exposure by handing them coupons for these businesses."

Throughout the day, guests will be offered promotional coupons for discounts at Red Rock Coffee, Pokeworks and Dandies Barbershop & Beard Stylist.

This year's festival has been in the works since November, according to Grzan-Pieracci. That's when the event committee contacted community groups about getting involved.

Webb added that diversity is integral to the festival's success.

"We're trying to reach out to the community in different forms to ensure that we can get as many diverse performers



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Saturday's Mountain View Multicultural Festival features artifacts and art from several local organizations and peoples' homes.

and booths," Webb said. "We want to make this festival not only just about multicultural day; we want to make this something that people can be proud of, and we encourage attendees to wear their traditional clothing to celebrate

along with us."

Civic Center Plaza is located at 500 Castro St.

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Vaccinating your dog is not something you should bark at

By Kenton Taylor, D.V.M.

Pet Pause

Preventative wellness includes vaccinations and medications to prevent development of debilitating disease conditions.

Vaccine types recommended and frequency of vaccination vary depending on the lifestyle of the dog being vaccinated.

These include travel plans, kennel/boardings, grooming establishment plans, dog park visits, etc. Because these factors and disease prevalence may change over time, it is best that the vaccination plan is decided at

routine annual examinations following a discussion between the veterinarian and the dog owner.

Very young puppies are very susceptible to infectious diseases because their immune systems are not yet mature. If their mother has been vaccinated, they receive some protection with antibodies present

in their mother's milk but that protection is of a short duration. It takes time for their immune system to develop so that it can respond to vaccination. Typically, this is not until 12 weeks of age. To provide the best protection against disease during the first months of life, it is recommended to give a series of vaccinations, usually three to four weeks apart. The final vaccination is around 4 months of age, when the immune system would be expected to be developed enough to provide a good response for reliable protection.

Core vaccines are those recommended for all dogs as the diseases cause severe illness and vaccination results in good protection. For dogs, this includes distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus, leptospirosis and rabies.

Distemper virus can lead to many disease symptoms and while unstable in the environment, it can affect a number of hosts such as coyotes, skunks and raccoons and has worldwide distribution.

Parvovirus is the most common cause of viral intestinal disease in dogs. Risk of infection is primarily associated with viral particles from other domestic dogs and the virus is relatively stable in the environment.

Canine adenovirus type 2 is part of the canine infectious respiratory disease complex and vaccination for it protects against type 1, which also causes an infectious liver disease. Adenovirus type 1 vaccination has been associated with occasional side effects and since vaccination for type 2 protects against type 1, it is not recommended.

There are four types of serovars of leptospirosis in North America, so it is recommended to use the 4-serovar vaccination. This is a vaccination best given separately rather than in a combination with distemper and parvovirus vaccination. It is also best to give leptospirosis vaccination in a location separate from other vaccines to improve response to the vaccination; there is also a possible decrease in response to distemper and parvovirus vaccination when given in combination with leptospirosis.

Leptospirosis can be transmitted by rodents, so it's no

longer just a rural dog problem. Dogs most at risk are those spending any time outdoors, exposure to areas where rodents have been and time in kennels or dog day cares. Leptospirosis is a disease that can be transmitted to people and is the most common zoonosis in the world. In the past there has been concern about adverse reactions to leptospirosis vaccination. Formulations have now been altered to minimize this likelihood. Nevertheless, it is recommended to give the initial leptospirosis vaccination at 12 weeks of age and at a separate time from multiple other vaccinations.

Non-core vaccinations are optional vaccines that should be considered based on exposure risk, which is primarily based on geographic distribution and your dog's lifestyle. Non-core vaccines include Lyme disease caused by a tick-transmitted borrelia. Currently, infections are largely restricted to Connecticut and surrounding states and northeastern Canada. Since prevention of tick feeding prevents disease transmission, this disease is most effectively prevented with effective flea control.

Bordetella bacteria and parainfluenza virus and canine adenovirus type 2 are all organisms associated with canine infectious respiratory disease. Intranasal vaccination is recommended for dogs expected to be in close association with other dogs such as at a boarding or grooming facility. Intranasal is more effective than oral in stimulating a response in the respiratory tract and injectable vaccination may have minimal benefit. Duration of immunity to bordetella may be only six months at best. If your dog is regularly boarded, vaccination at least every six months is recommended. The vaccine should also be administered at least one week before boarding for maximal protection.

Canine influenza virus infections have resulted in multiple outbreaks throughout the U.S. and was a problem in the South Bay Area from December 2017 to January 2018. The virus causes upper respiratory signs including a cough, nasal discharge and low grade fever with a small number

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progressing to a severe pneumonia. A vaccination including both serotypes H3N8 and H3N2 is recommended for broad immunity. Vaccination for dogs at boarding kennels, day care and dog parks would be recommended in an outbreak.

In regards to vaccination against rattlesnake toxoid, there is no documented efficacy at this time. The vaccine is for the Western Diamond Back rattlesnake venom toxoid and rattlesnake venom is antigenically different between rattlesnake species. As such there is also no data to support the effectiveness of vaccination to venom of rattlesnakes in this area.

Vaccinations given and frequency is based on individual needs determined by patient's history and risk of disease exposure. Whereas core vaccines are recommended for every dog regardless of lifestyle, non-core vaccine recommendations are determined by assessing the likelihood of a dog's exposure to a given infectious disease.

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Native American photo exhibit comes to museum

Town Crier Report

“**S**he Sang Me a Good Luck Song: The California Indian Photographs of Dugan Aguilar” will bring 28 compelling images to Los Altos History Museum from March 20 to June 8, 2025. This traveling exhibition from Exhibit Envoy redefines conventional portrayals of Native peoples, capturing the resilience and artistry of basket makers, dancers, military veterans and motorcyclists.

Based on the Heyday Books publication edited by Theresa Harlan (Kewa Pueblo/Jemez Pueblo), the exhibition showcases the work of the late Aguilar (Mountain Maidu/Pit River/Walker River Paiute), who documented Native cultures for more than 40 years.

“These vibrant, deeply personal photographs celebrate California Native communities and their enduring connections to their ancestors and the land,” said Amy Ellison, curator and director of exhibitions. “This exhibition is vital because it presents contemporary California Indigenous peoples, counter-

ing the common tendency of history books and exhibits to focus only on Native American history before or around European contact.”

In addition to Aguilar's photographs, the exhibition will feature videos, photographs and objects representing the Muwekma Ohlone tribe, with a focus on the 2024 Trail of Truth, in which members of the tribe traveled by horseback from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., to raise awareness of their fight for federal recognition.

“It has been an amazing experience to see and hear firsthand accounts of this journey,” Ellison said. “We are honored to collaborate with the tribe and grateful for their trust in sharing this important history with our visitors.”

The museum will host a series of exhibit-related programs:

- “The Trail of Truth” presentation by Charlene Nijmeh, chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone tribe. March 20, 5:30-7 p.m. \$15; free for museum members.
- Family photography workshop with photographer



COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Los Altos History Museum's new exhibition features the California Indian photographs of Dugan Aguilar. The exhibition will also include videos, photographs and objects representing the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe.

S.M. Lieu. April 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$30/family; \$15/family for museum members.

- “Reframing Indigenous Histories in the Bay Area,” a lecture by Indigenous scholar Michael Wilcox (Stanford University). April 16, 5:30-7 p.m. \$15; free for museum members.

- “A History of the Chochenyo Language,” a talk by Bernadette Quiroz (Muwek-

ma Ohlone). May 21, 5:30-7 p.m. \$15; free for museum members.

Space is limited for all programs, and registration is required at losaltoshistory.org/events.

The exhibition is presented in partnership with Exhibit Envoy, Heyday Books and the Native Fund, and curated by Theresa Harlan and Dugan Aguilar.

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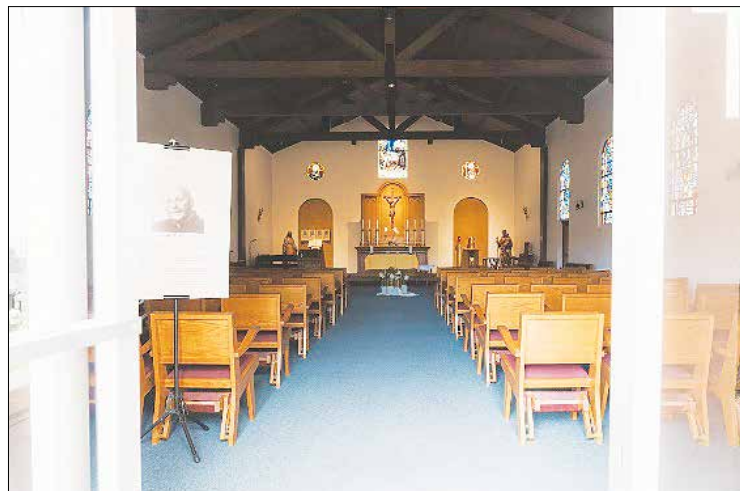
Centennial Spring is in the air at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos.

Conception became a reality 100 years ago when the Jesuit Western Province founded El Retiro San Iñigo, giving the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association a permanent home.

Former Governor Jerry Brown, Bishop Oscar Cantú of the San Jose Diocese, and the Rev. Sean O. Carroll, S.J., Jesuits West Provincial, will lead the celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Jesuit Retreat Center on Saturday (March 15).

Cantú and Carroll will celebrate the Masses. Brown, who recalls attending retreats when he was a high school student, will deliver the keynote address.

The impetus for the retreat center started in 1896 when The Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association was formed and met at various locations.



COURTESY OF THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is commemorating 100 years this Saturday with a Centennial Mass Celebration. Former Gov. Jerry Brown, who attended retreats in high school, is scheduled to speak.

When the association moved to O'Connor Hall at the University of Santa Clara in 1911, discussions began about finding a permanent retreat center.

In 1924, Fr. Provincial Joseph Piet, S.J., a staunch supporter of the laymen's retreats, assigned Fr. Joseph Stack, S.J., a frequent retreat director for the laymen's association, to search for a suitable property.

The search was over when Rev. Stack discovered the Wellman property that soon became El Retiro San Iñigo. The Wellman home was adapted for retreats.

A temporary chapel was fashioned from the billiards room and on March 15, 1925, a first Mass was held, celebrating opening the doors to The Jesuit Retreat of Los Altos – El Retiro San Iñigo. The first retreat was attended by 15 men in April.

During the first 50 years there was rapid growth at El Retiro. But the decades also saw the retreat center adapt to an ever-changing society. From 1950 to 1975, women formed their own retreat association. Parishes, high schools, university faculties and service organizations begin to fill the El Retiro retreat calendar during the week.

The next 25 years saw the weekday calendar expand to retreats for men and women of all faiths. Fr. Robert Fabing, S.J., oversaw the integration of psychotherapy and Ignatian spiritual direction as founder of the Institute for Family Life. Family retreats, married couples' retreats and counseling services became a staple.

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation and reentry program in the world, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, brought Homeboy Industries of Los Angeles to El Retiro for the first time in 2007.

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to his father Raymond Nann nearing his 80th birthday, at El Retiro, rock by rock, ring by ring.

El Retiro was a beacon of light for people of all ages, nationalities and ethnic backgrounds when the United States faced tragedies and crises.

After suffering extreme damage from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that shook the entire Bay Area for 15 seconds, the retreat center was fully operational the next day thanks to staff and volunteers.

Solace was found at the retreat center when a grieving population reached out for the Infinite God following the 911 attacks.

Closed doors during the COVID pandemic was the

greatest challenge to the retreat center’s survival. Donors, contractors, volunteers and Jesuits Dedicated went to work during the lock-down, refurbishing retreat houses, facilities, grounds, offices. It was a time of prayer in action in service of the founding vision of El Retiro to live by the Ignatian norm that calls us to find God in all things; to discover where God will best be served and where people will best be helped, and to show love in deeds and not just words.

Known as God’s Inn to many, El Retiro is in full swing again. The centennial celebration began in spring 2024 with the launch of Community Day. Centennial Spring 2025 is now!

For more information about the Centennial Mass Celebration on March 15, visit The Jesuit Retreat Center at jrclosaltos.org.



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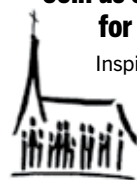
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By Brandon Roth

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Students should never shy away from their dreams, but the issue for a lot of them is learning how to actualize their projects into reality. There are many unique experiences students carry with them, such as their family background, health journey or personal interest and it is up to our community to trust their vision of supporting their various causes.

Within Pinewood Scholars Program in Social Entrepreneurship at Pinewood School, junior students have the opportunity to explore their passions for creating businesses and non-profits and forming partnerships with community members who offer them guidance in their subjects of interest. Many of the students' mentors include professors, business officials and organization leaders who teach them how they can make a difference.

Michelle Gannon, the social entrepreneurship and a English teacher at Pinewood

School, said the program allows students to solve real-world problems and to explore their chosen topic or passions with professionals. She said students get a hands-on approach to learning in the course, such as visiting various offices in the region, and exploring how to implement a project from the discovery, design and implementation stages. Many of the students start off the course by answering large questions that they hope to answer and within a few months, she said the students begin researching, interviewing and finding the resources they need to address the issues that they hope to fix.

"We practice cold calling," Gannon said. "I use a program called Mimic which sets the cold calling with an AI person to either be friendly, approachable or angry. It's quite amazing. They also create LinkedIn profiles which they can cold call people there and build their network. I also encouraged them to use their parent or teacher networks to find con-



BRANDON ROTH/TOWN CRIER

Pinewood students gathered on Feb. 27 to meet with school administrators and teachers on their business projects surrounding various social, political and health issues. This opportunity allowed them to get feedback on their project and how it can be improved or changed.

tacts in the industry connected to their ideas."

Gannon also encourages students to listen to podcasts and other forms of media such

as documentaries and other

research projects that seek out how someone found hidden meanings and problem solved until they reached their

achievements.

Lacey Armistead, a senior at Pinewood and former

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Library hosting 'Navigating College Admissions in the A.I. Era' event Thursday

By Kaavya Mehrotra

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The high school class of 2026 will soon start applying to colleges – and artificial intelligence may play a role in the process.

To help students and families understand the potential role of AI, the Los Altos Library is hosting a free discussion, "Navigating College Admissions in the A.I. Era," 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday.

The event will include AI's current role in college admissions, the future of college admissions, ethical considerations in AI admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education, according to the Santa Clara County Library events website.

Students who use the online Common App to apply to a college are required to check a box acknowledging that they did not use AI on their application.

When an application reaches the admissions office, an officer may run it through an AI detector, according to Ivy Scholars, a college counseling website.

The presenters of Thursday's discussion plan to analyze how AI algorithms are being used to analyze applications, according to the library district. Additionally, attendees will learn how AI can predict academic performance, analyze extracurricular activities and identify any potential concerns for applicants.

Changes to standardized testing such as the PSAT, SAT and ACT will also be discussed.

The discussion will address ethical considerations, focusing on the importance of fairness, equity and transparency when AI is used inside the admissions office.

This event is a part of the Silicon Valley Reads 2025

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LAHS invites Bay Area Author Dave Eggers for the 40th annual Writers Week



GORDON JACK/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Dave Eggers (center), author of "The Circle" and "The Eyes and the Impossable," was interviewed by Los Altos High School students last Thursday evening as part of their annual Writers Week. The student interviewers are from the left: Ellie Tseng, Alina Fritsch, Ethan Park, Mei Ozawa, Malina Pedraza and Francis Ruan. They discussed his career path, his writing style and important skills to develop.

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program, a countywide engagement program that this year is focused on the theme of “Empowering Humanity: Technology for a Better

World.”

The discussion will be held in the Orchard Room at the Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/College-Admissions-A.

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student in the PSP program, said her organization Bright Start, which she started last year with the course, is still going strong. The organization aims to provide students who have come from farmworker families in Half Moon Bay access to STEM project kits and fill the gap in their education. She said many of these children move with their families and do not get quality lessons on STEM topics.

“In my PSP class, a person spoke to us about a lot of the organizations she worked with, and one of the ones that she talked about was the organization I ended up partnering with in Half Moon Bay,” Armistead said. “I started reaching out to them and planning out different lesson dates. And I believe the need was just the farm workers tend to move around a lot. I thought a cool way to maybe supplement their learning would be to provide boxes with different experiments so that they can continue learning and developing a passion for STEM when they’re home or traveling.”

She said oftentimes, schools

in the areas she volunteers in are overlooked and underfunded. It was important for her to have students find interest in their school’s lessons and find a passion for experimental learning. After her senior year, she won’t be able to continue her project, but she hopes the podcast she created for the course the previous semester will help display the lessons she learned and bring awareness to underserved populations.

“I have continued doing some lessons, and I’ve made a lot of boxes that I’m going to be distributing sometime soon,” she said. “That will probably be my last round of the boxes. “However, I did partner with another one of my friends, Evan Madsen, and we made a website displaying all of the lessons so that hopefully some of our ideas can continue going.”

Many of Gannon’s current students are also looking at ways they can shape their community and many of them are inspired by larger issues or their own personal stories.

Mailey Wang, a PSP student that founded Words of Worth, a Social and Emotional Learning curriculum that uses books to build students’ confidence and reinforce key lessons that help

students have a sense of belonging as they mature. Wang wants people to look at their insecurities and find ways they can be used to make them stronger.

“I think people lose confidence in the ages within third to fifth grade,” she said. “Young kids have a lot of confidence, but as they age, it is important to instill a strong and long-lasting self-confidence from that early age that won’t dwindle as they grow up. I think it’s a lot easier to have them develop this (confidence) in children at an early age.”

She also wrote a book called “Stand Tall, Josie,” with illustrations by her younger sister Adelynn, that talks about a young girl developing her sense of confidence after observing a leaf with many cracks. The book was based around her sister and she said the book is about realizing one’s potential and not feeling judged based on one’s capabilities.

“I’ve talked to a psychologist so far, and some writers who have helped me write the book,” she said. “Moving forward, I want to collaborate with SEL teachers down at our middle campus and then also just around the city and local area.”

Alan Skelley, a PSP student looking at systematic issues over the consumption of plastic waste, founded Clear Choice to provide samples for companies to use sustainable products for their packaging. He said 10% of the materials in the U.S. are recycled and even a common product like water bottles is recycled 30% of the time. He said there are a lot of false advertisements on current packaging labels and wants to show community investors that you don’t even need to use plastic. There are plenty of alternatives, such as cardboard, which is an eco-friendlier material option.

“I just took a step back from recycling, because I saw that it wasn’t viable,” he said. “I went over to sustainable products because you can use cardboard and other packaging. You don’t have to use plastic at all, and it is very straightforward hardware. I just want to make it very efficient for people to buy all the sustainable products they need, rather than having to go on different websites for their sustainable products.”

For more information on PSP, visit pinewood.edu/student-experience/signature-learning-experiences.

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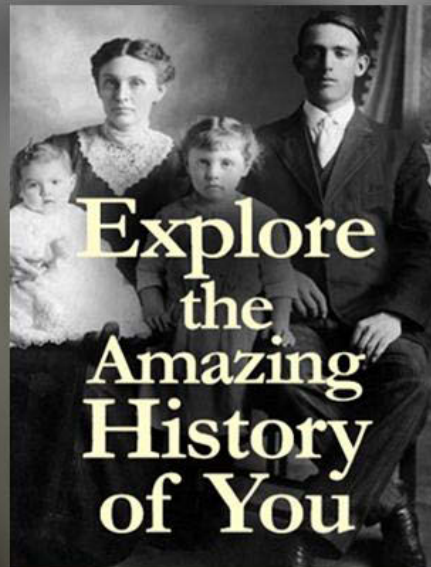
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MV boys soccer claims first NorCal title

By Curtis Driscoll

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Another late game-winner from the Mountain View boys soccer team helped ensure its first NorCal Division II title in a 2-1 win Saturday over Cardinal Newman.

A second-half goal from midfielder Aidan Wong with 17 minutes left allowed the No. 2 seed Spartans (20-2-3) to beat the No. 5 seed Cardinals (15-4-3) in what has become a habit for a team that shines in the final moments.

"It's been six games in the last month that we've won either in overtime, penalty kicks or stoppage time in the last five minutes," Mountain View coach Jim McGuirk said. "It wasn't quite that close (today), but it felt that way when it was 1-1. I don't really believe in karma, but it just felt like it was our

year at this point."

Tied 1-1 and with Newman close to taking the lead several times in the second half, momentum shifted late when a long ball flew up the field towards Mountain View forward Caleb Toney, allowing him to win the ball from the Newman defense and pass to Wong, who beat the Newman center back for pace and slotted home a difficult diagonal shot the other side of the charging goalkeeper for the eventual title decider.

"It means a lot to our team," Wong said of winning NorCal. "Going into the season, not having the highest of expectations. I think winning league, going pretty far in CCS, and now winning state means a lot, especially to me because I wasn't able to win CCS like a few of the other seniors, and we really wanted to win state after a tough loss on penalties in the [CCS] semifi-



ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Mountain View's Aidan Wong scores the first of his two goals in the 2-1 win over Cardinal Newman in the NorCal championship game Saturday.

nals against [Everett] Alvarez." The winner came against the run of play, with Newman's Devon Carranza scoring with 28 minutes left in the second half to tie the game and Mountain View goalkeeper Parker

Lunn being forced into several saves to keep it 1-1. The circumstances were nothing new for the Spartans, who have been in tight games the whole season, including an overtime 2-1 win over Clayton Valley Charter

in the NorCal semifinals that played out similarly to the final. "That's our thing," Wong said. "We score early, and then they score back. It happens a lot on our team, and it doesn't

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Dominant St. Francis beats Mitty in NorCal championship

By Shaona Das

Town Crier Editorial Intern

The Saint Francis High girls soccer team won the Division I NorCal Championship game 1-0 against Archbishop Mitty Saturday to cap a dominant season. The win for the No. 2 seed Lancers is the second-ever NorCal title and third win against the No. 5 seed Monarchs this season.

Sophomore Miliani Makasini scored St. Francis' goal with six minutes left in the second half off of a deflection by Mitty's goalkeeper. Makasini's shot was taken from the right side at the 10-yard mark after the Lancers had multiple scoring attempts.

"(Scoring) was the most amazing feeling. We earned it. It was for the team and for the seniors," Makasini said. "We've beat this team before; we knew we could do it again. (We focused on) maintaining that effort and that motivational win."

After a scoreless first half, Lancers head coach Carlos Barboza changed their playing and lineup

"At halftime, we had to up our intensity. That was the talk," Barboza said. "Then, halfway through the second half, we changed formations, and that's when all of our chances started coming, and the girls adapted just fantastic."

St. Francis played strong after the for-

mation change. With 14 minutes left on the clock, senior Kamryn Rosa took a close shot on goal, which Mitty's goalie narrowly blocked. Five minutes later, after regaining control of the ball and dribbling down the field through defenders, senior Brooklyn O'Brien had a close scoring attempt, which was just shy of the left post.

"We knew that ... this was our last half as a team forever, and we knew that we needed to put more effort in and just finish it off strong," Makasini said. "Clean up our passes, our touches, and overall, just clean up everything."

Earlier in the second half, Mitty had control of the ball on the Lancers' side of the field. Freshman goalkeeper Anneliese Braun had a fantastic save after Mitty took a powerful shot from the right, catching the ball midair.

"The game was so intense. It was difficult, very difficult," Barboza said. "I didn't feel like we were as dominant for the whole game."

In the first half, both teams took shots on goal. The Lancers had several balls fly narrowly above the goal, while Braun blocked multiple Monarch scoring attempts.

"I got to give (Mitty) credit. They adjusted. And they played fantastic the first half," Barboza said. "It was always going to be a tight game."



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St. Francis celebrates winning the NorCal Division I championship Saturday.

The game marked the Lancers' final match of the season, ending with an overall record of 21-2-1. Six seniors will be graduating from the team. In addition to the NorCal title, St. Francis also won the Central Coast Section Division I title the week before over Mitty and finished first in league play in West Catholic Athletic League.

"(I am) super proud of them," Barboza said. "(They are a) very new group, because they're extremely young, and they adapted to difficulties. Playing six days a week and playing every-other-day games, it's tough to get rest, but they're super focused and mentally tough. I have to give all the credit to these girls."

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really phase us, I'd say. Parker (Lunn) has been really good with getting the team back together and making sure we are resetting ourselves. They did have the momentum. They were coming at us, but I think that we have a lot of players who showed up in the moment like Caleb (Toney), Cy (Shafie), Akshay (Chugh), Pat (McGuirk), all of our starters are able to show up and help the team."

Mountain View's defense held in the last 15 minutes against the Newman attack, overcoming the fatigue of playing three games in five days.

"This is a really hard week," McGuirk said. "Three games against really good teams. I think everyone's exhausted and tired, but they wanted to win so much. It was cool, it was very fun."

Saturday's game was played

at Los Altos High School due to a sports scheduling conflict at Mountain View High, but it did not stop the Spartans from making a fast start. Wong volleyed home a goal with 10 minutes left in the first half after the ball ricocheted to him. Wong, who scored a brace in the game and finished with six goals on the season, has been used further up the field this season to help the attack. The senior midfielder controlled the ball, flicked it around a defender and hit it to the other side of the keeper to make it 1-0.

"He's our best player," McGuirk said of Wong. "I put him up for league MVP, but he didn't quite win. He's not a goalscorer by nature. He's a ball distributor. We changed the formation the last six or seven games to get him involved in the offense buildup more, because he's typically a defensive middle. He's very creative with the ball."

The team grew into the season after losing eight players before the start who decided to focus on the club season, with only four players on this year's squad getting significant minutes last year. McGuirk noted the team's strength has been its depth in previous seasons, with the team calling on it this season.

"That's why sports is cool," McGuirk said. "These guys stepped up in these spots and got something they didn't expect to get, and they're never going to forget it."

The Spartans finish the year as league champions of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division and as the CIF NorCal Division II champions. The team reached the semifinals in the Central Coast Section Division I playoffs, losing on penalties to eventual CCS and NorCal Division I champions Everett Alvarez.



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Mountain View winger Cyrus Shafie looks for a pass during the game against Cardinal Newman Saturday.

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"Queen of San Juan Court" to celebrate 100th birthday

By Mary Larsen

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Turning 100 on St. Patrick's Day, Patricia ("Pat") Densmore is the oldest, and perhaps the friendliest, resident of San Juan Court.

Something of a rarity in an age of residents moving in and out at breakneck speed, this close-knit court, near Egan and Bullis Charter schools, is one where neighbors know – and like – each other.

Priya Dharan, a San Juan Court resident since 1997, said Pat has "been like the queen of the court": involved with and loved by her neighbors, young and old. Pat enjoys the small-town feel of Los Altos, as well as her life on San Juan Court.

"I have wonderful neighbors," she said. "This is a friendly place. The neighbors care about each other and you care about them, and that's a nice feeling."

Pat will celebrate with friends and family on March 16, complete with tables and tents set

up outside her house, followed by a small family lunch the next day. Her family and neighbors have also arranged to dedicate a bench to her at Shoup Park, "one of her favorite places in the world," according to her daughter-in-law, Bonnie Densmore. Along with concerts in the park and frequent walks in Redwood Grove, Pat enjoys watching families and kids in the park, and for many years had a close friend across the street.

Originally from Arkansas City, Kansas, Pat met her husband, Melville "Denny" Densmore, there, and the couple headed to the West Coast: Portland, Stanford while he was finishing his degree, Seattle, San Diego, and back to Los Altos in 1959," Bonnie said. Denny worked at Philco-Ford. While Pat's primary role was raising her children, she maintained an interest in art and continued to hone her skills.

Pat and Denny had two children: son Scott (Bonnie's husband), now in Las Vegas, and daughter Terri (Danner),



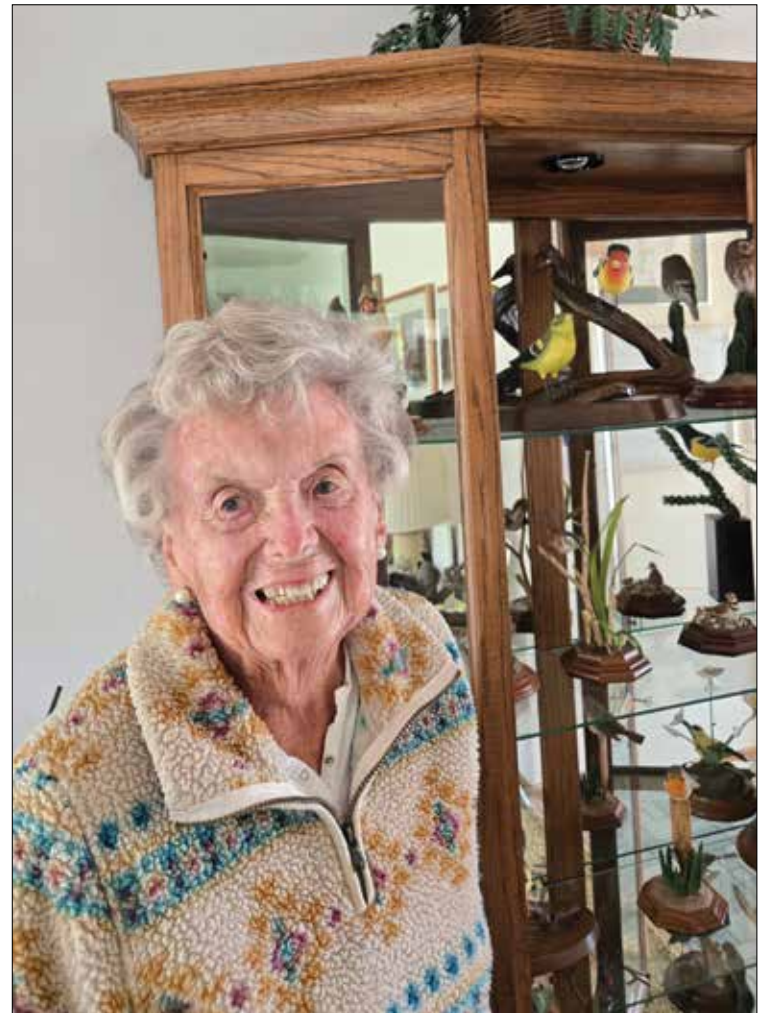
ABOVE: SHELLEY DENSMORE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER; RIGHT: BONNIE DENSMORE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Right: Pat Densmore shows off her intricate, award-winning bird carvings on March 5, a couple of weeks shy of her 100th birthday. Above is one such bird, a scrub jay.

who resides in Livermore. Pat also has one grandson, Travis (wife Shelley), and a great-grandson, Elliott.

Over the years, Pat studied art at Kansas City Art Institute (where Hallmark Greeting Card Co. financed her education),

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Debunking five common myths about revocable living trusts

By Jean Kohler & Victoria Kaempf

A revocable living trust is a popular estate planning tool that can serve useful for incapacity planning during a person's lifetime, but is primarily used as a convenient and efficient means to distribute a person's property at death without the need for a formal court-supervised probate proceeding. Revocable living trusts may be amended and revoked by the person who established the trust (sometimes referred to as the trustor, settlor or grantor) during that person's lifetime. While the trust is in place, it usually holds the person's home, bank accounts, brokerage accounts and other property.

People often come to our office for estate planning services with some understanding about the use and benefits of revocable living trusts. Unfortunately, myths on this topic are quite common. This can result in confusion for our clients. We often spend part of our initial consultation with them discussing and dispelling these myths. In this article, we will dispel five of those myths for you:

Estate Planning

Myth one: Transferring my assets to a revocable living trust will help me avoid income tax during my lifetime

A revocable living trust is transparent for income tax purposes. All investments held by the trust are associated with your social security number. The technical explanation is that a revocable living trust is a "grantor trust" for income tax purposes, which means that you, personally, and not the trust, are treated as owning all the trust assets for income tax purposes. When it comes time to filing your income tax returns, all taxable income earned by trust investments will be reported on your personal income tax returns as if the trust did not exist.

Myth two: If I set up a revocable living trust, my estate will pass to my beneficiaries' estate tax-free at my death.

A revocable living trust is also transparent for estate tax purposes. Multiple sections of the Internal Revenue Code

cause the assets you transfer into a revocable living trust to be pulled back into your estate for federal estate tax purposes. Also, while a revocable living trust may be drafted to take advantage of certain estate tax savings strategies, you can do the same planning with a will.

Myth three: Transferring my assets to a revocable living trust will protect my assets from creditors during my lifetime

Once again, a revocable living trust is transparent for creditor protection purposes. California law does not allow you to transfer assets to a revocable living trust in order to put those assets beyond the reach of creditors. This is true for your creditors during your lifetime and also for any creditors of your estate after your death.

Myth four: The terms of my revocable living trust will remain confidential upon my death.

When we started practicing law, it was true that the terms of a revocable living trust were essentially confidential, and this was a much-appreciated

benefit of using a trust. The California legislature, however, felt that the ability to keep the trust terms private created the opportunity for fraud and abuse. Today, California law requires that the beneficiaries named in your revocable living trust and your heirs receive a written notification from the trustee following your death. Each recipient of the notification is entitled to receive a copy of the trust document.

Myth five: If I include a no-contest clause in my revocable living trust, no one will contest the terms of the trust upon my death.

No-contest clauses are used to discourage contests of trusts by providing that any beneficiary who contests the trust forfeits what they would have received under the trust. This means that including the no-contest clause alone is not enough to avoid a contest. Much to the dismay of many of our clients, if you want to effectively dissuade a person from contesting the terms of your trust, you must also include a gift to that

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person in the trust and that gift must be significant enough to make the person forgo litigation for fear of losing the gift. Otherwise, except for the cost of litigation, the contestant has nothing to lose.

Revocable living trusts remain a foundational component of estate planning in California because of the many benefits they provide, including probate avoidance and continuity of management. Their benefits, however, are limited. Fortunately, there are other estate planning tools available,

such as limited liability companies and irrevocable trusts, which may provide some of the benefits a revocable living trust cannot provide.

Understanding the benefits and limitations of revocable living trusts and other available estate planning vehicles will help you create an estate plan that is tailored to your specific needs and desires.

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Medicare: We're going to talk about it

By Duanni Hurd

As of 2023, an estimated 19% of the U.S. population was covered by Medicare. Many, if not most of our clients at Starlight Caregivers are using one of the Medicare health insurance programs offered by the federal government which become available to those 65 and up. Most people reaching out for home care services have questions about what Medicare exactly covers as it is challenging to understand the complexities of Medicare for aging life care services. I reached out to a consultant, Paula Wolfson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Manager of Avenidas Care Partners (an eldercare consultation service) for a Q&A discussion.

Duanni Hurd: Hi Paula, please provide a mile-high view of Medicare for readers not yet on the program.

Paula Wolfson: Medicare is your tax dollars at work for you in the form of health insurance for those 65-plus and it only covers care provided in the USA. One can review the Medicare online portal at ssa.gov/medicare and sign up for Parts A and B, when one turns 64 and a half years old. Your coverage will become effective on your 65th birthday. If you prefer to apply in-person, contact Social Security at (877) 772-5772 before you turn 65.

There are also other "parts" to consider when reviewing options, but A and B are most common. It is critical to note that one should apply first for Part A upon their 65th birthday, which covers inpatient hospital care. Part B covers outpatient care, co-pays and medications. If you take out Medicare Part A at the age of 65 and continue to work, you need to review the special fees associated with having Medicare while working.

The newer Medicare Senior Advantage is a combined package and includes all skilled care. One does not have to research the supplemental Medigap plans sold by private insurance companies. If you want to apply for the Original Medicare plan, you will need to do comprehensive research on the Medigap plans.

Duanni: What are some of the action items to do before turning 65?

Paula: For a comprehensive understanding of

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Medicare, first order the updated official government Medicare handbook. This is best to do so when you are approaching the age of 64. Read Sections 1 and 2 slowly. Take your time.

In preparation for applying for Medicare, take inventory on your health and financial status.

- What is your budget and the current cost of your health care?
- What is your health care status?
- Do you intend to retire when you apply for Medicare and/or retire at 67 or later?
- Do you want to keep your work insurance and delay applying for Medicare B and the supplemental plans?

Duanni: Let's review the pros and cons of the different Medicare plans.

Paula: Original Medicare (Parts A and B) and Medicare Senior Advantage are the two main coverages for those 65-plus. The pros and cons depend on interconnected factors: your health status, your long-term care goals, end-of-life treatment plans and your budget.

Original Medicare tends to cost more than the Medicare Senior Advantage plan (which is essentially like an HMO).

A pro for Medicare Senior Advantage plan is that it costs less. For instance, if you have Kaiser Medicare Senior Advantage, it is a one-stop-shop but you must use Kaiser services for all your care. The monthly premium cost for Kaiser is much less than it is for original Medicare. A con for Medicare Senior Advantage is that it's hard to get a second opinion outside of your plan.

If you have highly complicated healthcare conditions, you might want to first research your local providers to ascertain if their services meet your needs. If you need a heart transplant, you need to consider where you can get the best care and thus select the Medicare plan offered by that local provider.

If you have cognitive and physical decline, then research which local provider has

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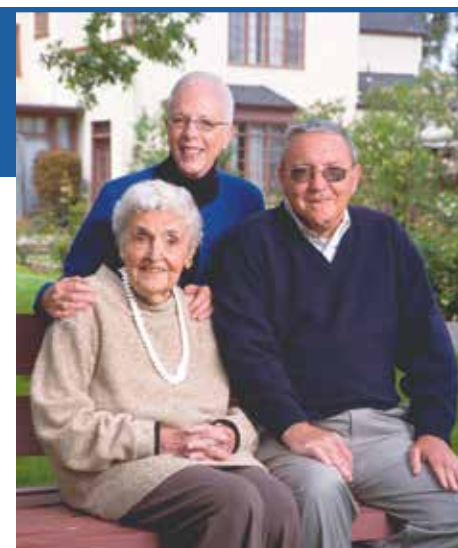


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Senior Lifestyles

BIRTHDAY

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Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and Foothill College. Pat enjoyed landscape painting and worked for many years as an illustrator of medical textbooks. In her 60s she discovered a new passion: bird-carving. Winning first place in several shows, Bonnie said that Pat was very proud of this endeavor, particularly having won in a “male-dominated” field. The Los Altos History Museum featured an exhibition of some of her bird carvings about 15 years ago.

When Denny died in 2000, Pat became more involved with the Los Altos Senior Program, and for over 20 years was a member of the sock monkey toy group, which makes toys for patients at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, as well as attending exercise classes and luncheons.

Asked if Pat had any words of wisdom regarding longevity, Bonnie responded, and Pat laughed, “The one thing we say is ‘She likes her coffee black and her wine on time.’ Her ‘wine time’ is 5 p.m. – a glass of chardonnay.”

Pat still enjoys sitting on her front deck and waving to or welcoming neighbors over for a chat.

“She enjoys that social time – it’s her favorite time of the day,” Bonnie said. “She’s always been a social person, and loves having (neighbors) stop by. She’s always been that way ... welcoming to everyone.”

Dharan echoed those sentiments.

“She’s very welcoming of people and taking care of everybody in town,” she said. “‘Come in, have a seat, have a drink.’ She’s always ready to socialize and join in the neighborhood activities.”

“She’s such a positive person,” she added.

Although nearing the century mark has brought some signs of slowing down, she still strolls around the court with the help of a walker and gets out to her favorite places around town.

Bonnie and Scott live in Las Vegas, but these days Bonnie spends three weeks a month in Los Altos with Pat. With her family and her neighbors watching out for her, she’s in good hands.

“It’s an amazing blessing to be able to celebrate a neighbor and dear friend’s 100th birthday,” Dharan said.

MEDICARE

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comprehensive geriatric care services: dementia care, neurology, geropsychiatry, cognitive status and capacity exams, palliative and hospice care, as well as medical aid in dying services.

The point of this is that before you select a Medicare option, research the local health providers in your vicinity and select the coverage aligned with your health care needs, long-term care plans, EOL (end of life) care values and of course your budget.

Duanni: Are there other Medicare options?

Paula: Yes, this includes Part D for drug coverage, and Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap). Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs and is run by private insurance companies that follow rules set by Medicare. Medigap is extra insurance you can buy from a private company that helps pay your share of costs in Original Medicare.

Medicare general enrollment is from Jan. 1 to March 31 and open enrollment is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Certain life events allow you to change plans at any time, for instance if you move or lose a private insurance coverage.

Duanni: Paula, the ins and outs of applying for Medicare

are so complicated. What can people do if they are feeling overwhelmed?

Paula: I agree, it can be a complex undertaking, but here are a few things that can help break it down.

- Review the Medicare booklet at ssa.gov/medicare or get a paper copy of the booklet in late September.

- For those living in Santa Clara County, you can book a free appointment with a Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) counselor, to talk about benefits and health insurance. Call the main number for Avenidas at (650) 289-5400 to book a HICAP appointment. They will review the plans with you and answer your specific questions.

- Give me a call at Avenidas Care Partners at (650) 289-5438, and we can review your unique situation together.

It is crucial to understand different parts of Medicare and stay updated on changes of Medicare to make sound decisions for your healthcare coverage. Do not hesitate to seek assistance to explore all available options to ensure the most beneficial coverages for a healthier future.

Duanni Hurd is founder of Starlight Caregivers, a Los Altos-based home-care organization that serves most of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. To learn more, visit starlightcaregivers.com.



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Stepping Out

LAYT's 'Olympiaganza' runs through weekend

By Dorie Xie
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Youth Theatre's "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" continues this weekend. The play, which opened Friday, runs through Sunday at Bus Barn Theater.

"This particular take on Greek mythology is super satirical and points out the misogyny and patriarchy of the Greek myths," director Kristin Walter said. "It's told like a school presentation, but in an unexpected and highly comedic way."

Written by Don Zolidis, the one-act play follows two narrators retelling 12 classic Greek myths with a modern spin –

including Pandora's Box and "The Iliad" – each involving a different group of actors. The performers are ages 8-13.

"Our narrators push the story along, and everyone else plays at least five different parts throughout the course of the play," said Walter, who also serves as Los Altos Stage Company's education director. "It's very ensemble-driven and I wanted something that would be really accessible to younger kids."

While Walter manages the show and student-actors, executive artistic director Gary Landis designed the lighting and set, which mimics a class-



COURTESY OF GARY LANDIS

Los Altos Stage Company is hosting a Greek mythology storytelling play called "Olympiaganza" with humorous skits of Greek gods, heros and beasts.

room with Greek-style decor.

"The floor looks like school tiles, and all across the back we have these wonderful columns with an Athens feel," Walter said. "There are props and costumes in full view of the audience, so kids can just pop off stage and grab a toga or a Nerf machine gun. There are also crowns, feather boas, sparkly pink wigs – there's all kinds of stuff."

Walter noted that the younger age range of the cast brought

many new actors to LAYT.

"I love getting to know new kids and bringing them into the world of theater," Walter said. "They've got a great work ethic, they're fun, they're fearless and they're super willing to jump in and play, which we're always looking for."

Landis extended the impact of youth theater to the community as well, encouraging audiences to support the young actors.

"These are the people who

go into high school and college and make art a part of their life," Landis said. "So, it's not only about audience entertainment; it's also about how the community can support its local youth."

Performances of "Olympiaganza" are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Bus Barn, 97 Hillview Ave.

For tickets (\$18-28) and more information, visit losaltosstage.org/olympiaganza.



COURTESY OF GARY LANDIS

"Olympiaganza" was written in 2009 by Don Zolidis, a playwright who has created over 100 plays, and it has been performed nationwide since then. "Olympiaganza" will run at the Los Altos Stage Company until this Sunday.

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Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. Grant ____ in Los Altos
5. Pecan, for example
8. "The Fresh Prince of ____-Air"
11. Non-dairy spread
12. Right now!
14. Way to go, abbr.
15. Tattooist's surface
16. Lap dog, for short
17. "Now ____ theater near you!"- 2 words
18. Pungent flavors
20. Damp area
21. Copy, for short
22. Roil, 2 words
25. ____ Gears, Cream album
29. Pimples
32. Entrance to a freeway, 2 words
33. 2024 Los Altos of the Year
35. Correct a text
36. Has a rest from work, 2 words
38. Food Network star, Emeril
40. Actress/model

Mendes

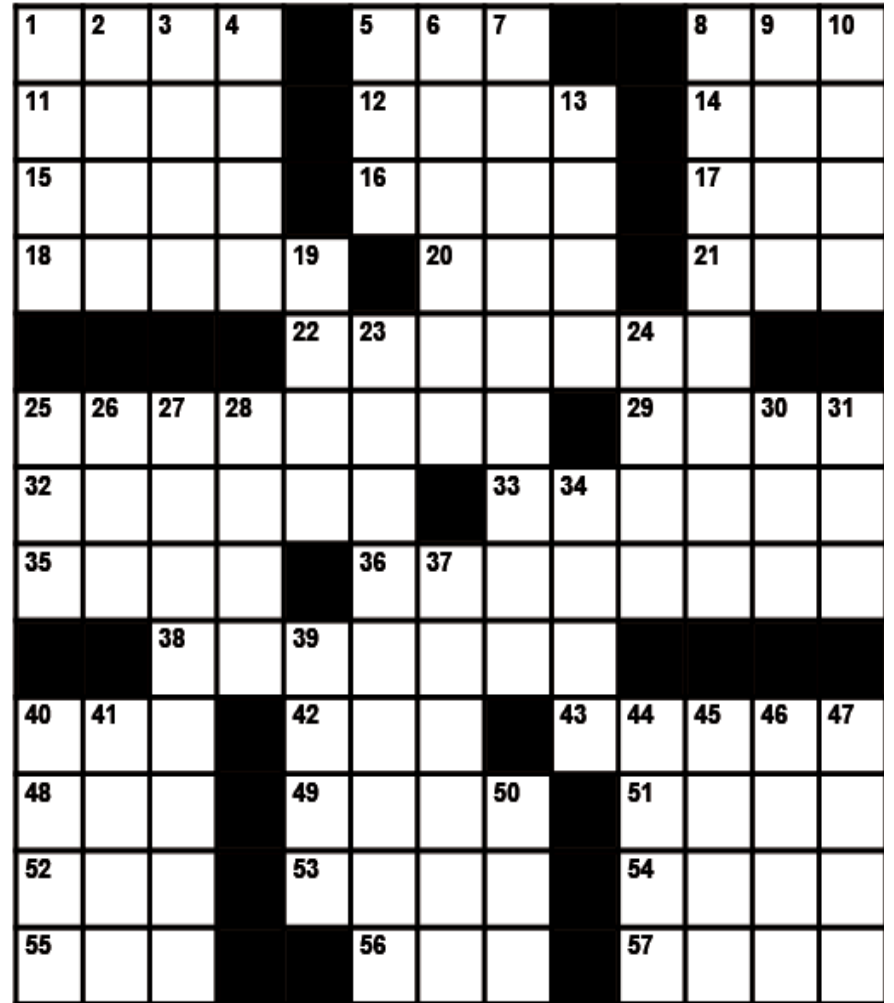
42. "That's terrible!"
43. Designer Calvin
48. Former White House nickname
49. Camp beds
51. Back then
52. Type
53. Shoelace problem
54. O'Neal of "Love Story"
55. Mauna ____ volcano
56. Elder, abbr.
57. Denmark citizen

Down

1. Put up on Facebook
2. ____-Seltzer
3. Curb, with "in"
4. Big ape in film
5. 40 winks
6. Beneficial
7. Be willing to stick one's neck out, 2 words
8. "Babel" star, 2 words
9. Words to Brutus, 2 words
10. Ballet move
13. Brown alternative
19. Hoodwink

23. Seven sided figures
24. Action movie weapons
25. Forest female
26. Not rep or dem., abbr.
27. Sinhalese is its official language
28. Pro ____ (in proportion)
30. It's a definite article
31. Nine-digit ID, abbr.
34. Humble
37. Punk'd star first name
39. Sludgy stuff
40. Actor Estrada
41. Mouse-like animal
44. "____ Of The Rings" Tolkien novel
45. Celtic singer
46. Volunteer's words, 2 words
47. Hawaii's state bird
50. Bering, e.g.: abbr.

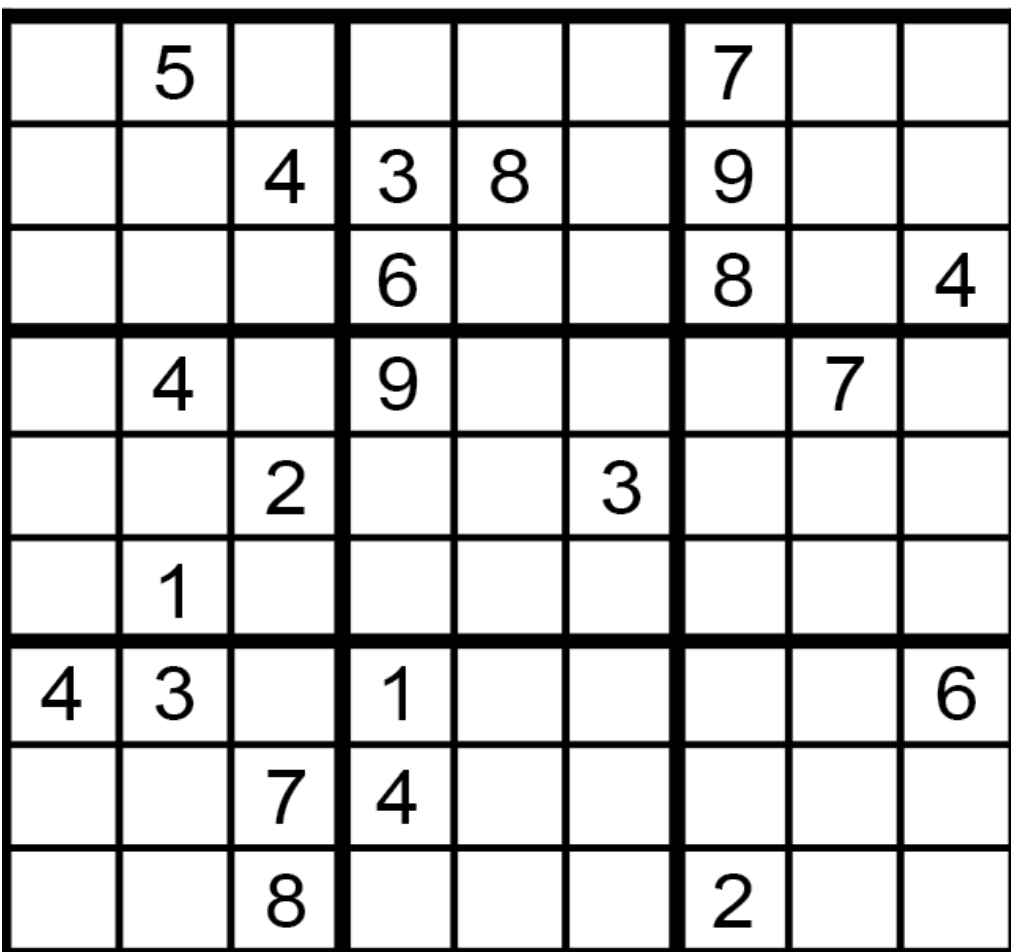
**Answers
to puzzles
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Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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



Find A Word



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

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|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Anemone | Freesia | Nasturtium |
| Carnation | Gardenia | Orchid |
| Chrysanthemum | Iris | Petunia |
| Crocus | Lily | Tulip |
| Daffodil | Narcissus | |

Business & Real Estate

El Comal restaurant proves a labor of love for food & culture

By Christina Casillas
Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

From its menu to the diligently chosen wall tiles, colors and interior design, Los Altos restaurant El Comal was a labor of love.

Co-owned by David Sotelo and Jaime Valle, El Comal held its long-awaited grand opening last month. The restaurant is named after what many consider the heart of the Mexican kitchen, a comal: a flat, traditionally copper pan used for a variety of different processes, from cooking tortillas to charring tomatoes and chiles for salsas.

But for Valle and Sotelo, the comal is not only a tool in the kitchen: Its cultural significance represents what the restaurant hopes to bring to those who dine at the 266 Main St. restaurant.

Sotelo referred to a piece of art on one of the restaurant walls as the restaurant's mission, the goal of El Comal.

It reads, "A comal is the soul of a Mexican kitchen, a smooth, circular dance floor where tortillas spin and sizzle to the rhythm of the flame. Forged

from earth – be it copper, iron or clay – it holds the warmth of generations in its surface that goes back to the Aztec culture. On its weathered face, chiles blister, tomatoes soften, and spices release their secrets, filling the air with aromas that tell the stories of family, tradition and love."

But the road to opening El Comal was a long one, Sotelo said. Sotelo met Valle after the two said they were both independently led on by another person with the hope of opening a restaurant, only to be scammed out of money.

The two eventually met and bonded from the experience, becoming so close they considered themselves brothers, Sotelo said. The two still had dreams of opening a restaurant, and they decided to join forces and open El Comal.

Apart from El Comal, both owners have their own businesses – Valle owns a construction business and Sotelo owns a plumbing business – and for Sotelo, the goal of opening a restaurant was personal.

"When I first came to the United States, I worked in restaurants, and my family comes



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID SOTELO

From Left: David Sotelo, Jaime Valle, Jonathan Weinberg and Kim Mosley celebrate El Comal's grand opening.

from restaurants," he said in Spanish. "I became passionate about working in restaurants because it's very fun, especially in the kitchen when there's good communication."

It took more than two years

to make changes to the restaurant's interior to get it to the place it's at now, Sotelo said. It was a labor of love, the owners said, as many parts of construction – like removing tile from the ceiling – were obstacles,

but the two looked back on it fondly.

Sotelo said he relished the creative freedom that opening a restaurant allowed and

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Why your risk tolerance may be harmful to your investment health

By Artie Green

You read the headline – but how could that be? Risk tolerance is the amount of risk that each person is comfortable taking with their investment choices. Just because yours is different from someone else's doesn't mean it's wrong. Or does it?

To better understand the issue, it helps to recognize that there are actually two ways that risk – as measured by volatility in this case – impacts your investment portfolio. The asset classes in which you choose to invest together with the percentage in each (aka your asset allocation) comprise the level of risk in your overall investment portfolio. And that level of risk corresponds to an expected level of portfolio returns over time. Of course, no one can predict the future. But based on statistical analyses of tons of historical data, the longer the time frame, the better the expected returns in aggregate will correlate with the actual returns.

However, everybody has their own unique lifestyle to maintain, each involving different levels of spending in all kinds of categories (like home, education, family, community, travel

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etc.). The amount of money you will need in order to support the spending above for your particular lifestyle over your remaining lifespan depends in part on your ongoing income, your savings and the growth of your savings (that is, the lifetime returns on your portfolio). The latter can easily be estimated through a financial plan, and from that, the corresponding level of risk expected to generate the needed level of returns can also be estimated. That risk level is sometimes referred to as your risk capacity.

When your investment selection process is based on your risk capacity, you are in effect putting together a portfolio with the necessary risk/return balance to meet your particular lifestyle. That's a good way to invest. Unfortunately, most people without a financial plan and/or CFP professional to guide them will tend to make investment decisions based on their risk tolerance since it's the most emotionally comfortable approach. If the two happen to

match, there's no problem. But if your risk tolerance is lower than your risk capacity, you could be inclined to take less risk than required in order to get the needed returns from your portfolio over time. That could result in running out of money prematurely. And if your risk tolerance is the higher of the two, you could end up taking more risk than needed, potentially resulting in greater portfolio volatility and greater losses when withdrawals are taken during market downturns.

It's also a fact that your risk tolerance changes based on environmental factors such as the prevailing economic situation. When things are going well, investors' risk tolerances tend to increase, and the reverse is true during recessions and market declines. To cite an example: In early 2009, during the depths of the so-called Great Recession, one of my clients had become so risk-averse that she was considering selling all her stock funds. Of course, I spent time with her explaining the value of sticking to her investment strategy and ultimately helped her climb back down from the ledge. By 2010 – after her portfolio had rebounded not only from market

growth but also from timely rebalancing – she had become so extremely risk-indifferent as to ask what could be done to get her portfolio to outperform that of her neighbor.

One of the key purposes of a financial plan is to identify your risk capacity and determine whether or not your risk tolerance is out of sync with your true risk capacity. Human beings make dysfunctional investment decisions when we rely on our emotions for decision-making. Having a plan and maintaining the discipline to follow it can help you avoid making suboptimal investment decisions that could cost you in later life.

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

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Business & Real Estate

Financial grooming schemes result in high losses, according to BBB reports

Better Business Bureau

BBB Scam

Investment scams, including those involving cryptocurrency, remained the riskiest scam type in 2024, according to a new report from the Better Business Bureau. Romance/friendship scams climbed to No. 3 riskiest for the first time since BBB began publishing the report.

These scams include financial grooming, where scammers build relationships with victims before perpetrating the scam.

Financial grooming scams are often complex and devastating for victims. It can take weeks or months for the scammers to build trust with their targets. Once that happens, the scammer encourages the person to try investing, often in cryptocurrency. It always starts small, as trust builds over time. While the investment “grows,” the scammer encourages

them to invest even more money. But then the person realizes too late, once they’ve invested a significant amount, that the platform is fake, and they can’t get their money back.

More than 80 percent of people who were targeted by investment/cryptocurrency scams, No. 1 riskiest, reported losing money to BBB Scam Tracker. It also had the second highest median dollar loss at \$5,000. Investment scams take many forms, including pressure to purchase, trade, or store digital assets (cryptocurrency) with fraudulent exchanges.

Employment scam reports remained the No. 2 scam type in 2024, making up about 14% of all reported scams. Employment scams had a \$1,500 median dollar

Romance/friendship scams rose to No. 3 riskiest, with the highest median dollar loss of all scam types (\$6,099).

Online purchase (shopping) scams dropped further down the list this year, landing at No. 4 riskiest. This year, 30.3% of scams submitted to BBB Scam Tracker were online purchase scams, and 87.5% reported losing money. “Scammers are spending more time building relationships with their targets, and the result is significant losses,” said Melissa Lanning, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, which produced the 2024 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. “If somebody you met online is offering to help you invest your money, it’s a huge red flag, and probably a scam.”

Key findings

Overall reported median dol-

lar loss rose 30% from 2023 to 2024. Overall reported susceptibility (the percentage of reports with a monetary loss) fell 14.6%.

People ages 65+ reported the highest median dollar loss of all age groups (\$160), followed by ages 18-24 (\$150).

Employment scams were No. 1 riskiest for ages 18-34. According to survey research, the flexibility to work from home was the top motivational factor for engaging with the scammer.

People reported being more likely to lose money when engaging via social media. Almost 50% of scams via social media began when the person responded to a social media advertisement or post and 15% began when the scammer sent them a direct message, according to survey research.

Credit cards remained the most reported payment method

with a monetary loss, followed by bank account debit and online payment system (digital payment app). Reports of people paying scammers with cryptocurrency rose from 3.0% in 2023 to 4.8% in 2024.

According to our survey research, 29.6% said their mental health was impacted by the scam incident. The top emotions people felt following the scam were anger (60.3%), loss of trust (54.0%), and anxiety/stress/trauma (53.5%).

Those who engaged with the scammer for more than one day were more likely to report losing money.

The five most impersonated organizations reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2024:

- Publishers Clearing House
- U.S. Postal Service
- PayPal
- Amazon
- Spectrum

EL COMAL

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enjoyed deciding how the restaurant’s interior would be decorated. Valle and Sotelo were especially proud of two giant copper comals and a Mayan calen-

dar hanging on the restaurant’s main right-side wall.

The menu includes dishes typical of southern Mexican states Yucatán and Oaxaca, including mole, molotes and cochinita pibil. The menu was decided in the months leading up to the restau-

rant’s opening by friends and families of the owners.

“We had family members come in, we had friends come in, and we’d give them food for free, and all we’d ask them was for their opinion,” Valle said. “That’s the reason why we’re able to put

this many dishes together, with the help of our friends and family.”

El Comal is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Saturday. For more information, visit elcomalkitchen.com.

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28 Alma Court, Corkern Living Trust to H. & H. Lee for \$6,120,000

1530 Arbor Avenue, Naumann Family Trust to Haig Family Trust for \$8,600,000

Los Altos Hills

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Mountain View

1940 Mount Vernon Court #14, Skiles Trust to Maison Charleston Props LLC for \$550,000

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2047 Montecito Avenue #20, X. Jiang to J. & K. Li for \$975,000

1921 Jardin Drive, K. Lange to Arihant & Vinita Trust for \$2,700,000

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Highest sale: \$8,100,000
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Total sales: 5
Lowest sale: \$550,000
Highest sale: \$3,605,000
Average sale: \$1,686,000

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Total sales: 1
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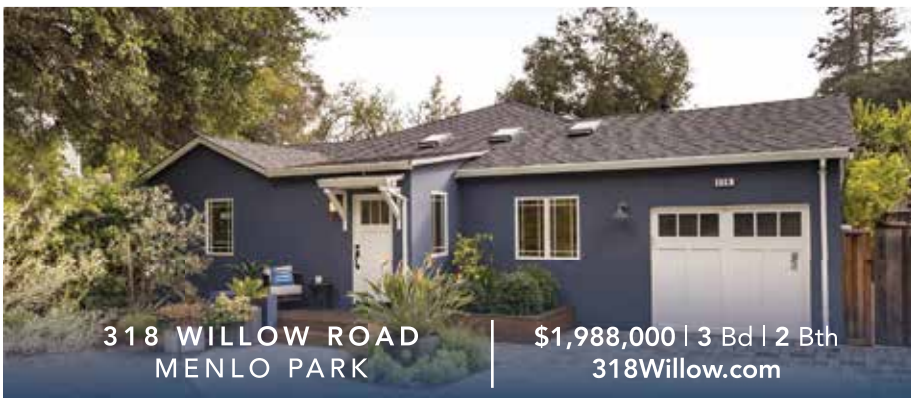
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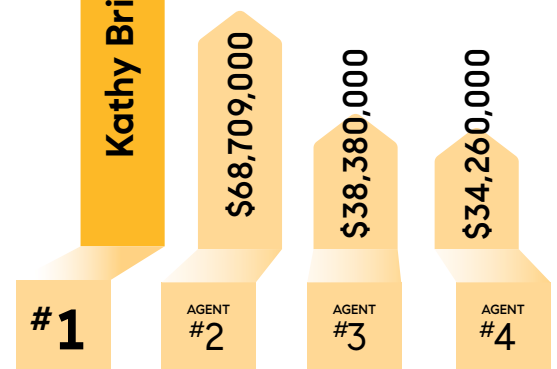


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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 (ZONING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS' MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYEE HOUSING, FARMWORKER HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES, SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO), SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AS PERMITTED LAND USES IN THE RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURAL (R-A) ZONING DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROGRAMS E-4, 5, 8 AND 9 OF THE LOS ALTOS HILLS 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE Town of Los Altos Hills' City Council has introduced, on February 20, 2025, and proposes to adopt, on March 20, 2025, an Ordinance to amend Title 10 of the Town of Los Altos Hills' Municipal Code to adopt regulations relating to Employee Housing, Farmworker Housing, Residential Care Facilities, Single Room Occupancy (SRO), Supportive Housing, and Transitional Housing as permitted land uses in the R-A Zoning District in accordance with Programs E-4, 5, 8 and 9 of the Los Altos Hills 2023-2031 Housing Element. Specifically, if adopted, the Ordinance would include new definitions for the foregoing types of housing uses and add or revise all of those uses with the exception of SROs to be primary permitted uses in the R-A Zoning District to be permitted by right and/or as primary uses as required by state law. The proposed Ordinance would add SROs as a permitted accessory use on properties designated Institutional and/or Public under the Land Use Diagram in the R-A Zoning District and include baseline objective development/design standards to facilitate their development. All amendments under the proposed Ordinance are introduced in accordance with Programs E-4, 5, 8, and 9 of the Housing Element to continue facilitating these uses and to comply with applicable state law.

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

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

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO ADOPTION.

I, ARIKA MILLER, City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, CERTIFY that on the 4th day of March, 2025, at least five days prior to the City Council meeting set for the 20th day of March, 2025, when this Ordinance was scheduled for adop-

tion (1) the Summary was published and circulated in the Town, and (2) a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance was posted in my office, all in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

DATE: March 4, 2025
/s/Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION AND POSTING PRIOR TO ADOPTION

A certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance is posted in the Office of the City Clerk, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California. The Ordinance was read for the first time on the 20th day of February 2025 and is scheduled for second reading and adoption on the 20th day of March 2025.

DATE: March 4, 2025
/s/Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk (03-12-25)

064-T

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SANITARY SEWER VIDEO INSPECTION PROJECT WW01011

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

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

The project includes, but is not limited to, performing cleaning and television inspection of various sanitary sewer lines located throughout the southeastern part of Los Altos. The base bid for the project includes approximately 108,242 linear feet of sewer lines and the add alternative bid includes approximately 8,722 linear feet of sewer lines. The various sanitary sewer lines range in size from 6 inches to 24 inches diameter.

2. Location of Work: All of said work is to be done at the places indicated in the specifications for the project as shown in Exhibits A & B included herewith.

3. Contract Documents: Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of \$60 or visit City website to download the PDF file(s) (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home>). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

4. Labor Compliance. Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Con-

tractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. This Code requires the Contractor to pay their workers based on prevailing wage rates established and issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Statistics and Research.

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

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

5. Pre-bid Site Review: A pre-bid conference is not scheduled for this project. Prospective bidders are directed to Section 2-1.03 of the Standard Specifications regarding examination of the site of work.

6. Contractor's License: The Contractor is required to have a class A General Engineering, Class C-34 Pipeline, class C-36 Plumbing, or class C-42 Sanitation Systems license for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

7. Bid Bond: Bids must be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or an Electronic Bid Bond in favor of the City in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening: Electronic bids shall be submitted through the PlanetBids Portal on or before

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 2 PM

Bids received will be opened and bid results (not verified) will be published. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date.

9. Payment & Performance Bonds: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract. All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

10. Award of Contract: Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly

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

11. Time of Completion of Work: The work shall be completed and ready for full use within **one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days**, the first day of which shall be the date specified in the City Engineer's "Notice to Proceed".

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

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

14. Project Administration: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing and directed to the City Engineer, City of Los Altos, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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

Dated: February 27, 2025

/s/ Harun Musaeferdic, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer
(03-05,12-25)

063-T

SRI RADHA'S FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714069

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SRI RADHA'S, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): INDIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/20/2025. /S/ Kishore R Nandiyala Veera Venka / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/26/2025. (03-05,12,19,26-25)

062-T



KAPI CREATIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713241

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KAPI CREATIONS, 680 Epic Way, Apt #539, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KAPI CREATIONS LLC, 680 Epic Way, Apt #539, San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/27/2025. /S/ Pushkar Atul Mungikar / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/28/2025. (03-05,12,19,26-25)

061-T

S.A.M. SINGAPORE MATH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713922

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: S.A.M. SINGAPORE MATH, 107 Main St, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AIJAY I LLC, 4226 Lautrec Drive, San Jose, CA 95135. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Joanne Chin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/21/2025. (03-05,12,19,26-25)

060-T

WILSON LAU REAL ESTATE GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713737

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: WILSON LAU REAL ESTATE GROUP, 2221 Oakland Rd Ste 268, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): COFFEE & KEYS, INC., 2221 Oakland Rd Ste 268, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/23/2025. /S/ Wilson Kwok Ho Lau / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/13/2025. (03-05,12,19,26-25)

059-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PHYLLIS RUTH SHEDROFF CASE NO. 24PR198748

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PHYLLIS RUTH SHEDROFF. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GENE MCCANDLESS in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GENE MCCANDLESS be appointed as per-

sonal 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: 03/13/25 at 9:03AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner

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(02-26-25,03-05,12-25)

058-T

GOLD LASH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN712983

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOLD LASH, 3148 El Camino Real #110, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jungsook Pung, 1720 Noranda Dr #3, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/23/2025. /S/ Jungsook Pung / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2025. (02-19,26-25,03-05,12-25)

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HDD MAINTENANCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713713

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HDD MAINTENANCE, 1006 Westwood Dr, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Daniel Carmen Pirofalo, 1006 Westwood Dr, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/12/2025. /S/ Dan Pirofalo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/12/2025. (02-26-25,03-05,12,19-25)

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UTRAVEL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713516

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UTRAVEL, 2880 Zanker Road, Suite 203, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yen Bich Thang, 1126 Summerwings Ct, San Jose, CA 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/24/2024. /S/ Yen Bich Thang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2025. (02-19,26-25,03-05,12-25)

050-T

AMBRY ORGANIZING, INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713492

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AMBRY ORGANIZING, INC., 509 Hope St, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AMBRY ORGANIZING, INC., 509 Hope St, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/25. /S/ Monica Rhodes-Bates / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2025. (02-19,26-25,03-05,12-25)

049-T

ACES X SPADES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN713515

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ACES X SPADES, 1322 Lincoln Ave, Suite C, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address

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of the registrant(s) is (are): ACES & SPADES LLC, 1322 Lincoln Ave., Suite C, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jacquelyn Hsu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2025. (02-19,26-25,03-05,12-25)

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EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. Monday **Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Wednesday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Slow Flow Yoga**. 2 p.m. Mondays throughout January and February. Bring a mat to this low intensity class that starts with slow yoga movements suitable for those who are new to yoga and interested in a gentle practice. Other events: **Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era**, 7 p.m., March 13. This program will delve into the multifaceted impact of AI on higher education. The talk will explore how AI is being used to predict student success. **Growing Great Tomatoes With UC Master Gardeners**. 7 p.m. March 19. UC master gardener Mary Collins will cover soil, seeding, watering, varieties, growing in containers and basic tomato culture. **Mask Craft With Dei!** 7 p.m. March 25. Mask-making craft for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. **Bay Area Hummingbirds With Joan Sparks**. 7 p.m. March 26. Wildlife photographer highlights tiniest bird on the planet. Learn about different Bay Area species and the types of blooms they enjoy. Programs are free and open to the public. No registration necessary. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. 650-948-7683. Information: scclld.org/events/losaltos.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. Community a cappella (voice only) mixed gender (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) chorus centered in Los Altos. Core of repertoire is street-corner "doo-wop" music from the 1950s and 1960s. Re-

hearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church at Cuesta Drive and El Monte Avenue. To join or for more information, visit peninsula-harmony.org. No audition is necessary.

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

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

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

American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. (650) 207-6625; lamv.ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. (650) 917-9914; lasmadres.org.

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

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

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

Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Non-profit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltos-newcomers.org.

Sons in Retirement, Branch 5. Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (408) 391-1078.

Crossword Answers

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Sudoku Answers

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Find A Word Answers

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OBITUARY NOTICE

LINDA LANTERMAN



October 20, 1939 –
February 22, 2025

Linda Coupe Lanterman, a dedicated educator, advocate, leader in public education and writer, passed away on February 22, 2025, at Elim Glen in Granite Bay, California after a long bout with dementia. Born on October 20, 1939, in Stockton, California because Tracy did not have a hospital. Linda's life was defined by a deep commitment to learning, teaching, and public service. She also enjoyed over 25 years of tennis, deep sea fishing and writing on the Big Island of Hawaii with her husband Doug.

Linda earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1961, followed by a Master of Arts in Political Science with a focus on International Relations and Public Administration from the University of Georgia, Athens, in 1962. Her passion for education led to a career in teaching and educational leadership.

Linda held a Life California Teaching Credential and taught at both the high school and university levels. She served as a high school teacher at San Jose High School and Homestead High School as well as an instructor at San Jose State University and Santa Clara University.

As a dedicated public servant Linda was elected three times to the Fremont Union High School District Board of Education, serving from 1981 to 1994, including four terms as president. Her leadership extended to numerous educational committees and initiatives, including 1989 testimony given in a state assembly committee hearing on restricting assault weapons which was commended by the State Attorney General. She served as President of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, Chair of the At-Risk Youth Committee, and a representative on the Interagency Council on At-Risk Youth. Linda was also appointed to several state and national education advisory boards,

including the California School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network.

Linda's advocacy for education policy reached the highest levels of government. She served as an advisor to the California School Boards Association President on early intervention programs and was appointed by two California governors to education policy advisory committees. She also lobbied Congress on behalf of California's public schools as part of the National School Boards Association delegation. She was an active speaker and presenter at conferences for organizations such as the California School Boards Association, the American Association of University Women, and the National Association of Women Business Owners. A passionate writer, Linda contributed articles to various publications and while in Hawaii authored multiple books, including six novels and four short story collections.

Linda's professional achievements were matched by her devotion to family. She shared over 60 years of a loving marriage with Doug, BSEE from Stanford and MBA Santa Clara University. Together, they raised two sons: John, MD, and Jeffrey, attorney. Their family grew to include daughters-in-law Chhanseda and Angela; grandchildren Bentley, Davis, Alexa, Luke, and Mathew Taing; granddaughter-in-law Kim; and great-grandson Noah. She is survived by her three Coupe brothers, Dennis, Jeffrey and Dean. Linda was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Eunice Coupe, as well as Margaret, John's first wife and the birth mother of Bentley and Davis.

Linda's love for education was not just professional—it was deeply personal. She cherished the classroom experience, particularly teaching high school history and government. She found great joy in engaging with students, respecting their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Her dedication to education was rooted in a family tradition—both parents were teachers and graduates of UC Berkeley. Her father was a retired Naval officer, and she referred to herself as a "Navy Junior". Linda remained a proud Cal alum throughout her life. She always said she had a mixed marriage, Cal and Stanford. Linda Lanterman's legacy is one of service, scholarship, and unwavering dedication to education. Her impact on students, educators, and public policy will be felt for generations. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her.

A celebration of her life will be held at John and Chhanseda's house in Lake of the Pines on June 7th from 2 to 5pm. Please RSVP so you can be called in at the gate.

EVERETT EDWIN MCKEEN, JR.



October 14, 1935 -
February 22, 2025

Longtime Los Altos resident Everett Edwin McKeen Jr., a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home on February 22, 2025, at age 89.

Everett Edwin McKeen Jr. was born in Oakland on October 14, 1935, to Everett Edwin McKeen Sr. and Elizabeth Evelyn Coleman McKeen. He was the middle of three boys and was preceded in death by his brothers Robert Van Sickle McKeen (1933-1999) and Kenneth Allen McKeen (1944-1998). Everett spent his early years in Piedmont, California, until his parents moved to Brooklyn, New York, and then to Queens, New York. His family eventually moved back to Piedmont when Everett was in 6th grade for his father's job at United States Steel.

Everett attended Piedmont High School and grew to 6'4" with athletic talent. He was very active in high school activities and student offices, including Block P President (athlete's organization) and Student Body President. He joined the Kimmer Boys Club and received the Kimmer Shielding Citizenship Award. In high school, Everett excelled on the basketball and baseball teams and served as team captain, and was a member of the first-string Alameda County Athletic League basketball team.

In the fall of 1953, Everett attended the University of California at Berkeley on an athletic scholarship. He played all four years on the basketball team under legendary Coach Pete Newell, and during his senior year, the team was ranked 7th in the nation. His team won the Pacific Coast Championship and came within four points of going to the NCAA Final Four. Everett received the Most Inspirational Player Award and the Most Improved Player Award.

At Berkeley, Everett served on several committees and clubs, including the Big C Society and the faculty-appointed California Club. He was also a member of the Order

of the Golden Bear Honor Society, the faculty-appointed Californians, and the Senior Week Committee. In 1957, Everett obtained his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Cal.

In the spring of 1957, Everett was invited by Marilyn Louise Pyne to attend her sorority's Sadie Hawkins dance. The two had grown up together, attending the same grammar school, junior high, high school and college. After their first date, they decided they were meant for each other. Everett and Marilyn dated for several months until he left in August 1957 to attend the graduate school of business at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. They corresponded with beautiful letters for nine months while Marilyn finished her undergraduate work at Berkeley.

In the fall of 1958, Everett transferred from Carnegie Mellon University to Stanford University Business School for his 2nd year of his MBA degree and graduated in 1959. Everett then enlisted in the National Guard but later switched to the Army Reserves and attended training one weekend a month for six months at Fort Ord. Everett received the Fort Ord Headquarters' 3rd Brigade award as the Outstanding Trainee in 1959, Best Soldier in 1961, and Best NCO in 1963.

Everett and Marilyn were married on April 9, 1960, in a beautiful ceremony at Piedmont Community Church. The reception was held at Marilyn's parents' home in Piedmont, followed by a wonderful honeymoon in Carmel. Everett was working at Owens Illinois Glass Company in Oakland, but in 1962, Everett accepted a job at Hewlett Packard, and they moved to Palo Alto.

In 1962, Everett and Marilyn welcomed their first child, Mark Everett McKeen. Mark received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1963, they moved to their final home in Los Altos. In 1968, their daughter, Michelle Elizabeth McKeen, was born — the first girl in the McKeen family in 106 years! Michelle received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and her graduate degree in marketing communication from Emerson College.

Everett eventually left Hewlett-Packard to work at Tempres Industries in Los Gatos and then for Eastbay Management Corporation in Oakland. In 1978, he joined Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) in planning and budgeting, worked there for over 23 years, retiring in 2002 as Manager of Technical Planning. Everett enjoyed his retirement as it gave him more time to spend with his family, and he excelled at home remodeling projects including plumbing,

carpentry, electrical, painting and landscaping work.

Over the years, Everett and Marilyn attended Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church of Los Altos, and Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church in Mountain View. Everett felt the Lord's presence around him all his life, guiding him to a strict moral code based on Bible teachings.

Everett is survived and will be missed very much by his wife Marilyn (married just short of 65 years!), son Mark (of Piedmont), daughter Michelle (of Woodside), and five grandchildren — Matthew McKeen, Katherine McKeen, Jack McKeen, Addison Ahlström and Sadie Ahlström, as well Mark's wife Rebecca Whalen McKeen and Michelle's husband Lars Ahlström. Thank you to Tita (Pelenatita) Durani and her team of compassionate caregivers for all their kindness and support over the past three years.

Everett lived a very blessed life and was considerate, thoughtful, an excellent listener, and had a great curiosity for life. Everett always strived to be kind, helpful, humble, and courageous. He found prayer and studying the bible a source of comfort, joy and enlightenment throughout his life.

A celebration of Everett's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital Stanford or a charity of your choice.



OBITUARY NOTICE

PETER EARLE THURSTON



May 29, 1940–
December 19, 2024

Peter Earle Thurston, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle and cherished friend, passed away surrounded by the love of his immediate family members. Peter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to John Oakley Thurston and Frances Beverly Thurston. He grew up in rural Western Pennsylvania, where he, his fraternal twin brother, Michael, and his sister, Jacqueline Beverly Thurston, explored the woods, streams, and hills that surrounded their home. (Michael John Thurston died in 1999 and is survived by his wife, Linda Jaffurs Thurston.)

Peter graduated from MIT with both a BS and an MBA in Industrial Management. His membership in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity provided him companionship and an opportunity to play intramural sports as well as a way to sail on the Charles River, all welcome antidotes to the rigor of his academic program. In his junior year he was invited into Tau Beta Pi, the world's oldest engineering honor society.

Following graduation, Peter worked for seven months at IBM in Boston. He took a two-year military leave of absence from IBM to fulfill his Army Corps of Engineers ROTC commission. During that time, he worked on the NASA Saturn V Second Stage Project in Huntsville, Alabama, before he was called to serve in Vietnam as an Army captain. He resourcefully arranged a transfer from the central command center in Saigon to a remote Army spare-parts depot in Qui Nhon, where he served as the officer in charge of a card data-processing center. In so doing, he was able to fulfill his joint values to both serve his country and not participate in the demise of another.

Upon his discharge, he worked for IBM as a Systems Technology Group sales representative in San Jose. At that time, computer technology was rapidly evolving, and IBM was at the forefront of the revolution. He was a sales

manager for Stanford University and Lockheed Missiles and Space Corp. Peter was introduced to his wife, Carol, by his sister, who thought they might be a good fit. They were married on March 29, 1969. During an era when IBM stood for "I've been moved," Peter made a commitment to stay in Los Altos Hills in order to be actively engaged in the lives of his three children and to provide a stable home life for his family. When the opportunity arose to help establish IBM Japan, however, he and Carol accepted a four-year relocation with their family to Tokyo, where his outdoor spirit led him to climb Mount Fuji twice. On one descent after nightfall, he tripped, but his paratrooper training kicked in and he instinctively tucked and rolled to continue his descent undeterred.

During their time living abroad, Peter and Carol took their family to explore many countries and cultures throughout Asia as well as in Europe and Africa. As his children grew, Peter prioritized camping, backpacking, and skiing with his family, pastimes his adult children continue to enjoy to this day. Having discovered the joy of skiing in his twenties, Peter taught countless friends and family members how to navigate any slope with confidence, including how to safely navigate the toughest terrain. On backpacking expeditions, he famously encouraged his weary companions by saying of their destination, "It's just around the corner!" He was a patient and thoughtful instructor who challenged others to go beyond their comfort zones but also recognized when it was time to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.

Above all, Peter prized being a husband to his cherished wife of fifty-five years, Carol Connell Thurston, and a dad to his three beloved children, Jonathan Thurston, Gregory Thurston, and Katherine Thurston Newell, as well as an uncle to Kate, James, and Beth Connell and Mark and Beverly Thurston Baller. He greeted the arrival of each of his five grandchildren with joy and took great pleasure in organizing ever-growing summer family

reunions on both the East and West coasts—visits that were followed by a celebratory Christmas card he designed featuring a gathering that grew over time to include his five grandchildren: Eleanor and Jonathan Thurston and Teo, Siena, and Charlie Newell.

Peter thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years and loved collaborating with the many people he befriended through his extensive volunteer engagement with many local organizations. These include Hidden Villa, Environmental Volunteers, Filoli Center, Fellowship Forum, Sons In Retirement (SIR) Branch 35, Los Altos Rotary Club, Mentor Tutor Connection, a book club, a Bocce Ball League, and multiple hiking groups he organized. Through his varied roles with these organizations he embraced every opportunity to form meaningful connections with people of all walks of life and with the natural world around him. These profound friendships and connections led him to describe this period as "the happiest time in my life!"

Peter took to heart and lived Maya Angelou's words, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." His children and grandchildren are his legacy and his gift to the world. For his fiftieth MIT class reunion notes, he wrote, "My greatest joy is collaborating with our adult children on their projects and supporting our three [a number that would grow to five] grandchildren with the opportunity to help their dreams come true."

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering in Peter's honor at the Los Altos Community Center on March 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Peter delighted in hiking and introducing children to nature. If you wish to remember him, instead of flowers, kindly consider a gift to Hidden Villa, Los Altos Hills, in his memory.

BARBARA ANNE LEWIS



May 16, 1936 –
February 26, 2025

Barbara Anne Harvey Lewis passed away on February 26th, 2025, in Los Altos, CA. She was 88.

She was a graduate of St. Patrick's School in San Jose, the city where she was born in 1936. She graduated from Notre Dame High School in San Jose in 1954. She met her future husband Jerome (Jerry) Lewis at a summer dance at Big Basin State Park in the Santa Cruz mountains. Jerry was a freshman at Santa Clara University at the time but soon transferred to United States Military Academy (USMA), West Point, New York.

Barbara spent a year at San Jose City College and then went to work for San Jose Steel and Farmers Insurance. In 1958, she flew to New York where she and Jerry were married in a military ceremony through an Arch of Sabers on his graduation day at West Point.

As newlyweds, Barbara and Jerry embarked on a military career taking them across the U.S. and Europe. Barbara was an officer's wife in the army, raising four children. They lived in Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, and spent three years in Germany at the foot of the German Alps.

In 1965, Barbara and Jerry returned to the U.S. to begin their

married life as civilians. They spent the next 60 years at their home in Mountain View, California. Barbara was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend who was deeply loved by all. She was a talented singer, winning contests on the stage at Big Basin State Park, performing at Montgomery Theatre (Civic Auditorium) in San Jose and in the musical Student Prince in Santa Clara. She was a proud bowler with a high game of 188. She was a Girl Scout volunteer and enjoyed family camping trips to Lake Tahoe, Richardson Grove, and Santa Cruz. After her children were grown, Barbara discovered cruises. She loved exploring exotic places like Bermuda, Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii, and Europe, among other places, with Jerry and family members. She adored spending time with her cherished sister, her adoring children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and precious pets. She lived a full life enjoying the family and happiness that she and Jerry created.

She is beloved and deeply missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband Jerry, her sister Sarah, her four children and their spouses: Dennis (Cathleen), Jayne (Dennis); Charlie (Carrie); and Jacqueline (Peter). She is also remembered and adored by her six grandchildren Laura, Patrick, Kienna, Bryce, Chas, and Aidan; and she had three great-granddaughters Alma, Filippa, and Winter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers John and Ed Harvey.

Funeral services will be held at St. William Catholic Church in Los Altos on March 17th at 10 am, followed by a reception in the church hall afterwards. The interment will follow at Gates of Heaven in Los Altos. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) in honor of Barbara Anne Harvey Lewis.



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