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The Year in review

Progress, protest & community

Town Crier Staff Report

Whether 2025 has been a “good” year is controversial, especially based on who is asked. But at least on a local level, the following words can best describe 2025: Progress, protest and community.

The year started in flames. Literally. While thankfully none of the flames were in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills residents’ backyards, the impact of multiple wildfires in different neighborhoods of Los Angeles was felt locally. The community offered aid – from local fire departments to people donating money from their own pockets – to help those communities that lost homes, neighbors, and in some cases, everything. It also ended with the community coming together once more, this time to celebrate the accomplishments of volunteers who give their all to their communities and ring in the holiday season.

But in the time between an eventful start, and not-as-eventful end to the year, residents made their voices heard. Protesters took to the streets

of Mountain View and Los Altos (El Camino Real the preferred street of protesters) to denounce the Trump Administration multiple times throughout the year.

Local leaders aimed to make the communities they govern better, as they saw fit. This included the approval of multiple affordable housing projects, zoning changes and other developments. Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor set her eyes on the Santa Clara County Assessor’s seat, which was open after former assessor Larry Stone announced his retirement. Though she led the polls in November, a runoff was needed Dec. 30 as no candidate received more than 50% of the vote. As of the Town Crier print deadline, the election has yet to happen.

While New Year’s resolutions are decided and future plans are made, stop for a moment – read on for a recap of some of the year’s biggest stories.

January

Homestead High School rings in the new year in Pasadena with a New Year’s Day performance in the Tournament



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From potests to fires and wins for local student athletes, 2025 has been packed beginning to end.

of Roses Parade. The marching band practices for months before the performance to get every turn as perfect as possible.

But shortly after the festivities end, parts of southern California are affected by wildfires, including the Palisades and Eaton fires. Despite the distance, local municipalities band together to help. Santa Clara County Fire deploys 16 firefighters of varying ranks to help combat the fires and the Mountain View Fire Department sends a Type I engine and four Mountain View firefighters. The Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation also sets up funds for those affected by the fires.

Embattled Valley Water District director Rebecca Eisenberg, representing Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View in District 7, continues to push for the return of her director abilities after she was stripped of all authority for the remainder of her term as director. She claims the board’s actions are unlawful while the board claims she didn’t meet certain conditions.

Mountain View opens the Magical Bridge Playground at Rengstorff Park. It’s lauded as the first of its kind in the city aimed at being accessible for all; a number of families with children of all abilities turn out for the park’s Jan. 25 grand

opening.

The city of Los Altos Jan. 28 approves the continuation of the use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) after the pilot program is seemingly successful.

February

Some Los Altos residents push back against a project proposed for the Main Los Altos Library because of concerns it would intrude into the surrounding historical heritage apricot orchard.

Los Altos City Council members unanimously approve a resolution Feb. 11 to

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Around Town

St. Francis girls off to strong start



GABRIELA DE CARVALHO TELES/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The St. Francis girls basketball team has won eight games in a row to begin its non-league campaign and is 8-1 as of Dec. 23. The Lancers went 18-10 last season and reached the Central Coast Section Open Division playoffs last year as the No. 6 seed, with the goal of trying to get back into the Open Division this year.



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use park impact fees for “community engagement and design services” for a downtown Los Altos park.

An anti-Semitic post from the now-defunct Instagram profile @los.altos.nazi.party targeting the Mountain View Los Altos High School District is removed in the first weeks of February. The post is shared with the Los Altos Police Department to determine who made the post, which includes a Nazi party propaganda poster with a blond male and female that reads “Society, Culture and Politics.”

In an effort to meet housing element requirements, Mountain View City Council guides city staff to continue updating land use and zoning laws for certain locations and areas in the city Feb. 11. Specific locations for staff to consider for rezoning included the Mountain View Transit Center, properties along Leong and Fairchild drives on the west end of the Evendale Precise Plan, 677-699 Calderon Ave., 1702 and 1704 Miramonte Ave., 777 Cuesta Drive and 1949 Grant Road.

March

Maison Alyzee, a downtown Mountain View patisserie, is damaged by a fire March 3 sparked by a charging lithium ion battery in the patisserie’s kitchen. No one is harmed but the patisserie shuts temporarily because of smoke damage.

Los Altos City Councilmember Neysa Fligor announces she will run for the Santa Clara County Assessor’s seat after Larry Stone, who served in the position for decades, announces his retirement.

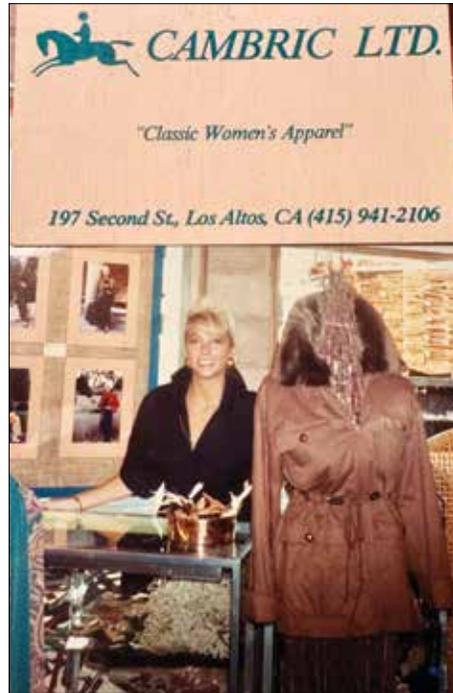
Los Altos City Council rejects three appeals to halt construction of a courtyard project at the Los Altos Main Library from a local group.

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) administrative officers issue a breach of contract lawsuit against the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265 – which represents VTA employees – as employees continue their second week of strikes.

The 90-unit all-affordable housing project at 330 Distel Circle in Los Altos is announced to have a summer groundbreaking, Welton Jordan, chief real estate development officer for developers EAH Housing of San Rafael, announces.

April

Mountain View City Council conditionally approves a development in the 200 block of Tyrella Avenue April 8 in a 7-1 vote despite pushback from community members. The decision comes after the council receives input from the city,



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Simonne Corne-Tregon, above, is owner of Cambric Limited, which had to move earlier this year. Mountain View City Council presented 1702 and 1704 Miramonte Ave., right, to staff for potential rezoning. Below, mail thefts were a persistent issue in Los Altos.



developer Tower Investments and more than a dozen residents. The project is a builder’s remedy project.

Mountain View High School administration and students condemn antisemitism after an invited speaker at the Muslim Student Association’s Iftar meal, comedian Sammy Obeid, makes jokes targeting Israel as the country invades Gaza in the Israel-Hamas war.

Local leaders are dismayed by local federal funding freezes. They say the most vulnerable – from medically fragile and special needs students to people without health insurance – are expected to be the most affected locally by federal funding freezes and budget cuts. Speakers share their thoughts and expected impact locally at the April 18 Los Altos Community Coalition meeting.

In April, local businesses announce they’re looking for new spaces after a new landlord told them their contracts will not be renewed. The building, lo-

cated at the corner of Second and State streets, includes 292 Plaza Central, 197 Second St., 295 and 292 State St. All of the businesses are women-owned and include Cambric Limited, Uncommon Threads, Cranberry Scoop and Mimi and Coco the Salon.

May

Public safety is top of mind for many in the community after reports of mail theft on First Street in Los Altos from drop-off mail boxes, while Santa Clara County officials commit to public safety solutions in Los Altos Hills, with hopes of bringing more automated license plate reader cameras into unincorporated areas. Los Altos Hills saw a sharp decrease in residential burglaries from 60 in 2023 to just 20 in 2024. Joan Baez adds her voice to the Mountain View May Day protest with the performance of two songs. The protest, against the federal government and injustice,

draws up to 2,000 people. Downtown Mountain View sees a slight decrease in vacancies as businesses inch towards pre-pandemic levels. Cal Water begins infrastructure upgrades in downtown Los Altos.

June

The St. Francis girls are Central Coast Section Open Division champions again after winning over Willow Glen in the sectional playoffs. Los Altos has solid finances going into the 2025-2026 fiscal year, with an operating budget of approximately \$65.1 million, thanks to property tax and recreation program revenue increases. Santa Clara resident Mesfin Mekonnen will see no jail time and instead gets one year of court probation for the February 2024 vehicle collision death of a Los Altos cyclist. The Los Altos Heritage Orchard loses more than 100 trees this year, with the caretakers saying it’s due to a combination of factors outside their control, like drought and disease, while a small group of local residents, the Preservation League of Los Altos, argues the cause is more a lack of proper maintenance than any act of nature. A Los Altos Hills fire on the 2700 block of Roble Blanco Court occurs after a property owner using heavy equipment to trim back grass hits a rock, causing sparks.

July

Los Altos City Council introduces an e-bike and bike ordinance aimed at keeping them off the sidewalks and reflects state law by requiring helmet use

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The lot at 40 Main St., above, is set to be the home of a 66-foot-tall, five-story mixed-use project, seen in the rendering, right.

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for riders under 18 and limits to one person per bike. The Mountain View Fire Department has once again achieved the highest possible Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating – Class 1 from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. Los Altos and Los Altos Hills celebrate the Fourth of July across different community events, with residents marching to the Los Altos Hills town hall during the 14th annual Fourth of July Parade. Los Altos holds its annual Glorious Fourth celebration, providing attendees with live music, activities and games.

August

Work on a 66-foot-tall, five-story mixed-use project for 40 Main St. begins this month. The nearly 35,000-square-foot project calls for 15 residential units and nearly 3,200 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor. Mountain View city officials are trying to accommodate the needs of pickleball enthusiasts with plans for 12 new courts at either Cuesta Park, the adjacent undeveloped annex or newly acquired property at San Rafael Avenue. Pour Decisions Craft Coffee & Beer opens in Mountain View at Grant Park Plaza, offering Vietnamese coffees, matcha lattes, beers and non-caffeinated drinks for patrons.

September

The 17x17k Labor Day Rally along El Camino Real includes significant turnout from Mountain View and Los Altos Sept. 1. The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees votes unanimously at a Sept. 8 meeting to implement a relocation plan of McClellan Terrace Apartments residents near the college. More than 79 households, including multi-generational families and K-12 students, are expected to move before a June 30, 2026, deadline. Bay FC head coach Albertin Montoya announces his intention to step down from his position, also on Sept. 8. Mountain View police arrest Los Altos resident Harald Herchen, 66, following an investigation into his involvement in a wrongful death civil case related to the death of his wife, Mountain View resident Alice Ku, Sept. 11. Herchen is charged with an active warrant for seven counts of perjury. A lawsuit is filed against the city of Los Altos Hills Sept. 15 by the California Hous-



ing Defense Fund, alleging the city unlawfully denied approval of the multifamily housing project for independent seniors called Silver Oaks Senior Housing. The results of the 2025 Santa Clara County Point-in-Time Count are released Sept. 22, showing homelessness is up from 2023 numbers in Mountain View, from 562 total unhoused to 879 total unhoused.

October

The federal government shutdown starts Oct. 1 and lasts a total of 43 days. Local nonprofits like the Community Services Agency prepare for an increase in demand and the purchase of \$30,000 in food items due to the stoppage of government assistance.

The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees votes 4-1 on Oct. 13 to begin the process of allocating a San Antonio school site to Bullis Charter when it is scheduled to open in the 2028-2029 school year. Bullis Charter School officials say they have no intention of moving to the site.

Mountain View Fire Chief Juan F. Diaz announces his retirement Oct. 16 after 40 years in fire services. Deputy Fire Chief Brian Jones is selected to fill his place at the end of the year.

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Year-end Giving

View portraits of Los Altos families and community members—captured through painting, photography, and sculpture—on display in the **Community Corner** of the Museum's Permanent Exhibition.

New Display

Explore **Building El Sueño: Isabel Merriman, Sarah Winchester, and the California Dream** to learn more about local legend Isabel Merriman—an eccentric, energetic, whirlwind of a woman and Sarah Winchester's lesser-known sister. Extended through Jan 11, 2026.

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Mountain View's portion of the "No Kings" protest on Oct. 18 brings approximately 1,100 people out in the streets for the local iteration of the national event.

The Los Altos girls water polo team clinches a share of the regular season title on Oct. 23.

The Mountain View Police Department announces Oct. 24 that a Mountain View barber accused of numerous sexual assault crimes is extradited to the United States from Guatemala. Franklin Enrique Sarceno Orla, a

former Mountain View resident, faces 46 counts with potentially over 60 victims stemming from a 2024 sexual assault investigation launched by the Mountain View police.

On Oct. 29, Los Altos Hills officials announce City Manager Peter Pirnejad is resigning and will vacate his position by Jan. 23, 2026.

November

A gas leak Nov. 3 prompts evacuations from areas of downtown Los Altos. A Cal Water contractor is to blame for the leak.

A runoff is set for the one-year remainder on the term of the

Santa Clara County Assessor's seat during the Nov. 4 special election after no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote. Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor and Saratoga Councilmember Rishi Kumar vie for the seat in the Dec. 30 runoff.

The annual Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 11 in downtown Los Altos brings out more than 70 people to celebrate local veterans and history.

The Mountain View City Council approves two major housing projects on Nov. 18 to add hundreds of new housing units to the city: a mixed-use project with 299 units at 749

West El Camino Real, and a site with 455 units at 901-987 North Rengstorff Ave.

The Los Altos girls tennis team wins the CIF State Championship on Nov. 29 in a 4-3 win over Southern California regional champions Corona del Mar. The state title is the first for Los Altos and a Northern California representative for girls tennis, and follows the team's win of the CIF NorCal regional championship and the Central Coast Section title earlier in the season.

December

The county's human trafficking task force shuts down two Mountain View massage parlors on Dec. 3; the owners are accused of involvement in human trafficking.

A new multi-million El Camino Health nursing endowment from the family of Jack and Norma Melchor is announced on Dec. 4.

The Blach Intermediate School seventh grade girls volleyball team secures a Valley Junior Athletic League championship over the Sunnyvale Spartans Dec. 4. On Dec. 5, the 42nd annual Joint Community Volunteer Service Award luncheon honors a group of community service philanthropists, conservationists and activists at the Los Altos Community Center, which brings out approximately 175 community stakeholders. The Los Altos City Council



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A protester dressed as President Donald Trump as a baby stands in the middle of El Camino Real during October protests.

votes on Dec. 9 to implement a residential electrification rebate program which will incentivize updating gas appliances to electric ones. Members of the community gather to light the Los Altos menorah Dec. 14. Despite multiple instances of antisemitism throughout the year and the event happening a day after a shooting at a Hanukkah celebration in Australia, community members still celebrate light and hope in the darkness.

Former Editor-in-Chief Bruce Barton is announced as the 2025 Los Altos of the Year. Barton retired in August after more than 32 years leading the newspaper's editorial team.

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News

LAH to get two vice mayors in 2026

By Curtis Driscoll

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Los Altos Hills will have two vice mayors in 2026, after the Los Altos Hills City Council voted to make Councilmember George Tyson vice mayor for the first six months, followed by Councilmember Linda Swan becoming vice mayor after Tyson in June. Traditionally,

the person who has been on the council the longest without being vice mayor or mayor would be vice mayor, but Tyson is termed out of the city council in 2026, raising questions about continuity on the council. To address the issue, the council decided to honor tradition by picking Tyson for the first six months, then making Swan vice mayor six months after him to increase continuity.

Mtn. View residents selected for BMR units

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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Mountain View has filled the available below market rate (BMR) units at the Dean Apartments that saw a massive amount of local interest.

Lenka Wright, chief communications officer for Mountain View, said a drawing was held on Friday, Dec. 19 for two one-bedroom units designated for residents earning 50% of the area median income

(AMI). The Dean Apartments are located at 458 San Antonio Road in Mountain View.

The maximum rent for one-bedroom units is \$1,951 for that income level, according to the city website.

Approximately 311 households participated in the drawing, Wright said.

Currently, there are approximately 200 households in the program occupying below market rate units in Mountain View.



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Warning: College tuitions increase, available funding decreases

By Hollis Bischoff

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025, the UC regents renewed the tuition stability program, including approving a 5% tuition increase, reflecting federal and state funding gaps, as well as rising costs and lower tuition collections via decreasing international student enrollments.

The tuition stability program institutes an annual 5% tuition increase, but freezes that current rate for each incoming freshman class for six years. It also modifies the portion of tuition going to financial aid, lowering it by 5%.

Public higher educational institutions across the country are raising out-of-state rates to recover international student tuition losses; many to levels competing with private universities. Colleges and universities have historically used higher international fees to support lower domestic tuition rates and provide funds for scholarships. University of Michigan has published a total cost of attendance over \$86,000, University of Virginia over \$84,000. Out-of-state students enrolling at UCLA will see a total cost of more than \$72,000 while UC Berkeley will set out-of-state students back more than \$89,000. Private universities aren't immune either, with the most expensive total cost of

attendance exceeding \$90,000, with Boston University, New York University and Vassar College seeing total costs at over \$95,000. University of Southern California has published rates approaching \$100,000. It is expected that next year's class will see multiple institutions at more than \$100,000 annually.

Due to the changing political climate, difficulty in acquiring visa approval, and threats of deportation, there have been year over year decreases in international enrollment, impacting approximately 57% of institutions surveyed. Reports indicated a 7% drop in enrollment in the fall of 2024 and a 17% drop in 2025, with the accompanying decrease in tuition collected, creating a financial burden on institutions which had enrolled as much as 15% of their student body as international students. This trend is likely to continue, as current monitoring of applications submitted to date for the entering first year class in 2026 indicates a decline of about 9%, with expectations that number will continue to decline.

While tuition costs are rising, access to funds is being cut via the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) signed into law July 4, 2025. Prior to being signed into law, parents could fund the

The Road to College

entire cost of attendance via federal loan. Parent Plus Loans, the backbone of educational financing, are capped at no more than \$20,000 per year and \$65,000 in total per student. While interest rates for Parent Plus Loans can be slightly higher than home equity loans, they are typically lower than private student loans, and have more flexible repayment options, support for those who don't have home equity to draw against and historically lower qualification requirements. This will most negatively impact those without home ownership and those who do

not have enough equity in their homes to make a loan viable.

The OBBBA's impact on post graduate funding is even more impactful; the bill redefined what is considered a "professional" degree and set tiered funding limits, with the following degrees still eligible for professional loans (capped at \$50,000 annually, and \$200,000 in total, including undergraduate loans): pharmacy, dentistry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, law, medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, podiatry and theology.

The following graduate degrees are no longer considered "professional" and will be ineligible for professional loans, and will be constrained in the amount graduate students can borrow (capped at \$20,000

annually, and \$100,000 lifetime, including undergraduate loans): nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, public health, social work, architecture, education and accounting.

It is notable that most of the reclassified occupations are traditionally held by women and minorities, further impacting equity in debt load, employment and pay.

Now, more than ever, families should include total cost of attendance and affordability in their evaluation of college fit.

Hollis Bischoff is a college admissions adviser for College Unlocked.

For more information, email hollis@collegeunlocked.com or visit collegeunlocked.com.

Peek into the Past



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The New Year's Eve Midnight Fun Run started as a high school prank in 1960 at Foothill College. Even though the temperature was below 32 degrees in 1965, all but three of 39 starters finished the 10K race. The Fun Run moved to downtown Los Altos in the mid 1980s and was discontinued about 10 years later.

Editorial

Travel safely during these dark nights

As the holiday season winds down, and your neighbors begin to take down their festive lights, things will seem a lot darker for a couple of months.

This is a good time to remind everyone that it's harder to see while walking or driving during the winter months. As we have seen continuously, accidents happen and vigilance and care are key.

Please take some precautions like wearing light colored clothing or flashing lights if you are

walking or running. If you are walking a dog, make sure they have reflective collars or lights.

If you are driving or riding a bicycle, please drive a little slower and obey the rules of the road.

We would rather give space in the Town Crier to a story on someone's accomplishments, than some tragic accident.

We want 2026 to be a happy, healthy and prosperous new year for you and your family and friends. Travel safely.



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Schools

MVLA school district approves new graduation requirements

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District voted to modify the graduation requirements of the class of 2027 and beyond to reflect its truncated ethnic studies requirement.

At a meeting on Dec. 15, the board unanimously voted to approve its updated graduation requirements. The change drops the social studies graduation requirement from 40 credits to 35 credits, reflecting the drop in the ethnic studies requirement from 10 credits to 5 credits. Elective credits are increased from 55 credits to 60 credits. Graduation requirements will remain 220 credits.

The board of trustees voted 3-2 at an Oct. 27 meeting to cut the required social studies course, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Support for shortening the requirement came from trustees Vadim Katz, Catherine Vonnegut and Alex Levich. Trustees Esmeralda Ortiz and Thida Cornes

cast the dissenting votes.

Ethnic studies is currently a year-long course at the district that teaches students about the study of race, contributions of people of color in the United States and contemporary social movements.

"This is what the board has already voted for," Superintendent Eric Volta said at the meeting.

District officials previously noted that the school sites may develop new offerings in social studies electives to avoid staff cuts accompanying the reduction of its ethnic studies requirement from a year to single semester.

At the Dec. 15 meeting, district staff members offered their own recommendations to bridge the drop in social studies requirements.

Dave Campbell, president of the district teachers association, presented a staff plan to recommend the requirements of one semester of ethnic studies and one semester of world studies for freshmen.

"Adopting this sequencing aligns with community feedback requesting a robust and globally focused freshman expe-

rience," he said at the meeting. "It reduces ethnic studies to one semester in a way that minimizes disruption for students and prepares them for more rigorous coursework in their sophomore year and beyond."

Campbell said the course coverage would follow the Holocaust, World War II and Latin American history. He said the option offered clear reliable course pathways rather than variable elective enrollment.

Nate Bowen, social studies department coordinator at Mountain View High School, said at the meeting he hoped any changes would be the least disruptive to students and teachers. He referred to the proposal as "vital."

"It's going to help bring my department much needed stability and a sense of normalcy," he said of the proposal.

Volta said previously that department heads and educators at individual school sites are developing the potential social studies elective options for eventual consideration by the district.

A timeframe was not provided for board consideration of the teachers' social studies proposal.

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Sports

Teen plays under-the-radar sport, and he's made a film about it

By **Skye Dean**
Town Crier Editorial Intern

A new documentary from a local teen sheds light on a lesser-known sport celebrated for its tight-knit community: underwater hockey.

Los Altos resident Peter Shen is the creator of "Beneath the Surface," a 17-minute documentary that follows one of the two teams he plays on. First screened Oct. 25, the film focuses on the San Francisco Sea Lions' youth program, a club that has produced national team-level players over its nearly 20-year tenure, according to the team's website.

Shen, a senior at Crystal Springs Uplands School, independently produced the documentary. He has played for the Sea Lions for five years, representing the club at the world championships in Malaysia last summer.

"It's not just a sport, but it's also a group of people who are really fascinating, and so I think that was the key thing for me," Shen said of his motivation for making the film.

Underwater hockey began in the U.K. in 1954 under the name "Octopush" as a way for free divers to practice breath holds when winter weather prevented open-water training. As the sport evolved from a training exercise to a full-fledged competition, it grew in popularity throughout Oceania, especially in New Zealand, where the sport is played at school. The sport made its international debut in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games.

Similar to ice hockey, underwater hockey is played with six players a side who compete to push a weighted puck into a small goal on either side of the pool using a handheld stick; the sport is regulated by a team of four referees, three of whom are submerged. Players alternate between competing underwater and swimming up for air.

Because it is played entirely underwater, it is not exactly spectator-friendly.



COURTESY OF PETER SHEN

Players going for the puck while playing underwater hockey.

"If you're a family member, I don't think you ever truly understand it. You can kind of look down on the surface, but really being in it is a whole other thing: watching it under the surface, and then playing it," Shen said.

The 18-year-old added that he hopes his film will bridge the gap between spectators and athletes, drawing attention to a sport with a limited player pool.

"I think the community is so special because there's so few of us," said Shen, who plays the winger position. "And so it's pretty amazing that, whenever we see each other, you have that instant connection with somebody."

Shen's coach at the Sea Lions, Holland Ja, affirmed the closeness of the underwater hockey community. A former player, he added that the film, in addition to highlighting the sport, is special to the club's youth program for another reason: funding. The documentary has given the sport more exposure, which he hopes will lead to more donations to the club.

"We're very much a self-funded organization," Ja said. "... The coaches are voluntary, and we don't charge the kids, so these tournaments and matches cost a lot of money."

Shen said the film began as a highlight reel he created the summer after his freshman year of high school and later evolved into a documentary. The project combines what he described as a long-standing passion for film with his love for

underwater hockey.

"I think film, particularly for storytelling, is effective because I think visually seeing something, in my mind, elicits a different response than reading something or hearing about it," he said. "So I think the visual medium is important ... and it leaves a lasting impression on you."

The film's focus on the Sea Lions' junior program is one that is particularly relevant to Shen's hockey journey, according to his coach.

"(Shen) came in fairly late in terms of the world team," Ja said. "He probably had the least amount of experience, so he really had to be very aggressive in his development. And he came to me for additional coaching and I tried to work with him as best I could one-on-one, but he had to make up a lot of time."

Ja emphasized that Shen is an extremely coachable player, a quality he believed allowed the teen to catch up to his more experienced teammates.

Shen said he hopes to stay involved with underwater hockey well into the future and one day sees himself coaching the sport, a role he informally plays now for the Sea Lions.

"Beneath the Surface" premiered at an independently organized film screening on Oct. 25. Shen plans to promote the film at future screenings and submit it to competitions.

To visit the film's website, visit beneaththesurface.live/. To watch a one-minute preview of the film, visit tinyurl.com/Underwaterhockeypreview.



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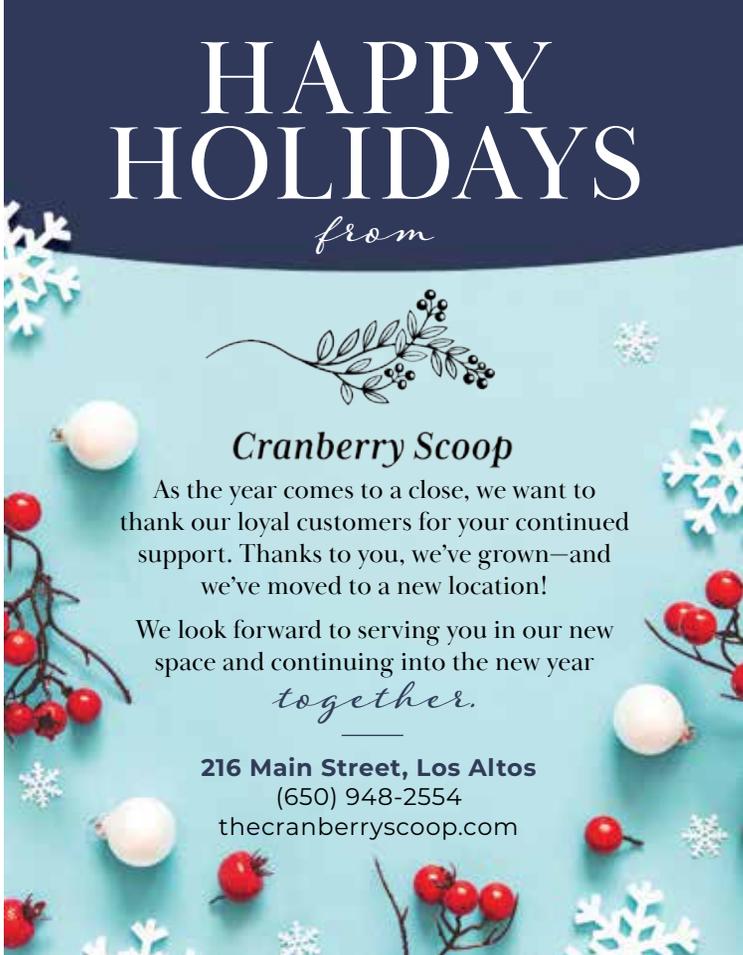
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Stepping Out

Walk, run, listen, look – fun things to do in early January

Town Crier Report

Besides the Los Altos Hills Pathways walk (1 p.m. Jan. 1 at Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road) mentioned in last week's "Stepping Out," a number of other events are happening in early January. The winter theater season doesn't start up again for a few weeks, but until then, here are some things for locals of many ages and interests to check out.

- New Year 2026 Hike by Mindful Movement, 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 1, La Avenida Bike Trail Head, 1003-1001 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Start 2026 on the right foot by connecting with nature and setting positive intentions for the year ahead. \$10. For tickets or more information, visit tinyurl.com/NewYearMindfulHike.

- Los Altos First Friday, 6-9 p.m. Jan. 2. Celebrate the early new year in downtown Los Altos with live music and other events at various venues around town. Free. For more information, visit losaltosfirstfriday.fun.

- Vocalist Tony Lindsay, 5-8 p.m. or 8-11 p.m. Jan. 2, Meyhouse Jazz Palo Alto Stage, 640 Emerson St. Hear the 11-time Grammy winner and longest-tenured lead singer of Santana live at Meyhouse Jazz. \$38 (earlybird) to \$48. For tickets and information, visit meyhousejazz.com.

- Kiwanis Resolution Run 2026, 10 a.m. Jan. 3, Shoreline Park, 2955 N. Shoreline Blvd., Parking Lot E, Mountain View. Start your new year's resolutions with a 1K Kids Fun Run (\$15) or a 5K or 10K (\$60 each) run or walk. All funds raised from the race will support the charitable programs of the



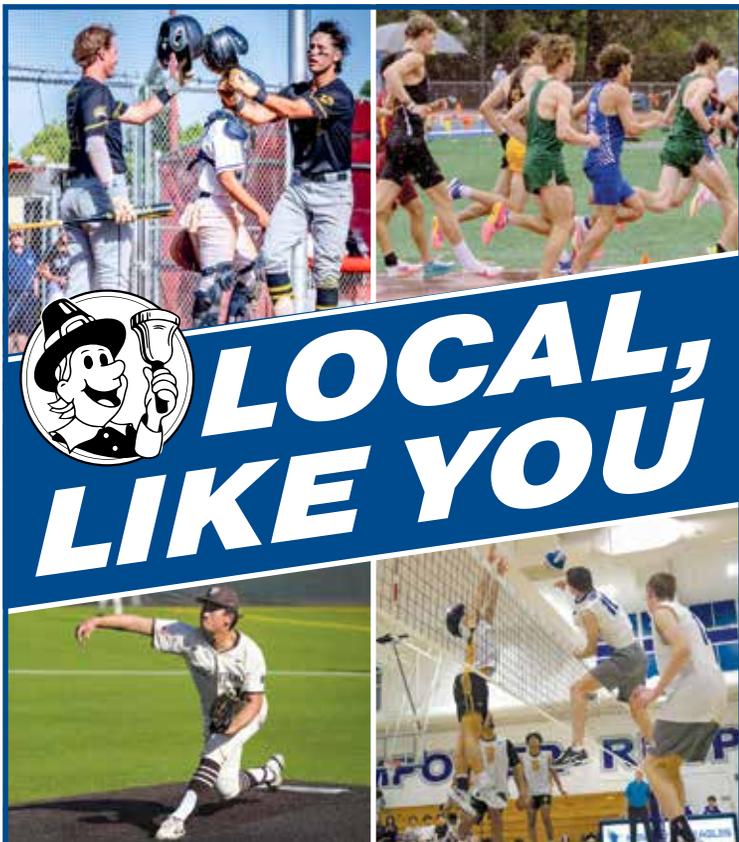
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Popular local band The Wanderers will perform at The Post, 395 Main St., on First Friday, Jan. 2, along with other bands throughout downtown Los Altos.

Kiwanis Club of West San Jose. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/ShorelineResolutionRun.

- Open Mic, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro Street, Mountain View. Music, poetry, comedy – share your talent or simply be entertained. Lottery sign-ups 5:45-8 p.m. For more information, visit redrockcoffee.com.

- BayLUG Holiday LEGO Show, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 10, Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Take a LEGO road trip from coast to coast and admire holiday trains, miniature cities and more. Reservations not required. \$4 admission; free for children under 3 carried by an adult (one per adult). Pay at museum via cash or paypal, or online at moah.org/baylug-lego-holidays.



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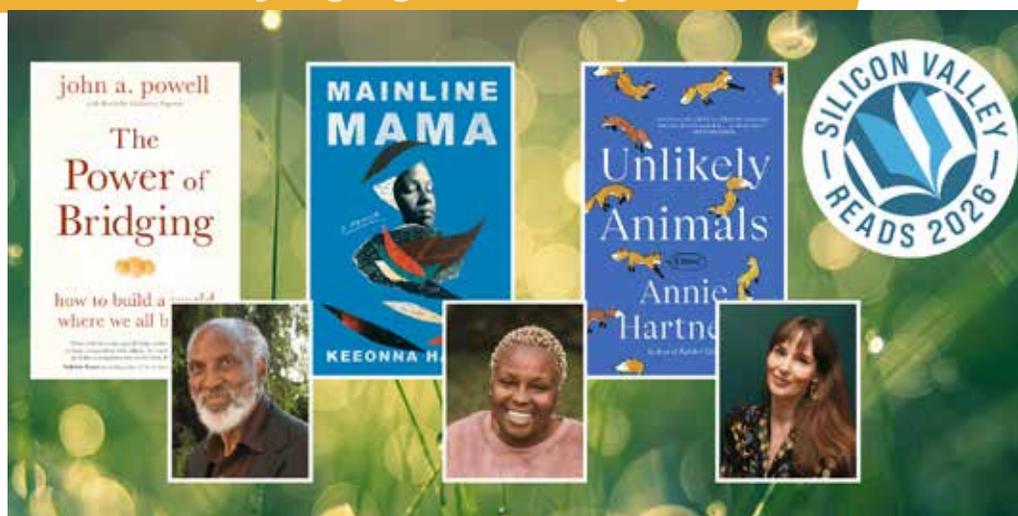
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Join us on Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m. for the Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Kickoff Event at the De Anza Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC) Theater. This year's theme, **Bridges to Belonging**, highlights the importance of empathy and connection in today's world. Hear from our featured authors as they discuss navigating modern complexities with compassion and discovering common ground even in divided times. Register using the QR code above.

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Easy and affordable winter seed starting



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Winter sowing allows gardeners to start transplants from seeds outdoors using recycled items.

By Melinda Myers

Turn off the grow lights, gather a few milk jugs and potting mix and start planting seeds. Winter sowing is a way to start transplants from seeds outdoors without a greenhouse or cold frame.

You'll save money on equipment and time tending the seeds and seedlings. Just transform milk jugs, soda bottles and other items into mini grow chambers to start some of your favorite and hard-to-find transplants from seeds.

Gather flower and vegetable seeds, milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles, duct tape, a quality potting mix and weatherproof marker. Check the seed packet for information on planting details and timing. Winter sowing dates vary with the growing climate, individual gardener and the seed variety you are planting.

Try starting hardy perennials, hardy and self-seeding annuals and cold-weather vegetables now through late winter. Other flowers and vegetables seeds are typically winter sown at about the same time you would plant them indoors or a month or two before the transplants get moved into the garden. Keep a record of your planting dates and results to help you fine-tune your planting schedule and increase future success.

Wash containers and make four to 12 small holes in the bottom of the jug for drainage. A hot skewer, knife, screwdriver or drill work well for this step. Next, partially cut the jug to create a hinged lid. Make your cut about three to four inches above the bottom, leaving the area with the handle attached so it forms a hinge. Use the bottom of the milk jug handle as your guide.

Place a coffee filter or piece of paper towel over the drainage holes to contain the potting mix while still allowing water to drain. Fill the bottom with moist, quality potting mix. Plant seeds at the depth and spacing recommended on the seed packet. Mix smaller seeds with sand to help with proper spacing. Gently water until the excess runs out the bottom of the container.

Make transplanting easier by using the cardboard tubes from toilet paper to help space winter-sown seedlings. Cut the toilet paper cardboard tubes to the right height and set them in the milk jug. Fill the bottom of the milk jug with potting mix and plant the seeds. Otherwise, plan on doing some careful separating of the individual seedlings in each milk jug or soda bottle.

Label the inside and outside of the jug with a permanent marker. Close the lid and seal it shut with duct tape. Remove the cap before setting your milk jugs in a sunny location outdoors where rain and snow can reach them. Set jugs in a milk crate in windy locations and protect them from curious pets and wildlife if needed.

Water your outdoor seed-starting chambers during snow-free and dry weather. This will be much less often than those seedlings growing indoors under artificial lights.

Your plants will be ready to move into the garden at their normal planting time. Just open the lid, harden off the seedlings and move them into the garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books and hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. For more information, visit MelindaMyers.com.



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Business & Real Estate

Local merchants see steady holiday sales as season comes to a close

By Julia Baum
Special to the Town Crier

With the holiday shopping season ended, Los Altos merchants say sales have been mostly steady to strong, supported by loyal customers even as broader economic uncertainty has made some shoppers more cautious.

While official sales tax figures for the 2025 holiday season won't be available until mid-2026, Los Altos business owners and downtown advocates say early indicators point to a generally positive season – particularly for stores that emphasize personalized service and community connections.

Holiday sales this year are on track to surpass last year's results at Sethi Jewelry. Co-owner Prerna Sethi credited a thoughtful and engaged customer base, noting that shoppers are increasingly intentional about their purchases.

"Clients are gravitating toward distinctive, beautifully crafted pieces with provenance – jewelry that tells

a story and can't be replicated elsewhere," Sethi said. She added that many couples now shop together during the holidays, selecting pieces collaboratively rather than relying solely on traditional gift-giving.

Customers, she said, are also leaning toward investment-worthy jewelry designed to last for generations rather than fleeting trends. Sethi said she feels optimistic heading into the new year, particularly as the business prepares to celebrate its 10-year anniversary in 2026.

Longtime downtown retailer BK Collections has also seen steady holiday activity. Owner Belinda Chung, whose gift and jewelry store has been in business since 1978, said the season has been supported by a loyal local clientele that makes a conscious effort to shop small when possible.

Weekends have been the strongest for sales, Chung said, though she also sees a consistent weekday flow from customers who prefer to avoid crowds. However, "there's always a last-minute rush," Chung said. "People who come

in on Christmas Eve, they trust us, they depend on us to find the perfect last-minute gift," with many customers returning year after year for guidance when shopping.

Chung noted, though, that tariffs and broader economic uncertainty have made the year "very chaotic" across the industry. Scott Hunter, executive director of the Los Altos Village Association, described the holiday shopping season as "vibrant," but said the year overall has been flat as consumers have been more cautious with their spending.

"People are holding things close to their chests, just waiting to see how the economy shakes out," Hunter said. Despite that uncertainty, Hunter pointed to several positive signs downtown, including busy restaurants on weekends, strong attendance at community events, and a lack of empty storefronts.

He noted that some newly opened or relocated businesses, such as Cranberry Scoop, which recently moved to a new Main Street location, have had especially strong seasons. "In terms of



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Belinda Chung wraps a gift at her shop, BK Collections, during the 2023 holiday shopping season.

outlook for the coming year, the vibe that's here now will continue," Hunter added.

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Ideal Self Care LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722143

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Ideal Self Care LLC, 998 La Mesa Terrace, Unit H, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ideal Self Care LLC, 998 La Mesa Terrace, Unit H, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kristina Lo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/17/2025. (12-31-25,01-07,14,21-26)

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Axiom Sports Medicine FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721835

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Axiom Sports Medicine, 1386 Sydney Dr., Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jason Frederick Chiropractic Inc, 1386 Sydney Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/05/2023. /S/ Jason Frederick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/05/2025. (12-24,31-25,01-07,14-26)

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GROUPVINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722089

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GROUPVINE, 26030 Elena Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE GROUPERY, INC, 26030 Elena Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/26/2006. /S/ David Beyer / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/15/2025. (12-24,31-25,01-07,14-26)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTONY FRASER-SMITH (aka ANTONY FRASERSMITH) CASE NO. 25PR201418

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANTONY FRASER-SMITH (aka ANTONY FRASERSMITH). A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH be appointed as

personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/23/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner KIMBERLY F. WHITFIELD, ESQ. DOUGLAS BARNES, LLP 14414 Oak Street Saratoga, CA 95070 (408) 395-4800 (12-24,31-25,01-07-26)

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LILY'S DREAM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721993

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LILY'S DREAM, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): CASPIAN SEA LLC, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/11/2025. /S/ Omar Omarov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/11/2025.

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HENRYS PAINTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721945

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HENRYS PAINTING, 1121 Starbird Circle #1, San Jose, CA, 95117, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Henry David Solorzano Moreno, 1121 Starbird Circle #1, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/10/2025. /S/ Henry David Solorzano Moreno / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721944

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS, 830 Stewart Dr Ste 208, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): G R ENTERPRISES INC, 870 E El Camino Real Apt 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/03/2025. /S/ Gopichowdary Ravipati / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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GOLDEN EYE LIMOUSINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721943

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOLDEN EYE LIMOUSINE, 830 Stewart Dr Ste 208, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): G R ENTERPRISES INC, 870 E El Camino Real Apt 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Gopichowdary Ravipati / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721936

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION, 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): WORLD FOOD MOVEMENT, 680 E Ca-

laveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Naga Rekha Prodduturi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/09/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

299-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ALYSSA ASHLEY KLEIN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV481420

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

a. Alyssa Ashley Klein

Proposed Name:

a. Alyssa Ashley Bruculeri

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 03/03/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 12/08/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

297-T

DRAGONFLY FLORISTIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721777

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DRAGONFLY FLORISTIC, 105 Main Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Olha Savehenko, 105 Main Street, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/04/2020. /S/ Olha Savchenko / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/04/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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SRI LAKSHMI CAFE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721772

The following person (persons) is

(are) doing business as: SRI LAKSHMI CAFE, 1818 Milmont Dr, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THILLAI LLC, 196 Marylinn Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/21/2025. /S/ Manikandan Jothi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/02/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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LAUGH AFTER WAR.COM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721724

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LAUGH AFTER WAR.COM, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Robert Mc Cormick, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James Robert Mc Cormick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/01/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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HIGH LEVEL DESIGN BUILD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721190

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HIGH LEVEL DESIGN BUILD, 1455 McCandless Dr, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HDY BUILDERS INC, 1455 McCandless Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2025. /S/ Delphine Driquez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/12/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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CHAPTERBARBERSHOP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721634

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHAPTERBARBERSHOP, 2050 S Bascom Ave, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hoang Huy Le, 2019 Brightwillow Cir, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/25/2025. /S/ Hoang Huy Le / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/25/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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Datebook

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EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Other events: Paintings Exhibit**, Jan. 2 through Jan. 30. Eileen Logsdon Bugée's paintings in acrylic, watercolor, and gouache will be on display at the Los Altos Library for the month of January. **The Growth of Cosmic Behe-moths**, 7 p.m. Jan 15. Dr. Devontae Baxter will share insights into current theoretical and observational understanding of the densest environments in the early universe, and discuss the next-generation observatories poised to significantly advance research in this area. **UC Master Gardeners: Winter Care for Roses**, 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Are you not sure what to do after your roses have finished blooming? If so, join Laura Westley at the Los Altos Library to learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter. Program will include a live pruning demonstration and is free and open to the public. Program is designed for adults and teens. No registration necessary. Information: scld.org/events or call (650) 948-7683.

Mountain View Public Library. All events held in the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., unless otherwise indicated. **Toddler Drive In**, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3. Little ones can design and decorate their own cardboard cars using library-provided craft materials. Event is designed for young children. Held in the first floor program room. **Sew Sew Saturday**, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 3. Those 18 years and older who need a sewing machine can use one of the library's assortment of sewing machines on a drop-in basis. No registration required. Held in the second floor program room. **Amplify: Cyber Security**, 1 p.m. Jan. 4. Learn how to stay safe online in today's digital world in this interactive workshop. Put on by Amplify: Teen Voices, the event teaches avoiding misinformation, spotting scams and navigating the internet safely. All ages are welcome but the content is especially helpful for older adults. Held in the first floor program room.

CLUBS/GROUPS

Los Altos Art Club. 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: losaltosartclub.com. **InSpirit Healing Rooms.** Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com. **Los Altos Hills Club.** Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women residing in Los Altos Hills. Activities include luncheons, social events, book groups, bridge, card games and travel interest groups. Information: lahclub.com.

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