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BCS community celebrates diversity



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Bullis Charter School held its annual diversity celebration over the weekend. From performances to booths and activities, there were a number of ways for community members to learn about and immerse themselves in their neighbors' and classmates' cultures.

Mountain View budget is balanced, but worries for future remain

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The operating budget in Mountain View is balanced for the upcoming fiscal year, though there remains significant uncertainty over global economic conditions and deficit spending within a multi-year budget projection.

At a meeting on April 14, the Mountain View City Council voted unanimously to accept a report on a preliminary review of the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget, which showed city finances to be operating at a surplus as the current fiscal year comes to an end. The budget will be considered under more formal circumstances during a public hearing on June 9, with potential council adoption after a public hearing on June 23.

The current fiscal year is set to end with a \$1.5 million operating budget surplus, following \$201.4 million in revenues and \$193.9 in expenditures. The 2025-2026 fiscal year includes about \$6 million in transfers to various reserve funds.

According to the budget outlook, fiscal year 2026-2027 revenues are projected to rise to \$207.6 million, and expenditures are projected to increase to \$207.4 million, with

a projected operating balance surplus of \$172,000.

"I support everything. I think this is a great budget," said Councilmember Lucas Ramirez.

Derek Rampone, Finance and Administrative Services director, said geopolitical instability with the conflict with Iran and volatility in domestic financial markets had created broad economic friction, which threatened the narrow stability of city finances.

"This level of uncertainty does make it a little more challenging to forecast future conditions with confidence," Rampone said.

In the city's multi-year projection, the narrow surplus eventually falls into a deficit. In 2027-2028, the city is projecting a deficit of \$329,000; in 2028-2029, the projected deficit is \$3.4 million and in 2029-2030, the deficit is \$1.8 million. In 2030-2031, the city budget is projected with a surplus of \$354,000 due to easing pension requirements, Rampone said.

City officials are optimistic on facing a potential economic downturn with a diverse range of revenue sources and financial backstops.

Measure G, a real property conveyance tax ordinance that passed in November 2024,

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Clarification

Mountain View's entertainment zones ordinance has not yet gone into effect. The Mountain View City Council voted unanimously April 14 to pass a first reading of an 18-month pilot of entertainment zones, where people can consume alcoholic beverages on streets, sidewalks or plazas during specified days and hours. The council will consider a second reading April 28. If approved, the Downtown Entertainment Zone pilot program would go into effect 30 days later.

Correction

Grassroots fundraising organization Bake Back Better was misidentified as a nonprofit organization in the April 21 story "Los Altos resident bakes for political causes through fundraising organization." It is not a 501(c)3 nonprofit.



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News

Brock 'n' Boyd: Meet the Los Altos Police Department's K-9s

By Christina Casillas

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While most of the Los Altos Police Department's personnel are generally well-groomed and two-legged, two special members of the team are exceptionally furry and trot along on four legs.

The employees in question? Brock, a 3-year-old German shepherd, and Boyd, a 3-year-old golden retriever.

Although seemingly polar opposites – Boyd, a calm dog trained as a service animal who socializes enthusiastically and Brock, an energetic, highly trained asset to his human coworkers when responding to potentially dangerous scenarios – the two help the Los Altos Police Department in different, yet equally important, ways.

Meet Brock

Brock has been with the Los Altos Police Department since 2024, his handler Corporal Brian Werner said. Although bred in Hungary for temperament and behavior, the department acquired Brock from Top Dog Police K-9, which provides training and K-9s in Ripon, Calif.

Werner went down to the vendor and watched the K-9s in the vendor's inventory, observing how the dogs played while looking for key indicators that would set aside a dog as a good



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

K-9 Brock, above, has been with the Los Altos Police Department since 2024. With his handler Corporal Brian Werner, right, the two respond to calls requiring K-9 assistance.

choice for the department.

"There are some traits that you look for, one being courage, their drive with the toys, how they interact with people, their sociability," Werner said. "You want to make sure you have a dog that is social out there. So we went through that testing process, tested three dogs and selected Brock."

After Werner decided on Brock in December 2023, the two enrolled in a two-month, 40 hours-a-week training program. During that time, Werner learned how to handle Brock and how to pick up on his behaviors when he's following a track, while Brock was



trained in a number of different skills that are useful in the field.

"Brock is what most people would consider the traditional police K-9, as far as his dual purpose of detection and apprehension/tracking," Werner said. "They're used to locate people or items depending on what it is you're going out there to do. It's really working and developing their sense of smell as far as training them, and what it is, or what scent it is that they're looking for."

Recently, Brock was used to find a

minor who allegedly stabbed a student at Bubb Elementary in Mountain View and then fled the scene. Werner said that was part of his tracking training; he added that local cities' K-9 units often coordinate with each other, which is why Brock responded to an incident in Mountain View.

Like most K-9s, Brock's tenure at the Los Altos Police Department is about six years, but it's dependent on health and ability.

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Mountain View Homes without water after contamination near Cuesta Park

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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Editor's note: This story was written before the Town Crier's Monday print deadline. Updates can be found at losaltosonline.com.

There are 65 households in Mountain View still unable to use tap water until water pipe test results come back clear of contamination.

As of Monday, crews were continuing efforts to flush out a water main near Cuesta Park following a contamination incident on Friday which turned off water for about 75 homes. Following rigorous testing over the weekend, two of five water samples tested positive for bacteria and city officials said residents should prepare to be without tap water through the mid-to-end of the week.

Michael Vasquez, Utilities Manager with the city of Mountain View, said the city was working on a timeline schedule for flushing out the water main and sending out new samples for testing.

"We're still working with the state water resources control board on the process to route

service to the area," he said. "We have a plan in place."

The homes remain under a "Do Not Use Water" notice. The affected households should not use tap water for drinking, cooking, hand washing, bathing, brushing teeth, washing dishes or any other household use. As of Sunday night, nearly all of the homes now have their water turned back on for toilet flushing only.

Two homes, located on Leona Lane, have been removed due to those homes receiving water from a non-impacted water main.

Lenka Wright, chief communications officer, said the city did not have an exact date for the return of tap water at this time.

The incident was caused Friday afternoon by a city contractor who allowed cement slurry mix to get into a water main during a replacement and upgrades project. The contamination breach required the water supply in the area of Cuesta Park to be shut off.

City officials have offered temporary lodging for impacted residents at Super 8 Mountain View,

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Los Altos PD responds to robbery in neighboring city

By Christina Casillas

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The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Southern California man who allegedly robbed a Cupertino Spa after impersonating a police officer.

Los Altos police officers aided in a multi-department effort to find the man after the April 15 incident.

The man, identified by deputies as Brendan Kroning, 32, allegedly entered Sunny Spa on South De Anza Boulevard at approximately 5:30 p.m., claiming he was there for an inspection. Kroning was described as wearing a vest, belt and what some believed to be a handgun, employees told detectives.

He allegedly unplugged the

spa's security cameras before he asked employees to open the cash register; Kroning then fled the building with a "large amount of cash." No one was harmed in the incident. Deputies, Los Altos Police and Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety – including several K-9 teams – all responded to the incident and searched the surrounding shopping center for the suspect.

A search warrant was issued for Kroning's San Andreas home with assistance from the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, according to the press release. Detectives located the suspect in a San Jose parking garage April 22. He was arrested and charged with one count of impersonating a

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Mountain View City Council pushes along public safety building progress

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The financing plan for Mountain View's new \$189.8 million public safety building is built on the expectation of \$8 million in annual bond repayments for \$135 million in financing.

The Mountain View City Council unanimously approved the financing plan for the new public safety building, which would be located at 1000 Villa St., during a meeting on April 14.

Primarily, the public safety building development financing plan includes \$135 million in bond financing supported by Measure G and the long-term lease of city land and associated tax revenues of the Ameswell Hotel. It further includes \$26.5 million from the public safety building reserve fund; \$16.3 million from the public safety building project budget; \$10 million from the Shoreline Regional Park Community; and \$2 million from the general fund, totaling an estimated \$189.8 million for the project.

Assistant City Manager Arn Andrews called the revenues from Measure G and Ameswell Hotel the "first building block" of the financing plan.

According to a staff report, a city reserve fund was set up for revenues from the long-term lease for 750 Moffett Blvd., commonly referred to as the Ameswell Hotel project, and transient occupancy tax, property tax and sales tax generated from the hotel property. These revenue sources provide approximately \$5.3 million in annual revenue.

Also, with the passage of Measure G in 2024, the city expects to generate up to \$8 million annually. A staff report said \$3.2 million can be allocated toward annual debt service.

With those two sources, the city anticipates that up to \$8.5 million annually is potentially available to finance the debt service for the bonds.

City officials anticipate \$8.1 million in annual revenue from the Ameswell and Measure G revenues, which are necessary to service approximately \$135 million in bond proceeds. During a meeting on April 28 (after the Town Crier print deadline), the council will consider approval of the necessary bond documents related to the issuance of lease revenue bonds.

The current police and fire administration building, which houses the public safety operations center of police, dispatch and fire, opened in 1980. The building was designed prior to modern seismic safety standards and is considered outdated.

The new building size is approximately 75,000 square feet to accommodate for a planned increase in staffing. Current staffing is about 165 employees, with the new building able to accommodate up to 248 employees.

Jennifer Ng, the city's Public Works director, identified three phases of the project, which allowed



SCREENSHOT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mountain View City Council members unanimously approved the new public safety building's financing plan April 14.

for check-in points on the efficacy of the financing plan.

The first phase, involving site preparation, is set to begin in July and conclude in April 2027, carrying a price tag of \$15 million. Phase 2 is the main construction phase, costing \$135 million. Phase 3 involves the demolition of the existing building as well as the construction of a garage and other site improvements. The project is scheduled for completion in December 2030.

Ng called the third phase an "off-ramp" in case the project costs were ultimately higher than anticipated.

Other sources are anticipated to fully fund the project.

The Ameswell Hotel revenue has been maintained in a public safety building reserve fund since its start in 2018 and has an anticipated balance of \$26.5 million as of June 30. This fund is separate from the bond financing.

On Jan. 27, the City Council authorized the transfer and appropriation of \$7.5 million from the public safety building reserve to the public safety building project budget for preconstruction services, construction management, LEED commissioning and special inspection services, increasing the fund total to \$16.3 million.

The approval on April 14 also included a recommended appropriation of \$10 million from the Shoreline Regional Park Community Fund for the current fiscal year to the building budget. The council opted to up the contribution to \$25.5 million during its discussion based on a recommendation from Andrews.

Lastly, the approval amends the current year budget to appropriate \$2 million from the general fund to the public safety building reserve.

"I do appreciate the additional analysis provided by staff," said Councilmember Lucas Ramirez at the meeting.

photo ID which must show an address that matches the impacted residence and a credit card for incidental charges. Availability may vary by location.

Wright said "a number of the residents" had utilized the hotels. The city was not releasing the total number for security purposes, she said.

Over the weekend, crews

flushed the system and conducted water quality testing. The city is working with the State Water Resources Control Board to restore drinking water to the homes as soon as possible, according to a press release from the city.

Residents can contact (650) 903-6081 or email WaterQuality@mountainview.gov if they need assistance.

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Ramada by Wyndham Mountain View, Days Inn Mountain View and The Ameswell Hotel.

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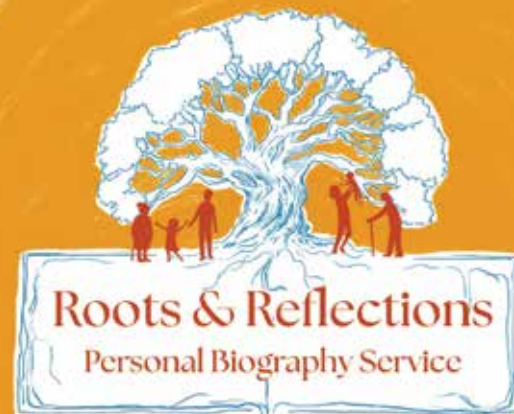
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ROBBERY

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police officer and three counts each of robbery and false imprisonment.

“The Sheriff’s Office reminds community members that real law enforcement officers will always identify themselves, provide proper credentials, and never ask to access cash registers or money during routine visits,” officials stated in the release.

Those with information, including those with security or surveillance video, and those who may have been a victim of police impersonation can contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office investigative Services Division, (408) 808-4500. Anonymous tips can be left at (408) 808-4431.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
Brendan Kroning, above, allegedly robbed a Cupertino spa.

Compliance operation nets two arrests in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

Two Mountain View residents were arrested Thursday after the city’s gang suppression team found suspects to be in possession of drugs.

The compliance check operation was conducted by the Mountain View Police Department Gang Suppression Team, which conducted searches of suspects at two separate locations.

Jose Cruz Mendez, 20, was found to be in possession of a controlled substance on the 600 block of Mariposa Avenue. He was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor drug possession and violating the terms of his probation and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail.

Juan Sandoval Lopez, 34,

was found to be in possession of a controlled substance on the 2000 block of San Ramon Avenue. He was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance with prior drug-related convictions, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools, possession of another person’s identifying information with intent to commit fraud and violating the terms of his parole and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail.

The Mountain View Police Department conducted the operation with the assistance of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Gang Enforcement Team, the Santa Clara County Probation Department and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The City of Mountain View’s budget may be stable, but questions and concerns remain about long-term finances.

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has brought in \$5.2 million over the last year. The city is also projecting a 3% increase in property taxes, a 2.4% increase in sales taxes, a 2% increase in lease revenues and a 4% increase in interest earnings.

According to a city staff report, the city has also maintained a AAA credit rating for more than a decade, which is a distinction achieved by only a limited number of California cities.

In the upcoming budget, staff is also recommending the

addition of six ongoing positions in the General Fund, two of which are partially funded by other funds. The positions include an assistant city attorney, a deputy city manager, an information-technology analyst and a firefighter.

Councilmember Pat Showalter said it was “wise” to be adding new positions.

“Having been a government worker for most of my life, I’ve observed how there’s an inverse effect to what the general economy is doing and how good recruiting is with government,” she said. “Government jobs are considered really desirable.”

K-9S

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Meet Boyd

While Brock was trained for the field, Boyd was trained as a service animal by non-profit Canine Companions. Founded in 1975, Canine Companions pairs trained service dogs without charge to disabled folks and those who would benefit from the help of a service dog. It took about two years to get paired with Boyd, his handler Corporal Jessica Vernon said.

When the department finally got the OK to get a dog from Canine Companions, Vernon said she and nine other people were put in a room with 10 dogs, a mix of labs and retrievers.

“It was like speed dating,” she said.

From the get-go, Vernon said Boyd stuck out to her since he was the only true golden retriever of the bunch. When he performed a maneuver known as “lap,” which is when he places the upper part



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIBER

Boyd, above, is the Los Altos Police Department’s facility dog. A shaggy golden retriever, he’s trained as a service dog. His handler Corporal Jessica Vernon, right, is with him both on and off duty.

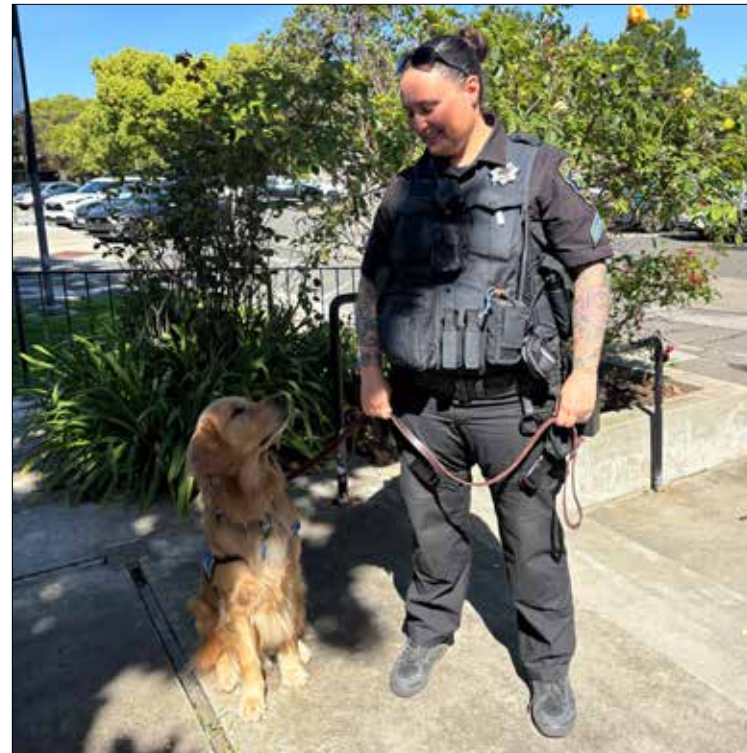
of his body across someone’s lap, that’s when she knew he was “the one.”

Training took about two weeks for Vernon, she said, but Boyd was already trained when she got him. From turning on light switches to picking up fallen objects, Boyd is trained for a number of service dog uses. He goes through re-testing every year to ensure he’s performing well.

His official title with the Los Altos Police Department

is facility dog, but that position carries a number of different responsibilities. From public relations and making appearances at city of Los Altos and police department events to being a source of comfort to victims – and responders – to crimes that are especially emotional, he’s there to offer quiet comfort to those who need it.

Although Boyd and Brock have never met (Vernon said their personalities – calm ver-



sus energetic – may clash), they’re both hardworking Los Altos Police Department team members. But Werner and Vernon agreed that at their core, they’re still dogs.

“When that vest pulls off, he is a goofy dog,” Vernon said of Boyd. “But when that vest

goes on, he knows it’s business.”

Boyd goes home with Vernon and is one with the family, while Brock goes home with Werner and his wife and spends his off-duty hours by their – and their pitt-lab mix Samantha’s – sides.



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Letters to the Editor

Los Altos homeless ordinance

I was disappointed to learn of the homeless encampment ordinance that was just passed by City Council. With consequences that could possibly result in a misdemeanor charge.

Experiencing homelessness is not a crime. Full stop.

While I recognize that attempts to provide outreach and connection to services and shelter would precede any consequences, criminal charges do not belong as one of the "consequences." This is criminalization of homelessness and that does not belong in our city.

In the 2025 Point-in-Time count of unsheltered individuals in Santa Clara County, our city of Los Altos counted 12 unsheltered individuals. TWELVE. And yet we are the first city in the county to jump to a criminal charge for homelessness. We should be ashamed of our pearl-clutching selves.

Our immediate neighboring cities have gone above and beyond (compared to our city) in terms of providing tangible services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Shelters, safe parking, showers and

laundry, to name a few. These cities are actively working together with nonprofits and the county to care for our most vulnerable neighbors within their city limits.

Los Altos, we can do better. Let's stop criminalizing and let's work together to better support our neighbors.

Cheryl (Ho) Thieu

Los Altos

LAH council pay

The Los Altos Hills City Council's decision to raise its own salary from \$300 to \$950 per month – while retaining taxpayer funded health benefits – is disappointing and out of step with this community's values. Los Altos Hills has long been defined by volunteerism and civic responsibility, with many residents contributing far more hours than councilmembers without expecting compensation. Even the Planning Commission, which works more hours, receives only \$100 per month and no health benefits. Comparable towns, such as Atherton and Portola Valley, provide no stipends or benefits at all.

This increase is even harder

to justify given that the council had clear evidence that residents overwhelmingly oppose it. The resident survey showed a majority of respondents rejected any raise, yet the council proceeded anyway, approving the maximum amount allowed under state law. When elected officials disregard their constituents so directly, it raises serious questions about whose interests they believe they are serving.

If the council truly believes this increase is warranted, it should allow residents to decide. This issue belongs on the ballot – ideally this November, if deadlines permit – so the community can determine whether this is an appropriate use of public funds. A decision that directly benefits the decision makers should not be made unilaterally by those who stand to benefit from it.

Los Altos Hills deserves transparency, accountability, and respect for public input. This vote delivered none of those things and represents a poor use of town funds.

Steve Goldner

Los Altos Hills

Let the people vote

At a time like now when transparency appears to be lacking from so many sources, I find it strange that there is any question about letting the people vote.

In Los Altos, we currently have a very controversial issue that needs to be addressed. Trading parking for a park.

Granted that our republic elects officers to represent us in matters of governing, there is not always transparency and that is when the elected officers make questionable decisions.

Our elected Honorable Mayor and City Council have decided, unilaterally, that we need a downtown park. We already have one, Shoup Park, for example, so why do we need another one?

I believe the real issue of adding a park is where to get the land to put it on and what will that impact. Parking in downtown Los Altos is at a premium and to trade parking for a park may not be the way to go.

Since this has become so controversial we need to have the residents decide. Let the People Vote.

Myra Orta

Los Altos

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My name is Jake Hui, and I am a 10th-grade student. I am reaching out on behalf of the nonprofit organization STEMcrunch to ask for your support for a program that helps underprivileged students in California's Central Valley. Our goal is to teach children important STEM skills using LEGO robotics kits. With these kits, students will learn basic coding, problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity. Many of these children do not have access to technology programs at school, and teaching them these skills can open doors to future careers. We are seeking donations to fund Lego Spike kits, which will be used by students in the Central Valley over the summer. For every donation, a tax receipt will be sent as a thank-you for your contribution to our cause. We thank you for taking the time to support education and opportunities for children who need it.

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Los Altos Grammar School third graders pose for their class photograph in front of their school located on the corner of San Antonio Road and Hillview Avenue, 1928.

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Local Navy doc who served on Artemis II moon mission medical team witnesses history

By Robin Chapman

Local Cmdr. Martin Manoukian, MD, stood on the deck of the USS John P. Murtha just after 5 p.m. April 10 scanning the skies for the Artemis II space capsule Integrity as it raced through the atmosphere at 25,000 miles per hour, headed for splashdown in the Pacific Ocean.

On board the capsule were four astronauts returning from their mission around the Moon – the farthest journey into space taken by humans from planet Earth.

Manoukian, a Navy physician who grew up in Los Altos Hills and a 2009 graduate of Saint Francis High School, was on board the warship to lead one of two special emergency surgical teams that night.

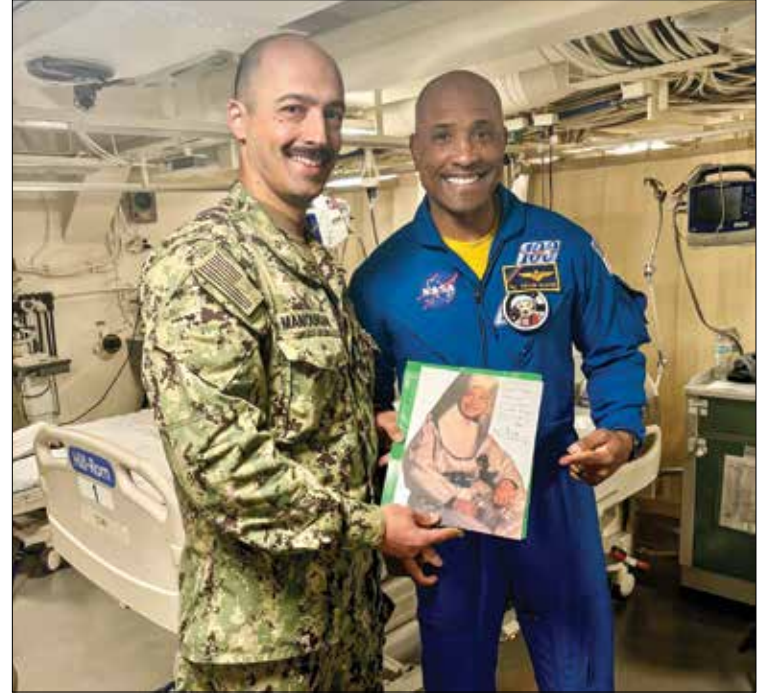
“With helicopters in use, possible flaming debris from the capsule, divers and boat teams in the water, we knew we had serious damage potential,” Manoukian said. The two medical teams set up operating rooms on the Murtha and spent a year rehearsing with NASA scenarios that might require their medical intervention.

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Manoukian, 35, earned his medical degree at UC Davis. He’s also the grandson of local orthopedic surgeon Dr. Manasseh Manoukian, who died in 2009. Dr. Manasseh Manoukian’s son, Superior Court Judge Socrates Peter Manoukian, a 1968 graduate of Los Altos High School, bought the family home from his father in 1994 and he and his wife Patricia, a recently retired California Appeals Court Justice, raised their three boys there. Martin is their youngest.

Middle son Michael attended Santa Clara Law School and works as an employment attorney at Lathrop GPM. Oldest son Matthew graduated from the University of Arizona and, after the attack on America Sept. 11, 2001, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. As an officer, he joined the newly-created Marine Forces Special Operations Command (MAR-SOC) – the elite Marine Raider unit. Captain Matthew P. Manoukian was killed in action in

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COURTESY OF MARTIN MANOUKIAN

Martin Manoukian with pilot Victor Glover, captain of the Artemis II, during training. Manoukian holds a picture of himself as a child in Los Altos, wearing an astronaut costume, which Glover has just signed.



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New orchardist breaks ground at Los Altos History Museum's historic orchard

By Skye Dean
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos' historic orchard has a new caretaker.

Cristina Prevarin took over as orchardist for the 2.8-acre apricot orchard early this year. Also a horticulturalist and agronomist, Prevarin

oversees all 427 semi-dwarf apricot trees in the orchard located next to the Los Altos Library.

"It's a living entity, so we need to learn about it," Prevarin said. "And we're just a few months into this, so I want to see, as the four seasons go by, how it flows, and based on that, we can make adjustments."

Prevarin grew up working on her family's ranch in Venice, Italy, before graduating from university as an agronomist in agricultural science. She has spent the last 20 years working for Gachina Landscape Management, the new care team responsible for preserving the orchard.

Although the orchard is on city property, the Los Altos History Museum has been in charge of maintaining it since July 2023.

Anna Toledano, the museum's executive director, noted that she pooled resources from the former care team – orchardist Terence Welch, Orchard Commons Committee chair Jane Packard and gardener Faustino Carrillo – to facilitate the transition in management. Toledano said Gachina Landscape Management's ability to maintain both the museum's orchard and garden made them a strong fit for the role.

Prevarin's team broke ground at the site in January, beginning with a weed abatement program to mitigate fire hazards. The group also introduced beneficial insects and organic fertilizer to the orchard while repairing its irrigation system, changes that align with Gachina Landscape Management's all-natural care protocol, according to Prevarin.

"By nurturing the soil, we will be able to keep the trees healthy and thriving because we want them to last for another hundred years ...," Prevarin said. "Sustainability has been a big buzzword in the recent five, six years. But we go a step further. We really focus on regenerative."

The team plans to prune

the orchard before harvesting its apricots toward the end of June, Prevarin added. Many of the apricots will be sold at nearby DeMartini Orchard farmstand.

The orchard's significance to the community extends beyond harvest season. The orchard is adjacent to the historic home of J. Gilbert Smith, an apricot orchardist who sold his land to the city of Los Altos in 1954, according to the museum's website. The site is the only historic orchard in the area which retains the home of its owner, Toledano noted.

"You can't travel in time, but you can be in the same spot where something happened in the past," Toledano said. "And to be able to walk in between the rows of the apricot trees in the same spots that maybe J. Gilbert Smith was walking, it might make it come more alive, make history come more alive."

To Prevarin, the Smith house and orchard serve as a small reminder of the area's rural history.

"If you think, all this valley was covered in orchards, not less than 40, 50 years ago before Silicon Valley became Silicon Valley; it was all orchards: plums, apricots, peaches," she said. "This is just what remains of that, and I think it's important that we keep it because we should not forget the past, where we come from."

Prevarin added that she hopes her team's maintenance efforts will encourage more community members to explore the orchard. Visitors can also engage with the landmark by taking a self-guided tour or speaking with a docent, according to the museum's website. Toledano said the museum will host its annual Apricot STEM fair June 28.

The Los Altos History Museum is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Admission is free. The museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road.

For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org.



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Grimms among the driving forces behind LA History Museum



COURTESY OF JULIE ROSE

Bob and Marion Grimm were involved in a range of causes in the local area.

By Amelia Yuan
Town Crier Editorial Intern

This is the first in a series of articles about people who have shaped Los Altos.

Throughout the history of Los Altos, it has taken caring residents to help the city thrive. For Bob and Marion Grimm, giving to the community came naturally.

The Grimms moved to Los Altos in 1962 and became involved with community service early on in a range of causes. In 1997, the Town Crier named them the Los Altans of the Year for their extensive volunteerism.

Bob Grimm was a long-time engineer at Hewlett-Packard and was also on the Los Altos City Council from 1976-1984,

including serving as mayor for a one-year term in 1979. He began his volunteering with the United Way nonprofit organization due to Hewlett-Packard's connection with the nonprofit. Later, he served as president on the board of trustees of the United Way of Santa Clara County from 1974 to 1975

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Where classic lines meet contemporary pulse: SF Ballet's 'Blake Works' was architectural and instinctive



COURTESY OF ERIK TOMASSON

Julia Rowe and Wei Wang dance in San Francisco Ballet's "Blake Works I."

By Duanni Hurd

San Francisco Ballet's "Blake Works" opened with a minimal stage design behind a hand-drawn showdrop of a dancer with all directions of movements, simple lines, precise, like a Leonardo da Vinci drawing – the Vitruvian Man – to a full-scale stage size. The curtain filled the proscenium at the War Memorial, to be rolled to reveal something beyond the arcs – the anatomy of the muscles shown with lines and dotted lines, with technics and precision – the dynamics in music and movements evoking profound emotions from the audience watching breathlessly in awe.

It's a three-part series of a striking collaboration between William Forsythe, an internationally acclaimed American choreographer, and James Blake, a Grammy-winning English singer, songwriter and producer. Forsythe reshaped classical ballet by taking apart its formal structure and rebuilding it with movement that feels expansive, contemporary and deeply physical. Blake's music carries a different kind of architecture – soulful vocals layered over spare electronic rhythms,

weaving elements of dubstep and pop into something intimate and atmospheric.

In this striking program, William Forsythe bends the spine of classical ballet without breaking it. Rooted in rigorous technique, the dancers stretch into something freer, riskier – lengthening lines, tilting balances, pushing bodies just past symmetry while never abandoning technique. The foundation is pure ballet; the expression is freedom – elastic limbs carving space with both precision with daring fluidity.

Set to the haunting, intimate music of Blake, the choreography feels like breath made visible. Masculine and feminine energies converse rather than collide – strength without rigidity, softness without fragility; a duet of forces, ecstatic and controlled at once.

When Prologue opened the night, I was immediately absorbed by the dancers' energies that electrified the minimalist stage. When Blake's "Lindisfarne I" filled the stage with voice and pulses, the dancers' moves intervened with the soundscape into a shared sense of structure where Forsythe played with phrasing and silence, allowing

pauses to become as expressive as movement itself.

It was impossible to separate the two – the quiet mathematics of both ballet and music – as the music, the beat and the footsteps merged into an emotional display that was raw and evocative, a kind of yearning that filled the silence and space in between the beats. I did not expect that tension in stillness could be so breathtaking; it felt deeply moving. I was in tears.

The scores for The Barre Project draw from Blake's Pieces such as "Lindisfarne I," "200 Press," "Retrograde," "Lullaby for My Insomniac," and "Buzzard & Kestrel." Piano lines meet electronic pulses in intimate, rhythmic neo-soul and house textures. The music layers electronic beats over piano-driven melodies, giving the choreography a modern, almost club-like current that fuels its athletic speed and precision. Construct, de-construct – watching the dancers build the movements over the mechanics to the music felt like they were exploring the music and connecting to the sound and beat structurally, yet organically at the same time.

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Author shares details of da Vinci's 'The Last Supper' with Morning Forum

By Kathryn Tomaino
Special to the Town Crier

“The Last Supper.” The mere mention of Leonardo da Vinci’s painting easily conjures up the image in one’s mind. It’s even infiltrated popular culture with creative riffs on The Simpsons TV show and Andy Warhol’s last major body of work. But do you know where to find it? If you’re like most people who give an incorrect answer, you’d say it’s at the Vatican. It’s not. It’s in the refectory (cafeteria) of a Dominican convent in Milan, Santa Maria delle Grazie. How is it that this masterpiece of an artistic icon came to grace the wall of a cafeteria? Author of the book “Leonardo and the Last Supper,” Dr. Ross King, told the story at The Morning Forum of Los Altos.

Da Vinci’s appearance on the scene in Florence in the 1460s exposed him to the statues of Donatello and Lorenzo Ghiberti, Brunelleschi’s Dome and other great public works of art and architecture. Inspired to create a work of fame himself, Leonardo wrote, “What’s the point of passing the Earth unnoticed? A man who does not become famous is no more than wood smoke on the wind or foam upon the sea. But I intend to leave a memory of myself in the minds of others.” Devising the quickest route to an influential



COURTESY OF KATHRYN TOMAINO
Dr. Ross King speaks about Leonardo da Vinci at Morning Forum.

patron, da Vinci solicited the most powerful man in Italy at the time, Duke Ludovico Sforza. Da Vinci presented a resume that expounded on his skills of military engineering and those for making weapons of mass destruction. He concluded with a brief mention of his sculpting talents and the ability to paint “any kind of work as well as any man,

whoever he may be.” Knowing that Leonardo was an apprentice of the great bronze caster Andrea del Verrocchio, Sforza commissioned him to create a behemoth bronze equestrian monument to honor Francesco Sforza, Ludovico’s late father. Convinced this would be one of the greatest works

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Los Altos History Museum and local DAR launch youth poster contest

Town Crier Report

As the U.S. approaches its 250th birthday, local students from grades 3-12 can get in on the fun by entering a poster contest hosted by the Los Altos chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Los Altos History Museum.

Contestants – students who live in or attend school in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills or Mountain View – are prompted to turn in an original post-

er depicting a moment that helped shape America, highlighting an important event or person since the nation’s birth.

In addition to a \$100 cash prize, first-place winners will have their art displayed at the Los Altos History Museum’s upcoming America’s 250th exhibition.

“This contest encourages students to explore history in a creative way and reflect on the meaning of freedom and how it connects to their own

lives and futures,” Melanie Ercoli, Regent of the Los Altos DAR chapter, was quoted in a press release. “Our goal is to make historical people and events meaningful for this generation, and to inspire reflection on the nation’s anniversary in a way that goes beyond parades or celebrations.”

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The Public Hearing will be held on May 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM PST at El Camino Hospital, Sobrato Boardroom 1, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by teleconference at +16699009128,,97218912110#.

The public is invited to attend and provide oral and/or written comments. Written comments must be received at or prior to the meeting time and date. A copy of the proposed resolution is available for review in the public bulletin posting area located at El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by accessing the District's website at <https://www.elcaminohealthcaredistrict.org/>.

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and as president of the United Way of California from 1978 to 1980.

Marion Grimm first got involved in local PTAs for the four Grimm children, before joining a variety of local non-profit chapters, including the League of Women Voters, the Red Cross and the American Association of University Women. She also helped on Bob Grimm's campaign for the Los Altos City Council, where she recruited Julie Rose, who became a close friend of the family and served as the president of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, to support the campaign.

Rose described Marion as someone who was both generous and who meant business.

"Marion was a task master. When she asked you to do something, you really wanted to do it, because you know that if you didn't do it, she'd have to do it herself. She meant business, but she was probably the nicest, kindest, most generous person, as was Bob... You really wanted to work for them, just because they work so hard," Rose said.

According to their daughter, Patty Grimm, the Grimms' main commitment within the Los Altos community became the Los Altos History Museum. They were one of the driving forces behind establishing the new complex for the Los Altos History Museum, which opened in 2001. Before their initiative, the only physical space dedicated to the history of Los Altos was the J. Gilbert Smith House from 1905.

"My mother was the one who loved history, and she started out with being involved with the History House Association and the Historical Commission, and was very heavily involved," Patty Grimm said. "And then the idea came to build the museum. And she got my father involved, so he took on a vast majority of coordinating with the city and the designer, architect and contractors, and seeing it from start to finish."

The Los Altos History Museum was not the only museum project the Grimms worked on. After Bob Grimm retired from Hewlett-Packard, he brought his extensive engineering experience with him to help start the Tech Museum in San Jose.

"It was started as 'the garage,' and they had a space that they got from the city to launch a small demo exhibit space with six exhibits and an info lounge to prove that there was a place for it in downtown San Jose prior to the building of the museum," Patty Grimm said.

Bob Grimm's dedication and work ethic showed as he endeavored to ensure the museum's success.

"He went off and traveled and looked at science centers all over the world to see what it was. That's Bob, he wanted to go firsthand," Rose said. "So, at his own expense, he looked at Ontario Science Center and you name it, and came back and worked with a fledgling board here, and said, 'This is what we need to do.'"

Patty Grimm echoed the direct nature of her father's involvement.

"If he really got interested in it, he would become hands on with a lot of it. Do the work himself," she said.

Bob Grimm also became involved with the Festival of Lights Parade a few years after its founding, finding another space where his electrical engineering skills could extend into serving the community.

"He was always over there, tinkering and fixing things when nobody else was there. He was always working on the floats. He loved those floats," Rose said.

The Grimms both possessed a strong sense of initiative and an ability to recognize what the community needed that helped them enact change.

"Bob is, he's the kind of person, and Marion was the same, that you're sitting in a meeting, and if somebody says, well, we need to get this done. And he says, I'll go do it. He leaves the room, and he comes back and it's done," Rose said. "They were the salt of the earth, but just visionaries."

Despite their extensive impact throughout Los Altos, the Grimms remained humble.

"They didn't like their trophies. ... When you were in their house, you never saw any sign that they had gotten all these awards," Rose said. "They didn't display them. They were just very modest and were just great people."

Although Marion died in 2008 at age 85 and Bob in 2015 at age 88, the impacts of their service and dedication to Los Altos will likely last for years to come.



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Bob and Marion Grimm at the J. Gilbert Smith House.

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Afghanistan Aug. 10, 2012 in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the Navy's penultimate decoration for valor, second only to the Medal of Honor. Saint Francis High School now hosts an annual scholarship dinner in his name.

Martin said the loss of his brother was a factor in his desire to serve. His grandfather's work as a physician and his immigration from Lebanon to the U.S. in 1950 also played a part, as did the work of two uncles and an aunt, who were also doctors. This family journey led Martin to the deck

of the Murtha on that April night, watching the skies for the Artemis II space capsule. Too young to have known the Apollo Space program, he stood by to aid four 21st-century astronauts if they needed his help.

The sea was calm. The wind was light. The skies were clear. The deck was silent as the men and women on the Murtha waited and watched. Manoukian's wife Elizabeth, and their two boys Leon, 3, and Anthony, 9 months, saw the drama unfold on television at home in San Diego.

"We heard the two sonic booms first," Manoukian said. "Then we could see the capsule as a small dot grew bigger and bigger. We all sort

of held our breath. It seemed to take two or three minutes before we saw the first parachute deploy and then a pause and the other chutes popped." The capsule hit the sea at a gentle 19 miles per hour and the crowd on deck let out a cheer. The four astronauts returned to our troubled planet and reported "four green" on board. That's NASA-speak for four astronauts home and safe without a scratch.

Manoukian said of his adventure, "Of all the scenarios we practiced for, this was the optimal one." That's Navy-speak for a perfect evening.

Robin Chapman is a long-time journalist, a Los Altos native, and the author of three books about California.

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The stage remained minimalist, the male dancers in simple black, blue and grey leotards, with the female dancers in short dresses above the thighs, simplest lines that best

enhanced the body sculptures moving and gliding through the scores with rhythm, momentum, tension and dynamics. It felt architectural and instinctive at once – tradition stretched into the present tense. San Francisco Ballet's "Blake Works" is one of the

most memorable performances for me – striking, dynamic, yet intimately emotional.

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of art ever created, da Vinci enthusiastically took on the project, writing a treatise on equestrian anatomy and studying the water table for the incredible depth of his casting pit. After a decade of elaborate preparation, da Vinci was ready to receive the 100 tons of bronze required. Unfortunately, Italy had just been invaded by France and the bronze was expropriated for cannons. As a concession, Ludovico commissioned another project to occupy Leonardo. He was to

paint affresco "The Last Supper" on the wall in the refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie. This biblical scene commonly graced refectory walls. Da Vinci was a brilliant polymath and, in truth, had little interest in the project proclaiming, "It is not my art." In an effort to accommodate his painting style, da Vinci deviated from traditional affresco technique, which utilized water color and quick applications for integration into the plaster. Da Vinci's use of walnut oil in the paint allowed for brighter colors, more nuance and fine details. It also allowed for peeling

and degradation. While most every Last Supper depictions were sedate, Leonardo drew upon his experience in special effects for pageants and plays and introduced drama and dynamism. He purchased a Bible to do research and interpreted the event as the announcement of Judas' betrayal. Rejecting the typical pattern books created by masters to insert stock human characters, da Vinci went on a search for interesting faces of real people. It is speculated that the face of St. James the Greater was a musician, because it was found in da Vinci's sketchbook with

what appears to be a bow in his hand. Ironically, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, may have been patterned after a well-known brutal soldier. And there's a dubious story that the villainous face of Judas is that of the friar who constantly heckled Leonardo to finish the job that took at least three years. Many of these faces were recognized at the unveiling. The work became world famous almost immediately; however, it began to fail about 20 years later. Several harmful attempts to save it using resins, shellacs and strange instruments may have reduced it to 20% of its original

composition. A stray bomb in 1943 decimated the wall next to it and an adjacent vault. Miraculously, it survived.

Dr. King concluded that "miraculous" was the word that was most used to describe "The Last Supper" over the course of the 1500s and the centuries thereafter. It was seen as a miraculous image because it was so wonderful, but it's miraculous that it has survived over 500 years despite the degradations of various restorers, despite the failure of Leonardo's technique and despite the bomb that accidentally hit it.

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Chronic vomiting in cats

By Kenton Taylor, DVM

Chronic vomiting is defined as vomiting twice or more monthly. It is very common and frequently incorrectly attributed to eating too fast, nervous stomach, hairballs or “just a puker.” Most commonly, it is due to small intestinal disease. Vomiting whole dry food is not due to eating too fast. Cats typically just swallow without chewing 80% of dry food consumed. Eating grass doesn’t cause vomiting. They eat it because they like it.

Regarding hairballs, cats have an apparent lack of organized interdigestive motility. In dogs and people, organized contractions effectively eliminate non-digestible contents larger than 1 to 2 mm in diameter. Absence of organized contractions in cats can prevent passage of hair material through the pylorus (outflow opening from the stomach) and promote retention and ultimately, formation of a hairball. Chronic small intestinal disease causes reduced small intestinal motility which then causes frequent vomiting in short-haired cats. Originally domestic cats had short hair and so only in long-haired cats will the elimination of extra hair be too much for a healthy long-haired cat’s digestive system. Overgrooming can cause an excessive amount of hair in the digestive tract leading to hairball vomiting whether the cat is short-haired or long-haired. Overgrooming can be caused by feeling itchy, stress or locations of pain. The use of petroleum-based hairball prevention products is not recommended as it is not “due to a grease deficiency.” If vomiting hairballs is less than once every two weeks, then brushing, clipping the hair short in a long-haired cat and adding water to canned food can be tried. If vomiting more than every two weeks, then it is unlikely to be caused by hairballs and time to evaluate for underlying cause. Also, if vomiting food greater than 12 hours after eating, then it is likely due to chronic small intestinal disease, which reduces small intestinal

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motility resulting in delayed stomach emptying. If vomiting is chronic and otherwise appetite is good and there has been no weight loss, you can do a one-month dietary trial with a novel protein diet or hydrolyzed protein diet to check for dietary intolerance, but this is an uncommon cause for vomiting. In kittens, a stool evaluation for parasites can be helpful and a trial of worming medication can be given as parasites are not always detected on fecal testing.

Evaluation for the cause of chronic vomiting follows a standard approach. First, radiographs or X-rays are always indicated as the test is very sensitive and specific for detecting an obstruction. Abdominal ultrasound is a very useful complement to radiographs as structural changes can be detected, including checking for thickening of the intestinal wall and possible enlargements of the mesenteric lymph node that receives lymphatic drainage from the small intestine. If the small intestinal wall is thickened, there’s a 96% chance this is either small intestinal inflammatory disease or lymphoma, a cancer. If the mesenteric lymph node is enlarged, the ultrasound can be used to guide a needle into the lymph node and get an aspirate sample. This can be a very non-invasive approach to getting information to make treatment decisions.

Chronic vomiting is very common in cats, affecting one out of five cats over 10 years of age. It is not normal and 99% of time is due to a problem at the small intestine. Absolute diagnosis of a small intestinal problem necessitates biopsies at the correct location and the full thickness of the small intestinal wall. Generally, though, an appropriate diagnosis to proceed with therapy can be obtained by abdominal ultrasound and an ultrasound-guided aspirate of the lymph node associated with the small intestine. With either inflammatory small intestinal disease or

small cell lymphoma treatment is generally very effective and both are associated with a good prognosis.

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Schools

Los Altos teachers, district approve contract with workday, leave changes

By Julia Baum

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The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new contract with its teachers union at its April 20 meeting, introducing changes to work hours, evaluation procedures and employee leave.

Negotiated between the district and the Los Altos Teachers Association (LATA), the agreement focuses on non-economic updates aimed at clarifying expectations and improving working conditions. The framework of the district's 2023-2026 contract is largely maintained, with targeted updates to articles on leave, transfers and reassignments, evaluations and the workday.

In an email, Assistant Superintendent Carrie Bosco described the process as "very collaborative," noting that the changes center on areas such as meeting time limits, teacher-directed work time and special education support.

Among the most immediate changes are new limits on staff meetings and added flexibility for teachers. While district or school-wide meetings are already capped at two per month, staff meetings are now limited to 60 minutes, except



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An audience member addresses the LASD Board of Trustees during the April 20 board meeting.

in emergencies. The contract states this timeframe is "sufficient to address necessary site matters, including but not limited to logistics and professional learning."

The agreement also formalizes flexibility for teachers on teacher-directed minimum days, stating that "teachers will have the discretion to determine the location of their work," including school,

home or another location of their choosing. On those days, teachers may focus on "lesson planning, grading, professional development, collaboration with colleagues, or other duties deemed necessary."

Several categories of employee leave are expanded in the contract, with updates spanning family, medical, and special circumstance protections. A new provision estab-

lishes leave for employees who are victims of, or have family members affected by, qualifying acts of violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The leave may be used for medical care, legal proceedings, relocation and safety planning, consistent with state law.

The contract also clarifies federal and state family leave protections under the Fam-

ily and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA), reaffirming that eligible employees may take up to 12 workweeks of protected leave for serious health conditions or family care, with the option to use accrued sick leave when available.

In addition, a new reproductive loss leave provision allows eligible employees up to five days of unpaid leave following a miscarriage, stillbirth, failed adoption or failed surrogacy, consistent with California law.

LATA President Alexandra Schroeder told the board that the contract strengthens both clarity and protections for employees.

"We know as teachers and our members are very clear that our rights are only as strong as our contract allows," Schroeder said. "So, it's really great to get some more solid language in there, more clear language."

Schroeder added that negotiations were a "nice team effort" between the district and union, emphasizing a shared goal of supporting both educators and administrators.

The contract has been ratified and will take effect moving forward, guiding working conditions for district teachers under the updated terms.

De Anza College names interim president after leadership change

By Julia Baum

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The Foothill-De Anza Community College District unanimously appointed Dr. David Wain Coon as interim president of De Anza College last month following the resignation of Omar Torres.

Torres, who began his role in January 2025, stepped down following a leave of absence that started March 17. Chancellor Lee Lambert and Vice President of Instruction Ram Subramaniam assumed administrative duties during his absence. Although Torres had been expected to return

by June 30, he ultimately resigned, citing a desire to focus on family matters. District officials have not provided additional details about his departure.

The district's Board of Trustees unanimously selected Coon in closed session on April 17, several days after Torres' departure was announced.

Coon brings extensive experience within the California Community Colleges system. He joined the system in 2005 after 15 years in higher education leadership in Washington state. He previously served as president of Evergreen Valley College and later as superin-

tendent/president of College of Marin, a position he held for 13 years beginning in 2010.

During his tenure at College of Marin, Coon oversaw major institutional initiatives across multiple campuses and the Bolinas Marine Laboratory, with a focus on equity, social justice and student success. Under his leadership, the college received the Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award in 2020 and was ranked the top community college in California and fifth nationally by Academic Influence in 2021, a distinction highlighted by Forbes. In February, the college also opened the Dr. David Wain Coon Center for

Student Success.

Lambert had been serving as the administrator in charge of De Anza since March but was unable to continue as interim president without violating accrediting commission rules.

Torres initially assumed the presidency of De Anza College on Jan. 3, 2025, and was praised by Lambert at the time for his "passion and enthusiasm" and commitment to equity and student success.

At a Feb. 2 Academic Senate meeting, Torres apologized for a proposed restructuring plan introduced in October 2025. The proposal would have merged the Intercultural

and Social Science divisions and moved World Languages under the Language Arts division. The plan was intended to align with California's Vision 2030 initiative, which focuses on expanding access by meeting students where they are and recognizing prior learning to support economic mobility.

The district said it will move forward with a search for a permanent president but has not outlined a specific timeline. Officials said such searches typically take several months and include campus input along with national recruitment. Additional details about the search process are expected in the coming weeks.



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Stepping Out

PA Players' musical version of 'Frozen' continues at Lucie Stern

By Mia Scott
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Palo Alto Players brings the magic of Arendelle to the stage with its musical production of "Frozen," which opened last week and runs through May 10 at Lucie Stern Theatre.

The story follows sisters Elsa and Anna, their complex relationship and the burdens of royal expectation.

The transition from screen to stage allows for more exploration of the characters than in the original film, according to Astraea Parker Brown, who plays Elsa.

"The musical Elsa has a lot more content and information about her," Brown said. "For example, she has the knowledge of 'Frozen 2,' and that's tied into the musical."

Brown described her character as being like dry ice – so cold that it burns. Brown noted that Elsa is constantly trying to keep her emotions inside, which leads to her running away.

"She has so much love for her sister and family, but because of her power, she can't come near them," Brown said. "Her story is about longing and wishing for family."

Brown added that one of the most challenging aspects of playing Elsa is portraying the character's stillness during her moments of calm. Because she does not interact directly with the actors playing Elsa's parents – as those scenes feature the younger versions of the sisters – Brown said she relies on the "faded effect" of Elsa's memories



PHOTO BY SCOTT LASKY

Elsa (Astraea Brown) and Anna (Lauren Berling) star in Palo Alto Players' "Frozen," playing through May 10 at Lucie Stern Theatre.

to ground her performance.

"My heart hurts every time Anna and I do our scenes together," Brown said. "Because she has just this beautiful soul that she brings to it."

Sadat Hossain takes on the role of Kristoff, Anna's love interest. Hossain said he enjoys playing the character due to his sarcasm and eventual growth into a loving, understanding hero. This production marks Hossain's debut with Palo Alto Players after moving to the area from Texas.

In a first for Hossain, he works alongside an actor on stilts wearing a large headpiece. That is Peter Bullen, who plays Sven. Hossain noted that the role's physicality helps bring the setting to life, particularly during intense scenes he does with Bullen like when they are singing

"Colder By the Minute" amid a blizzard.

Both actors praised the design team's work in creating the ice bridge, staircase and castle doors. The production recently completed its sitzprobe, where the cast sang with the full orchestra for the first time.

Ultimately, both actors hope the audience leaves feeling inspired.

"The world is heavy right now, so I would love just to bring any light to people's lives that we can," Brown said.

The musical runs nearly two and a half hours, with one intermission. Lucie Stern Theatre is located at 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$55-\$65.

For times, tickets and more information, paplayers.org/event/frozen.

Other events to step out to this week

- **Music on Castro**, 5-6:45 p.m. today (April 29) and subsequent Wednesdays through October

Visit downtown Mountain View for free live local and regional talent while exploring downtown shops and dining. Innuendo performs today; The Purely Collective follows on May 6.

Performances take place on the 200 block of Castro Street, close to the Dana Street intersection. Visit MountainView.gov/MusicOnCastro for more information.

- **Los Altos First Friday**, 6-9 p.m. May 1
First Friday is a free community event

featuring 10-15 bands playing simultaneously throughout downtown Los Altos. Stroll around and listen, or enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants with live music. For more information on the bands and where they'll be playing, visit losaltosfirstfriday.fun.

In addition to the First Friday music, Arts Los Altos hosts guided walking tours through downtown's murals and sculptures. The tours run 5-6 p.m. starting at the Mandahlia sculpture in front of the Assistance League, 169 State Street at Third. For more information, visit artslosaltos.org/walkingtours.

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Sports

St. Francis baseball solidifies hold on WCAL

By Curtis Driscoll

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St. Francis' shutout streak reached three games with a 5-0 win over Valley Christian Friday to sweep the series and keep possession of first place in the tough West Catholic Athletic League.

St. Francis' last three opponents have been unable to get a run across the plate thanks to a potent blend of pitching and defense. St. Francis (18-3) beat St. Ignatius 3-0 two weeks ago and Valley Christian by a combined score of 12-0 over two games Wednesday and Friday. Six of its last seven games have been shutout wins. St. Francis coach Erik Wagle credited the defense with playing and practicing at a high level throughout the season, and he can't remember many errors from the defense. One of the biggest defensive plays of the game came on a relay throw home at the

top of the sixth by St. Francis to tag out the runner and save a run.

"The other unsung hero out of all of this is the defense. Our defense is incredible," Wagle said.

Kyle McMillan pitched 6 1/3 innings Friday, striking out seven on just four hits for St. Francis. McMillan also credited the defense with making big plays to keep Friday's score in St. Francis' favor.

"It's a really fun thing to watch and experience, and it's just really nice to have that kind of defense behind you," McMillan said.

The team is also getting healthy, with pitcher Ian McMahon returning from injury and closing out the game Friday, while starting catcher Gino Cappellazzo is back after being out for two weeks. Cappellazzo, a Santa Clara University commit, is a four-year



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St. Francis baserunner Tanner Wall scores during the game against Valley Christian Friday. St. Francis won 5-0 and is now 18-3 on the season, sitting in first place in the West Catholic Athletic League at 7-1.

varsity player who has been a steady presence behind the plate that pitchers trust.

"When you return the best catcher in the league to the

team that was playing really well anyway, it's pretty nice," Wagle said.

Both St. Francis and Valley Christian entered Wednesday

with an identical league record of 5-1. St. Francis is now 7-1 in the WCAL, with Bellarmine and St. Ignatius tied for second place at 6-2.

Los Altos dive team shines at SCVAL championship meet

Town Crier Report

Alex Crosby and Victoria So finished atop the individual leaderboard at the SCVAL Championship Wednesday for the Los Altos dive team, qualifying for the Central Coast Section playoffs May 5.

Crosby led the boys with 542 points and qualified for the Central Coast Section playoffs on May 5, while So finished first among the girls with 501.40 points. Eli Hill finished third in the boys section for Los Altos with a score of 432.90, also qualifying for CCS playoffs. Los Altos competes in the De Anza Division of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League.

Crosby, a sophomore, has finished first at nearly every dual meet this year while going to several national meets as well during the high school season. His score of 542 was just shy of the school record of 560, Los Altos dive coach Kayley Gould said. She believes he has the chance to break the record in future years and could

score in the 600s.

"This year, he has been incredible, even just this season, I have seen him grow so much," she said.

So, a senior, who will be diving at NYU in the fall, has been on the varsity team for all four years and made CCS every year. Her score at SCVAL was just short of the school record, Gould said.

"It's been really nice to have her on the team; she's always helping coach the other divers, especially the newer divers," Gould said.

Hill is a transfer from Kings Academy and is a junior who has grown as a diver since the season started. Gould noted he has learned the complicated inward dive straight and now makes it part of his routine during competitions.

"He is just always willing to learn, work hard, he's at practice every single day," Hill said.

The CCS championship will be May 5 at Lynbrook High School, with the boys meet at 9 a.m. and the girls meet at 2 p.m.



COURTESY OF WAYNE CROSBY

Los Altos High School diver Alex Crosby competes during the SCVAL De Anza Division championship Wednesday. Crosby finished in first and qualified for CCS.

Los Altos baseball snaps streak against LG

Town Crier Report

After years of battling Los Gatos and falling just short, the Los Altos baseball team beat the Wildcats Friday 4-2, thanks to a stellar start from pitcher Anders Wood.

Los Gatos had a 12-game winning streak against Los Altos that stretched back to 2019, but Los Altos jumped out to an early 4-0 lead by the third inning that helped it settle against a quality opponent, Los Altos coach Gabe Stewart said.

“We scored first, and they were in the situation of having to pursue, and I think that gave us a lot of confidence,” Stewart said.

Los Altos (8-11) gave Los Gatos (17-3) its first SCVAL

De Anza Division loss of the season, with Los Altos now tied for third place at 7-5 with Wilcox, while Los Gatos sits at the top at 10-1. The win also helps Los Altos in its push for an automatic Central Coast Section playoff berth, with the top four teams getting automatic bids. Homestead sits in fifth place at 5-6 in league play.

Cooper Very led Los Altos with two RBIs, while Wood had seven strikeouts and one earned run.

The Eagles split the two-game series this week with the Wildcats, losing 7-1 Wednesday after the Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first. Los Altos travels to play Santa Clara 4 p.m. Wednesday.



CERISE WONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos pitcher Anders Wood gave up one earned run and struck out seven in a 4-2 win over Los Gatos Friday, helping Los Altos snap a losing streak against Los Gatos that had gone on since 2019.



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Los Altos High School student builds civic reporting app

By Julia Baum
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A Los Altos High School sophomore has launched a new mobile app aimed at helping residents report infrastructure problems – from potholes to broken streetlights – within seconds.

The app, called Civic Pulse, allows users to drop a pin, upload a photo and submit reports in minutes. Other residents can then view nearby submissions and upvote problems that affect them, helping more urgent concerns rise to the top.

For developer Devansh Sanghavi, the idea for Civic Pulse began years before he started coding. As early as third or fourth grade, Sanghavi would bike around his neighborhood noticing problems.

“I’d see cracked sidewalks and problems that weren’t getting fixed in a timely manner,”

Sanghavi said.

Last year, he began building a platform to streamline how those issues are reported and shared among residents.

Unlike traditional city reporting systems or third-party 311-style apps, Sanghavi said Civic Pulse focuses on accessibility and community engagement. Users can scroll a forum-like feed or view a live map of reports, while an upvote system helps signal which issues affect the most people.

“The biggest difference is that this is very accessible,” he said. The upvote system, he added, “just makes it easier for the city to see what they need to work on.”

He also noted that many existing systems require cities to pay for access, while Civic Pulse is designed to be lightweight and community-driven.

Since launching the app a few weeks ago, Sanghavi said

it has gained about 30 active users, primarily from his local community. He has not yet formally presented the app to city officials, but said he is working toward expanding outreach and gathering feedback.

“I haven’t officially shown this to city officials yet,” he said. “Right now I’m trying to get feedback from people around me.”

Civic Pulse lets residents browse reports, submit issues, and view a shared map. Reports can include photos, descriptions and exact locations, and appear immediately after submission.

Among current examples in the app are suggestions for infrastructure improvements such as new stop signs, and reports of malfunctioning pedestrian lights, potholes and graffiti.

Sanghavi said one of the See APPLICATION, Page 27



COURTESY OF DEVANSH SANGHAVI

Civic Pulse allows residents, including those pictured, to report civic and infrastructure issues around them.

Protecting children in an ever-growing digital age

Family Features

Keeping a watchful eye on your kids requires an increasing level of tech savvy many parents find intimidating. Not only are your kids vulnerable to bad actors online, but your family’s personal information could be at risk, as well.

Learn how to protect your children and family in this digital age with these tips:

Elementary-age children

- Encourage open communication. Have conversations about what your kids see and do online and talk with them about potential dangers. Avoid lecturing in favor of an open exchange of information.

- Make their inherent interest in privacy work in your favor. Kids in this age group,

particularly toward the middle school years, understand the concept of privacy and value it immensely. Use that context to help them understand what goes online is there to stay. Talk about what kinds of information should always be kept private, including identifying details like addresses and social security numbers.

- Stay on alert. Not all apps are completely safe (even the ones you can access from trusted stores) and not all filters are foolproof. Keep close tabs on what your kids are downloading by reading comments and reviews, and regularly monitoring what kind of content they see.

Middle- and high-school kids

- Continue talking about privacy. You can never have

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Celebrating diversity at BCS



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Bullis Charter School students participate in the school’s annual Diversity Celebration Saturday. Students celebrated their cultures at the school’s Los Altos campus.

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6 tips from doctors to keep your kids safe at summer camp



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Summer inches closer as April comes to a close, and kids will soon transition from classrooms to camps.

Statepoint

As you get ready to send kids to summer camp, the American Medical Association (AMA) is encouraging you to follow these tips to make sure your child is prepared for a safe and healthy experience:

Be sun aware

Kids will spend a good portion of their day outside. Protect your child from damaging UV rays by applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30 before camp each day. Send a bottle with them so they can reapply every two or three hours. Also consider UV protective clothes and hats.

Avoid bug bites

The summer months bring out the bugs, and your kids will likely encounter them at summer camp. To keep your kids safe from insect bites and insect-borne diseases, have them wear loose-fitting, light-weight long sleeves and pants when possible and avoid clothes with bright colors and floral prints, which often attract bugs. Using an EPA-registered insect repellent is an effective way to protect your child from mosquito and tick bites, particularly in the early morning and at dusk. Avoid choosing products that combine bug spray and sunscreen, because they are most effective when applied separately. Always check your child's skin for ticks after being outdoors as insect repellent doesn't kill ticks, and they can remain on clothes and skin long after the camp day is done.

Ticks are most likely to attach to areas where clothing is tight to the skin, like the waistband of pants, as well as the hairline and behind the ears. More information about bug safety from JAMA Pediatrics can be found at jamanetwork.com.

Prepare for allergies

Seasonal and food-related allergies can spoil your child's fun. Be sure to pack your child's EpiPen or other allergy medication. If your child comes in contact with a food or environmental allergen that has been known to cause an allergic reaction, ensure they and camp supervisors know to act quickly.

Pack healthy food

If you are packing your child's lunch and snacks, include fruits, vegetables, lean proteins and whole grains. Try to pack at least two-thirds of their meal with plant-based foods. Strive to include lean protein or plant-based protein and avoid processed meats and sugar-sweetened drinks such as soda and juice. Hydration is also important in the summer sun since kids, especially when physically active, are at a higher risk for heat-related illnesses. Make sure they have plenty of water in reusable containers.

MMR vaccination

Be aware that the United States is seeing the highest number of measles cases in more than 30 years, and measles spreads very easily, often before you realize you're sick. Measles is more than a rash. It is an extremely contagious, airborne virus that can cause severe health complications, particularly for babies and young children – including pneumonia, brain swelling, blindness and even death. The MMR vaccine is the best way to avoid spreading measles, mumps and rubella and prevent children from getting sick. There is no treatment for these infections, so vaccination is the best defense. Nearly everyone who doesn't get the MMR vaccine will get sick if exposed to measles, mumps or

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biggest challenges in developing the platform was technical troubleshooting during the coding process, as well as learning how to engage directly with community members.

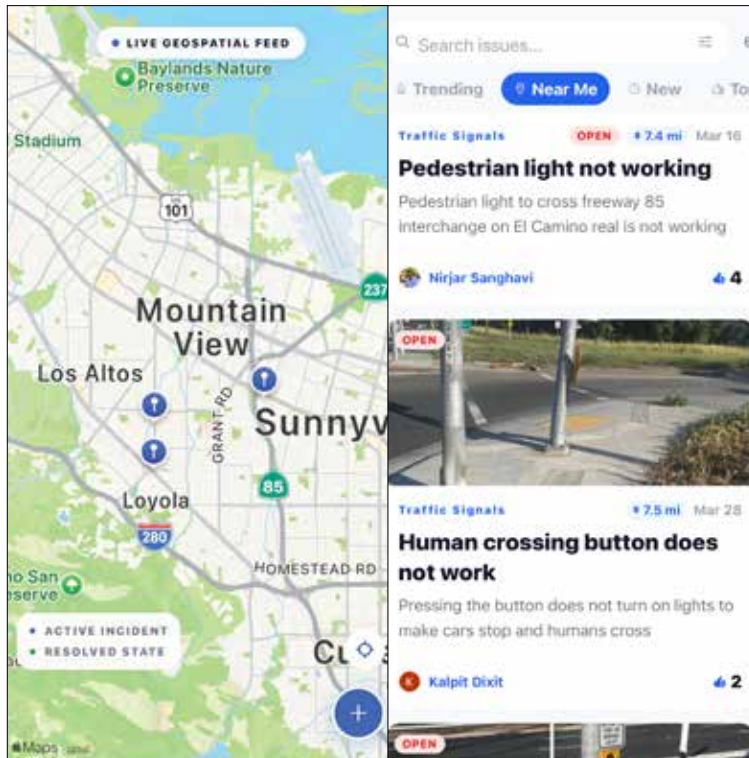
“I also learned more about outreach, how to speak with people around you and figure out what they want and need,” he added.

Looking ahead, Sanghavi hopes Civic Pulse will help cities respond more quickly and transparently to local issues by providing real-time feedback from residents.

“Especially with this upvote system, it just gets easier for the city to see what they need to work on,” he said.

Sanghavi also emphasized the importance of accuracy and moderation, noting that the app includes safeguards like duplicate detection and rate limiting to reduce spam or false reports.

As for future development, he hopes to expand the app’s service area beyond Los Altos



SCREENSHOTS OF CIVIC PULSE APP

Above is the interface of Civic Pulse, an app launched by Los Altos High School student Devansh Sanghavi.

and improve features based on user feedback. The app is currently available on the Apple App Store, with an Android version in development.

Ultimately, Sanghavi said the goal is simple: Make it eas-

ier for residents to notice problems and easier for cities to act on them.

“People who are active in the city, people who want to see change done – that is what the app is perfect for.”

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rubella. Be sure to get your child vaccinated to protect against severe complications. Doing so will help keep them from missing out on summer camp and help parents and families from missing work to care for a sick child.

Arrange medications

If your child needs to take a prescription medication while at

camp, talk with camp organizers and counselors before camp begins to make sure there's a plan in place for safely storing and administering the medication.

"From campfires to making new friends, summer camp is packed with fun and adventure for kids. With a bit of thoughtful preparation, kids can have fun while staying safe along the way," said AMA President Bobby Mukkamala, MD.

For more health tips and resources visit ama-assn.org.

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too many conversations about privacy. What seems like harmless sharing on social media can be quite revealing. For example, frequent posts about visits to a favorite store or restaurant can allow a predator to begin tracking behavior patterns that make your child a target. It's also important for kids to understand how their privacy settings work. For example, settings that allow exposure to friends of friends make their visibility to strangers much broader than they may realize.

- Help manage their online reputation. Behaviors that once resulted in a day or two of hallway chatter can now live forever. Documenting mischief online is only fun until it spills over into real life and everyone sees those mistakes in full color – including prospective future employers.

- Be clear about your position on bullying. From the safe distance of a screen, it's easier for kids (and adults) to say things they'd never say in person. Teach your kids to handle problems constructively offline and avoid engaging in attacks on others through social media, email and other platforms.

College students

- Reinforce the risks. Once they're on their own, kids may feel more liberated to make their own choices online. However, college students are easy prey for identity theft and




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Teaching kids internet safety should begin early.

worse. Remind them what's at stake if they fail to protect their identity and private information, like where they live and what they do on a regular basis.

- Teach smart practices. With all the independence that comes with college life, this is an ideal time for your student to take personal responsibility for his or her online security, including learning about virus protection, updating software, avoiding scams and backing up data.

For more practical advice for everyday family matters, visit eLivingtoday.com.



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Business & Real Estate

Chez TJ in Mountain View closes doors after 43 years

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Fine-dining Mountain View restaurant Chez TJ has closed after 43 years in operation.

The closing was announced on April 15 in an Instagram post.

“After more than four decades of welcoming guests into our historic Victorian home, Chez TJ will be closing its doors. This has not been an easy decision, and one made with great care and reflection. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has dined with us, celebrated with us, and been part of our story over the years. From memorable evenings to meaningful milestones, it has been an honor to share our table with you. To our guests, our team, and our community – thank you

for being part of Chez TJ,” the post said.

Known as a culinary destination, Chez TJ was also an architectural landmark.

According to a city staff report, the Victorian style building is one of the few structures from the early development of the Bay Area Peninsula that is still standing.

“938 Villa Street, now Chez TJ, was built for Julius Weilheimer, one of Mountain View’s most prominent pioneer families. A property survey states that the Weilheimer home was built in 1894,” said the report, quoted by the advocacy group Livable Mountain View on its website.

According to SFGATE, Chez TJ served contemporary French cuisine and was headed by restaurateur George Aviet. Chez TJ opened in November 1982 and earned its first Michelin star in 2007.



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Chez TJ, a longstanding Mountain View restaurant, has shuttered after decades in operation.

Protecting homeowners: Real estate scams rise locally

By Owen Halliday

Real estate in Los Altos and the surrounding Peninsula has long been a cornerstone of financial security and generational wealth. Unfortunately, that same value has made local homeowners an increasingly attractive target for sophisticated scams. From fraudulent sales of vacant land to wire fraud and predatory “all-cash” offers aimed at seniors, these schemes are evolving and becoming harder to detect. I have seen a disturbing increase in the number and sophistication of scams. Understanding how these scams work is the first step in protecting yourself and your neighbors.

Vacant land and property title fraud

One of the fastest-growing scams involves the fraudulent sale of vacant land or unoccupied homes. Criminals impersonate property owners, often targeting properties without mortgages or with absentee owners, and list them for sale. They typically push for quick, all-cash transactions to avoid scrutiny.

Because these properties are often unattended, the real owner may not realize anything is wrong until after

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the sale has occurred or title has been transferred. In high-value areas like Los Altos Hills and parts of Santa Clara County, even a single fraudulent transaction can involve millions of dollars.

What to watch for:

- Unsolicited inquiries about selling land or properties
- Requests to conduct transactions entirely remotely
- Buyers or sellers who refuse to meet in person or verify identity
- A For Sale sign goes up on a neighborhood house unexpectedly

Transaction wire fraud

Wire fraud remains one of the most financially devastating scams in real estate. In these cases, hackers gain access to email accounts involved in a transaction, such as those of agents, escrow officers or buyers, and send legitimate-looking instructions that redirect funds to fraudulent accounts.

Because real estate transactions often involve large sums and tight

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Los Altos salon shuts down



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

Mimi & Coco the Salon, formerly located at 292 Plaza Central in Los Altos, has closed after almost 30 years in business.

By Christina Casillas
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Mimi & Coco the Salon, which has provided services in Los Altos for more than 30 years, has shuttered.

According to Mirela Howe, who worked at Mimi & Coco the Salon for approximately 22 years, the salon shuttered due to the owner’s health.

Since the salon’s shuttering, all the employees who previously worked at Mimi & Coco the Salon have moved to surrounding locations.

“Now all the girls from Mimi & Coco are at (Voila Hair Design) just down the street from Mimi & Coco, so we all relocated there and we’re all really happy.”

For more on Voila Hair Design, visit voilahairdesign.com.

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timelines, victims may not realize the mistake until the money is gone.

How to protect yourself:

- Always verify wire instructions by calling a known, trusted phone number. Check the title company's website for the correct phone number
- Never rely solely on email for financial instructions
- Be wary of last-minute changes to payment details

Identity theft and deed fraud

Identity theft is also being used to facilitate property theft. Scammers may forge documents to transfer ownership of a home or take out loans against it without the owner's knowledge. In some cases, homeowners only discover the fraud when they receive foreclosure notices or tax bills for unfamiliar transactions.

This type of fraud disproportionately affects older homeowners who may have significant equity and fewer

active financial monitoring systems in place.

Preventive steps:

- Regularly check property records with the county recorder's office
- Consider title monitoring or identity protection services
- Review financial statements and credit reports frequently
- All three credit bureaus (Equifax, TransUnion and Experian) offer credit "freezes" which would block a scammer from using those bureaus to set up new credit

Elder abuse

A particularly troubling trend is the targeting of older adults with unsolicited "all-cash, quick-close" offers. While some investors operate legitimately, others use high-pressure tactics, misleading valuations or complex contracts to acquire homes well below market value.

In some cases, scammers exploit cognitive decline or isolation, pushing seniors to make rushed decisions without consulting family members



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Buying a home can be tricky, especially as scams abound locally.

or advisors. With home prices soaring, when someone offers a large price for an older home, there might be a tendency to just take it without knowing that the true value of the property is actually much higher.

Warning signs:

- Pressure to accept an offer immediately
- Offers significantly below market value framed as "convenience"
- Requests to sign documents without independent

review

- Someone wanting a long escrow period. They might try to sell it to someone else at an even higher price and never actually take ownership – just keeping the profit

Community effort

Real estate scams are not just financial crimes – they can be deeply personal, often affecting individuals' sense of security and trust. In a close-knit community like Los Altos,

awareness and vigilance are key.

Neighbors, family members and professionals all play a role in prevention. If something seems unusual, whether it's a sudden sale of a nearby vacant lot or a friend mentioning a too-good-to-be-true offer, it's worth taking a closer look.

The common thread across these scams is urgency and deception. Fraudsters rely on speed, confusion and a lack of verification to succeed. Slowing down, asking questions and involving trusted professionals can make all the difference.

As our local real estate market continues to thrive, so too must our commitment to protecting it and each other from those who seek to exploit it.

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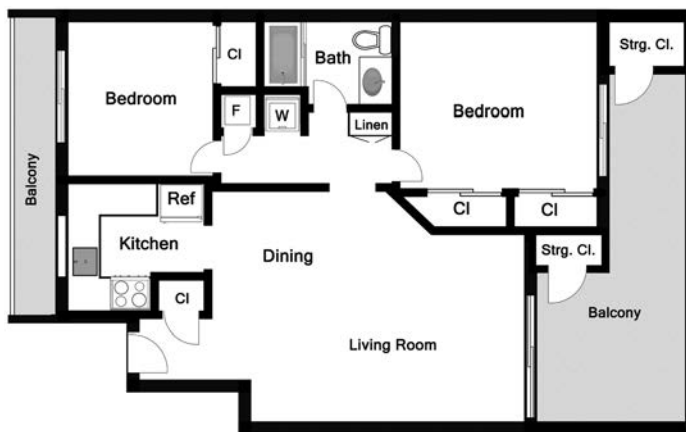
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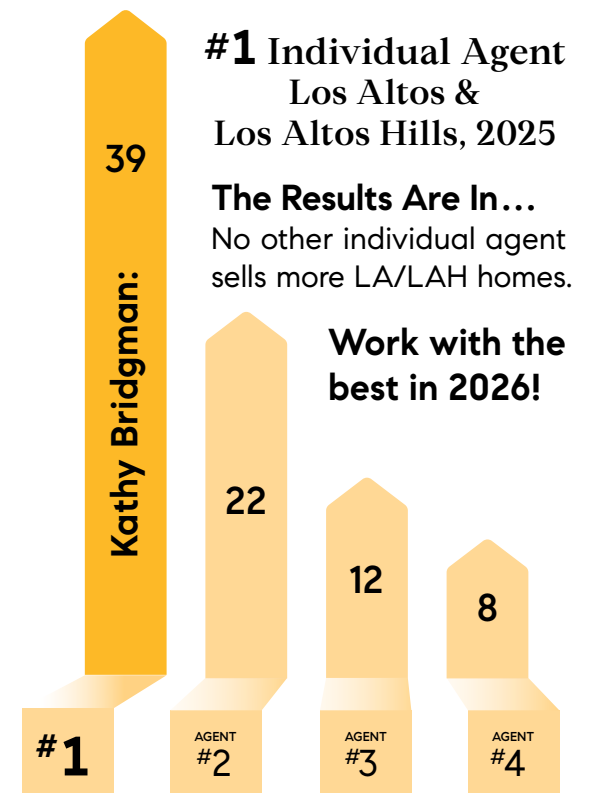
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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CREATIVELY SEEMA, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 02/19/2026 Under File No. FBN723947 Full Name of Registrant(s): TRSOFT, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 This business was conducted by: a corporation This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Apr. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN725969 (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

094-T

TOTAL CLEANING! FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726065

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TOTAL CLEANING!, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Milton Saravia, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/20/2021. /S/ Milton Saravia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2026. (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

093-T

T.S. No.: 200-020124E Title Order No. 91238022 APN: 003-01-033 & 120-01-018 Property Address: 235 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD & 660 PALO ALTO AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CA 94301 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/8/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale of the Trustor's interest will be made to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale in cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title,

possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: VICTOR SZCZERBA and JOLANTA SZCZERBA, AS TRUSTEES OF THE SZCZERBA FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 10, 2016 Duly Appointed Trustee: PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. Recorded 8/9/2022, as Instrument No. 25355647, The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement of Real Estate Secured Equity Credit Line Revolving Loan Agreement secured by Deed of Trust recorded as Instrument 25695851 and recorded on 09/09/2024 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale: 5/13/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,785,830.82 (estimated as of the first publication date) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 235 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD & 660 PALO ALTO AVENUE PALO ALTO, CA 94301 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The following statements; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a

court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 200-020124E. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 200-020124E to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 4/15/2026 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: 408-370-4030 5446 Thornwood Drive, Second Floor San Jose, California 95123 Elizabeth A. Godbey, Vice President NPP0488042 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 04/22/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/06/2026 (04-22-29-26,05-06,13-26)

092-T

APEAK CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725625

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: APEAK CONSTRUCTION, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yvonne F Szu, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014, Mark A Logie, 898 Hyde Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2026. /S/ Mark A Logie / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/08/2026. (04-22-29-26,05-06,13-26)

090-T

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR

2026 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received by the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside "**Bid For 2026 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project**".

2. WORK DESCRIPTION. This project consists of improving various segments of the existing sanitary sewer system. The scope of work for base and alternate bids includes, but not limited to, mobilization and demobilization; potholing all crossing utilities; cleaning/de-rooting and color video inspection of the sewer mains prior to construction; grubbing, tree removal and tree trimming, replacing existing sewer mains with the open trench method; reconnecting sewer mains to existing manholes; modifying the concrete flow channel; reconnecting sewer laterals to new sewer mains; installing new sewer manholes; lowering manhole frames and covers to grade; providing post-installation cleaning, and color video inspection; repair and/or replacement of pavement markings, restoring all improvements disturbed by the project at various locations throughout the Town of Los Altos Hills; replacing landscape in kind to the original condition; replacing the asphalt pavement, and replacing all damaged properties caused by this work; and doing all appurtenant work as shown and described in the contract documents with the title of **2026 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project** dated **4/9/2026** and on file in the office of the Public Works Director. The project Plans and Specifications/Contract Documents can be downloaded from the Town of Los Altos Hills website at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx>.

3. WORKING DAYS. Work under this Contract is to be completed in **FIFTY (50)** working days from the notice to proceed for the **BASE BID and TWENTY (20)** working days for all three **ALTERNATE BIDS (ALTERNATE 1 - BID ITEM 16-17 - SIX (6) working days; ALTERNATE 2 - BID ITEM 18-19 - FOUR (4) working days; and ALTERNATE 3 - BID ITEM 20-21 - TEN (10) working days.**

4. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. If the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the time specified in the Contract Documents, including any authorized extensions, the Contractor shall pay to the Owner, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of **Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) per working day** for each day of delay until Substantial Completion is achieved.

The parties acknowledge that actual damages resulting from delay would be difficult to ascertain with certainty, and that the stipulated amount is a reasonable estimate of such damages at the time of contracting. Liquidated damages shall be cumulative and may be

deducted from any monies due or to become due to the Contractor.

5. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. Both **Class "A"** and **Class "C-36"** Contractor's Licenses are required for bidders to bid on this project. **If a bidder does not have the required license classifications, the bidder's bid proposal shall be considered non-responsive, and the bid will be rejected.** No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

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

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

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

9. PRE-BID MEETING. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026**, at the Town of Los Altos Hills Town Hall located at 26379 Fremont Road in the Town of Los Altos Hills. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. This meeting includes a field visit to construction sites. Bidder's attendance is **optional**.

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

11. OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents is available for inspection without charge at the office of the Public Works Department, Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (b) A complete set of said Contract Documents is available for viewing and downloads from the Town's website at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx>.

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

13. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS. Any bid may be withdrawn at any

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

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

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

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

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

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

19. SHORING AND BRACING. Pursuant to the provisions of the California Labor Code Section 6707, each bid submitted in response to this Notice to Bidders shall contain, as included in each bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. By listing this sum, the bidder warrants that its

action does not convey tort liability to the Town, Engineer, and their employees, agents, and subconsultants.

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

Dated: April 8, 2026
/s/ Arika M. Birdsong-Miller
City Clerk
(04-22,29-26)

089-T

T.S. No.: 25-17271 Loan No.: *****1332 APN: 336-02-065 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/7/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Lawrence L.M. Wu And Mealea Men, Husband And Wife As Community Property With Right Of Survivorship Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 3/14/2022 as Instrument No. 25259278 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale: 5/13/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse

Public Notices

191 N. First St., San Jose, CA
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$4,803,076.60
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 730 S El Monte Ave Los Altos, California 94022
A.P.N.: 336-02-065
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Website <https://prestige-postandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-17271. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website <https://prestige-postandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-17271 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest

bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.
Date: 4/8/2026
Prestige Default Services, LLC
1920 Old Tustin Ave.
Santa Ana, California 92705
Questions: 949-427-2010
Sale Line: (949) 776-4697
Nida Taylor, Foreclosure Coordinator
PPP # 26-003871
(04-22,29-26,05-06-26)

088-T

**VELORA COACHING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN725573**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) VELORA COACHING, (2) DANCING IN COLLEGE, 664 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE BAY AREA DANCE SCHOOL, LLC, 664 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Leyla Boissonnade / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/07/2026. (04-15,22,29-26,05-06-26)

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**IMPACT THROUGH EQUITY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN725549**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: IMPACT THROUGH EQUITY, 124 Del Monte Ave, 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): Jocelyn Lee, 124 Del Monte Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jocelyn Lee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/06/2026. (04-15,22,29-26,05-06-26)

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T.S. NO.: 112-020117E APN: 132-66-001; 132-66-002; 132-66-003; 132-66-004; 132-66-005; 132-66-006; 132-66-007; 132-66-008; 132-66-009; 132-66-010; 132-66-011 Property Address: 4115 EL CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO, CA 94306
NOTICE OF UNIFIED TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AND SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED 11/2/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU

SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 5/6/2026, 10:00 AM, PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 11/5/2021, as Document No. 25156545, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara, California, executed by Y & J MICHELE WAY LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor, AVIDBANK, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by Cash, a Cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4115 EL CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO, CA 94306. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warrant, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$17,748,690.99* (estimated as of the first publication date). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase the figure prior to sale. *This loan is also secured by the following Deeds of Trust: Deed of Trust recorded in San Mateo County, CA on 3/29/2024 Instrument #2024-016531, as modified Deed of Trust recorded in Santa Clara County, CA on 3/29/2024 Instrument #25616402, as modified Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Security Agreement dated 11/2/2021, between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to evoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, as Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. See the Deed of Trust, if applicable. The personal property which was given as security for trustor's obligation is described as: All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of person-

al property now or hereafter owned by Debtor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property. The words "Personal Property" also include all tangible and intangible items obtained or owned by, or in the possession of Debtor that are directly or indirectly related to the acquisition, development, design, construction, permitting, marketing, or habitation of the Real Property or the Improvements to be constructed on the Real Property, whether heretofore or hereafter issued, prepared, or executed, including without limitation all permits, licenses, authorizations and approvals, trademarks and tradenames, and any and all land use entitlements, development rights, sewer capacity, approvals, density allocations and other rights or approvals relating to or authorizing the development or occupancy of the Property, plus all utility or other deposits, reimbursement rights, studies/tests, contracts, plans and specifications, relating to the Property and Improvements; whether any of the foregoing is owned now or acquired later; all accessions, additions, replacements, and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing; all records of any kind relating to any of the foregoing. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is" "where is". The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County here the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether

your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 112-020117E. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 112-020117E to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 4/1/2026 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: (408) 370-4030 5446 Thornwood Drive, 2nd Floor San Jose, CA 95123 Elizabeth A. Godbey, Vice President NPP0487488 To: LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER 04/15/2026, 04/22/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/06/2026 (04-15,22,29-26)

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**A1 COMPLETE AUTO CARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN725128**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) A1 COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR, (2) A1 FOREIGN AUTO REPAIR, 1544 West El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): EDGE AUTOWORKS LLC, 1066 Salerno Dr, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/25/2026. /S/ Sam Jackson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/25/2026. (04-15,22,29-26,05-06-26)

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**THE FRONT DOOR EDIT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN725480**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE FRONT DOOR EDIT, 6759 Velvet Meadow Ct, San Jose, CA, 95120, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE EDITS BY MY LLC, 6759 Velvet Meadow Ct, San Jose, CA 95120. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/28/2026. /S/ Maryann Cristofi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/03/2026. (04-15,22,29-26,05-06-26)

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**ALRI INTERPRETING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN725440**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALRI INTERPRETING SERVICES, 1236 Calle Oriente Apt 2, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ana Guadalupe Magallon, 1236 Calle Oriente Apt 2, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/27/2023. /S/ Ana Guadalupe Magallon / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/02/2026. (04-15,22,29-26,05-06-26)

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Datebook

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

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Other events: Coexisting with Urban Wildlife**, 2 p.m. May 2. Learn about the wildlife that live in Silicon Valley, as well as how to coexist with them. Silicon Valley Wildlife Group will discuss their ongoing research on local wildlife. **Ekphrastic Creative Writing Poetry Workshop**, 2 p.m. May 9. Masuma Ahmed will lead an ekphrastic creative writing poetry workshop fostering appreciation for the interplay between visual and literary art while encouraging self-expression and creativity. Ahmed's Celebration of Women art exhibit will be on display at the Los Altos Library all of May. **Patterned Flower Drawing for Adults and Teens**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Orchard Room. Learn patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo traditions, and then use them to draw flowers. Program designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. Free. **Origami Craft for Adults and Teens**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. Orchard Room. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the library with local, sustainable artist Gigi Farmer. Participants will create a lotus origami flower and a kimono origami card. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. Free. **The Messenger of Peace: A Fabric Sculpture Workshop**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Celebrate AAPI Month with sustainable artist Leila Ghasempour in an educational, hands-on masterclass where art, history, and intention meet. Participants will explore the cultural semiotics of the Japanese crane, a timeless symbol of hope and longevity, while learning precision textile construction to create a three-dimensional Messenger. Each participant's work will then be gathered to form a collaborative community installation. The program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.



OBITUARY NOTICE

JEROME (JERRY) CARTER LEWIS



May 10, 1935 –
April 18, 2026

Always one to go the distance, Jerome (Jerry) Carter Lewis's passing at age 90 on April 18th in his home in Mountain View, California brings to close another remarkable run in a life

defined by endurance, purpose and devotion.

Jerry was born in San Francisco. He spent most of his life in Santa Clara County, growing up in Los Altos and graduating from Mountain View High School. His leadership skills became evident at age 14 when he became an Eagle Scout. In high school, he lettered in football and track – the latter launching his lifelong passion as an elite runner. He ran a 4:19 mile in college and a 2:44 marathon while in his 40s. He was also featured on the cover of *Runner's World* magazine in August 1977.

After a year at Santa Clara University, he earned a congressional appointment to the U.S. Military Academy West Point. There he competed in cross-country and track, serving as captain of the cross-country team in 1957. On graduation day in 1958, he married Barbara Anne Harvey, whom he met at a summer dance in the Santa Cruz

Mountains. Their union was celebrated with a traditional West Point ceremony beneath the Arch of Sabers.

As newlyweds, Jerry and Barbara embarked on a military career taking them across the U.S. and Europe. They lived in Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, and spent three years in Germany at the foot of the Alps. He was a Ranger in the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery and completed 39 parachute jumps. In Europe, he served as a Battery Commander and worked on the 7th Army NCO Academy and coached the U.S. Military Pentathlon team. In 1965, after seven years in the Army, where he rose to the rank of Captain, Jerry and Barbara returned to Santa Clara County for civilian life.

Jerry was among the pioneers of a burgeoning Silicon Valley. He was a Systems Analyst at United Airlines for four years before joining Lockheed Martin where he spent 32 years. He

retired in 2001 as a Test Engineer in Space Systems. He loved being part of the Valley's dynamic growth.

Above all, Jerry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather – a true family man. He cherished time with his loved ones and instilled in them a deep appreciation for the outdoors. Camping, skiing, cycling and hiking were central to his life. He was also a steadfast caregiver to his wife Barbara throughout her years of declining health. His commitment extended to his faith and community – for decades, he served as an usher at St. William Catholic Church, organized high school reunions, and acted as a vital point of connection for his West Point class of 1958.

This past year, Jerry resided at BridgePoint Senior Living in Los Altos where he formed new friendships, enjoyed activities like yoga and outings, and was affectionately known as

“Captain.” It is there that he met his close companion, Martha Brouwer.

Jerry lived a life grounded in faith, honor and love. Humble, kind, and selfless, he consistently placed others before himself. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his four children and their spouses: Dennis (Cathleen), Jayne (Dennis); Charlie (Carrie); and Jacqueline (Peter). He is also remembered and adored by his six grandchildren Laura, Patrick, Kienna, Bryce, Chas, and Aidan; and four great-grandchildren Alma, Filippa, Winter and Mateo. He is preceded in death by his wife Barbara and his brothers Pete and Leandro.

Funeral services were held at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Los Altos on Saturday, April 25th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB) <https://cmmb.org/>

JOYCE LOEW KLANG



May 28, 1936 – March 19, 2026

Joyce Daphne Klang died on March 19, 2026 at the age of 89 with her family at her side. A long-time



resident of Los Altos, Joyce lived the past 12 years in Menlo Park with her devoted partner, James Candler,

whom she re-connected with at their 60th high school reunion. Born Joyce Loew in Altadena, CA, she was the daughter of Don and Audrey Loew. She attended Aptos Middle School and Lincoln High School in San Francisco where she was proudly the Editor of the Lincoln Log her Senior year.

Joyce graduated from San Francisco State University where she earned a BA and MA and met her husband, Robert Klang. For almost three decades, she was a legal secretary and bookkeeper for Nelson Perlov and Lee in Los Altos.

Involved in many clubs and organizations, Joyce will be missed by her friends in her book clubs, poker group, and breakfast group. Joyce had many talents and was an expert

calligrapher, cook, and gardener. She generously shared her passions with her family and friends, and especially loved creating imaginative birthday cakes, memorialized in a small print book, *A Piece of Cake*.

Joyce was an adventurous traveler, taking two months-long sabbatical leaves with Robert Klang and camping their way across Europe in a Volkswagen van. Her favorite city was Paris, where she returned to frequently. She enjoyed games of all sorts, Wordle, crossword puzzles, playing Blackjack in Tahoe, and rooting for the SF Giants. Joyce was an avid theatregoer at TheatreWorks and ACT, and for many years attended the full seasons of the San Francisco Ballet. She enjoyed volunteering with

English in Action and at the Los Altos Library.

Joyce was beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by her partner Jim Candler, daughter Tracy Graubart and son-in-law Daniel Graubart of Chico, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Her son, Nick Klang, predeceased her last year. She was “Auntie Joyce” to Janet Stone Herman (Neal) and Elizabeth Stone, and their children and grandchildren, and their brother David Stone.

To honor Joyce, the family suggests memorial donations to the Friends of the Library of Los Altos and Community, PO Box 212, Los Altos, CA 94023-0212 or KQED Membership dept., 2601 Mariposa St. San Francisco, CA 94110.

MARGARET LEHMER ELLIOTT



December 11, 1921 –
April 2, 2025

Margaret was born in Omaha, Nebraska, into a musical family. She grew up singing and playing piano, violin, and viola at home with her sisters and parents, and at school. She continued her musical pursuits for her entire life, often saying that music kept her going. To this endeavor, she was attentive to the

discipline of practice and rehearsal that music requires. Margaret was a dedicated member of vocal, chamber, musical theater, and symphonic groups in all the places she lived in her life, beginning in Nebraska, then Minnesota, and ending in California. She believed listening to other musicians was essential to being a musician. She devoted time to listening to music from her recorded collection, radio broadcasts, and by attending live performances. During her life, she was known to host chamber music in her homes, welcoming both novice and experienced musicians, true to the tradition passed down from her parents.

Valuing education, Margaret's first job after college was as a teacher, teaching all eight grades in one-room schoolhouses in rural Nebraska. Her last job was as “Susan Page” at the Stanford Bookstore, handling all the special book orders that came across her desk. Margaret was an avid reader of fiction and nonfiction throughout her life, gaining knowledge through the act of reading. From a young age,

she loved solving crosswords and other word puzzles, never tiring of this pastime. Margaret was fond of handwritten correspondence and wrote ever so many notecards and letters to all she knew, everyone knowing her legible Palmer-method penmanship, and her exceptional grammar and spelling. Her hands kept busy with embroidery and needlepoint, but mostly with ongoing knitting projects for her family, herself, many babies born to people she knew, and as donations to charities in need of knitted items. Social activities Margaret enjoyed were: playing cards, in particular Pinochle, playing Scrabble, and working jigsaw puzzles. She also liked travel and local adventures with family and friends.

As a hardworking individual, Margaret gave commitment to what she chose to do in life. She was a woman with a busy calendar that balanced family, work, music, travel, and social activities. She was known to be prepared and punctual, moving quickly with the purpose of getting things done. She had a calm and composed disposition.

She was a reserved person and gave support through her steadfast presence and actions. Margaret lived a life of self-reliance with inner strengths guiding her through what life gave. She was curious and inquisitive about the world, often speaking the words “I wonder...” to start a thought.

Margaret was the central figure of her family. They remember her lovingly, as her door was always open for visits, and her thoughtfulness was unmatched. Margaret is survived by her son John (Barbara), daughter Janet, granddaughters Lesley (Brian), Raósame, and Lindsay, and great-granddaughters Aubrey and Alyanna. She is preceded in death by her parents Theodore and Zilpha, sisters Louise, Marcia, and Olive, former husband Robert, and son Steven.

In April 2025, Margaret passed away in Los Altos at the age of 103. To celebrate her centenarian life, her family arranged for a tree to be planted in her honor through the City of Los Altos “Commemorative Tree Program.” A Soquel Coast Redwood was chosen and

planted in the Redwood Grove Nature Preserve, three blocks from the Orange Avenue home where Margaret lived the last 50 years of her life. While living in the neighborhood, Margaret and her family honored the lives of Robert and Steven in 2005 with the planting of two redwoods by the City of Los Altos in nearby Lincoln Parkway.

The Redwood Grove Nature Preserve provides a harmonious and peaceful location for Margaret's redwood. Friends and family often described her home as such. The long-living evergreen, like Margaret's life, stands and grows to connect past, present and future generations, and our place together in the universe.





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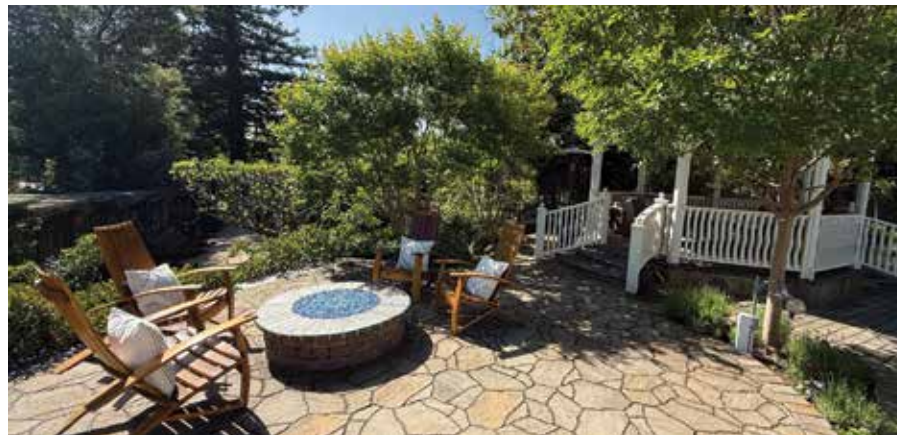
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