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LAH History Committee hashes out details of Heritage House ribbon cutting



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Los Altos Hills Associate Engineer and Project Manager of Heritage House Renovation Melissa Elian-Carrillo shares historic photos that will soon be on display at the Heritage House with members of the History Committee.

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

During the Los Altos Hills History Committee's latest regular meeting last week, the committee announced plans for an open house of the historical Heritage House.

The plans come in conjunction with the town's 70th anniversary, with work still being done inside the Heritage

House that will paint a picture of the history of Los Altos Hills.

Work had been done to renovate the building to make better use of the space, according to Los Altos Hills City Manager Cody Einfalt. He said the town used grants to help fund the work.

"The building will serve the History Committee as a storage place for town artifacts,

hold our emergency communication services for the HAM radio operators," Einfalt said. "And (it will) also have a meeting space for town staff, other committees and residents."

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. There will be an open house at a later date when the entirety

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Answers from DMV leave lingering questions

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of the California Department of Motor Vehicles sending thousands of letters to residents throughout the state forcing them to retake their knowledge tests or lose their license, State Sen. Dave Cortese remains unsatisfied with the department's response and wants more transparency.

Cortese, who represents the bulk of Silicon Valley and other South Bay cities in District 15 and also sits as the chair of the Senate Transportation, wrote a letter to the DMV earlier this month seeking answers as to why more than 10,000 people received these letters.

Cortese's office shared the reply to the senator saying it followed an extensive investigative process before issuing the letters.

"When DMV has reason to believe that the integrity of the examination process has been compromised and that a driver's license has been issued in error, DMV has both the authority and the responsibility to take appropriate action to verify continued compliance with California's licensing requirements (See Vehicle Code §13100)," the DMV wrote in its letter to Cortese.

According to the DMV, through routine integrity monitoring and investigative review,

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Local event offers insights into dementia care

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

For many people, dementia is a part of aging and daily care becomes a necessity. Whether it's by a professional or family member, the quality of this care can have a drastic impact on their quality of life.

Although it may be difficult, it is crucial for dementia caretakers to lead with compassion and empathy, said Vanessa Valerio, gerontologist and co-

founder of Care Indeed Home Health Care.

"There's power in empathy," she said. "Putting ourselves in the shoes of another person is one of the most honorable, humane things that we can do."

Valerio worked in dementia home health care as a nurse for several years, before co-founding Care Indeed in 2010.

On July 8, Valerio spoke at a session titled "Entering their

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Sidewalk Talk

How do you beat the heat?

Interviews and photos by Max Asmar, Town Crier Editorial Intern

This week, we met up with locals at the Los Altos Farmers' Market to ask how they beat the heat.



"Other than making sure you use sunscreen and stay hydrated, I don't mind the heat and I don't go out midday. When I think about what's going on in Europe (where) they've had temperatures over 100, I have no complaints here."

– Brian Cabrera, Los Altos



"I've been beating the heat by hanging out with my friends and going to the pool."

– Vanya Sethi, Los Altos



"I've been beating the heat by sitting in front of the AC."

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News

El Camino Health offers robotic-assisted heart bypass

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

El Camino Health is utilizing robotics to offer patients a minimally invasive alternative to open heart surgery.

The robotic heart bypass makes recovery faster and less painful, while still accomplishing the same quality of care, said Dr. Nels Carroll, a cardiac surgeon at El Camino Health offering the robotic-assisted bypass.

A Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) is the most com-

mon type of heart surgery. It is intended to increase the heart's blood supply following blockages.

Dr. Nels Carroll,
CARDIAC SURGEON

mon type of heart surgery. It is intended to increase the heart's blood supply following blockages.

Surgeons accomplish this by sewing blood vessels from elsewhere in the body into the heart, creating new pathways for blood to flow. Often, this involves dividing the patient's breastbone in order to access their heart.



COURTESY OF EL CAMINO HEALTH

Surgeons at El Camino Health performing the newly offered robotic heart bypass surgery.

In robotic-assisted bypass surgery, Carroll said that the core procedure is fundamentally the same. New blood vessels are still sewn into a patient's heart.

However, robotic-assisted surgery is able to accomplish this result using much smaller tools, meaning incision wounds are significantly smaller and the patient's breastbone no longer

needs to be split.

"That's really the beauty of it, we're not compromising the quality of the surgery itself," Carroll said. "We can perform that same surgery but through

smaller incisions."

With smaller incision wounds, patients experience significantly less pain and shorter

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Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center reopens activity pool as temps crest 90 degrees

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center's activity pool in Mountain View has reopened after an 11-day closure to repair a leaky pump, the city said July 21.

City spokeswoman Lenka Wright said the leak was caused by a failed shaft seal on the pump that services the activity pool. Once they

found the issue, they worked to open the pool as quickly as possible.

"Aquatic facility repairs during high-use times, like summer, can be unpredictable when it comes to timelines for completion," Wright said. "The City of Mountain View anticipated that it would take time to obtain the necessary parts and have the vendor onsite to complete the repair; once the parts ar-

rived, the fix was completed quicker than anticipated."

Following the pump's repair, the pool's water was treated and tested to ensure it met the city's operating standards, according to a news release. The pool officially reopened July 21 with Recreation Swim at 2:30 p.m. The pool has resumed its entire regular schedule,

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HERITAGE

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of the remodel project is complete.

"After this remodel project, there is no further work planned for the Heritage House," Einfalt said.

During the meeting, the committee had some concerns about the idea of a coffee shop being floated as an option for the Heritage House. The committee said there is a sign that someone placed in the conference room naming it a coffee shop.

But members of the committee said it doesn't feel appropriate for the Heritage House and makes them nervous collectively of what may come from hav-

ing a coffee shop, citing a lack of parking and the artifacts being around.

The committee sought alternatives to the proposal, saying people can enjoy coffee in the kitchen or possibly put tables in the back of the house to convene and talk while sipping coffee.

The committee said the hope is to either have someone in every room during the open house, or a single person to lead tours of the house room by room, explaining to visitors the significance of everything and its historical relevance to the town.

The committee said the house will be open to the public during the ribbon-cutting, though not all of the rooms will be fully arranged.

News

DEMENTIA

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world: ways to relate to the family member with dementia." The session was hosted by the Commonwealth Club at the Los Altos Library.

Valerio highlighted the symptoms which may arise when dealing with dementia, as well as the best ways to address these symptoms.

Effects and symptoms

Dementia is categorized by cognitive decline that is severe enough to impact daily life, Valerio said. This impacts a person's ability to think, plan and remember. It can also impact motor function, balance and the ability to convey and interpret emotion. This decline can manifest itself in many different ways, depending on what area of the brain is being impacted.

Valerio said that loss of decision-making and planning skills is a result of decline in the brain's temporal lobe.

"When we think of the frontal lobe, it is pretty much the CEO part of our brain," she said.

The left temporal lobe deals with verbal communication and language, while the right temporal lobe deals with non-verbal communication such as tone of voice and intention, Valerio said.

Valerio told a story about a previous patient who would repeatedly make sexual and belittling comments towards their homecare nurses.

"The social filters are affected because the right temporal lobe is dysfunctioning," she said.

things and everything needs repeating, typically this is what's affected," Valerio said. "This is where the new information and new learning is stored."

The brain's cerebellum deals with balance. The parietal and occipital lobes deal with body position and vision, respectively.

Valerio said, as a result of decline in these areas, people may start falling frequently or bumping into furniture due to a loss of spatial awareness and body coordination.

The amygdala deals with emotion. Loss of amygdala function affects emotional regulation and rationale, which Valerio refers to as amygdala hijack.

"When you are in your amygdala hijack, you feel that there's a threat and you feel unsafe in the world, whether it's real or not real," she said. "You're unable to think clearly, you're making impulsive and reactive choices. So, this is very important for us to be aware of."

Other common dementia symptoms can include aggression, delusions and hallucinations, Valerio said.

Care and empathy

Valerio said that caring for someone with these symptoms can be fatiguing, but it is important to remain calm and empathetic.

Redirection can be a powerful tool for caretakers dealing with negative outbursts. But, Valerio said, it is important not to discredit the emotions that caused these outbursts.

"You acknowledge, and be like water," she said. "You live in their world, redirect when

memory to move them away from fear and aggression.

Valerio stressed that it is crucial for caretakers to leave behind any biases and assumptions, both surrounding individuals and dementia as a whole.

She said that many people caring for their parents assume that they are purposefully being uncooperative, a belief that is rooted in unresolved wounds.

"How can you care for someone that you felt has hurt you when you were a child? And that's something that is a very challenging task for family caregivers," Valerio said. "Your mother used to be so stubborn, and now she's even more stubborn, so you think that she's really trying to make it difficult for you."

But this is not necessarily the case, Valerio said.

"Most people living with dementia are scared," she said. "There are so many emotions that they want to communicate, but they don't know how."

She said that it is important for caretakers to put themselves in the shoes of the people they are caring for, because compassion is a powerful tool.

Valerio added that some of this fear comes from a loss of autonomy, and it is important not to discredit people's capabilities.

"We have to shift our mindset to seeing the glass half full," she said. "Don't just think of what they're no longer able to do...but what are you capable of doing?"

Socializing, regular activity and reading are all important for the mental wellbeing of dementia patients.

"Find out what skills are still left, and use that," she said. "That is when we will slow the progression of the disease."

Valerio added that clear and simple communication is best, as many people with dementia have difficulty making complex decisions.

"Give two choices not five, because their processing system is not working," she said.

She also said that clear communication goes both ways, and it is important to let people express themselves fully.

"I am really hoping that I can instill in you the power of empathy, most especially for people living with dementia," Valerio said.

"There's power in empathy. Putting ourselves in the shoes of another person is one of the most honorable, humane things that we can do."

Vanessa Valerio,

GERONTOLOGIST AND CO-FOUNDER OF CARE INDEED HOME HEALTH CARE

She said that this dysfunction can also cause dementia patients to use slurs and other offensive speech because they may have lost the ability to determine how this language impacts others.

The hippocampus deals with memory, and decline in this area affects memory.

"When people are forgetting

necessary and offer choices, not commands."

Outright denying delusions can cause people to feel attacked, causing further distress. But, guiding people away from negative feelings allows them to calm down and begin to regulate, Valerio said.

She gave the example of reminding someone of a happy



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Mountain View warns of phishing scam targeting planning applicants

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
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The city of Mountain View is alerting individuals of a phishing scam targeting planning project applicants.

The city said in a news release on July 13 that the cy-

bercriminals in the scam are requesting a wire transfer for a planning project coming from the email address "community.development-mountainview.gov@usa.com," which is not affiliated with the city.

"Phishing emails from sus-

picious email addresses like this one are designed to appear as official city communications and can come from other email domains," the city said in a statement. "The city does not request wire transfers for payment of fees."

Some tips for spotting

fraudulent emails include requests for payment via wire transfer, payment apps or cryptocurrency; creating urgency by threatening delays to a permit if payment isn't made immediately; and saying you can only reply through email, according to

the city news release.

Anyone who receives an email requesting money should confirm the legitimacy with the city by using official contact information. A full directory of contacts can be found at mountainview.gov/services/city-services/contact-us.

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DMV

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it analyzed multiple sources of testing information and identified patterns of activity that, when evaluated collectively, indicated a significant likelihood that certain knowledge examinations had been compromised.

"These irregularities relate to the conduct of test takers and are not the result of a DMV technical system malfunction, nor were artificial intelligence tools used to identify affected individuals or make licensing determinations," the DMV wrote.

The department said that because these matters involve ongoing investigations with potential criminal implications, it cannot disclose the specific investigative techniques, evidentiary thresholds or analytical methodologies used to identify affected individuals.

"Public disclosure of those details would risk compromising ongoing investigations, undermining future enforcement efforts and enabling individuals to circumvent the department's fraud detection processes," it wrote.

This is not the first time the DMV has conducted this type of investigation. In 2017, the DMV said it identified approximately 3,600 people who had received a driver's license without passing the required examinations. From that investigation, 14 were indicted for various felonies.

"While the facts and circumstances of each investigation differ, these actions reflect DMV's longstanding responsibility to ensure that every licensed driv-

er has met California's statutory licensing requirements," the department wrote. "DMV remains committed to protecting both the integrity of California's driver licensing system and the fairness of its investigative processes."

Despite the response, Cortese remains unsatisfied with the process.

"The senator has expressed concern over the process in which this has been handled and wishes DMV would be more transparent about their process in identifying those who may have compromised the integrity of the knowledge exams," Cortese's Communications Director Mario B. Lopez said.

Los Altos resident Mark Leonard said his granddaughter, a Palo Alto resident, was among those who received the letter from the DMV. He said that after initially struggling to get an appointment, she was able to find a time, retake and pass her test within the 30-day limit set by the DMV.

"There should be a presumption of innocence, and suspects should get the benefit of due process," Leonard said. "Taking away a driver's license feels like a punishment without giving the suspect a chance to challenge the evidence ... Unlikely things do happen once in a while, and do not necessarily indicate cheating."

Lopez said that Cortese has not yet determined his next course of action. But Cortese previously said that he would consider calling the DMV to the Transportation Committee to speak on record of their actions.

SURGERY

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recovery time, he said.

"People can get back to their lives more quickly and get back to doing the things they like to do," Carroll said.

Carroll added that the technology El Camino uses is both safe and well tested.

"We're not experimenting, and this is something that I've been familiar with for many years," he said. "It's very safe technology."

POOL

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including Friday Night Recreation Swim July 24 from 5-7 p.m.

The activity pool was closed July 10 to allow crews to repair a leaky pump. City spokesman Brian Babcock said on July 7 staff were conducting a routine inspection of the Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center equipment when they found the leak.

The city hired Knorr Systems to inspect the pump and repair the leak. During the repairs, the activity pool, including the waterslide, zero-depth entry and shallow pool, remained closed; many programs were altered or canceled, though the lap pool stayed open. Friday Night Swim and weekend recreation swim relocated to Eagle Park Pool.

The entire pool schedule can be found at Mountain-View.gov/RecSwim.



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Alvaro Baraona and his son Santi, age 9, were among the roughly 30 people waiting for the Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center's activity pool in Mountain View to reopen at 2:30 p.m. July 21. Baraona said they have swum at the pool for the last three summers and during the 11-day closure, they swam at the Eagle Park Pool, but prefer the activity pool. "We are happy," he said. "This is what we were looking for."

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Buses from the Palo Alto Transit Company replaced the Peninsular Electric Railway line through Los Altos in 1934. Nick Capero was the only driver on this route for many years; he drove every day except Sunday. This photo was taken circa 1940 at the corner of El Monte Road and Santa Maria Avenue (today's Fremont Avenue).

Share your expertise. Help shape the future of Los Altos

By Dennis Young

TOWN CRIER PUBLISHER

Los Altos has long been defined by engaged residents who care deeply about their community. From preserving neighborhood character to improving transportation, protecting the environment, expanding recreational opportunities and planning responsibly for the future, the strength of our city depends on residents who are willing to step forward and participate.

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sioners help evaluate challenges, explore solutions and guide decisions that shape the future of our neighborhoods.

The Complete Streets Commission helps create safer and more accessible streets for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and transit users. The Parks, Arts, Recreation and Cultural Commission strengthens community life through parks, recreation programs, public art and cultural opportunities. The Environmental Commission works on sustainability, climate action and protecting the natural resources that make our community special. The Historical Commission preserves the stories and landmarks that connect us to our past. The Planning Commission helps guide responsible growth, reviewing development proposals and long-term planning decisions that influence the city for generations.

These commissions need more than policy experts. They need residents with curiosity, commitment and a willingness to listen and collaborate. A successful community is built not only by elected officials and city staff, but also by neighbors who volunteer their

time and share their knowledge.

Every resident has something valuable to contribute. Professional experience, community involvement, technical expertise, creative ideas and personal perspectives all help create better decisions. Whether you care about safer streets, environmental stewardship, historic preservation, vibrant public spaces or thoughtful growth, your voice can make a difference.

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Letters to the Editor

Turf talk

It was fun to see the word “turf” in above-the-fold headlines in two consecutive editions of the “Town Crier” (“Local cities bracing for new law banning non-functional turf” July 8, 2026 and “Turf replacement begins at high schools” July 15, 2026).

Special applause for the first one, whose story was about natural grass. Your editorial usage respects the traditional meaning of “turf”: a grass-covered surface. That’s standard English, as opposed to contemporary landscaping jargon, where “turf” has come to imply grass that’s artificial. Bravo!

Richard Feldman

LOS ALTOS

Bragging right

In Ken DeLeon’s recent article (“Why Los Altos has recently appreciated much more than Palo Alto or Menlo Park,” Town Crier, July 15), there is a statement that Los Altos is now the nation’s most desired and expensive suburb, ranking fourth in the nation and first in California. Really? If you ask twenty random people in our area to name the three most affluent suburbs between San Francisco and San Jose, the answer is likely to be Hillsborough, Atherton and Los Altos Hills. So, is Mr. DeLeon lying? No, he is not; the data comes from Kiplinger’s list of “America’s Wealthiest Suburbs.” Now, most of us have heard the expression (attributed to Mark Twain), “There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics.” A little research shows that Kiplinger’s ranking includes only the suburbs incorporated as cities with at least 5,000 households. That criteria excluded the three wealthy suburbs mentioned above. Now, Los Altos is a nice place to call home, but let us not get carried away and brag that it is number one in California.

Dinesh Desai

LOS ALTOS

Community

Bay Area Games Day brings people from all over South Bay to Los Altos Library

By Michael Shtrom

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Every month, people of all ages gather at the Los Altos Library to keep the fun of playing board games alive. Known as the Bay Area Games Day, the event draws crowds from throughout the South Bay the third Saturday of each month.

Hosted by the Silicon Valley Boardgamers (SVB), the celebration of board games features dozens of options for newcomers and enthusiasts alike to play together. Rather than typical commercial board games, SVB bills itself as a promoter of Eurogames, which tend to take more time to play and focus more on strategy. Some games take up to six hours to complete.

Organizer Dave Kohr, who has been putting on this event

at the Los Altos Library since 1998, was inspired to create Bay Area Games Day after finding a sense of community playing such games in the East Bay.

“When I moved out here, I started initially going to a group that was way over in Pleasanton, but the driving got to be a bit much, so I basically decided to start my own group in the South Bay,” Kohr said. “After a while, they noticed that this thing was getting pretty good attendance, and somebody suggested that the library could just sponsor it outright.”

The daylong event has served as a testing ground for board game developers. Kohr said Eric Hautemont, co-creator of internationally



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New pickleball courts coming to Foothill in September

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Foothill College is nearing completion of a \$1.2 million renovation of its tennis courts that will expand opportunities for both tennis and pickleball when the facility reopens this fall.

The project, which began in May, includes resurfacing all six existing tennis courts, installing new night lighting and adding court striping that will accommodate up to 10 pickleball courts alongside traditional tennis play. Construction is expected to be completed by Sept. 16, in time for the start of the fall quarter.

Because work began shortly after the spring semester ended, the courts have been closed during the summer for students and community members.

The improvements come as

pickleball continues to surge in popularity nationwide. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, it has been America's fastest-growing sport for multiple consecutive years, with participation increasing more than 170% over a recent three-year period to more than 24 million players.

When the renovated facility reopens, the courts will feature a new playing surface, improved lighting for evening play and court markings designed to support both tennis and pickleball. The new lighting is expected to increase the number of hours the courts can be used each day, making it easier to accommodate students, athletic programs and community users.

The courts will be fully available for the fall quarter, Foothill officials said, although a schedule will be developed to balance use among

physical education classes, the college's tennis teams, student organizations and community rentals.

Foothill also will offer an evening pickleball class on Mondays and Wednesdays through its community education program. The course will be taught by a tennis coach and is open to the public.

College officials said the combination of tennis programs, physical education classes, community play and pickleball could keep the courts in use for more than 10 hours a day, although daily usage will depend on scheduling once the facility reopens.

The renovation also supports the continued growth of the Pickleball Club, one of Foothill's most active student organizations. The renovated outdoor courts will provide dedicated space for club activities and recreational play.

Have a comment or idea? Reach out

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Happy 100!



CLARKE CONDÉ/TOWN CRIER

Myra Cohan was joined by Chef Chu, friends and family July 23 to celebrate her 100th birthday at Chef Chu's in Los Altos. Cohan says she really doesn't know how she made it to 100, but credits living at Moldaw in Palo Alto the last 13 years.

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From Los Altos to the dark side of the moon:

Artemis II astronauts sport eclipse glasses designed by Los Altos resident



PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA

Astronauts aboard the Artemis II wearing sunglasses designed by Jennifer Baer.

By Mia Scott

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

As a designer for NASA's Solar System Exploration Research Institute, Los Altos resident Jennifer Baer's day-to-day work usually centers on creating logos and promotional materials for conferences. However, the disposable eclipse glasses she designed went beyond that. Far

beyond.

Baer said she had no idea that the Artemis II astronauts would be wearing her glasses for eye protection during an eclipse on their lunar flyby in April.

"The (SSERVI) team surprised me with a photo of the crew, and we were all just so excited," she said. "I was thrilled, because when I go and speak with kids in classrooms, I tell

them about having a goal, speaking it out loud and that that's the best way to start on your journey to making your dreams come true."

The intersection of science and art has come to define Baer's career. After graduating from Iowa State University with a degree in graphic design, she worked as a freelancer for years at an advertising agency in Chicago. After relocating to California in 2008, someone suggested she apply at NASA. When she landed the job, Baer worked on high-intensity mission proposals before transitioning to her current role as a visual artist for SSERVI.

Baer spent three months preparing intensive, formal pitches and grant proposals submitted to NASA headquarters to secure funding for future space exploration. Her role was to turn technical plans and scientific data into clear graphics. She said it was exhausting, around-the-clock work with very little sleep.

So, when Baer learned that SSERVI had a permanent need for a dedicated designer, she jumped at the opportunity. She said it allowed her to move away from the high-stress, short-term contract cycles of proposal writing and toward graphic design.

Her colleague, Brian Day,

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Del Monte neighbors plan annual block party

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Nestled in residential North Los Altos, friends and neighbors gather to eat, play and learn at the annual Del Monte Block Party.

This year’s party, on Aug. 2, seeks to foster community and showcase the neighborhood’s history.

“We want people to feel that they’re not just living next door

to just one another, but that they truly belong there,” said event organizer Robin Bantz.

The party, themed “Creating Community: Welcome Home,” will start at 5 p.m. on the corner of Del Monte and Mercedes. Attendance is open to anyone living on Del Monte Avenue, West Portola Avenue, Pasa Robles Avenue, Pleasant Way, Carmel Avenue and Carmel Court.

“We have just one simple goal: to help neighbors get to

know one another,” Bantz said. “(The party) is an annual tradition centered on community, kindness, creativity and belonging.”

This year, festivities will include community exhibits that celebrate the people, art and landmarks that make the neighborhood special, Bantz said.

“So many of us pass these homes in our neighborhood ...

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COURTESY OF ROBIN BANTZ

A display at last year’s block party showcasing local histories.

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without knowing their stories,” Bantz said. “We want to share those stories because they help us appreciate our community even more.”

Exhibits will showcase historic maps and buildings, alongside several local artists and their works.

“Together, they all celebrate history, creativity and the community spirit that makes Los

Altos a real special place,” Bantz said.

The block party will also include a potluck, games and a Ripple Station community kindness project.

The Ripple Station is a self-service project in which community members can pick up and distribute small, homemade tokens to show appreciation for one another.

Bantz added that, barring any emergencies which require immediate response, law en-

forcement and public safety officers from the local police station and fire department will be in attendance to socialize and educate community members.

“A community doesn’t happen by itself, someone has to create opportunities for people to meet, talk, laugh together, and get to know one another,” Bantz said. “This is what it’s really about to have this event. It’s about meeting, talking, laughing and getting to know one another.”

GAMES

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acclaimed board games like Ticket to Ride, tested his new creations at the event in the early 2000s.

“He created a company called Days of Wonder, and I remember him coming to the event to do demos of one of his new games,” Kohr said. “... That was kind of a fun thing.”

Kohr is far from the only serious board game enthusiast at this event, which attracts 25-50 people monthly. Walter Willis has been a participant since the start, appreciating it as an opportunity to meet new people in his community.

“This Saturday, I’m going here because it’s got so many people,” Willis said of the July 18 event. “With some games, there’s only a few people; with

some games, there’s a lot of people. If I go to a game with lots of people, I can play a game I like. Other than that, I read, and I play board games. Board games are my social interaction.”

Frank Pao, another attendee of the July event, shared an appreciation for how Bay Area Games Day brings together board games enthusiasts of different levels of skill.

“The Los Altos one is pretty big, and the Los Altos one also plays all sorts of board games,” Pao said. “It runs the gamut of the types of board games. You could be a complete novice, but you also have people who might just want to spend a morning and people who want to spend a whole day playing games, so it’s a great mixture.”

For Pao, the connections he has made at this event make

it worth coming back to time and time again.

“Sometimes, I look forward to learning new games; sometimes, I look forward to playing my favorite board games in person,” Pao said. “I look forward to the camaraderie of playing with people I’ve met here or meeting brand new people. I’ve just met so many people over the couple of years I’ve been here, where I’ve been developing new friendships and just sharing the passion of other people who are really into something that you’re into.”

The next Bay Area Games Day is set for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Orchard Room at the Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. For more information, see tinyurl.com/BAGamesday.

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NASA

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noted that Baer is a good fit for the job.

“One of the things that inspires scientists like me to do what we do is to have a sense of wonder about the universe,” he said. “And Jennifer’s artistic abilities really help spur that sense of wonder.”

One of Baer’s responsibilities has been designing the eclipse glasses distributed at NASA’s public outreach events. SSERVI hosted a large-scale public viewing during recent solar eclipses, including at Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2023, and a six-hour live broadcast from Mazatlán, Mexico, in 2024.

Unbeknownst to her, the glasses she designed for the New Mexico event were packed away into the Artemis II safety kit. On April 6, as the spacecraft flew behind the moon’s far side, the astronauts experienced a 54-minute eclipse. To protect their eyes while documenting the phenomenon, the crew put on Baer’s eclipse glasses and photographed themselves wearing them.

For Baer, seeing her design in the hands of astronauts like pilot Victor Glover on a trip into space fulfilled a life goal. Baer said she has always dreamed of seeing a logo she designed reach the moon. Having the glasses she

designed orbit the far side of the moon is “close enough” to having a logo on the moon itself, she added.

While satisfied with fulfilling such a lofty goal, Baer seemed equally enthusiastic about another aspect of her job. She said visiting elementary classrooms is one of the most rewarding parts of her career at SSERVI. She often brings her eclipse glasses to show the students and fields their questions, which range from how much money she makes to the highly specific technical mechanics of rocket fuel.

Regardless of where the conversation veers, Baer said her presence is meant to convey to those interested in the arts that creativity belongs in every industry. She encourages STEM-focused students to keep up with creative hobbies, noting that artistic things help rewire the brain to solve engineering and scientific problems down the road. The blend of art, curiosity and data highlights why creative minds are no longer just an afterthought in the scientific community, according to Baer.

“If you work around scientists long enough, you pick up the essence of everything, and you end up learning a whole lot along the way,” Baer said. “I think it’s important to let students know that there are lots of careers for them, and that an artist belongs at NASA just as much as an engineer.”

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Stepping Out

Tech on view in Mtn. View Thursday

By Lara Leon

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The city of Mountain View and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce will host their 11th annual Technology Showcase Thursday, July 30, at the downtown Civic Center Plaza.

This year's free event, set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will focus on local makers and people who use tools, technology and creativity to design and create products.

Amanda Rotella, Mountain View's acting economic vitality manager, said she hopes attendees are able to see that innovation goes beyond big corporations.

"We really want to show innovation is happening not just inside large corporations, but it's happening in garages and workshops and classrooms and small businesses throughout Mountain View," Rotella said.

More than 50 local tech companies – from large ones like Google and LinkedIn, to smaller startups such as Aurora – will have exhibits at the event.

"Some of the largest technology companies are based here in

Mountain View, so it's just a very, very strong background in technology," said Peter Katz, president and CEO of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce. "All of that put together is a reason why we want to showcase Mountain View and let people know what we have to offer."

After the showcase ends, organizers will host a panel discussion 4-6 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Titled "AI for Small Business: Leveling the Playing Field," it will focus on new innovations in artificial intelligence and looking at how artificial intelligence can be applied to businesses, Rotella said.

"This panel is going to be taking AI from being something that's more abstract to really be looking at how artificial intelligence is being directly applied," Rotella said. "It'll be easier to understand. And we're looking at it from a different lens."

Rotella added that the discussion and entire showcase are intended for a broad audience, including families, students, job seekers and people who may not consider themselves "tech people."

"So, whether you're 5 or 95, you know, there is something to discover at the Tech Showcase," she said. "Come downtown, maybe grab some lunch, grab some coffee and take in all of the different businesses and the spirit of innovation that is Mountain View."

For more information, or to RSVP for the panel discussion, see chambermv.org/technology-showcase.



COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Exploring local tech at last year's Tech Showcase in Mountain View.

Plan your visit to Fine Art in the Park Aug. 8-9

By Patricia Rohrs

ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ALTOS

Rotary Club of Los Altos' family-friendly 51st Fine Art in the Park takes place Aug. 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park in downtown Los Altos.

The event will feature live bands, community performances and a variety of delicious foods and beverages. Kids will delight in balloon animals and face painting. Leashed dogs are welcome and may drink from the dogs' drinking fountain. Whether you're discovering and purchasing art, spending time with friends and family, or simply soaking in the atmosphere, there's something for everyone.

Enjoy live music on The Sutter Health Main Stage. Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, six energetic bands will entertain with Latin licks, jazz, rock, soulful blues and popular dance music from several eras.

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Los Altos Town Crier

Schools

San Antonio campus construction begins amid BCS dispute

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Construction is underway at Los Altos School District's (LASD) future San Antonio campus, but district officials and Bullis Charter School (BCS) remain divided over whether the long-awaited "10th site" will provide a long-term solution to their longstanding facilities dispute.

Demolition began in June at the 11.7-acre Mountain View site, which once housed the San Antonio Shopping Center. The planned 607-student TK-8 campus is scheduled to open in fall 2028 and remains on schedule and on budget, according to district officials. Underground utility work is expected to begin in the coming months, with vertical construction anticipated around January.

Plans call for 29 classrooms, administrative offices, a library, outdoor play areas, a gym and a multipurpose room.

While construction has begun, the question of who will use the campus has not been finalized.

LASD officials have said BCS remains their preferred occupant. The district's vision is for the new campus to become BCS' primary site, with remaining BCS students continuing to use space at Egan Junior High School.



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Only rubble remained of the San Antonio Shopping Center last week as crews prepared the area known by the school district as the "10th site."

District officials say that arrangement would address multiple needs: providing BCS students with newer facilities while allowing LASD to transition Blach Intermediate School and Egan into middle schools for district students.

BCS Executive Director Maureen Israel said the new campus could be part of a broader solution. She said a two-site arrangement could be workable if it provides reasonably equivalent facilities — including instructional, specialized and outdoor spaces — for all BCS

students.

BCS served 1,095 students during the 2025-2026 school year, including 910 students within LASD boundaries and 185 from outside the district, Israel said. According to LASD data, out-of-district students represented about 6% of BCS' in-district enrollment from 2014-2015 through 2020-2021; that share has since increased to about 17% of total enrollment as in-district enrollment declined.

Because the new campus is designed for 607 students, Israel said it would not accommodate

BCS' entire enrollment.

"Anything that ignores hundreds of families and students is not a solution," Israel said in an emailed response.

The disagreement centers largely on how Proposition 39, a state law governing charter school space, applies to BCS. The charter school argues LASD has not provided equivalent access to classrooms and other campus resources and estimates it should receive significantly more space.

District officials dispute that analysis, saying Prop. 39

requires facilities only for in-district charter students and that LASD and BCS have operated under mutually agreed-upon facilities agreements since 2014 rather than using the Prop. 39 process.

Finances are another point of disagreement. BCS officials argue the district's financial picture changes when accounting for state funding formulas and LASD's status as a basic aid district. Israel said BCS enrollment affects the district's per-student funding calculations because local property tax revenue is spread across fewer district-enrolled students.

LASD officials, however, say BCS creates significant costs, including about \$12 million in annual per-pupil transfers, shared parcel tax revenue and other expenses. They estimate the total annual cost associated with BCS at nearly \$14 million.

Both sides say they remain in discussions about a broader facilities agreement. LASD said the discussions are taking place under a confidentiality agreement requested by BCS. Israel said BCS remains focused on reaching a negotiated agreement but may still need to begin the Prop. 39 process to meet state deadlines if an agreement is not reached in time.

Cupertino school board appoints Hawn as next superintendent

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) Board of Education voted 4-0 on July 23, with Trustee Sylvia Leong absent, to appoint Dr. Jennifer Hawn as the district's next superintendent, concluding a months-long search for a successor to former Superintendent Stacy Yao.

Hawn, who most recently served as superintendent of the Piedmont Unified School District, will begin the position Aug. 13 under a three-year employment agreement approved during the meeting.

CUSD serves approxi-

mately 13,500 students across Cupertino, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Saratoga, Santa Clara and Los Altos.

Board President Sathesh Madhathil said Hawn stood out among "very qualified candidates" because of "your energy and your logical thinking on many things. That's what we need."

The appointment concludes a search process that began this spring after Yao announced she would retire following nearly four decades in education and six years leading the district. The board hired Leadership Associates to conduct a nationwide search that included community engagement, candidate recruitment and interviews before trustees

selected Hawn.

Yao officially retired June 30 after serving as superintendent since 2019, concluding a nearly 40-year career in public education.

Trustees also approved Hawn's employment contract, which runs through June 30, 2029.

Under the agreement, she will receive an annual base salary of \$360,191, along with a one-time \$10,000 relocation stipend, a \$6,000 annual automobile allowance and a \$100 monthly mobile device stipend. The contract also includes annual stipends for advanced degrees and allows one-year extensions following satisfactory performance evaluations.

Trustee Jerry Liu said Hawn impressed trustees with her preparation and enthusiasm during the interview process. "She was incredibly well prepared. The enthusiasm really came through," Liu said, adding that she demonstrated a deep understanding of the district and its challenges.

In a statement following her appointment, Hawn said she was "honored" to join "a community long recognized for its academic excellence and its deep commitment to innovation in education."

"I look forward to partnering with the Board, families and staff to build on that legacy and provide the finest education for our students,"

Hawn said.

Hawn has worked in public education for more than 25 years, serving as a teacher, principal, chief academic officer, assistant superintendent of human resources, deputy superintendent and, most recently, superintendent of Piedmont Unified. She has also served as a university instructor, published articles in education journals and presented on STEM pathway development at the California Department of Education STEM Conference. Hawn earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, a master's degree from Loyola Marymount University and a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California.

Sports

Mountain View hires new boys soccer coach

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

After 37 years under the leadership of Jim McGuirk, the Mountain View boys soccer team has a new head coach in assistant Josue Aguilar.

The 2014 Mountain View High graduate played under McGuirk at the school and at the club level, serving as an assistant coach with the team since 2021.

"I'm feeling excited, nervous, and it really hasn't hit me yet, to be honest," Aguilar said.

Aguilar played three years of varsity soccer for McGuirk

before graduating in 2014, and he also played for him when McGuirk coached club soccer at MVLA. McGuirk served as a mentor to Aguilar, encouraging him to coach at the Spartans Sports Camp, which helped solidify his passion for coaching and eventually led to working as the coach at Blach Intermediate School and as an assistant with the high school team, where he was responsible for analyzing team videos and creating drills for team practice. His goal is to encourage critical thought in the players while continuing to promote disci-

pline, respect and humility.

"My philosophy is very similar to Jim's," Aguilar said. "I'd look to continue that same philosophy. Incorporating a little more of a holistic approach to coaching, with a little more tactical adaptability. I want to encourage a lot more adaptability in the students, because I think it's very important to adapt quickly."

Mountain View is one of the best teams in the area, winning the Central Coast Section Division I title this past year in a penalty shootout over Everett Alvarez and also taking home its first NorCal regional title the year before with a Division II win over Cardinal Newman. Many members on the soccer teams at Mountain View and in the surrounding area today play club year-round, like at Mountain View Los Altos Soccer Club, increasing the competitive level in the high school ranks. Aguilar noted there have been youth development improvements since he graduated high school, with the Elite Clubs National League adding a boys league in 2017 to help with development, along with MLS Next, which started in 2020. He believes his experience playing in some of the same club tournaments as players now helps him understand their youth experiences and the best



COURTESY OF JOSUE AGUILAR

New Mountain View High boys soccer head coach Josue Aguilar.

way to manage the busy sports calendar.

"I feel like with the times changing, a person or coach has to adapt to those times. I feel like I'm still relatable to them because I did play club, I did play high school," Aguilar said.

Aguilar's day job is as a therapist at Milpitas High School, and the job helps him learn to pay attention to student needs and help young athletes on and off the field. He believes his skills in helping and working with people will benefit him as a coach off the field, connecting with players and helping them deal with issues. Balancing the challenges of sports, education and home life can take a lot of time, and he hopes to remind students that fútbol is a beautiful game

that should be enjoyed.

"I've learned different students have different needs, and managing personalities or working with different personalities is essential," Aguilar said of his time coaching.

While club coaches might play a bigger role in their soccer development given the time spent with club teams, he still sees rewards in the human side of player development.

"That's why I love coaching, because I get to work with so many personalities," Aguilar said. "I get to learn from so many students, so many families, and being able to be a positive influence on the community, the community that has given so much to me, also is something I hold dear in coaching."

Los Altos Little League All Stars take home district title



COURTESY OF DEAN CAPPELLAZZO

The Los Altos Little League All Stars, front row, from the left, Austin Grimaldo, Thomas Chen, Quinlan Schlough, Ford Grewal, Ethan Hsieh, Raza del Rosario, Luke Dolby, Cooper Wu, Brendan Vernal and Dewey McCall. Back row, coach Ashton Grewal, coach Dean Cappellazzo, Soren Mattson, Rocco Cappellazzo and coach Brian McDermott.

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Los Altos Little League All Stars in the 10-12 age bracket have emerged as District 44 champions, beating Campbell in the championship game July 11, 9-7.

Los Altos won its last four games in the 10-12-year-old division to win the District 44 Future Stars Tournament, including winning against Campbell two games in a row.

Los Altos started pool play with a 10-6 loss against Campbell before beating Briarwood 11-1. Los Altos played five games in five days in bracket

play, losing its first game to Sunnyvale 10-6 before beating Santa Clara Westside 9-2, Sunnyvale 16-10 and Campbell 5-4 to reach the championship game.

District 44 is made up of Little League All Stars from Los Altos, Mountain View, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Campbell.

The win ensured Los Altos also qualified for the Section 5 playoffs against teams from Los Gatos, Soledad, Aptos and Santa Teresa. Los Altos got off to a strong start Monday with a 16-1 win over Aptos but lost in the championship game against Los Gatos Tuesday.

St. Francis softball coach Mike Oakland retiring

TOWN CRIER REPORT

St. Francis softball coach Mike Oakland is retiring, ending a run as coach of one of the best teams in Northern California, the school announced.

"It has been a privilege of mine to teach and coach at Saint Francis High School for the past two decades," Oakland said in a press release. "I am deeply grateful to every athlete, parent, assistant coach, administrator, colleague and supporter who has been part of this incredible journey. The wins and championships were special, but the relationships built along the way have been the true reward. Although I'm ending my coaching career, I'm



COURTESY OF ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis softball coach Mike Oakland.

grateful to remain part of the Lancer community and serve the school in new ways."

Oakland took over the softball team in 2017 and helped rebuild the program into one of the best in the area, winning several West Catholic Athletic

League championships and Central Coast Section titles during his time, including the 2022 CIF NorCal Division I championship. The Lancers finished 26-5 last season, with a share of the WCAL title and have consistently competed for top honors in the Bay Area and Northern California.

Oakland coached his eldest daughter, Jessica, who later went on to play at Duke University, and Jamie, an incoming freshman playing for the University of Nebraska, according to the school. Before coaching softball, Oakland served as the head coach of the baseball team and won several WCAL and CCS titles after arriving from coaching at the college level.

Your Home

Sustainable systems keep vehicles clean and organized

By Lyn Rogers

CONQUERING CLUTTER

“To say that I am organized is an understatement, but my car tells a different story.”

– Emily Procter

Many of us spend so much time in our cars that it almost feels like our second home. We commute to school or work, visit loved ones near and far, shuttle kids and teens to various activities and somehow manage to fit in an endless number of errands in between all of the above. We need sustainable systems within our vehicle to help keep it clean and organized.

Our glove boxes are usually our car’s junk drawer. Many times, you open it up and either things fall out, or there’s so much crammed in there, it feels like an impossible task to ever find that one thing you’re looking for. Pull everything out and sort like with like. Use school pencil pouches (like the ones you’d use in a binder) to sort like objects together. Mini tools in one, personal care items (tissues, nail clip-

pers, etc.) in another, and so on. One important note: never leave anything in your car with your name and address on it, especially your car registration and insurance cards. Always keep those in your wallet or purse to prevent thieves from “washing” (erasing) your name and adding their own to claim ownership.

Consoles never seem to get the attention they deserve, but desperately need. Instead of cramming stuff into them, separate needed items into small, quart-size drawstring canvas bags. One bag for change and a few dollar bills for toll bridges, DIY car washes and the occasional lemonade stand. Another bag can hold your lip balm, eyeglass cleaning cloth and other personal care items. A third, quart-size plastic baggie may be desirable for hard candies and throat lozenges for trips when you can’t stop to eat, or you feel a bit under the weather.

Your back seat sometimes needs extra attention, especially when you’re traveling with your precious children or pets. There are many great



ILLUSTRATION BY RACHEL ARONSON

products available to cover the seat in case of spills, but what if you are on a tight budget? Spraying Scotchgard on the seat and back of the seat offers a great layer of protection. Securely attaching a shower curtain liner either to just the seat or the whole area enables you to just wipe and reuse. Remember to cut slits for seatbelts. A thrift store can be a great resource to find a fitted crib sheet for just the seat or a

fitted twin sheet for the whole area. Again, cut slits for the seatbelts. Sheets are washable and easily replaced cheaply. Again, attach securely for safety.

The back of the front seats is the perfect place to hang organizers that fit your family’s needs. You may have little ones who need art supplies or toy storage, or teens and adults who’d love a drop-down table for their notebook computer.

The number of configurations, colors and styles is endless, and they also fit every budget. A new tackle-style box is great for snacks and/or writing implements. Keeping everything contained is key to keeping your car organized and clean.

Los Altos Hills resident Lyn Rogers is a professional organizer and owner and CEO of Lyn At Your Service. For more information, see LynAtYourService.com.

AT&T moves to end legacy landline service in many areas



AVA ACHARYA/TOWN CRIER

Home phones like this could soon be just a memory.

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By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

AT&T plans on phasing out legacy copper-based landline services in several areas of California, including Mountain View.

All active legacy copper-based landline services will be discontinued on or after June 2027. Customers in areas with reliable connectivity will be upgraded to AT&T Phone - Advanced (AP-A), which operates like traditional phone service using AT&T’s wireless network.

In the past, AT&T was required to provide legacy landline services under its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations. COLR obligations

require service providers to ensure service to specific areas.

AT&T filed with the Public Utilities Commission of California (CPUC) to end their COLR status in March of 2023. AT&T remains a COLR provider, but their application to end legacy landline service was accepted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in May 2026.

On June 15, CPUC filed a response in opposition to AT&T’s application, citing its status as a COLR provider. As of now, AT&T is moving forward with its plans to discontinue legacy landline service and has issued notices to affected customers.

Copper-based legacy landlines are used by roughly 3% of California homes within

AT&T’s area of service.

An AT&T spokesperson said that the transition is a result of technological evolution as, in comparison to digital home phone service, legacy landlines pose numerous issues that affect reliability and service quality.

“Copper-based networks are outdated and unreliable due to aging technology and disasters,” they said. “Modern networks are more resilient in disasters – restored faster, less vulnerable to damage and copper theft, and supported by temporary wireless facilities that help keep communities connected.”

However, groups opposed

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Your Home

Pet of the Week: Hazel



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LANDLINE

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to this change question the reliability of digital services. Save-landlines.org, an organization dedicated to maintaining copper-based landline networks, states that landlines provide important location-based data to emergency responders and remain functional during power outages.

"Without the option of landlines, which can continue to operate even if the electrical grid goes dark, people will be left stranded and disconnected," its website states. "It will take longer to recover from a disaster, lives will be lost, and the economy will likely be impacted."

AT&T argues that legacy landline services are less reliable than fiber and wireless services because analog system repair takes longer, leaving people without service.

"Our modern home phone service (AP-A) connects over our wireless network, can use any broadband connection, and has a built-in automatic battery backup," they added. "With wireless options, customers can use their mobile phone on the go in an evacuation situation."

AT&T also announced the addition of 4 million new fiber locations and 1,200 cellular sites intended to boost connectivity.

The spokesperson also noted the presence of widespread copper theft in California,

which has significantly impacted legacy landline systems as copper wire is necessary for their functionality.

AT&T has experienced 4,000 outages due to copper theft in California alone.

"By upgrading Californians onto more reliable modern networks, we can remove and recycle copper in our network, taking away thieves' incentive to steal from our network and our customers," they said.

The spokesperson said that the transition away from legacy services will be gradual, and that AT&T is doing everything possible to make this transition easy for customers.

"No customer will be left without access to phone or 911 service," they said.



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Business & Real Estate

Los Altos teen is ready to change the video game industry

By **Miranda Huang**
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

When asked why she wanted to design video games, 15-year-old Ellie Freeman responded with another question: “Why not?”

With little programming experience, the Los Altos resident at age 11 attended Girls Make Games, a three-week-long summer camp that teaches girls how to code and design video games. After multiple years in the program, Freeman received an award from the camp’s teenage division last summer for her prototype, “Paper Trail.” Now in professional development, the game will be released to PlayStation and Steam this coming winter.

“To think about a 15-year-old who is passionate about game design already having a game they created that’s going to be published professionally is a career goal that adults hope to achieve,” said Torrey Freeman, Ellie’s mom. “That’s really inspiring and exciting.”

“Paper Trail” follows the story of Frankie, a 7-year-old who is hospitalized after breaking their dominant arm. Out of boredom, Frankie draws monsters that come to life. Playing as Frankie, users are tasked with escaping the hospital by solving puzzles and reading Frankie’s diary entries for hints.

“I did some of the art for the monsters ... someone made the music and someone did the writing, and then we had

someone programming and putting it all together,” said Freeman, a rising sophomore at The Kehillah School in Palo Alto. “It was only the four of us, but we made it work.”

Last December, Ellie attended the Game Awards, what she described as the “Oscars for games,” where she accepted the Game Changer award on behalf of Girls Make Games. The award goes to an organization that demonstrates positive social progress in the gaming industry.

Having returned to camp this summer, Freeman said she is working on a new prototype with her team involving a “Cheeto and a tuxedo.”

“The (camp) environment is just great because it’s around people who are interested in the same things as you, want to do this similarly and are supportive,” Ellie said.

Launched in 2014, Girls Make Games aims to increase the number of women and nonbinary people represented in the gaming and design industry, according to CEO and founder Laila Shabir. It hosts camps in San Mateo County, where Ellie has attended, along with Los Angeles and in the states of Washington and North Carolina.

“When you feel like an outsider, being given a space where you feel like an insider, or like who you are is validated ... is a very powerful feeling,” Shabir said of the camps.

According to its website, Girls Make Games has reached



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Ellie Freeman at The Game Awards in Los Angeles in December 2025.

approximately 8,100 girls through its camps and related workshops. In addition to hosting in-person sessions, the organization offers a virtual option.

In the first few days of the program, campers learn the basics of using a game engine, software that helps one make a game more efficiently than typing code manually, Shabir said. Campers then pursue their personal interests in

groups of four to five.

At the end of camp, each group produces a prototype to pitch to a panel of industry-level judges, who review the submissions and appoint a winner. The winner from the teenage division then works with a third party to bring the game to life.

“Being a part of this program, getting to watch her own game come to life and then getting recognized and winning

this competition fueled her,” Torrey said. “She was like, ‘I’m doing it again next summer, I’m going to make a game that’s even better,’ and this has been her passion since.”

Ellie is one of a few teenagers attending the regional camp this year, according to her mom. She said the younger girls get to see a teenager who has come back year after year, despite already winning the competition.

Although industry professionals recognized “Paper Trail” formally, Ellie’s first prototype with Girls Make Games won in the camp’s junior division. Having known Ellie for around eight years, Shabir called Ellie’s brain the “problem-solving engineer type.”

“One of the reasons their games keep making it to the top is that they always have this original twist,” Shabir said. “That is reflective of who they are as a person, how they live and the things that they like to do.”

Ellie said female representation matters in the gaming industry because it combats the stereotype that games are reserved for boys.

“It’s important to be able to see someone like you that you can relate within at least one dimension doing something important and powerful that you might want to do in the future,” Ellie said.

For more information, see girlsmakegames.com.

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Los Altos priest advises Anthropic on AI ethics

By Anika Kapasi
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos is home to several Silicon Valley tech leaders shaping the artificial intelligence industry, some of whom have turned to their church for ethical guidance.

Father Brendan McGuire of St. Simon Catholic Parish in Los Altos has been conversing with industry professionals who have sought advice – or simply an ear – as they grapple with what they are witnessing in the AI landscape.

McGuire is a former tech worker who joined the priesthood 26 years ago and has served as a pastor at St. Simon since 2023. He recently made headlines for advising Anthropic, the San Francisco-based AI safety and research company behind the popular AI assistant Claude.

McGuire has been meeting with Anthropic executives for almost a year to discuss AI ethics. He’s also touched on the subject at church.

“I’ve had a number of those conversations with people who work with not only Anthropic, but Open AI, Google, Gemini, Meta and Microsoft – they’re all inside my parish, and these conversations are all starting to have the exact

same complexion and tone,” McGuire said.

He described this complexion as “existential concern.”

“I’ve got the investors, I’ve got the developers and I’ve got the users, and there’s a lot of conversations that they face,” McGuire said of his parishioners. “...I’m in a very privileged position to be able to hear all those conversations, but I also feel it’s a moral responsibility to do something with them and not just sit in silence.”

McGuire’s background in tech gives him a perspective few priests can offer.

McGuire graduated from Ireland’s Trinity College Dublin with a Master of Science in computer software engineering and a bachelor’s degree in engineering. When he moved to the U.S., he joined the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association and made connections in the tech industry.

When McGuire left corporate life for the priesthood, he stayed in touch with his colleagues to see how technology was progressing. He said several of them ascended to C-suite positions.

“Those conversations started to take a change somewhere around 2010 to 2015 and the tenor of the conversation started

to (shift) from interesting to alarm,” he said. “They were alarmed at the progress of the new disruptive technologies and they were quite concerned.”

Through these conversations, McGuire co-founded the Institute for Technology, Ethics and Culture at Santa Clara University in collaboration with the Vatican’s Dicastery for Culture and Education. The institute invites business leaders of all faiths to promote deeper thought on

tech’s impact on humanity.

In 2023, ITEC published a handbook co-authored by Brian Green, the center’s director of technology ethics, on ethical management practices for these disruptive technologies. McGuire said the handbook initially drew interest, but none of the companies they consulted with moved the framework into a deeper

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implementation process until Anthropic reached out last year.

“Anthropic came to me (when its executives were) visiting Green and said we need help in connecting with somebody in Rome, because we want to convene people of wisdom,” he said. “We need help in designing these systems, because these systems are getting unbelievably powerful.”

McGuire and Green began meeting with Anthropic co-founder Christopher Olah. The two received an early draft of Claude’s Constitution, the description of intended values and behavior that directly shapes Claude during training.

McGuire said he asked himself what value he could offer Anthropic. He wasn’t a tech executive, nor was he a theologian or philosopher.

“I may not know technology, but this technology is interacting with people, and what I know very well are human souls,” he said.

McGuire pointed to his interactions with churchgoers, including those who are sick and dying.

“What you do in those moments is you accompany people – you walk with them and you stay present with them in

the midst of darkness of what they don’t know,” McGuire said. “My promise and my offer to (Anthropic) was to walk with them and to accompany them...”

The priest returned a 35-page commentary drawing parallels with dark times in the church and the landscape today. He referred to mystics who held the tension of what is known and unknown.

Faith and reason

McGuire and Green are recognized among the external commentators on Anthropic’s official constitution. Since last fall, McGuire and religious leaders of other faiths have been meeting monthly with Anthropic.

“I’ve always felt that faith and reason go hand in hand – I’ve never found them opposites,” McGuire said. “I know they are pitched that way ... I think that’s wrong, because most people who are deeply involved in science eventually get to a point of mysterious mystery that they cannot explain, and that’s where faith comes in.”

He added the church has always been a “protagonist of technology from its earliest days,” mentioning how some of the greatest inventions occurred in Catholic monasteries and universities, such as the clock.

McGuire called for a need to “slow

things down” to better understand AI’s actions and reasoning, so they can be more predictable for humans. This work falls under the umbrella of AI safety, with interpretability – an area Olah pioneered.

Interpretability refers to the degree to which humans can understand the relationship between an AI system’s inputs and its outputs, enabling users to trace the reasoning process. Humans understand about 20% of the reasoning process, but what is interesting, McGuire said, is that our understanding of brain function is less than 20%.

AI models don’t operate like traditional software, where every output used to follow a fixed line of code, McGuire said. If you asked three people the same question, they would offer three different responses; AI is no different, he added.

“These machines are neural nets, like our brain is a neural net,” McGuire said. “These are artificial neural nets, and they mimic the working of our brain, so you don’t get exactly what you put in, you don’t get out exactly what you think you’re getting, because it’s not quite this easily determined.”

McGuire said developers should strive to design models that answer questions in a way that is “tilted for good.”

“One (AI model) is far more ethically engaging depending on how they’re de-

signed, so it’s exactly why we need to ask this question. How are they designed and why are they designed that way?” said McGuire. “We want good ones – we don’t want neutrals.”

McGuire added that humans need to be careful not to anthropomorphize these models into humans, but at the same time, not diminish them to be considered merely a tool.

“I think there’s a new category that we’re going to have to name that we have no name for right now ... we have to be very careful that we do not pigeonhole them into something just because our understanding has hit its limits,” McGuire said.

He said the “most dangerous” action humans could take is inaction. McGuire said humans need to be engaged at every level – philosophical, theological, sociological and political.

“We’ve had a lot of inflection points in technology over the last 30 years ... the majority of the world were largely passive receivers of that technology,” he said.

Now, the industry is forcing a more active response.

As one of his one of the churchgoers in his parish told McGuire: “When are the adults going to show up? When are the adults going to come in and take over the room again?”

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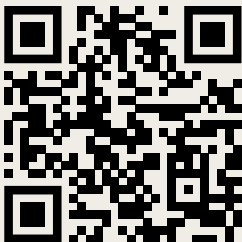
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Public Notice: Proposed San Antonio Elementary School

Comment on proposed cleanup in your area. This cleanup would protect the community and the environment from naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) found in the soil. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) wants to know what you think about the cleanup remedy for the Proposed San Antonio Elementary School (Site). This remedy is called a Removal Action Workplan, or RAW. It aims to protect the community and the environment from naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) found in the soil. The Site is located at 435 San Antonio Road, 2535 California Street, and 350, 506, 510-520 Showers Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040. Comment on the project: Send us your comments between July 29, 2026 – August 27, 2026. Online at comments.dtscc.ca.gov/76/proposed-san-antonio-elementary-school. Email to Elizabeth Tisdale, Project Manager elizabeth.tisdale@dtscc.ca.gov. Mail to Elizabeth Tisdale, Project Manager, DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. We review and respond to all public comments before we approve or deny the workplan. We may edit the workplan based on your comments. All information you submit will be accessible to the public. Learn more about the project: Find the draft cleanup plan and other documents at: <https://comments.dtscc.ca.gov/76/proposed-san-antonio-elementary-school>. Access physical copies at: Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6887. DTSC Berkeley Regional Office, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 540-2212. Please call for an appointment: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Contacts: Project Manager, Elizabeth Tisdale, elizabeth.tisdale@dtscc.ca.gov, (916) 255-6666. Public Participation Specialist, James Gambrell, james.gambrell@dtscc.ca.gov, (510) 529-7199. Public Information Officer, mediarelations@dtscc.ca.gov. About Us: DTSC's mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the Lead Agency to evaluate and disclose environmental effects of a proposed project. As the Lead Agency, DTSC prepared a Statement of Findings (SOF) and a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project. DTSC will file the SOF and NOD with the State Clearinghouse after the workplan is finalized.

Aviso público: Propuesta de escuela primaria en San Antonio

Comente sobre la limpieza propuesta en su área. Esta limpieza protegería a la comunidad y al medio ambiente del asbesto de origen natural (NOA) presente en el suelo. El Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas (DTSC) desea conocer su opinión sobre la solución de limpieza para la Escuela Primaria San Antonio propuesta (Sitio). Esta solución se denomina Plan de Trabajo de Acción para la Remoción (RAW, por sus siglas en inglés). Su objetivo es proteger a la comunidad y al medio ambiente del asbesto de origen natural (NOA, por

sus siglas en inglés) presente en el suelo. El Sitio está ubicado en 435 San Antonio Road, 2535 California Street y 350, 506, 510-520 Showers Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040. Comentarios sobre el proyecto: Envíenos sus comentarios entre el 29 de julio de 2026 y el 27 de agosto de 2026. Puede enviarlos en línea a comments.dtscc.ca.gov/76/proposed-san-antonio-elementary-school, por correo electrónico a Elizabeth Tisdale, Gerente de Proyecto, a la dirección elizabeth.tisdale@dtscc.ca.gov o por correo postal a Elizabeth Tisdale, Gerente de Proyecto, Oficina de DTSC en Sacramento, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Revisamos y respondemos a todos los comentarios del público antes de aprobar o rechazar el plan de trabajo. Podemos modificar el plan de trabajo en función de sus comentarios. Toda la información que envíe será accesible al público. Para obtener más información sobre el proyecto, consulte el borrador del plan de limpieza y otros documentos en: <https://comments.dtscc.ca.gov/76/proposed-san-antonio-elementary-school> Puede acceder a las copias físicas en: Biblioteca Pública de Mountain View, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6887. Oficina Regional de DTSC en Berkeley, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 540-2212. Para concertar una cita, llame de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a 17:00. Contactos: Gerente de proyecto, Elizabeth Tisdale, elizabeth.tisdale@dtscc.ca.gov, (916) 255-6666. Especialista en participación pública, James Gambrell, james.gambrell@dtscc.ca.gov, (510) 529-7199. Oficial de información pública, mediarelations@dtscc.ca.gov. Sobre nosotros: La misión de DTSC es proteger a la población, las comunidades y el medio ambiente de California de las sustancias tóxicas, mejorar la vitalidad económica mediante la restauración de terrenos contaminados y obligar a los fabricantes a producir productos de consumo más seguros. Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA): La Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA) exige que la Agencia Principal evalúe y divulgue los efectos ambientales de un proyecto propuesto. Como Agencia Principal, el DTSC preparó una Declaración de Hallazgos (SOF) y una Notificación de Determinación (NOD) para este proyecto. El DTSC presentará la SOF y la NOD ante el Centro de Información Estatal una vez finalizado el plan de trabajo. (07-29-26)

MILA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727870

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MILA, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited partnership. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): 330 Distel Circle EAH, LLC, 22 Pelican Way, San Rafael, CA 94901. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Welton Jordan GP of LLC / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

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TING HAO HOME KITCHEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728594

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TING HAO HOME KITCHEN, 17985 Cantabria Ln, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Zhehao Chen, 17985 Cantabria Ln, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/16/2026. /S/ Zhehao Chen / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/17/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

THRIVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728505

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THRIVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, 197 First Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Melinda Cathryn Pacheco, 197 First Street, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Melinda Cathryn Pacheco / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/15/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

TMP AUTO REPAIR LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727864

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TMP AUTO REPAIR LLC, 2923 Nicholas Way, Modesto, CA, 95351, Stanislaus County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): TMP AUTO REPAIR LLC, 3725 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/09/2026. /S/ Edilberto E Munoz Sanchez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

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NINA'S BEAUTY SALON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728470

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NINA'S BEAUTY SALON, 1782 Clear Lake Avenue Ste 256, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: married couple. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Nina Deepak Tolia, 410 N White Rd. Apt 1106, San Jose, CA 95127, Deepak Tarachand Tolia, 410 N White

Rd. Apt 1106, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/14/2015. /S/ Nina Deepak Tolia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/14/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

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BODIES IN MOTION PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728522

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BODIES IN MOTION PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC, 305 South Drive Suite 3, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): BODIES IN MOTION PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC, 1536 Fordham Court, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2005. /S/ Colleen O'Kane / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/15/2026. (07-29-26,08-05,12,19-26)

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FRUITY HEARTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728520

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FRUITY HEARTS, 712 Los Ninos Way, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Stephanie Fan, 712 Los Ninos Way, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Stephanie Fan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/15/2026. (07-22,29-26,08-05,12-26)

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ADVANCED MOVING COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727943

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ADVANCED MOVING COMPANY, 213 E. Maude Ave. #101, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Franklin Vaughn, 213 E. Maude Ave. #101, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/25/1983. /S/ James Franklin Vaughn / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/22/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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Rise East Bay FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727860

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Rise East Bay, (2) Rise University, (3) Rise International, (4) Rise Institute, (5) Rise Academy, (6) Shine Labs, 4415 Fortran Ct., San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rise Education System Inc., 4415 Fortran Ct., San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2021. /S/ Agha M Rizvi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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SABA Global FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727637

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SABA Global, 4415 Fortran Ct., San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Shia Association of Bay Area Inc., 4415 Fortran Ct., San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2021. /S/ Mustafa Khan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/10/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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Manifesting Abundance Coaching FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728109

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Manifesting Abundance Coaching, 1820 Little Branham Ln, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Brenda McCurley, 1820 Little Branham Ln, San Jose, CA 95124. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/26/2026. /S/ Brenda McCurley / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/26/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPHINE PATRICIA LI CASE NO. 26PR202470

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOSEPHINE PATRICIA LI, SIU YUEN LING PATRICIA. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KWONG YAN LI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KWONG YAN LI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/31/2026 at 9:03AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner KWONG YAN LI 4388 El Camino Real Apt. 299 Los Altos, CA 94022 PHONE (650) 391-7559 (07-15,22,29-26)

179-T

AK ENTERTAINMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728270

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) AK ENTERTAINMENT, (2) SPARTAN METALLURGICAL COMPANY, (3) MUSEUM MAGAZINE, (4) RAILROADER, (5) HILLSURF, (6) STAMP OUT, (7) KABUKIMAN, (8) STAR TOPS, (9) JOKERS WILD; THREE CARD SLOTS, (10) PICK-OFF 21, (11) ALL AMERICAN RECORDINGS, 790 Allen Ct, Palo Alto, CA, 94303-4110, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): APOLLO PRODUCTIONS & AAR DIGITAL LLC, 790 Allen Ct, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4110. Registrant began transact-

ing business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/17/2012. /S/ Alexander Demetrius Kanellakos / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/06/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #130 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728185

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #130, (2) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS LOS ANGELES, (3) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #302, (4) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS NORTH BAY, (5) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #305, (6) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS MONTEREY, (7) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #304, (8) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS SANTA CRUZ, (9) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #299, (10) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS SAN FRANCISCO, (11) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS \$303, (12) FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS TRI-VALLEY, 100 South Murphy Avenue, Suite 200, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): SF BAY BUSINESS SALES INC, 100 South Murphy Avenue, Suite 200, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Michelle Koblas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/30/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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COOKIE PIE CAFE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728263

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: COOKIE PIE CAFE, 498 Archcove Ct, San Jose, CA, 95111, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Elizabeth Navigato Ramirez, 498 Archcove Ct, San Jose, CA 95111. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Elizabeth Ramirez Navigato / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/06/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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VITAL SHIFT COACHING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728201

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VITAL SHIFT COACHING, 2011 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): DFITLIFE LLC, 2011 El Cami-

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no Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Danielle Elizabeth Dayoub / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/01/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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EASE ROBOTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728074

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EASE ROBOTICS, 68 Roosevelt Cir, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jin Yun, 68 Roosevelt Cir, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/22/2026. /S/ Jin Yun / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/25/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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ASTRA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728239

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ASTRA, 3964 Rivermark Plaza Unit 2850, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): EX ASTRIS LLC, 67 N Akron Dr 251, Moffett Field, CA 94035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/24/2026. /S/ Alexandra Cyria Eaton Strange / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/02/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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LAS AREPAS DEL SAZON TM LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727878

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LAS AREPAS DEL SAZON TM LLC, 585 E. Taylor St, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): LAS AREPAS DEL SAZON TM LLC, 585 E. Taylor St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/10/2026. /S/ Solanyi Martinez Caic / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/17/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

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Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727965

The following person (persons)

is (are) doing business as: Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts, 1200 Arthur Ct, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad, PO Box 3066, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/22/2026. (07-15,22,29-26,08-05-26)

171-T

MANAFESTHEALTH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727641

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MANAFESTHEALTH, 3115 Irlanda Way, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): LAL-DE-SIGNS LLC, 455 Market St, Ste 1940, San Francisco, CA 94105. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/07/2026. /S/ Lawrence Lorenzano / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/11/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

169-T

VECTOR PHYSICAL THERAPY: RETURN TO SPORT TESTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728104

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VECTOR PHYSICAL THERAPY: RETURN TO SPORT TESTING, 3536 Lake Front Circle, Stockton, CA, 95209, San Joaquin County. The principal place of business is in San Joaquin County and a current Fictitious Business Name Statement is on file at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office of Said County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): PHYSICAL THERAPY 110, INC., 3536 Lake Front Circle, Stockton, CA 95209. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Alexis Sepulveda / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/26/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

168-T

Virtuous Real Estate FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728124

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Virtuous Real Estate, 662 Mariposa Ave #2, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mark Francis Taylor, 662 Mariposa Ave #2, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on: 12/08/2011. /S/ Mark Francis Taylor / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/29/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

167-T

KMVT 15 Silicon Valley Community Media FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728098

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KMVT 15 Silicon Valley Community Media, 2500 Old Middlefield Way Ste F, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mountain View Community Television, 2500 Old Middlefield Way Ste F, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2003. /S/ Alex Doherty / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/26/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

166-T

Conscious Impact FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727892

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Conscious Impact, 353 Costello Dr., Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Monica Tran, 353 Costello Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/19/2021. /S/ Monica Tran / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/18/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

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FOREST AND WEBSTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728084

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FOREST AND WEBSTER, PO Box 3302, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Gregory Eitzmann, PO Box 3302, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Gregory Eitzmann / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/25/2026. (07-08,15,22,29-26)

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Datebook

Datebook is a free listing of events, groups and meetings in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View run by nonprofits. It is always available online and runs on a space-available basis in our weekly print edition. To be considered for inclusion, send your notices via email to avaa@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

EVENTS

Mountain View technology showcase. July 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza in Mountain View. New this year, exhibits will focus on the local makers community who are focused on novel technology uses, including inventions as well as functional art. Returning will be the popular autonomous vehicle displays, drone demonstrations, space exploration installations, robotics missions, virtual environments, and more.

Vintage Computer Festival. Aug. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come and explore an extraordinary showcase of historical computers, from pristine originals to ingenious modern hacks. Computer enthusiasts around the world look forward to the annual Vintage Computer Festival.

Del Monte Neighborhood Block Party - Creating Community: Welcome Home. Aug. 2, 5-8 p.m. at the corner of Del Monte and Mercedes. The idea behind the event is to celebrate what transforms a neighborhood from a collection of houses into a true community – the people, stories, artwork, history, and small acts of kindness that connect us. As the event has grown over the past several years, we have been inspired to create a “living neighborhood exhibit” where neighbors can discover the stories that have shaped our streets and celebrate the creativity and generosity within our own community.

Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series. Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle. A special program by the acclaimed ensemble Anantam, showcasing a unique blend of Indian classical music and dance. Anantam will present “From One to Infinity,” a captivating performance through traditional rhythms and movement. Attendance is free and open to the public. Reserve tickets at arts4all.org/events.

The 51st Fine Art in the Park. Aug. 8-9, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This outstanding, family-friendly event features talented artists ready to sell you art that touches the heart. Live music, food, drink and a community stage highlighting local performers create a festive atmosphere. Free parking and a shuttle service are available. Information: rotaryartshow.com.

New Woodland Library Terrace

and Native Habitat. Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road, Los Altos. Its time to celebrate! The outdoor space adjacent to our beloved Woodland Library has been transformed into a vibrant outdoor destination for our community: shaded eating areas with tables and umbrellas, surfaces for games and chalk activities, and a beautiful native habitat and educational environment designed and created by GreenTown Los Altos. Enjoy food, drinks, music, mingling, games and activities for all ages.

A Hole-in-one community day. Aug. 15, noon to 5 p.m. Get ready to putt your way through an 18-hole mini golf event at The Village at San Antonio Center. A DJ will set the vibe, and the event is free, so bring the whole family for a great day together!

Los Altos Main Library. *All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.*

Nature journaling workshop. July 29, 7 p.m. Unplug and reconnect with nature through this creative, interactive nature journaling workshop. Using simple playful sketching and writing prompts, you’ll slow down, notice more deeply, and strengthen your observation skills as you explore the natural world in your own way. No art, writing, or science experience is needed.

Paintings exhibit. Aug. 1-30, opening during regular library hours. Jan Jensen’s paintings will be on display during the month of August.

Fabric Miniature Book Craft. Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. Join local, sustainable artist Gigi Farmer for a relaxing, hands-on craft perfect for slow-stitching, mini art collage, needle book, or a keepsake journal. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. Free and open to the public. www.scclld.org

UC Master Gardeners – The Monarch Butterfly Crisis: What’s Happening and How You Can Help. Aug. 19, 7 p.m. Monarch butterflies are disappearing, and their future is in our hands! Ready to be part of the solution? Join us for an inspiring workshop with Santa Clara County Master Gardener Rebecca Schoenberger. Discover why these beautiful butterflies are in peril and learn exactly what you can plant in your garden to help them make a comeback. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

Friendship Bracelets: Upcycled Paper Beads & Embellishments. Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. Join sustainable artist and community educator Leila Ghasempor to discover the art of making paper jewelry. Participants will learn how to upcycle various

types of everyday scrap paper, rolling and finishing them into exciting, durable beads. These beads will then be crafted into unique embellishments for bags or stylish bracelets to wear. All materials will be provided. Program is designed for adults and teens. No registration necessary. Program is free and open to the public.

Wednesday Travel Nights: Norway by Sea and Land. Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Bruce Berger will share his video highlighting his visits to Norway, cruising the coastal fjords to the top of Europe, and punctuated with colorful encounters on rural drives and exploration of engaging coastal cities. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

Monday Meditation & Mindfulness. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at Los Altos Library, 7 p.m. at Woodland Branch Library. Practice meditation for 20 minutes and ask questions for 10 minutes.

Poetry Open Mic. The first Monday of the month, 7 p.m. Hear and share poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend. Presented by Poetry Los Altos.

Bay Area Games Day. The third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Join a full day of convention-style open gaming at the library. Learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite.

Mountain View Public Library. *All events held in the main library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.*

Baby Storytime. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Mountain View Public Library, first floor program room. Musical storytime for infants, babies and new toddlers with books, baby bounces and dancing. After storytime, we will host a brief stay and play for grownups to connect and mingle. Program designed for ages 0-18 months.

Needle Crafts Circle. 10-11:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of every month. Second Floor Program Room. Join the needle crafts circle – a relaxed, friendly space for all fabric arts, including hand sewing, knitting, crocheting and more. Bring your project and unwind with a welcoming community of fellow crafters. No registration required. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The needle crafts circle is intended for adults, ages 18 and up.

City of Mountain View

Summer outdoor movie nights. The city of Mountain View is hosting summer outdoor movie nights at local parks on Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. July 31: “Super Mario Galaxy” at Whisman Park.

OBITUARY NOTICE

**MYRON
WEISBART, OB**



June 18, 1924 –
June 4, 2026

Myron Herbert Weisbart, known as “Mike”, died on June 4, 2026, at Forum Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino California. Born June 18, 1924, to Herbert and Frances Weisbart, he was raised in New York City, NY, was a graduate of Columbia College and graduated from Columbia Medical School in 1950. He practiced internal medicine and cardiology for 40 years at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara County, in charge of the Sunnyvale Clinic for much of that time. He was an extremely competent physician who enjoyed his work immensely.

Married over 45 years, the love of his life was his second wife Barbara “Bobbi”. Together they enjoyed traveling, dancing and tennis. He is survived by his sons, Mark and David, his step- daughters Lynn Paietta, Marti-Martin Kuntz, and Sandi Garcia, and their children and grandchildren.

Mike was a gentle, polite, easy-going, soft-spoken man. Everyone liked Mike. He was one of the least aggressive people you would ever meet. As a father, he never imposed his will on us. He raised us the right way and was there when you needed him. Life’s little problems seemed not to get under his skin. He simply enjoyed living his life, day to day.

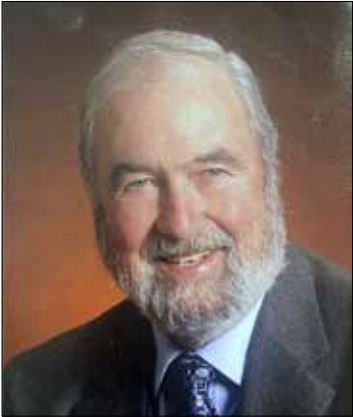
As a child, I discovered his silver star and purple heart tucked in the back of a drawer, what a surprise, given his temperament and personal-

ity. I knew he was in the War, but it was never a topic of conversation. As I read many years later, under heavy fire, a stubborn medical aidman, although painfully wounded, refused to abandon his men until all the casualties were cared for. Quiet, unwavering courage found in a gentle soul, when it mattered most.

A good man, a long life well earned, a life well lived.



**ROGER
SUMMIT**



October 17, 1930 –
June 7, 2026

Roger Summit, innovative contributor to the technology of electronic search engines and 50-year resident of Los Altos Hills, died June 7 at age 95. He and wife Ginger moved to The Forum in Cupertino in 2024, where Roger organized jazz concerts and was an enthusiastic player of low-stakes poker. Down-sizing forced him to give up his concert grand in favor of headphones and a Spinnet, but he practiced American Songbook standards on the piano daily. He recently gave Forum residents a demonstration of the cycle of fifths, the chord progressions behind many jazz tunes.

While nearly everyone knows about Google, only people familiar with the development of search engines know about Dialog, an idea, then a company Summit founded while working at Lockheed Missiles and Space Administration in the 1960s. His concept enabled anyone, anywhere to search large data-

bases using only a phone line. The strength of the invention can be measured when one considers that Dialog was first tested by Lockheed on a contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Before long Dialog was in demand by government agencies, corporations and individuals, worldwide.

Dialog continued to add databases and computing capacity until it outgrew its Lockheed facilities. By 1981, Summit’s idea was spun off as DIALOG Information Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary. In 1988 Lockheed sold the subsidiary to Knight-Ridder for \$358 million. While Summit continued as CEO until his retirement in 1992, the company, still in existence, changed hands several times.

Recognition of Summit’s achievement became more public in 2019, when the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers added Dialog as a Milestone. The Milestone program recognizes unique technical achievements that benefit humanity. Dialog shares a list with innovations such as development of computer chips, fiber optics, bullet trains, Moore’s Law and bar codes.

Summit grew up in Michigan, but an early glimpse of California set his sights on the Golden State. A Naval ROTC scholarship allowed him to choose Stanford University. He graduated with a degree in psychology in 1952. After completing his military service, he returned to Stanford for a masters in business management and a doctorate in management science. Summit’s timing was perfect. On campus and off, people were talking about computers. Summit took a job as a summer intern at Lockheed in information processing. The path to Dialog had opened.

In private life, music was a through line. Summit played trombone in dance bands during high school and college. In retirement he played with the Daddios Big Band at De Anza Community College and

the Mt. View/Los Altos Adult School Orchestra.

Sailing became a passion. He gave Ginger a surprise wedding gift of a 30’ sailboat, and they spent their honeymoon in the Sacramento River Delta learning to sail. As they traveled the world on behalf of Dialog, the couple chartered boats and sailed in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Europe. Summit even tried commercial salmon fishing with a partner in Half Moon Bay. His love of sailing prompted purchase of a remote cabin in British Columbia, where he spent summers until the effort of sailing became too great.

Summit is survived by his wife Ginger and their children Jennifer Summit Firth and Scott Summit and three grandchildren — Michael Firth, Ada Firth and Dashiell Summit. Roger also leaves his brother Roland of Los Angeles. Plans for a celebration of life are underway. Gifts in Roger’s memory may be made to the charity of your choice or to the California School of Music and Arts in Mt. View.



**PETER SYMMES
MARSHALL STURGES**



July 18, 1958 –
July 6, 2026

Peter Sturges passed away on July 6, 2026, from pneumonia, following a courageous two-year battle with cancer. He is survived by Debbie, his beloved wife of 26 years; his two cherished daughters, Izobel and Cianna; his siblings, John, Jennifer, and Matt, his brother and sisters-in-law, a

large, loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who held him dear.

The third child of John and Susan Sturges, Peter was born at Whiteman Air Force Base. As the son of an Air Force officer, he moved frequently during his father’s career, calling Los Angeles, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Sunnyvale, and Dayton, Ohio, home before the family finally settled in Los Altos in 1974. Peter played both football and tennis at Awalt High School before graduating with the class of 1976.

Following high school, Peter pursued his passion for music, studying at Cabrillo and Foothill Colleges and spending time at UCSB. An accomplished guitarist and songwriter, he loved playing for family and friends, and he frequently shared his musical gifts with the community at local open mic nights.

Later in life, Peter developed a unique expertise as a cheesemonger. He brought his knowledge and passion to several local institutions, including the Milk Pail Dairy and Draeger’s Market, as well as various markets in the greater Las Vegas area.

In 2000, Peter found the true love of his life, Debbie Renacia. They were married soon after and moved to Las Vegas where they raised their two amazing daughters, Izobel and Cianna. Above all else, Peter’s greatest joy in life was simply spending time with his family.

Peter will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for his unwavering devotion to his family, his love for tennis, playing the guitar, body surfing in Santa Cruz, and the peaceful days spent with extended family at Crystal Lake in Northern Michigan. May his legacy of love, laughter, and selflessness be carried forward by those who cherish his memory, and may he rest in everlasting peace.

A celebration of life was held in Las Vegas on July 26th and was attended by many family and friends that loved him dearly.



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