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## 2025 Los Altan of the year: Bruce Barton

### Town Crier leader chose to err on side of kindness

By **Christina Casillas**  
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**B**ruce Barton, former editor-in-chief of the Town Crier, held a number of jobs before he decided to retire from the Crier in August 2025. He was a gas station security guard and a musician, but the most impactful of all was his storied journalism career – especially those years spent at the Town Crier. Barton made his mark on the local community through his philosophy of crafting unbiased stories and choosing to “err on the side of kindness.”

Barton served the Town Crier’s coverage cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View for more than 30 years. During those years, the paper changed management, the cityscapes changed and so did the priorities and mindsets of those in the cities he served. But Barton’s priorities and dedication to the communities he served didn’t waver.

“When it came to news stories, (my ethos was to) be good to the community and treat the community kind,” he said. “Do good feature stories, be approachable, but at the same time, when it comes to hard news, don’t ignore it. Don’t sweep it under the rug. Call it

as it happens.”

Barton, originally from Massachusetts, moved to California with his family when he was 8 years old in 1969. They settled in Sunnyvale. Barton, who had always been artistically inclined, said he “fell into” the career path he held for more than three decades.

“I always enjoyed art and music and sports, and so I kind of fell into journalism – there’s a chance to make a living, not make a great one, but make a living and do what I want to do, which is storytelling and then getting involved in some visual ideas that played into my art background,” he said.

And that’s what he did at the Town Crier for decades. He wrote stories, designed various sections of the newspaper – going from laying pages out manually to using QuarkXPress and now Adobe InDesign – while keeping an open door to those in the community. He also implemented his love of art into volunteerism, serving as a Music for Minors Advisory Board Member from January 1999 to January 2001. Founded in 1976, the nonprofit is dedicated to instilling a love of music in children regardless of access to resources. Music for Minors is also a Town Crier Holiday Fund recipient.



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

**Bruce Barton types up a story in December 2024. He served as Town Crier editor-in-chief from 1994 up to his retirement in August 2025.**

While Barton agreed with a saying that “people are the same wherever you go,” he said that the cities in the Town Crier’s coverage area took him aback by how involved they were.

“I was surprised at the depth of involvement in this community,” he said. “I don’t know about now, but throughout my years at the paper, for the most part, people were really involved in helping their fellow residents, and that was great to report on.”

For his years of service and involvement in fostering com-

munity, serving as a person residents could go to with questions, concerns or information, Barton was named the Town Crier’s 2025 Los Altan of the Year.

The Los Altan of the Year award is modeled after Time Magazine’s annual award. The Town Crier bestows the honor on locals who have made a difference in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View over a sustained period of time, recipients embodying the selfless community spirit upon which the community was built.

### Past

A self-proclaimed journeyman, Barton held positions from reporter to lifestyle editor and copy editor. His first journalism job was in the San Lorenzo Valley, an area located in the Santa Cruz Mountains with roots in the logging industry. He worked for papers including the San Lorenzo Valley Post and the Scotts Valley Press Banner, moseying closer to the coast when he worked for the weekly Good Times newspaper in Santa Cruz. He

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# Around Town

## El Camino Health welcomes first baby of 2026: A sweet girl

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
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The first baby born at El Camino Health in Mountain View is a girl.

“Baby Issavi” – who has no first name yet, but has her parents’ last name – was born Jan. 1 at 12:17 a.m. in Mountain View. She measured in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

“Congratulations to mother Narjis and father Hanry on their new addition to the family,” said an El Camino Health spokesperson on Monday morning.

In a LinkedIn post shared New Year’s Day, El Camino Health wished the pair well.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the first Bay Area baby of the new year is believed to have been born at the Kaiser Permanente San Leandro hospital at exactly 12 a.m. New Year’s Day.



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Parents Hanry and Narjis Issavi hold their daughter.



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# News

## LAOTY From Page 1

served as editor of the Milpitas Post in the mid-'80s before he decided that it was time to cover a community unlike those he'd covered in the past – that's when he put his hat in the ring for a number of different journalism jobs across the state and ended up covering small communities in Amador County.

Barton received his introduction to small community coverage there. He kept towns like Ione and Jackson, which then had approximately 3,000 residents, informed of what was happening in town. He also covered areas that had populations of less than 1,000 residents. It was during that time he recalled some of the most memorable stories he's written.

He interviewed the onion field killer – Gregory Powell – at Mule Creek State Prison after it had just opened in the late '80s. Powell was convicted of kidnapping and killing Los Angeles Police Officer Ian Campbell in a Bakersfield onion field in the 1960s.

But Barton's favorite interview was with Little Richard, whom Barton described as "exactly as the way he is on-stage – wild and manic and funny."

### His legacy

Former copy editor and longtime Los Altos resident Colleen Schick, who worked with Barton for more than 15 years before retiring and moving to the San Diego area a few years ago, saw Barton as uniquely suited to community journalism.

"Bruce is such a relational person," she said. "He was very invested in and engaged with the people and events he covered, always reminding his editorial staff to focus on the impact on local residents."

She added that Barton was the ultimate team player – no job being too small or too big for him to tackle.

"He was a prolific, one-man-band-type of leader. On any given day, he wrote, edited, took photos, did layout and served as the paper's ombudsman. I even remember him dressing up as the paper's mascot, a town crier, complete with bell, for an anniversary event."

In addition to his team-oriented approach, Barton was a "great coach," Schick added, one who was encouraging and patient, who empowered and equipped employees to do their best and who always rooted for their success.

"Bruce has a very generous spirit," she said. "Whether it was a Cub Scout on a tour of the Town Crier or a sitting member of Congress, he treated everyone with kindness and respect."

Dennis Young, Town Crier publisher and former Los Altos of the Year,



said that Barton was one of the reasons the Town Crier is so beloved and widely read by the community.

"His door was always open to the public and the public came. They came with their pet issue, with complaints of some article, or praise, usually trying to win him over to their point of view. Bruce was always gracious with residents. He was a good, patient listener and would say, 'Tell me more' until they were finished with their grievance," he said.

Young said Barton had a way of disarming disgruntled visitors, his laugh and humor winning even the most staunchly unhappy resident over. He said that Barton approached his job with grace even when there were disagreements with what ran in the paper under previous publishers.

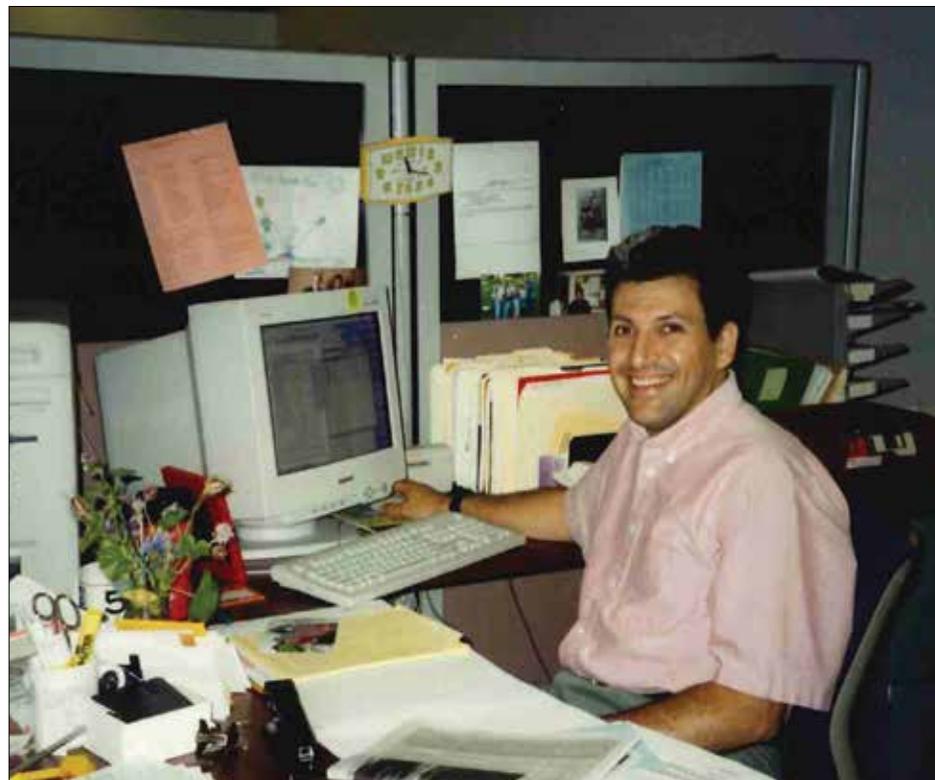
"When Paul Nyberg was publisher, Bruce would often discuss his idea for an editorial. They might not agree, ardently, on the angle, or even whether to publish the topic but they always managed to compromise and find a path forward," Young said. "This was unusual as most editors do not seek approval from the publisher."

Barton noted that one of the most contentious editorials run in the Town Crier – written by former publishers Liz and Paul Nyberg – was in support of Proposition 8. Passed by voters in 2008, the proposition and state constitutional amendment intended to ban same-sex marriage. It was shot down by the federal government shortly after it was passed. Barton said the whole staff, apart from the editorial's writers, was against the editorial.

"It's a regret that I have of just letting it go without more fight," he said.

But while Barton may have some regrets, he enhanced the community, former Town Crier sales manager Kathy Lera said.

"Barton's decades of service as editor of the Los Altos Town Crier strengthened the very fabric of our community,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRUCE BARTON

**Bruce Barton, former Town Crier editor-in-chief, served the local community from before the turn of the century to 25 years after. From typing stories on boxy computers, above, to working under Paul Nyberg, top left, he's weathered changes while putting together a paper that kept readers engaged and informed. Barton is now retired and can be found spending time with his family and pup Jimi, right.**

His commitment to thoughtful journalism, local voices and truthful storytelling didn't just inform us – it connected us," she said. "Bruce's leadership helped shape the identity of Los Altos, and our community is better, kinder and more engaged because of his work."

Because of Barton's tenure on the paper, Young said he most likely had the most general knowledge of local issues than most people who live in the Town Crier's coverage area.

"Even so, he shows respect and humility to others," Young said. "We would know when Bruce was having a good day, when, in the midst of his work, he would burst into song, usually on key."

Megan Winslow, former Town Crier writer, photographer, social media specialist and photo editor, said that Barton was one of the most memorable characters to whom she reported.

"Hands down, Bruce is the most entertaining person I've worked for. Whether cracking jokes, sharing photos of his canine pal Jimi or serenading coworkers with his guitar, he was the architect of fun in the Town Crier newsroom," she stated. "Bruce welcomed interaction with his employees, and his office door was always open to invite us in. Warmly, he referred to each visitor as 'Chief.' I congratulate Bruce on his retirement, but I know the Town Crier office must inevitably feel a bit empty



without his energy."

Barton, now months into his retirement, is spending time with family and his pup Jimi (yes, he's named after Jimi Hendrix). The most exciting part about retirement? Monday, the Town Crier's notoriously stressful print deadline, is now a normal day for him.

"I feel very comfortable and relaxed on Monday," he said with a grin.

**The Town Crier will be celebrating Los Altos of the year Bruce Barton from 5-7 p.m. March 5 at the Los Altos Golf and Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive. Tickets are \$85. For more information, email Maria Crowder, [mariac@latc.com](mailto:mariac@latc.com).**

## Neysa Fligor likely wins runoff election

By Curtis Driscoll  
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Results in the special runoff election for the Santa Clara County Assessor position show Los Altos Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor winning over Rishi Kumar.

Fligor, also the assistant assessor for Santa Clara County, has 65.16% (142,720) votes as of Jan. 2, while Kumar, a former Saratoga councilmember, has 34.83% (76,283 votes).

Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone stepped down from the position in July and said he would not seek re-election in 2026, triggering the special election this month.

Kumar said in a statement on his political website that he was grateful for the trust and support shown by residents across the county.

“The people of Santa Clara County have spoken, and I respect the outcome of Dec. 30, 2025,” Kumar said.

Fligor said in a text to the Town Crier that she has submitted her resignation from the Los Altos City Council, effective at 7:30 p.m.

during the Jan. 13 council meeting, so she can participate in the reorganization of the council for the mayor and vice mayor positions. Fligor would have been termed out in November and has been on the council for seven years.

The current voter turnout for the special election is 20.54%, with 220,026 ballots cast.



## Local nonprofit sends Hills officials a demand letter related to actions made on O’Keefe Preserve

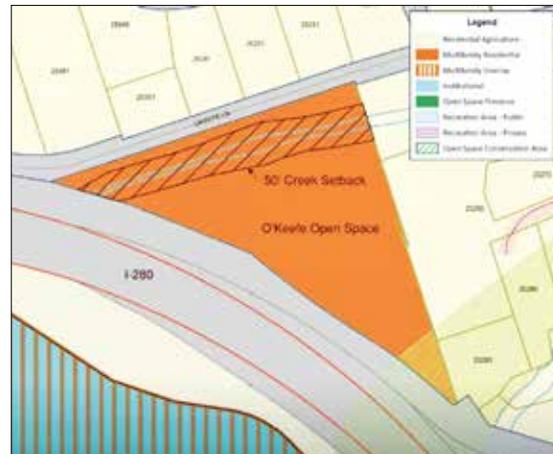
By Curtis Driscoll  
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The debate over the future of the O’Keefe Open Space Preserve in Los Altos Hills continues after a local nonprofit sent the town a demand letter questioning the town’s actions on the topic.

A Dec. 16 letter to Los Altos Hills from Safaran Law on behalf of its client, Sustainable Housing Initiative for Environmental & Land Defense Coalition, claimed the Los Altos Hills City Council “secretly formed and operated an unagendized ‘Alternative Sites Committee,’ held closed-door meetings and preselected the preserve as a housing site in violation of California’s Brown Act. The council then openly chose a strategy to evade the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by directing the City Attorney to draft and orchestrate a sham ‘citizens’ initiative’ specifically designed to avoid environmental review, while simultaneously using public resources to promote, strategize and advance that ballot measure.”

The Brown Act requires local agency meetings to be open and public, while the CEQA requires agencies to consider the environmental impacts and damages of an action.

The coalition, based in Los Altos Hills and composed of residents, is seeking to preserve the entire eight-acre vacant parcel adjacent to Highway 280/Junipero Serra Freeway and El Monte Road. The town owns the land, and it became open space in 2002 when voters adopted the Los Altos Hills Open Space and Public Recreation Initiative. However, the Los Altos Hills City Council at its Nov. 17 meeting discussed a potential ballot measure, potentially citizen-led, to redesignate a portion of the O’Keefe property from its current open space preserve to multifamily residential and to remove the voter approval requirement for conveyance of the land for multifamily housing. The November discussion raised concerns among some residents about how potential development would affect the area’s environmental and rural aspects, along with traffic impacts on nearby roads. The town is considering zoning changes at O’Keefe to maintain



SCREENSHOT FROM LOS ALTOS HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
**Talks to redesignate parts of the O’Keefe Open Space Preserve for housing has drawn criticism.**

adequate potential sites in the future to meet its state-mandated housing obligations under its Housing Element and to avoid state penalties.

“The SHIELD Coalition is demanding immediate cure and correction of Brown Act violations, full CEQA compliance before any further action, an end to all publicly funded campaign activity, a complete accounting of public resources expended, and production of public records. Absent swift corrective action, litigation will follow to enforce open government laws, environmental protections, and the voters’ express mandate to preserve the O’Keefe Preserve,” according to the letter.

Rajesh Shakkwar, one of the members of the coalition, said the organization is a proponent of affordable housing and protecting open spaces and the environment, and he believes there can be solutions that meet state housing requirements but don’t compromise the environment.

“We believe one doesn’t have to happen at the cost of another,” Shakkwar said.

Los Altos Hills Acting City Manager Cody Einfalt said the town had received the letter, and the city attorney was in the process of reviewing it.

“At this time, we don’t believe any

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# News

## New local and statewide laws you should know for 2026

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
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New laws go into effect Jan. 1. Here are a few of the notable changes to expect in the new year.

### Los Altos

Gabriel Engeland, City Manager of Los Altos, said there were no local ordinances that were set to specifically take effect in the new year.

### Los Altos Hills

Cody Einfalt, Acting City

Manager for Los Altos Hills, said zoning updates in the municipal code – updating certain properties from Residential-Agricultural (R-A) zoning district to Multifamily (MF) and Multifamily Overlay (MFO) zones with associated development standards

– would go into effect. Also, a second reading was passed before the start of the year related to the pathway impact fee requirements for new developments and the ordinance was already in effect before Jan. 1, he said.

### Mountain View

Lenka Wright, chief communications officer for the city of Mountain View, said the minimum wage in Mountain View will be \$19.70 as of Jan. 1. This is a \$0.50 increase from the 2025 rate. The annual minimum wage rate adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area, she said.

She said was not aware of any other laws going into effect on Jan. 1 that were specific to Mountain View.

### State

SB 1053: The state's single-use plastic bag ban will now include all plastic bags, including ones previously considered reusable.

SB 1075: Credit unions cannot charge an overdraft fee above \$14, or an amount set by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

SB 3: The state minimum wage is set to increase to \$16.90 per hour.

SB 40: Co-pays for insulin will be limited to \$35 for a 30-day supply under large group health plans. The state will also sell insulin under the name CalRx at a price of \$11 per pen.

AB 1830: Although some small businesses are exempt, California businesses that produce corn tortillas and corn masa products must add folic acid to their product in order to reduce defects such as spina bifida.

AB 578: New laws governing food delivery from Postmates, DoorDash and Uber Eats require the site to provide full refunds on wrong orders, and provide an itemized list of costs to delivery drivers.

### Have a comment or idea? Reach out

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member of the town violated the Brown Act or CEQA," Einfalt said in an email statement to the Town Crier. "The letter also included a public records request, which our city clerk will be processing in accordance with state law."

Los Altos Hills Mayor Raviv Bhateja said the formation of an Alternative Sites Ad Hoc Committee that discussed the issue was done consistently with the Brown Act and that at no time were there three members of the city council on the Ad Hoc Committee.

"The committee was formed to review potential alternative sites within the town for potential multi-family development in the event the town ever needs to add sites to the currently certified Housing Element or future housing elements," Bhateja said in an email statement to the Town Crier. "Any consideration of additional sites, including the O'Keefe property, would require public hearings

before the planning commission and city council."

Bhateja also said the city council has taken no action that would require compliance with CEQA or taken action on any potential ballot measure to modify the 2002 Open Space Initiative. He noted the Nov. 17 meeting on the topic involved public testimony and receiving an information report, but the city council took no action on a potential ballot measure at the meeting, and the work done by the city attorney in that context was informational only.

"Any future action on a possible ballot measure is up to the residents," Bhateja said.

To change the property's zoning, a ballot measure would be required to amend the town's Open Space Initiative. The demand letter and further information about the Sustainable Housing Initiative for Environmental & Land Defense Coalition and its arguments can be found at [saveopenspaces.org/home](http://saveopenspaces.org/home).

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# Comment

## Letters to the Editor

### Downtown changes

We are most concerned about the proposed changes to our downtown Los Altos.

For one thing, why do we need a new park? There is a wonderful park which is heavily used, just across Foothill Expressway. And several other excellent park areas serving all the residents of Los Altos, downtown or otherwise.

Our most pressing concern is parking. We live downtown, and we see every day that 99% of the available parking is full during open hours for our downtown shops and restaurants. This does not vary by season.

What with pressure from the state for the city to eliminate these parking lots in favour of mega-housing projects, and the additional “plans” for the park, we can visualise our downtown dying before our very eyes. Good ecological intentions or not, people will only come here if they can find a parking place. And no one likes an underground garage, or an ugly above-ground parking structure.

We urge the city council to put any major changes to our town to a popular vote.

They fail to act as our elected representatives if they do not

do so.

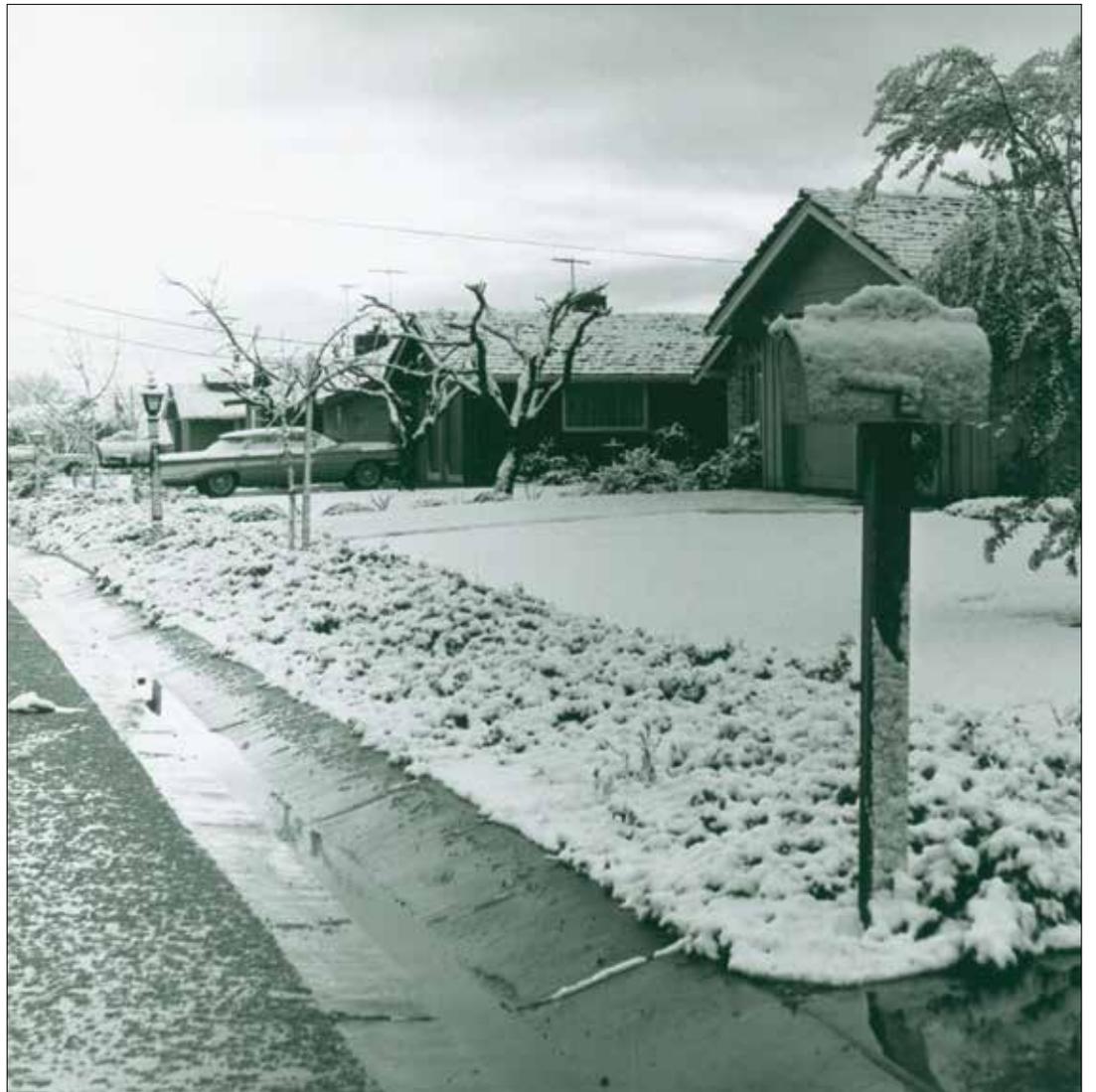
**Don and Lizebeth Burch**  
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### Issues with federal funding cuts to biomedical research

“How are you?” These are often the first words we say or hear when greeting others. As we age, the answer to this question increasingly rests on health – ours and of those we love. If we can all agree on anything, it’s that we want ourselves and our loved ones to be healthy. Additionally, when we get injured or sick we expect that our care will be optimized with the latest, greatest technologies. We expect that cutting edge advances like robotic surgery, stem cell therapy, immunotherapy, or gene editing will reduce our pain and suffering, accelerate our recovery, and save our lives. Yet, the process by which new, more effective treatments become available doesn’t cross our minds. Who is doing the work? Who pays for the process? How long does it take? Who assures that these new treatments are safe and effective?

Trust me when I say, these advances don’t just fall from the sky. The treatments we benefit from today were initi-

## Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

This snowy scene on Sevilla Avenue in Los Altos was taken by Palo Alto Times photographer Gene Tupper on Jan. 21, 1962.

ated years, sometimes decades ago by dedicated scientists and their trainees, working hard within universities and academic medical centers. Consider the development of diagnoses and treatments for osteoporosis, which affects over 14 million people in the US. These medical advances evolved from NIH-funded research on bone biology and biomechanics that began in the 1980s, and ultimately uncovered the critical cellular and molecular mechanisms that formed the basis for current drugs. This academic work not only serves to make the discoveries with therapeutic potential but also trains the next generation of scientists that will continue the work into the future.

I guarantee you that the recent de-prioritization of biomedical research and the funding cuts to universities will slow our progress of translating new therapies to clinical reality and to your benefit. This may not seem like a problem for you now, but just like a choice to not wear a seatbelt

when you drive, this is a gamble and could have catastrophic consequences. Your hard-earned tax dollars that go to the NIH aren’t wasted expenses, but investments in our collective future health.

So, when you say or hear “how are you,” please think about how the trajectory of your health over a lifetime extends to include the health of the biomedical research ecosystem. What treatments will you and/or your loved one’s need in the future? Will they be there when you need them?

Our biomedical research infrastructure has been the envy of the world but is now under threat. If we have a weak or sick biomedical research infrastructure, this will inevitably lead to a weaker and sicker population over the coming decades. Please say something. Advocate for your future health via continued NIH funding and support of academic research.

**Jeffrey Lotz, Ph.D.**

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# Community

## Los Altos Scout's Eagle Project benefits seniors

By Diana Ho

Sophie Nguyen of BSA Troop 30, Los Altos, recently completed her Eagle Scout service project by creating and donating handmade fidget blankets to the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center, an adult day health care center in Mountain View that supports seniors, including those with cognitive and physical challenges.

Nguyen delivered 12 fidget blankets to the center on Tuesday, Dec. 23, just in time for Christmas. Fidget quilts (also known as "busy blankets") are lap-sized quilts covered with a variety of textures and activities with ribbons, buttons, pockets and other tactile items. They are designed to keep hands busy and provide sensory stimulation, especially to calm individuals with anxiety, ADHD, autism

or dementia.

Traditional fidget quilts can be complicated and labor-intensive. Over the past year, Nguyen crafted a simplified design using no-sew fleece blankets as the base, with multiple sewn fidget patches hand crafted separately. These single pieces were then fused onto the blanket's top layer. She directed a team of fellow Scouts, family and friends in assembling the components with this approach, therefore allowing those from all skill levels to collaborate.

Of the 12 fidget blankets donated, ten were lap-sized for individual use, while two larger versions were transformed into interactive wall art, now displayed at the facility for visitors. Each blanket was thoughtfully assembled

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Sophie Nguyen of BSA Troop 30, Los Altos, recently completed her Eagle Scout service project.

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# Community

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with a variety of fidget patches and colors tailored to the diverse needs of Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center patrons.

The holiday delivery brought seasonal cheer to patients and staff. The community at the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center expressed appreciation for Nguyen's incredibly creative and meaningful service project, a fitting culmination of the Los Altos Scouts' positive impact and a wrap to 2025.



COURTESY OF DIANA HO

Handmade fidget blankets created by Sophie Nguyen of BSA Troop 30, Los Altos, for her Eagle Scout service project.

### Have a comment or idea? Reach out

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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 13, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

In Person

Note- This is not the Final Agenda

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### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt Resolution Approving the Woodland Library Memorandum of Understanding

### SPECIAL ITEMS

2. Conduct 2026 City Council Reorganization

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# Schools

## LAHS Green Team holds first clothing swap

By Mia Scott  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Jeans, hoodies, hats and even flip-flops changed hands at the Los Altos High School Green Team's inaugural clothing swap in November in the quad.

"It was a trial, but we were happy with the results," club co-president Luke Byrne said of the Nov. 12 event. "Approximately 75 students participated and a lot of people who came ended up getting two or three items."

The success has inspired the Green Team, the school's environmental club, to make the free clothing swap a regular event, according to Byrne.

"I think twice a year would probably be a good estimate," senior Byrne said. "We also want to have time for other events."

Aiming to combat waste and promote conscious consumption, the student-led clothing swap met its goal of keeping quality items out of the landfill, Byrne added. He said the club also wanted to show that there's a more environmentally friendly way to get new clothes, like thrift

shopping, to build a more conscious community.

"It's a nice way to be able to make use of something you're not using," Byrne said, "It's good for the environment and sustainability."

Clothing was primarily collected in bins in the school library the first week of November, according to Green Team co-president Linnea Forslin. Donors were asked to wash the items to ensure they were in good condition. Once all the clothing was collected, Forslin and club secretary Zoe Allanic sorted it, with the help of their parents, by size and gender.

Any remaining clothing after the swap was donated to small local charities, including Hope's Corner in Mountain View.

Green Team members said the biggest challenge the team faced was getting the word out to enough students about the clothes swap.

"We filled out the forms through ASB not early enough," senior Forslin said, "Because of that, we couldn't start collecting and advertising as early as we would've liked."

She added that the club plans to start



COURTESY OF LINNEA FORSLIN

The Los Altos High School Green Team held its inaugural clothing swap in November in the quad to combat waste and promote conscious consumption.

advertising earlier next time, use social media for better outreach and set up more collection bins across campus instead of just in the library. Green Team would also like to work with the associ-

ated student body to reach more people. "We are looking to collaborate with ASB for our next one," Byrne said, "As a part of Diversity Week, because fashion is a big part of self-expression."

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# Sports

## Los Altos High student breaks onto the national archery scene

By **Andres Baisch**  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

**W**hen Hannah Wang started taking archery lessons, she never thought she would reach the national stage.

Wang, a freshman at Los Altos High School, now competes in the U15 barebow division and this year completed a crowning achievement of winning the largest international indoor competition in the barebow youth category in Las Vegas.

Barebow archery is a subgroup within archery, as it differs from Olympic Recurve in that barebow archers cannot use sights or stabilizers as aids. Wang was selected to the first-ever Barebow U15 United States Archery team for 2026.

Wang first got into archery after shooting a basic beginner barebow, which is a wooden bow without any weight, at a birthday party. After shooting a barebow over the course of a few summer camps, Wang asked her dad if she could start competing in formal ar-

chery.

"I started with a Genesis bow, a beginner compound bow, and I started lessons at Palomo," Wang said. "I switched to barebow using a bow they lent me."

After shooting with a barebow for some time, Wang decided to get her own bow after encouragement from her coaches. Wang initially thought of archery as a fun hobby, but after starting competitions, she found a drive to compete.

Wang said that even though she does not use sights or stabilizers, her practice in barebow has helped her adjust to the difficulties and made her more accurate. Wang placed first overall in the 2025 combined state competition, placing first in both indoor and outdoor competition.

Wang said the environment and mentality are different when competing in the two. Competing outdoors can bring different temperatures and conditions.

"Wind can be a large factor outdoors, which affects where the arrow lands," Wang said. "I prefer (competing) out-

doors, since there's a variety of distances, giving me a range of accuracy and consistency."

Wang's father, Charles, was unfamiliar with the sport when Hannah first showed interest. Charles said they were shocked when coaches suggested starting competitions, as he thought extensive training and talent were needed to compete.

"You can show up and compete no matter what your skill level is, and Hannah won her first competition, which is how this whole thing progressed," Charles said.

Wang first began taking lessons with Peter Palomo in 2020. After Palomo passed away in 2023, Wang continued training at Palomo Archery and Silicon Valley Archery Development. She continues to participate in pin shoots and indoor events under the coaching of Elliot Lee, Raymond Lenh and Sheri Bryne Haber.

For the future, since Wang is aging out of the U15 division, she is focused on making the U18 national archery team while improving her scores.



COURTESY OF CHARLES WANG  
**Los Altos High student Hannah Wang.**



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# Stepping Out

## Science, music, theater – what’s your pleasure in the new year?

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- The Physics Show, 10 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

This ever-popular physics extravaganza is fun for all ages. (Note: These are the same

shows that were put on in September; a new show will be coming next September.) \$6.

For tickets and more information, visit [thephysicsshow.com/home](http://thephysicsshow.com/home).

- CSMA’s Jazz Festival, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13-15, Community School of Music & Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View.

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- The Adventures of Pinocchio by Peninsula Youth Theatre, Jan. 16-17, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts Second Stage, 500 Castro St. Meet familiar characters such

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For tickets and more information, visit [pytnet.org/boxoffice/the-adventures-of-pinocchio](http://pytnet.org/boxoffice/the-adventures-of-pinocchio).

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- Yoga Play: Jan. 22-Feb. 15, Bus Barn Theater, 27 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Los Altos Stage Company presents Dipika Guha’s humorous take on the Western world’s obsession with yoga. The CEO of a yoga apparel company bends over backward to save her career and the company’s reputation. Tickets range from \$28 to \$51. For tickets and more information, visit [losaltosstage.org/yoga-play-2](http://losaltosstage.org/yoga-play-2).

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## 2025 Range Rover SE LWB 7 offers luxury option at lower price

By Mike Hagerty

A bargain is a relative thing. The 2025 Range Rover SE LWB 7 is a perfect illustration.

See, exactly three years ago in this space (“On the Road,” January 2023), I reviewed the Range Rover SV LWB. It had a price tag of \$255,590. As in, if I handed my local Range Rover dealer a quarter million dollars, he’d have told me I’m still \$5,590 short.

But if I were to buy the Range Rover SE LWB 7 with that quarter million today, I’d have the vehicle and \$102,580 in the bank.

The fundamentals are the same. We start with a long-wheelbase Range Rover, capable of seating seven people. Power, in this case, comes from a 3.0-liter six-cylinder engine with 395 horsepower. It’s capable of reaching 60 miles per hour from a standing start in 5.6 seconds, with a top speed of 150 miles per hour.

For its size and power, its fuel economy is quite good, an EPA-estimated 19 mpg city/24 highway. The transmission is an eight-speed automatic, and it is all-wheel drive. Properly equipped, it can tow 3,500

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pounds. Its cargo capacity is 8.7 cubic feet with the third row of seating upright.

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By Matt Pataky

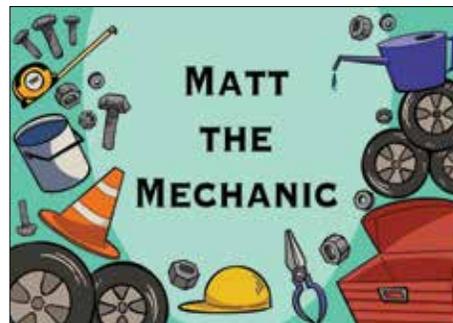
As we head into the new year, I’m reminded that we share the Bay Area with a pesky little neighbor. It seems like these little guys are multiplying in droves. In the past few weeks, I have actually seen rodents jumping out of cars as I drive to work. It is so prevalent that we have added a rodent activity line item in our vehicle inspection. So much so that we see at least two damaged cars a week due to these little pests.

Customers ask me all the time what they can do to stop these little nest-building machines. This is not that easy a question to answer, as each person’s situation is different. Some customers have to leave their cars outside, some don’t drive their cars much, some people have to leave their cars on the street, some in their driveway and some people can garage them.

First, we are going to address the

### Matt the Mechanic

street outside the cars. If there is not enough room in your driveway, you have to park your car on the street. This is the most difficult car to deal with, as you have to add deterrents in and on the car first. The most common suggestion we make is to use an all-natural spray in and around the car. One product that our customers have recommended is Mighty Mint Peppermint Oil Rodent Repellent. You spray the peppermint oil on the front grills and all four fender liners. The front grill and fender liners tend to be the one place the rodents like to get into the car. You can also open the hood and spray the peppermint oil on the inside of the fenders. The other thing customers have recommended is hot sauce. You can use a basting brush and apply hot sauce to the inside of the



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Matt the Mechanic warns about the dangers of car damage by rodents.

fenders.

One of the most effective deterrents is to open your hood. Rodents are looking for a dark, dry place to nest. If that area is open to the environment, rodents will not want to gain access in the first place. Since opening your hood on the street is really not an option, driveways become a very good place to perform this.

It is also important to make sure the environment around the car is clean and clear of hiding places. Rodents tend to nest in vines and shrubs. If your car is parked right next to them, the car will be an upgrade from the vines or shrubs. Make sure to perform regular yard work and cut back plants so the rodents don’t have places to nest.

If you have a driveway protected by a barrier, you can try a new technique. We have several customers who place Christmas lights under their car. You can place the lights under the car away from the wheels. If the lights are on or flashing, the rodents will not nest in that area.

Garages seem to be one of the better options, but they pose their own issues. Let’s say you always garage your car, yet are still getting rodents. First make sure there are no points of entry to the house

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## On the Move

### New Volkswagen Tiguan makes leap

By Mike Hagerty

As I mentioned here in October, I drive 104 vehicles a year but only have space to share 24 here at the Town Crier and losaltosonline.com, and that means some very good cars haven't had nearly enough attention.

One of the most egregious absences has been the Volkswagen Tiguan, which last made an appearance in "On the Road" when my predecessors, the late Gary Anderson and his wife Genie, wrote about it in ... (gulp) ... April of 2017.

Yep. Darn near nine years. If you read that review, remember what a good writer and lovely man Gary was, and forget nearly everything about the Tiguan, because a lot has changed.

The 2025 model year began the third generation of Tiguan, and it is 10 inches longer, nearly two inches wider and about half an inch lower than the 2017. The styling, as is the trend, has become blockier and more muscular, suggesting off-road ruggedness. With only 6.6 inches of ground clearance for front-wheel drive models and 7.0 for all-wheel-drive, I wouldn't test that suggestion too strenuously.

The interior is unrecognizable – a quantum leap in overall design, materials and, of course, tech.

Power hasn't changed much – 200 horsepower from a two-liter turbocharged four-cylinder then, 201 now (the 2026 model year will see a new R-Line Turbo model with 268 horsepower). Fuel economy has improved from 22 mpg combined city/highway to 25.

### Auto Review

And what a nice machine to drive. I did a 220-mile round-trip from Folsom to Alameda and found it responsive, quiet and smooth. I ended the day with zero fatigue and could easily have done the run again.

There are four trim levels of Tiguan, starting at \$30,245. The one I drove, the SEL R-Line, begins at \$39,755. That's a 2025 model price; the 2026 will likely be higher.

That money buys a lot of standard equipment, including all-wheel drive, 20-inch alloy wheels, automatic LED headlights, taillights and daytime running lights, dynamic cornering lights, fog lights, power folding, heated, power adjustable side mirrors with position memory and puddle lights, a power panoramic sunroof, rain-sensing wipers with heated washer nozzles, a heated windshield with UV protection plus additional heat and sound insulation, a rear window wiper and washer, three-zone automatic climate control, with a second-row control panel, heated, leather-wrapped steering wheel, heated and ventilated power-adjustable front seats with lumbar and massage function and position memory, a heated rear seat, Varenna leather seating surfaces, USB-C ports in the front and second row, illuminated, carpeted cargo area with 12-volt power port and removable privacy cover, underfloor cargo storage, an auto-dimming interior rearview mirror, footwell lights, reading light, il-



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**The Volkswagen Tiguan.**

luminated vanity mirrors, a configurable digital driver display, head-up display, keyless access, proximity locking and unlocking, push-button engine start, remote engine start, an anti-theft alarm with engine immobilizer, a hands-free power liftgate, a 15-inch color touchscreen with navigation, a three-month trial to SiriusXM satellite radio, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, wireless phone charging, a Harman Kardon premium audio system with center speaker and subwoofer and a robust suite of active safety features.

And that's it. There were no extra-cost options on the test vehicle, so with destination charges, the bottom line of the window sticker reads \$41,180. That's considerably less than the average new car price these days, and the Tiguan is considerably better equipped, more nicely appointed and more pleasant to drive than the average new car.

*Mike Hagerty, past vice president of membership for Western Automotive Journalists (waj.org), has been writing about cars since 1997. Read more of his reviews at MikeHagerty-Cars.com.*



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## ROVER

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touchscreen with a Meridian sound system, SiriusXM three-month trial, wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, wireless device charging and a comprehensive suite of active safety features.

The one I drove cost a bit more than that, though. There was \$28,070 in extra-cost options added: The Ethereal Frost Silver gloss-finish exterior paint was \$8,450 by itself. In descending order of cost, the others were \$5,200 for deployable side steps, \$3,000 for Sparkle Silver 23-inch wheels, \$1,820 for a Premium Upgrade Interior Pack, \$1,400 for a head-up display, \$1,300 for Grand Black Veneer trim, \$1,200 for a Meridian 3D surround sound system, another \$1,200 for the towing package, \$1,080 for the Comfort Pack, \$740 for the Premium Interior Protection and Storage Pack, \$650 for the ClearSight interior rearview mirror, \$550 for black brake calipers, \$550 for Pixel LED headlights with signature daytime running lights, \$390 for the Exterior Protection Pack, \$75 for the Emergency Pack (first aid kit) and \$65 for the handover



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The interior of the 2025 Range Rover SE LWB 7, which has Windsor leather seats and a four-zone climate control with air quality sensing, among other features.

pack (a nice box your key fobs come in).

Total price: \$147,420. Even for those whose budgets allow six figures for vehicle purchases, that's not an insignificant amount of money. But it is more than half the luxury of the Range Rover SV for less than half the price.

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## MECHANIC

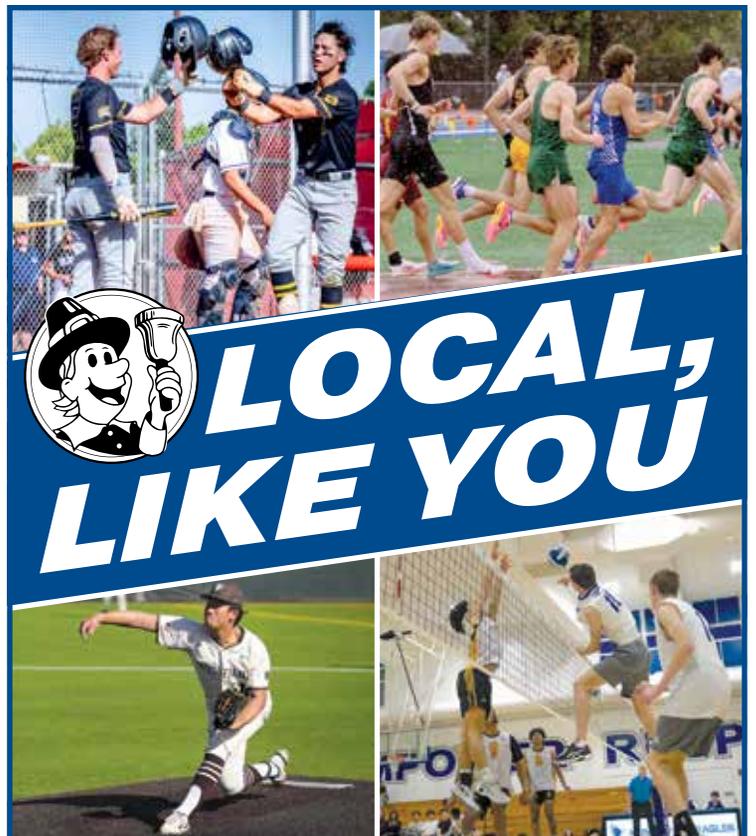
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or garage. Rodents can squeeze through holes as small as a quarter. If the garage is secure, the rodents may be using your car as a Trojan horse. They hitch a ride from work, and you unwillingly deliver them to your house. Needless to say, you have to set traps in your garage whether you have rodents or not.

If you are unlucky enough to have had rodents invade your car and cause damage, there is one very important step to have performed. After any rodent repair at the shop, we always

apply or install rodent tape to the affected areas (wires, wire harnesses, hoses). This rodent tape will stop the rodents from re-damaging the affected area. There are many ways rodents can invade your life, but if you follow a few or all of these steps, you can put a large barrier in their way.

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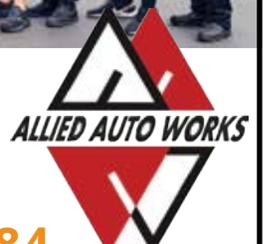
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## How mortgage rates shape supply, demand and home prices



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The local housing market is affected by rising and falling mortgage rates differently.

By Owen Halliday

Mortgage rates always influence real estate markets, but in places like Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, their impact is filtered through extremely tight inventory, high household incomes and a large buyer pool with wealth tied to the technology sector. The result is a market where rising or falling rates matter, but not always in the ways textbooks predict.

Higher mortgage rates reduce affordability everywhere, but the effect is somewhat muted in the mid-Peninsula. Many local buyers have substantial down payments, access to pledged-asset lending, or equity compensation that allows them to absorb a higher interest rate than buyers in other regions.

Demand does cool when rates rise, especially among first-time or move-up buyers. However, in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, the bigger story is the effect on supply. Homeowners in these cities are often sitting on mortgage rates in the 2–3% range, and the financial incentive to stay put is stronger here because:

- Homes are long-term family assets.
- There is limited new construction.
- Finding a replacement home is difficult due to low turnover.

This “locked-in seller” phenomenon reduces available inventory even further. Even when demand dips, supply can fall by as much or more, which often stabilizes prices despite rate-driven affordability challenges. This is why our region frequently sees only mild price adjustments when rates rise. Buyers might become more selective, but they rarely gain major bargaining power.

### When rates fall

When mortgage rates decline, the reaction from Silicon Valley buyers is almost immediate. Purchasing power increases, monthly payments look more attractive and sidelined buyers re-enter the market.

In our local cities, falling rates usually lead to:

- Multiple offers returning within weeks
- Shorter days-on-market
- Upward pressure on prices, especially for updated homes near top-rated schools
- Faster absorption of any new inventory

Because Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View consistently suffer from undersupply, lower rates can ignite competition very quickly, some-

## On the Market

times dramatically. Even a 1% drop in rates can bring back dozens of buyers for each well-located home.

One of the largest differentiators in our area is the role of equity compensation. A large percentage of local buyers, particularly those working for Google, Apple, Meta and many mid-size tech firms, use stock-based assets in ways that buffer the impact of mortgage rate changes.

They may:

- Pledge stock portfolios through a securities-backed line of credit to fund down payments or avoid liquidating shares.
- Use RSUs or vested stock options to qualify for larger loan amounts, effectively increasing borrowing power even in higher-rate environments.
- Leverage rising stock markets to accelerate buying timelines when equity values increase.

On the other hand, market volatility can cool demand overnight. A sudden drop in tech stocks can reduce the ability to borrow against portfolios, limit RSU income used for qualification, or simply make buyers more cautious.

In other words, in our area, mortgage rates and stock market performance are intertwined forces. When both low rates and strong equity markets move favorably, competition can accelerate rapidly. When rates rise and stocks fall, the slowdown can be sharper than in markets less tied to the tech economy.

In Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, mortgage rates absolutely influence demand, but not the chronic lack of supply. The strength of local incomes and the unique role of stock-based wealth all shape how those rate changes translate into prices. Rising rates may slow activity, but they rarely produce significant price declines. Falling rates, especially when paired with a strong tech market, often trigger rapid appreciation.

For buyers and sellers in this market, the interplay between rates, inventory and technology-sector wealth remains the key driver of how quickly conditions shift, and why this region behaves differently from almost anywhere else in the country.

*Owen Halliday is a longtime Los Altos resident and realtor who manages the Christie's-Sereno office in downtown Los Altos. Call him at (650) 492-0062 or email Owen@Sereno.com.*

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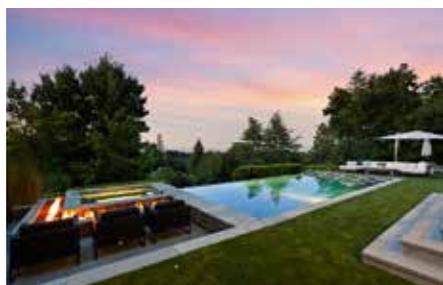
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## Ideal Self Care LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722143

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

307-T

## Axios Sports Medicine FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721835

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

306-T

## GROUPVINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722089

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

305-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANTONY FRASER-SMITH (aka ANTONY FRASERSMITH). A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/23/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept

by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner KIMBERLY F. WHITFIELD, ESQ. DOUGLAS BARNES, LLP 14414 Oak Street Saratoga, CA 95070 (408) 395-4800 (12-24,31-25,01-07-26)

304-T

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LILY'S DREAM, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): CASPIAN SEA LLC, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/11/2025. /S/ Omar Omarov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/11/2025. (12-24,31-25,01-07,14-26)

303-T

## HENRYS PAINTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721945

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

302-T

## TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721944

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

Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

301-T

## GOLDEN EYE LIMOUSINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721943

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

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## SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721936

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): WORLD FOOD MOVEMENT, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Naga Rekha Prodduturi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/09/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

299-T

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

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

a. Alyssa Ashley Klein

Proposed Name:

a. Alyssa Ashley Brucclerli

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

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

3. A copy of this Order to Show

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

297-T

## DRAGONFLY FLORISTIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721777

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

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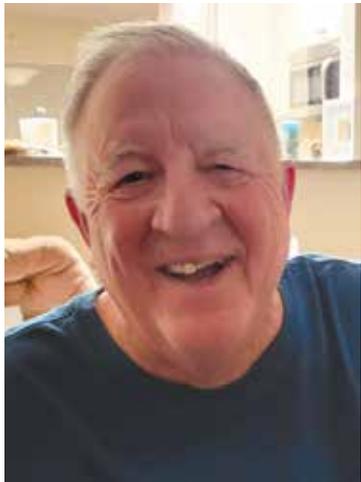
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# OBITUARY NOTICE

## THOMAS GIBBS



April 4, 1946 –  
December 6, 2025

It is with a heavy heart to share that Thomas Jay Gibbs passed away unexpectedly in his home on December 6, 2025 at the age of 79. He is survived by his two sons, John and James; as well as his cousin's family Lynne, Michael and Lauren Strom-Berg; and four nieces and nephews – Shannon, Keith, Marc and Matthew.

Tom was born April 4, 1946 in Minneapolis to Robert and Lillian Gibbs. His family relocated to Los Altos in the 1950s, and he remained a Los Altos resident his entire life.

Tom met Ruth Olsen at Covington pool before starting high school at Awalt. They got married February 2, 1966 and had their first son later that year while he was attending college. Tom and Ruth remained married for 44 years, until Ruth's passing in December 2010.

After graduating from Awalt in 1964, he attended Foothill College and then California State University, Hayward where he graduated with a degree in Physical Education. Tom was a standout basketball player with both schools, which earned him an opportunity to tryout with the Oakland Oaks of the ABA in 1967.

Affectionately known as GIBBER, Tom had a positive impact on the lives of many people throughout his life. Those who knew him will remember him for his kindness, sense of humor, generosity and ability to maintain a positive outlook despite what life's challenges he was facing at the time. He was an outstanding person who set a strong example for others to follow. He was also reliable, patient and a great listener, which was appreciated by many.

Professionally, Tom began a career in sales working with his father at Westinghouse and spent the last 30+ years working with friends at Krobach Manufacturing.

While raising his family, Tom took a very active role in his children's activities. He coached teams with YBA Basketball, AYSO Soccer, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball. During the Little League years, Tom became the Founder and President of Los Altos Youth Baseball - which was created in an effort to overcome Little League participation boundaries, and allow kids from different school districts to play together. This earned him a Community Service Award from the City of Los Altos in 1983.

In addition, he was also served as a chaperone for the Los Altos High School Main Street Singers as they took their talents on tour to Scandinavia.

These years were very special to him, as they were full of fond memories and countless friendships with the families and kids that were fortunate to be part of the teams he coached or interacted with while growing up.

As an athlete, Tom enjoyed playing basketball into his 50's with friends on teams in the Menlo Park and Mountain View City Recreation Leagues, as well as a weekly open gym every Thursday night at Egan Junior High School. He was a great teammate and an outstanding shooter – even as he aged.

Those who knew him also know that he was an avid sports enthusiast. In particular, he loved his 49ers, Giants, and Warriors. He was a long-time season ticket holder for the San Francisco 49ers and was always up for going to a Giants game.

Tom also enjoyed playing golf, which he continued to play with neighbors and friends until he passed. While he was not the golfer he used to be, he loved spending time on the golf course and just having fun living in the moment with his group.

Pajaro Dunes was his happy place. Tom and Ruthie bought their condo at Pajaro Dunes about 40 years ago. He looked forward to spending nearly every weekend there, as well as the holidays of the 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. He would often enjoy sitting on the beach for hours, just watching the world go by and listening to the sounds of the waves crashing on the beach. He cherished viewing the sun set; watching pelicans glide over the waves and appreciated every dolphin or otter sighting. There are so many fond memories of times shared at Pajaro Dunes with family, friends and all of the wonderful dogs he had over the years.

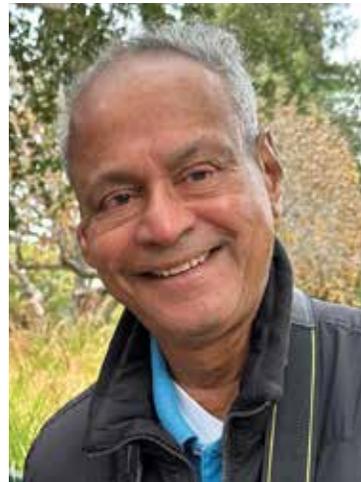
Tom will be missed by a great number of people beyond just his family. We appreciate all of the thoughts, memories, stories and kind words that have been shared. Thank you.

There will be no immediate funeral service, but the family is going to plan a Celebration of Life to honor him in the Spring.

For those interested in making donations in his name to one of his favorite charities, contributions can be made to either the ASPCA or the Humane Society Silicon Valley to honor his lifelong love for animals.



## KALYAN DUTTA



February 24, 1947 –  
December 16, 2025

Kalyan Dutta passed away peacefully on December 16 in California, surrounded by his family, and lovingly celebrated as dear friend and family patriarch, reflecting the respect and affection he inspired wherever he went.

Born in Calcutta, Kalyan grew up in a family that valued learning, literature, and music. Life demanded resilience early on, and his years moving between boarding schools, army encampments with his father, and extended family shaped a quiet independence and deep curiosity. He joined the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur in 1963, enrolling in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering, where he quickly stood out not only for his intellect but also for his generosity of spirit. Many recall him as a natural teacher to his classmates, "a brilliant engineer and a thorough gentleman who enjoyed life in every way." It was at IITKGP that Kalyan met Parvati, his classmate and future wife. Their partnership—rooted in friendship—spanned six decades, marked by quiet grace and shared curiosity.

After graduating in 1968, Kalyan moved to the United States, earning a Master's degree from UC Santa Barbara and a PhD from Stanford University. He went on to a remarkable career in optics and imaging, working at Block Engineering in Boston and later at Lockheed Research Labs in Palo Alto. Known for solving difficult problems in unconventional yet

rigorously scientific ways, his work contributed to advanced imaging systems, including projects related to the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes, as well as numerous defense research initiatives. Yet he wore his brilliance lightly—many remember first his warmth and curiosity rather than his credentials. At heart, Kalyan was a hands-on engineer and lifelong learner, sharing this love of making and problem-solving with his daughters. Though reserved by nature, Kalyan formed deep and lasting friendships. One friend remembers Kalyan as "a thorough gentleman, with a smiling face and ready wit... every conversation left me wanting more."

Kalyan also embraced life beyond intellect. Despite being cerebral, he was a fearless downhill skier. "Kalyan Uncle" taught friends, and many in the next generation, to ski, encouraging them not to fear risk, and leaving vivid and cherished memories of fun-filled Tahoe weekends.

In retirement, Kalyan immersed himself in wide-ranging interests: Music, new coding languages, a major genealogy project, and the frontiers of physics and mathematics. He questioned received wisdom, argued thoughtfully, and balanced seriousness with humor. A legendary punster, he spread laughter freely—often to his wife's amused dismay. He was a generous host, and his cooking, much admired, lives on through shared recipes and family stories. Friends describe him consistently: kind, intelligent, curious, and gentle, while a young relative shares, "You both have been my home away from home."

Kalyan Dutta's life reflected the finest ideals of intellectual rigor, humility, integrity, and a lifelong love of learning. He will be profoundly missed, but his legacy endures in the lives he touched, the friendships he nurtured, and the quiet example that he set of a life lived with meaning, warmth, and grace. He is survived by his wife, Parvati, his daughters, Meenakshi Rina and Aparna Shona, and his grandson, Nico. A memorial will be held for friends and family on January 16, at the Los Altos Community Center.



# Los Altos Town Crier Holiday Fundraiser 2025



Grants from the Town Crier Holiday Fund support agencies in Silicon Valley that touch the real needs of people.

"At this time of year, we are inundated with requests for donations. Giving to the Town Crier Holiday Fund assures us that 100% of our money goes directly to groups that are doing the most good for the most people without any added overhead costs. This is among my favorite charities." ~ Dick Henning, Founder, *Celebrity Forum*



## DONORS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

### LEAD DONORS:

Ellen S. Jamieson.....	\$25,000.00
Edward and Pamela Taft.....	\$25,000.00
The David & Lucile Packard Foundation .....	\$20,000.00
The Krause Foundation .....	\$17,000.00
Dinesh and Joy Desai.....	\$10,000.00

### BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Starlight Caregivers .....	\$100.00
Anne Wojcicki Foundation... ..	\$5,000.00
Bleibler Properties LLC .....	\$500.00
Resonance Philanthropies .....	\$5,000.00

### INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous (6).....	\$2,925.00
Amount Left Blank.....	\$ 0.00
Gerri Ann Acers .....	\$250.00
Keith Amidon and Rani Menon.....	\$2,000.00
Roger and Donna Anderson.....	\$200.00
Anne and Buz Battle.....	\$1,000.00
Pamela Blackman and Edward Cazalet.....	\$1,000.00
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Kacey Fitzpatrick.....	\$250.00
Pam and Bob Galen.....	\$250.00
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Michael R Green.....	\$500.00
Dan and Olivia Haley.....	\$400.00
Vivien Abad and Maurice Hamilton .....	\$1,000.00
Kathryn and Kirk Hanson.....	\$1,000.00
Harding Family Fund.....	\$500.00
Richard L Henning.....	\$500.00
Wayne and Judith Hooper.....	\$350.00
Duanni Hurd.....	\$250.00
Matthew and Connie Ives.....	\$500.00
Tom Johnson and Anne Kearns.....	\$300.00
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Walt and Liz Wilson.....	\$100.00
Roy and Patty Woolsey .....	\$250.00
John Zeisler and Jennifer Bailey.....	\$1,000.00

### IN MEMORY OF:

Thomas B Blaisdell .....	\$500.00
<i>In Memory of Margi Gould Sheri and Tom Blaisdell</i> .....	\$250.00
Carole Cameron.....	\$250.00
<i>In memory of Don Cameron</i> .....	\$1,000.00
Patricia N. Grimm.....	\$1,000.00
<i>In Memory of Bob and Marion Grimm</i> .....	\$1,000.00
Jane Bryan Jones .....	\$1,000.00
<i>In memory of Hardy Jones</i> .....	\$500.00
Rosemary Kaplan .....	\$500.00
<i>In memory of Daniel E, Daniel H, Lisabeth</i> .....	\$200.00
Dana A Kreitter.....	\$200.00
<i>In memory of Dan Kreitter</i> .....	\$500.00
Carol D. Kuiper.....	\$500.00
<i>In memory of Ralph Kuiper</i> .....	\$100.00
Dan Lathrop, M.D. ....	\$100.00
<i>In memory of Jackie Lathrop</i> .....	\$100.00
Susan and Clinton Nagy.....	\$100.00
<i>In Memory Of Alison Minshall</i> .....	\$1,000.00
Liz Nyberg .....	\$1,000.00
<i>In the memory of Paul Nyberg</i> .....	\$5,000.00
Darwin and Donna Poulos.....	\$5,000.00
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<i>In memory of John Harpootlian</i> .....	

### IN HONOR OF:

Magaret M. Abe .....	\$100.00
<i>In honor of Bruce Barton</i> .....	\$1,000.00
The Bue Family Bue.....	\$1,000.00
<i>In honor of Boo and Gretchen Bue</i> .....	

Total Donors .....	126
Total \$\$ to date.....	\$176,775.00

## WHERE THE MONEY WILL GO:

**Child Advocates of Silicon Valley**  
Matching neglected children with adult advocates.

**Community Services Agency's Keep Low Income Seniors Housed**  
Provides housing financial assistance to seniors

**Community School of Music and Arts Artistic Intelligence Program**  
Brings music, art and dance to special needs students through partnerships.

**Day Worker Center of Mountain View**  
Connects day workers with jobs offered by homeowners and businesses.

**Help One Child**  
Performs foster parent recruitment, support, training.

**Hidden Villa**  
Provides summer camperships for underprivileged families.

**Hope's Corner**  
Provides meals and shower facilities for the underserved and unhoused.

**Los Altos Youth Theatre Los Altos Stage Company**  
Making theater a safe and great place for children to be.

**Mentor Tutor Connection**  
Matches at-risk youths with adult mentors, tutors in local schools.

**MERIT Program (Making Education Relevant and Interactive through Technology)**  
Provides teachers with tech tools at the Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College.

**Music for Minors**  
Provides music education to schools through docent training.

**MVLA Scholars**  
Serves low-income first-generation college students from Mountain View and Los Altos.

**Veterans Resource Center at Foothill College**  
Helps veterans transition to schooling and employment.



# Los Altos Town Crier Holiday Fundraiser 2025

## 1. THE BEST WAY TO CONTRIBUTE:

Donate with a credit/debit card or ACH securely at

**[www.daffy.org/latc2025](http://www.daffy.org/latc2025)**



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Follow the steps at <https://www.daffy.org/latc-faqs> or contact [support@daffy.org](mailto:support@daffy.org) for help.

## 3. DONATE BY CHECK:

Send a check payable to "Daffy Charitable Fund" to Daffy, 221 Main St., PO BOX 2061, Los Altos, CA 94023. Indicate "TCHF 2025" in the memo line

By sending a check you agree to the Daffy Member Agreement, available at [daffy.org/legal](http://daffy.org/legal)

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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to designate my contribution as follows: (select one)

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