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Mentor Tutor Connection celebrates 30 years of helping local students



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Mentor Tutor Connection, which helps connect local students to tutors and mentors, celebrated its 30 year anniversary with a gala last week.

By Julia Baum
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Mentor Tutor Connection celebrated its 30th anniversary Friday evening with a gala at the Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club honoring the volunteers, partners and community members who have supported the organization's work connecting students with tutors and mentors across Mountain View and Los Altos.

Founded in 1996, MTC places nearly 200 volunteers each year to work with more than 450 local students, providing academic, social and emotional support. The milestone, leaders said, reflects both the program's growth and the continued need for its services.

"The number one thing is that it validates the mission," said board chair Susan Kresek.

The organization began as a Los Altos Rotary-led effort focused on tutoring underserved students and later expanded to include mentoring. Over three decades, it has grown into

a community-supported nonprofit working in partnership with local school districts such as the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

For executive director Lisa Peckler, MTC's impact is best understood through the relationships it fosters.

"(MTC) is about the power of one-to-one relationships," Peckler said.

Peckler described one mentor who worked with a student who later graduated from San Jose State University, maintaining the relationship years later.

"The mentor was asked by his mentee to be the godfather for one of his children," Peckler said. "That longer term impact and real shaping of someone's life in dialog, and the importance of that one-to-one relationship cannot be underestimated."

Beyond individual stories, MTC measures its effectiveness through annual surveys of

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Mountain View fined \$1.2 million for Clean Water Act violations

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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A federal judge ruled Mountain View and Sunnyvale owe nearly \$1.2 million each in civil penalties for allowing sewage to flow into Stevens Creek and other waterways through its stormwater system, a violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

"The violations here are serious and long-running. They involve actual pollution – not just paperwork violations – that can pose public health risks," wrote U.S. District Judge Edward Davila, in a decision from March 31.

The suit was filed in 2020 by San Francisco Baykeeper, a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization, against Sunnyvale and Mountain View for discharging bacterial pollution into area waterways which led to violations of water quality standards.

Baykeeper executive director Sejal Choksi-Chugh said the cities had wasted years and millions of taxpayer dollars fighting the lawsuits when instead the cities could have fixed the water systems.

"The court ruled that the cities must clean up their act. We hope that the cities will now do the right thing going forward by investing in Bay-friendly infrastructure to capture pollution before it reaches storm drains, regardless of the source. That would be a win all around for the health of the creeks, local residents, and the Bay," she said in a press release.

The cities operate separate systems for stormwater and wastewater. The cities' stormwater systems discharge into Stevens Creek, Calabazas Creek and the Sunnyvale East Channel, which then flow into the Guadalupe Slough and the

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Online Poll of the Week



Should residents vote on whether the city should build a downtown Los Altos park?

- Yes – voters should make the call
- No – the city knows how to use its funds
- It depends on what the park affects

Note: For reasons unknown, our website did not record any votes from the previous week. A new poll will be posted. Vote online at losaltosonline.com.

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News

Mountain View \$2.7 million street resurfacing project begins April 15

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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A long-awaited street resurfacing project will rehabilitate more than a half-million square feet of pavement in Mountain View from April 15 through April 17.

The current contract amount for the upcoming project is \$2.7 million, which was awarded to McKim Corporation, an asphalt contractor from Gilroy, and Graham Contractors Inc., of San Jose. Over the three days, a “slurry seal” will be applied to the selected roadways. A slurry seal is made up of asphalt and finely crushed rock, which helps protect streets from damage caused by traffic and weather.

Brian Babcock, deputy communications officer, said the City Council approved a \$4.95 million budget for a street reconstruction project during a meeting on April 8, 2025. In the same action, the council authorized staff to bid the slurry seal project for construction. Following an open bid date of July 23, 2025, McKim was selected as the lowest responsive bidder with \$2.7 million.

The total project budget includes previously installed bike lane striping and new and refreshed pedestrian crosswalks at 36 intersections throughout the city, Babcock said.

“The city of Mountain View incorporates slurry sealing as part of preventative maintenance for Mountain View’s streets, and is one of the methods used to protect the city’s valuable pavement infrastructure through its pavement management program. Slurry sealing is a cost-effective pavement treatment that helps prolong the life of asphalt pavement, seals surface cracks, prevents water infiltration, and improves surface appearance,” Babcock said.

According to the city’s traffic and construction alerts webpage, a slurry seal consists of crushed gravel mixed in an emulsion of asphalt. When the slurry dries, approximately 10% of the gravel loosens from the street surface. A contractor will sweep up the loose gravel once a week for three consecutive weeks after the slurry seal is placed.

In total, the project will rehabilitate approximately 505,000 square feet of pavement and refresh 72,000

square feet of pavement markings.

The city’s street network is 140 miles in length and covers approximately 31 million square feet of pavement. It is estimated that the city streets are worth \$658.37 million to replace. Based on a 2024 report, the city’s overall pavement condition index (PCI) is 67, and categorized as fair. The city uses several funding sources, including the state gas tax, to fund street repair work.

The affected streets are divided over three workdays.

On Wednesday, April 15, crews will work on Appletree Lane; Lola Lane from Began Avenue to Montalto Drive; Fordham Way from Meadow Lane to 1501 Fordham Way; Fordham Court; and Chiquita Avenue from the south end to Latham Street.

On Thursday, April 16, crews will work on Fordham Way from 1501 Fordham Way to Barbara Avenue; the Barbara Avenue and Montalto Drive intersection; Boranda Avenue from El Camino Real to Maple Court; Chiquita Avenue from the south end to Latham Street; Chiquita Avenue from 521

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Los Altos PD traffic stops result in arrests, seizures

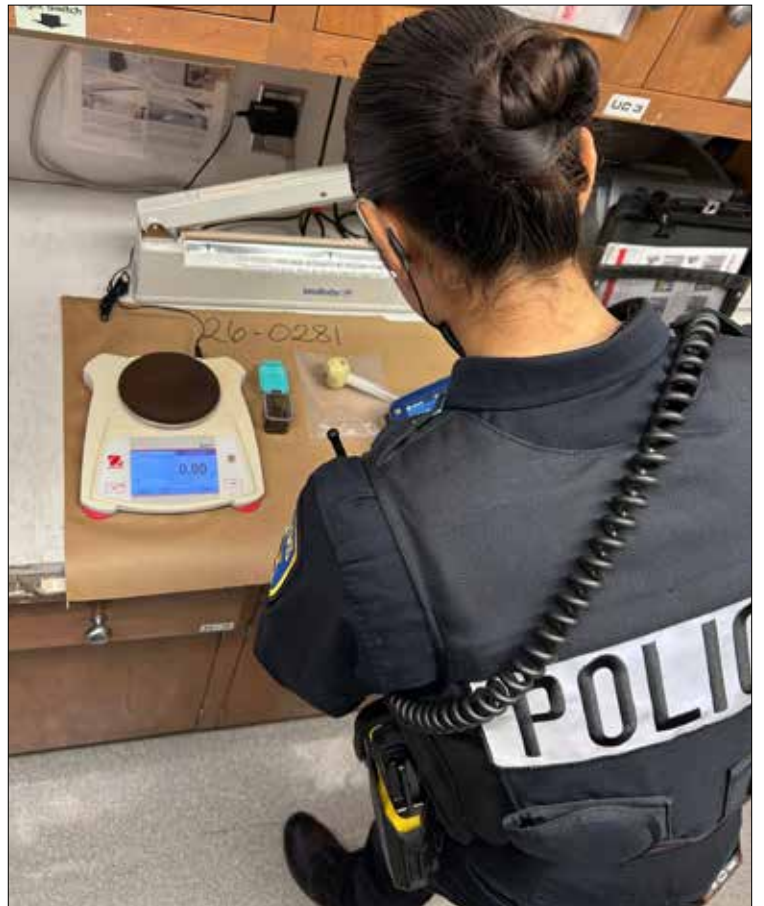


PHOTO FROM LOS ALTOS POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Los Altos Police officers seized drug paraphernalia last week.

By Christina Casillas
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The Los Altos Police Department’s recent traffic stops have been especially productive for keeping crime – from illicit drugs to unpermitted and tampered-with firearms – off the streets.

Los Altos officers conducted a traffic stop near Foothill Expressway and Grant Road April 8 after officers noticed a car with multiple vehicle code violations. During the stop, the driver tossed a firearm out the window and into the roadway. Officers retrieved the firearm from the emergency lane of Foothill Expressway.

The driver later told officers the firearm – which was loaded – was his. The driver was arrested and booked into the San Jose Main Jail on charges including carrying a loaded firearm in public, altering identifying firearm markings,

destroying or concealing evidence and possessing a large-capacity magazine.

The week prior, Los Altos Police officers stopped a car without a license plate in downtown Los Altos at 9:28 p.m. April 1.

During the stop, officers were given permission to search the car and found an illegal electroshock device, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, including a pipe.

A female occupant of the vehicle was arrested and booked on charges including possession of a controlled substance, unlawful drug paraphernalia and the illegal electroshock device.

“We remain committed to keeping Los Altos safe, and we are grateful for the dedication of our officers who work each day and night for our community,” the police department said in a Facebook post.

FINES

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South San Francisco Bay. All five waterways are covered by the Clean Water Act, a 1972 law regulating water pollution.

The ruling confirmed E. coli levels beyond water quality standards from tests in the creeks going back to 2019. The cities attempted to remediate the creeks but recent tests also found elevated levels.

The case went to trial in June of 2025. Since the case was filed, the cities sought on five separate occasions to have the case dismissed, but were denied by the court each time.

The federal court concluded the cities had more than 1,200 violations: a combination of E. coli bacterial contamination being present in stormwater systems and wastewater discharges into the creeks via the stormwater systems. Baykeeper claimed that the violations were caused by exfiltration, or when wastewater leaks through cracks or other structural defects in sewer systems and then enters stormwater systems through similar defects. The high levels of bacteria were a threat to public health and safety, the court ruled.

The civil penalties total \$1,178,400 each city.

“Over the course of the last eight years, Baykeeper investigated, uncovered, and ultimately proved the cities’ illegal conduct. We look forward to Sunnyvale and Mountain View complying with the law and

cleaning up their systems, for the benefit of everyone who lives or recreates in or near these waterways,” said Baykeeper managing attorney Eric Buescher.

Statements from representatives of Mountain View and Sunnyvale both echoed that the case remained ongoing pending the determination of a permanent injunction, which could designate orders to the cities mandating certain remediation measures or wastewater reforms.

“As a result, the case remains ongoing and additional proceedings may occur before a final judgment,” said Brian Babcock, deputy communications officer for Mountain View, in an emailed statement.

“The city takes its environmental responsibilities seriously, has long invested in programs and infrastructure to protect its important local waterways, and acts in good faith to comply with applicable regulatory requirements. The court’s decision itself acknowledges the cities’ good-faith efforts and ongoing work to address water quality issues,” he said.

Jennifer Garnett, spokesperson for the city of Sunnyvale, affirmed the city’s ongoing effort to evaluate the decision.

“The city of Sunnyvale takes our environmental responsibilities very seriously. Protecting our stormwater and public health is and always has been a high priority for us. The court’s initial ruling in the Baykeeper case acknowledges our good faith efforts and ongoing work to address water quality issues,” she said in an emailed statement.

Look for the Town Crier’s Living Well special section in next week’s paper.

News

Shoreline at Mountain View completes projects and prepares for new ones



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Shoreline at Mountain View is undergoing a number of renovations and projects. One project includes the renovation of the Shoreline American Bistro.

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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Shoreline at Mountain View has wrapped up work with the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, but collaborative construction efforts are ongoing, such as with the expansion of the safe parking program, said Shoreline Manager Brady Ruebusch.

“This is really just to give you an idea – we have a lot of capital projects going on in the north Bayshore and added Shoreline,” Ruebusch said at the April 8 Mountain View Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The Shoreline update was presented as an information item and no vote was required.

Shoreline at Mountain View is a 750-acre wildlife refuge and recreation area, most of it on top of a long-closed landfill. It is located along the San Francisco Bay and offers a range of public and private amenities, from the famed amphitheatre, wildlife conservancies, golf and sailing.

Ruebusch touted some recently completed projects, such as the new classroom training facility at Fire Station #5; roadway improvements to Crittenden Lane and the Shoreline entrance and the Stevens Creek Trail Moffett/Ameswell Connection.

He noted specifically the South

Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, a \$20 million restoration completed which transformed a 435-acre former salt pond into a wildlife habitat. The city and its federal and nonprofit partners held an event in February to celebrate the completion, which required tens of thousands of cubic yards of dirt fill to create anti-erosion features and extended public trails.

“This was a huge undertaking. It had a lot of impacts on Shoreline,” Ruebusch said.

Ruebusch said projects under construction include The American Bistro at Shoreline Lake, which is closed for renovations through the rest of 2026. The upgrades include a kitchen and serving area expansion and the addition of new, accessible restrooms.

The Shoreline Lake Boathouse and American Bistro were established in 2000 in a leasing partnership between Silicon Shores Corporation and the city. Bistro provides indoor and patio seating, picnic lawns and a seasonal menu. It is often used as the site of functions, group gatherings and events. It is located at 3160 North Shoreline Blvd. in Mountain View.

Other construction projects include a scow replacement project, a golf course bridge replacement and a gas header realignment project.

Also, among many projects in design but not yet under construction is the renovation of the back nine of the golf course and a landfill gas collection system replacement. An expected extensive California Environmental Quality Act review will likely put the project’s completion out two to three years, Ruebusch said.

There are also inter-agency and North Bayshore projects, including the safe parking program expansion, Palo Alto’s Homekey project on San Antonio Road and Stevens Creek Trail Whisman Trailhead Erosion Control.

The Mountain View City Council approved a range of measures at a meeting on March 24 which will update contract agreements with the partners in the program for the city’s parking sites for individuals living out of their vehicles, called safe parking. The measures also augment the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget of the project to approximately \$1.4 million.

The city plans to augment the program, increasing parking from 46 to 93 oversized-living vehicle spaces and 23 to 111 commuter vehicle spaces.

“Shoreline is a jewel of Mountain View and one of the greatest assets of the city. Thanks for all the stewardship,” said Commissioner Jonathan Davis.

section will be worked on over the entire three-day period.

The roads receiving the slurry seal will be closed to traffic while the work is underway. “No Parking” signs will be posted when work is scheduled to be completed, and traffic will be limited from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the work.

The slurry will be wet when applied and takes a few hours to set, after which pedestrian and vehicle traffic will be allowed. The city has cautioned on its website that it may be necessary to have vehicles towed away if they are not moved during the posted work times.

RESURFACING

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Chiquita Ave. to California Street; and the Villa Street and Escuela Avenue intersection.

On Friday, April 17, crews will work on Boranda Avenue from Maple Court to Hans Avenue; Lola Lane from Barbara Avenue to Montalto Drive; the Burgoyne Street and San Ramon Avenue intersection; and the Wyandotte Street and Independence Avenue intersection.

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News

California Street fire displaces 11 people

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Six adults and five children were displaced after a kitchen fire ignited a multi-family apartment complex in Mountain View on Saturday.

According to a press release from the Mountain View Fire Department, there were no injuries. The origin of the fire was determined to be underneath a sink in a kitchen of the apartment complex, located at 1900 block of California Street. The cause was determined to be from a renovation mishap and deemed accidental.

Firefighters were contacted at 3:56 p.m. about the blaze and found two units on the second floor of the complex were on fire when they arrived. They soon found via thermal imaging that it had spread to the building's attic.

The fire was extinguished with a hose line

and prevented from spreading to further units. The building occupants, totaling 11 people over two units, evacuated before the arrival of firefighters. The residents of the fire-affected unit received a \$250 gift card from the California Professional Firefighters Union Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency Program. Due to fire, smoke and water damage, the American Red Cross was contacted to coordinate temporary lodging.

The estimated damage to the contents and structure is \$200,000. A second alarm brought in additional firefighting resources during an overhaul of the structure, which cut holes in walls and the roof to determine the fire had not spread.

The Mountain View Police Department provided traffic control for two and a half hours on scene.

GALA

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tutors, mentors, teachers and students, using the results to refine its programs and track progress over time.

Still, leaders say the need remains significant – and growing.

On the academic side, students continue to face challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in reading and foundational skills. At the same time, mentors are increasingly helping students navigate social isolation, confidence issues and questions about their futures.

"I would say this challenge of maybe alienation or loneliness for the older students has probably gotten worse," Peckler said.

Maintaining a steady pipeline of volunteers is also an ongoing priority. While interest remains strong, the screening and clearance process required to work in schools can create barriers.

"It's pretty important for us to continue recruiting our volunteers, because that's the life force of the organization," said community engagement manager Gloria Chung.

The anniversary gala served not only as a fundraiser, but also as a moment to recognize the

network of schools, service organizations and donors that have sustained the program.

"We want to offer our gratitude to those folks," Peckler said, pointing to long-standing partnerships with local school districts, Rotary clubs and community foundations.

The celebration also featured a live auction that raised additional funds for MTC's programs. Auction items included a trip to Hawaii, a private tequila tasting for 10 people, and other experiential packages that sparked competitive bidding throughout the evening.

Ameena Shafiyeva, one of the event's speakers, said she sought out a mentor for guidance and support and found a lasting relationship through the program that "helped shape not only my path to college but who I am as a person."

"Having a mentor can change how you see yourself and what you believe is possible for your future," Shafiyeva said.

Looking ahead, Mentor Tutor Connection aims to expand its reach, including growing its group mentoring program and serving more students across the region.

"The biggest one would be continuing to increase the number of students that we serve," Kresek said. "Success, to me, looks like we have more kids fulfilling their dreams."



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Los Altos-based foundation awards local nonprofits

By Christina Casillas

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As many local nonprofits grapple with slashed funding from Santa Clara County – including Mountain View-based Community Services Agency – money awarded to some local agencies by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF) comes at a time of need.

The LAMVCF, a local, self-proclaimed “philanthropic hub” for local philanthropy founded in 1991, awarded approximately \$150,000 to 18 local nonprofits. The nonprofits, which help communities across Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, tackle a wide breadth of issues, including education, food access, housing, mental health and other programs.

Tom Myers, CSA executive director, told the Town Crier Thursday that the funds come at an important time.

“We have been told by not just the county, but by several funders, to be expecting budget cuts,” he said in a phone call. “And today, we finally got some significant news from the county, significant meaning that there are defi-



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Volunteers at Community Services Agency move boxes of produce.

nitely going to be cuts coming in county funding for all programs throughout the county, and so we are definitely in need of donation.”

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors announced in February that it projects a \$470 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, caused by federal budget cuts and funding changes imposed by federal budget bill H.R.1.

Approved July 4, 2025, the bill cuts

money to safety-net programs like Cal-Fresh and Medi-Cal while also posing fiscal challenges for public hospital systems like Santa Clara Valley Healthcare.

Paired with “state funding decisions, labor agreements, benefit costs, and other economic factors could deepen that shortfall,” according to a county press release; budget cuts were expected.

“We don’t have specifics at this point.

We do know that certain programs are under consideration for funding cuts, and some of those programs include our homelessness prevention programs – so rental assistance, utility assistance and things like that,” Myers said. “We also know that funding cuts are going to be coming to other ancillary programs too, things like our programs that we do around outreach and education. We’re ready to go into a time where donations from groups like the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation are significant.”

Approximately \$10,000 was awarded each to CSA, Mentor Tutor Connection, Hope’s Corner, Inc., Science is Elementary, Mountain View Community Land Trust, Living Classroom, the Day Worker Center of Mountain View, Grassroots Ecology and Canopy.

Approximately \$7,500 was awarded each to The United Effort Organization, Counseling and Support Services for Youth, Momentum for Health, Hope Services and Hidden Villa.

And \$5,000 each was awarded to Community School of Music and Arts, Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange and the Los Altos Library Endowment.



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Comment

Letter to the Editor

Just say 'no' to local parking petition

This letter, also sent to the Los Altos City Council, was provided to the Town Crier by the Los Altos Community Voices Steering Committee.

The parking plaza ballot initiative currently being circulated is deceitful, poorly-written and loaded with unintended consequences that will harm the future of our city and its residential neighborhoods. Just say “no” if you’re asked to sign a petition. Why are the authors of this initiative not willing to stand behind this measure by sharing their names in publications or when gathering signatures? The downtown parking plazas do not need “saving.” The sponsors are not the only people who care about our downtown charm or whether you can find a parking space. All of these obvious concerns are front and center in the comprehensive plan our city is developing. Their efforts ought not be hampered by a few people who won’t even sign their names to their effort. These stealth operators are trying to supersede the Downtown Vision Plan, ad-

opted by the city in 2018, and, of greater concern, may well nullify the state-mandated housing element, painstakingly crafted by multiple City Councils and hundreds of residents. Their proposition would create a quagmire of new regulations and lawsuits that could result in our city losing local control. Do you want a “builders remedy” high-rise built next to your single family home? That’s the current reality in Cupertino – prepare for the same in Los Altos if this misguided ballot proposition succeeds. We’d rather continue to work with concerned residents to move our city forward rather than fight another ill-conceived ballot proposition. But here we are, again. As with the 2018 “No on Measure C” campaign, Los Altos Community Voices intends to engage a broad-based coalition of volunteer organizations and individuals who for decades have dedicated themselves to the values of Los Altos.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

These Los Altos Foothill Players performers rehearse for the inaugural “Foothill Follies” in the early 1950s. A cast of more than 40 performed over 15 skits and acts at the show that was held in the Pink Horse Ranch Barn in Los Altos Hills. More than 300 volunteers supported the Foothill Players nonprofit.

Downtown park ignores community concerns

By Pat Marriott

In a recent discussion about a proposed downtown park, a city official told me, “Council is the appropriate body to determine if a park should be developed and the location.”

I agree – on the condition council’s decision reflects the voice of the people. Unfortunately, that’s not the case.

In February, consultants presented four options for a park, 3-story garage – and possibly a theater – on two or more downtown parking plazas. The consulting firm has a \$2.5M contract with the city to take the project from community engagement to construction documents.

Public input was admittedly unscientific. At various popups people were asked what kind of park they’d like, not whether they wanted any park at all.

Funding

Developers pay an impact fee on new projects for acquisition and development of parkland. These funds cannot be used for other needs, such as a police station. In February 2025 the city had about \$19 million in park impact fees.

The consultant’s least-expensive proposal was \$27 million, with only \$9 million for a park

and \$18.4 million for a garage. Covering the cost of a 3-story parking structure to replace existing plaza parking can hardly be a legitimate use of park funds. Other proposals ranged from \$32 to \$62.8 million.

Additional funding could theoretically come from a California statewide park grant, but success rates are in the 10%-15% range. Winners are typically underserved communities with strong community support.

Park-theater mandate

Supposedly they were elements in the 2018 Downtown Vision, yet that plan does not call for a park. In the economic analysis, done in 2017 when businesses needed a boost, 51% of business owners said downtown vitality would be most significantly increased by more parking, followed by more restaurants and housing for young families. Neither a park nor theater were on the list. Since that time, new housing has been built and dining parklets have brought more vibrancy to our downtown.

Necessity

One of the project drivers is to “strengthen the city’s park and open space network.” A great goal, but why focus on downtown?

Other Voices

The city’s park map shows five parks/green spaces/play areas/redwoods within half mile of the post office: Village Park, Lincoln Park, Shoup Park, Redwood Grove, Hillview sports fields and playground. In contrast, there’s no neighborhood park for new housing developments along El Camino, which contributed a good portion of the park fund.

What we do need is a parks plan for the entire city – with robust community engagement – before trading convenient tree-lined parking plazas and village character for a 3-story garage included in the park package.

We can stop the process with a measure on the November ballot that would require a community vote on any major changes to our parking plazas, while allowing affordable housing on plazas 7 and 8. ForLosAltos is collecting signatures now. I urge you to join me and other concerned residents and business owners to sign their petition before April 30. Signup locations and more information at forlosaltos-now.com.

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GreenTown's pollinator gardens take shape

By Maya Dutt
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Although Los Altos features many manicured lawns and colorful displays of flowers, many of these plant species are non-native, according to Gary Hedden, past GreenTown Los Altos president and mentor.

Instead of benefiting the environment, he said such plants cause harm by using precious water – and they do not attract native pollinators.

Three high school students who interned with the non-profit GreenTown last summer sought to change that.

Three local seniors – Luke Byrne and Sahana Srinivasan of Los Altos High School and Woodside Priory's Huck Twerdahl – pitched a project idea to plant pollinator gardens with native plants in Los Altos after they noticed many barren



COURTESY OF GARY HEDDEN

GreenTown Los Altos and high school students are planting pollinator gardens with native plants.

spaces without native plant life, Srinivasan said.

“We wanted to do something that was reasonable, meaning it didn't cost too much money,

and then something that could be small but still have a significant impact on the local area,” she said.

Over the winter, they plant-

ed 10 gardens at local homes at a cost of \$250 per residence, and two households purchased DIY kits for \$175. They planted shrubs and flowers purchased

from local nurseries.

This summer, Hedden said GreenTown will evaluate the success of the pilot gardens before considering expanding the project.

The idea was conceived when the three interns were working together on the Sustainable Urban Landscapes project, Byrne said. The project spanned six weeks and interns were accepted after a written application and a phone interview with a representative from GreenTown, Hedden said.

“One of the big concerns for GreenTown is getting volunteers who not only are passionate about something, but actually have time to spend on it,” Hedden said. “The interns themselves are delightful. They're really sharp kids.”

The interns did research about the topic and spoke to

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GreenTown members, college professors and locals who had knowledge about such projects, Srinivasan said.

After the interns formally pitched the idea of planting pollinator gardens at homes to GreenTown, Byrne said it was adopted into an official mission for the organization.

Mentor Madhuri Davidson said the emphasis on native plants was a detail she appreciated, as most people just settle for drought tolerant, non-native plants.

"It's good to save the water,

but if it is drought tolerant and native, it also helps the habitat, because native insects and native species cannot understand a plant outside of its habitat," Davidson said.

Srinivasan said the most important lesson she learned was to notice small things that could be changed for the better and act upon that.

"We saw around town (that) there would be fresh like, non-native plants, and we noticed, 'What if there were native plants here that could attract more pollinators, which would benefit our entire area?'" Srinivasan said. "We worked really hard over the summer and

these past few months, and it was great to see the fruits of our labor come to life."

Byrne said he was proud of the impact he was able to make on the community through the internship, especially at such a young age.

"(Before), I didn't envision myself doing all this because everyone gets a little overwhelmed seeing the final product, but showing up is the half of it," Byrne said. "Now, I've met all these people, made an impact and left the mark on our city."

For more information on GreenTown, visit greentown-losaltos.org.



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GreenTown Los Altos volunteers are working on increasing native plants in Los Altos.



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Prize-winning journalist returns home to describe how storytelling helps counter lies about immigrants

By Nancy Ginsburg Gill

Award-winning journalist, author and filmmaker Jose Antonio Vargas returned to The Morning Forum March 17 to share how he has continued his campaign to get undocumented immigrants the recognition they deserve as essential contributors to the welfare and progress of the United States.

When he was 12, Vargas came to Mountain View from the Philippines to live with his grandparents. Taking full advantage of the resources offered by the Los Altos and Mountain View libraries, he said, “I learned to write by reading everything I could get my hands on.” His work with the high school debate team and newspaper, and then with the Mountain View Voice, inspired his desire to become a journalist.

After graduating from San Francisco State, Vargas got a job with The Washington Post, where he worked on a Pulitzer Prize-winning story with a team of reporters. In 2010, he realized his long time goal of writing a piece for The New Yorker. The achievement of that goal also changed the trajectory of his ca-

reer.

“I was tired of committing fraud as I had been doing since I was 16 when I first learned I was undocumented,” he said. “I was sick of hiding my immigration status in the closet by presenting myself as an American citizen.”

Instead of avoiding covering immigration issues as he had done for 14 years, Vargas wanted to use storytelling to combat the vicious lies being told about people like him. His mission began with his own story.

In 2011, Vargas broke the cardinal sin of journalism: He made himself the story in a 6,000-word essay, “My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant,” that he wrote for The New York Times Magazine.

Soon after, his picture was on the cover of Time Magazine, under the words, “We Are Americans, Just Not Legally.” That same year, President Obama announced the Dreamer Act, which ironically didn’t help Vargas because he was a year too old to qualify.

Vargas also decided that the country needed a media organization to combat the lies perpetuated by social media and



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Jose Antonio Vargas speaks at Morning Forum March 17.

the right wing press. And so, the nonprofit Define American was launched in several Los Altos living rooms. Its mission was to “humanize the immigrant narrative, one story at a time.” The organization was committed to ensuring that millions of Americans would start seeing the issue of the undocumented through the “lens of facts.” Money poured in from members of the community.

Now Define American is a large national organization used by Hollywood, businesses, journalists and authors to portray

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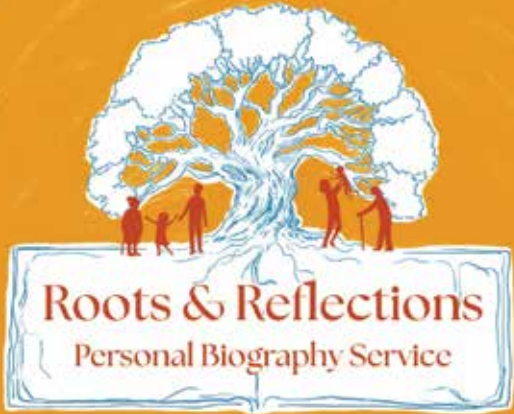
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immigrants fairly and accurately to combat the well organized and well funded anti-immigrant machine that has done so much to divide the country and turn Americans against each other.

To understand how the issue of immigration became so entwined with racial issues, Vargas said, we need to understand the changes brought about by the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which Vargas referred to as “one of the most influential laws of the 20th century.” The law was based on a bipartisan consensus for the need to end a system that was grounded in openly discriminatory principles.

Between 1776 and 1966, 42 million people immigrated to the United States, primarily from Europe. Between 1966 and 2025, 53 million people, 11 to 12 million of those undocumented, came to the U.S. with the highest percentage coming from non-European countries. That growth in the number of non-white immigrants led to what has become known as The Great

Replacement Theory – the belief that hoards of non-white immigrants are destroying Western civilization in the U.S. and Europe.

Vargas’ goal is to get more Americans to recognize immigrants as “providing a great replenishment,” in the way they pay taxes, start new companies, provide essential services, enrich the culture and contribute to population growth.

When people ask him why people who are here illegally don’t just come legally as their ancestors did, he explains that the country has failed to give them a pathway to legal citizenship. Vargas also points out that for much of our history, as long as you were healthy and came from Europe, no rules barred you from coming.

As he looked out at his audience of approximately 400, which included many of the teachers and mentors who encouraged him to follow his dreams and offered him the support he needed to achieve them, Vargas acknowledged how blessed he feels to have spent his first six years in America in Mountain View.

Vargas shared with his audience two good things that happened to him last year. First, after waiting for 27 years, his mother finally received her green card so she could reunite with her mother and her son, whom she had not seen in 33 years. Sometimes, he quipped, our household is like “The Joy Luck Club meets the The Golden Girls.”

The second piece of good news is that last year Vargas was awarded a visa for extraordinary ability. Although it offers him no path to citizenship and expires in 2027, for the first time since he arrived here in 1993, he has legal status.

As he ended his talk, Vargas assured his audience, “I may not be a citizen of the United States, but I know I am a citizen of Mountain View. Even if I am forced to leave in 2027, I will keep Mountain View in my heart because this is where I was made.”

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Stepping Out

'The Cherry Orchard' opens Friday at Bus Barn



By Meghna Dixit
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Stage Company returns to the stage with Anton Chekhov's "The

Cherry Orchard," a comedic drama that opens Friday and runs through May 10 at the Bus Barn Theater.

Adapted by Tom Stoppard, "The Cherry Orchard" centers on the aristocratic Ranevskaya family as it grapples with the uncertainties of letting go of the past and the rise of the middle class. The Ranevskayas' world crumbles when they find out that their esteemed ancestral

estate – including their orchard – is being sold to pay their debt. The family navigates through a changing society, facing an unknown future.

"This idea of society shifting from the haves to the have nots and the cycle that society is constantly going through is an important message," said director Gary Landis, who also serves as executive artistic director of LASC. "Especially today, as we deal with issues of

income inequality and how we are going to address that and parts of our society's unwillingness to do anything about it."

The 13-member cast features Judith Miller as Ranevskaya matriarch Andreevna; Michelle Skinner (Varya), Tom Gough (Gaev) and Bri Hunter (Anya) play her children. Landis has worked with Miller since 2016, as both a director and performer.

Miller said she usually opts for playing complex characters like Ranevskaya. She added that Ranevskaya is in denial about her financial situation and struggles with making hard choices, so reality gets thrust upon her. To play characters like these, Miller said she begins by differentiating between what she can and cannot immediately relate to and fleshing out the motives of the characters actions after reading the script.

"I'm what you call an organic actor," Miller said. "You go in with an idea of who you believe this character is and then the rehearsal process helps you develop that more and deepen the character. I've worked with some really good directors in my life, and they help you to hone whatever it is you are bringing to the table. It's really a collaboration, as well as with other actors that you are responding to on stage."

Landis added that the last play he directed, "Yoga Play," had a smaller cast, allowing him more time to work individually with each actor.

"This process is a much larger show, and it requires a farther-out perspective to do it as far as how all the different pieces and characters are interacting together," Landis said.

Landis added that during rehearsals, it was important to find a balance between comedy

and tragedy. He explained that some people believe that Chekhov's plays are more focused on drama than comedy. Yet despite serious subject matter, Landis said that there are some lighter moments sprinkled throughout.

"It's been important to find those comedic moments," Landis said. "We've been developing them and then finding the right balance between seriousness and the meditateness of the play, and also the kind of ridiculousness and absurdity of the situation."

Miller said the play balances the two well. After a month of rehearsals, she said the dark humor mixed well with poignant moments to tell an important story applicable today.

"I think this play touches on a lot of the human condition," Miller said. "Currently, I think we're experiencing a lot of upheaval in our world, and this play speaks to that. The play is also something for people to come and forget about what's happening in our world and look at a time that has passed with humor."

While Bus Barn Theater is a small theater, Miller said it suits this play well.

"I like working in intimate theaters where the audience is smaller and really present," Miller said. "That's why theater is so wonderful, because it's very dynamic. It can be different every night, depending on the actors, depending on the audience."

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Mobile clinic to launch at De Anza College

By Julia Baum

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A mobile medical clinic will begin operating at De Anza College next month, marking the first step in a broader partnership between Santa Clara County and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to expand healthcare access in the West Valley.

District officials at an April 9 Board of Trustees meeting said the clinic, set to open May 6, will operate as a one-year pilot program, providing primary care and other services to students and the wider community while plans for a permanent facility remain in development.

The county-operated mobile unit will be located in Parking Lot J and offer services including primary care, vaccinations, lab work, family planning and referrals. The clinic will operate weekdays during standard business hours under a one-year renewable agreement.

Christopher Dela Rosa, vice chancellor of business services, said the clinic will be “available to any resident of Santa Clara

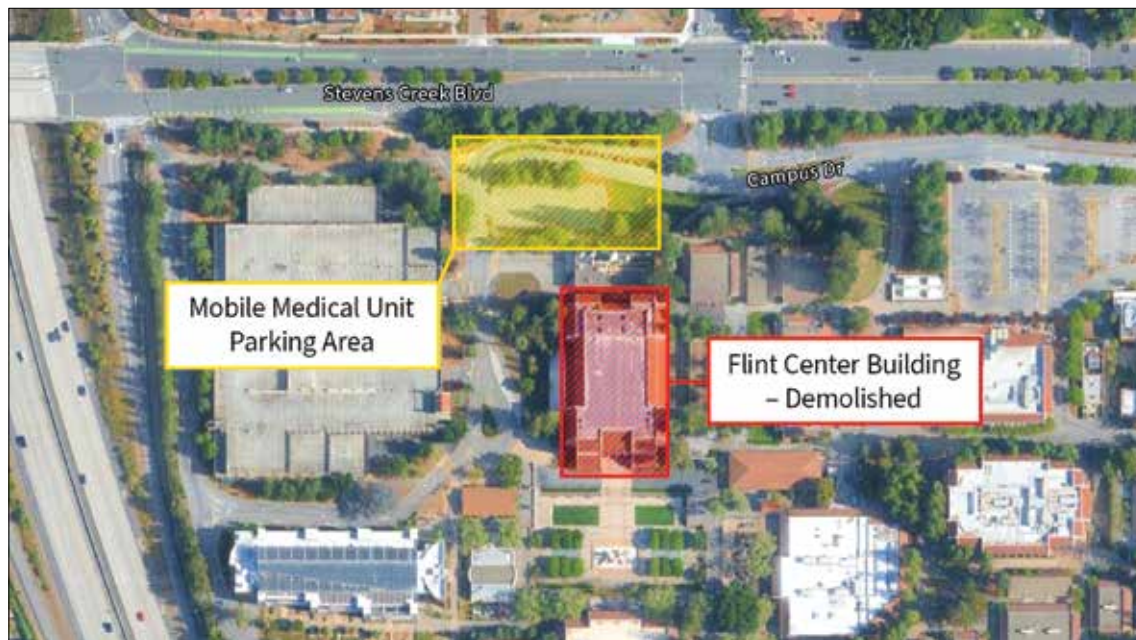


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An aerial view of De Anza College shows where a new mobile health clinic will be stationed to expand community healthcare access.

County,” not just students.

As a county facility, the clinic will accept most insurance plans, with the exception of Kaiser, and will also serve patients without insurance, according to Dela Rosa.

Trustees emphasized the clinic’s potential to address gaps in healthcare access, particularly in the western portion of the county.

“This is an area with thousands of Medicaid recipients who have no neighborhood clinic nearby,” said Trustee Alexander Gvatua.

Board members also described the effort as a significant step toward supporting both student wellness and broader community health needs.

“We need to spread the

word,” said Board Vice President Laura Casas. “It’s a great service to our students, our staff and our community.”

Officials said the mobile unit is a temporary measure while the county works toward developing a permanent medical office building on campus. Parking Lot B has been identified as the most likely site for that future facility, though no con-

struction timeline has been set.

“This is a stopgap measure ... in the meantime, I think this is going to be a really critical thing,” Gvatua said.

Progress on a permanent clinic will depend on county funding and future lease negotiations with the district.

In addition to healthcare services, district leaders said they hope the partnership will eventually create internship and career training opportunities for students in healthcare fields, though those are not part of the initial mobile clinic agreement.

Some concerns were raised about parking, traffic and potential impacts on campus events if a permanent facility is built. District officials said those issues would be addressed through future planning and environmental review.

Trustees also noted the importance of tracking usage data to demonstrate need and guide next steps.

For now, officials said the focus is on ensuring the mobile clinic’s success and building awareness ahead of its launch next month.

LASD’s electric vehicle chargers have new platform – and new rates

By Julia Baum

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Residents who use electric vehicle chargers at Los Altos School District campuses have questions after noticing higher prices to plug in – and some say the changes weren’t widely communicated beyond stickers on the chargers.

The increases follow the district’s switch to a new charging platform and updated rate structure, which officials say are meant to better align fees with rising electricity costs. Electric vehicle chargers, installed in 2018, are now a familiar sight across all nine LASD school sites, providing convenient access for staff during the day and the community after hours while supporting sustainability and cleaner air.

Erik Walukiewicz, assistant superintendent of business services, told the Town Crier that the district installed chargers for two reasons: “So our employees are able to charge their cars while they’re at work, which is great, and then the public can charge after hours.”

Public users must download an app and enter basic information to activate the chargers. Peak usage typically occurs in the evenings, when members of the public plug in for a few hours or overnight before returning in the morning. Staff usage is smaller but steady throughout the day, reflecting on-site work patterns.

Covington Elementary School, which houses both students and district operations, has the highest usage, according to Walukiewicz. “Much of it is related to the EV charging, for sure, some of it is, but Covington also has more students than our other elementary schools,” he said. “We also have our district operations here, so there are a lot more people using electricity here than probably other places.”

Financially, the program is designed to recoup some – but not all – electricity costs. Staff charging is free as a benefit, while public users pay \$0.20 per kilowatt-hour during off-peak hours and \$0.40 during peak times.

With average energy costs to LASD at \$0.41 per kWh, the program cost roughly \$365,000 to deliver about

887,000 kWh from March 2024 through March 2025. Public fees totaled about \$150,000, though recent rate adjustments could raise revenue to nearly \$390,000 while keeping charging accessible.

“The goal isn’t to make a profit,” Walukiewicz said. “We want to make sure we cover electricity costs, which ultimately frees up funds for other priorities like staff salaries.”

Rates are tied to PG&E’s time-of-use structure, allowing the district to better match user fees with electricity costs.

According to Walukiewicz, the district plans to analyze revenue and usage data at the end of the school year “and then see if we need to make any price adjustments.”

Over winter break, the district switched to a new charging platform after the previous hardware and software began to show wear. Walukiewicz said the transition went smoothly and that the district expects the chargers to continue functioning reliably for years.

Overall, the district considers the EV program a valuable asset. “It’s a great program for our staff and community,”



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Electric vehicle chargers across Los Altos School District campuses are now operating under a new platform with updated pricing.

Walukiewicz said. “If you drive around our sites, you’re more than likely to be able to plug your car in somewhere.”

Teen arrested after knife brought to Homestead High School

By Julia Baum
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A teenage boy was arrested Monday afternoon after allegedly bringing a knife to Homestead High School in Cupertino during a fight with another student, authorities said.

Deputies responded to a reported disturbance on the campus, located at 21370 Homestead Road, shortly before 3:30 p.m., according to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. Upon arrival, they found that two teenagers had been involved in a physical fight.

The incident occurred at the end of the school day, when school staff were alerted via radio and quickly responded to the scene, where they secured the weapon before law enforcement arrived, according to district officials. Deputies arrived within minutes.

Witnesses reported that a

knife may have been seen or used, though no related injuries were identified.

One of the involved teens was arrested on suspicion of bringing a knife onto the campus, authorities said. The suspect was not a student at Homestead High, and authorities added there is no threat to students or the public.

Denae Nurnberg, Homestead High School's principal, said in a statement that there was no need for a lockdown



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO
Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies responded to an incident at Homestead High School involving a reported knife, authorities said.

or shelter-in-place due to the swift response by staff and law enforcement. She added that mental health support will be available for students.

"We greatly appreciate how quickly our law enforcement partners worked to address this potential threat to the safety of our students, staff and the

Homestead campus, and to detain the individual involved," the statement read. "We understand that any situation where a weapon is brought onto our campus will naturally cause concern and anxiety."

The school, part of Fremont Union High School District, said the safety of students and

staff remains its top priority.

The case follows a recent series of school-related violent incidents in the Bay Area last week, including a fatal stabbing near a Milpitas high school and a separate confrontation between parents at a Concord elementary school that left one person dead.

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Sports

Hills resident running for a cause at Boston Marathon

By Dorie Xie
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Hills resident Thomas Tuchscherer is helping make strides in cancer research by running in this month's Boston Marathon. As part of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) team, Tuchscherer has raised \$20,000 for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

"I chose Dana-Farber because cancer has affected my family – my father passed away from it," Tuchscherer said. "I wanted to support a cause that's meaningful to me."

Tuchscherer will join more than 500 DFMC team runners in the 26.2-mile race throughout Boston April 20. DFMC bills itself as the longest-running Boston Marathon charity team; since 1990, it has raised more than \$140 million for the Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber's fundraising arm.

"One hundred percent of the money raised through DFMC supports cornerstone cancer research in its earliest stages," Jimmy Fund Assistant Vice

President Jessica Abbott said. "Runners like Thomas who had a personal connection to the mission are the heart and soul of the team."

The Boston Marathon is also a homecoming for Tuchscherer. Born in France, he moved to Boston at age 11 and attended middle school and high school there. After graduating from McGill University in Canada and returning to France, Tuchscherer moved to California in 2007. He settled in Los Altos Hills in 2010 while working in tech.

That's when his running career kicked off. Tuchscherer started with triathlons – Olympic distance, half Ironmans and eventually full Ironmans.

"My motivation came from wanting to do better than what you've done in the past," Tuchscherer said. "For me, that discipline was also a way to counterbalance work stress."

Recently, Tuchscherer shifted to focus on just running, and he's midway to his goal of racing all six major world marathons. He's completed New York (2018), Chicago



COURTESY OF THOMAS TUCHSCHERER

Los Altos Hills resident Thomas Tuchscherer, left, is running in this month's Boston Marathon to raise money for cancer research.

(2019), London (2024) and Tokyo (2025). After Boston, he's bound for Berlin in September.

"Boston has a special aura –

it's one of the oldest marathons and very iconic," Tuchscherer said.

While running 40-70 miles

a week to train for his upcoming race, Tuchscherer said he's

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Los Altos School District volunteers prepare for 64th Junior Olympics

By Grace Lin
Town Crier Editorial Intern

After months of planning by student and parent volunteers, the Los Altos School District's 64th Junior Olympics is almost at the starting line. The annual event for fourth to sixth graders is set to take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 18 at Mountain View High School.

Participants and attendees can look forward to more than just athletic events, as the day also highlights community pride and tradition.

Each of the district's seven elementary schools will be represented through its colors and respective mascots. Students will wear coordinated Junior Olympics T-shirts and gather at spirit tents for face paint, ribbons and other decorations. Students will be competing in events such as basketball free throws, softball throw, chin-ups, jump roping and relay racing.

"There's lots of different abilities and different ways that students can compete in this at all different kinds of abilities and levels," said Jenny Sax-

ena, co-coordinator of this year's Junior Olympics. "Students just get out there, and they have a really great time with their friends."

Along with the athletic events, the Junior Olympics will feature a DJ, snack shack and a variety of food truck options, including hot dogs, pizzas, tacos, House of Bagels, Kona Ice, coffee, pastries and churros.

While the competition lasts just one day, volunteers have been planning the Junior Olympics since December. This year, parents Saxena and Jenny Brichko are co-coordinators, overseeing logistics across all participating schools.

"We work very hard to maintain a positive competitive spirit with the community. It's meant to be friendly competition and a fun way for all of the kids to come together and celebrate their abilities," Saxena said. "It's a really good camaraderie across different schools."

Brichko said she and Saxena ensure that each school is contributing to the event in a meaningful way, whether it's being responsible for the softball throw



MATTHEW LEE-ASIONG TOWN CRIER/EDITORIAL INTERN

Runners at the 2025 LASD Junior Olympics.

or acting as the event's announcer.

She added that for the months leading up to the Junior Olympics, each school sent coordinators to meet with the committee to discuss their responsibilities. Beyond that, each school then has its own team of people to coordinate.

"There's even parents who have participated in Junior Olympics themselves when they were [at] one of the seven school districts ...," Brichko said. "Every year, we iterate and try to make the

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found a running community right in Los Altos. Two to three times a week, he runs with the Los Altos Running Club.

“Sports became a way to stay in shape and meet new people,” Tuchscherer said. “Running three hours alone can get boring, especially long runs on Saturdays, so it’s great to have a group.”

From now until race day, Tuchscherer said his top goal is staying healthy to run his best – both for himself and for his team.

“The training process, the people, the environment and the team are just as important as the race itself,” Tuchscherer said. “Dana-Farber is an excellent organization with strong support for runners – I highly recommend them.”

To donate to the Jimmy Fund, visit tinyurl.com/ThomasMarathon.



COURTESY OF THOMAS TUCHSCHERER

Los Altos Hills resident Thomas Tuchscherer running in the snow to prepare for the Boston Marathon.

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event just a little bit better for our students to enjoy after getting feedback from the community.”

Beyond the planning aspect, each school also fills about 100 volunteer positions for the day of the Junior Olympics. Each event requires volunteers to operate; for example, they might measure the softball throw, count jump rope or count basketball free throws, according to Saxena.

To ensure fairness, the relay qualification process is standardized across the district. Students complete timed sprints during PE classes, with their times averaged to determine relay team placement. Students can also choose to participate in up to three individual events.

As parents themselves, Brichko and Saxena both view the Junior Olympics beyond a

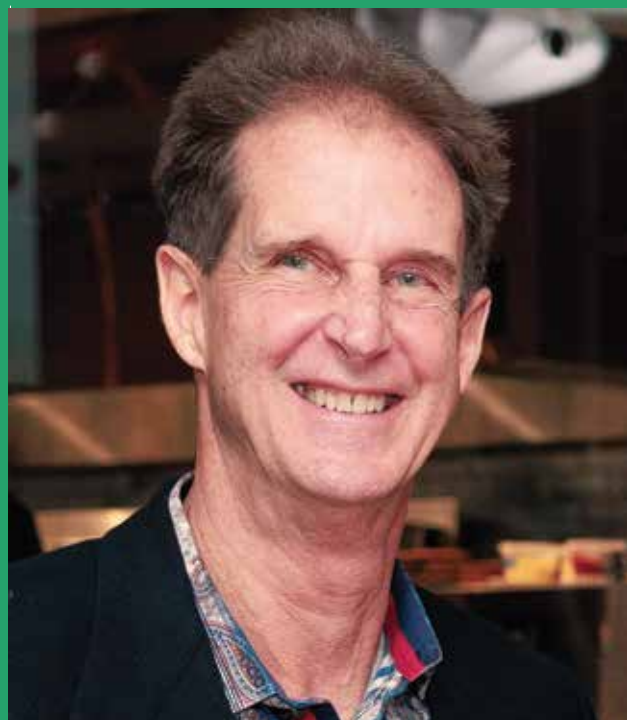
day of competition.

“The Junior Olympics is such a unique event. I don’t know of any other school districts locally that do anything quite in the same way,” Saxena said. “One of my favorite things is the opening ceremony, when you see all of the students walking and showing their school pride and all of the parents in the stands. It’s such an emotional and happy moment to see that all of the work you’ve done has really come together and put this incredible event on.”

Along with Saxena and Brichko and the rest of the army of volunteers, the Junior Olympics is supported by its sponsors. This year, it has received funds from the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View and real estate agent Alan Wang, Saxena said.

Admission to the Junior Olympics is free.

For more information, visit lasdjo.com.



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Shake Shack expands, opens Mountain View location

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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“Burgers are just a great American tradition,” said Mountain View Councilmember Pat Showalter out front of Mountain View’s new Shake Shack location in The Village at San Antonio Center.

“People are so happy to see restaurants and businesses in our communal spaces,” she said.

Even during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m., customers, employees and local officials were showing their excitement for lunch. It was, after all, opening day for Shake Shack – Mountain View. In the customer line – about 30 people strong by the opening – conversation focused on burgers, fries, chicken sandwiches and, of course, shakes.

Panjal Gupta, of Mountain View, was excited for the free opening day tote bag, but also for the limited-time Clubhouse Pimento Cheese menu offered at the opening.

“I’ve never tried it before,” he said. “I’m excited to see all these businesses opening up in the area and more people out and about. It makes it feel like more of a community.”

Michelle Viguerie of Mountain View echoed those sentiments, adding, “I was really excited to support a new business coming to Mountain View and to support our community.”

Nestled between other restaurants like Mendocino Farms, Pacific Catch and The Breakfast Club, Shake Shack is a welcome addition to The Village at San Antonio Center, said operators and local officials. The new location, opened officially on April 9, marks the brand’s 17th Bay Area location and 52nd in California.

“Welcome to your very own Mountain View Shake Shack,” said Byrd Cezalien, an area director for the company.

“Shake Shack didn’t start as a global brand or even a restaurant. It started as



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See **BURGERS**, Page 22 Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos speaks at Shake Shack’s grand opening in the city.

Courtyard Long Bar & Bistro offers casual dining with a nice California flair

By Maria Crowder
Town Crier Food Critic/
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The Courtyard Long Bar & Bistro delivers a relaxed dining experience centered on approachable California-inspired cuisine and a full-service bar, an uncommon feature for a Courtyard property.

Located in the lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott Los Altos, the restaurant draws a mix of hotel guests and local residents seeking an informal setting for meals or drinks. Guests are welcomed with complimentary house-made potato chips, or tortilla chips during the restaurant’s weekly “Fiesta Tuesday,” which features a Mexican-themed menu and extended happy hour.

The menu leans on familiar

American bistro fare, including French onion soup, bistro burgers, linguine arrabbiata with chicken, and fish and chips. Dishes are prepared simply, with an emphasis on consistency.

A longtime menu staple, the calf’s liver and onions — referred to as “Dennis Young’s Favorite” — reflects the restaurant’s comfort-food approach. The dish pairs tender liver with caramelized onions, offering a traditional, savory profile that appeals to diners seeking classic preparations.

The bar program is a central feature, offering handcrafted cocktails alongside a full selection of beer and wine. Televisions and a casual layout contribute to a laid-back atmosphere, particularly during happy hour, which attracts business travelers and nearby



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Fire pits add to the Courtyard Long Bar & Bistro’s outdoor-seating appeal on cold nights.

professionals.

Seating includes both indoor tables and an outdoor courtyard with fire pits, adding to the restaurant’s appeal during cooler evenings. The overall setting is informal, prioritizing comfort over upscale presentation.

Service is generally attentive, though it can vary during peak periods, a common trait

among hotel-based restaurants.

Prices fall within the mid-range, making the Long Bar & Bistro a practical option for breakfast, lunch, dinner or weekend brunch.

The Courtyard Long Bar & Bistro provides a dependable, casual dining option with a solid bar program and a menu built on familiar fa-

vorites. While it is not positioned as a destination for high-end dining, it serves as a convenient and comfortable choice for guests and locals alike.

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Community members, above, celebrated the grand opening of a Mountain View Shake Shack last week. Shake Shack specializes in hamburgers, including the one below.

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a humble hot dog cart in Madison Square Park in New York City. ... As we open here in Mountain View, we're not just launching another restaurant – we're continuing that original mission. To serve thoughtfully sourced food, create a welcoming gathering place, and give back to the community that supports us," she said.

Mayor Emily Ann Ramos said the addition of the restaurant would strengthen the commercial district and also bring people together.

"There's always a time for burgers," she said. "I really do love our San Antonio area. It really, really is a great gathering place."

Kate DeMarco, Manager of Brand Communications for Shake Shack, said that on opening day, \$1 for every sandwich sold would be donated to the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF), "supporting their work to connect people, resources, and ideas to transform local potential into lasting impact in the community."

Crysta Krames, CEO of LAMVCF, said, "We love when community and generosity show up in everyday moments. Thanks to Shake Shack, every burger and sandwich helps power local impact, supporting the nonprofit ecosystem and expanding what's possible across our community."



Krames said the partnership would strengthen the foundation's philanthropic efforts in the region. Founded in 1991, the foundation has aimed its community efforts on grants, scholarships and social impact programs. In 2025, LAMVCF assisted with \$76.7 million in grants over 37 donor-advised funds, distributed \$1.7 million over 45 scholarships and designated funds and distributed \$2.1 million in community grants.

Shack Shack is located at 401 San Antonio, Suite 66-B, Mountain View. The hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday

and Saturday.

"We're thrilled that such a fun and popular business as Shake Shack is coming to Mountain View. It fits perfectly in the Village at San Antonio Center, which continues to be a growing, vibrant community gathering spot," said Peter Katz, president and CEO of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce.

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"Whether you're super busy or just want to simplify meal prep, blends provide a one-step solution to bringing layered, chef-inspired flavor to everyday proteins, vegetables and grains," says Giovanna DiLegge, vice president of marketing, U.S. Consumer, McCormick.

Bursting with bright, crisp flavors, this three-step recipe for Orzo Pasta Salad combines the savory notes of McCormick Garlic & Olive Oil Seasoning Blend with zesty lemon juice and vibrant seasonal vegetables.

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup of orzo pasta
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and thinly sliced on a diagonal into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup frozen green peas



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A zesty pasta can come together with just a few ingredients.

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium lemon, zested and juiced (about 1 teaspoon zest plus 3 tablespoons juice)
- 4 teaspoons McCormick Garlic & Olive Oil Seasoning
- 8 small radishes, trimmed and thinly sliced

Instructions:

Bring a medium saucepot of salted water to a boil on high heat. Add asparagus; cook for 2 minutes. Remove asparagus using a slotted spoon and immediately transfer to an ice bath to cool. Let it stand 5 minutes. Drain well and set aside.

While asparagus cools, add orzo to boiling water. Cook according to package directions until al dente, adding peas during the last 2 minutes of cooking. Rinse under cool water. Drain

completely.

Whisk olive oil, lemon zest and juice, and Garlic & Olive Oil Seasoning in a medium bowl. Add orzo and peas, asparagus and radish, tossing to coat well. Optional: Sprinkle with crumbled feta for an extra savory twist. Serve immediately at room temperature, or cover and refrigerate and serve chilled.

Additional Signature Seasonings include Chili Garlic, Caramelized Onion and Chimichurri, each designed to deliver complex flavor with one simple addition. For more information and recipes, visit mccormick.com.

With the right seasoning blends and a well-stocked pantry, you can create a wide range of delicious dishes in 30 minutes or less – each one full of bold, satisfying taste.

CHEESE

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While modern flavors and trends are delicious, nostalgia is, too. In fact, a whopping 20,000 fans cast their votes for America's Favorite Grilled Cheese, asserting a fervor that's unmatched when it comes to their perfect melt, and awarded The Classic the title of "America's Favorite." This comforting recipe pairs extra sharp melts with American singles on sliced white bread for a perfect, ooey-goey bite that reminds you the cheese truly "makes" the sandwich.

Visit BordenCheese.com/grilled-cheese-day for other ooey-goey grilled cheese recipes created for 2026.

The Protein Powerhouse

- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 2 slices bread fortified

with protein and fiber

- 2 Borden Mild Cheddar Slices
- 1 slice Borden Mozzarella Melts
- 5 ounces sliced chicken breast (deli-shaved or thinly carved)

"Powerhouse" sauce

- 2 tablespoons non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika

Heat griddle to medium heat. Butter bread. Layer cheeses and chicken on top of bread.

Place bread on griddle and cook until lightly toasted. Flip and cook other side.

Remove sandwich from skillet or griddle.

To make powerhouse sauce: Mix Greek yogurt, Dijon mustard, garlic powder and smoked

paprika until well blended. Slice sandwich in half and drizzle with Powerhouse sauce.

The classic

- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 2 slices white bread
- 2 slices Borden Extra Sharp Melts
- 2 slices Borden American Singles

Heat skillet or griddle over medium heat.

Spread butter on one side of each slice bread.

Place cheese slices on unbuttered side of bread. Top with other slice of bread with butter facing upward.

Place sandwich on skillet or griddle and cook 3-4 minutes on each side. Using spatula, lightly press sandwich down gently while cooking to melt cheese better.

Remove from skillet or griddle and slice in half.

Business & Real Estate

Mountain View accelerates the development of downtown hotel

By Giuseppe Ricapito
Staff Writer/giusepper@latc.com

A revised development agreement is prioritizing the development of a new hotel over an office building in downtown Mountain View.

At a meeting on March 24, the Mountain View City Council voted unanimously to decouple hotel and office developments at city-owned land on Hope Street to spur the hospitality project and the acquisition of hundreds of millions in new revenue.

An original lease agreement was codified in 2016 with developer The Robert Green Company (RGC), a San Diego-based real estate developer, to develop Lot 4 for the hotel, and Lot 8 for an office and retail space. The amended agreement will eliminate the parking garage from the approximately \$140 million hotel project in order to make the development more financially feasible and kick off a time clock for new revenue, which officials estimate will deliver \$433.6 million to city coffers over 55 years.

"In addition to revenue for the city, a hotel also provides significant economic benefits with more foot traffic for downtown restaurants, shops and entertainment, as well as jobs creation," said Assistant City Manager Dawn Cameron.

The hotel will be five stories and have 179 rooms, ground-floor lobby amenities like a restaurant, bar, cafe and courtyard, and three levels of underground parking. The lease will be for a 55-year term. RGC will have an

option of four 10-year extensions for a potential total lease term of 95 years.

The city has estimated \$267.8 million in tax revenues from Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), sales tax and property tax, and \$165.8 million in rent. The city will not receive rent or TOT revenues during the first five years, but has projected it will receive \$300,000 in sales tax and possessory interest tax proceeds, annually, until the start of receiving rent in the sixth year of the lease. The city will receive TOT revenue by the 16th year of operation. The city is providing the developer with a \$47.5 million subsidy in reduced revenue over the 55-year lease. The first year of hotel revenue to the city could be the 2029-2030 fiscal year.

The hotel is projected to bring 350 construction jobs, as well as 89 full-time and 27 part-time jobs at the hotel.

Councilmember Alison Hicks said the development would add to the diversity of the city's revenue sources.

"This hotel will really be a great step forward, I believe, for our economic vitality plan," she said.

The project has faced nearly a decade of delays due to the pandemic and escalating construction costs.

An approved project design from 2018 included 385 parking spaces across the two lots, funded by the city and provided across both lots on three levels of underground parking. The new hotel agreement provides for no parking onsite, instead provided through shared parking agreements with nearby properties using a valet-



SCREENSHOT FROM GOOGLE MAPS

Mountain View's Lot 4, situated in the downtown area, is set to be developed as the site of a hotel.

parking model. RGC will pay \$6.6 million to the city for a new parking structure on city-owned Lot 5, which will provide the replacement parking for the parking eliminated from the development on Lot 4.

According to a staff report in 2017, the hotel development cost (including parking) was estimated at \$80 million. The new estimated hotel development cost is approximately \$141.8 million. Eliminating the underground parking from the hotel project reduces the cost by an estimated \$35 million.

For the office building, RGC must submit a permit application no later than June 30, 2029. The proposed office building would be located on city-owned property Lot 8 and will be four stories with 49,000 square feet of office and 3,500 square feet of ground-floor retail and three levels of underground parking. The office development on Lot 8 would include approximately 110 parking spaces in two levels of underground parking.

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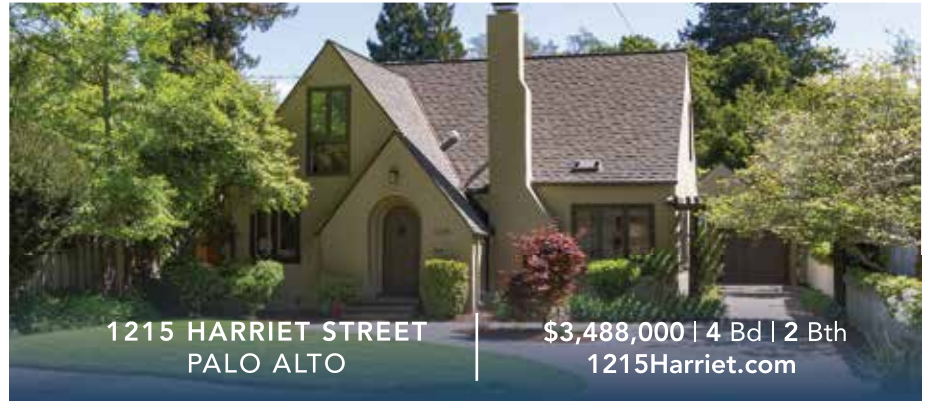
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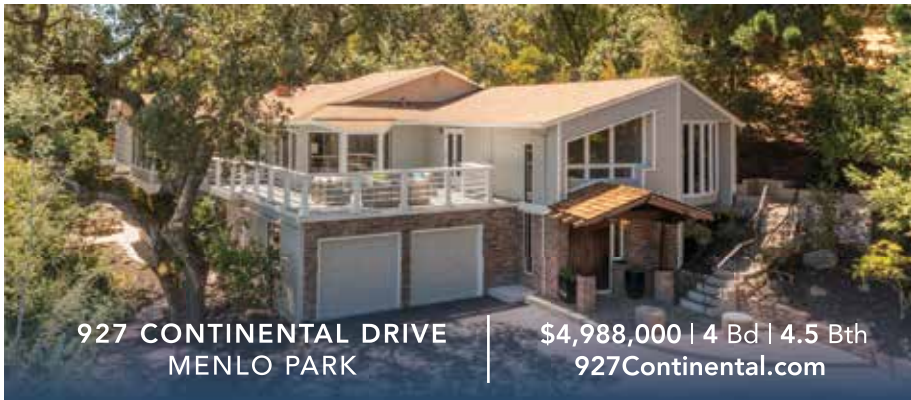
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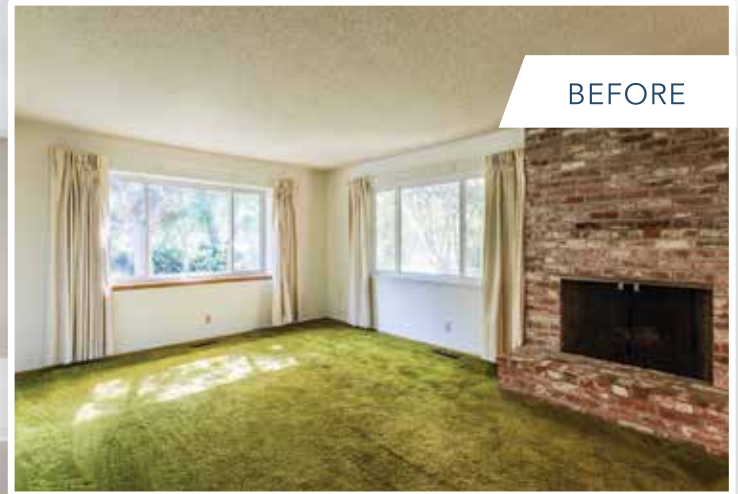
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Public Notices

VELORA COACHING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725573

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

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IMPACT THROUGH EQUITY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725549

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

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

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AND SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED 11/2/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 5/6/2026, 10:00 AM, PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 11/5/2021, as Document No. 25156545, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara, California, executed by Y & J MICHELE WAY LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor, AVIDBANK, as Beneficiary. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by Cash, a Cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the gated North Market Street entrance

of the Superior Courthouse at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4115 EL CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO, CA 94306. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$17,748,690.99* (estimated as of the first publication date). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase the figure prior to sale. *This loan is also secured by the following Deeds of Trust: Deed of Trust recorded in San Mateo County, CA on 3/29/2024 Instrument #2024-016531, as modified Deed of Trust recorded in Santa Clara County, CA on 3/29/2024 Instrument #25616402, as modified Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Security Agreement dated 11/2/2021, between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to evoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, as Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. See the Deed of Trust, if applicable. The personal property which was given as security for trustor's obligation is described as: All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Debtor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property. The words "Personal Property" also include all tangible and intangible items obtained or owned by, or in the possession of Debtor that are directly or indirectly related to the acquisition, development, design, construction, permitting, marketing, or habitation of the Real Property or the Improvements to be constructed on the Real Property, whether heretofore or hereafter issued, prepared, or executed, including without limitation all permits, licenses, authorizations and approvals, trademarks and tradenames, and any and all land use entitlements, development rights,

sewer capacity, approvals, density allocations and other rights or approvals relating to or authorizing the development or occupancy of the Property, plus all utility or other deposits, reimbursement rights, studies/tests, contracts, plans and specifications, relating to the Property and Improvements; whether any of the foregoing is owned now or acquired later; all accessions, additions, replacements, and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing; all records of any kind relating to any of the foregoing. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is" "where is". The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County here the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 112-020117E. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you

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085-T

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

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

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

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

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ALRI INTERPRETING SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725440

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOY SHIEMAN AKA JOY L. SHIEMAN CASE NO. 26PR202094

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOY SHIEMAN AKA JOY L. SHIEMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHERE H. MOORE in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHERE H. MOORE 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: 05/01/26 at 9:01AM in Dept. 7 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 BENJAMIN D. HARVEY, ESQ. SBN 191750 MILLER LAW GROUP, PC P.O. BOX 130937 CARLSBAD CA 92013 Telephone (650) 566-2290 4/8, 4/15, 4/22/26 CNS-4030295# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (04-08,15,22-26)

081-T

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given for the purpose of pre-qualification; Sealed Responsibility Questionnaires will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District up until the close of business on the date indicated below for:

Project Description: Mountain View High School Gym Building Modernization

Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time: Tuesday May 11th, 2026, at 5:00pm at Cumming Group, Attention: Chinmay Sapre chinmay.sapre@cumming-group.com and Rojaveh Bahramizand rojaveh.bahramizand@cumming-group.com

Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors

To receive plans and bid, Trade Contractors must possess a current and active license to perform the work listed, submit, and certify the required Responsibility Questionnaire information, and be pre-qualified by the District.

- A. General Trades
 - B License Required
- C. Underground Utilities Trades
 - A or C-34 License Required
- D. Electrical and Low Voltage Trades
 - C-10 License Required
- F. HVAC Trades
 - C-20 License Required
- G. Fire Protection Trades
 - C-16 License Required
- K. Site Concrete Trades
 - A or C-8 License Required

Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid.

Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-bid Conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 30, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 26, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for submission can be obtained by email at:

chinmay.sapre@cumming-group.com and rojaveh.bahramizand@cumming-group.com. Contracts will require a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. The project is subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 1720-1861 regarding DIR registration, the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractors are allowed, according to PCC sec. 22300, to submit securities in lieu of retention. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, in accordance with Education Code Section 17076.11, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District has "a participation goal of at least 3% per year of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise". Thus, all contractors bidding on this project are required to make a good faith effort to achieve this 3% participation goal. Requirements for demonstrating that this good faith effort has been made are included in the Project Manual. (04-08,15-26)

080-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN G. CHEN CASE NO. 26PR202143

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN G. CHEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANE J. YANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANE J. YANG 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: 05/06/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 7 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

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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 Jason L. Pintar, Esq. (#212452) 2021 The Alameda, Suite 310 San Jose, CA 95126 PHONE (408) 983-0500 FAX (408) 216-9976 (04-08,15,22-26)

079-T

GRAND WORLDSCHOOL TRAVEL CO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725112

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GRAND WORLDSCHOOL TRAVEL CO, 2165 Dartmouth St, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): GRAND HOMESCHOOL TRAVEL CO LLC, 2165 Dartmouth St, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/24/2026. /S/ Katherine English / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/25/2026. (04-01,08,15,22-26)

078-T

KORITA JUNK REMOVAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724734

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KORITA JUNK REMOVAL, 960 Vine St, San Jose, CA, 95110, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Abraham Aguayo Garcia, 5461 Holt Blvd, Ste A, Montclair, CA 91763. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/02/2026. /S/ Abraham Aguayo Garcia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/12/2026. (04-01,08,15,22-26)

077-T

JLC HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724696

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) JLC HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES, (2) JLC HOME SERVICES, (3) CALVILLO HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES, (4) CALVILLO HOME SERVICES, 126 San Antonio Circle -11B, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jose Luis Calvillo, P.O. Box 332, Mountain View, CA 94042. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/16/2016. /S/ Jose Luis Calvillo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/12/2026. (04-01,08,15,22-26)

076-T

JUST WOOD MAN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724797

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JUST WOOD MAN, 252 Monroe Dr, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): John W Martinez, 252 Monroe Dr, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ John W Martinez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/16/2026. (03-25-26,04-01,08,15-26)

074-T

LUCINA TALYA DANCER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724253

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LUCINA TALYA DANCER, 987 Lakeshire Court, San Jose, CA, 95126, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jie Xu, 987 Lakeshire Court, San Jose, CA 95126. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jie Xu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/27/2026. (03-25-26,04-01,08,15-26)

073-T

STAGESPARK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724594

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) STAGESPARK, (2) STAGE SPARK, 10594 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are):

Datebook

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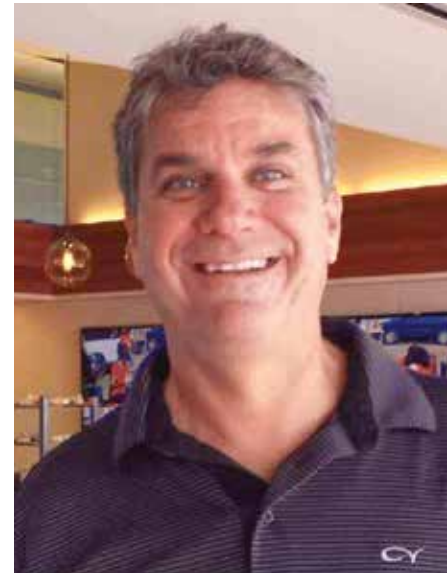
EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness,** 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic,** 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Bay Area Games Day,** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Other events:** **Stylish Sustainability Craft,** 6:30 p.m. April 16. Join local, sustainable artist Gigi Farmer and celebrate Earth Day this year by bringing an old garment to this workshop and turning it into a unique, one-of-a-kind piece of wearable art by adding patchwork, applique, buttons, pockets, trim, lace, etc. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials (other than the garment/piece of clothing) will be provided. No registration necessary. Free. **Electrifying Your Life: A Roadmap for Reducing Your Footprint,** 7 p.m. April 21. Join GreenTown for a special Earth Day event, part of its Go Green Series, featuring Stanford University professor Mark Z. Jacobson, whose career has focused on better understanding air pollution and global warming, and developing large-scale clean, renewable energy solutions to address them. Also hear from a local resident about their electrification journey.

Kusamura Bonsai Club 66th Annual Show, noon to 4 p.m. April 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19. Free entry to view over 60 bonsai on display. Japanese tea refreshments. Bonsai artist Jennifer Price from Chicago will demo and guide tours. Children's Corner, door prizes, sale of trees, bonsai pots, tools, stands, books, etc. Addison Elementary School, 1045 Webster St. Palo Alto. Information: kusamurabonsai.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

ALAN JOSEPH ARMSTRONG



February 21, 1964 – April 1, 2026

Alan Joseph Armstrong, 62, of Los Altos, California, passed away April 1 after a long and bravely fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Alan was a distinguished semiconductor and storage technology executive, inventor, and entrepreneur whose career helped shape the evolution of modern data storage, from magnetic-disk read channels to enterprise solid-state systems. A first-generation college student, Alan earned his doctorate in Electrical Engineering (Communication Theory and Systems) at the University of California, San Diego. He went on to hold leadership roles at Cirrus Logic from 1992 to 1999, Marvell Semiconductor from 1999 to 2013, and later as founder and chief executive of CNEX Labs beginning in 2013. He built a patent portfolio that included more than 26 U.S. granted patents, marking only a part of his contributions to signal processing, data protection, and high-performance storage architecture.

Alan also had a big presence among his friends and family. He was life-loving on many fronts, cherishing good food and new experiences, including the company of people of all walks of life and opinions. He was also warm-hearted, funny, and generous towards those with whom he shared those experiences. He could always be counted on for great restaurant recommendations, but also for fair-minded insight about matters big and small. For all these graces, he shall be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kathleen Burgoon Armstrong; his sons, Sean and Liam Armstrong; his mother, Kathy Hayes; his father, Charles "Charlie" Armstrong; his sister, Michele Armstrong, their spouses and a loving extended family.



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