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City of Los Altos begins process for annexation of fire department

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Los Altos City Council OK'd the first step in the annexation process of the city's fire department to Santa Clara County Fire at last week's City Council meeting.

Annexation is the addition of a smaller territory or entity into a larger established one. In this case, the Los Altos Fire Department would be annexed to Santa Clara County Fire. While a change, the city currently contracts with Santa Clara County Fire for its fire protection and emergency medical services.

There will be no change to such services, Assistant City Manager Jon Maginot told council. Emergency calls will continue to be answered by the Los Altos Police Department while fire and emergency medical calls will be transferred to the county.

The first step of the annexation process is the initiation of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO) annexation process. Santa Clara County LAFCO is a state-mandated agency that oversees the boundaries and districts of cities and special districts, according to the county's LAFCO website.

In June 2025, City Council instructed staff to explore what options the city had in regards to fire protection services, and on

Oct. 28, 2025, the city approved non automatic renewal of the current contract.

City staff explored four options, Maginot said. These included the negotiation of a new contract with Santa Clara County Fire, annexation into the County Fire district, partnership with another service provider or the creation of an internal fire department.

"After looking at the various benefits and drawbacks of each option, we've come forward with the recommendation to move forward with annexation into the County Fire District," Maginot said.

Los Altos has been contracting with Santa Clara County Fire (both the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District, which is the special district for fire protection services) since 1996. For 30 years, the city has been renewing its contract with Santa Clara County Fire in 10-year intervals, Maginot told City Council.

Annexation into Santa Clara County Fire would include the transfer of property tax from the city to the district. There is no fiscal impact on individuals' property taxes.

While the city would see a decrease in property tax revenue, there are some benefits,

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Congressman Liccardo talks Iran, Trump, housing at MV town hall

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At a town hall forum Saturday in Mountain View, Congressman Sam Liccardo told constituents concerned about chaos, corruption and war that "cracks were forming" in President Donald Trump's vice grip on the Republican coalition.

"We are seeing immense frustration," said Liccardo (CA-16). "This democracy is working, though we would all wish it would work more quickly."

For the more than 200 people packed into the Mountain View High School gym, Liccardo's declaration was welcome news, if perhaps a bit short on details.

"If these things didn't matter, then people wouldn't care as much," said Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos following the town hall.

Over the course of about an hour and about eight public questions, Liccardo aligned himself in stark contrast to President Trump and his purported abuses of federal executive power – but also with the realities of governance for a first-term Congressman returning to the Bay Area to trot out his record and outline policy goals still undone.

There was mention of the \$14 million Liccardo secured for affordable housing, homelessness, coastal resilience



COURTESY OF OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN SAM LICCARDO

Rep. Sam Liccardo addresses a packed crowd during a town hall meeting at Mountain View High School Saturday.

and infrastructure improvements across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Liccardo was last in Mountain View just about a month ago announcing the money, which included \$2 million in federal funding for a 143-unit affordable housing development on Evelyn Avenue.

"We're really fighting tooth and nail to get every dollar that we can," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga to the attendees.

But the crowd really rose to

their feet when Liccardo spoke out on President Trump. He said several bills he had authored were in the queue for consideration – both of which involved suing the executive branch or federal agencies for violations.

"This is an unprecedented moment... I'm deeply concerned about our constitutional order," Liccardo said to a roar of applause.

But Liccardo also spoke of crossing the aisle as a political

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News

Sheriff says no specific Iranian drone threats to county

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Officials with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office said there was no specific threat to the county following reports Iran sought to launch attack drones at California in late February.

ABC News released a statement on March 11 that it had reviewed an alert distributed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to state law enforcement agencies.

The alert said: "We recently acquired information that as of early February 2026, Iran allegedly aspired to conduct a surprise attack using unmanned aerial vehicles from an unidentified vessel off the coast of the United States Homeland, specifically against unspecified targets in California, in the event that the U.S. conducted strikes against Iran. We have no additional information on the timing, method, target, or perpetrators of this alleged attack."

The United States and Israel launched airstrikes on Iran, killing Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and other officials, on Feb. 28. Iran has launched strikes on bases and allies in the Middle East, injuring over 150 and killing 13 United States armed service members.

Brooks Jarosz, senior communications officer for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, said on March 11 the office was advised of the reports by the FBI before it was reported in the media.

"At this time, there is no actionable or specific intelligence indicating any threat to Santa Clara County," he said. "We remain in close communication with the FBI, and should any credible threat arise, we will work with our federal and local law enforcement partners to keep our community safe."

The Mountain View Police

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Los Altos OKs LAPD military equipment policy

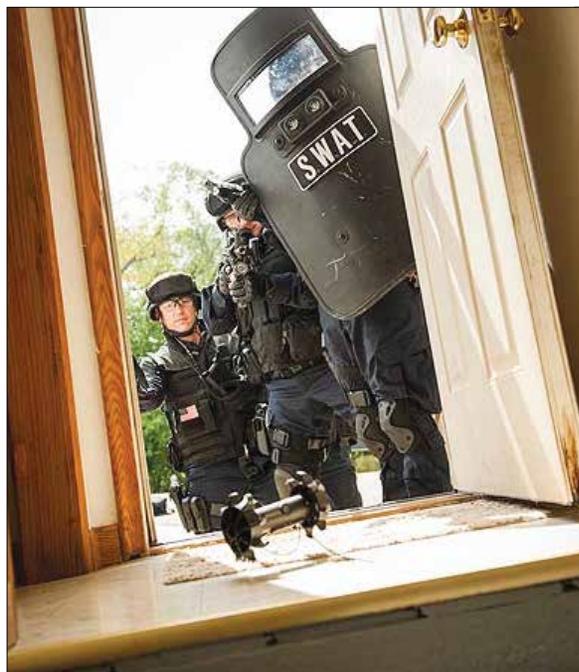
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Los Altos City Council reviewed and unanimously renewed the Los Altos Police Department's Military Equipment Policy Ordinance, Assembly Bill (AB) 481, during last week's City Council meeting.

AB 481, signed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2021, requires local law enforcement agencies to define and request military funding, acquisition and use from the appropriate governing body – in this case, the Los Altos City Council.

Among other requirements, including community-informed meetings prior to the presentation of a law enforcement agency's military funding, acquisition and use policy, AB 481 also requires City Council to review the ordinance annually and either approve or deny renewals.

While there were no substantial changes to the ordinance, requests presented by Los Altos Police Captain Katie Krauss during the March 10 council meeting included the acquisition of a ReconRobotics Throwbot 2; the Throwbot – as



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RECON ROBOTICS

The Los Altos Police Department presented its Military Equipment Policy to the City Council last week. A requested addition to the department's inventory is the ReconRobotics Throwbot 2, which will be used in hostage situations and areas where officer entrance is unsafe.

the name suggests – is a throwable micro-robot that allows for operators to remotely see and hear wherever deployed. The robot can move through the structure or area and transmit real-time audio and video.

"They're typically only going to be used by our air SWAT team," Krauss said during the meeting. "Mostly it's going to be used for barricaded subject

situations or maybe hostages." The Throwbot2 costs \$19,225, and it's funded by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS Grant).

Other changes included the removal of less lethal shotguns used for chemical agent deployment (decreasing the number of shotguns from 11 to one) and less lethal shotgun

rounds for shotguns that are no longer included in the department's inventory. The Benelli M3 12-gauge shotgun is also no longer used.

As the police department also phases out Colt rifles – which the department acquired in 2003 and are nearing the end of their lives – for newer Daniel

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TOWN HALL

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necessity, and sought to assuage irritation that the Democratic Party wasn't doing enough to challenge abuses or widen their tent.

"I don't think there's anyone who hates Democratic leadership more than Democrats – and I've talked to a lot of Republicans," Liccardo said.

It was the first Liccardo town hall for many, including Diane Hutchins of Sunnyvale.

"I thought he had some really good points," she said. "I think people have to drop the small issues right now and we need to fight for our democracy."

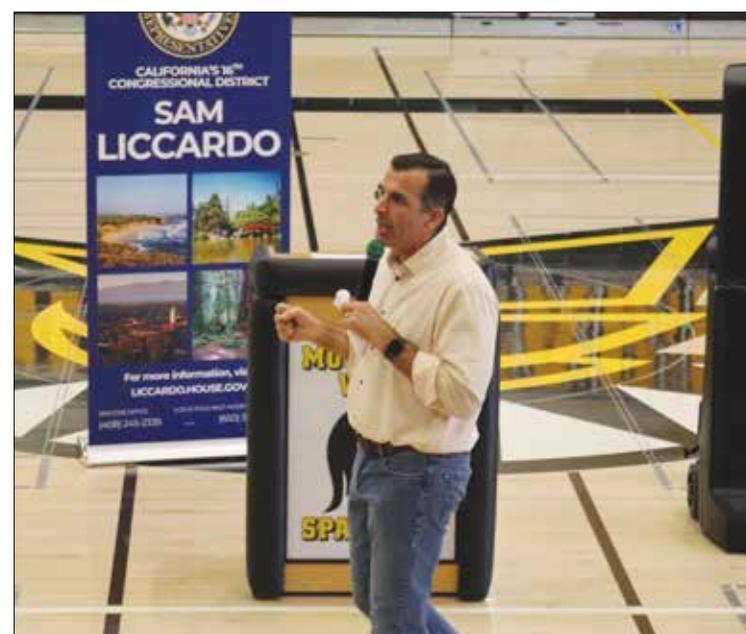
The questions ranged from for-profit prisons, election reform and President Joe Biden to wealth inequality and the 25th Amendment. But the ongoing conflict in Iran loomed large over the discussion.

"The short answer is yes," Liccardo said when asked whether he thought the Iranian regime should be eliminated. "All that can be true and we have to ask ourselves a very important question before we go into any war: And what is the objective we intend to accomplish?"

The subject aroused yelling, interruptions and pleas from the crowd during the town hall. After it was over, a large contingent confronted Liccardo with more questions on Iran, with one calling Liccardo's advocacy to arm an organized insurgency of Iranians instead of risking American servicemen "outrageous."

But other first-timers at a Liccardo town hall found his comments measured, despite the apparent wide matters of opinion on the conflict.

"The key thing I liked was no American boots on the ground," said David Njuguna



COURTESY OF OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN SAM LICCARDINO

Rep. Sam Liccardo discussed the current state of affairs Saturday.

of Mountain View. "It's very real. Nobody wants that."

Njuguna said the time constraints left some issues unexplained – particularly he hoped to hear more about artificial intelligence and potential layoffs, and thought

Liccardo's discussion of bridging the aisle in federal policymaking deserved more explanation.

"He needs to explain how and why, just make it come from a layman's perspective," Njuguna said.

10-year-old detained after Bubb Elementary stabbing

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A 10-year-old suspect is receiving treatment from juvenile mental health professionals after allegedly stabbing a 7-year-old student at Bubb Elementary School in Mountain View Wednesday afternoon. The attack occurred during an after-school YMCA program, and police said the suspect, who does not attend the school, was later detained without incident.

The stabbing occurred around 3:30 p.m. in the school's play area near the campus baseball field in the 500 block of Hans Avenue. A juvenile not affiliated with the YMCA reportedly approached the student and cut the child's shoulder with a knife. The victim suffered three stab wounds and was treated at the scene by the Mountain View Fire Department before being released to a parent.

Staff supervising the program immediately contacted Mountain View police, and the campus was placed on lockdown while officers searched the surrounding neighborhood. During the search, patrol officers reviewed residential video footage and identified the suspect, whom an officer recognized from prior contacts.

A Los Altos Police Department K-9 unit assisted in tracking the suspect from the school to a nearby residence. Officers coordinated with a guardian and detained the juvenile without incident. Custody of the suspect was transferred to Pacific Clinics, Santa Clara County's juvenile mental health services provider, according to police. Police confirmed all students on campus were safe and that there is no ongoing danger to the community.



COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Los Altos Police K-9 Brock helped Mountain View Police Department officers track down the 10-year-old stabbing suspect.

According to the Mountain View Whisman School District, the suspect was not enrolled in the after-school program and does not attend Bubb Elementary. Some students in the after-care program witnessed the incident, and mental health staff were brought in shortly afterward.

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Two arrested in murder of Mtn. View mom

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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Police have arrested two men believed to be responsible for the shooting of a Mountain View mother in a Sunnyvale mobile home park in January.

The shooting occurred at Plaza Del Rey, a prefabricated mobile home park at 1225 Vienna Drive in Sunnyvale, at 9:39 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, according to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

The victim was Kemberly Chirinos-Flores, a 24-year-old resident of Mountain View.

In a press release from March 9, police said Chirinos-Flores was found inside a vehicle with gunshot wounds and pronounced dead at the scene. The suspects fled the scene before the arrival of officers.

Alfonso Inestroza, who also uses the name Franquin Inestroza-Martinez, of Hollister, and Gerzon Chirinos, who also uses the name Gerzon Chirinos-Munguia, of Sunnyvale, were arrested on March 5 in separate operations.

"These arrests represent an important step



Kemberly Chirinos-Flores

toward justice for Kemberly and her family," said Sunnyvale Chief of Public Safety Dan Pistor. "I want to commend our detectives for their relentless work and dedication in this investigation. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety will never stop pursuing justice for victims of violent crime in our community, and we remain committed to holding offenders fully accountable."

Dzanh Le, Captain of the Bureau of Special Operations, said in an email Inestroza was arrested at a home on Hemlock Court in Hollister at approximately 10:30 a.m. Chirinos was arrested at the Sunnyvale Public Safety Headquarters, at 700 All America Way, in the evening.

A shotgun was located during the arrests which is believed to be the murder weapon. Both men were booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of homicide. Inestroza also had an outstanding arrest warrant for an unrelated murder case in New Jersey.

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety held a press conference related to the arrests on Mar. 9.

Pistor said Chirinos-Flores is survived by her 5-year-old son. Gerzon Chirinos and Chirinos-Flores were previously in a dating relationship and he was the father of the child, Pistor said.

"She was in the prime of her life," Pistor said of Chirinos-Flores at the press conference. "This

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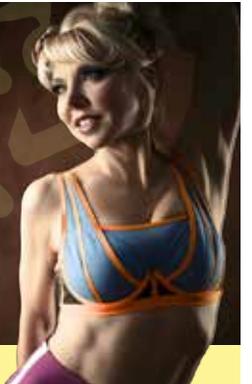


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ANNEXATION

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Maginot said.

"We would see an equal or greater reduction in expenditures that we're paying to County Fire," Maginot said.

Annexation would also include the transfer of the city's two fire stations to the county and a \$1.5 million lump sum payment for deferred maintenance,

"...That the city was responsible for that we put on hold due to various budget and financial decisions," Maginot said.

Council members were overwhelmingly supportive of the annexation. Councilmember Larry Lang said that fires in Southern California last year highlighted just how catastrophic those disasters can be, and how it's crucial to have a well-prepared and resourced fire re-

sponse team.

"One of the things I think we learned from the fires in Southern California recently is that those kinds of configurations are regional threats," Lang said. "The fire's going to be very disinterested in where city boundaries are if such a thing were to happen. ... I think this is going to be of great service to our community, as well as a sensible financial thing."

Members of the community, including current and former County Fire employees, also backed the annexation.

"You're being protected by the best fire department in California, plain and simple," Bob Hagg, who's now retired but previously served as a Santa Clara County Fire Department captain at the El Monte fire station, said during public comment.

The annexation received support from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors March 10, Maginot told council members. In addition to council's approval, the Board's approval was needed for the application to move forward.

The LAFCO application is due April 2 and the city aims for a hearing before LAFCO June 3. LAFCO approval should come in the fall, and the annexation would be effective Jan. 1, 2027.



SCREENSHOT FROM LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Bob Hagg, former Santa Clara County Fire Captain, supported annexation into Santa Clara County Fire.

Staff are set to return to council April 14 and present the financial aspects of the annexation for council consideration and approval.



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THREAT

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Department and the Los Altos Police Department did not respond to requests for comment.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said during a press conference on March 11 that the state was aware of the reports.

"Drone issues have always been top of mind," he said.

Later in the day, Newsom's office released a statement: "I am in constant coordination with security and intelligence officials, including at @Cal_OES, to monitor potential threats to California - including those tied to the conflict in the Middle East.

"While we are not aware of any imminent threats at this time, we remain prepared for

any emergency in our state."

On March 1, the Sheriff's Office released a statement noting there were no credible threats at that time. The report noted a plan to increase "high visibility patrols at places of worship, community centers, and other gathering sites to support safety and provide additional reassurance to residents" and to maintain communication with local faith leaders.

"Every member of our diverse community should feel safe and secure," Sheriff Robert Jonsen said. "Deputies are here to serve you, and if something appears suspicious, report it right away."

Suspicious activity or concerns can be reported to the office's non-emergency line at (408) 808-4400.

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Defense Rifles, Councilmember Larry Lang was concerned about where the old rifles would end up.

“When we do a replacement of weapons systems, what we do is we trade them into L C Action, which is a gun dealership that works with law enforcement down in San Jose,” Krauss explained to Lang. L C Action is an authorized firearm dealership and police supply store. She said that whatever they trade in provides the department money for future gear and firearm purchases, and the firearms may be sold to other agencies either as complete units or just parts.

Replacement requests included increasing .223 ammunition to 42,000 rounds and .308 ammunition to 3,300 rounds.

“In the past there has been a shortage of .223 ammunition, so we didn’t ask for a great amount (previously). That shortage has now passed and .223 ammunition is available, so we would like to increase our allotment at a maximum of 42,000,” Krauss said. “The .308 ammunition, currently we have around 3,000 rounds that

have been authorized. We would like to increase that to 3,300 rounds, so a slight increase there.”

The department also requested the removal of ammunition brand designations – currently, the department is limited to one specific brand that offers .308 ammunition. Krauss said the brand is often unavailable. The removal of the brand designation would allow .308 ammunition to be purchased regardless of brand.

Annual review

AB 481 requires an annual review of military equipment use. Military equipment was only used 17 times between April and December 2025, according to the written AB 481 report the Los Altos Police Department was required to provide to the City Council.

The only equipment used in those 17 instances were the department’s Unmanned Aerial System, or drones. Drones, approved for police department use last April, were used four times to assist outside agencies, three times for demonstration or public events, two times for burglaries in progress, and once each in cases

including:

- An at-risk missing person
- Auto burglary in progress
- City inspection of a roof
- Bank hold-up alarm
- In-progress trespass
- Structure fire
- Suspect fleeing lawful detention
- Vehicle collision

Krauss said that the police department did not receive any complaints related to its use of military equipment and an audit concluded no policy violations in military equipment use.

The estimated annual cost for the department’s current military equipment inventory is \$4,800, including replacement, cleaning and inspection costs. The total annual cost for training of officers for military equipment use was estimated at \$318,851.

“I’m very supportive of the training,” Lang told Krauss. “The equipment doesn’t keep us safe, well-trained officers with equipment keep us safe. It’s a worthwhile investment.”

To view the Los Altos Police Department’s AB 481 Annual Report, visit tinyurl.com/LosAltosPDAB481.

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to provide support and reassurance. Counseling services will continue to be available on campus.

The case is being handled by Mountain View police, and the district said it is cooperating with the investigation.

In a message to families, Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Jeffrey Baier said, “The safety of our students is

always our top priority,” and encouraged the community “to continue looking out for one another.”

“If you see something concerning around our schools, please report it to school staff or local law enforcement. Working together helps keep our students and community safe,” he said.

The district said it plans to provide families with additional updates as more information becomes available.

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is a tragic, senseless act of violence that is fortunately extremely rare in our city.”

Pistor added that Gerzon Chirinos had a 2018 domestic abuse arrest related to a different victim.

There was no ongoing threat to public safety, he said. The child is in the custody of county child protective services and

was unharmed.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office, the Santa Clara County Special Enforcement Team, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Hollister Police Department, the San Benito County Criminal Apprehension Suppression and Prevention Response Unit and the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office contributed to the investigation and arrests.



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Gen Z dances like everyone is watching

By Kaitlyn Stattler

Too consumed with the perceptions of themselves by their peers, Gen Z refuses to let go and dance.

Live music has strayed from a place where people find community, and has turned into the audience looking around nervously or on their phones. Has the saying, “Dance like no one is watching,” completely lost its presence in the modern-day going-out culture?

I am a daughter of two “Deadheads” who constantly had the Grateful Dead playing in our home growing up. Whether it was in the kitchen making breakfast, outside grilling on a summer day or in the living room on family game

Other Voices

night, my parents made sure the house was filled with the music of Jerry Garcia and Bob Weir.

With this music came dancing, and I have always associated movement with some of my happiest moments with my family.

Growing up with that environment in my house, I was shocked at the difference between my parents’ generation and mine when going to concerts.

Two summers ago, my mom took me to a Grateful Dead cover band show at the Guild Theatre in Menlo Park. Being that I was the youngest there by at least 25 years, I noticed a

dramatic difference in the audience. Everyone was dancing, laughing, and there were barely any cell phones in sight the whole night. No one seemed to be concerned about what they looked like and only worried about allowing themselves to feel the music as they pleased.

I asked my mom and dad to explain what it was like to go to Grateful Dead concerts in San Francisco in the 1980s. They described these shows as being filled with grandparents, teens and “old-style hippies.” Even with the wide range of demographics, there was never a divide or judgment between the crowd. The acceptance of their peers made the crowd come together and create a relaxed environment that allowed people to feel seen while

also not worrying about how they were being perceived.

Gen Z has an unfair disadvantage of growing up with social media being a huge part of how we connect.

In middle school and high school, I saw completely online relationships form among my peers. I would look around during school dances and see everyone filming one another or just standing around scrolling through their phones. It was easier to avoid the risk of being filmed and embarrassed than actually enjoying ourselves and doing as we pleased.

I am not entirely sure what needs to happen for Gen Z to let loose and integrate music and dancing as a significant part of socializing. I think getting out of the mindset that

everyone is watching you is a hard thing to overcome, but it always helps to remember that nobody judges you harder than yourself. We are all too busy worrying about how we are being perceived to remember the little “embarrassing” things that the people are doing around us day to day that seem like the end of the world to themselves.

Cellphones make the fear of a large audience seeing you dance and sing a reality, but have we all become so obsessed with our digital image to assume that anyone really cares?

Kaitlyn Stattler is a former Town Crier intern and Mountain View High School graduate who is a senior at the University of Oregon.

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Community

Local filmmaker screens movie Saturday in Mtn. View

By Dorie Xie

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain View-based filmmaker John W. Kim's career has taken him all around the industry for more than 25 years, from screenwriting to directing. But this month, for the first time, Kim's work has reached the silver screen.

Kim's film "Reunion" made its world premiere March 15 at the Cinequest Film Festival in San Jose and will be screened at 2:45 p.m. Saturday at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Mountain View. A Q&A with Kim and associate producer Devin Altman follows the screening.

"We're grateful for the community support," Kim said. "The movie is an ensemble piece, and I think every character is someone people can relate to."

"Reunion" follows Guy (Jake Choi from the sitcom "Single



COURTESY OF JOHN W. KIM

John Kim's film "Reunion" will be screened at 2:45 p.m. Saturday at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Mountain View. A Q&A with Kim and associate producer Devin Altman follows the screening.

Parents"), an Asian-American funeral-home worker attending his high school reunion as he tries to jump-start his life. There, he is mistaken for another Asian alum who has become a billionaire after graduation.

The plot, according to Kim, is loosely based on his experience as an Asian-American immigrant in the Bay Area. Kim was born in South Korea and grew up in Palo Alto, attending Gunn High School.

"Being Asian American, you're looked at differently – you felt adjacent to every conversation," Kim said. "That feeds into the themes of 'Reunion,' where you have a character who enters a universe where people mistake him for someone else because they can't tell the difference."

For Kim, that "difference" is what inspired him to become a screenwriter and director. Kim grew up during the 1970s' Second Golden Age of American

Film, and recalled watching movies like "The Godfather," "Serpico" and "All the President's Men" – often with his mother at the old Mountain View Theatre on Castro Street.

"You could go out almost every weekend and see a great movie," Kim said. "The combination of exposure to great movies and stories and the opportunity to experiment helped feed my ambition."

That love for movies and sto-

rytelling initially led Kim to pursue an acting career. But he said the lack of Asian representation on the stage and screen redirected him to working behind the camera.

"I looked around on television and film, and I didn't see anyone who looked like me," Kim said. "I thought those were bad odds. I knew I could write, so I thought I could learn to direct. That's when

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Three works, three facets: Balanchine refracted



LINDSAY THOMAS

San Francisco Ballet in Balanchine's Serenade

By Duanni Hurd

An evening with San Francisco Ballet devoted to Balanchine – often called the father of American neoclassical ballet – is less a program than a prism. Three works, three temperaments, three glimpses into the architecture of his mind: “Diamonds” (1967), “Serenade” (1934) and “Stars and Stripes” (1958) are distinct facets of his choreographic voice – imperial grandeur, poetic classicism and exuberant Americana.

At San Francisco Ballet, Balanchine unfolds in three dialects. “Diamonds” – imperial and incandescent, classicism cut to brilliance. It is the final jewel of the full-length “Jewels,” set to Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 3. Sparkling white tutus matched with tiara and jeweled bodice; even the men’s tops are beaded and embroidered – understated but clearly formal.

The movement carries that same imperial tone. Régal épaulement. Long, expansive phrases. Everything measured. You can feel Balanchine’s roots at the Imperial Ballet in St. Petersburg here – the grandeur of Russian classicism, refined and ceremonial. Sasha De Sola moves like a small tornado – quick, controlled but alive.

What strikes me most: The choreography does not decorate the music; it reveals its structure. Tchaikovsky’s symphony has breadth and ceremony, and Balanchine builds architecture with it. The corps forms clean geometry. The arabesques feel cut and polished, almost faceted.

“Diamonds” is grand, formal; it is chandelier light – brilliant, white, controlled.

“Serenade” blue and breathing, a poem written in formation. Set to Tchaikovsky’s “Serenade for Strings,” this was Balanchine’s first ballet created

in America in 1935. It began as a school piece and became a cornerstone of American ballet.

Blue tulle skirts. Free-flowing hair. The stage feels like twilight. The dancers move as if carried by air or water – nothing sharp, everything continuous. There is no story, but there is feeling, longing without narrative. The ballet unfolds through formations – lines, circles, diagonals – constantly shifting. You see how Balanchine builds emotion through structure. The corps de ballet often moves together in precise patterns, especially in the faster sections, their footwork quick and synchronized, creating visual rhythm. Then the space opens. Solo dancers step forward with wide, diagonal port de bras, generous turns, traveling steps that sweep across the stage. The contrast between group precision and individual expansiveness gives the ballet its emotional lift.

The men largely partner and support – lifting, guiding, framing the women – rather than dominating the stage. It reflects Balanchine’s focus on the ballerina as the central voice. Jasmine Jimison, in the central female role, spun through the space with continuous chaîné turns and flowing transitions. Not dramatic, but sustained – like wind gathering

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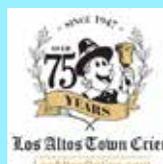
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I started making short films.”

After graduating from UC Santa Cruz with his bachelor's in literature and creative writing, Kim went all-in on filmmaking. In 1996, he graduated with an MFA in film production from the University of Southern California – one of the nation's top film schools. Mentored by and collaborating with now-award-winning producers and directors, Kim said he attributes much of his success to his experiences and connections from USC.

“I needed to go somewhere that would teach me how to direct, and that was USC,” Kim said. “They taught us everything – including the unpleasant realities. For that, I'll always be grateful.”

For the next “20-something” years, Kim said he wrote and directed short films, finding success in competitions such as the Nicholl Fellowship, Austin Screenplay Competition and Sundance Filmmakers Lab. But Kim said the script for “Reunion,” which he started writing around the COVID-19 pandemic, was his big breakthrough.

“It (the script) won a Silver Prize in the Page International Screenwriting Awards – it was the first time in years someone actually paid me money,” Kim

said. “That was when things started to move. We did table readings and began raising money. We had a lot of positive responses. Eventually, we pulled together a team, including several USC graduates, and began production.”

But filming quickly faced an unexpected roadblock. After just one day of shooting on Jan. 7, 2025, the Eaton and Palisades wildfires forced a weeklong pause.

“We were put through the fire – literally,” co-producer Noah Pitifer said. “After two years of preparation, our very first day of filming had to shut down because the worst wildfires in LA history were about to begin. We had to evacuate immediately and leave everything behind.”

But immediately upon returning to the studio, it was right back to business.

“A week later, I had to redo all the film permits, reschedule the actors and reorganize everything,” Pitifer said. “But the crew stuck together, and we finished the film only about a week be-

hind schedule.”

About a year later, “Reunion” was completed.

Along with Choi, the film features Hollywood veterans such as Candy Clark (Oscar nominee, “American Graffiti”), Madeline Zima (“Californication”), Kelli Garner (“Lars and the Real Girl”) and Ryan Hansen (“Party Down”).

For Kim, the film's premiere at Cinequest not only brings his work back to his roots, but it also gathers the community to share feedback and experience the joy of watching movies together.

“One of the things I love about movie theaters is the shared experience,” Kim said. “As an artist, what you want from an audience is a reaction. What you don't want is indifference. Art exists to hold a mirror up to society and ask questions about who we are.”

Tickets to Saturday's screening are \$14. The theater is located at 2575 California St., Ste. 99. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/JKimReunion.

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Los Altos DAR hosting March 20 talk on the Declaration of Independence

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution invites community members to attend a free talk by Dr. Amy Noel Ellison, curator and director of exhibitions at the Los Altos History Museum noon Friday, March 20 at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

Ellison will speak on the “Journey of the Declaration of Independence: From 1776 through today.”

The talk is part of the Los Altos Chapter, DAR’s celebration of America’s semiquincentennial, marking the anniversary of the July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence. Ellison’s talk



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Amy Ellison

will explore the Declaration of Independence’s long history and continued relevance to American society today. As a guest curator and consulting historian for the Museum of the American Revolution’s blockbuster exhibit, “The Declaration’s Journey” (open through 2026 in Philadelphia),

Ellison researched the role the Declaration has played in independence and rights movements within the U.S. and around the world. A living document, interpretations of its famous words have changed over time and hold continued relevance for us today. Ellison earned her Ph.D. in history from Boston University and has held curatorial and research positions at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Museum of Art as well as the Los Altos History Museum.

The nation’s 250th anniversary presents an opportunity to reflect upon the Declaration’s ideals and how we can better ensure its promises of freedom and equality for all. The Los Altos History Museum will commem-

orate America’s semiquincentennial with an exhibit opening in mid-June, “America’s 250th.” The Los Altos History Museum explores the rich history of local people, and how the use of the land over time has transformed the agricultural paradise once known as the “Valley of Heart’s Delight” into the high technology

hub of today’s Silicon Valley. The museum’s mission is to preserve and share local history to enrich our community and shape a more informed future, and provides educational opportunities for children and adults to learn about the community.

Visit tinyurl.com/Amy20Mar to register for the talk.

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and releasing. Wei Wang, in a soft grey-blue leotard, brought fluid strength to the leading male role. His extended lines and sustained balances felt like a current moving steadily forward. They approach, then separate. Connection and distance.

The music itself is lyrical and sweeping, full-bodied. “Serenade” feels like the glow before dusk – reflective, slightly wistful. It creates a mood. And it lingers.

“Stars and Stripes” – festive and theatrical, this is Balanchine having fun, and letting the dancers have fun too. Set to marches by John Philip Sousa – fast footwork, high jumps, clean salutes – everything sharp and musical. It is patriotic, but with a wink. The energy is light, confident and slightly tongue-in-cheek.

The costumes do half the storytelling. Navy and burgundy bodices with an American flag

detail. Tutus in hot pink, periwinkle, yellow – bright, almost candy-colored. Red and blue feathered pillbox hats. It feels like the Fourth of July met a ballet stage.

You can hear the brass in the orchestra, the drum rolls underneath, and the choreography answers it directly. The corps moves with marching precision, but always with lift. Balanchine turns a parade into classical ballet vocabulary – tight formations, quick directional changes, clean lines.

Three works; three facets. Balanchine refracted and closed with triumph, theatrical and radiant.

“Balanchine: Father of American Ballet” played Feb. 10-15. For information on the rest of the San Francisco Ballet 2026 season, visit sfballet.org.

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Members of the public are invited to participate in person at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA. To attend virtually, please view the final agenda for details.

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1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos instructing the Santa Clara County Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency to proceed with the abatement of hazardous vegetation and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. Adopt the revised City Council Norms and Procedures
3. Accept Treasurer’s Report
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MVLA finalizes graduation credit courses policy

By Julia Baum

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The Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees voted 4-1 at a recent meeting to adopt a new regulation governing how students can earn graduation credits from courses taken outside the district, formalizing a practice that ensures students complete most coursework within the district and establishes clear standards for outside credits.

Under the regulation, students may receive credit for outside coursework only if they are enrolled in at least six district classes during their freshman and sophomore years. Students are also limited to 40 out-of-district credits on their transcripts. District administrators said the six-class requirement helps keep students on track for graduation and limits unsupervised open periods on campus.

The proposal's potential

impact on students' schedules and access to alternative programs was discussed prior to the March 9 board vote. Trustee Alex Levich suggested reducing the minimum course load requirement from six district classes to five, arguing that a slightly lighter schedule could give students more flexibility to pursue legitimate outside coursework without becoming overwhelmed.

"In practice, what it means is it would restrict students' ability to take legitimate outside courses while maintaining a reasonable workload and keeping their mental health," Levich said. "Our practice actually uses a five-period threshold, which still ensures students remain primarily enrolled in MVLA, and it actually allows quite reasonable flexibility."

District administrators, however, emphasized the importance of the six-class requirement. Superintendent



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The Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees has adopted a new regulation governing how students can earn graduation credits from courses taken outside the district.

Eric Volta said it keeps younger students on track toward graduation, noting, "all students must pass six classes

their first two years and then five their second and third."

He also highlighted a safety concern: "There's no guar-

antee with our block schedule that we would be able to put

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LASD's Blach and Egan named California Distinguished Schools

By Julia Baum

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Blach Intermediate School and Egan Junior High have been named 2026 California Distinguished Schools, a statewide honor recognizing campuses with strong academic performance and student success.

The two Los Altos School District sites were among 408 middle and high schools across California chosen in 2026 by the California Department of Education.

The California Distinguished Schools program, established in 1985, recognizes campuses for strong academic performance or for making significant gains in closing achievement gaps among historically underserved students. Schools are evaluated using data from the California School Dashboard, the state's system for tracking indicators including academic achievement, graduation rates and college and career readiness.

Both Blach and Egan qualified in the Achievement Gap Closers category, which recognizes schools

for helping historically underserved student groups make significant academic progress while maintaining strong overall student performance.

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond said the award celebrates schools for their role in helping student success.

"An excellent public education has the power to transform lives," Thurmond said in a statement announcing the awards.

LASD Superintendent Sandra McGonagle said the awards are a testament to the district's focus on excellence and student success.

"We are incredibly proud that both Blach and Egan Junior High Schools have been recognized as 2026 California Distinguished Schools," McGonagle said in a statement. "This recognition reflects the exceptional work happening every day in our classrooms and across our school communities."

Egan Principal Lisa Taormina called it "incredibly meaningful for



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Blach and Egan have been named 2026 California Distinguished Schools.

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these open periods back to back, depending on what the students signed up for and what classes they were taking. Therefore, you might have a freshman 14-year-old with no place to go during the school day.”

Some trustees also said the requirement helps maintain consistent expectations across schools and ensures students complete most of their coursework within the district rather than relying heavily on outside classes.

Administrators clarified that district-supported options such as international exchange programs, concurrent college enrollment, or independent study are considered district programs and would not be limited by the out-

side-credit rules.

Levich and other board members expressed concern that the regulation, as written, might limit legitimate options for students in certain circumstances. She proposed amendments to account for programs like College Now, international exchanges, and independent study, noting the policy should preserve students’ ability to participate without undermining the district’s goal of consistency.

One community member who spoke during public comment expressed support for the policy while raising concerns about the quality of health classes taken outside the district.

The board ultimately rejected the proposed amendments in a 4-1 vote, leaving the six-class requirement in place.

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our entire Egan community” to have the efforts of students, teachers and families honored at such a high level.

“Our staff, students and families work hard every day to create a school environment where students feel connected, supported and challenged to grow,” Taormina said.

Taormina said the school focuses on building a strong sense of belonging for students through its guiding principle: “Be Here, Be You, Belong.” She said that when students feel valued and supported, they are more willing to collaborate with classmates, take risks in their learning and push themselves academi-

cally.

Teachers at the school also work closely together to refine instruction and analyze data to support student learning, she added, while extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities help students connect with the campus community.

Schools receiving the designation must also meet state standards for participation in statewide testing and maintain positive school climate indicators, such as low suspension rates and reduced chronic absenteeism.

Blach and Egan will be honored at a statewide ceremony April 24 in Anaheim alongside other California education award winners.

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Sports

MV boys golf team starts season under new coach

By Curtis Driscoll

Staff Writer/curtisd@latc.com

A year after winning the Santa Clara Valley El Camino Division, the Mountain View boys golf team has moved up to the De Anza Division and has a new coach as it begins the regular season.

Dave Tuttle, the assistant general manager at Shoreline Golf Links, replaces former head coach Bruce Jaffe, who stepped down before the start of the season after four years in charge. Mountain View started practicing a month ago, and Tuttle has had very positive impressions of the team.

"They're really good, they're really willing to learn, really good bunch of kids," Tuttle said. "Nobody has an attitude; everybody wants to learn."

Tuttle has a long history of working in golf in the Bay Area. He has taught youth golf clinics and been a golf instructor. He has been a golfer since 1980 and has always wanted to work in the business. He has also worked in golf management at Coyote Creek Golf Club in Morgan Hill, where he got involved in teaching golf. He worked at San Ramon Golf Club for nine years and spent several years at Santa Clara Golf Club before joining Shoreline Golf Links as assistant general manager. He was also a youth golf instructor with ESPN golf schools.

Junior Alex Sykora is Mountain View's No. 1, and sophomore Lucas Wang is the No. 2, while junior Austin Andersen has also stepped up for the team as the No. 3.

"Those top three players

are probably our most consistent," Tuttle said.

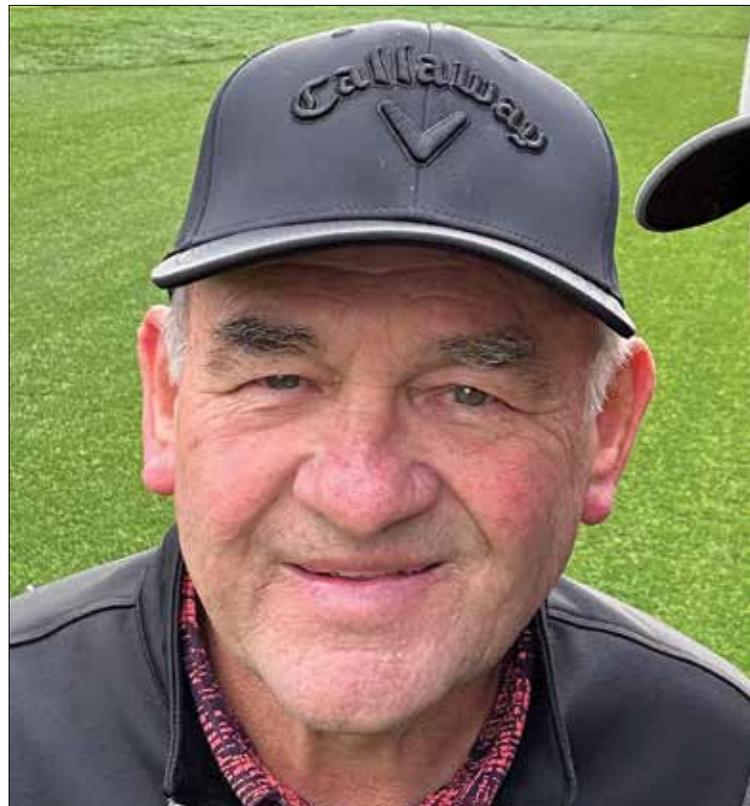
Benjamin Cittadino, Armaan Kapur and Kevin Kim round out the top six for the team.

"Those are guys who I am really looking to help us win some matches this coming year," Tuttle said.

Mountain View won a league title for the first time since 2007 last year and will hope to capitalize on momentum in the higher De Anza Division this season, where it will face strong teams like Gunn, last season's De Anza champions Palo Alto, Los Gatos and Lynbrook. Mountain View played Lynbrook in its first match of the season in windy conditions, losing by 14 strokes.

"They are probably the

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COURTESY OF DAVE TUTTLE

The Mountain View boys golf team's new coach Dave Tuttle.

Mountain View High wrestler reaches new heights at state

By Curtis Driscoll

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Kiana Lien recently made Mountain View history by becoming the first Spartan wrestler in recent memory to reach the third day of the CIF State Championship, placing third overall in the 100-pound division.

Standing on the podium at the end of a long season was a moment the junior won't forget.

"Right after my match, it just seemed quite surreal, and I think that feeling lasted for a couple of days," Lien said of finishing third. "I didn't really believe what had happened had really happened."

Lien won four matches on the third day to take third place, including her first match in the blood round. The first match on day three of the state tournament is known as the "blood round" because of the intense pressure and high

stakes involved, with a win at the start of day guaranteeing a medal placement, while a loss sends you home. Lien reached day three by getting a pin against a wrestler who won first at the Napa Valley Girls Classic and was seeded second going into state competition. Lien was seeded 10th. Lien was in the consolation bracket after losing to Daniella Vazquez, who would wind up second in the state.

Lien was proud of her performance after reaching state her previous two years, going 1-2 her first year and 2-2 her sophomore year, losing both times on the second day.

"The previous two years I didn't perform at state as well as I had wanted to, but this year I was really able to show my skills and that I deserve to be on the podium," Lien said.

She noted her coaches, teammates and family had provided lots of support, with her coaches providing



COURTESY OF WENDY LIEN

Mountain View's Kiana Lien, right, wrestling during the state championship in February.

technical help to strengthen her abilities throughout the year. Mountain View wrestling coach Nhiem Nguyen

praised Lien for her achievement, noting the CIF State Championship brings together 520 high schools and over

1,000 wrestlers from across California, with the wrestlers

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best team in our league right now," Tuttle said of Lynbrook.

Tuttle said his coaching focus is on sticking with the fundamentals, given that many players already have coaching outside the school

team and play competitive tournament golf outside of high school in the off-season. Tuttle instead is focused on the short game and putting and being more consistent as the team works to try and make the Central Coast Play-offs in early May.

"That's pretty much my role, trying to get the most out of what they have," Tuttle said.

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passing through multiple gauntlets on the way via their league, sectional and Masters Central Coast Section tournaments.

"Kiana placed third in the state against a field that dwarfs most other states," Nguyen said. "It's not just a win; it's a testament to so many other attributes: skills, commitment, resilience, hard work, humility, patience and an inspiration for others."

Lien has also competed at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota, in the summer, placing sixth in the 100-pound weight class of the 16-and-under girls division.

Lien was one of two Mountain View girls who made it to the state competition in Bakersfield from Feb. 26-28, with Mountain View's Liberty Evans also reaching state. Evans, in the 155 division and with only three years of high school wrestling experience, won her first match before losing her next championship match. Lien and Evans were part of the Mountain View girls team that achieved first place at the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League finals.

The Mountain View wrestling squad as a whole had three boys and four girls who medaled at CCS Masters, while 11 wrestlers made all-league. Both boys and girls were also CCS Masters Academic Champions.



COURTESY OF WENDY LIEN

Kiana Lien on the podium at the state championship in February.

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The give and take of giving back – Ideas for volunteering in Los Altos and Mtn. View

By **Mary Larsen**

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People of all ages and abilities can find ways to help those less fortunate in our community, as well as work toward environmental causes. In addition to being a fun and social activity, volunteering can add a sense of purpose to life, while providing much-needed help. There may even be physical health benefits.

According to a 2023 National Institutes of Health article (tinyurl.com/NIH-volunteering), “Volunteering provides unique benefits to organizations, recipients, and potentially the volunteers themselves.” Researchers studied the social, mental and physical or general health benefits of volunteering and “benefits were found in all three domains, with reduced mortality and increased functioning exerting the largest effects. Older age, reflection, religious volunteering, and altruistic motivations increased benefits most consistently,” the authors stated.

Following are several organizations in the local area that

welcome volunteers in a variety of capacities.

Benefitting children:

• **Monkey Toy Gathering.** Use your crafting skills to make sock monkey toys for the young patients at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. For over 30 years, the city of Los Altos’ Senior and Adult 50+ programs have hosted this weekly social group, which meets noon to 2 p.m. Mondays in the Los Altos Community Center Sycamore Room, 97 Hillview Ave.

For more information, call (650) 947-2797.

• **Assistance League of Los Altos.** This all-volunteer nonprofit funds various philanthropic programs through grants, donations from its membership and the community and special events. Two of its signature programs are Baby Bundles and Operation School Bell.

For more information, call (650) 941-2610 or visit assistanceleague.org/los-altos.

Benefitting the homeless and food-insecure:

• **Community Services Agen-**

cy (CSA). Volunteer to sort and shelve food in CSA’s Mountain View food pantry or volunteer with the Senior Services Program as a general escort, grocery store escort, medical appointment escort, translator or Friendly Visitor.

For more information, call (650) 968-0836 or visit csacares.org/volunteer.

• **Hope’s Corner.** Opportunities include helping with breakfast service in Mountain View on Saturdays or Mondays; organizing donated clothing and supplies; or socializing and answering questions as guests wait in line.

For more information, email priscillav@hopes-corner.org or visit hopes-corner.org/information-volunteers.

• **One warm scarf.** Knit or crochet scarves and hats for the homeless as part of Los Altos resident Sandy Goldstein’s long-established One Warm Scarf campaign. The project also includes scarves, hats, blankets, slippers and booties, which are delivered to shelters located in several Bay Area counties.

For more information, con-



COURTESY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

Volunteers at Community Service Agency’s food pantry sort produce.

tact Sandy Goldstein at (650) 968-2751 or sandydangoldstein@gmail.com.

Benefitting the environment:

• **Grassroots Ecology.** This nonprofit is “dedicated to caring for public lands and waters across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.” On March 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, help out the Mountain View Shoreline marsh habitat by **planting California native plants** that grow specifically in the marshlands of the San Francisco Bay and **removing invasive non-native plants (warning: weeding involved).**

For more information and a

calendar of future events, visit grassrootsecology.org/event-calendar or email volunteer@grassrootsecology.org.

• **GreenTown Los Altos.** The nonprofit’s mission is “To protect and enhance the environment of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through community engagement, education and advocacy while contributing to and leveraging regional and global environmental efforts.” Opportunities include planting trees; researching and writing; blog posting; photography and videography of GreenTown events.

For more information, visit greentownlosaltos.org.

International Women’s Day: Bay Area shines with talented women of art

By **Lina Broydo**

Special to the Town Crier

My culturally saturated life has been enriched by attending a number of very special events and performances which showcased brilliant women in the world of arts: Eun Sun Kim, Yang Yang Lyon, Lina Gonzalez-Granados, Anita Yavich, Mary Andrade, Tzvia Shalev and Emily Michiko Jensen. Thanks to these incredibly talented women, my life is a fabulous cultural journey around the Bay Area.

Eun Sun Kim, music director, San Francisco Opera. Season’s highlights: “Parsifal”; Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony and Falla concert

Eun Sun Kim and Richard Wagner are a winning combination. Only one week after she conducted the amazing new production of Wagner’s “Parsifal,” the gifted conductor led the San Francisco Sympho-

ny and mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack in a one-night concert of music by Manuel de Falla and Beethoven at the War Memorial Opera House. From the Manuel de Falla set of songs, inspired by his home country of Spain, with Mack as the soloist, and with the orchestra performing Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony (Ta.. ta.. ta.. ta..), Kim took us on a mesmerizing musical journey. “When I took this job, I read about the history of this Opera House and all the artists and conductors from the early days,” she said. “... I asked when was ‘Parcifal’ last done and learned it was in 2000, so this year marks 25 years.” Kim particularly enjoys “getting to dust off these great pieces with the orchestra.”

Yang Yang Lyon, prima ballerina; executive artistic director, International Performing Arts of America. Season’s highlight: “Enchantment”: 8th International Performing Arts Festival

Yang Yang Lyon began her distin-

guished career at the Beijing Dance Academy, where she was granted a full scholarship at the age of 12. With two decades of leading roles in major productions including numerous gold medal championship wins, she performed extensively in China and internationally, including in a film by renowned director Zhang Yimou. Since 2018, Lyon has been instrumental in leading and guiding the International Performing Arts of America dance troupe to high-quality productions while embracing with passion and dedication the multiple cultures through dance and choreography.

Lina Gonzalez-Granados, conductor Season’s highlight: Dia de Los Muertos concert with San Francisco Symphony

Born and raised in Cali, Colombia, Lina Gonzalez-Granados has firmly established herself locally and abroad as a talented conductor of opera, classical and contemporary music. This upcoming season will include her appearances with the Phila-

delphia Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Stamford Symphony, San Francisco Conservatory and the Orchestra Sinfónica del Principado de Asturias. Gonzalez-Granados is a staunch proponent of Latin American composers’ work, which earned her recognition as one of the “Latino 30 Under 30” by El Mundo Newspaper in 2016.

Anita Yavich, costume designer. Season’s highlight: San Francisco Opera’s “The Monkey King”

Costume designer Anita Yavich looked back to China’s Bronze Age for design inspiration. “The visual vocabulary is so rich because there’s a lot of motifs that are derived from animals,” Yavich said of the era. Her main inspiration for Sun Wukong was that he felt like a “modern underdog.” “He’s an underdog, his methods are shrewd,” she noted, and his armor and crown needed to reflect that. Yavich

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said the flawed nature of the title character was part of the attraction to the material for her. The costumes' cosmic neon colors felt pulled from the future, with iridescent fabrics catching the light. Yavich was given plenty of room for flights of fantasy dressing an undersea kingdom and an army of primates, among other scenes.

Mary Andrade, award-winning photographer, publisher, writer. Season's highlight: Dia de Los Muertos Festival in Roseville

Mary J. Andrade, cultural advisor for the Pixar Oscar-winning movie "Coco," began researching Day of the Dead in 1987 in Janitzio, Michoacán. Since then, Andrade has covered a different state of the Mexican Republic each year, gathering information and taking photographs of the celebration of the pre-Hispanic tradition known as Day of the Dead, which has evolved through the centuries and has become an integral part of the Mexican spirit and culture. She learned the subtle differences in the way this tradition is celebrated among the different states in Mexico. A journalist and photographer by trade, Andrade re-

ceived the "Ohtli" Award in 1991 from Mexico's secretary of foreign affairs for her journalistic labor serving the Mexican communities in Santa Clara County, and the Mexican "Silver Quill" award in 2000 from the Mexico's secretary of tourism for her first bilingual book of the series "Through the Eyes of the Soul, Day of the Dead in Mexico."

Tzvia Shelef, executive director, Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival. Season's highlights: "Tatami," co-directed by an Israeli director and an Iranian filmmaker, and "Midas Man," a musical biopic following Brian Epstein, mastermind of the rise of The Beatles.

As the Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival's executive director for over a decade now, Shelef has had an impressive career in television and movie production. She has produced over 600 television commercials for Saatchi & Saatchi in Israel, and prior to her agency work, she served as an assistant director for numerous Israeli film productions, as well as Hollywood movies shot in Israel. The most famous of these American films was Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List." Once in the U.S., she was an executive producer for KQED public television in San Francisco, involved

in fundraising and sponsorships to pay for the production of shows. Aside from her professional accomplishments, Shelef is passionate and enthusiastic about film, and as she told the audience at the festival's opening night, she now has her "dream job."

Emily Michiko Jensen, soprano. Season's highlight: Opera San José's "Madama Butterfly"

As a Japanese American artist taking on one of opera's most iconic and complex roles, Emily Michiko Jensen brings a deeply personal and culturally resonant perspective to her portrayal. It's a timely and powerful story – both artistically and socially – as she reflects on identity, representation and empathy in a work that has long sparked important conversations in the opera world. Puccini's world-famous opera "Madama Butterfly" took center stage this past November. A dashing American officer marries a young geisha, and she gives up everything for love. Puccini's soaring music follows her as she waits, dreaming of the day he'll meet their child, but his return brings a devastating twist in this story of passion, betrayal and heartbreak. Jensen made her role debut as the young Cio-Cio-San.



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Stepping Out

All aboard for LAYT's 'Treasure Island'



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS STAGE COMPANY

Arrrgh! Los Altos Youth Theater's "Treasure Island" is on stage at Bus Barn Theatre through Sunday.

By **Neel Gupta**

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos Youth Theater's production of "Treasure Island," playing at the Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., closes Sunday (March 22).

Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel, the play follows young Jim Hawkins, played by 12-year-old James Rose, and his mission to find treasure after discovering a map in a dead pirate's chest. Jim, his mother Ruth and their crew persevere through a tumultuous journey filled with friendship, betrayal and battles.

"The show is absolutely ridiculous, in the best way," director Katelyn Miller said.

She added that the play has "so much death," but it's "over the top."

The cast, ranging in age from 8 to 18, have been rehearsing three days a week for a total of 11 hours, according to Miller, with much of that time devoted to rehearsing fight scenes and working on character development.

"This group is so good. They all love to hang out with each

other," Miller said. "You can see their bond manifesting on stage, and when they have a blast, so will the audience."

Rose, who has "loved theater all (his) life," agrees with this sentiment.

"I love the cast," he said. "I have many good friendships and we work very well together."

For both Rose and Miller, the bond between Jim and Ruth, played by Maya Orr, is integral to the story.

"The connection between Ruth and Jim evolves as the story unfolds," Miller said. "For both students in the cast and in the audience, it provides a glimpse into the life of their parents outside the way they've seen them their whole life."

Rose said this relationship creates some of his favorite scenes. Apart from "seeing all the jokes," the actor said he is most excited for the audience to experience "the heartfelt (connection) between Jim and Ruth."

Miller noted that the female pirates who attack Jim's crew provide the girls in the cast to act outside of societal norms placed on women.

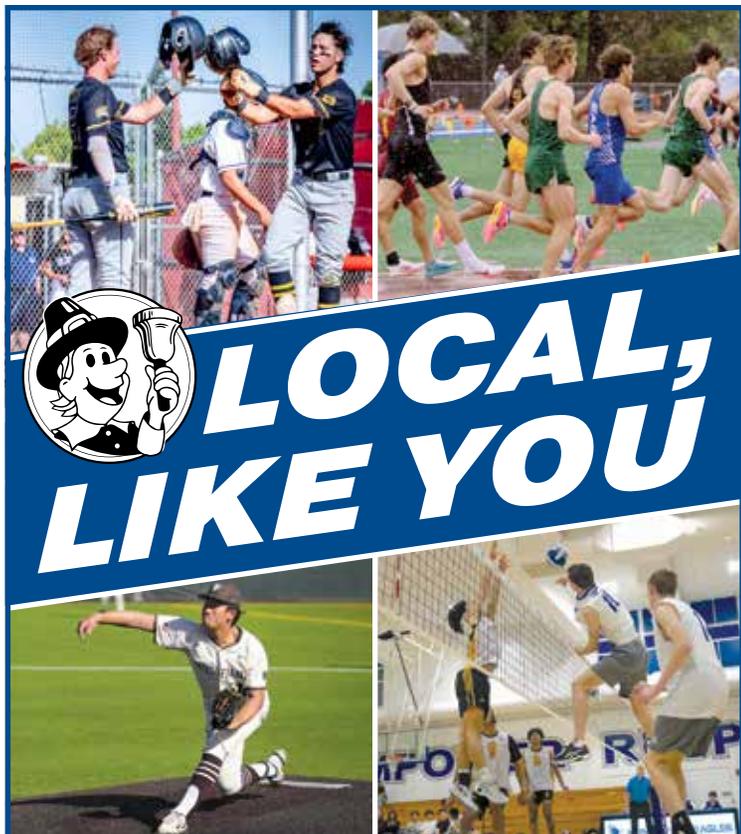
"Pew's crew is super nasty and brutal, which is really fun because they get to reverse those roles of what society deems as appropriate and instead lean into the weirdness and cruelty," Miller said. "I've got some girls who are usually really soft spoken, but have grown in their ability to take on a playful persona."

Miller added that plays like this are especially important in our current times.

"Theater can be a nice refuge from the heaviness of everything going on in the world, especially with an adventurous play like this one that depends more on entertainment value," she said. "But it can also teach us to see life in a very different way, and for 'Treasure Island,' that could mean sharing more hidden parts of our lives with our kids or seeing our parents as having a life outside of our scope of perception."

Performances of "Treasure Island" are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$18-\$28.

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By Myles Mellor

Across

- 1. Sports stat., abbr.
- 4. Brief journey
- 8. Candidate who ran for County Assessor**
- 10. "Whoops!", 2 words
- 12. Long sandwich
- 13. Rocky hill
- 14. Humdinger
- 15. Cambridge colleges, for short
- 16. Env. extra, abbr.
- 17. Outstanding
- 19. Government security agency, abbr.
- 20. Final stages of chess
- 22. After-tax amount
- 25. Hey, mister ___ jay!
- 26. Out in the open
- 29. Our County Assessor**
- 31. "The Mummy Trilogy" star, Brendan ___
- 32. Graph starter
- 33. Morse code click
- 34. Plaything
- 35. Frequent flier
- 38. British television news network, abbreviated

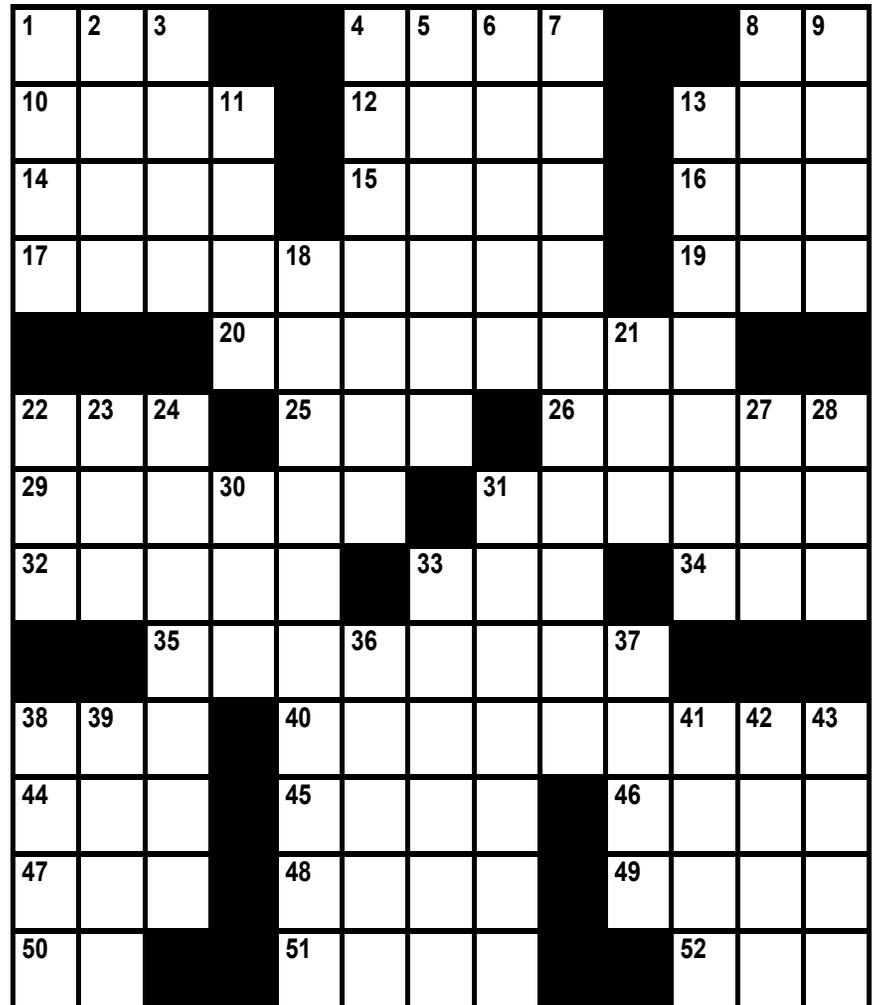
- 40. Stiff straw head cover, 2 words
- 44. "... ___ quit!", 2 words
- 45. Like many depositions
- 46. "An Officer and a Gentleman" hero, ___ Mayo
- 47. Earl Grey, e.g.
- 48. Shrek, for one
- 49. Candidate running for County Assessor
- 50. Felling equipment
- 51. Reduced by
- 52. Commercials

Down

- 1. Papier mache, for example
- 2. Calendar abbr.
- 3. Performing alone
- 4. Lightning follows it
- 5. Take back
- 6. "Three Sisters" sister
- 7. Inquest, 2 words
- 8. Gets into
- 9. Shamu, for one
- 11. Philosopher David
- 13. Most edgy
- 18. Hotel amenity, 2 words
- 21. "Desperate housewives" actress
- 22. Org. for Patriots and Packers, abbr.
- 23. The Giants' Manning
- 24. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" queen
- 27. Popular 20's auto
- 28. Undertake
- 30. Alphabetic trio
- 31. Final episodes
- 33. Iraqi currency
- 36. Grand
- 37. Tease
- 38. Small quantity
- 39. "Jurassic Park" menace, 2 words, abbr.
- 41. "That's hysterical!"- 2 words
- 42. Part of U.S.N.A.: Abbr.
- 43. Bout enders, in brief

- Los Altos clues bolded

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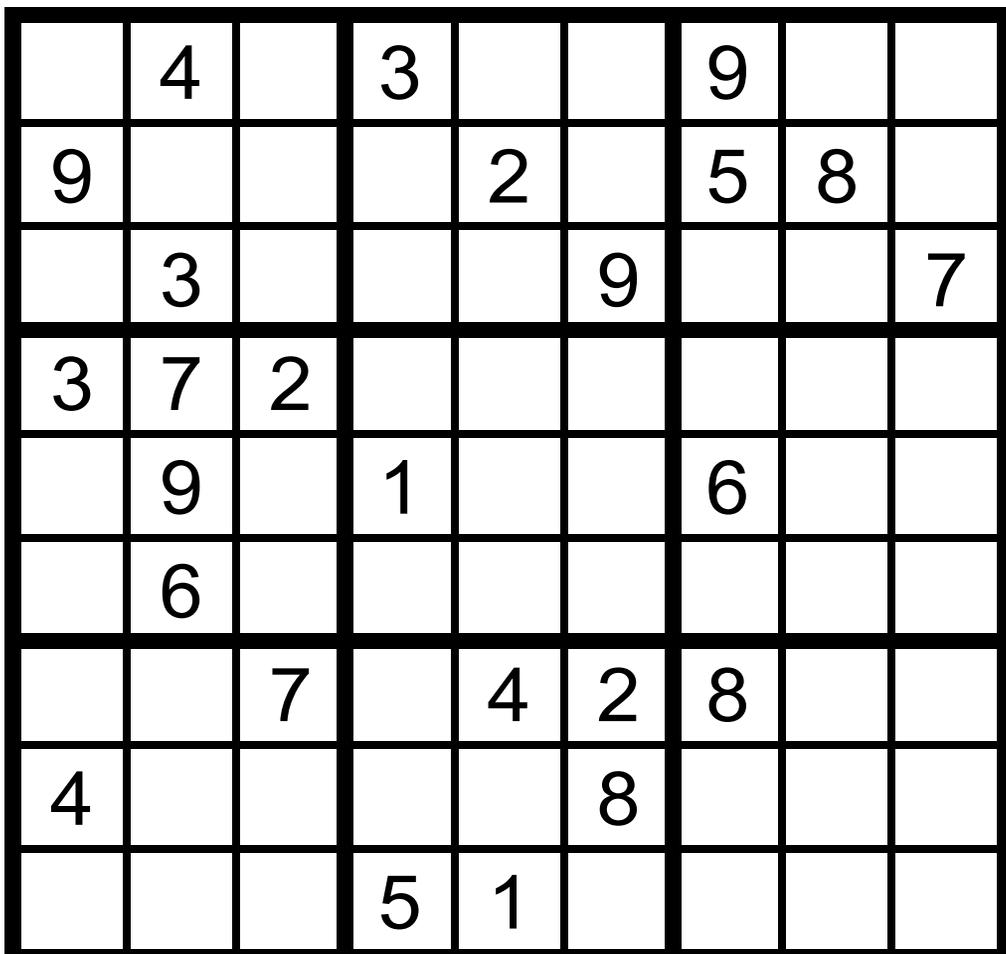


Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium



Find A Word



15 writer are listed below. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one as you find it.

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|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cervantes | Hardy | Lamour |
| Dickens | Hemingway | Orwell |
| Dostoevsky | Homer | Patterson |
| Fitzgerald | Joyce | Shakespeare |
| Grisham | King | Tolstoy |

Business and Real Estate

Global fashion veteran launches Los Altos boutique

By Julia Baum
Staff Writer/juliab@latc.com

Tucked inside a boutique with floor-to-ceiling windows on Second Street, designer Azadeh Riaz opened House of Azadeh in February, offering handcrafted couture and curated ready-to-wear collections with personalized wardrobe services.

Scott Hunter, Los Altos Village Association executive director, said the opening “shows a desire for small businesses to locate in downtown Los Altos, adding to the vibe and keeping our vacancy rate much lower than our neighboring cities.”

Riaz sees an opportunity to bring luxury fashion closer to her clients. “They think nobody dresses up in the South Bay,” she said, but her clients regularly attend corporate events, fundraisers and Broadway shows, proving local women do seek glamour when the occasion calls for it.

With more than 35 years of fashion industry experience, Riaz designed couture garments for members of the Saudi royal family earlier in her career and later served as the first head design-



House of Azadeh, located along State Street in Los Altos, holds its grand opening.

PHOTO BY MELIKA STUDIO, COURTESY OF AZADEH RIAZ

er and vice president of manufacturing for Bebe. She launched House of Azadeh in 1995 to focus on personalized fashion services, including custom de-

sign and styling.

Her clientele spans the Bay Area and beyond, including high-profile figures such as Gayle King and Vanessa Williams, though Riaz said her service is designed “for everybody.” According to her, success extends beyond fame or wealth: “You are respected in your community; this is how the success is described. It’s not about the size of your bank account or how famous you are.”

The boutique operates like a private fashion studio. During appointments, Riaz sketches designs while discussing clients’ lifestyles, preferences and upcoming events.

“I work with their life, interview

them about what they like, and what they want to wear,” she said.

Garments are then created through multiple fittings before the final fabric is cut. “It’s not about mass production,” Riaz said, but about making one-of-a-kind pieces.

After running multiple boutiques, including one in Los Gatos, and closing them all during the pandemic, Riaz reopened last year in San Francisco with plans for Half Moon Bay and Pebble Beach. She chose Los Altos to create “this triangle so I can travel to each location comfortably,” she said, describing the corner storefront as a “fishbowl” that encourages window shopping.

“We’re a miniature department store,” Riaz said, where busy clients can browse couture gowns, European designer collections, jewelry and handbags in a space designed for efficiency and personal attention. “My focus is how I can take care of that woman without her going to 10 different locations.”

“Everybody wants service,” Riaz added, which she considers the defining feature of her business. “If you buy one piece here, even if it’s a T-shirt, I follow up with you. I make sure that you’re happy, that you come back to me again.”

The boutique may expand offerings, including men’s wear, but Riaz remains focused on maintaining her renowned white-glove service.

“Success is about working hard and not letting anything fall in the cracks,” she said. “At the end of your day, you delivered and you took care of your client.”

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1541 Awalt Court, Revive Norcal LLC to Lp Vandelay Industries LLC for \$4,010,000
915 Berry Avenue, Gazenbeek Family Trust to Dmvm Family Trust for \$4,100,000
11701 Winding Way, K. and D. Macfarlane to A. and D. Lee for \$4,385,000
446 Lerida Avenue, R. and D. Pham to E. and R. Dubtsov for \$5,095,000
706 University Avenue, 706 University LLC to M. and A. Kapur for \$5,420,000
730 Raymundo Avenue, S. and T. Economidis to J. and L. Nguyen for \$5,750,000
643 Jay Street, Hammond Living Trust to D. and N. Jiang for \$5,900,000
6 Cypress Court, Dornig Living Trust to C. and O. Mases for \$5,900,000
1530 Richardson Avenue, Weir Trust

to Y. and H. Xia for \$6,000,000
1225 Altamead Drive, Nakayama Trust to I. and S. Das for \$6,400,000
Mountain View
90 Flynn Avenue #C, Y. Shen to Piracha Living Trust for \$630,000
457 Sierra Vista Avenue #10, M. Wu to Y. Wang for \$1,090,000
366 Sierra Vista Avenue #14, K. Toy to A. and N. Comly for \$1,351,000
121 Fairchild Drive, Luo Trust to N. and R. Vallu for \$1,550,000
444 South Shoreline Boulevard, Peterson Family Trust to Story In LLC for \$1,825,000
787 San Clemente Way, D. Liu to X. and B. Li for \$3,035,000
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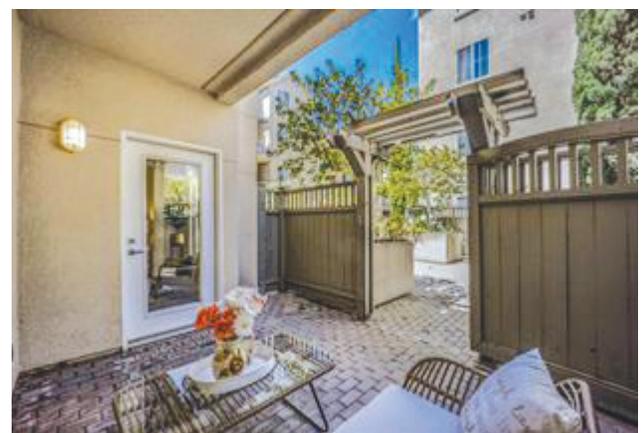
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Public Notices

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BOBBY WEDDINGS, 1937 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Daljeet Bhogal, 1937 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/11/2026. /S/ Daljeet Bhogal / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/11/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

069-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. PROFESSIONAL VISION SOLUTIONS, 10080 N Wolfe Rd Ste SW3200, Cupertino, CA 95014 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 09/12/2024 Under File No. FBN709384 Full Name of Registrant(s): UNIRAM TECHNOLOGY, INC., 10080 N Wolfe Rd Ste SW3200, Cupertino, CA 95014 This business was conducted by: a corporation This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Mar. 11, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN724671 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

068-T

POSTALWINGS PLUS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723994

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: POSTALWINGS PLUS, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rita Garcia, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2026. /S/ Rita Garcia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/20/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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ness name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. MEDIATION SERVICE, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 10/08/2012 Under File No. FBN570428 Full Name of Registrant(s): Nathan Cruz, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020, Rita Garcia, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723992 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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065-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MO'OREA KEALANI SUGITAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV488093

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Mo'orea Kealani Sugitan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Mo'orea Kealani Sugitan

Proposed Name: a. Mo'orea Kealani Millar Noah

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/09/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the

court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/06/2026 /S/ Charles Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

064-T

CHEIRON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722638

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHEIRON, 4970 El Camino Real, Suite 210, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PHNYX LAB LLC, 4970 El Camino Real, Suite 210, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Donggi Lee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/08/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

063-T

BOARD & FOLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724513

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BOARD & FOLD, 900 High School Way Apt 2133, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): No Name Given Somya, 900 High School Way Apt 2133, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ No Name Given Somya / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/05/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

062-T

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT

1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR (name): Decorative Plumbing Distributors, LLC, William D. Butler and Anne H. Butler

2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED a. Upon application of the judgment creditor, a judgment against you has been entered in this court as follows: (1) Judgment creditor (name): Austin Business Finance, LLC (2) Amount of judgment entered in this court: \$602,151.29

b. This judgment was entered based upon a sister-state judgment previously entered against you as follows: (1) Sister state (name): Texas

(2) Sister-state court (name and location): Williamson County, 425th Judicial District, 405 Martin

Luther Kind, Jr. St., Georgetown, TX

(3) Judgment entered in sister state on (date): September 23, 2025

(4) Title of case and case number (specify): Austin Business Finance, LLC vs. Decorative Plumbing Distributors, LLC, et al. Williamson County, TX 425th Judicial District. Case No. 25-0138-C425

3. A sister-state judgment has been entered against you in California court. Unless you file a motion to vacate the judgment in this court within 30 DAYS after service of this notice, this judgment will be final.

This court may order that a writ of execution or other enforcement may issue. Your wages, money, and property could be taken without further warning from the court.

If enforcement procedures have already been issued, the property levied on will not be distributed until 30 days after you are served with this notice.

Dated: 01/09/2026 Clerk, by M. Arechiga, Deputy

The name and address of the court is: THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113 CASE NUMBER: 26CV483989

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: BRUCE W. HOGAN State Bar #66206 (805) 963-9585 (805) 963-2774 KINGSTON, MARTINEZ & HOGAN, LLP 1300 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

061-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF DEEPTI JUTURU ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV488077

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

Proposed Name: a. Deepti Mishra

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/09/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least

once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/05/2026 /S/ Charles F Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

060-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. Greylands Properties, 43 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 01/02/2025 Under File No. FBN712375 Full Name of Registrant(s): Robin Jeffrey Hicks, P.O. Box 460280, San Francisco, CA 94146, Alcinda Hicks Pearlman, 6838 27th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115, Alan Ainsley Hicks, 2805 Pleasant Valley Rd., Aptos, CA 95003 This business was conducted by: a general partnership This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 26, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN724183 (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

059-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

File No.: 25-344127 A.P.N.:204-44-018 Property Address.: 229 NORTH SUNNYVALE AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 22, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. The property described heretofore is being sold "as is". The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the

Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): MARICELA F. GUZMAN, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane, LLP DEED OF TRUST Recorded on April 01, 2005 at Instrument No 18300186 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California Sale Date: 4/1/2026 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$632,069.32 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 229 NORTH SUNNYVALE AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086. See Legal Description - Exhibit "A" attached here to and made a part hereof. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDER(S): 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(S): 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 (866-684-2727) or visit the website <http://www.servicelinkasap.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-344127. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the

telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT(S): Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924m. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48-hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866-684-2727) or visit the website <http://www.servicelinkasap.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-344127 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than [5-days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45-days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder", you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane, LLP Date: 3/3/2026 By: Christine McPhatter Authorized Signatory 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alhambra, CA 90004 Phone: 858-997-1304 SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.SERVICE-LINKASAP.COM](http://WWW.SERVICE-LINKASAP.COM) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (866-684-2727) The above-named trustee may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. CA DPFI Debt Collection License # 11461-99; NMLS ID 2591653. To the extent your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party retains rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. LEGAL DESCRIPTION - EXHIBIT A PARCEL ONE: LOT 23 IN BLOCK 3, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "SUNNYVALE HOMESTEAD TRACT, WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY 12, 1907, IN BOOK "L" OF MAPS, PAGE(S) 61. PARCEL TWO: THE NORTHERLY FIVE (5) FEET OF LOT 22 IN BLOCK 3 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "SUNNYVALE HOMESTEAD TRACT", WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON FEBRUARY 12, 1907 IN BOOK "L" OF MAPS, AT PAGE 61 A-4867494 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026 (03-11,18,25-26)

058-T

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID C.K. CHAN CASE NO. 25PR201608

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID C.K. CHAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANNE W. CHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANNE W. CHAN 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: 05/01/2026 at 9:03AM 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 Esther K. Su Ren Law Offices 10080 N. Wolfe Road, SW3-200 Cupertino, CA 95014 (408) 380-4535 (03-11,18,25-26)

057-T

Bailey Wash and Fold FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723570

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bailey Wash and Fold, 570 North Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AZ Wash Inc., 570 N Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Keren Li / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/25/2026. (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

053-T

FAWN CREEK FAMILY VINEYARDS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724261

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FAWN CREEK FAMILY VINEYARDS, 27865 Fawn Creek Court, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): FAWN CREEK ENTERPRISES LLC, 27865 Fawn Creek Court, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jason Henderson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/02/2026. (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

052-T

ANRI ADVISORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724175

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ANRI ADVISORS, 62 S Clark Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Falguni H Mehta, 62 S Clark Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/26/2026. /S/ Falguni H Mehta / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/26/2026. (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

051-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ILANA LEV CASE NO. 25PR200661

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Ilana Lev. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RACHEL CORN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RACHEL CORN 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: 03/26/2026 at 9:00AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner 501 San Felicia Way Los Altos, CA 94022 (617) 519-8363 (03-04,11,18-26)

050-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF JEANNE FUERTES ARANETA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV486903

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Jeanne Fuertes Araneta filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Jeanne Fuertes Araneta

Proposed Name: a. Jeanne Araneta Ramirez

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 05/26/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

049-T

CONFLICT RELIEF COACHING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723708

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CONFLICT RELIEF COACHING, 420 View St, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mia Whitfield, 420 View St, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/06/2026. /S/ Mia Whitfield / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/10/2026. (03-04,11,18,25-26)

048-T

CALMIFY COLLECTIVE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723980

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CALMIFY COLLECTIVE, PO Box 1440, Los Altos, CA, 94023, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Kelsea Ellis, PO Box 1440, Los Altos, CA 94023. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kelsea Ellis / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/19/2026. (03-04,11,18,25-26)

047-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CANDY4GOOD, 514 Torwood Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 02/09/2026 Under File No. FBN710126 Full Name of Registrant(s): Samantha Sayar, 514 Torwood Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 13, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte

County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723849 (03-04,11,18,25-26)

046-T

HENRY CONCRETE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723840

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HENRY CONCRETE, 1388 Montecito Avenue, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Folau Veve Kaufusi, 1388 Montecito Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/13/2004. /S/ Folau V. Kaufusi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/13/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

044-T

GENERACIONES LANDSCAPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723217

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GENERACIONES LANDSCAPING, 520 Walker Dr Apt 37, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Miguel Angel Tapia, 520 Walker Dr Apt 37, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/28/2026. /S/ Miguel Angel Tapia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/28/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

043-T

Runbook FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723669

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Runbook, 13208 McCulloch Ave, Saratoga, CA, 95070, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hark Al, Inc., 13208 McCulloch Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Obaid Khan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/09/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

042-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was

filed at the County Clerk's office. Rediscover Your Home, 15640 Shannon Heights, Los Gatos, CA 95032 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 05/02/2024 Under File No. FBN705716 Full Name of Registrant(s): Hagit Koren, 15640 Shannon Heights, Los Gatos, CA 95032 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Jan. 27, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723175 (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

041-T

RISE WITH ANKA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723837

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RISE WITH ANKA, 5934 Flash Ct, San Jose, CA, 95119, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Anna Vasina, 5934 Flash Ct, San Jose, CA 95119. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/20/2025. /S/ Anna Vasina / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/13/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

040-T

ALESSANDRA LANDGRAF PSYCHOTHERAPY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723812

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALESSANDRA LANDGRAF PSYCHOTHERAPY, 881 Fremont Ave Suite B5, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Alessandra Landgraf, 881 Fremont Ave Suite B5, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/11/2026. /S/ Alessandra Landgraf / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/12/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

039-T

University of East - West Medicine FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722878

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: University of East - West Medicine, 595 Lawrence Expressway, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): University of Eastern and Western Medicine, 595 Lawrence Expressway, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1998.

/S/ Su Fang Tong / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/20/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26)

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OBITUARY NOTICE

BRIAN EDWARD HUGHES



November 27, 1953 -
March 1, 2026

Brian Edward Hughes, affectionately known as “The Mayor,” passed away peacefully on March 1, 2026, in Mountain View, California, at the age of 72. Born on November 27, 1953, in Flushing, New York, Brian embraced life with joy, connection, and a spirit of adventure that left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Growing up in California, Brian graduated from Los Altos High School and then attended Arizona State University. He later earned an MBA from Santa Clara University, equipping him for a life filled with meaningful relationships and contributions.

Brian’s easygoing nature and warm smile endeared him to many—except perhaps during tense moments for his beloved San Francisco 49ers (or Warriors or Giants)!. Known for his contagious enthusiasm, he found immense joy skiing at Northstar (where he earned his nickname), golfing, attending concerts, and spending time with his cherished dogs. A passionate skier since Northstar’s inaugural season, Brian rarely missed a year on the slopes.

Brian was a member of the Elks Lodge, Eagles Club, and Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club. His generosity and camaraderie shone through in every interaction—whether teaching a child to ski or offering encouragement to friends and family. His kindness left an enduring impact.

Brian is survived by his wife, Molly; his brother, William (Donna), and their children, Lisa and Jack Hughes; his brother, Ken, and his children, Sarah and Ryan Hughes; and his sister, Marie Chan (Frank), and their children, Meagan Main (Kevin) and Ashley Hughes. He is also survived by Jackson and Makenzie Main. He was preceded

in death by his parents, Rita and John Hughes, and his older brother John Jr.

A service will be held on March 16, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Spangler Mortuary, 399 S San Antonio Rd., Los Altos. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 26 in Los Altos—details forthcoming.

Your presence and support mean the most, but in place of flowers, please consider honoring Brian’s love of the Tahoe area and golf by making a contribution to the Canine Search and Rescue Dog program at Northstar via Venmo @ NARDOGLOVE (note: In memory of Brian Hughes) or First Tee – Silicon Valley (firstteesiliconvalley.org).

Brian’s legacy of kindness, humor, and connection lives on. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him. Rest in peace, Brian Edward Hughes—you were truly one of a kind.



KATHERINE MARIE CAMPODONICO



January 8, 1953 -
March 1, 2026

Katherine Marie Campodonico, 73, of Los Altos, California, passed away on March 1, 2026. Born on January 8, 1953 in Palo Alto to Edythe and Richard Campodonico. Katie attended St. Pius Catholic Elementary School, Woodside High School, and Whitworth College.

She was a beloved teacher in the Los Altos School District for 40 years. After retiring from teaching, she graduated from Bauman College as a holistic chef. She loved the SF Giants, fly fishing, the arts, theater, world travel, all things culinary, and her wonderful friends. But most of all she loved her sons Christopher and Michael.

Katie’s heart was filled with kindness and compassion which she

shared with all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Katie is survived by her sons Christopher and Michael (Cameron), her siblings Rich (Lianne), Susan (Mark), Steve, Lisa (George), Margaret (Reynie), and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Richard, mother Edythe, and mother-in-law Donna.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society or Filoli.



FLOYD SYLVAN KESSLER



July 25, 1923 -
March 3, 2026

Floyd Sylvan Kessler was born on July 25, 1923 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania and passed away on March 3, 2026 in Los Altos, California. He was 102.

He attended George Washington University in Washington DC taking courses in the Department of Engineering.

Floyd married Barbara Goodman on December 28, 1952 in Washington, D.C. They moved to California and eventually settled in Palo Alto in 1958.

Floyd’s career began working for the Stromberg-Carlson company as Engineer to the Military in the Electronic Division in the Rochester NY office and then Chief Engineering Draftsman in the San Diego office. In 1958, Floyd landed a job at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company in Sunnyvale working as a Senior staff Engineer. He spent the rest of his working career at Lockheed and retired on May 31, 1990.

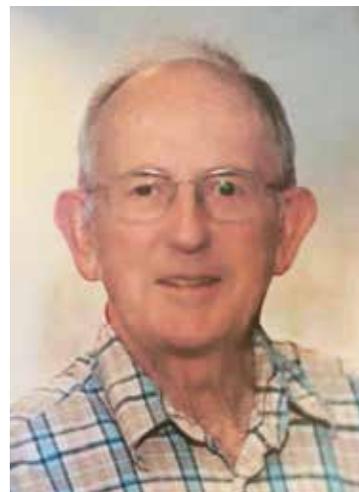
He was the President of F. Kessler, Inc. a bicycle importing and distributing business of high quality 10 speed bicycles from Belgium. Floyd was an avid bicyclist and

rode well into his 80’s. Floyd was an active member of the local Peugeot Club. He pursued photography as a hobby and enjoyed taking pictures of family, and his vacation travels with his wife.

Floyd is preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbara Kessler in 2023. He is survived by his three children, Susan Kessler (Joe Theisen) of Napa, Alan Kessler (Lori Rucker) of Austin Texas, Lori Hutchins-Kessler (Craig Hutchins) of Citrus Heights, CA and grandchildren, Dylan, Jacob, and Rachel.



DONALD PLOUFF



May 12, 1930 -
February 6, 2026

Donald (Don) Plouff, a longtime Los Altos resident and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on February 6, 2026, at the age of 95.

Born May 12, 1930, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Herbert and Delia Plouff, he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Herb. Don graduated from Rufus King High School in Milwaukee and served in the United States Air Force before earning a Master’s degree in Geophysics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

While working for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Denver, he met his wife Carol, where they married and started a family with their first two children. In 1966, they moved the family to California, settling in Los Altos, where he continued his work at the USGS Menlo Park and welcomed their third child.

His career as a Geophysicist with the USGS was his lifelong passion. Don made pioneering contributions to the field of Geophysics in his career. While his children didn’t always understand

what their dad was doing with the equipment that he carried around taking gravitational readings at benchmarks, his work significantly advanced geophysical mapping and mineral assessments across the western US. Don continued volunteering with the USGS for 25 years after retirement as one of the longest serving volunteers in the federal government, only to be stopped by the pandemic shutdown.

Don cherished time with his family. Sharing his love of the outdoors and respect for the environment, family trips included cross country camping trips in the station wagon, hiking adventures, skiing in Lake Tahoe and travels to Mexico, which created lasting family memories. In later years, Don and Carol embraced world travel together as he cared about the broader global community, they visited every U.S. state and explored destinations across the globe—from climbing pyramids in Mexico to standing at the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, and in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In Los Altos, Don was well known as the avid weed puller on the corner and often called “The King of Recycling,” and way ahead of the curve before recycling was popular. He took great pride in caring for his community and was always especially thrilled when his letters were published in the Los Altos Town Crier newspaper.

Don is survived by his devoted wife of 66 years, Carol; his three children, Kathleen (Rob), Michael (Patti), and Elizabeth; and their five grandchildren, Ellie, Jillian, Regan, Mason and Sienna.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Henrietta and Endrie for their compassionate and heartfelt care they provided while Don was on hospice care.



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