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Mountain View triumphs over Paly



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The Mountain View boys soccer team beat Palo Alto 5-0 Feb. 10 and Wilcox 5-2 Thursday to improve to 14-3-2 on the season to remain in second place in the SCVAL De Anza Division, just behind first place Los Altos. Mountain View closes out its regular season with a home game against Santa Clara Feb. 17 (after the Town Crier print deadline) as it prepares for the Central Coast Section playoffs. Mountain View's Meiki Kondo, above, goes past a defender in the game against Palo Alto, while forward Kai Amemiya, left, looks for a runner to pass to during the same game.

Finance manager says Los Altos FY 2025-2026 budget stable, strong

By Christina Casillas
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The Los Altos Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget is stable, based on discussions during last week's City Council meeting, and the general fund remains healthy with strong reserves as of the mid-year budget review.

Overall, the city is in a stable financial position, according to a mid-year budget presentation given by Los Altos Finance Manager Bo-Kyoung Kim. FY 2025-2026, which was adopted in July of last year, set goals of \$65.1 million for revenue and no more than \$57.4 million in expenditures.

Following the presentation, council unanimously approved the mid-year financial update and adjustments. Council also approved an updated California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pay schedule. Currently, the city's revenue is at 39% of the budget and expenditures are at 48% of the budget. At the midyear point, expenditures are tracking well and the city has used less than half of the approved expenditure budget.

"We've spent \$27.8 million, which is 48% of the Fiscal Year 2026 approved appropriation," she said. That number included a one-time CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) pay-

ment - excluding that \$5 million expenditure, all-department spending is closer to 38%, she said. CalPERS UAL is the annual payment of UAL, which is the gradually written off dollar amount needed for funding previous service credit earned for benefit-receiving, active city employees and for those entitled to deferred benefits, according to CalPERS.

However, both revenue and expenditures are up compared to the FY 2024-2025 mid-year budget review, Kim said, but expenditures are actually less than they seem based on the one-time CalPERS UAL payment.

"Revenue is up 7%, expenditures look up about 20%, but without the \$5 million CalPERS UAL payment - expenditures are actually down about 7% compared to last year," Kim said.

Overall, the city's departments are stable and tracking with the expected mid-year spending patterns, and there were no material expenditure variances by the mid-year budget analysis, Kim said. Leading in expenditures is the Public Safety department, which is at 54% of its expenditure budget.

"(This is) primarily due to increased pension contribution related to the safety plan, and a significant portion of UAL payments was allocated to this

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Around Town

Black History Month event planned at Los Altos Community Center



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Justice Vanguard is hosting the Black and White Bay Area Art, Music and Poetry Night at the Los Altos Community Center Feb. 21 from 5-8 p.m., focused on art, live music, poetry and community from Bay Area artists and neighbors to help support Justice Vanguard's youth programs. Events include a silent art auction with over 80 black-and-white pieces donated by more than 20 Bay Area artists, alongside featured work from Malachi Arthur, Akeem Raheem and Emory Douglas. Live music will be provided throughout the evening by TwinSoundz (Jazz & Cobe Mitchell), with poetry woven into the program. Small bites will be available for purchase, made fresh by Social Elegance. Admission is free and open to the public.



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News

Firm hired for city manager search in LAH

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Hills has retained search firm Ralph Andersen and Associates to help recruit a city manager for the town to replace Peter Pirnejad, who retired in January.

According to the firm's website, interested candidates for the position are asked to submit application materials by March 16. Ralph Andersen and Associates' recent clients include San Francisco International Airport and the cities of Roseville and Thousand Oaks.

The town has had Deputy City Manager Cody Einfalt serving as acting city manager and handling daily responsibilities since Pirnejad decided to leave his position. The council has used a search firm in previous hiring decisions. Pirnejad had served as city manager since 2021.

Los Altos PD to host AB481 meeting tonight

By Christina Casillas

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Residents are invited by the Los Altos Police Department from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 18 to discuss California Assembly Bill (AB) 481.

AB 481 requires the department to hold a public meeting for discussions and questions, publish its military equipment use policies and produce an annual report, according to a post on the Los Altos Police Department's Facebook page.

The meeting will be accessible virtually (by Zoom) and in-person at the Sequoia Room in the Los Altos Community Center.

To join the meeting virtually, visit losaltosca.gov.zoom.us/j/96701337160 or input webinar ID 0133 7160, passcode 620755.

Rowhouses in Mtn. View clear commission hurdle

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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There may be 195 new units coming to the North Whisman region of Mountain View following the conditional approval of a three-story housing development by the Environmental Planning Commission.

The commission voted unanimously to advance the project, which will be located at 515-545 North Whisman Road, during a meeting on Feb. 4.

Multiple commissioners expressed concern about how the state density bonus and the city's affordable housing ordinance – both regulatory laws guiding new housing development – seemed to be resulting in a conglomeration of low-income units in the Whisman neighborhood. The rowhouses proposal, made by the project applicant Stonelex, LLC, seemed to validate a suspicion of many commissioners that systemic inequity may be developing in the city's housing stock.

"The main thing that I was concerned about, and I'm concerned about, is just the long term habitation of the site, but it sounds like there are controls in place, safeguards and incentives that



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The Mountain View Environmental Planning Commission voted to give conditional approval to a 195-unit housing development project at 515-545 North Whisman Road.

the public can at least have some assurance will drive some adjustment of that matter," said Commissioner Alex Nunez.

The 195 units, all three-bedrooms and four-bedrooms, will be connected via three-story at-

tached rowhouses on a 10-acre site. The building's maximum height tops out at 42 feet, and the site will incorporate 195 parking spaces, 24 bicycle spaces and rear loaded garages.

The amenities at the site in-

clude a 0.24-acre publicly accessible mini-park and a network of vehicle and pedestrian pathways. The plan also includes a permit to remove 139 heritage trees.

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department," Kim said. "But overall, all departments remain stable with no operation overruns identified at midyear."

The largest, most stable revenue source of income for the city is property tax, which accounts for 31% of the revenue. Kim also said there has been strong income performance for services, including development services (92%) and public works engineering fees (93% collected). Compared to FY 2024-2025, development revenues are up 4%. Currently, Public Works and development services are at 74% of their FY 2026-2026 revenue budgets, leading the city's departments.

"Especially charges for services are higher than last year, like continued development applications and plan review activities, which includes plan checks, energy plan checks and over-the-counter review and other entitlement-related fees," Kim said.

Sensitive revenues, including California's Utility User Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax are performing as forecasted or better.

However, permanent revenue is slightly lower than last year, she said, "Because FY 2024-2025 included a large project that generated unusually high collections."

Mid-Year Comparison: FY26 vs. FY25



SCREENSHOT FROM LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Above is a comparison of mid-year expenditures and revenue from FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026.

Adjustments accommodated a Homestead/Foothill/Grant intersection feasibility study (\$75,000) for the Homestead quarter project, a downtown circulation study (\$100,000), and the reappropriation of \$174,754.

Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, who currently serves as the region's representative to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors,

encouraged staff to tread carefully with the feasibility study since he believed the project was not a major priority for the board.

"I'm pleading with you – don't do anything in the study or make proposals that will let VTA kick this down the line," he said. "Because if that happens, the chances of us seeing the Homestead quarter project come to fruition are going to be severely diminished."

Mountain View City Council roundup

Councilmembers talk zoning and pedestrian safety improvements

By **Giuseppe Ricapito**
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Mountain View City Council's Feb. 10 meeting, the third City Council meeting of the year, included discussions on the city's priorities especially including housing and pedestrian safety.

Legislative priorities

The Mountain View City Council held a study session to guide the city's regional, state and federal legislative advocacy during the 2026 session. The council was not required to take a vote during the agenda item.

Among the primary policy issues the city is seeking to back is prohousing city flexibility, or more local control for supporting the development of new housing. Also among the state legislative effort is support of environmental goals, economic development opportunities, homelessness in the housing element, speed camera pilot programs, e-bike safety and office conversions to transitional housing.

On the federal legislative front, the council voiced support for legislation that reinstates clean energy credits and support for energy efficiency legislation.

Castro Street

The council voted 6-1 on Tuesday, with council member John McAlister opposing, to approve a new design for a grade separa-

tion project at the Caltrain station on Castro Street.

The project is intended to remove interface between the rail operations and pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles.

"First and foremost, the goal is safety," said Public Works Director Jennifer Ng. "Closing off the intersection between the rail and the vehicles is going to eliminate a point of conflict that is going to be a safety improvement for our community."

The project will permanently close the rail crossing to vehicles while retaining an at-grade crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists. New improvements will also be added at Evelyn Avenue between Hope Street and Bryant Avenue; Moffett Boulevard between Central Expressway and Jackson Street; and at the Castro Street/Evelyn Avenue rail crossing.

The final design will be completed in the fall of 2026. Staff will return to council for approval of the construction phase, which is expected to begin in spring of 2027.

R3 Zoning District

The city is making updates to its R3 Zoning District in order to guide new housing with an eye toward local control. The council voted 5-1 to update the R3 zoning district development standards, with Councilmember John McAlister opposing and Councilmember Ellen Kamei absent.

"Redevelopment occurs and we want to make sure that when redevelopment occurs it occurs

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MV considers city charter ballot measure

By **Giuseppe Ricapito**
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Voters may be considering a ballot measure to update portions of Mountain View's city charter during the 2026 election.

The City Council discussed the potential ballot measure during a study session on Feb. 10. The council did not make a vote. The amendments are intended to be non-controversial and are limited to technical changes including typographical errors, language updates, revisions of archaic terminology and aligning the charter with state law. "There are many reasons why it's worth pursuing today and not waiting until 2028," said Councilmember Lucas Ramirez.

The amendments were developed by the city attorney's office, which reviewed the charters of San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Oakland, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Red-

wood City, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara to identify best practices for modernization.

Specifically, some of the changes being made include modernizing terminologies. The changes would replace references to the City Manager as "he" with the gender neutral term "they," and references to maintaining "books" would be updated to say "records."

Additionally, the edits would extend the timeframe for the council to make an appointment or call a special election on a council vacancy from 30 days to 60 days. State law allows up to 60 days, according to the staff report.

"The current 30-day deadline presents an extremely tight timeline within which to evaluate options, solicit and review applications, conduct interviews, and take formal action, particularly when accounting for noticing and procedural requirements," the staff report said.

The council will also de-

termine the qualifications for membership on boards and commissions either to be made explicitly by the charter or determined by the council, or a combination of both.

The council will likely pursue a more substantive policy level charter update on the 2028 ballot. Some members of the council also expressed an interest in establishing a charter commission for the 2028 ballot measure, which would be responsible for offering recommendations on amendments to the city charter.

"When you backtrack from when we will need this in 2028, it's not really that long," Councilmember Pat Showalter said.

City staff noted that a commission would likely not be feasible for at least a year.

"Staff would need to really take a look where the ability to do that work fits in with the existing council priorities," said Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymour.

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LASD considers moving students around

By Julia Baum
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The Los Altos School District is considering moving sixth graders to a dedicated middle school model at Blach and Egan campuses, citing benefits for students' social, emotional and academic growth. District staff presented a preliminary facilities study at the Feb. 9 Board of Trustees meeting, reviewing classrooms, portables, outdoor spaces, traffic and costs, while parents voiced both support and concerns.

The plan includes a "village" concept, giving sixth graders their own classrooms, electives, daily physical education and block scheduling to ease the transition from elementary school to junior high.

"Sixth graders can really benefit from a space for early adolescence where they have social opportunities, emotional support, great academics and opportunities for independence," said Superintendent Sandra McGonagle. "It's not just creating a seventh-grade program for sixth graders, but really creating a transition program that eases kids in."

Architects assessed what Blach and Egan would need to accommodate sixth graders by fall 2028, when the new San Antonio campus is scheduled to open. As-

sistant Superintendent Erik W Lukiewicz said many portables are more than 20 years old and need to be removed.

Blach currently enrolls 424 students and has 22 portables costing \$288,000 annually. Enrollment could reach 594 by 2028, requiring six additional classrooms. Expansion is limited by floodplain and foundation issues, though moving students could ease traffic along Covington Road. Egan enrolls 444 students and has 53 portables costing \$691,000 annually, with projected enrollment of 614.

Three scenarios were reviewed for reconfiguring portables to accommodate sixth graders, with scenario 1A emerging as the most practical and cost-effective. The new San Antonio campus is expected to house more than 600 students and relieve pressure on existing schools.

The plan has sparked debate over charter school enrollment. Out-of-district Bullis Charter School (BCS) students have grown from 96 last year to 173 this year. "Enrolling out-of-district BCS students imposes a significant financial cost on LASD ... over \$10,000 per student per year, close to \$2 million annually," said former board president Sangeeth Peruri.

Peruri urged that BCS fully compensate the district for non-

resident students, including land, portables and operating costs.

Peruri also questioned the need for additional sites. "If you add sixth grade to Blach and Egan ... you still have room to spare. You do not need the 10th site. This would not be fiscally responsible," he said.

Other parents expressed support for the transition.

"With sixth graders at Egan and Blach, they would have access to expanded programming that is age appropriate, like electives and sports," said parent Peipei Yu. Yu also noted the "village" model provides "the needed safety nets of elementary school with the age-appropriate independence and resources of junior high."

Board members leaned toward scenario 1A, citing a balance of capacity, cost and traffic improvements. They discussed alternative uses for Blach's raised platforms and clarified that PE locker room expansion may not be necessary due to staggered schedules. Detailed walkthroughs of portables and outdoor spaces are planned ahead of March and April board meetings.

While officials say the educational case for sixth-grade middle schools is strong, final decisions will hinge on funding, facility limitations and legal obligations to in-district students.

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in a way that is guided by community and council objectives," said Councilmember Lucas Ramirez.

Staff had made various recommendations regarding the zoning district related to development standards, integration with mixed-use zoning, parking and incentives for lot consolidation, among other details. The plan will likely lead to more dense housing in a zoning district intended for multi-family structures with limits to ensure new housing is hospitable and available.

McAlister said the plans were concerning from a "quality of life" perspective.

"It's changing what Mountain View is," he said of the R3 Zoning District. "You're taking away things that made Mountain View great."

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Mtn. View receives law-enforcement grant

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has awarded \$51,464 to the Mountain View Police Department to combat alcohol-related crime.

“This grant is important to the Mountain View Police Department in order to increase protection for youth and to address alcohol-related crime at hot spot locations,” said Lieutenant Fernando Maldonado with the Mountain View Police Department.

The funds are intended to prevent alcoholic beverage sales to minors, intoxicated patrons and illegal solicitations of alcohol. The funds may also be used to combat the sale and possession of illegal drugs, according to a press

release from city officials.

“Our Alcohol Policing Partnership program can improve the quality of life in neighborhoods,” said ABC Director Paul Tupy. “The communities where the grant program’s resources have been invested have seen a real difference.”

The Alcohol Policing Partnership program was created in 1995. The program fosters local law enforcement efforts by combining their efforts with ABC agents who have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws to help reduce alcohol-related harm within their community. The Mountain View Police Department will receive one of 50 grants awarded to local law enforcement agencies across California.

Devin Blankenship, public information officer with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage

Control, said in an email that the grant is for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Nearby, the Santa Clara Police Department also received a grant for \$91,311, Blankenship said.

Effective July 1, ABC will award grants up to \$100,000 to local law enforcement agencies for the upcoming fiscal year. Accepted agencies will receive training from ABC agents in law, alcohol enforcement strategies and community resources. Agencies are limited to submitting one proposal per agency and proposals are due March 30, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Proposals can be sent to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Attention: Kristine Okino, 3927 Lennane Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834 or submitted via email to kristine.okino@abc.ca.gov.

Blaze forces family evacuation

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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A fire ignited on the second floor of a single-family townhome in Mountain View Feb. 7, prompting an evacuation by the occupants.

An emergency call was received at approximately 6:30 p.m. that day reporting smoke and fire in the home, which was located on the 200 block of Leslie Court.

The origin of the fire was determined to be in a second story bedroom. Firefighters on scene observed flames from out the second floor windows and attacked the blaze with a water hose line.

An overhaul of the bedroom was also conducted. Firefight-

ers cut open walls and the ceiling to ensure the flames had been extinguished and used thermal imaging cameras to ensure the fire had not spread around the home or to neighboring homes.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire in the bedroom remains under investigation. The estimated damage to the structure and to possessions is \$20,000.

The residents included four adults and four children who evacuated before the arrival of firefighters. The residents received a \$250 gift card from the California Professional Firefighters Union Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency Program and the American Red Cross coordinated temporary housing due to smoke damage on the home.

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The property is currently occupied by two two-story commercial office buildings and a parking lot. The property borders the Google Fairchild campus, office buildings, The Vineyard condominiums and a residential neighborhood.

Brian Griggs, representing the developer, said the development represented the goals of a city planning document for the neighborhood which called for transitional

housing and affordability.

“We’ve tried to address a high density site ... but also provide open space,” he said.

The development will use the state density bonus law to increase the allowable amount of units at the site – up to 19 additional units at the proposed site. The applicant proposed that 28 units be reserved for moderate-income residents in order to qualify for the density bonus – 46 total across the entire development in order to align with the city’s below-market-rate (BMR) housing ordinance.

According to the plan, 42 of the units will be three-bedrooms and four will be four-bedrooms.

The applicant will also pay a “park land dedication in-lieu fee” in the amount of \$4,252,960, based on a formula that allows developers to pay the city if the development does not meet the standards for dedicated park land compared to the projected population of the site.

Commissioner Hank Dempsey expressed concern about the condensing of many of the city’s new affordable units in

the Whisman neighborhood. He said it could result in the city becoming less inclusive.

“I don’t know where this ends, that’s my concern,” he said. “If we end up in a world where BMR means special extra small units all put in one little building off in the corner, I think we failed our community.”

A formal application was submitted on May 13, 2025. It was deemed complete on Dec. 19, 2025. The City Council plans to take up consideration of the project on March 10.



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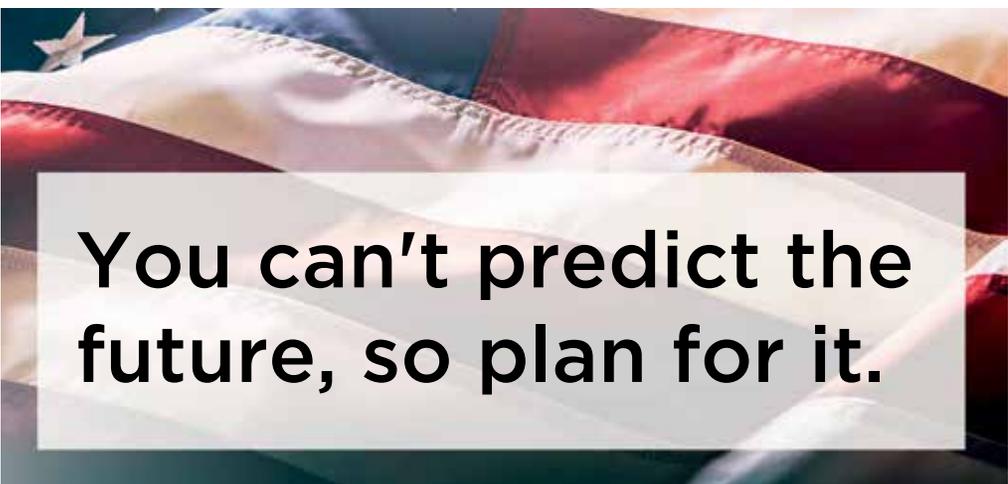


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Comment

What's in a name: For the Seahawks, it's tricky

By Andy Dolich

Besides Bad Bunny, there was another controversy about a nickname that never captured the global headlines of Super Bowl 60.

I am not an educated ornithologist, but I do spend a fair amount of time fishing from sea to shining sea. When the big fins aren't biting, my eyes drift skyward to identify the high flyers that aren't fish.

When the Seahawks punched their ticket to Super Bowl 60, I wanted to understand a bit of their high-flying bird history.

But actually, there is no such avian as a Seahawk. No ornithologist would refer to them as such – they don't even spell it as one word. Some people, though, consider “sea hawks” to be a nickname for Ospreys or Skuas.

Ospreys are found on every continent except Antarctica, while Skuas are migratory birds found from the North Pole to the South Pole. So I guess Seattle qualifies.

Silicon Folly

Are Ospreys or Skuas the model for the Seattle Seahawks logo? Neither. The team marketers rallied around a captive bred 10-year-old Augur Hawk named Taima. Don't bother looking for her wild cousins around Puget Sound; Augur Hawks are mainly found in the arid mountains of Africa.

But scientific accuracy wasn't really the point. In reality, the logo is a nod to one of the Seattle region's many Native communities, the Kwakwaka'wakw nation.

How did they become the Seattle Seahawks? After Seattle received an NFL franchise in 1974, the owners held a name-the-team contest that attracted over 20,000 submissions. Around 150 contestants suggested the Seahawks out of 20,000 submissions. It was chosen as one of five finalists along with the Mariners, Evergreens, Olympics and Sockeyes.

Even as winners of SB 60, they will continue to be the Faux Fowls of Football.

Peek into the Past



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Sixth and seventh graders are learning ballroom dancing basics and social graces in the Los Altos Recreation Department's School Age Social Dance class held at the Hillview Community Center on Thursday evenings in 1984.



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Letter to the Editor

Response to rat poison letter

I read the letter to the editor from Diane Brauch in last week's Los Altos Town Crier with alarm and astonishment.

Her claim of one owl dead for multiple rats is bad science, and poor understanding

of ecology. It is all to the good that the “bricks” of poison, that either cause the victim to die of internal bleeding or neurological crisis, are illegal. The poison will kill the rat, not just possibly one owl, but domestic pets, other birds of prey and bobcats.

Nearby Rancho San Antonio Preserve had a “dieoff” of bobcats a few years ago. The bobcats looked sick, starving and covered with lice and ticks. A necropsy done at UC Davis showed the death was from ingested rat poison from nearby households using the brick to poison rats which ended up eaten by the bobcats.

Please use a professional rodent control service to trap rats and do not ask your government representatives to “bring back the bricks.”

Have an opinion? Let us know

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Donna Aronson

Los Altos

Community

Los Altos Town Crier publisher to speak at DAR event

By Ann Hepenstal

The Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution invites community members to attend a free talk by Dennis Young, publisher of the Los Altos Town Crier, at noon Friday, Feb. 20 at the Los Altos Community Center. Visit tinyurl.com/Feb20Dennis to register for the talk.

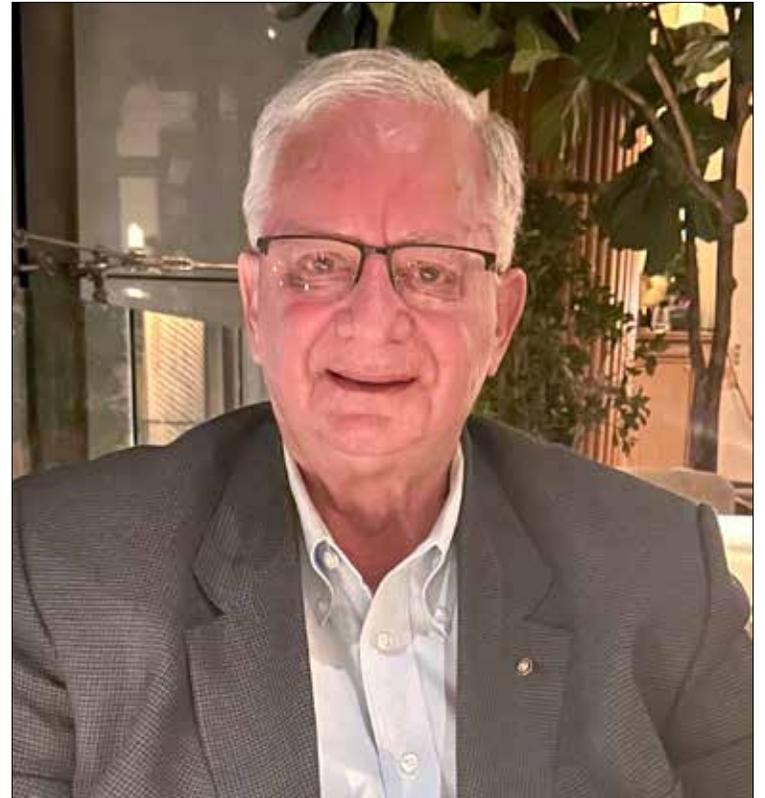
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more. Young will speak about the history of the newspaper and its hyper-focus on where we live.

Young is currently the owner and publisher of the Los Altos Town Crier. Born in San Diego and raised in La Jolla, he came to the Bay Area to attend the University of San Francisco. After graduating, he attended the MBA program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He returned to the Bay Area and has lived in Los Altos and has been a part of the area business community since 1971. Prior to the Town Crier, Dennis was the managing partner of a regional CPA firm (Young, Craig & Company) for 47 years. He and his first wife raised their two sons in Los Altos.

The Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1950,

focuses on education, local historic preservation projects, genealogy research, a Foothill College scholarship fund, environmental conservation, service to veterans, and other community projects. The chapter has planned multiple programs to celebrate America's 250th birthday in 2026. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, education, and historic preservation. Any woman 18 years or older is eligible to join if she can prove lineal descent from a supporter of the American Revolution (through military service, financial donations such as donativos at the California presidios, food supply, government service, or other support). Visit losaltos.californiadar.org to learn more.



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Dennis Young, Town Crier publisher, will speak to the Los Altos DAR Feb. 20 about the newspaper's history and local focus.



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Hoover fellow talks Baltic states at Morning Forum



By Nancy Ginsburg Gill
Special to the Town Crier

Bertrand M. Patenaude, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, provided his Jan. 20 Morning Forum audience with an understanding of why Russia's invasion of Ukraine has Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania so worried. He also explained why Putin's aggression has created a new sense of unity among these three countries and their Nordic neighbors.

Professor Patenaude received his master's and PhD in history from Stanford in 1987. Aside from his duties at Hoover, Patenaude teaches history, international rela-

tions and human rights at Stanford. He has edited and authored many books including "Trosky: Downfall of a Revolutionary," which was serialized for radio by the BBC. His book reviews appear regularly in the Wall Street Journal. Recognized for his teaching excellence, he has led many study groups to the Baltic States and other parts of Europe.

While most of the world merely shrugged in 2014 when Putin took over Crimea, Patenaude said, the leaders of the Baltic states were understandably alarmed. They had lived under the yoke of Russian rule from 1939 until 1991, when they finally reclaimed their sovereignty as part of the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

Patenaude then explained how Putin's 2014 aggression led to significant changes in the Baltics' defense plans. All of them greatly increased their defense budgets, established mandatory conscription, and unhitched themselves from a reliance on Russian energy.

Families were encouraged to stock up on what was referred to as "72 hour bags" which contained supplies to last each family at least three days. They successfully lobbied for larger countries like the U.S. to put more troops and supplies into the region. The three countries have also partnered to build the Baltic Defense Bunkers.

The 2022 invasion brought them closer to their Nordic neighbors as Finland and Sweden joined NATO. The threat of Finland's and Denmark's large army and defense budgets, Norway's naval presence and Sweden's large number of fighter jets and submarines clearly convinced Putin to transfer Russian troops from the area to the Ukrainian front and gave him second thoughts about extending his aggression to the Baltics.

The Baltic Republics had long viewed the U.S. as a "special ally," but, said Patenaude, after Trump's humiliating

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BERTRAND PATENAUDE, A HOOVER RESEARCH FELLOW, TALKED ABOUT THE BALTIC STATES AT THE JAN. 20 MORNING FORUM.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

In Person

Note- This is not the Final Agenda

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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treatment of President Zelensky in the White House last spring, “everything changed.” Now they see Poland as the ally they can trust most and they are buying more of their arms from the U.K.

Patenaude also analyzed why the desire to celebrate their own cultures has led The Baltic States to embrace policies that are unpopular with many of their citizens. With a significant number of Russian speakers – 25% in Latvia and Estonia and 5% in Lithuania – the governments have begun phasing out Russian language instruction in the schools and banning Russian TV channels. Most problematic is the desire to require that all citizens speak the state language although many residents have never learned to speak anything except Russian.

Even Russian dissidents who oppose Putin’s policies and have fled to Baltic cities like Riga and Vilnius are now seen by some as a threat that will bring “Creeping Russification.” While these highly educated and affluent refugees oppose Putin’s policies, many

of the natives see them as interlopers who don’t view the countries offering them sanctuary as their home.

At the end of his talk, Patenaude presented what he referred to as the “positive spin” on the future of the Baltic States. The huge toll that the Ukrainian invasion has had on Russian troops and its economy may well prevent Putin from invading three more countries intent on protecting their sovereignty, especially now that they are closely allied with their Nordic neighbors.

However, the speaker noted, there is great concern that Russia will continue to wage “stealth warfare.” Instead of unleashing invading troops, as they have in Ukraine, the Russians are relying more on weapons like arson, drone attacks in air space and cyberattacks.

Patenaude ended his talk by describing the biggest concern expressed by his many friends throughout the region: Trump’s hostility toward NATO threatens this 77-year alliance so that it will no longer be able to protect Europe from more power grabs by Russia.

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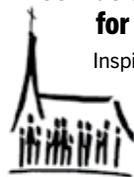
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Schools

Egan students bond with sister school from Taiwan

By Julia Baum
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After a week of shared classrooms, campus activities and cross-cultural connection, Egan Junior High School concluded its sister school exchange with students from New Taipei City, Taiwan, with a campus ceremony.

The Jan. 30 celebration, held in the school library, honored 24 visiting students and two administrators and renewed the schools' relationship with a new Memorandum of Understanding. David Dong, director of the Education Division at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, attended to present the agreement. For many students, however, the highlight wasn't the ceremony – it was discovering how much they had in common. Throughout the week, students and staff from Linkou Junior High School participated in daily activities alongside Egan students, who served as buddies and guides. Visiting students shadowed classes, joined electives and experienced a typical American junior high school day.

"It was really cool to see how much in

common we have with another country," eighth grader Tyler Ebbitt told the Town Crier.

For eighth grader Chantal Du, one surprise was how familiar the experience felt. "Their English was pretty good," Du said, while noting differences in school structure, including fewer elective choices and students remaining in the same classroom throughout the day. Despite those differences, common ground emerged quickly – sometimes in casual moments. Du said students compared everyday school routines during lunch. "They also didn't exactly enjoy it," she said.

Language differences became another opportunity for connection rather than a barrier, reflecting the exchange program's focus on real-world language learning. Du, who speaks some Mandarin, said she tried asking simpler questions and encouraging curiosity.

"I just let them ask me whatever they were curious about," she said.

Informal shared experiences were especially meaningful. A group visit to the Exploratorium in San Francisco stood out for students from both schools.

"We were both exploring new things; it was really fun," Du said.

Unstructured moments during the school day also helped students connect.

"The first few days when we just walked around school and stuff, and they kept our classes, I was able to chat with them the most, especially playing with them at lunch," Ebbitt said.

One cultural exchange moment was universally popular: lunch from In-N-Out Burger. The meal, a specific request from the visiting students who had seen the fast-food chain on social media, was made possible by a parent donor with support from the Egan PTA.

Principal Lisa Taormina said the exchange offers lessons beyond academics.

"You can teach and read out of a textbook," Taormina said, "but other things you have to experience."

Hosting students helps build empathy and shared understanding, she added, because "kids are kids; they value their learning, and they value those social interactions and those friendships."

Taormina said middle school is a key time for language learning. Egan is the



COURTESY OF EGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A Jan. 20 celebration at Egan honored students and administrators visiting from New Taipei City, Taiwan.

only junior high in the district offering Mandarin, and early exposure helps students build confidence and curiosity. "We live in, sometimes, a very sheltered little bubble here in Los Altos, and so for our kids to get outside of that, it's really important," she said.

Looking ahead, the school hopes to expand the program with homestays and possibly a spring trip to Taiwan. For students like Du and Ebbitt, the experience has already sparked bigger dreams – including future travel, cultural exploration, and friendships that may last well beyond the exchange.

Foothill-De Anza board reviews progress on bond projects



COURTESY OF FOOTHILL COLLEGE

Smithwick Hall is one of several parts of the Foothill College campus that got upgrades through Measure G.

By Julia Baum
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The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees recently reviewed progress on voter-approved Measure G bond projects, highlighting sustainability and facilities upgrades while questioning slow occupancy in employee housing.

Multiple projects across both campuses were covered during a Feb. 2 presentation, many of which will be discussed in greater detail during upcoming study sessions. Sustainability-related projects funded by the voter-approved \$898 million general obligation bond will be featured in a dedicated presentation next month, with a full update on the Creative Arts Center planned for April.

Facilities improvements funded through Measure G are advancing, with work underway on HVAC upgrades tied to the Foothill College pool renovation. The district has submitted air-source heat pump designs to the Division of the State Architect and is addressing reviewer comments. Work has also begun to expand the district's campuswide building management system, starting with Building D120 and extending to Smithwick Hall, the plant building at Foothill, the Creative Arts Building at De Anza and De Anza's Physical Education renovation.

Work is progressing at the Sunnyvale Education Center, where Measure G funds are being spent on spaces for emergency medical, respiratory therapy and radiologic technology programs.

The board spent a significant portion of its meeting discussing employee housing projects supported by the bond. At Scholars Row, one apartment is currently occupied, with 12 applications approved and move-ins expected in March. An additional 40 ap-

plications remain under review. Two apartments are occupied by staff at the Acacia project in Palo Alto, with one more approved and additional applications pending.

Trustee Laura Casas asked why it has taken so long to move people into the Acacia units. Staff cited property management challenges and the complexity of income verification. "There's a lot of verification that needs to be done," said Joel Cadiz, executive director of facilities and operations. Cadiz noted that applicants do not always respond promptly to requests for documentation.

Administrators also pointed to affordability. Acacia rents are capped at 120 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), compared with 150 percent at Scholars Row, and are higher overall. "Those are the two major things that are preventing our employees from considering that," Cadiz told the board, despite recent improvements in property management staffing.

Demand varies by AMI tier, administrators said. Units at 80 percent AMI filled quickly, while higher-cost 120 percent units have been less attractive compared with housing in neighboring communities, and the five-year occupancy limit has made some employees hesitant to move in.

The update also highlighted the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. New chargers are being installed at multiple locations, including four ports at the Foothill Campus Center, 17 at Lot 5 at Foothill, eight at the Performing Arts Center parking area, and additional ports at courtyard and parking lot locations on both campuses.

Administrators added that work under Measure G is ongoing and that future board discussions may revisit housing policies as projects continue to come online.

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Sports

St. Francis girls soccer moves one step closer to WCAL title

By Curtis Driscoll

Staff Writer/curtisd@latc.com

The undefeated St. Francis girls soccer team is on the cusp of clinching the West Catholic Athletic League for a fifth year in a row following a win over second-place St. Ignatius 2-0 Wednesday.

“We talked about that today in the locker room before we kicked off today that today would be a foot in the door in clinching the league,” St. Francis coach Carlos Barboza said.

A motivated St. Francis scored twice in the first half, starting with a goal from forward Maya Meltz with 31 minutes left and a scruffy goal from a corner two minutes later from defender Mireille Del Santo. Meltz scored after St. Francis played a long ball to the right side that was crossed into Meltz, who finished it first time. Barboza noted St. Ignatius had a fairly high line in the first half, allowing St. Francis’ fullbacks to run into space behind and allowed the midfielders to hit long balls over the top of the defensive line.

“Not only is that a big moment to see, but also being able to play a perfect

cross away from the keeper and runners crashing at the right time was a fantastic overall play,” Barboza said of the first goal.

The Wildcats pushed more players forward in the second half to try to get back into the game, but could not create big chances against the Lancers, who controlled possession and tempo. St. Francis had several other chances to score in the second half, including a shot from forward Penelope Correa that hit the crossbar after a deflected save from the St. Ignatius keeper.

The Lancers entered the game 8-0-1 in league play, with the Wildcats 8-1-1, and a chance to pull into first place with a victory. St. Ignatius (12-4-1) was the only team St. Francis (15-0-1) had not recorded a win against this season previously, with the two recording a 0-0 draw Jan. 17, the third game in five days during that stretch for the Lancers.

“Today we looked more fresh and more dominant, so I think we deserved the win,” Barboza said.

While the team is undefeated, it has had close games early in the season that were won late off a set piece or counter-



GABRIELA DE CARVALHO TELES/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

St. Francis midfielder Kaylie Giusti dribbles the ball during the game against St. Ignatius Wednesday, a 2-0 win for St. Francis. The win puts the Lancers just one win away from another WCAL title, which would be its fifth in a row.

attack.

“I think even though the record shows that it’s been smooth sailing, I would say there have been moments that have really tested this group, and they’ve matched that test,” Barboza

said.

St. Francis’ next game is Saturday against Sacred Heart Cathedral, with a win assuring it a league title for the fifth straight year ahead of the Central Coast Section playoffs later this month.

Tennis player from Springer wins international tourney

By Dorie Xie

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Nine-year-old Alexis Malakhova returned from an international tennis tournament in Florida with more than a doubles championship and a runner-up title in singles – she also landed a Wilson sponsorship.

Soon after her success on the court at the Little Mo Internationals Dec. 5-10 in Palm Beach, the Mountain View resident received an offer from Wilson that included free merchandise.

“I’m really excited and happy because now I get free rackets and there’s a pretty backpack that I really want now,” Alexis said.

Seeded No. 2 with her doubles partner No. 1 Ksenia Vikulova of Russia, the duo topped the Girls U9 Yellow Ball Division. In singles play, Alexis lost in the finals to Ksenia.

“I love playing (tennis),” Alexis said. “It’s fun for me even if I win or lose, and I love growing up with my tennis friends.”

Since her national break-

through in 2024, her dad and coach Alex Malakhov said this international win was a culmination of her improvement in technical skills and “game IQ.”

“Her strokes and footwork, she’s maybe the best in her age group, but she’s working on her game understanding – game IQ,” Malakhov said. “You can have a perfect shot, but you also must know how you’re going to end the point, the weaknesses of your opponent and utilizing your own strengths.”

The father-daughter duo arrived at Palm Beach a week before matches started to practice with Alexis’ new doubles partner and acclimate to the time difference, weather and green clay tennis courts – a material she had never played on before. There, Alexis trained all day at local tennis academies, many of which produce top players in the nation and world.

“I liked going to academies, making new friends there and because the first practice started at 7:45 a.m.,” Alexis said. “We practiced there, we lived there, it was fun.”

While Alexis is currently in

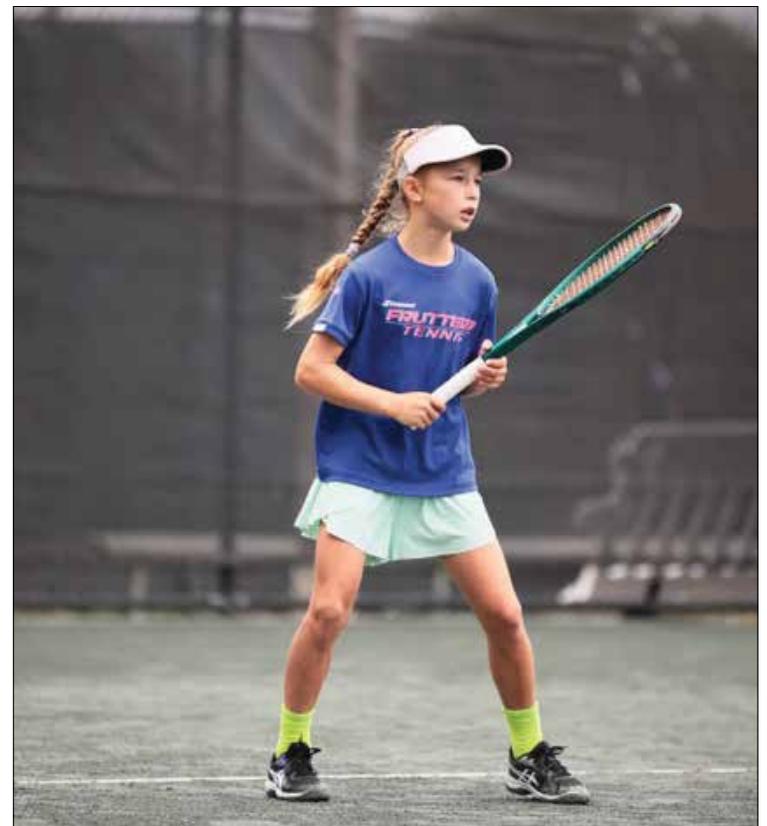
fourth grade at Springer Elementary, Malakhov said tennis academy life – where students often train for longer than they study – is now something they’re considering. Many of Alexis’ opponents play full-time, and Malakhov said that gives them a natural advantage both physically and mentally.

“Almost everyone in Florida – top players at any age – they’re not going to public schools,” Malakhov said. “They focus on tennis and do online school, so they’re more mentally strong on the courts.”

It’s all part of Alexis’ ultimate goal to go pro.

“I really wanna play professionally, which is a really big difference from the college level,” Alexis said. “I really look up to (Carlos) Alcaraz because he tries to reach every ball, (Janik) Sinner’s balance, Iga (Swiatek) and (Aryna) Sabalenka – I want to grunt like her.”

In the meantime, Alexis continues to climb local and national rankings by competing in U.S. Tennis Association (USTA)-sanctioned tournaments. Most recently, Alexis



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Nine-year-old Alexis Malakhova recently won a doubles championship in Florida that helped land her a Wilson sponsorship.

played in a local USTA Level 4 tournament, where she finished sixth after losing to a 12-year-old who later won the bracket.

“Her goal is to be top 10 in our section – there’s a long way to go, but it’s definitely possible,” Malakhov said of his daughter.

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Stepping Out

'Spelling Bee' will soon buzz at Foothill



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"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" plays Feb. 27 through March 15 at Foothill College.

By Mia Scott

Town Crier Editorial Intern

Foothill Music Theater is set to bring a dose of quirky, high-stakes competition to the stage with its upcoming production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." The musical opens Feb. 27 and runs through March 15 in Los Altos Hills.

The show follows an eclectic group of six kids competing for a spelling championship while sharing hilarious and touching stories from their lives, according to director Milissa Carey.

Carey, who has been directing at Foothill since 2011, noted that William Finn's musical is not "just a cute, fun show; it turns out the score is pretty sophisticated."

Another standout feature of the production is the inclusion of four audience volunteers at every performance who compete alongside the actors. The element of improvisation adds a layer of unpredictability and fun for both the cast and the viewers, according to actor Andrew

Cope.

Carey said the show grew out of an improv play in New York that was developed into a full musical that hit Broadway in 2005. There is no intermission in the 100-minute show, in which almost all of the cast remains on stage for the entirety.

That includes Mackenzie Macdonald, who plays Olive Ostrovsky. She described her character as a "nerdy, innocent, kind" girl who finds solace in her dictionary.

"Olive is such a cute little nerdy, innocent, kind character," Macdonald said. "Just knowing that I am going to embody her and get to play such an amazing soul, I was over the moon."

To prepare for the role, Macdonald said she writes down her character's history and actions to better understand her personality, such as why Olive would take the bus alone to the spelling bee.

Cope plays Leaf Coneybear, a free-spirited character who

makes his own clothes. Cope, a veteran performer who has worked throughout the Bay Area, said the most challenging part of the role is maintaining the high energy required for the performance.

"It's a very high-energy role for me, and so it has taken a lot to keep the energy up throughout the whole process," Cope said.

Carey hopes audience members leave with a smile.

"I always want people to leave full of whatever the experience of the show was, and this one is designed to be a fun, funny, heartfelt evening of theater," Carey said.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" runs through March 15 at the Lohman Theater at Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road. Showtimes are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$22-\$44.

For tickets and more information, visit foothill.edu/theatre/spelling-bee.html.

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Town Crier Report

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- New Millennium Chamber Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, First Presbyterian Church Palo

Alto, 1140 Cowper St. Hear the world premiere of local composer Aaron Burger's suite "Gold and Glass" for chamber orchestra and chorus. Antonin Dvořák's masterpiece, the Symphony No. 6 in D Major, highlights the composer's mastery of melody and orchestration. The program concludes with performances by winners of NMCO's 2025

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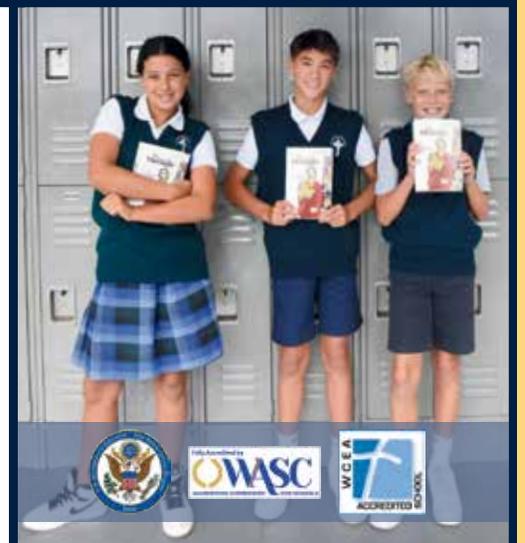
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From patient to pioneer: Local student's mission for women's health

Special to the Town Crier

For four years, Quincy Harding lived a double life. To her classmates, she was a dedicated student and ballet dancer. Behind the scenes, she was navigating a silent epidemic of severe pain that left her searching for answers.

"I kept being told it was just a normal part of growing up," Harding said. But as things got worse, she realized that advice was wrong. Instead of just accepting it, she started looking for the medical evidence the system was missing.

Harding lives in Portola Valley and is the granddaughter of long-time Los Altos residents Sam and Janet Harding. While her research now takes her into surgical suites and clinics, her primary motivation is helping other students. She has spent the last two years building the medical knowledge to help other adolescents move from chronic suffering to getting a definitive diagnosis.

She learned she is one of the one-in-10 women living with endometriosis. It is a leading cause of infertility, yet it is notoriously difficult to identify. On average, women wait seven years for a diagnosis.

"By the time many women are finally diagnosed, the dis-



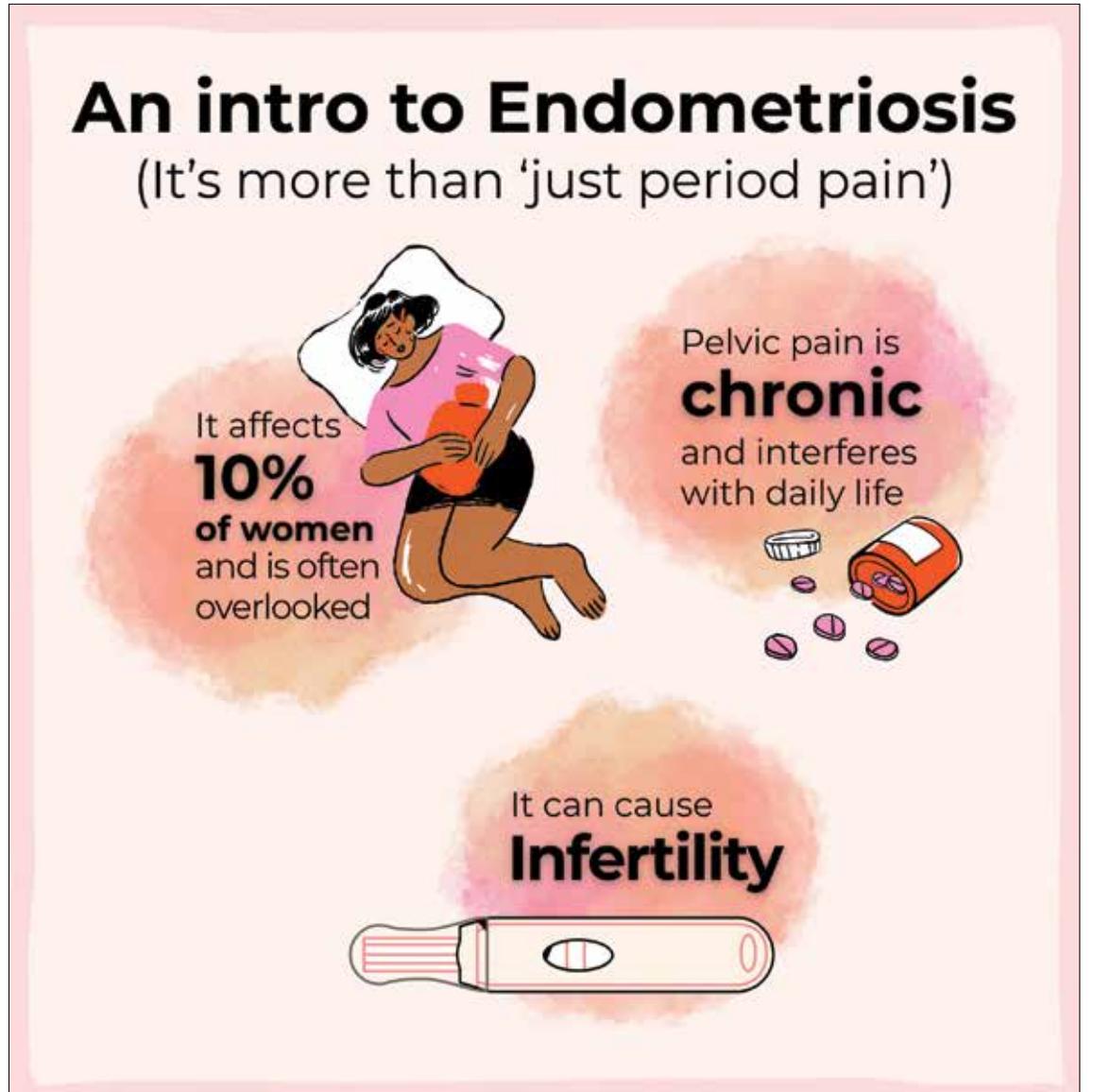
Quincy Harding

ease has often already impacted their education, their careers, and their future fertility," Harding said.

The turning point came when Harding met Dr. Camran Nezhat of the Nezhat Center for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, a Stanford-affiliated surgeon widely credited with creating modern operative laparoscopy. After undergoing surgery at age 15 for stage four endometriosis, Harding did not just focus on her recovery. She asked for a clinical internship at her very first post-operative appointment.

She wanted to be a contributor to the field, not just a patient.

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INFOGRAPHIC BY CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

Endometriosis, often overlooked by physicians, can cause symptoms like painful bloating, fatigue and severe pelvic pain during a period and in the weeks before and after.

El Camino Health encourages heart care

By Christina Casillas

Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

During national Heart Month, El Camino Health encourages patients to take care of that fist-shaped muscle by promoting early intervention and implementing new technologies to help those with heart rhythm issues. The need for education comes as physicians observe a spike in atrial fibrillation (A-Fib) in younger generations.

Physicians have seen a spike in A-Fib, an abnormal heart beat that starts in the heart's upper chambers (the atria). Those atria collect blood coming from the body, the right atrium collecting unoxygenated and the left collecting oxygenated blood before it gets pumped to the body through the lower left chamber (ventricle), according to the Cleveland Clinic.

A-Fib can increase the risk of stroke five-fold, according to an El Camino Health press release. It's also connected with heart failure

and the development of dementia. According to El Camino Health, symptoms to look out for include heart palpitations, unexplained fatigue and shortness of breath during light activity.

A-Fib is usually associated with the elderly, according to the release, but El Camino Health cardiologists have seen spikes in those in their 30s, 40s and 50s. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates A-Fib will affect approximately 12 million people across the U.S. by 2030.

The increase is attributed to lifestyles and better detection tools. Lifestyle risk factors include:

- Intense endurance sports
- Sleep apnea, obesity and diabetes
- High stress and anxiety
- Smoking, excessive caffeine and alcohol

When patients do come in and are diagnosed with A-Fib, El Camino Health physi-

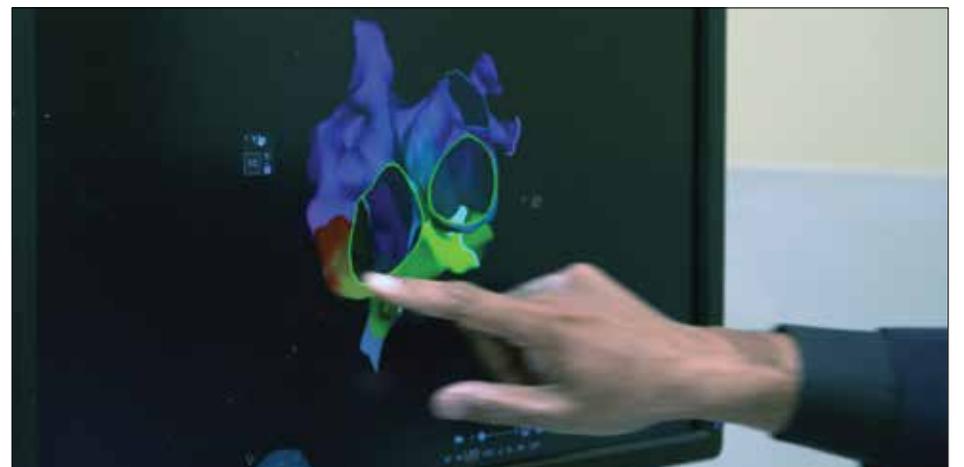


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Dr. David Singh, a cardiac electrophysiologist at El Camino Health, shows a patient the cause of his A-Fib and explains how Pulse Field Ablation will help.

cians utilize cutting-edge technologies for treatment including Pulse Field Ablation (PFA). Usually, treatment includes thermal ablation, which burns or freezes heart tissue – PFA uses electrical pulses to “reset” the heart, according to the release.

Unlike thermal ablation, which often takes three to six hours, PFA reduces anes-

thesia time to 45 minutes and patients can return home the same day.

But the resounding advice Dr. David Singh, an El Camino Health cardiac electrophysiologist gave, was to get diagnosed as soon as possible for the best possible outcome. “...The sooner you seek help, the faster you get your life back,” Singh said.

Everyday Life

Stanford Blood Center needs type-O donations

Town Crier Report

The Stanford Blood Center is facing critically low supplies of type O+ and O- blood and platelets this week and is urging community members to donate to help save lives.

Demand for “an exceptionally high number of transfusions” to treat two patients last week – about 140 units of type O blood and 20 units of platelets – has increased the center’s need to replenish its supply, staff said.

The center typically provides roughly 70 units of type O blood daily to support all of its partner hospitals. Type O blood is universal and essential for emergencies.

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment as soon as possible at stanford-



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The Stanford Blood Center is in need of type-O donations.

bloodcenter.org, by calling (888) 723-7831, or by texting 999-777. Walk-ins are always welcome for whole blood donations, but platelet donations require an appointment.

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Since then, she has observed hundreds of surgeries and co-authored two clinical research papers published in the Journal of Clinical Medicine. Her work on data extraction is highly technical and focuses on identifying how the disease impacts multiple organs, such as the appendix, and evaluating the use of non-invasive biomarkers to help doctors detect the disease much earlier. In her clinical internship, she frequently consults with adolescent patients and shares her own experience to make them more comfortable.

“Quincy gives us the actual medical facts that the system usually ignores for people our age,” said one local 16-year-old. “She teaches us the science and the right words to use so that doctors finally take us seriously.”

Harding has turned this clinical experience into an advocacy platform. Under the handle @endowithquincy, she produces health literacy videos that have reached over 100,000 views. She also helped develop a symptom-tracking toolkit that has already helped many local students translate their pain into objective data that doctors can actually use.

Endometriosis is often dismissed, but it is a leading cause of chronic pelvic pain and infertility. Signs to discuss with a specialist include:

- Severe period pain that interferes with school or daily activities
- Chronic pelvic pain throughout the month
- Gastrointestinal issues like painful bloating or constipation
- Fatigue and pain during physical activity.

Connect with Harding and download her free period pain symptom tracker by visiting @endowithquincy on Instagram and TikTok.

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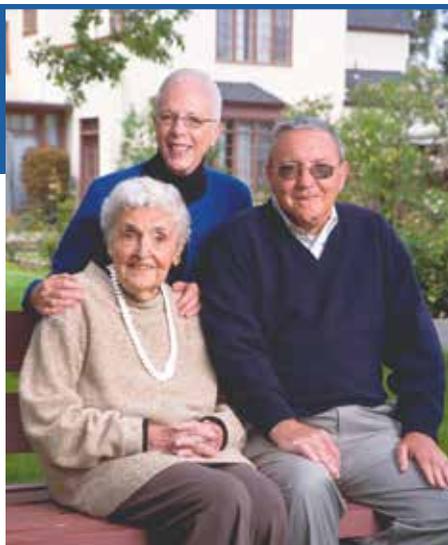


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Business & Real Estate

New boba shop opens at Blossom Valley shopping center

By Zoë Friedman
Town Crier Editorial Intern

A new Quickly boba shop in Mountain View drew long lines during its soft opening Jan. 10., as customers gathered at the Taiwan-based franchise known for its drinks and savory snacks.

Founded in Taiwan, Quickly has grown into an established franchise with more than 120 locations throughout the United States.

“It’s a very, very old brand,” store manager Monica Mu said. “This is what (the teenagers’) parents were drinking.”

For first-time customers, Mu recommends the brown sugar boba latte. Her personal favorite, however – is a drink she created for this reporter – a mix of passion fruit, orange and mango.

Along with a bevy of boba drinks – from teas to milkshakes

– Quickly offers popcorn chicken, waffle fries, pot stickers, spring rolls and teriyaki bowls, among other food items. Prices range from \$4-\$10 for single-serve items.

Mu said Quickly chose the location in the Blossom Valley Shopping Center for its proximity to St. Francis and Mountain View high schools.

“This is the best location for now,” Mu said. “When the high school students get out, it’s like rush hour. They’re all with their friends, and that’s what I want to create – I want to create memories for the students.”

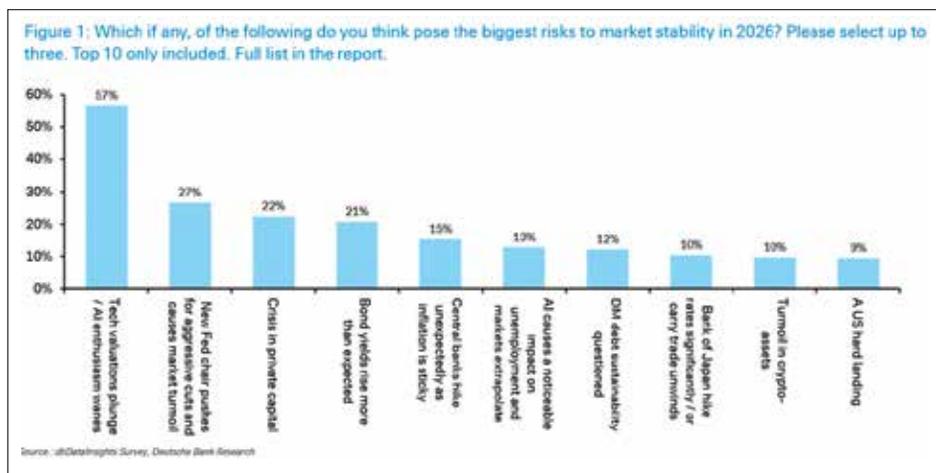
To prepare for opening day, Mu said the store distributed roughly 20,000 flyers throughout the nearby neighborhood to advertise a special soft opening featuring 99-cent drinks to celebrate.



MATTHEW LEE-ASIONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

See QUICKLY, Page 22 A line extends out the door of the new Mountain View Quickly boba shop.

What are the biggest risks to market sustainability in 2026?



INFOGRAPHIC COURTESY OF ARTIE GREEN

A survey of respondents show the biggest perceived risk to market stability is tech valuations plummeting and waning AI enthusiasm.

By Artie Green

What worries you the most about your investment portfolio in 2026? Deutsche Bank (DB) surveyed 400 asset managers about their concerns as part of DB’s recently released 2026 Global Markets Survey.

As you can see from the chart, respondents’ biggest worry by far is the technology bubble bursting in 2026. More than half the respondents (57%) identified this as their number one risk. The top 10 stocks in the S&P 500 – most of them technology – now comprise over

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40% of its total market cap. If Nvidia, Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, or any of the others should falter, the S&P 500 would take a big hit. What might cause that? Possibly a profitability decline if these companies’ revenues fail to keep up with their AI spending. Or if AI does not live up to investor hype. Or some unexpected global event such as the

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According to Jim Reid, DB's Head of Thematic Research, 57% was the highest consensus of any risk factor throughout the history of these annual surveys. Last December only 36% of respondents were most concerned about a tech bubble. At that time the greatest concern was a global trade war.

The second-highest risk identified by respondents is Trump politicizing the Federal Reserve by installing a new chairperson who follows Trump's demands for more aggressive rate cuts. That's a clear statement by asset managers that an independent Fed is extremely important for capital market stability.

Other responses indicate ongoing concerns about private

capital growth and risks, inflation, rapidly shifting bond rates, cryptocurrency growth and risks, and the possibility of a recession. But at the moment all are dwarfed by the current high valuations in the stock market.

The S&P 500 has risen over 16% in 2025, 19% in 2024, and 24% in 2023. This level of growth is just not sustainable. It's tempting to react to information such as this by selling or buying assets. But if you keep your portfolio well-diversified across many uncorrelated asset classes and maintain enough stable assets to cover your cash needs for the next year (or more) then you really shouldn't have much to worry about. That's what financial planning is all about.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit cognizant-wealth.com.

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"People were so excited about it," Mu said. "It was a very long day from the time we opened until the time we closed. I was thankful to everyone nearby for coming and visiting and trusting us. That day was very impressive, and I'm very grateful for our employees."

The team comprises eight employees, including Mu, and she said management is still hiring to keep up with peak-hour demands.

Mu said working at a boba shop is fast-paced and requires strong teamwork during rush hours, balanced by more relaxed moments during the slower periods. She added that "you can make so many different drinks, and once you're familiar, you can make your own drinks and be creative."

Reflecting on the shop's first month, Mu emphasized the difficulties of onboarding new employees on "overwhelming" opening days. She said customers sometimes had to wait lon-



MATTHEW LEE-ASIONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Orders including boba tea sit at the pickup counter of the new Blossom Valley Shopping Center Quickly boba shop.

ger than expected for orders.

However, she said that the team has learned and adapted from these early challenges.

"After that, we improved the process and our workflow to make it smoother. Now, when students come during the peak hours, we are handling it better and better."

This location hopes to become a community hub and eventually host celebrations like graduation parties, Mu said. She added that the store plans to provide more affordable prices in the future.

"Right now, people are saying, 'Oh, your portion is too big.' Our popcorn chicken is nice to share with people. Maybe in the future we can do a more student-friendly price and portion."

Grateful for the warm reception, Mu said many customers have already returned. "They're greeting us like, 'We are so happy to have you here.'"

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Total sales

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Total sale: 1
Sale: \$2,199,000

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Lowest sale: \$550,000
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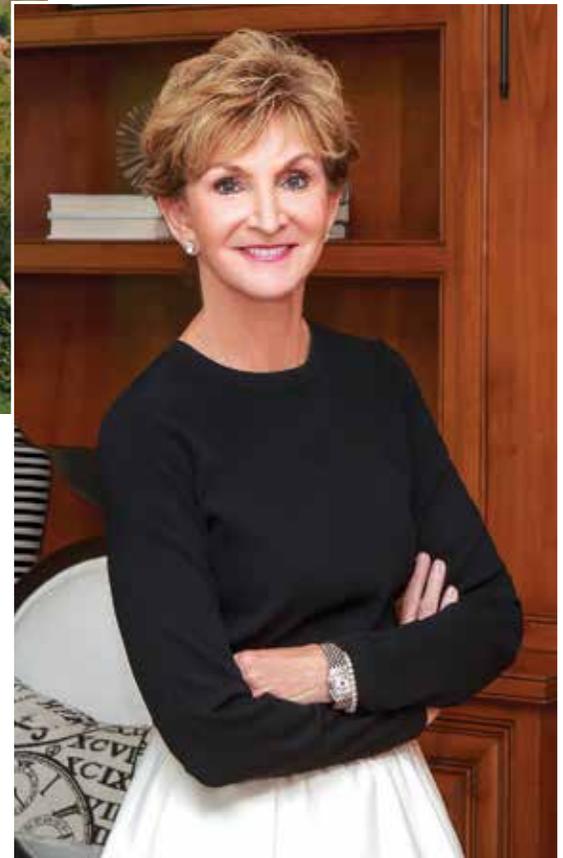
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HAIRCRAFT COTTAGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723686

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HAIRCRAFT COTTAGE, 186 Plaza S, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Naomi Marie Blackwood, 186 Plaza S, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/09/2026. /S/ Naomi Marie Blackwood / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/10/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26)

036-T

PRECEPI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723739

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PRECEPI, 11665 Dawson Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LABELOGY INC, 11665 Dawson Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/02/2026. /S/ Thomas Mei Hwang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/11/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26)

035-T

T.S. No. 117642-CA APN: 148-38-109 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/29/2016. 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 On 3/18/2026 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/2/2016 as Instrument No. 23388464 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Clara County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: YINTAO YU, A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE GATED NORTH MARKET STREET ENTRANCE, SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE, 191 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Lot 31 in Block 6 of University Park in the City of Mountain View, County of

Santa Clara, State of California, as shown on Map filed Book M, Page 9 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 115 COLLEGE AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$558,906.22 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearrecon.com, using the file number assigned to this case 117642-CA. 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.

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034-T

SOPHONYX FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723604

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SOPHONYX, 570 Cherry Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Zhuo Wang, 570 Cherry Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2026. /S/ Zhuo Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26)

033-T

HYDRANGEA & COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723093

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HYDRANGEA & COMPANY, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Melanie K Moyer, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, Steven W Batliner, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/07/2026. /S/ Melanie K.Moyer / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/26/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26)

032-T

UTRAVELCO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723233

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UTRAVELCO, 2880 Zanker Road, Suite 203, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): UTRAVELCO, INC., 1126 Sumnerwings Ct, San Jose, CA 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/16/2026. /S/ Yen Bich Thang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/29/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26)

031-T

GERST FINANCIAL ENGINEERING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723522

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) GERST FINANCIAL ENGINEERING, (2) CLEANTEC BUSINESS SERVICES, 26120 W Fremont Rd, 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): GERST CAPITAL, LLC, 26120 W Fremont Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/03/2007. /S/ Gregory J Gerst / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/05/2026. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

030-T

CHEIRON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722638

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHIERON, 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. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

029-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA K. CUTKOSKY CASE NO. 26PR201809

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PATRICIA K. CUTKOSKY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARK R. CUTKOSKY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE

requests that MARK R. CUTKOSKY 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: 03/13/26 at 9:01AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JANET L. BREWER - SBN 74181 LAW OFFICE OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN STREET - SUITE 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022 Telephone (650) 325-8276 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/26 CNS-4010757# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (02-11,18,25-26)

028-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SONGYUAN LIN, WENCHUN KU ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV485781

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Songyuan Lin, Wenchun Ku filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Dana Lin

Proposed Name: a. Caitlin Chingyu Lin

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 05/12/2026 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: 02/04/2026 /s/ Charles Adams Judge of the Superior Court (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

027-T

TAO & JIAYU HERBS & ACUPUNCTURE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723231

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TAO & JIAYU HERBS & ACUPUNCTURE, 1287 Hammerwood Ave., Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): TAO XIE, 1287 Hammerwood Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2025. /S/ Tao Xie / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/29/2026. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

026-T

WORLDWIDE CHAUFFEURS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723400

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: WORLDWIDE CHAUFFEURS, 80 Los Altos Sq, 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): SOUTH BAY EXOTICS LLC, 186 E Gish Rd Unit #103, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Cameron Crose / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/03/2026. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

025-T

ALLIANCE LENDING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723262

The following person (persons)

is (are) doing business as: ALLIANCE LENDING, 5450 Thornwood Dr #P, San Jose, CA, 95123, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ALLIANCE GROUP & ASSOCIATES INC., 5450 Thornwood Dr #P, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/12/2013. /S/ Rameil Eyvaznejad / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/29/2026. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

024-T

BREAKER BOYS ELECTRIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723214

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BREAKER BOYS ELECTRIC, 200 Carlester Dr, Los Gatos, CA, 95032, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Russell T. Condie, 200 Carlester Dr, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/28/2026. /S/ Russell T. Condie / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/28/2026. (02-11,18,25-26,03-04-26)

022-T

Europa Crepes FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723162

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Europa Crepes, 2444 Old Middlefield Way Ste. M, 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): Doorstep Organics, Inc, 2444 Old Middlefield Wy Ste. M, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/23/2015. /S/ Antonis Giakoumis / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/27/2026. (02-04,11,18,25-26)

020-T

LAMTA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723044

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LAMTA, 146 Main ST #103, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LOS ALTOS MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, 146 Main ST #103, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/29/1962. /S/ Patrik Korzinski /

Public Notices

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/23/2026. (02-04,11,18,25-26)

019-T

**BECAUSE WE CARE GIFTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722351**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BECAUSE WE CARE GIFTS, 8525 Burchell Rd, Gilroy, CA, 95020, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LMC DIGITAL SOLUTIONS INC, 8525 Burchell Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/24/2025. /S/ Larissa M Clark / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/24/2025. (02-04,11,18,25-26)

018-T

**SOFIT FITNESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722980**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SOFIT FITNESS, 1620 Palo Santo Dr, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sophie Nicole Wilson, 1620 Palo Santo Dr, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/08/2026. /S/ Sophie Wilson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/22/2026. (02-04,11,18,25-26)

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**LUNGO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN723055**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LUNGO, 137 E El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): COMMON THAI LLC, 614 Central Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Somjed Wartrakchit / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/23/2026. (02-04,11,18,25-26)

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**CHAPTERBARBERSHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722791**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHAPTERBARBERSHOP, 2019 Bright Willow Cir, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hoang Chuong Huy Le, 2019 Bright Willow Cir, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/25/2025. /S/ Hoang Chuong Huy Le / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/15/2026. (01-28-26,02-04,11,18-26)

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**SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT
REPAIR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722943**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT REPAIR, 949 Industrial Ave., Palo Alto, CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT REPAIR, 949 Industrial Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/18/1988. /S/ Kenneth Kennedy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/21/2026. (01-28-26,02-04,11,18-26)

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**Rising Star Home Care
Services, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722272**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Rising Star Home Care Services, LLC, 4701 Patrick Henry Drive, Building 1, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rising Star Home Care Services, LLC, 1401 21st St Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Esther Lomothey / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/22/2025. (01-28-26,02-04,11,18-26)

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EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Bay Area Games Day**, Monthly third Saturday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Join a full day of convention-style open gaming at the library. Learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. **Oil Painting Exhibit**, Daily during library open hours. Belinda FC Lo's Oil Painting Exhibit will be on display for the month of February, featuring vibrant and spirited depictions of Taiwan's landscapes and cultural heritage. **Other events: Understanding Our Nearest Star**, 7 p.m. Feb. 19. Learn about the history of the sun, solar flares, magnetic explosions, and their societal impact. Lecture by Dr. Georgios Chintzoglou, Sr. Research Scientist of Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Lab, and Adjunct Professor of Astronomy of Foothill College. **Traditional and Modern Vietnamese Dance**, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. The choreography presented will reflect both the grace of traditional movement and the creativity found in contemporary styles. The performance will invite audiences to learn a short Vietnamese dance using props like conical hats or fans.

24th Annual Gill Family Benefit Concert for Lighthouse for the Blind's Enchanted Hills Camp, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Martin Family Hall, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Requested donation is \$20. Steve Gill and his good friends singer Mollie Hudner Thomson, guitarist Bob Feiner and drummer Steve Beitler will present "Not Dead Again Yet," a follow-up to last year's show "On the Road Again: Letters to America."

CLUBS/GROUPS

American Association of University Women - Silicon Valley Branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 464-2830, siliconvalley-ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons, book groups, bridge and card games. Information: (650) 948-5382, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

Assistance League of Los Altos. Charitable organization benefiting youth of Santa Clara County. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Located at Third and State streets. Information: (650) 941-2610, assistanceleague.org/losaltos.

Kiwanis Club of Los Altos. An international service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: (650) 735-1552, losaltoskiwanis.org.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs some "doo-wop" numbers from the 50s and 60s, plus show tunes, ballads, pop, folk, world music and holiday music at year end. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsulaharmony.org.

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. Information: greentownlosaltos.org.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos and local area. Meets 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Information: fars.k6ya.org.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies five and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. Information: (650) 917-9914, lasmadres.org.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Volunteer organization of boat-

ing enthusiasts who perform community service, including boating education, voluntary vessel inspections and boating operations. Not involved in military or law enforcement activities. Ages 17 and up. 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave. Information: (650) 941-5466.

Rotary Club of Los Altos. Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. Information: (650) 948-1455, losaltosrotary.org.

Electric Toasters. Toastmasters group. Noon to 1 p.m. today. Electric Power Research Institute, 3412 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Information: (650) 855-2270.

Los Altos Lodge No. 712 F. & A. M. 7:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Los Altos Masonic Hall, 146 Main St. Information: (650) 941-6615.

Weekly meditation practice group. Based on Jack Kornfield's book "A Path with Heart." 7 a.m. Tuesdays. Foothills Congregational Church, Los Altos. Information: (650) 969-3452.

South Bay Storytellers. 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Information: (650) 494-1383, (650) 917-1920, southbaystorytellers.com.

Vasa Order of America, Lindbergh Lodge. Organization for experiencing the Swedish culture, open to people of Scandinavian descent and their families. 6:30 p.m. second Friday of each month; supper 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. Information: (650) 948-7030, (650) 773-0199.

Mountain View Foothills International Training in Communication Club. 7 p.m. first and third Thursday of the month. Union Bank, El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Information: (650) 967-6466.

Mountain View Women's Club. Community service organization. Monthly meetings. Masonic Temple, 890 Church St. Information: (650) 967-1390.

Technology and Society Committee. 11:45 a.m. alternate Tuesdays. Golden Wok, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. Information: (650) 969-7215 (after 6 p.m.).

Quota Club of Mountain View. Noon first and third Thursdays of the month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Information: (650) 967-2964.

Optimist Club of Palo Alto-Mountain View. Luncheon meetings noon to 1:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of the month. Hyatt Rickey's, Palo Alto. Information: (650) 855-1847.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Mid-Peninsula Widows and Widowers Association. Helps people begin a new way of life following the loss of a spouse. 1:30-3 p.m. first Tuesday of the month and 7:30-9 p.m. remaining Tuesdays. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Road. \$66 annually. Information: (408) 246-4642, mpwwa1.org.

Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP). Support group provides compassion, understanding and help for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one as the result of drug use. 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. Information: eshow818@gmail.com.

Los Altos Al-Anon. Confidential support and tools for families and friends affected by another person's drinking. Noon Thursdays. Room 7, Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Road. district20afg.com.

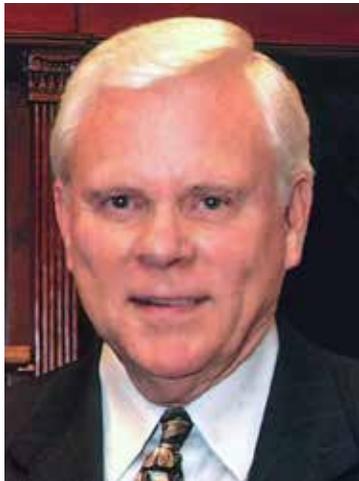
Eating Disorders Resource Center. For individuals struggling with disordered eating and body image. 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Saturdays of the month. El Camino Hospital, Conference Room A, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Free. edrcsv.org.

Cupertino Rotary Job Search Support Group. Open to the unemployed, employed, under-employed and career changers 18 or older. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. St. Cyprian Elementary School Conference Center, 1133 W. Washington Ave., Sunnyvale. Information: (408) 735-0663, jimgibson007@aol.com.

Moving On. For those going through major life changes. Led by Paula Wolfson, LCSW of Avenidas. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Los Altos United Methodist Church, Garden Room, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Cosponsored by Avenidas and Senior New Ways. \$42. Information: (650) 289-5438; pwolfson@avenidas.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

RICHARD DICK HENNING



April 6, 1935 -
February 4, 2026

Richard (Dick) Henning passed away on February 4, 2026; he was 90 years old.

Wow! Did he ever have a wonderful life!

Those who knew Dick grieve his passing but smile considering the long life he lived and how much he contributed to the enjoyment of his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Paulette Lajou Henning. Dick idolized Paulette, and she was adored by everyone she met, many commenting on her delightful French accent.

And in his marriage to Paulette, Dick gained a large, loving family, the Stouffers. Paulette's son Eric and daughter Carine and 5 grandchildren: Tori, Caitlin, Meredith, Kyle and Maddi, their spouses and 13 great-grandchildren. He also had a son, Tom from a previous marriage. His children and grandchildren brought immense happiness to his life.

Dick was born in Pasadena, California; his parents were Charles Elmer Henning and Genevieve Marie. He had two brothers Bill and Bob (deceased)

He was raised in Taft, California, a small oil town 39 miles from Bakersfield. While devoid of some advantages of larger cities, the Taft school system was consistently one of the best in the state.

He was the first student in his class of 1953 to be inducted into the Taft High School Hall of Fame.

He began his career in 1960 at Sunnyvale High School as a teacher of English and Public Speaking and was the drama coach directing school plays. He was a gifted high school and college teacher who cared deeply about his students.

In 1967, he was hired as a full-time administrator and a sometimes professor of speech and English at Foothill College.

During the second year as Director of Student Activities, 1968, he lined up a series of speakers and

in 1970 a series of rock groups for students and members of the community.

The speakers series, Foothill College Celebrity Forum, lasted 52 years until the Flint Center theater closed in 2020.

The Celebrity Forum was recognized by the prestigious International Platform Association as the "Best Speakers Series in the Nation."

He was very active in the community and served as President of several non-profit organizations. He served for 12 years on the Board of Directors of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, was a founding Board Member of the Los Altos Sister Cities and President of the Rotary Club of Los Altos in 1971-72.

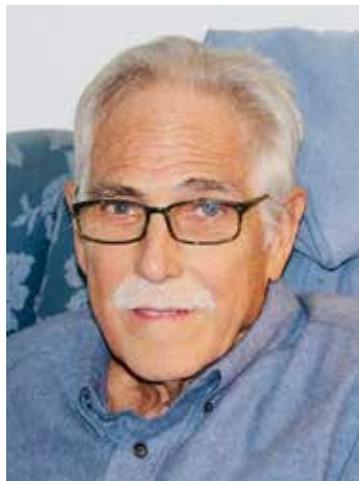
He has won many awards including the State of California Community Services Man of the Year, Los Altos of the Year, Los Altos Hill's Gentry Magazine Community Star Award and the Palo Alto Avenidas Lifetime Award and Mountain View's CSA's 2016 Hometown Hero. He won the 45th annual Los Altos Community Services Award for outstanding service and volunteerism.

From 1984 to 2015, he led 25 safaris to Africa. His last safari was a celebration of his 80th birthday in Botswana with 20 friends, Paulette and Carine.

Dick brought joy and laughter to the serious business of making the world a better place.

He will be deeply missed.

STEPHEN D. ALBIN



May 30, 1943 -
January 23, 2026

Stephen D. Albin was a loving son, brother, husband, father, father-figure, grandfather and friend. He was born May 30, 1943 in Oakland, CA and moved to Los Altos when he was two years old. He attended elementary, middle and high school in Los Altos as well as classes at

Foothill College.

In 1962, he met the love of his life, Donna while in high school; they were married in 1964 and built a house next door to where he was raised. Together, he and Donna raised three healthy children in Los Altos.

Steve loved the countryside and in 1980, he bought property in Jamestown, CA and built a retreat for the family to enjoy year round. He felt a deep sense of peace in Jamestown.

Steve and Donna also spent more than 35 years visiting Kennedy Meadows, an hour north of Jamestown, where they camped, fished and hiked in the Sierra Nevada mountains. He and Donna traveled to many international destinations and took three wonderful trips with their seven grandkids: Alaska, Ireland and Africa.

Steve was an entrepreneur - he operated his frame shop business at Rancho Shopping Center for more than 42 years and had numerous product patents. He was the first chairman of the Professional Picture Framers Assoc, held a board position and was active teaching others the art of framing. He was active in the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, participated in many charitable events and could always be found volunteering at the annual Rancho Pancake breakfast.

After retiring in 2011, it was discovered that he had amyloidosis, a rare disease of an abnormal buildup of proteins called amyloid fibrils, in tissues and organs, in his heart. In 2015, Steve was matched with a heart donor and underwent heart transplant surgery. And because of a generous organ donor, he was gifted another 10+ years of life.

Steve was a true people-person, and often struck up conversations with strangers throughout his life, many who became lifelong friends. He had the gift of curiosity, communication and creativity. On any given day, Steve could be found playing his guitar, singing, writing song lyrics, creating products, fixing things, telling a joke, taking his dog Lucy for a walk, and spending time with his family and dear friends.

On November 28, 2025, Steve opted for hospice at home, after little relief in and out of the hospital, and after eight weeks, he took his last breath peacefully at home in Los Altos, surrounded by family.

Steve is survived by his wife of 62 years, Donna Albin, son Mike Albin and his wife Araceli, daughter Joelle Bryson and her husband Jim and daughter Susie Albin-Najera and her husband Rick as well as Steve's seven beautiful grandchildren in order of age: Julian (22), Jackson (22), Kelly (21), Sonora (21), Alex (20), Jerard (19) and Kennedy (18) as well as his beloved white lab, Lucy.

Steve loved his family, friends and life dearly. He will be missed dearly. May he rest in peace.

The celebration of life for Stephen D. Albin will take place on: Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos 858 University Avenue Los Altos, CA 94024 Reception immediately following

*In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Amyloidosis Research Consortium, <https://arci.org>, or Donor Network West, <https://donornetworkwest.org>.

WILLIAM SNOW



January 6, 1930 -
June 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William Rosebrook Snow, who left us last Summer on June 24, 2024 at the age of 94. A long-time resident of Los Altos, California, Bill was born on January 6, 1930, in New York City, NY. His parents were Genevieve (Rosebrook) and William Boring Snow. Bill lived a fulfilling life, marked by love for his family, his meticulous work in the field of plasma physics, and a career ranging from industry scientist to University Professor to Silicon Valley entrepreneur.

Bill met his future wife, Phyllis Dodson, at high school in Summit, New Jersey. They were married in Summit on August 25, 1951. They moved to California where they finished their undergraduate degrees and then moved together many times following Bill's career.

In 1952 Bill graduated from Stanford University with a BS degree in physics. Over the next ten years he worked for General Electric in Hanford, WA, Precision Technology in Livermore, CA, and General Atomic in San Diego, CA. He developed extensive knowledge

of plasma physics through scientific research roles, gaining a deep expertise in atomic collisions in the energy range appropriate to glow discharges. He continued his academic development in Physics by earning his MS in 1964 and PhD in 1966, both at the University of Washington in Seattle. Then, as a research scientist at Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles, he developed a novel non-magnetic mass spectrometer for use in a low earth orbit satellite launched on an Atlas rocket in 1968.

He made a major career and lifestyle change at age 38 to raise his family in a wonderful small Midwest town. There he pursued his interests through academic research and teaching for the next decade as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Physics at University of Missouri, Rolla. After his two sons went off to college, Bill came back to Silicon Valley as a scientist in small companies. He pioneered new techniques in crossed molecular and ion beam technology leading to Plasma-Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (PECVD) at Pacific Western Systems. Together with his son David, he co-founded StrataGlass, a custom PECVD service company located in Mountain View, CA. He contributed thin films and process techniques to many Silicon Valley companies for 20 years until his retirement at age 80.

During retirement Bill enjoyed reading, walking, bocce ball, and often had a project on the home workbench. He continued following the latest advances in science and space exploration. Bill and Phyllis enjoyed visiting Vienna and took their family on several cruises to Europe and Alaska.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife, their union was a testament to a partnership spanning over 73 years. Together they built a family filled with love and mutual support. Also surviving are his son William Dodson Snow and wife Karen (Espeseth) of Palo Alto; and his son David James Snow and wife Eliza (Mourgos) of Los Altos. A private family ceremony was held to honor Bill's life. He is interred at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto with many other family members.

Bill touched many lives with his wisdom, humor, and kindness. His legacy lives on through his family, who continue to honor his memory and the values he instilled in them. He is dearly missed.

Donations may be made to the Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.



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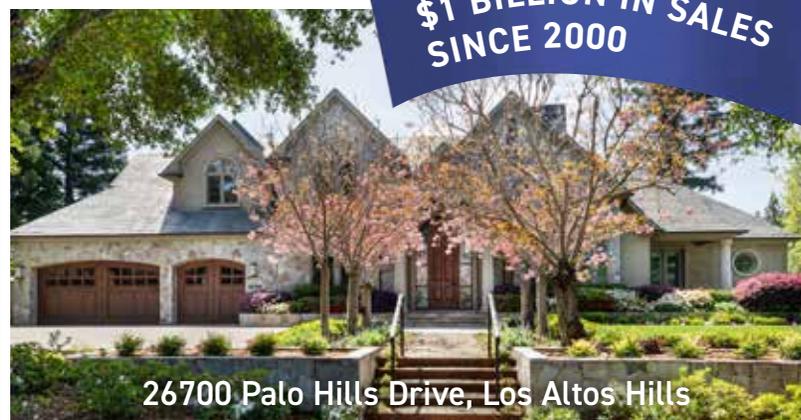
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