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A lot of sniffin' and huntin' goin' on







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The town of Los Altos Hills, in conjunction with Palo Alto-based Pets in Need, held its annual Hoppin' Hounds Biscuit hunt April 4. The event brought pups and their two-leggeds to Byrne Preserve as they hunted for some healthy treats. The event benefitted the Palo Alto Animal Shelter, run by Pets in Need.

Fate of Los Altos parking plazas may appear on the November ballot

Initiative needs 3,000 signatures before April 30 before going to voters

By Christina Casillas
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Inspired by outcry against a proposed downtown Los Altos park, a local group known as ForLosAltos is trying to get the use of downtown Los Altos parking plazas on the November ballot.

According to ForLosAltos volunteer Cindy Andrews, the group started informally in August 2025 after city-contracted consultants presented plans for a downtown park.

"The audience was asked what we would want to see in a downtown park, not would we want a downtown park," Andrews said in an email. "Not one person spoke in favor of the plan. There were no needs' assessments presented, nor environmental or economic analyses shared. The Los Altos Parks Commission had not even been apprised of this proposed new park and use of the Park In Lieu funds."

The Town Crier has requested the names of those who founded the group, but "... The group quickly grew to numbers that are too many to name," Andrews said.

"The group is focused on the parking plazas because these are on public lands that are critical to how our downtown feels and functions," Andrews said. "This is not about a specific project. The parking plazas' ordinance simply gives the community a vote on any major changes to what is public land."

In an email to the community, the group wrote that the measure

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Online Poll of the Week

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

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

Vote online at losaltosonline.com.

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Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

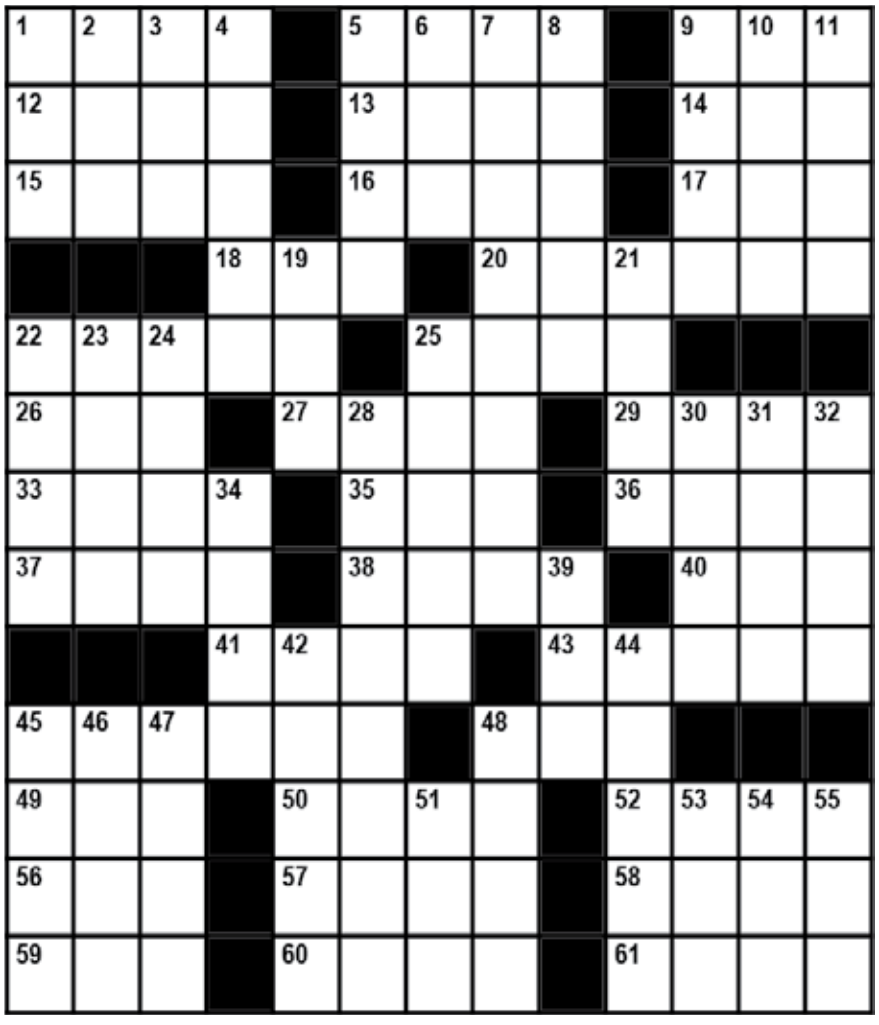
Across

1. "No ___!" (it's easy)
5. "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" musical
9. Monk's title
12. Simpson's character
13. Woeful expression
14. Just manage, with "out"
15. New Mexico art colony
16. Arizona city
17. Rent out
18. Oil-can letters, abbr.
20. See 2 down
22. Dull and tasteless
25. Gumshoes in the pulps
26. Compass direction
27. Push
29. Arrangement holder
33. Comprehend written text
35. Georgian, for one
36. Trigger action
37. Its capital, Singaraja
38. Pepsi
40. Typewriter key
41. Nabokov heroine and others
43. Local nature preserve, Redwood _____
45. Throat part
48. Astrological sign
49. Totally awesome in the 80s
50. Countertenors
52. Actress Merrill
56. Exclamation of sudden realization
57. Singer Young
58. Invasion time in WW II, 2 words
59. Ugh!
60. Supplement dosage timing, 2 words
61. Swerves at sea

Down

1. Beloved Los Altos event, goes with 20 across
2. Info for nutritionists, abbr.
3. John Lennon's wife
4. Choristers
5. Ready for anything
6. French word for island
7. The "it" in "Step on it!"- 2 words
8. ''Don't Let Go'' singer Hayes
9. Oscar ___ Renta, 2 words
10. Gave the green light
11. Distribute
19. Payroll processing company
21. Invitation request, for short
22. Part of speech
23. Non-plussed
24. Ring out
25. Pamplona runners
28. Pulled back
30. NASCAR racer
31. Bohemian, e.g.
32. River to the North Sea
34. Discovered the Cape of Good Hope
39. Bio datum
42. Prince William's mother
44. _____ McDowall, "Planet of the Apes" star
45. Serving container
46. Pearl Harbor locale
47. Site of Theo. Roosevelt Natl. Park, abbr,
48. Easter flower
51. Word before Maria
53. "Sweet as apple cider" girl
54. Slangy turndown
55. Cries of regret

– Los Altos clues bolded



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Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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

Level: Medium

		5		9	6			
	1		2					
		2		4				9
	8					3		
	6		8	5		1	4	
		7						2
				1		4	7	
	4							
		6			9			

Find A Word

M	V	D	K	B	R	O	W	N	L	O	K	F	Q	F
V	L	W	B	X	D	G	E	I	W	O	B	G	Y	B
A	H	P	W	L	W	N	Y	E	L	S	E	R	P	S
A	W	O	N	D	E	R	K	M	Y	L	U	E	Q	M
A	B	P	D	B	J	G	N	B	R	C	G	M	K	X
Z	T	D	J	U	C	V	Z	O	R	H	I	C	Y	Z
K	L	O	A	L	E	Z	U	E	T	E	W	E	L	E
Y	H	N	M	Z	K	K	M	B	Y	S	N	G	S	M
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P	S	Z	E	L	W	A	R	O	R	B	N	O	Z	O
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I	R	W	I	O	N	C	A	R	X	O	L	N	S	M
O	S	W	R	X	M	B	A	R	N	A	A	T	Z	B
N	H	C	P	A	F	R	J	J	F	D	N	I	G	A

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

Bowie
Brown
Carey
Cooke
Dion
Dylan
Franklin
Houston
John
Mccartney
Mercury
Presley
Prince
Sinatra
Wonder

Pet of the Week





COURTESY OF PETS IN NEED

Meet Zeke! He's a 4-year-old, 9-pound bundle of joy with the happiest little face. He's an easygoing, cheerful pup who lights up when you give him attention and is always ready to soak up a few extra pets. Zeke loves his walks, enjoys meeting other dogs and greets everyone like an old friend. He has a sweet, gentle way about him and is just as content trotting by your side as he is hanging out nearby, waiting for a treat. He's looking for someone who will spend time with him and help him keep building his confidence. Zeke doesn't need much to be happy. Just a little patience, a lot of love, and someone to share his days with. Zeke is currently at Pets in Need Redwood City. To learn more, visit tinyurl.com/LittleZeke.

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News

Fire near El Camino Health torches outside of vacant office building



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPT.

A fire outside of a commercial office building on South Drive on April 2 was near El Camino Health.

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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A fire near a vacant office building on South Drive in Mountain View has caused an estimated $50,000 in damage.

According to a Mountain View Fire Department press release, smoke and flames were reported at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, coming from the area of a commercial office. Arriving firefighters located a fire outside a single-story office and extinguished the flames with a fire-attack hose line.

The fire was stopped before it spread to an adjacent building. Firefighters breached the ceiling of the building to confirm the fire spread had been stopped. The firefighters also removed parts of the building to remove water and smoke from the affected parts of the office.

There were no injuries. The fire originated in an outside storage box, but the cause remains under investigation.

The area surrounding the 200 block of South Drive is near Grant Road, single-family homes and El Camino Health.

The Mountain View Police Department provided traffic control for 90 minutes while fire units and equipment were on the scene.

Los Altos Hills considers GreenSheets initiative

By Curtis Driscoll
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CERISE WONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The town of Los Altos Hills is looking into a GreenSheets ballot initiative.

The Los Altos Hills City Council is exploring options for a council-led ballot initiative that would codify parts of the GreenSheets, a document that justifies Los Altos Hills' original incorporation and calls for maintaining the community's rural character.

The GreenSheets served as a blueprint for the vision for Los Altos Hills and called for supporting low-density, single-family residential development, the kind characterized by country lanes, horse pastures and chicken coops and at least one acre of land and space between homes and no high-speed roads or dense subdivisions.

At its March 18 meeting, the council discussed putting either a citizen-led or council-initiated ballot measure on the November 2026 ballot, deciding to form an ad hoc committee made up of councilmembers Kavita Tankha and Linda Swan to go through the GreenSheets and see what from the document could inspire a potential ballot measure and what is feasible in a modern Los Altos Hills. The council felt a citizens' initiative was not feasible, given the short turnaround after hearing from City Attorney Steve Mattas that concrete movement from citizens was needed in the next few weeks.

"I think based on the timeframe, the only one that is possible is the council-initiated measure timeline," Swan said.

A citizen-led initiative starts with a petition to the City Council and requires signatures from 10% of registered voters in Los Altos Hills. The council could place the petition on the ballot or the proposed initiative measure as presented, with no CEQA analysis required. The council initiative would need no signatures or petition, but it must comply with CEQA. Under a council-initiated item, the council could have an agenda item at a future meeting and ensure CEQA compliance over the next few months, along with a review of a measure by various commissions and committees.

The council would also have to be cognizant of current state and federal laws and ensure that it does not conflict with local law. Cities can adopt land use and zoning regulations, but any law must have a substantial relation to public health and safety, cannot be discriminatory, be consistent with state and federal law and zoning regulations must be consistent with the Housing Element, city staff said. It would also have to provide specific laws to be enacted and could not direct the council to perform an action based on concepts.

MV's $2.7 million street resurfacing project begins April 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The affected streets are divided over three workdays.

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

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

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

The Moffett Boulevard and Central Avenue intersection will be worked on over the entire

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three-day period.

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

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



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

A number of Los Altos residents attend a Feb. 24 City Council special session on the proposed downtown Los Altos park. More than 20 residents made public comments, the majority against the park.

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would require voter approval before parking plazas are sold, repurposed or reduced; prioritize the city's "village charm" and walkability; safeguards downtown's tree canopy and open space; prevents third-party development deals on public parking plazas; protects public parking and allows for affordable housing on two parking plazas per the city's current plans.

More specifically, the measure as it would appear on the ballot would prohibit the city from taking the following actions without a majority vote by residents:

- Trade, lease, donate, sell, dispose or convey any parking plaza, or parking plaza portion, for any reason
- Change or designate a parking plaza in any way that would affect parking or diminish the availability, access or convenience of public parking
- Declare parking plazas as surplus land or exempt surplus land under the California Surplus Land Act
- Change or build capital projects or other changes on any parking plaza which would permanently diminish the availability, access or convenience of public parking
- Change any Parking Plaza by adding additional levels or floors
- Change any Parking Plaza in a way which would be a detriment to protected trees or the downtown tree canopy

The city would be allowed to, without a vote by the people, repair and maintain the parking plazas even if there is temporary disruption. The city would also be allowed to host community events – like the farmers market – despite the use of parking plazas, as they're only held on a short-term or temporary basis. Parking plazas seven and eight are also allowed to be developed for affordable housing without a city-wide vote.

The measure comes as discontentment as to how the downtown park process has been conducted mounts among many residents.

More than 20 residents made public comments, the majority of which were against a downtown park, during a Feb. 24 special meeting of the Los Altos City Council. Many residents provided alternatives to the downtown park, including Andrews, who said park impact funds (formally park-in-lieu funds) should be used for bettering existing parks.

"I was told by a council member that the park in-lieu fees must be spent downtown. This is not the case – the fund allows for other park improvement projects that still serve our community," said Andrews. "Think park land north in Los Altos, where none exists. Think rehabbing our historic dilapidated Halsey house in Redwood Grove that's been waiting since 2008 – do not think downtown, where five parks exist within a five-minute walk."

ForLosAltos needs 3,000 in-person (must be in ink – not submitted online or electronically) registered voter signatures in order to place the measure on the November 2026 ballot.

The group will have petition signing tables across the city.

Members of the Los Altos City Council approved in a February 2025 4-1 vote a roughly $2.3 million contract with San Jose-based Watry Design, Inc. toward building a downtown park with underground parking. Watry's expertise is in building parking structures, based on previous Town Crier reporting.

For more information, visit forlosaltos-now.com.

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News

Rescued sea lion released back into the wild

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The California sea lion who was rescued in January in Mountain View has been released back into the wild.

Known as "Babymac," he was just a pup when he was found in the road, malnourished, near Google Headquarters. Babymac was required to gain weight and pass a health exam earlier this month before being cleared for exit from the Marine Mammal Center hospital in Sausalito. He was released into the wild at Chimney Rock in Point Reyes National Seashore on March 20.

"Thanks to the quick response and actions of the city of Mountain View Police Department, this young sea lion was given a second chance at life," said Dr. Emily Whitmer, clinical veterinarian at the Marine Mammal Center, in a press release. "As a roughly 6-month-old pup who likely separated from his mother early, this animal had a long road to recovery due to his severe malnutrition. We are thrilled Babymac made such positive strides in recovery and was able to be released back to his ocean home."

Babymac was located on the morning of Monday, Jan. 5, by officers from the Mountain View Police Department in a parking lot at 2025 Garcia Ave. Where he was found was considered a dangerous location and far from where he ought to have been.

"It's hypothesized, but not confirmed, that based on the rescue location, this young animal likely ventured up Charleston or Mountain View Slough via San Francisco Bay before making its way to Garcia Avenue. Whether it was following a food source or just took a wrong turn is unknown," read an emailed statement from the Marine Mammal Center.


Babymac

Babymac was collected in Mountain View and transported to the Marine Mammal Center's animal hospital in Sausalito. He was diagnosed with severe malnutrition, intestinal unrest and maternal separation after being observed as lethargic.

Officials with the mammal center were intent on setting Babymac on the path to recovery, despite concerns about his ability to find food and maintain a healthy weight in the open ocean due to underdeveloped foraging skills. He first spent a week in an intensive care quarantine with a sea lion of similar age. From there, he was moved to a rehabilitation pool pen. Meals started off as fish smoothies several times a day, and later graduated to small whole herring, squid and anchovies.

Babymac was deemed healthy to return to the ocean following his more than two-month recovery.

"This call serves as a reminder that no two days in policing are ever the same. Whether responding to emergencies, assisting community members, or protecting wildlife, Mountain View Police Department officers remain prepared to serve in whatever capacity the job requires," said Monica Leon, spokesperson for the Mountain View Police Department, in an email in January.

The Marine Mammal Center reminds the public that if they see a marine mammal in distress, they should keep a safe distance of at least 150 feet and call the center's response hotline at (415) 289-SEAL (7325).



More than 140 rally in Mountain View for Transgender Day of Visibility

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View advocates rallied Tuesday, March 31, for the city's first-ever demonstration on Transgender Day of Visibility.

"Even in the cold and intermittent rain, we saw music, protest and real connection," said organizer Mariya Genzel, of the Mountain View advocacy group It's Blue Turn Indivisible. "It was about making it clear that trans rights are human rights, and that standing up for one of us is standing up for all of us."

Transgender Day of Visibility, annually observed on March 31, celebrates transgender people and calls attention to the discrimination and barriers they continue to face. The event was founded in 2009.

"I went to the celebration because people I love are trans, and I want them – and every other trans person in our community – to know that they are loved," said Tracy Piombo of Mountain View, who attended the event. "And not loved in a passive, 'tolerated' kind of way, but that they have allies who will fight for their rights: their right to live and to love and to be joyfully themselves."



PHOTO COURTESY IT'S BLUE TURN INDIVISIBLE

Demonstrators rally Tuesday on El Camino Real in Mountain View for Transgender Day of Visibility.

The rally began with a demonstration along El Camino Real near Castro Street and finished with an event in Gateway Park.

The event featured remarks from Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos, Reverend Tom Harris of First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte CEO Stacy Cross, chair of the Santa Clara branch of the American Civil Liberties Union Victor Sin and other trans activists.

In her speech, Ramos said that Mountain View residents often referred to a "community for all."

"It is something we practice every day, in every decision, and in how we treat one another," she said. "Let us be a community that not only celebrates visibility, but protects it; a community that not only welcomes people, but stands up for them; a community that truly means it when we say 'everyone belongs here.'"

Ramos said in an email on April 2 it was especially important for people in the local government to publicly show support for the transgender community because their freedoms were under attack by the federal government.

"I believe in government and how it can be used to help people and lead a community to do good. When we see it used in an opposite way, we have to counterbalance it," she said.

IdaRose Sylvester, a local organizer and advocate who attended the rally, echoed those sentiments.

"We need to actively show up every day and publicly support our trans community, and fight for their rights, especially at this time when the community is under attack and legal protections are being undermined. Our trans friends and family need our support more than ever," Sylvester said.

Genzel said the event was successful because it made a formidable, visible show of support for the local transgender community and its allies.

"It was about making sure people feel less alone, more supported, and know there are others here who have their back," she said.



Comment

Are we really watching out for our kids?

By Cheryl Weiden

Los Altos families go all in for their children – sports, dance, music, fencing, tutoring, the best schools. We research pediatricians, debate school curricula, and obsess over nutrition labels. We plan meticulously. But are we paying equal attention to health hazards hiding in plain sight – in our parks and in our own homes?

Two items in the April 1 Town Crier deserve closer attention than they may have received.

The playground – and the playing field

The front page reports on new "Pour-In-Place" rubber surfacing installed at Hillview Park. What caught resident Laura Fay's eye was striking: workers installing the material wore full-body protective suits and respirators, and the chemical binder was labeled "Danger." City Manager Engeland called the surface safe, citing government research. But that same research found elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), benzothiazole, and other harmful chemicals – several linked to cancer, hormonal disruption, and developmental harm. "Limited exposure" is not "no hazard," particularly for children whose immune and detoxification systems are still developing.

The same concern extends to artificial turf. The crumb rubber infill used in most synthetic turf fields is made from the same recycled tire material as Pour-In-Place surfaces — and carries the same chemical burden. PAHs, PFAS, benzothiazole, and heavy metals have all been documented in artificial turf infill. Children playing on these fields face identical exposure pathways: hand-to-mouth ingestion after contact with the surface, inhalation of particles and off-gassed compounds, and skin contact during falls and slides. Athletes – who spend hours on these surfaces, often in intense physical exertion and heavy breathing – face prolonged and elevated exposure. Several studies have explored potential links between artificial turf exposure and elevated cancer rates among soccer goalkeepers, who have the most direct and frequent contact with the infill material. While research is ongoing, the precautionary principle argues strongly for caution.

The hazard from both surfaces operates through three distinct pathways. First, children

Other Voices

ingest these chemicals directly – they fall, roll, press their faces into surfaces, and routinely put hands to mouths. Second, on hot days these surfaces reach 140°F, off-gassing volatile organic compounds directly into the breathing zone of playing children, whose developing lungs are especially vulnerable. Third – and this affects every Los Altos resident, not just families with young children – PFAS "forever chemicals" leach through soil into groundwater. The California Water Service draws on local groundwater as part of our regional drinking water supply. PFAS don't break down; they accumulate in the environment and in human tissue over time. The EPA has set drinking water limits for several PFAS compounds at just 4 parts per trillion – a threshold that reflects how potent these substances are even in vanishingly small amounts.

Hillview Park has already been installed. Grant and Shoup Parks may be next. The cumulative contamination risk grows with every installation. The city should pause, apply the precautionary principle, and evaluate safer natural alternatives before proceeding.

The home

David Cain's letter described switching his home off gas as an "electrifying experience" – and it is. But the health case for doing so is even more compelling than he described.

Stanford researchers found that gas stoves alone expose children to nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter at levels rivaling outdoor pollution – linked to asthma, lung disease, and an estimated 50,000 pediatric asthma cases nationally. But the stove is just one appliance. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District found that gas furnaces and water heaters together emit nearly 3,700 tons of nitrogen oxides and 458 tons of fine particulate matter into our regional air annually. The health consequences are significant: up to 85 premature deaths, 110 new asthma cases, and 15,000 asthma attacks each year in the Bay Area alone.

Unlike the playground surfaces, this hazard has a straightforward remedy. Electric alternatives – heat pumps, induction stoves, heat pump water heaters — are readily available, increasingly affordable, and often eligible for rebates and other financial incentives.

The bottom line

We invest enormous energy planning for our children's futures. We choose their schools carefully, monitor their diets, and chauffeur them to every lesson and practice. It's time to apply that same careful attention to what they're breathing, touching, and ultimately drinking. Los Altos can and should lead on both of these issues – insisting on safer park surfaces and accelerating the transition away from gas in our homes and public buildings.

Our children – and all of us – deserve nothing less.

Cheryl Weiden is a member of Greentown Los Altos. She also serves on the steering committee of climate justice group 350 Silicon Valley.

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Loucks family prepares to leave their house, near the corner of what is now San Antonio Road and El Camino in 1912. To the left of the horse and buggy are Marie and Samuel Loucks; Charles and Ray stand to the right. The modern Loucks Avenue is named after this family.

Young artists shine in Los Altos Rotary's annual Young@Art competition

By Anne Kearns
Special to the Town Crier

Each year, the Rotary Club of Los Altos' Young@Art contest highlights the work of local high school artists, giving students a chance to share their creativity and be recognized. The annual competition brings together submissions from four local high schools, with Rotarian jurors awarding cash prizes to first- and second-place winners, along with an overall Best in Show. This year's winning artwork will be on display throughout April at Rick's Café in downtown Los Altos.

This year's Best in Show and first place went to Emilia Chen, an 11th grader at Los Altos High School, for her acrylic painting "Armored." The piece shows a figure in a suit of armor crossing a busy city street, set apart from the surrounding crowd. Chen describes feeling like she has "always existed with a stiff suit of armor that just won't come off."

Freestyle Academy's first place went to senior Jack Clark for "Unfortunate Reality," a digital photo composite exploring themes of technology and environmental control. "It's inevitable that humans and technology will likely merge," Clark writes, "but it's not inevitable for them to rule your whole lives."

Mountain View High School's first-place winner, senior Audrey Jackson, took a more personal approach with her oil painting "The Memory of Celebration." The piece depicts a young child blowing out birthday candles, surrounded by a blur of family and friends. "How something that once brought so much joy ... turned into just another memory, left to be forgotten with time," she reflects.



COURTESY OF ANNE KEARNS

"Armored" by Emilia Chen was awarded first place and Best in Show in Los Altos Rotary's annual Young@Art competition.

At Saint Francis High School, senior Kai Chappins earned first place for "Overworked and Underpaid," a digital illustration born out of school-born stress. "When I was first coming up with the concept, I was drowning in schoolwork and finals," Chappins says. "It felt suffocating."

Second-place honors went to Ashley Dillon (Freestyle Academy) for "Paradox

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Practicing Medicine with Time and Intention: Reflections on Nine Years in Concierge Care

Nine years ago, I made a decision that changed not only how I practice medicine, but how my patients experience it. After years in traditional internal medicine, I transitioned to a concierge model. Looking back, the greatest difference has been time.

In a conventional primary care setting, I often felt constrained by the clock. Visits were short, and the focus was usually limited to the most urgent issue, the "chief complaint." I could help address immediate concerns, but there was rarely space to explore the broader context of a patient's health. Increasingly, many patients today find themselves navigating long waits for appointments followed by brief 15- to 20-minute visits once they're finally seen.

Now, with longer appointments and a smaller patient panel, I can care for the whole person. We can consider not just lab results and medications, but also stress, sleep, family dynamics, and daily habits, all of which profoundly shape well-being.

Because I know my patients so well, it's possible to spot subtle changes even before they do. A different tone in their voice, a shift in energy, or something just slightly off. These small observations can prompt a conversation that makes a difference. Continuity matters. Relationships matter. Over time, as life and aging inevitably bring new challenges, the value of having a long-term connection with a physician who knows you well becomes increasingly clear.

This model allows me to practice medicine in the way I always envisioned: with an emphasis on prevention, collaboration, and personalized care. Instead of simply reacting to illness, we can often stay ahead of it through earlier screenings, thoughtful coordination with specialists, lifestyle adjustments, or sometimes just the right conversation at the right moment.

Changes in the broader healthcare environment have only reinforced my commitment to this approach. Here in Mountain View and across the Peninsula, physicians are managing growing patient loads alongside increasing administrative demands. The result is often less face-to-face time, even as the need for continuity and genuine connection remains strong. Each day, I'm grateful for the privilege of offering my patients attentive, unhurried care, and for ensuring they feel recognized, understood, and well supported.

Concierge medicine is sometimes misunderstood, with people assuming it's intended only for those with complex medical needs or abundant resources. In my experience, patients span a wide range of ages, backgrounds and health statuses. What unites them is not demographics, but the value they place on an individualized approach to well-being and a partnership built on trust and availability.

The most important lesson I've learned is a simple one: when physicians have time to listen, and patients have a trusted partner who truly knows them, medicine becomes more personal and more healing. Concierge care is not just a different way to practice; it's a return to the essence of medicine itself, and the quiet art of knowing, guiding, and caring. My hope is that more of healthcare will rediscover this balance, where time and trust are not luxuries, but the very foundation of lasting well-being.

About the author: Dr. Caroline Stratz is a board-certified internal medicine physician who has practiced in Mountain View for more than 25 years.

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Garden Club hosts luncheon to celebrate member's 90th birthday

Town Crier Report

The March 24 meeting of the Garden Club of Los Altos featured the annual members' potluck salad luncheon and a celebration of GCLA member Jean Gillette's upcoming 90th birthday in April. She jokes that she has held every office in the club except webmaster – she was last president in 2022-23.

The flower arranging program "Blooming Beyond the Vase" was presented by Olha Savchenko, award-winning floral designer and founder of Dragonfly Floristic, a floral art and design studio in downtown Los Altos.

Savchenko said, "I will demonstrate sculptural floral designs using hand-made structures originally created for exhibitions and competitions. My work explores line, movement and balance while using sustainable techniques to design flowers. I hope to inspire viewers to see flowers beyond traditional arrangements – as expressive, contemporary works of living art."

Alongside her studio practice, she teaches workshops and shares her passion for floral art with the community.

Originally from Ukraine, Savchenko transitioned from a corporate career to floristry in 2017. She is a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers, a five-time exhibitor at Bouquets to Art at the de Young Museum and a two-time participant in the international Fleurs de Villes floral show. In 2025, she was named a winner of the California State Floral Association Top Ten Designs Competition.

The Garden Club of Los Altos meets at the Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos, on the fourth Tuesday of each month except July, November and December. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m., and the program begins at approximately 1:30 p.m. There is a $10 fee for guests. For more information about the club and its activities, visit thegardenclubofloslatos.org. For Garden Club of Los Altos membership details, email GCLAmembership@gmail.com





COURTESY OF JUDY HOGAN

Top: Jean Gillette, longest (not oldest) member of the Garden Club of Los Altos, celebrating her upcoming 90th birthday at the March meeting. Bottom: Olha Savchenko, floral designer and owner of Dragonfly Floristic in Los Altos, demonstrates her sculptural floral designs at the Garden Club of Los Altos March meeting.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

April 14, 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.

Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Public comment will be received in person during the meeting or by written public comment submitted to publiccomment@losaltosca.gov

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt Resolution for Exempt Surplus Land Act
2. Adopt Resolution to Amend the Professional Services Agreement for Sound and Stage for 2026 Summer Concert Series

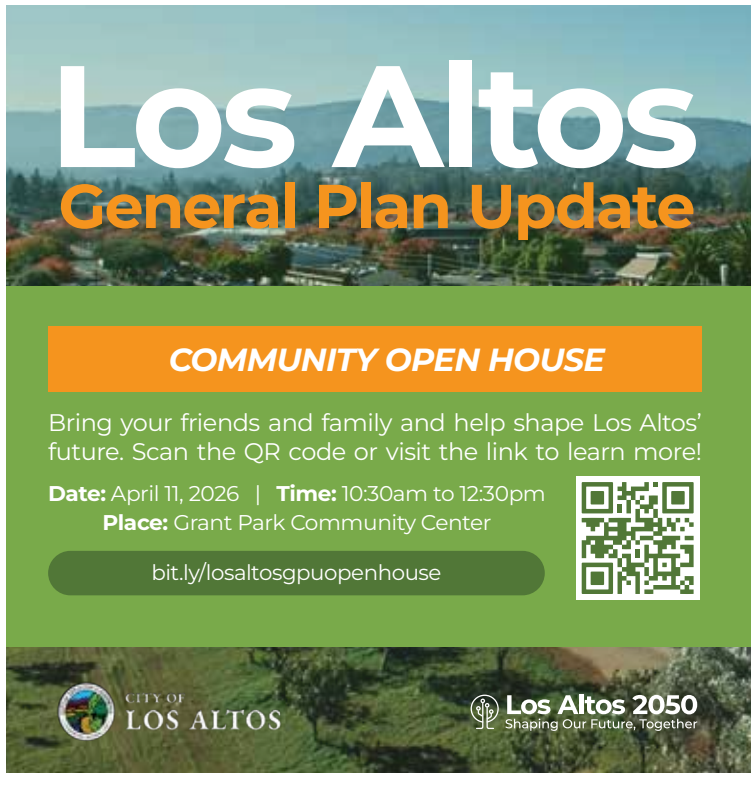
PUBLIC HEARING

3. 901 Fremont Ave – Tentative Map

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4. Fire Annexation

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Charles Olson hangs up his hat:
The end of an era in a local apricot ochard



COURTESY OF ROBIN CHAPMAN

Charles J. Olson at the heritage apricot orchard in Sunnyvale, which he has maintained for nearly half a century.

By Robin Chapman

Charles Olson has been caring for the apricot trees at Sunnyvale's Orchard Heritage Park for close to half a century. At first, he leased what was surplus land from the city of Sunnyvale for his fruit business. Then, at the turn of the 21st century, when the once-vast orchards of the Santa Clara Valley had just about vanished, citizens asked that the 10 acres he was farming be preserved as a heritage orchard. After that, Olson cared for the trees for the people of Sunnyvale and the Santa Clara Valley. If you needed local Blenheim apricots to recall the taste of summers past, you could find them for sale at the heritage orchard barn at the Sunnyvale civic center.

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Left: "The Memory of Celebration" by Audrey Jackson, Mountain View High School, Top Right: "Unfortunate Reality" by Jack Clark, Freestyle Academy, Bottom Right: "Overworked and Underpaid" by Kai Chappins, St. Francis High School.

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of Humanity," Ariana Yurchenko (Los Altos High School) for "Vitebsk," Elyse Choi (Mountain View High School) for "The Daydreamer," and Cate Blong (Saint Francis High School) for "Perception of Movement."

The exhibit runs through April at Rick's Café, 205 State St., Los Altos. For more information about the Young@Art contest, email LosAltosYoungAtArt@gmail.com or visit LosAltosRotary.org.

ORCHARD

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Now, at age 91, Olson has given notice he will retire.

"We are so grateful that Charlie has given us, quite literally, the fruits of his labor for almost 50 years," said Tim Kirby, Sunnyvale city manager. "We thank him for his incredible dedication and wish him well in his retirement."

The city has commissioned a study on the orchard's future. In the interim, Elisabeth Maurer, who has worked with Olson and his orchard operation for 34 years, is expected to manage the treasured property. Olson will keep an office at the heritage orchard barn. He's the third generation of his family to raise fruit in the Santa Clara Valley. In the late 19th century Carl Johan Olson came to California from Sweden and planted his first apricot and cherry trees in the land that became Sunnyvale. In 1899, Olson's father, R.C. Olson, was born and as an adult worked the property until his death in 1980.

"One day he gave me three or four orders," says Olson. "And the next morning he was gone."

Charles Olson has decided to plan his exit. "Time for me to have a rest," he said.

The Sunnyvale heritage orchard is one of three public orchard preserves remaining in the Santa Clara Valley, once home to hundreds and thousands of acres of fruit trees – the largest orchard business the world had ever seen. The Los Altos Heritage Orchard, a remnant of an orchard planted in the early 20th century by J. Gilbert Smith which now surrounds the Los Altos Civic Center, became the first local heritage orchard when it was designated a City Historic Landmark in 1981. In 1984, Saratoga set aside 13.9 acres of the last remaining orchard in that city as its Central Park Orchard. In the early 21st century, Sunnyvale's Orchard Heritage Park was preserved, and thanks to the work of Charles Olson it has been maintained to perfection.

The fourth generation continues the family tradition. Olson's daughter, Deborah, operates C.J. Olson's Cherries, which sells both dried and fresh orchard products online and in specialty stores around the region. She works with the help of her father's longtime friend Andy Mariani, the proprietor of Andy's Orchard in Morgan Hill, who said recently about Charles Olson: "He is a local icon and a symbol of resilience as he continued to grow his beloved apricots and cherries despite the challenges of farming in an increasingly urbanized Silicon Valley." Mariani, age 80, added: "He has inspired me to continue farming as long as I am able."

If he needed a reminder that it was time to retire, Olson got it recently when he took a spill in the orchard and cracked a couple of ribs. It was a minor setback for the 6'4" man who once played professional football in the Canadian Football League. "I would love the chance to go skiing again," he says. I don't know if that's a good idea or not. But I do know Charles J. Olson has certainly earned his vacation.

Robin Chapman is a longtime journalist, a Los Altos native and the author of three books about California, including "California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley," published by The History Press.

Stepping Out

April has local music and theater offerings for everyone

Town Crier Report

The next couple of weeks feature an exciting mix of events, with music ranging from classical to experimental and theater that takes viewers to Russia and Newfoundland. Following are a few picks to step out to.

• **The Shoreline Piano Trio,** 7:30 p.m. Friday (April 10)

The Community School of Music and Arts hosts The Shoreline Piano Trio in a celebration of the piano's expressive range through three distinctive voices. Menghua Lin, piano; Sue-mi Shin, violin; and Katie Youn, cello present "Intimacy, Brilliance, and Vibrance: Piano Trios Across Time." The trio will perform Mozart's Piano Trio in B-flat Major, K. 502, Gabriela Lena Frank's folk songs for piano trio and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in C Minor, Op. 66.

The free one-hour concert takes place in CSMA's Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, and is suitable for ages 7 and up. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/ShorelinePianoTrio-April10.

• **Dvořák Cello Concerto by Palo Alto Philharmonic,** 7:30 p.m. Saturday (April 11), Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m.

Evan Kahn plays the Dvořák Cello Concerto, plus music by Sibelius and Britten.

Tickets are $10 to $25. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/Cello-Cubberley-April11.

• **David Byrne, "Who is the Sky" Tour,** 8 p.m. April 16, Frost Amphitheater, Stanford

Fans of the Talking Heads and David Byrne's more recent endeavors may want to splurge on Byrne's "Who is the Sky" tour. The Stanford Live website describes the "Who is the Sky" album as "cinematic and playfully experimental. ... The record deepens Byrne's lifelong curiosity about human connection, identity and the beautifully absurd, blending intimate orchestral textures with the inventive spirit that has defined his work across decades."

Presented by Stanford Live and Goldenvoice. All Ages welcome. Tickets range from $186 to $1,250 (for really big fans). For tickets and more information, visit live.stanford.edu/events/26-frost/david-byrne.

• **"Come From Away,"** April 15 through May 10, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts MainStage, 500 Castro St.

TheatreWorks stages the Olivier Award-winning musical based on the remarkable true story of 7,000 passengers stranded by the tragic events on Sept. 11, 2001, and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.

Tickets are $39-$99. For tickets and more information, visit mvcpa.com.

• **"The Cherry Orchard,"** April 16 through May 10, Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos

Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard," adapted by Tom Stoppard, delves into the emotional landscape of the Russian aristocracy's decline and the burgeoning middle class at the dawn of the 20th century. It follows the Ranevskaya family as they return to their beloved ancestral estate, facing the imminent auction that threatens to strip them of their heritage due to overwhelming debts. This timeless narrative encapsulates themes of loss, memory and the often-fruitless desire to cling to the past.

Tickets are $28-$51 (April 16 features a "pay what you can" option, with tickets starting at $13). For tickets and more information, visit losaltosstage.org.

• **Mads Tolling Sam Reider Duo with Larry Ochs Ben Davis Fred Lonberg-Holm Trio,** 8 p.m. April 17, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road

Renowned Danish-American violinist, violist and composer Mads Tolling makes his debut with Sam Reider (accordion, piano). Tolling is a two-time Grammy Award-winner and a former member of the Turtle Island Quartet. The evening also features Larry Ochs (saxophone) with Ben Davis and Fred Lonberg-Holm (cellos).

Tickets are $20. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/MadsTolling-April17.



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LASD maintains AAA rating, projects major savings and campus upgrades

By Julia Baum
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The Los Altos School District has retained its AAA credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, a distinction officials say will help reduce borrowing costs and support campus improvements.

The Los Altos School District has retained its top-tier AAA credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, a designation held by only a small number of school districts statewide. Officials say the rating will save taxpayers money while supporting long-term campus improvements.

S&P also assigned the AAA rating to the district's upcoming $90 million Series 2024A General Obligation Bonds, which will finance the first phase of the district's Measure EE bond program.

District officials estimate that maintaining the AAA rating will significantly reduce borrowing costs. According to Erik Walukiewicz, assistant superintendent of business services, total debt service would have been approximately $1.28 million higher without the top rating. He said the rating helps the district secure the most favorable interest rates, maximizing the impact of taxpayer dollars.

The bond proceeds will fund major facilities work across the district, including construction of the new San Antonio campus, which is expected to open in fall 2028. Site work and reconfiguration efforts will also support a shift to a middle school model, adding sixth grade to both Blach and Egan schools.

The AAA rating reflects strong fiscal management and deep community support, according to S&P, which cited the district's affluent Silicon Valley tax base, voter-approved parcel taxes and contributions from the Los Altos Educational Foundation.

Superintendent Sandra McGonagle called the rating "a testament to our community's unwavering support and our board's commitment to prudent fiscal stewardship."

"By maintaining the highest possible credit rating, we

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MVLA trustees question AP Seminar rollout, equity across schools



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The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees is reviewing a proposed AP Seminar course at Mountain View High School after questions were raised about oversight and equity.

By Julia Baum
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A proposed AP Seminar course at Mountain View High School, taught for two years without board approval, prompted questions about equity, oversight and course design at a recent Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees meeting.

The board is now considering formal approval of the course after a March 23 first reading, declining to place it on the consent calendar and instead requesting further discussion, information and community input.

District staff said AP Seminar replaced AP Language and Composition as the school's 10th-grade advanced English course, creating a gap in advanced sophomore English offerings. The course is intended as an entry-level AP option for sophomores, emphasizing research, writing and presentation skills through a mix of projects and exams. Staff added that it is designed to prepare students for AP English Language in 11th grade and to expand access to advanced coursework, particularly for students who may not thrive in traditional test-heavy classes.

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ensure that we can fund vital school improvements at the lowest possible cost to our taxpayers," McGonagle said.

The district noted that its reliance on local funding – rather than the state funding mix typical of many California districts – helps provide greater financial stability and predictability.

In addition to revenue strength, S&P cited the district's proactive financial management, including maintaining reserves above 20% of revenue and "rightsizing" staffing in response to enrollment changes.

Over the past decade, the district has seen enrollment declines but recently reported stabilization, aided in part by the addition of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes required by the state. The district has also added staff to support the state-mandated Universal Meals Program while reducing overall staffing levels in recent years, from 467 full-time equivalent employees in 2022–2023 to a projected 410 in the upcoming school year.

Despite its strong outlook, the district acknowledged ongoing financial risks, including potential economic downturns that could affect property tax revenue, rising healthcare and inflation costs, and unfunded state and federal mandates.

Looking ahead, officials say maintaining adequate reserves will remain critical to sustaining programs and operations.

For residents, district leaders say the benefits of the AAA rating extend beyond finance. Strong local schools, they argue, help sustain home values and community quality of life.

"We have a great supportive community that supports our local neighborhood schools," Walukiewicz said. "Anytime we invest in bonds, parcel taxes and donate to the Los Altos Educational Foundation (it) is critical for our success, and homeowners benefit from this as well."

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According to data presented, pass rates for AP English Language increased from approximately 80% to 97% after shifting to 11th grade, while AP Seminar students posted a roughly 92% pass rate in its first exam year. Staff said the results suggest both the course shift and the addition of AP Seminar are working as intended, though they acknowledged the data is limited.

Much of the board's discussion focused less on outcomes than on how the course was implemented.

Multiple trustees expressed concern that AP Seminar had been offered for two years without formal board approval, calling the process "out of order" and questioning how the district defines and evaluates pilot courses. Staff and trustees also discussed how the course was implemented as a pilot, though some board members said clearer guidelines are needed to define when and how pilot programs should be brought forward for formal approval.

"If we're going to have board approval, it needs to take place in the beginning of the process," Board President Thida Cornes said, adding that the current situation limits the board's ability to provide meaningful input.

Concerns about equity between the district's two high schools were also raised, with trustees noting that Mountain View High School offers AP Seminar in 10th grade while Los Altos High School offers an honors-level English course instead, a difference some said could affect access to AP-weighted GPA opportunities and comparisons across campuses. The board also noted that at Mountain View, AP Seminar is currently the only advanced English option available to sophomores, prompting questions about student choice and the availability of alternative pathways.

District staff said the course change was partly intended to address equity by aligning AP English Language with 11th grade, consistent with College Board recommendations, and by introducing an earlier skill-building AP option less focused on exam performance.

They added that AP Seminar is designed to provide broader advanced coursework access, particularly for students who may benefit from additional support before taking more traditional AP English classes.

Trustees said they want additional data on enrollment patterns, student outcomes and how the course affects access to later English coursework before making a final decision.

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Sports

Local senior tennis team competes at USTA Nationals

By Bill Moniz

For a record fifth consecutive year, the 65+ 6.0 men from the Sunnyvale Tennis Club competed in the USTA National Invitational Tennis Championships in Surprise, Arizona, in February 2026. The Sunnyvale team was undefeated in league play for the eighth consecutive year and won its fifth straight Northern California sectional title by defeating teams from Vallejo, Walnut Creek and Laney to again represent Northern California at the National Invitational Championship.

Thirteen USTA Sectional Champion teams from all over the United States competed in the grueling three-day tennis tournament for both men and women, with skill levels ranging from 6.0 to 9.0, featuring some of the best 65+ doubles tennis players in the country.

The Men's Northern California Champions (NorCal) from the Sunnyvale Tennis Club included Los Altans Bill Moniz and Paul Kutler, along with players from Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Campbell and San Jose.

The team not only had difficult draws in the first two days of competition, facing three of the four eventual final four teams, but lost four players to injuries, two a week before the tournament (a concussion and a broken neck) and two during the tournament. While their tournament record of 1-3 was disappointing, the team played competitive matches.

The team started out with

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The 2025 Sunnyvale Tennis Club team that competed at the USTA National Invitational Tennis Championship, from left to right, Mike Dunnam, Joe Tremba, Phil Medina, Rich Reitman, Mel Fong, Bill Freeman, Bill Moniz, Paul Kutler, Cliff Nishimoto and Steve Honodel. Kneeling: team captain Larry Hayes. Not shown: Greg Borromeo, Jim Ducey, John McManus, Sam Tseng, Ron Wong and Tak Young. The group was part of the February tournament for the fifth consecutive year, in Surprise, Arizona.

Mountain View girls lacrosse looks to make playoff push

By Curtis Driscoll
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A strong second half from the Mountain View girls lacrosse team was not enough in a 14-11 loss against Palo Alto Wednesday night.

Down 12-3 at halftime, Mountain View stayed positive and went on a 5-1 run in the third quarter to make it 13-8 at the start of the fourth. Mountain View went on a 3-1 run in the fourth quarter but ran out of time.

Mountain View head coach Abi Smith credited the team's spirit in fighting back and playing its game against a skilled Palo Alto team.

"We are very big on our pep talks on the sideline," Smith said. "I really think we just got the energy up."

Meg Bennion led Mountain View with five goals, including four in the second half, while Kana Ohnishi had four. The pair combined for nine of the team's 11 goals.

Last year was the first time the Mountain View girls team had made it to the Central Coast Section playoffs, something Smith, in her third season as Mountain View's head coach, hopes to replicate this year. Mountain View finished in fifth place in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League at 6-6 and made the Division II bracket as the No. 6 seed, falling in the quarterfinals to No. 3 seed Hillsdale.

"So that was a huge deal," Smith said of making the playoffs. "Making sure we have that goal in mind, but even if we don't get there, we are playing with good sportsmanship, we are playing our game and just making sure these kids are having fun."

The top three teams in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League receive automatic bids to the CCS playoffs, with teams below that have to be selected for the playoffs. Mountain View (3-6) is 3-3 in league standings in fourth place, behind Gunn, Palo Alto and Los Gatos.

Mountain View plays Saratoga 7 p.m. April 15.



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Mountain View's Kana Ohnishi, No. 7, jumps up to get a better shot at goal during the game against Palo Alto Wednesday.

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a tough 2-1 loss in the first round to the Eastern Section team from New York and eventual fourth-place finisher this year, losing both tiebreaker matches. Later that night, the team rallied to defeat the Hawaiian team from Oahu 2-1. Day two started with a loss against the always tough number one seed and the last four years' champions, as well as this year's champions, Northern, 3-0. The final match of the day was another 3-0 loss, this time against the number two seed and last year's runner-up, the Intermountain team from Sandy, Utah, that also finished second again in this year's tournament. Finishing ninth of 13 teams, this was the first time in the last four years that the team did not reach the final four.

With the current 2026 season underway, Sunnyvale has clinched the league championship once again and will be playing in the Northern California Sectionals in May in hopes of once again returning to Surprise and having another shot at the National Championship title.

Longtime captain/player Larry Hayes said of the tournament, "Old is gold. After 30+ years of captaining and playing on over 70 USTA tennis teams, taking nine to the Nationals, I've learned that winning is great, but at 86, the true victory is the lifelong friendships and bonds with my teammates who have stood by my side for decades."

Prep Sports Summary

Baseball

The Los Altos baseball team swept Wilcox last week and is now in second place in the SCVAL De Anza Division standings at 6-2, behind first place Los Gatos (7-0). Los Altos won the first game of the series 12-4 thanks to three RBIs from Angel Lara-Espinoza, while the second game required a walkoff run Friday from the home team. Tied 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning after a stellar defensive game from both teams, Cooper Very smashed a 2-1 pitch down the left field line and got a double. A walk moved pitch runner Chris Klinker to third for the Eagles. With one out, Wes Calhoun hit a sharp grounder to the second baseman, who bobbled the ball and enabled Klinker to beat the throw home and score the walkoff run. Los Altos pitcher Anders Wood went six innings, striking out seven and walking only three with four singles.

Mountain View beat Homestead 8-3 Friday to split the two-game series last week. The visiting Mustangs took an early 2-0 lead in the second inning, but the Spartans rallied to tie it 2-2. Homestead once again took the lead in the top of the fourth 3-2, but Mountain View responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning, followed by another three in the sixth to put the game out of reach. Zander Yocum finished with three doubles, four RBIs and two stolen bases. Mountain View pitcher Brennan Dooley got the win in a complete game, giving up three runs. The win gives Mountain View (3-9) its first league victory of the season in the SCVAL De Anza Division at 1-5. Homestead (5-9) is 5-4 in league play.

St. Francis beat Oak Ridge and Franklin in non-league play Thursday, moving to 14-2 on the season. St. Francis hosts Central Catholic 6:30 p.m. today and Carmel 4 p.m. Saturday.

Softball

The Mountain View girls softball team (4-11) beat Saratoga 7-3 Thursday for its first league win of the season in the De Anza Division.

Los Altos lost to Homestead 7-1 Friday, pushing Homestead into first place in the De Anza Division at 4-0 and dropping Los Altos into third at 2-1. Los Altos is 7-7-2 overall, while Homestead is 13-4.

Visiting St. Francis beat Salinas 7-1 Saturday. St. Francis is now 10-1, while Salinas is 9-3.

Girls Lacrosse

The Los Altos girls lacrosse team (1-9) lost away at Sequoia (3-8) Friday.

St. Francis (5-2) took down Stevenson 11-6 in an away contest April 1.

Boys Lacrosse

The Los Altos boys lacrosse team lost to Woodside 11-9 in its Peninsula Athletic League Ocean Division game Thursday. Los Altos (3-4) is fourth in league play at 3-2, while Woodside (8-1) is tied for first with Sequoia at 4-1.

Mountain View lost to Menlo-Atherton 11-3 in an away contest Thursday. Mountain View (3-5) is now 0-4 in the Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division. Menlo (4-3) is in first at 3-0.

St. Francis (5-4) beat Archbishop Mitty (5-4) 18-2 March 24 in its West Catholic Athletic League matchup. St. Francis is 1-2 in league play, while Mitty is 0-4.

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2026 Polestar 4 offers improved EV option to lineup

By Mike Hagerty

Auto Review

About two years ago ("On the Move," April 2024), I brought you the Polestar 2. You may not have seen another Polestar since. Even on the tech-friendly Peninsula, Polestar has been largely an under-the-radar electric vehicle brand.

It's owned by Geely, the Chinese automaker that also owns Volvo, and there were many commonalities between the Polestar 2 and the Volvo S60.

Polestar is evolving rapidly into its own distinct flavor, though. The Polestar 2, a sedan, is still available, an SUV called Polestar 3, which I have not driven, has joined the lineup and now we have the Polestar 4, which it describes as having "coupe aerodynamics and SUV spaciousness."

The most obvious comparison is with the Tesla Model Y, with the Polestar 4 being 3 1/2 inches longer, 3 1/2 inches wider and 3 1/2 inches lower.

Oh yeah, and the Polestar doesn't have a rear window.

You read that right – there is no rear window. The Polestar engineers felt they could achieve better aerodynamics and some weight loss by not having a huge pane of glass at the back of the Polestar 4. There are the required two outside mirrors and inside is a digital rear view mirror – essentially a monitor of what the cameras mounted on the rear of the vehicle are seeing.

These digital mirrors aren't new. I've seen them in cars for about five years now. That said, I'm not a big fan.

While a digital mirror can show you what's behind you, it can't tell you how far behind you it is in the same way that a physical mirror can. It's not a problem in, say, backing out of a parking space, but if another car is on your bumper on the freeway, it's difficult to tell just how close that other car is. It's also more sensitive to the headlights of cars behind you than an inside mirror on its "night" setting is.



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The 2026 Polestar 4 does not have a rear window, with a digital rear view mirror inside.

That is one of only two complaints I have about the Polestar 4 Dual Motor, though. Its 544 horsepower and 506 pound-feet of torque with all-wheel-drive make it the fastest vehicle Polestar makes, with 0-60 happening in 3.7 seconds and a range of 280 miles per charge. If you want to go

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Never tire of good balance and rotations on your car

By Matthew Pataky

Matt the Mechanic

Sometimes, a very violent problem can turn out to be something very basic. Within one week, I had two of these issues show up at the shop. The first was a 1997 Toyota Camry LE with a check engine light on. The Toyota owner told me that, besides the check engine light, he needed front struts. Since the Toyota is 29 years old, I told the customer, "Let's find out what the check engine light is first before taking on other work."

Once the Toyota was in the shop, we connected the scanner and pulled codes. The car had four codes P0300 random multiple misfires, P0304 misfire cylinder #4 current, P0304 misfire cylinder #4 History and P1135 Air fuel sensor heater circuit (bank 1 /sensor 1) History. The P0304 was the code that triggered the check engine light. Because of that, the first thing we did was a compression test. All four cylinders were between 185 pounds per square inch (PSI) to 210 PSI. Since we have to remove the spark plugs to perform a compression test, we checked them. The spark plugs were extremely worn out. We then suggested that we replace the spark plugs and test drive the car. The customer gave us the OK to replace the spark plugs, but then reminded me about the struts.

After the spark plug replacement, we cleared the codes and test drove the car. This is where things got scary. When the car got over 30 mph, the front end started shaking violently. Now I know why the customer wanted us to check the suspension. We had to drive the car back to the shop right away as it was not safe. The shake was so bad I thought a control arm or possibly a tie rod was about to fall off the car.

Once the car was on the lift, we looked at the suspension. The front and rear struts were soft, but not blown or falling apart. The control arms and tie rods were old, but were all fastened properly and had no movement. For a moment, I scratched my head. Could it be a tire? I then spun the wheels on the car and checked to see if one of them was wobbling. I could not see a wobble. I then called the customer and told him what I was feeling. I then sold a tire balance. All of the tires were out of balance. Not severely, but out of balance. We then moved the best two tires to the front. Once the tires were on, I test drove the car again. The car drove great and did not shake.

The second car was a 2013 Volkswagen Beetle that came in for normal service. During the normal service, we found the front struts blown and some uneven tire wear. We suggest replacing the front struts, rotating tires and alignment.

After the work was completed, we test drove the car. Going straight and turning left, the car was fine. Yet if we accelerated from a stop and turned to the right, the car would shake violently for about 100 feet. The technician did not remember this from his original test drive. We brought the car back to the shop and checked the work. Everything from the front strut work was correct and did not have a problem. We then figured that one of the tires that was rotated from the back to the front must be out of balance. We removed the front two tires and checked them. Both tires were perfectly in balance.

Once again, I was scratching my head. We then spun each front wheel by hand on the balancer. While we were



spinning them, we placed our hand on the tire tread. The tire that was on the right front had no irregularities. The tire on the left front had a small bump that you could feel with your hand, but not see. It was almost as if the tire was coming apart on the inside. Since that tire was on the left rear before, we moved it back there. We then moved the left rear tire that was on the left front back. Before installing the left rear tire back to the left front, we checked its balance. That tire was out of balance. We then balanced that one tire and installed all three back on the car. After that, the car drove fine – left, right and straight.

We found that the tire we had moved from the left rear to the left front, with

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On the Move

New Toyota Grand Highlander reveals no flaws on Central Coast

By Mike Hagerty

Auto Review

"You don't really know if you love a car until you've lived with a car for a bit."

That was the phrase that popped into my mind as I sat down to write this review of the 2026 Toyota Grand Highlander Platinum Hybrid MAX.

The next thing that popped into my head was:

"I think I've actually led a review with that phrase before."

So I checked, and I have – here in the pages of the Los Altos Town Crier and the pixels of losaltosonline.com.

And it was my review of the 2019 Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited Platinum ("On the Move," November 2019). My wife and I had taken it on what was a tradition for us in those days – an annual big camping trip in early fall, and we had the '19 Highlander for two weeks as we drove to Telluride, Colorado and back.

Things have changed in six years – there was no Grand Highlander then, but there is now. And what was supposed to be a one-week loan was graciously extended to two weeks by the good folks at Toyota and their associates at DriveShop when we arrived at San Simeon for four nights and decided to extend our stay to eight nights.

The reason for the escape is plain to see in the picture, taken before we left. This was during the extended inversion that trapped fog and bitter cold between the Sierra Nevada and the coastal ranges for three weeks. The Central Coast was sunny and 65 – so we went.

All told, we put 1,000 miles on the 2026 Toyota Grand Highlander Platinum Hybrid MAX. It's a very different vehicle from what Toyota was making in 2019. While Toyota still sells the Highlander (updated since), the Grand Highlander is a larger three-row SUV that in 2025 sold more than twice as well as the smaller Highlander.

The Grand Highlander can be had with a 265-horsepower gasoline engine, a hybrid powerplant with 245 combined net horsepower, or in this case, the Hybrid MAX – 362 combined net horsepower. That leap in output is not wretched excess. It gives the Grand Highlander a 5,000-pound towing capacity and more than sufficient passing power, all while delivering solid fuel economy. The EPA estimate is 26 miles per gallon city, 27 highway. The ads always say "your mileage may vary," and mine did. But in a good way. I beat the EPA estimate. Substantially. During the long highway drive to and from San Simeon, I averaged 32.5 miles per gallon. Credit a steady, light foot on the throttle and a consistent legal speed. Or what my neighbor Phil, who owns two Porsches, would call "driving like an old man." Whatever.

The base price of the 2026 Toyota Grand Highlander Platinum Hybrid Max is $59,275 ($60,770 including destination) and that buys a thoroughly loaded vehicle, with all-wheel drive, a comprehensive suite of active safety features, 20-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry and pushbutton start, a panoramic moonroof, a hands-free power liftgate, a 12.3-inch center touchscreen with an 11-speaker JBL audio system featuring wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, leather-trimmed upholstery, heated and ventilated power front seats and heated outboard second-row seats, a three-zone climate control, digital rear-view mirror, plus a 1,500-watt inverter with two household 120-volt AC outlets.



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The 2026 Toyota Grand Highlander Platinum Hybrid MAX.

And... that's it. There are no extra-cost options. The total as-tested price? $60,770.

Two weeks and a thousand miles is enough to reveal the flaws in any vehicle. I could find none in the 2026 Toyota Grand Highlander Platinum Hybrid MAX other than...

I had to give it back to Toyota.

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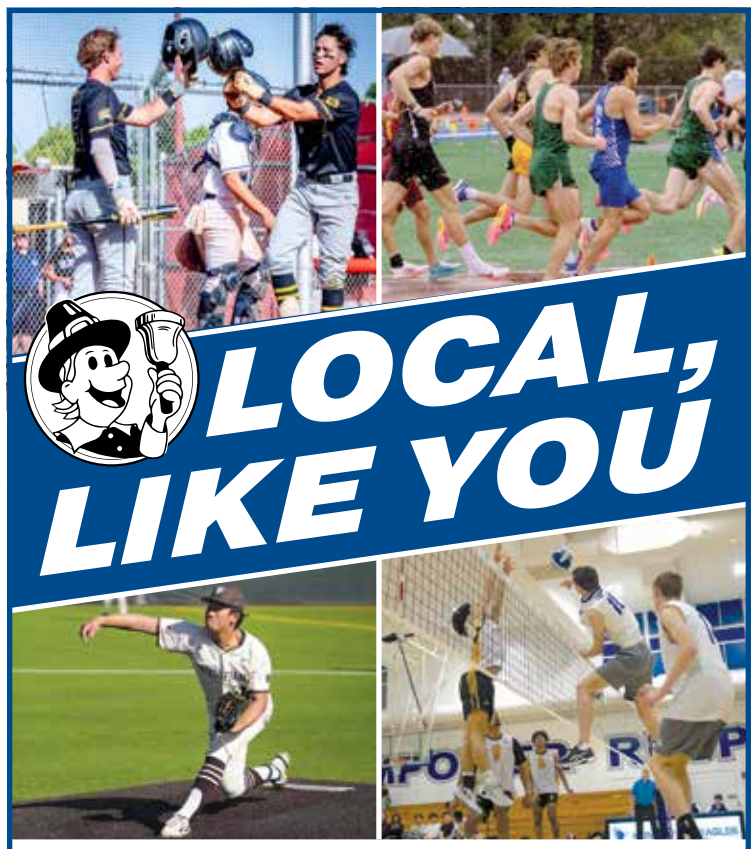
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farther, not faster, there's also a single-motor Polestar 4, but the dip in power (272 hp/253 lb-ft of torque, 0-60 in 6.9 seconds) doesn't buy much more range – an additional 30 miles (310 miles).

It's smooth, solid and a great handler. I genuinely loved driving it.

The second complaint? It's not unique to the Polestar 4 – in fact, it's common with EVs, and if you're choosing between this and a Tesla, it's irrelevant, because both of them have it: Everything – and I mean EVERYTHING – is in the touchscreen. Adjusting the seats, adjusting the mirrors, opening the rear hatch. Opening the glove compartment.

The good news is that most of those things are things that you'd probably do infrequently and while parked. But other adjustments – entertainment, climate control, turning on the fog lights – it's all in the screen.

European safety regulations soon to take effect will require certain essential functions come out of the screen, and frankly, that day can't come too soon.

The base price of the 2026 Polestar 4 Dual Motor is $62,900 ($64,300 including destination) and it comes with LED lighting, 60/40 split-folding rear seats, continuously controlled active damping suspension, a full-length panoramic roof, a high-performance audio system with Google built-in and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android auto, an advanced driver assistance system with radar, 11 exterior cameras and 12 ultrasonic sensors and a comprehensive suite of active safety features.



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The interior of the 2026 Polestar 4.

The one I drove had two options: 21-inch wheels ($1,800) and metallic paint – the shade is called "Snow" ($1,300), so the as-tested price is $67,400. That's roughly ten grand more than a comparably-equipped Tesla Model Y, but the Polestar 4's premium materials justify that extra expense, in my view.

Polestar has done a lot in a very short time in terms of building out an EV lineup and improving its offerings. It'll be fascinating to see what comes next.

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the irregularity, was causing a vibration when the car turned to the right. This was occurring because there was more load on the right front tire than the left front tire during an acceleration to the right. I know, I know – that is a lot.

Normally, I would not write an article on something so basic, yet it was just unusual to have such acute cases come in days apart. In the end, this just reminds us how important it is to perform tire balances, tire rotations and wheel alignments.

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Business & Real Estate

News and moves: Downtown Los Altos business updates

By Christina Casillas
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Downtown Los Altos is bustling as spring makes its entrance. With branches turning green with new leaves and a nice warmth settling in, there are a number of things going on – and changes brewing – here's a little update.

Businesses

The Clickaway Los Altos Service Center, previously located at 357 Main St., has closed. The business is now directing customers to another location in Campbell along Winchester Boulevard.

The restaurateurs of Little Blue Door, a restaurant in State Street Market, are nominated for outstanding restaurateurs in the James Beard Foundation's 2026 Restaurant and Chef Awards. In addition to Little Blue Door, restaurateurs Srijith Gopinathan and Ayesha Thapar, Cal-India Collective, operate restaurants in San Francisco, Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

The James Beard Foundation is a self-described destination for gastronomical and restaurant excellence, according to the foundation's website. It aims to celebrate leaders and wavemakers in the independent restaurant industry.

Downtown events

It's almost Downtown Los Altos Farmers Market season. The farmers market returns to State Street from 4-9 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The market is held at the same time every Thursday, rain or shine, until Oct. 15. While the list of vendors continues to grow, attendees can expect familiar vendors including Apricot King Orchards and Bay Area Orchids.
The market is a partnership between the Los Altos Village Association and the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO
The Downtown Los Altos Farmers Market will makes its 2026 debut April 30.

Avoid a Summer Breakdown: Now is the time to replace old HVAC systems

Feature Impact

With summer heat just around the corner, homeowners may not be aware that spring can be a perfect time to prepare for rising temperatures. An outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, for example, may not be up for the task of keeping a home cool.

In fact, it can end up costing homeowners more in the long term due to a gradual decline in efficiency and more frequent repairs. In addition to savings over time, there are multiple reasons to replace an aging system this spring.

In a recent survey, Carrier found more than one-quarter (26%) of homeowners don't know the age of their HVAC system, and a slight majority (54%) don't know the average lifespan of one. Those knowledge gaps can result in missed opportunities for long-term savings.

Aging systems can't take the heat

Many homeowners postpone purchasing a new HVAC system until their existing system fails or they find their aging system is struggling to maintain a consistent temperature. Often, upfront costs deter homeowners from purchasing a new system; however, eight in 10 homeowners would consider a new heating and cooling system if it paid for itself in energy savings within five to 10 years. With a new energy-efficient system, those savings are possible.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FEATURE IMPACT
Spring is the best time to change HVAC systems.

A new HVAC system is a critical home investment

Modern heating and cooling systems have uses beyond heating and cooling. They can improve air quality in the home by balancing humidity levels, reducing drafts and keeping a consistent climate throughout multiple rooms and stories. They also use less energy and run more quietly than older systems, making a home quieter and more cost-effective.

HVAC basics homeowners may miss

HVAC units often go unseen, yet a home's comfort depends on them running consistently. It's critical that homeowners schedule annual maintenance appointments to ensure their system is running as it should and they're aware of when it may be time to replace.

While it may seem more cost-effective to stick with an outdated system for one more season, an old system could end up prolonging issues and ultimately cost homeowners more in repairs.

Spring is an ideal time to invest in a new HVAC system, as contractors are generally more available to install a new system and homeowners can get ahead of the summer heat, ensuring they'll be cool all season long.

Signs it's time to replace

Red flags that indicate it's time for a new HVAC system include: a system that's more than 10-15 years old, a system that needs noticeably more repairs, energy bills going up despite usage remaining the same, inconsistent temperatures, a system struggling to maintain the desired temperature or a system that's constantly running or seems less efficient than it used to.

Many companies offer specials during the spring and fall months, known as shoulder season. For example, until May 31, Carrier is offering 0% APR for 60 months and up to $2,100 in rebates so customers can get a jumpstart on a cool, comfortable home. A new HVAC system means more than just cool temps this summer; it means added home value, cleaner air and peace of mind.

Learn more about available rebates, tax credits and financing plans at Carrier.com or contact a local expert.

Transactions

Los Altos

150 West Edith Avenue #13, Coppel Trust to Shah 2000 Trust for $735,000

101 2nd Street #2, Zolfaghari Trust to Stout Family Trust for $762,000

1280 Grant Road #94024, Crouch 2010 Trust to J. and L. Xu for $3,171,000

1235 Via Huerta, Seminara Trust to Dixon Trust for $3,550,000

893 Madonna Way, P. Tomkins to P. and D. Gupta for $4,188,000

652 Rosewood Court, Kuperman Family Trust to S. and S. Mukherjee for $4,350,000

459 Los Ninos Way, Visionary Development LLC to Sigma Homes LLC for $5,225,500

83 Doud Drive, Lukrich Family Trust to Silicon Vly Wzgarland Cap for $6,760,000

Los Altos Hills

27856 Black Mountain Road, Scott Trust to K. and X. Yu for $4,830,000

26321 Alexander Place, Field Family Trust to 26321 Holdings LLC for $18,150,000

Mountain View

1033 Crestview Drive #308, M. Phillips to D. and P. Khade for $498,000

83 Devonshire Avenue #7, Kohn Trust to B. and L. Humphreys for $1,100,000

2045 Atlas Loop, B. Thompson to C. and J. Wen for $1,320,000

2574 Alvin Street, S. Singh to Patti Trust for $1,520,000

311 Marquetta Circle, L. Dai to H. Rahn for $1,545,000

2287 Mora Place, M. Fu to X. and B. Sun for $1,550,000

455 Lotus Lane, Pine Trust to J. Dai for $1,550,000

201 Ortega Avenue, Goodrich Trust to M. and J. Johnson for $1,831,000

2268 Mora Place, X. Yan to S. and G. Go for $1,905,000

628 Mountain View Avenue, Lezchuk Trust to Super Amazing Capital LLC for $2,000,000

348 Nita Avenue, Y. Wan to F. and P. Deng for $2,470,000

217 Heartwood Lane, J. Wu to C. and G. Siano for $2,648,000

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10090 Pasadena Avenue #A4, Zhang Trust to M. and T. Wu for $1,213,000

10741 Santa Lucia Road, Y. Meng to H. and S. Liu for $2,560,000

10252 Creston Drive, Larson Family Trust to Y. and S. Zhu for $3,343,000

10080 South Tantau Avenue, M. and H. Mahajan to S. and C. Lai for $6,000,000

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Los Altos

Total sales: 8
Lowest sale: $735,000
Highest sale: $6,760,000
Average sale: $3,592,700

Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 2
Lowest sale: $4,830,000
Highest sale: $18,150,000
Average sale: $11,490,000

Mountain View

Total sales:12
Lowest sale: $498,000
Highest sale: $2,648,000
Average sale: $1,661,400

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Next Level Board Games in Mountain View has closed



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Next Level Board Game Cafe is pictured prior to its 2023 opening.

Town Crier Staff Report

Next Level Board Game Cafe in Mountain View, a haven for board game enthusiasts, has closed.

The last day of operation was Thursday, March 26, according to a post on the business's website.

"While this is not the outcome we had hoped for, we are grateful to have been a part of the local community for as long as we were. It has been the honor of a lifetime watching so many people find joy through our small business that we built from the ground up," the statement said.

According to a November 2023 Town Crier article, the business offered a site for board games to be played as well as a retail section for board game purchases.

Next Level Board Game Cafe was located at 888 Villa St.



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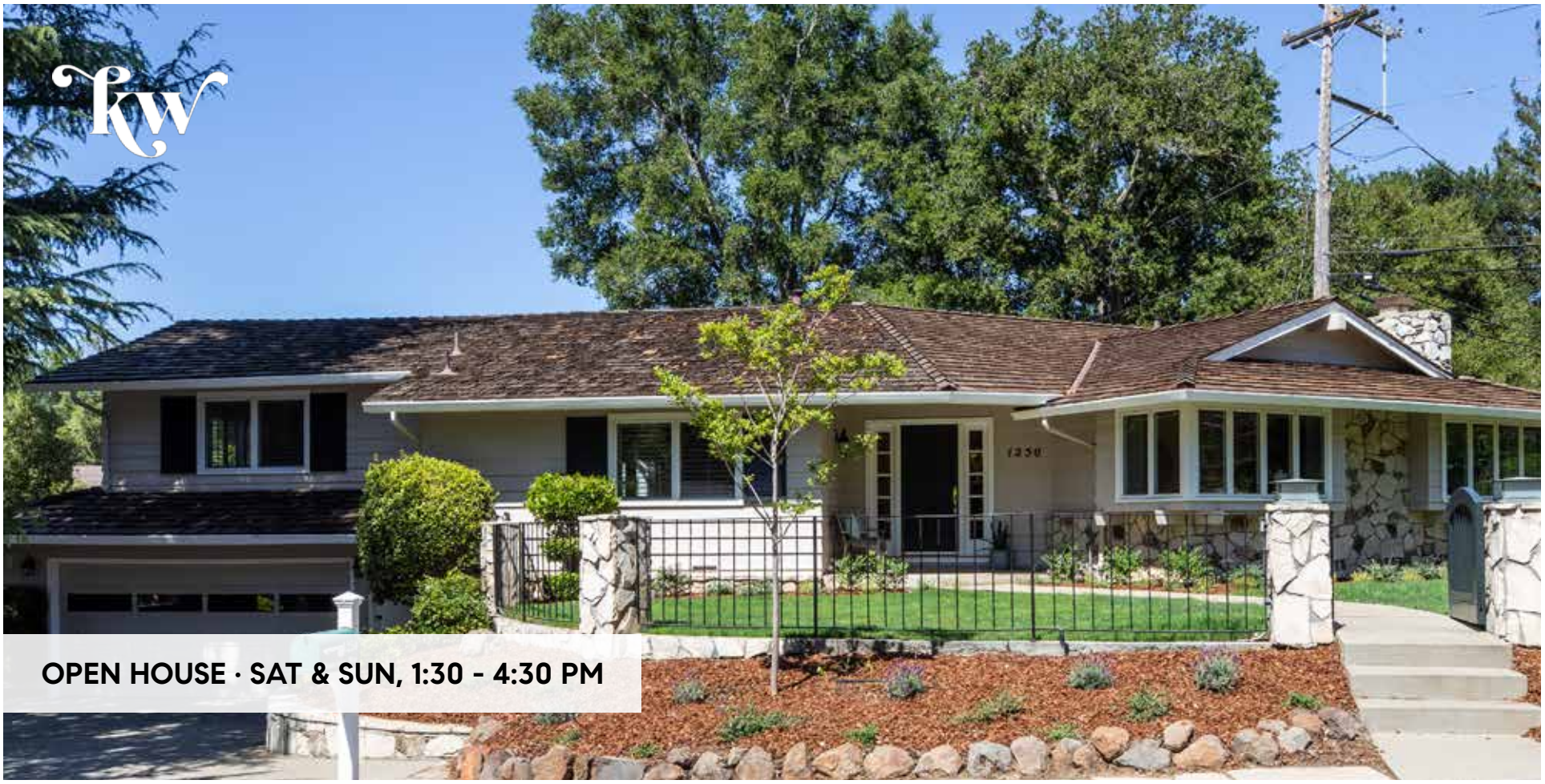
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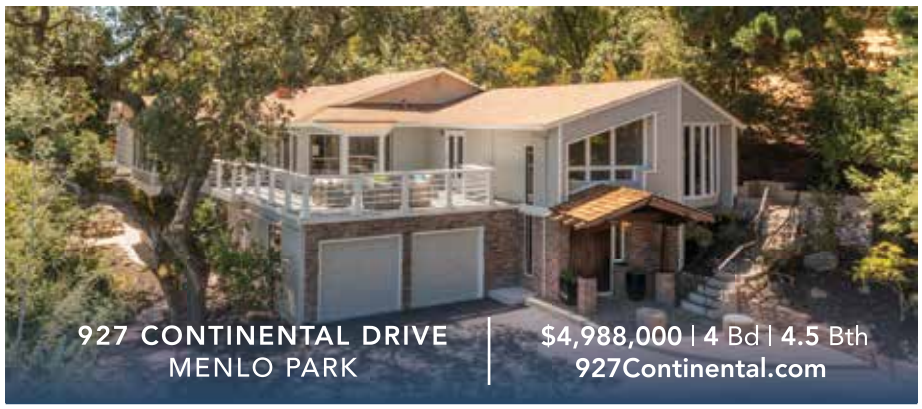
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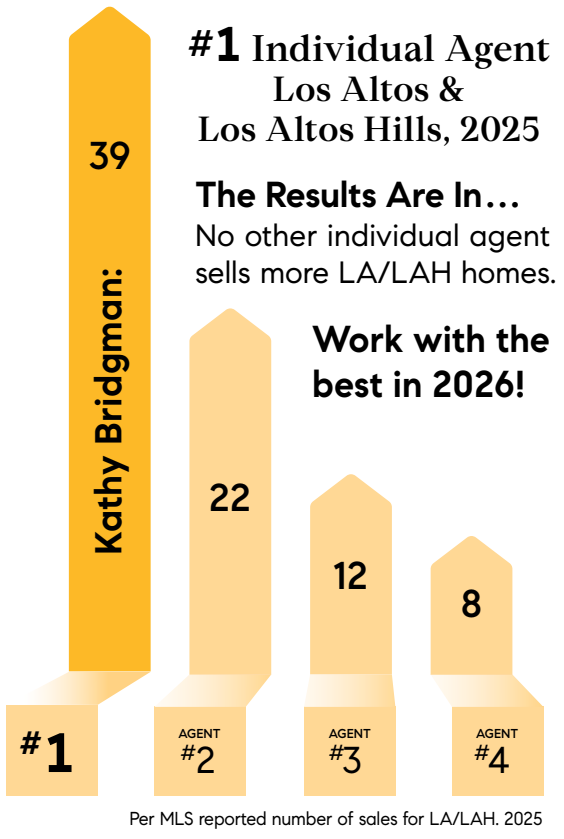
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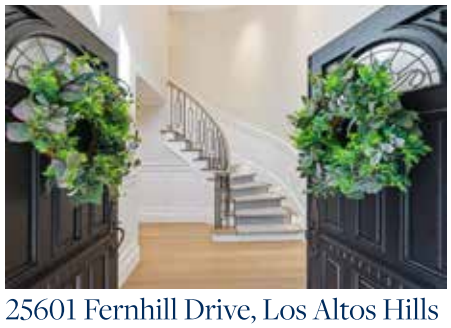
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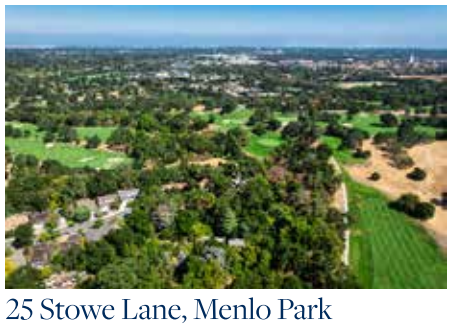
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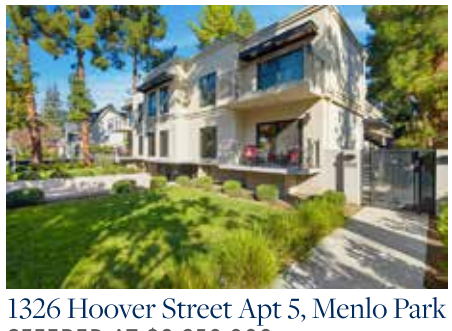
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CASE NO. 26PR202094

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOY SHIEMAN AKA JOY L. SHIEMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHERE H. MOORE in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHERE H. MOORE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/01/26 at 9:01AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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B License Required
C. Underground Utilities Trades
A or C-34 License Required
D. Electrical and Low Voltage Trades
C-10 License Required
F. HVAC Trades
C-20 License Required
G. Fire Protection Trades
C-16 License Required
K. Site Concrete Trades
A or C-8 License Required

Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid. Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-bid Conference **tentatively** scheduled for Thursday April 30, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 26, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for submission can be obtained by email at: chinmay.sapre@cumming-group.com and rojaveh.bahramizand@cumming-group.com. Contracts will require a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. The project is subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 1720-1861 regarding DIR registration, the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractors are allowed, according to PCC sec. 22300, to submit securities in lieu of retention. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, in accordance with Education Code Section 17076.11, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District has "a participation goal of at least 3% per year of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise". Thus, all contractors bidding on this project are required to make a good faith effort to achieve this 3% participation goal. Requirements for demonstrating that this good faith effort has been made are included in the Project Manual.
(04-08,15-26)

080-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN G. CHEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANE J. YANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANE J. YANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/06/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
Jason L. Pintar, Esq. (#212452)
2021 The Alameda, Suite 310
San Jose, CA 95126
PHONE (408) 983-0500
FAX (408) 216-9976
(04-08,15,22-26)

079-T

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

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

078-T

KORITA JUNK REMOVAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724734

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

077-T

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

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

076-T

JUST WOOD MAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724797

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

074-T

LUCINA TALYA DANCER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724253

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

073-T

STAGESPARK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724594

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) STAGESPARK, (2)STAGE SPARK, 10594 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LEAPSTART INC, 10594 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/09/2026. /S/ Shaurya Arora / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/09/2026.
(03-25-26,04-01,08,15-26)

072-T

BOBBY WEDDINGS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724689

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

069-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

068-T

POSTALWINGS PLUS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN723994

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

067-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. MEDIATION SERVICES, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 10/08/2012 Under File No. FBN570428 Full Name of Registrant(s): Nathan Cruz, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020, Rita Garcia, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723992
(03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

066-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. POSTAL WINGS PLUS, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 01/20/2026 Under File No. FBN722876 Full Name of Registrant(s): Rita Garcia, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124, Nathan Cruz, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124 This business was conducted by: a general partnership This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723993
(03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

065-T

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

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

Proposed Name:
a. Mo'orea Kealani Millar Noah

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

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

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/06/2026 /s/ Charles Adams

Public Notices

Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

064-T

CHEIRON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN722638

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

063-T

BOARD & FOLD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN724513

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

062-T

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT

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

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

(2) Amount of judgment entered in this court: $602,151.29

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

(2) Sister-state court (name and location): Williamson County, 425th Judicial District, 405 Martin Luther Kind, Jr. St., Georgetown, TX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

061-T

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

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

Proposed Name:
a. Deepti Mishra

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

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3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/05/2026 /s/ Charles F Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

060-T

Puzzle Answers

From puzzles on page 2

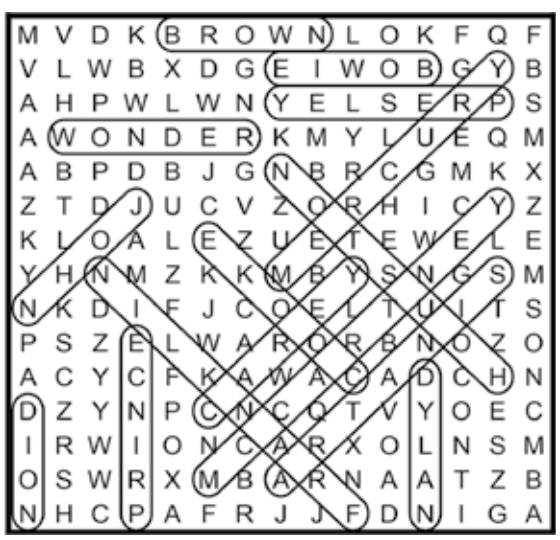
Crossword Answers

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12 E	D	N	A	■	13 A	L	A	S	■	14 E	K	E
15 T	A	O	S	■	16 M	E	S	A	■	17 L	E	T
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22 V	23 A	24 P	I	D	■	25 T	E	C	S	■	■	■
26 E	S	E	■	27 P	28 R	O	D	■	29 V	30 A	31 S	32 E
33 R	E	A	34 D	■	35 E	R	A	■	36 P	U	L	L
37 B	A	L	I	■	38 C	O	L	39 A	■	40 T	A	B
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49 R	A	D	■	50 A	L	51 T	I	■	52 D	53 I	54 N	55 A
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Sudoku Answers

8	7	5	3	9	6	2	1	4
9	1	4	2	7	8	6	5	3
6	3	2	5	4	1	7	8	9
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5	9	3	6	1	2	4	7	8
1	4	8	7	3	5	9	2	6
7	2	6	4	8	9	5	3	1

Find A Word Answers



OBITUARY NOTICE

CHASE STEWART KOKERNAK



November 22, 2006 – March 8, 2026

It is with profound sorrow that we share the passing of our beloved son, Chase Stewart Kokernak, who died on March 8, 2026, from a tragic ski accident in Alta, Utah.

Born on November 22, 2006, in Palo Alto, California, to Ted and Sharisse Kokernak, Chase brought immense joy to the world and lived life to its fullest. He was a bright and loving presence—a true light in our lives.

From an early age, Chase had a deep love for exploring the natural world. He spent cherished summers at the Stewart Ranch in Pine Valley, Utah, and on Bunganut Pond in Lyman, Maine, where he formed lasting bonds with his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and his older brother, Charlie. He was truly in his element outdoors—at one with nature—finding joy in the simple beauty of the world around him.

At home, Chase's heart was full of love for his animals. His rabbits—Flopsy, Beatrix, Thumper, and Peter—as well as his dog, Shiloh, and his cat, Smokey, were his constant companions throughout his childhood.

Chase demonstrated a strong aptitude for athletics from an early age, beginning swim lessons at just eight months old and later competing with NorCal Aquatics. He also played Little League baseball, where he particularly excelled as a pitcher, and went on to compete in water polo for three years and tennis for two years at Los Altos High School.

Cycling was another passion Chase enjoyed, often riding with his mom and dad up Page Mill Road, through Woodside, and along Old La Honda Road into the majestic redwood forests. These rides were more than exercise—they were moments of connection, adventure, and appreciation for the natural beauty he loved so deeply. Cycling was also his primary mode of transportation, reflecting both his independence and his love of being outdoors.

He also had a deep interest in gaming and technology. Chase built his own gaming computer from the ground up, beginning with a detailed spreadsheet of every component he would need. With patience and care, he assembled it piece by piece, and when it finally came to life, he was thrilled.

On the slopes of Snowbird, Utah, Chase discovered a deep passion for skiing. Beginning at age 4, he developed a love for the sport and, under the instruction of Wolfgang Ruegner, refined his skills and became a member of the Snowbird Ski Team. His love for the mountains ultimately led him to attend the University of Utah, where he was a freshman studying business.

Chase possessed a truly remarkable character. He was never jealous or envious; instead, he recognized and celebrated the uniqueness in others. He spoke often with admiration about the talents—both intellectual and athletic—of his friends, acquaintances, and the teachers he so greatly respected. He saw the strengths in others not as competition, but as something to appreciate and honor. This generosity of spirit defined who he was and left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Chase is survived by his parents, Ted and Sharisse Kokernak of Los Altos; his brother, Charlie, and sister-in-law, Charlotte; and his niece, Ruthie, of Portland, Oregon; as well as his grandmother, Joann Stewart, of Los Altos.

A Celebration of Life was held at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto, California, and at Our Lady of the Snows in Alta, Utah.

In honor of Chase's love for the mountains and the natural world, donations may be made in his name to Friends of Alta, whose mission is to protect and preserve Alta's unique environment, heritage, and character: https://www.friendsofalta.org/donate

OBITUARY NOTICE

CHARLES (CHUCK) CORY



1941 – 2026

Charles Cory… 'Chuck' to all his friends, and 'Pop' to family, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Merrill Gardens senior living facility in Monterey CA in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 3rd. Chuck grew up in the Pacific Northwest as a youth in Idaho and eastern Washington, his family living in Lewiston and Boise, Idaho and later Spokane Washington where he attended Gonzaga Prep HS, then Gonzaga University. Graduating with his BA in English in 1963, Chuck excelled in both academics and athletics, Magna Cum Laude in his major and starting pitcher on the Gonzaga Bulldog's baseball team.

Chuck then entered Stanford University Law School, graduating with his JD in 1966. While in Law School Chuck met and in 1965 married JoAnne Freeman, a Univ of Oregon grad in education, and a young school teacher in Sunnyvale School District. Chuck had been in US Army ROTC at Gonzaga and following Law School fulfilled his military duty serving as an artillery instructor, completing service as a Captain at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Upon returning to California, after passing the Bar, Chuck joined the Law firm of Miller, Morton, Caillart & Nevis in San Jose as a young associate, rising over the years to Senior Partner. Chuck and 'Jo' raised their two sons, Brian and Kevin, in Sunnyvale, then since 1975, Los Altos. To be closer to family in Salinas, they moved to Monterey in 2020 after 45 years in Los Altos.

Governor George Deukmejian appointed Chuck to the Sunnyvale Municipal Court Bench in 1990. Chuck was elevated to Superior Court, he went on to preside in rotations at Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and San Jose Superior Courts; eventually retiring from the Bench in 2011 at age 70. Chuck devoted his retirement life afterward to family, tennis and Stanford sports (as both fan and longtime season ticket holder). Chuck & Jo are remembered as a longtime tennis family. Members of Palo Alto's Foothills Tennis & Swim Club. After retirement, Chuck spent many days watching his grandson's Football, Basketball, Baseball games along with Track meets and Tennis Tournaments. During his time in Monterey, he enjoyed singing Karaoke, Thursday night music, watching Netflix series, games on his I Pad and all the fine dining that Carmel/Monterey has to offer.

Both sons, Brian and Kevin, eventually became Tennis pros, Brian played at Univ of Arizona, Foothill College and finished at UC Santa Barbara; and Kevin at Univ of Oregon. Brian is now the Tennis Pro at Carmel Valley TC and Chamisal TC. Kevin recently retired as Women's Coach at UNLV.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 60 years, JoAnne, son Brian and daughter-in-law Alice of Salinas, son Kevin of Henderson, NV and grandsons Kasey (San Diego), Randy (Modesto) and Spencer (Henderson, NV), as well as by his younger sister Sallie Pat and her family of Cincinnati OH.

MARILYN ANN ARNETT



June 6, 1932 – March 10, 2026

Marilyn Ann Arnett peacefully entered her heavenly home on March 10, 2026. She was 93.

Marilyn was born on June 6, 1932, to Datus and Tillie (Tietje Aardema) Salie in Boyden, Iowa. She came from humble beginnings as the daughter of farmers and was encouraged from an early age to break the mold and follow her dreams. Early memories included stories of farm life and mischief with best friend and dear cousin, Shirley. Marilyn demonstrated great skill from an early age playing piano in her local church and sewing beautiful dresses.

Marilyn met the love of her life, Thomas Arnett, in the summer of 1954 while working at Yosemite National Parks. They wed on May 29, 1955, and raised three sons, Tim, Troy, and Todd. Yosemite became and remained a revered place for them to visit annually and host family and friends for their 50th and 60th wedding anniversary celebrations.

Marilyn graduated from Arizona State University and later, Stanford University for her Master's in Education. Marilyn's career spanned 54 years, starting as an elementary teacher in 1954, with most of her career as school secretary at Santa Rita Elementary School in Los Altos, CA.

Marilyn was steadfast in her love for the Lord, family, friends, and traveling. She was a Sigma Sigma Sigma sister and cherished a lifetime of gathering with her sisterhood.

Her soul is rejoicing with her Creator in their heavenly home; this brings comfort and peace to us all. Her ashes have been placed with Tom's in their final resting place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, near their home where they hosted many gatherings with family, friends, and community.

Marilyn is survived by her three sons and three daughters-in-law: Tim and Lisa Arnett, Troy and Lisa Arnett, and Todd and Anna Marie Arnett. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Shanni and husband Blaine; TraciLyn and husband C.J.; Julie; Ben; and Nicholas; by her great-grandchildren: Poppy, Goldie, Cohen, Sadie, and Frances; and by her granddaughter-in-law Angelina, wife of Lisa's (Troy's) late son Chris, and great-grandchildren Angel and Isabella.

CAROL ENGLE KORNFELD



July 20, 1926 – March 15, 2026

Carol Engle Kornfeld passed away peacefully with her family by her side, on March 15, 2026, in Cupertino, CA. Formerly of Tenafly, NJ, she was predeceased by her adoring husband of 55 years, Peter Kornfeld, MD (Vienna, Austria), and sister, Judith Engle Siegel (South Orange, NJ). She is survived by her children Robert Kornfeld (Maureen Pace), and Jane Kornfeld Bessin, and grandchildren, Julie Bessin, David Bessin, Jason Kornfeld (Fallon Cox), and Jack Kornfeld. Born July 20, 1926, in Newark, NJ, to Ida and Louis Engle, she graduated from Penn State (BS Chemistry) and Columbia (MS Chemistry and MS Library Science).

Carol's professional career included working as a research associate in biochemistry at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, a lecturer in organic chemistry at Barnard College, a chemical librarian at Thomas J. Lipton and then a consultant in the food science industry.

After the birth of their first grandchild, Peter and Carol (and her parents) moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, settling in Portola Valley Ranch where they were active community members for thirty years. Among many other charitable undertakings, Carol volunteered at Stanford University's Cantor Art Center and Lane Medical Library.

Thoroughly devoted to her family, Carol enjoyed science, art history, piano, gardening, and international travel, while routinely polishing off The New York Times crossword puzzle. She was an avid quilter as well as an accomplished sportswoman in a range of sports, from skiing, hiking, and biking, to tennis and swimming. Carol nurtured enduring friendships – new and decades long – and she delivered joy and a ready smile to all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carol's memory may be made to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (hias.org) or the Bay Area's Jewish Family & Children's Services (jfcs.org). May her memory be for a blessing.



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22415 Rancho Deep Cliff Drive | Cupertino | $2,198,000 | 22415RanchoDeepCliffDrive.com

Located in a gated community, Rancho Deep Cliff features 61 homes set across 18 acres, nestled in the rolling hills of Cupertino. This private neighborhood offers quiet streets and beautiful views ideal for leisurely walks within the community. Residents enjoy resort-style amenities with two tennis courts, a sparkling pool and spa, a clubhouse, and fitness center, only minutes from your front door. With sought-after Cupertino schools and a fabulous location for outdoor activities, this is a wonderful place to call home!

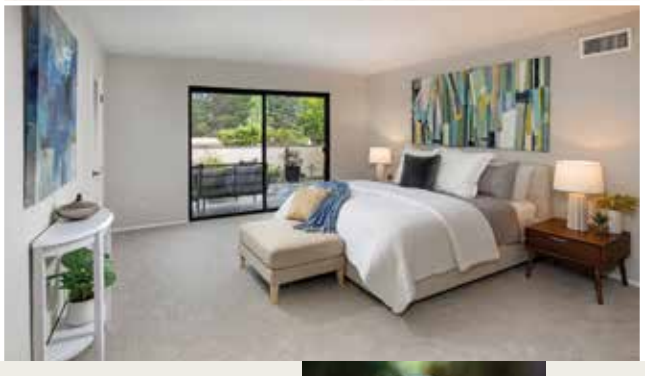
- Detached 2-bedroom, 2-bath home for 1,983 +/- sf of living space
- Elegant dining room with views of the foothills and built-in buffet with glass display case
- Primary suite with large bath, two walk-in closets, and sliding glass door to the patio
- Spacious, flexible room for den or office
- Open-air atrium with electric retractable overhead cover
- Fabulous entertaining patio with views of the Cupertino hills plus separate private backyard garden area
- Attached 2-car garage with epoxy-painted floor and cabinets
- Excellent Cupertino schools
- Conveniently located to Stevens Creek County Park for hiking and biking, wineries, and Deep Cliff Golf Course
- HOA dues $1,015/month and include many amenities (buyer to verify)



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