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Community gathers for Iftar dinner



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More than 250 Los Altos residents, including city officials, local Muslim families, non-Muslim neighbors and youth leaders, gathered for the third annual MALA (Muslims of Los Altos) Iftar dinner to celebrate the Ramadan spirit of reflection and generosity. The evening featured insightful remarks from community leaders and a ceremonial brick presentation by Kim Mosley, Los Altos Chamber of Commerce president (received by local Muslim youth leaders).

Los Altos PD's Drone as a First Responder program is live

By Christina Casillas
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The Los Altos Police Department has two new first responders responding to calls for service within city limits, and they're not people: They're drones.

The city's Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program went live March 5. First introduced to Los Altos City Council Sept. 30, 2025, the police department requested the addition of drones for its DFR program. The DFR program, present in nearby cities including Campbell and Atherton, would allow drones to respond to in-progress events.

Connected to the department's computer-aided dispatch system, staff can choose when to deploy the drones. The city's two DFR drones can respond to calls for service within 90 seconds anywhere in the city, according to Los Altos Police Chief Saskia Lagergren.

One of the drones is docked in north Los Altos and the other is docked in south Los Altos. Since going live March 5, the city had "... already deployed a drone on several calls today, including a few residential alarm calls. The drone arrived on-scene in less than a minute on one of the alarm calls, so this will be a game changer for public safety."

The drones are provided by Axon Air, which provides end-

to-end drones often used in DFR programs. The City Council approved the Drone as a First Responder Program in September 2025 and a five-year contract with Axon in November 2025. The contract went into effect March 1.

While the police department already implemented the use of drones, their operation was dependent on operation by the department's seven FAA-certified pilots – some sworn officers and others members of records and dispatch staff – and only used under specific circumstances, like searches and rescues, crime documentation and select roof inspections, Los Altos Police Captain Katie Krauss told council last year.

"... Deployment on that is reactive, so it's not like it's going out proactively and doing any kind of surveillance of anybody," she told council.

While the other drones' initiation required a certified pilot and spotter present – it also needs to be within eyesight of the operator and spotter at all times – that's not needed with the DFR program.

The drone will often beat other first responders to the area of a report, and a live feed of the scene can be shared with officers who are still en route. The drones may also help resource

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News

Local offices are up for grabs in June

By Christina Casillas
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With the declaration of candidacy and nomination paper period ended for the June 2 primaries, candidates for a number of local offices are ramping up for the election.

Locally, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills residents will be voting for a new sheriff and district attorney. The county assessor seat – just filled by former Los Altos City Councilmember Neysa Fligor – is also up for grabs. California’s 23rd Assembly District and 16th Congressional District – which represent Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View – are also up for election.

Candidates

Pulled from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’ unofficial list of candidates (which is a list of candidates who have successfully filed nomination documents, but is not certified until March 26), following is a list of local open offices and respective candidates.

- California Congressional District 16: Sam Liccardo (incumbent), Peter Sundin Soulé, Joatham Stein, Kevin Johnson
- California Assembly District 23: Marc Berman (incumbent), Badri Sridharan, Rick Giorgetti
- Santa Clara County District Attorney: Jeff Rosen (incumbent), Daniel Chung

DRONES

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allocation, allowing officers to decide response prioritization when two events are happening simultaneously.

“We are excited to have launched our Drone as a First Responder program, which will enhance response times, improve situational awareness and strengthen our commitment to community safety,” Lagergren stated in an email.

MV budget update promising but staff cautious

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View’s mid-year budget projection shows the city operating in the green as anticipated, though among staff there is still uncertainty in budget projections for forthcoming years.

In line with earlier projections, general operating fund revenues are estimated at \$196.3 million and expenditures at \$194.5 million. The general fund is expected to end the fiscal year with an operating balance of approximately \$1.8 million.

Projections for the coming year indicate slimmer margins for growth. With property tax and utility users tax revenues set to decline from the current year’s budget, and additional expenditures to pad city staffing, the preliminary projected operating balance is approximately \$453,000 for 2026-2027.

“Unfortunately, nobody has a crystal ball,” said Derek Rampone, the city’s finance and administrative services director. “Some of the risks are unknowns.”

The council voted unanimously to approve the 2025-2026 mid-year budget report during a meeting on Feb. 24. The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget was adopted by the council on June 24,

| Fund | Revenues | Expenditures |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Development Services | Above budget | Below budget |
| Conveyance Tax (Real Property Transfer) | Below budget | Below budget |
| Shoreline Regional Park Community | Below budget | Below budget |
| Water | Above budget | Below budget |
| Wastewater | Above budget | Above budget |
| Solid Waste Management | Below budget | Below budget |

SCREENSHOT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Revenues versus expenditures for city of Mountain View funds are compared at a City Council meeting.

2025. The mid-year budget status report is intended for the city to monitor and evaluate its finances to confirm it is in line with earlier projections, and to make any mid-year adjustments.

“The projections are concerning, we have to be mindful and prudent and I think the future council will certainly take to heart, but the projections mid-year are excellent,” said Councilmember Lucas Ramirez.

The adopted budget projected \$195.7 million in revenues and \$194.9 million in expenditures.

But not all current budget pro-

jections were rosy. Property tax revenue is currently estimated at \$81.7 million, which is \$2.5 million below budget. The utility users tax is estimated to be \$9.6 million, which is \$1.2 million lower than budget.

Rampone also noted that federal market volatility – including inflation and uncertainty surrounding tariffs – added to the incomplete picture for the coming year. He said it remained to be seen how much U.S. consumer prices and spending would be impacted by price escalations due to the tariffs.

New expenditures to the city include a range of staffing-related updates to support the current workforce, but notably a \$70,400 appropriation in the Community Development Department for a public art administrator position.

The public art administrator position specifically was seen as a necessary addition to city staffing to align Mountain View’s community development vision with neighboring municipalities.

“I’ve been advocating for that since 2014,” said Councilmember John McAlister. “We got it through the gate sort of.”

Anti-ICE message in Los Altos cafe protected speech

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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In the midst of a surge of public outrage over U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) this winter – Adriana Dominguez, “cocinera” and co-owner of Los Altos cafe Tal Palo – succinctly summarized her own feelings on the business’s window with an expletive.

At the time, violent protests were erupting in Minneapolis. One day before the original message was posted on Jan. 8 – “C***** tu MAGA” written above “F*** ICE” in a narrow window by the front door in white paint – an American citizen, Renee Good, was shot and killed by federal agents.

On Jan. 22, a member of the community erased the mes-

sage on the window. Two days after that, American citizen Alex Pretti was shot and killed by U.S. Border Patrol agents in Minneapolis.

“I feel like they’re trying to make us feel like I don’t belong here,” Dominguez said. “It’s very personal to us.”

The messages seemed like minor declarations in a hurricane of anti-ICE sentiment in the Bay Area around the start of the Super Bowl. But then came the hate mail.

A letter dated 2/5/26 from “R. Davidson” was received in the mail at the business on Feb. 7.

The letter read: “You were closed on Saturday when a large group of us strolled Main Street. We noticed your ‘F*** Ice’ message. Not a good



GIUSEPPE RICAPITO/TOWN CRIER

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Adriana Dominguez and Aaron Porter own Tal Palo, a Los Altos cafe.

Downtown business aids in return of stolen goods to neighbor shop



CURTIS DRISCOLL/TOWN CRIER

Police stop a car along State Street in Los Altos. Goods stolen from the Discovery Shop were in the car.

By Christina Casillas

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Los Altos police returned stolen goods to the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop yesterday after the owner of a neighboring store saw the crime and reported it to police.

A call was made to Los Altos Police Department by the owner of Cook's Junction at approximately 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, according to Los Altos Police Sgt. Liz Checke. The reporting party saw the crime

and recognized the woman as she had allegedly stolen from Cook's Junction in the past.

Nearby officers stopped the suspect's vehicle – which they identified based on the reporting party's description – at approximately 12:45 p.m. Upon the detention, Checke said there were articles of clothing visible from outside the vehicle.

"We had to then go back and contact the business owner, see what they saw stolen, verify that those items were in fact stolen, and then con-

tact the actual victim business, which was the Discovery Shop," Checke said in a phone call.

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop owner declined to pursue prosecution for any criminal charges as she "just wanted the items returned," Checke said.

Both the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop and Cook's Junction owners requested police admonish (provide a formal warning) to the suspect for trespassing and theft.

Mountain View's CSA gets federal funding news

Town Crier Report

Community Services Agency (CSA) will receive \$60,000 in federal funding without any strings attached from the federal government, thanks to efforts by the city of Mountain View, the nonprofit announced Thursday.

CSA has faced financial uncertainty because of recent requirements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to pledge not to engage in "gender ideology" and not provide any information or referrals to health services, which may include "abortion services," in order to receive funding. Other conditions included checking the immigration status of service recipients, which CSA does not do. CSA's refusal has reduced the current funds available to it. Approximately 12% of CSA's budget comes from federal funding, with 12% from the county and 5% from the city.

In response to the federal government's conditions, Mountain View has made federal funding available through the Community Development Block Grant. The city identified

unspent funds from previous years and is passing them along to nonprofits. The federal government funding passes through the city of Mountain View, which in turn distributes it to nonprofits. Since the unspent funding predates the pledge requirement, nonprofits can receive funding without signing any statements, according to CSA. The city is also exploring other funding sources for nonprofits, like repaid loans. However, there is still uncertainty around CDBG funding for future years.

CSA said efforts from Mountain View and other nonprofit organizations helped ensure it would receive funding for the current year without having to sign on to any statement, protecting its values and commitments to the community.

"I want to commend the city of Mountain View for working diligently to take care of our neighbors in need," CSA Executive Director Tom Myers said in a press release. "We at CSA are very appreciative of the city's efforts."



Tom Myers



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News

Los Altan of the Year celebrated



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Members of the community gathered last week to celebrate Bruce Barton, the Los Altan of the Year. Barton served as Town Crier editor-in-chief for more than three decades before his retirement in August 2025. From left, Associate Town Crier Publisher Howard Bischoff and Publisher Dennis Young celebrated the bell-ringing Barton. Speakers included former Town Crier publisher Liz Nyberg, Los Altos Hills Vice Mayor Linda Swan, Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows and the office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Maraget Abe-Koga.

LAMVCF co-founds passport equity fund

By Christina Casillas

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The Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF) and Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga have partnered to make passports more accessible in the local community with the launch of a Passport Equity Fund.

The fund covers passport applications, renewal fees and passport workshops put on monthly by local nonprofit organizations. The workshops help families navigate the passport application process, according to a press release.

“This is one way we can remove a barrier that can hold people back,” said Abe-Koga. “The Passport Equity Fund is a tangible way to expand opportunity while helping families feel supported, safe and connected to their commu-

nity.”

Passport applications and renewal fees are covered regardless of immigration status or family income, but youth and families who need help navigating the process or would otherwise be unable to afford passport application fees are prioritized.

“Access to a passport can be the first step in opening the world and strengthening a young person’s sense of belonging and citizenship,” said Eileen Eng, LAMVCF board chair. “At a time when many immigrant and mixed-status families feel uncertainty or fear about interacting with institutions, the Passport Equity Fund is designed to provide a welcoming, trusted and supportive pathway for families to access a basic document many take for granted.”

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TAL PALO

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business model.

Hopefully, pictures of it go viral on social media and YELP. Perhaps you could post the two inserts next to your ignorant message for a balanced perspective.”

The letter includes a list of names, their ages and the purported ways the victims were killed. There is a picture of a social media post which claims that each of the people were killed by people who were in the country illegally. Another follow-up page shows a collage of photos and another social media post related to murders by “illegal aliens.”

Today, the windows have borne the same messages for over a month. In the narrow window by the door – “Abolish ICE” – and in the foremost street-facing window “Ch**** tu MAGA” and “when cruelty becomes normal, compassion looks radical.”

“Obviously, we hit a nerve with a certain number of people from the community,” said co-owner and husband Aaron Porter. “I think it’s a free speech issue. We

are within our rights and should be able to express those.”

Since posting the message, Tal Palo has seen a surge of vocal support from some members of the community, though others have condemned the messaging and business has taken a hit.

Dominguez is open about her Mexican heritage and sees the window writing as an affirmation of her values. The actual name of the business comes from the Mexican expression “De tal palo, tal astilla” – the literal translation of the idiom “from such a stick, such a splinter,” comparable to “like father, like son” or “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.”

In that way, she sees the messages as also a teachable moment for the youth, she said. Her children, 12-year-old twins and a 7-year-old, all have dual citizenship with Mexico.

“This is my house. Here, it feels like an extension of my home,” Dominguez said. “It doesn’t feel good to see this happening here.”

A code enforcement officer from the city visited the business in February, following up on a single complaint which included

a photograph of the window and a screenshot of a translation of the anti-MAGA message in Spanish.

A code enforcement official said the wording was protected by the First Amendment and the signing was allowed within the municipal code, according to a note from an official provided by Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland in an email.

“The city is aware of the messaging posted on the windows of a local business. The messages are protected speech and the city does not have the ability to regulate or limit it,” Engeland said.

The business hosted a bake sale over the weekend – a testament to community building rather than destruction, she added. And just days before that, Kristi Noem – former United States Secretary of Homeland Security, which oversees ICE and the Border Patrol – was fired.

And for now – the window writing will stay up.

“I plan to be a little louder and prouder every day,” Dominguez said.

For more on Tal Palo, visit tal-palo.com.

Public invited to celebrate Dick Henning’s life, service

Town Crier Report

The public is invited to celebrate the life of local icon Dick Henning – a devoted educator, community leader and Rotarian who died at 90 last month – from 2-4 p.m. March 29 at Foothill College’s Smithwick Theater.

Henning, a former Los Altos of the Year and Los Altos Community Service Award recipient, was a beloved leader who dedicated his life to community service, education and enriching the lives of everyone he knew. Henning, a legend at Foothill College, began his teaching career in 1960 at Sunnyvale High School. There he taught public speaking and English, while also coaching swimming and drama.

He went on to join Foothill College in 1967, serving there as an educator and administrator. Most notably, he founded the award-winning Foothill College Celebrity Forum speaker series, bringing national and international leaders to the Foothill campus for more than 50 years.

Also a devoted Rotarian, beloved for his humor, storytelling and mentorship, Henning served as Rotary Club of Los Altos president from 1971-1972. He established Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) in northern California. The camp has provided thousands of high school students leadership training and mentorship over the years.

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Comment

Letters to the Editor

Ballooning BCS out-of-district enrollment hurts LASD children, teachers and taxpayers

I attended a recent LASD board meeting and was startled to learn that out-of-district enrollment at Bullis Charter School (BCS) has nearly doubled from 96 to 173 students. Now roughly 17% of enrollment. BCS's enrollment no longer reflects the choices of parents living within LASD, but BCS's choice to maintain its size by importing out-of-district children who live as far as Fremont, Morgan Hill and Santa Cruz.

For years, students at Egan and Blach have given up space to share facilities with BCS. When BCS served students living within LASD, that arrangement, while not ideal, felt appropriate. That is no

longer the case. Today, LASD students and teachers are being directly harmed so that an increasing number of out-of-district students can attend BCS.

The impact is not just about space. Enrolling out-of-district BCS students imposes a significant financial burden on LASD; approximately \$10,500 in unreimbursed costs per student per year, or \$1.8 million annually. These funds are diverted away from LASD classrooms and place additional pressure on teacher salaries and district resources. Instead of shortchanging our students and teachers, we should eliminate this unnecessary and avoidable cost.

When out-of-district enrollment exceeds 8%, LASD has the option to void the current facilities agreement. As BCS has willfully and dramatically

exceeded this level, LASD should amend the current facilities agreement and require BCS to fully compensate the district for the cost of educating out-of-district students.

Looking ahead, any future agreement with BCS must fully reimburse LASD for all building, land and operating costs associated with out-of-district enrollment. Anything less shifts the financial burden onto LASD children, teachers and taxpayers. That is simply unfair.

Sangeeth Peruri

Former President, Los Altos School Board of Trustees

Perplexing park process

I do not consider myself stupid or dense. I have usually been able to read an opposing viewpoint and at least see

where they are coming from and why they believe what they do, even if I disagree. But in regards to turning the parking area behind Main Street into a park, removing beautiful trees so many of us love, and adding a parking structure, I truly just don't get it. I understand representative government, but the current City Council does not appear to be representing the wishes of the residents of Los Altos. And I have to ask myself, why? Not one single letter to the Town Crier supports this project. Now maybe there are a lot of people who do but who are afraid to write a letter in support of this project. So what I also don't understand is why the City Council is pushing this hard for this project? And why don't they just put it on hold, allow a ballot measure the next time there are other ballot measures (not

a special election), and find out what the residents of Los Altos want? The entire issue is perplexing to me as the logical path forward seems simple and fair and representative of what the community wants. I must be missing something, but I don't know what it is.

Christine Hoberg

Los Altos

Please preserve parking

Please do not take away our parking lots. If you do, you will kill our downtown village and the businesses that depend on parking availability. Today we went to lunch and were able to find a parking space. If I cannot, we will not be able to go to lunch downtown.

Cathy Kordsmeier

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Hills residents Chou and Bhateja to receive INSPIRE Awards

By Olivia Levesque Ouellette
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Two Los Altos Hills residents are among the honorees at this year's INSPIRE Awards, a gala hosted by the nonprofit Science from Scientists March 26 in Burlingame.

Locals Timothy Chou and Rajiv Bhateja are two of the four people being recognized for inspiring others in STEM. Bhateja serves as mayor of Los Altos Hills.

The gala, in its second year, is a fundraiser for Science from Scientists, which brings scientists to schools lacking funding in their science departments, according to Richard Tam, the nonprofit's director of partnerships.

"I've done these types of events before with honorees, and I like doing them because I also meet a lot of cool peo-

ple along the way," Tam said. "You get to know who people are. They're movers and shakers, and then when you get to know them, they're just really nice people at heart."

A committee of seven volunteers from Science from Scientists selects the honorees, according to Tam.

Chou said he was likely chosen for founding the nonprofit Pediatric Moonshot, which aims to alleviate healthcare inequity. The Stanford University professor started the project in 2020, inspired by one of his students who was working on using AI in medicine.

"I brought a group of engineers together with a mission to reduce health care inequity, lower cost, improve outcomes for children, locally, ruraly and globally," said Chou, who teaches cloud computing. "How are we going to do that? By creating real-time



LEFT PHOTO: COURTESY OF TIMOTHY CHOU, RIGHT PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAJIV BHATEJA
Left: Timothy Chou, Right: Rajiv Bhateja

privacy, preserving AI applications based on access to data in all one million healthcare machines in all 500 children's hospitals in the world."

Working to deliver stable security within healthcare systems, Chou said the usage of AI will be beneficial to the efficiency and accessibility of hospitals throughout the world.

"I think people now see a lot of the power of artificial intelligence," Chou said. "I think

what's hard in pediatric medicine is that most kids are born healthy, yet, there are plenty of kids born, (with) pediatric cancers, cardiology problems, etc., but computers can be used to do ... early detection, to do survivorship management, and so we know it's possible."

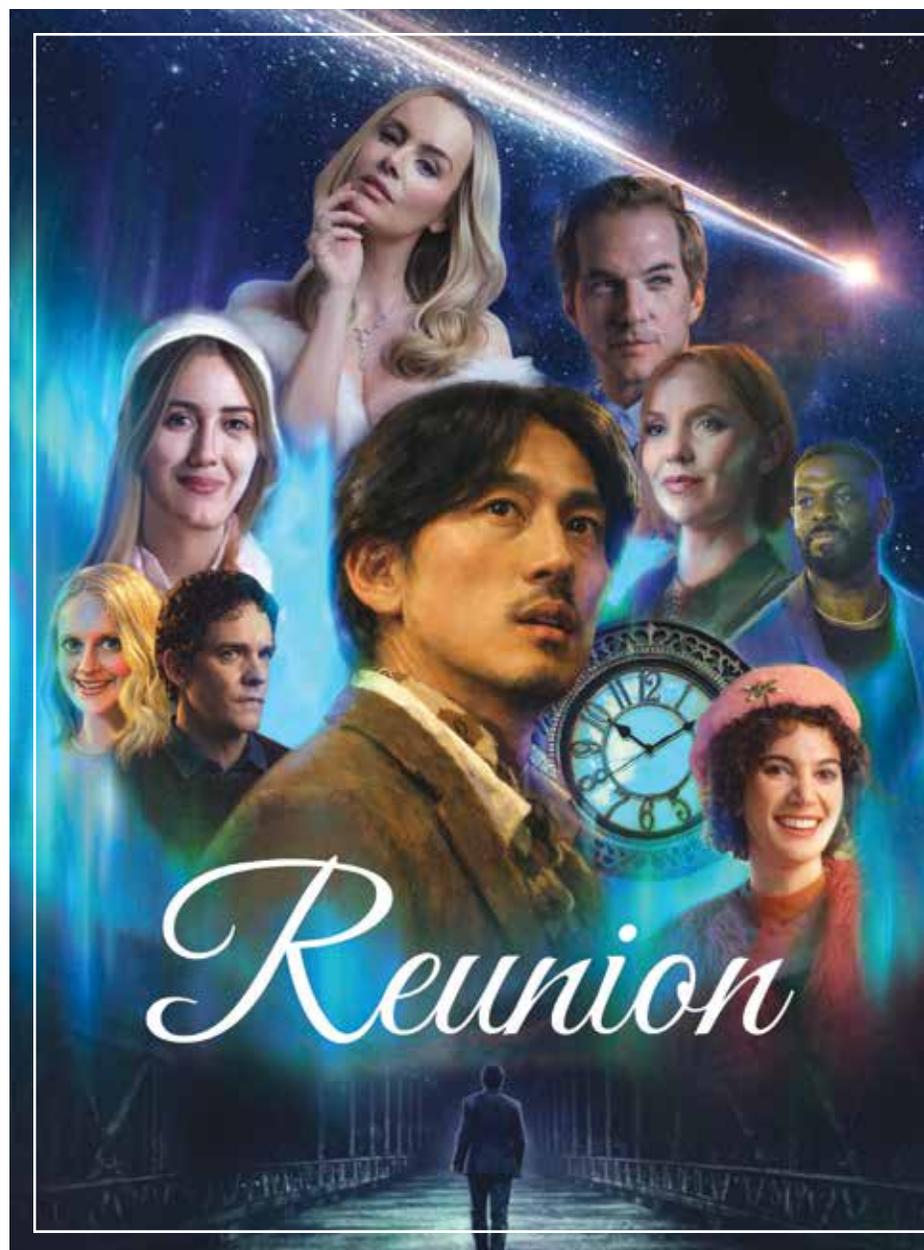
Fellow Hills resident Bhateja is being awarded for his career path, according to Tam. After completing his

Ph.D. in structural engineering and working for multiple tech startups in Silicon Valley, Bhateja said he wanted to utilize his knowledge and aid the community.

Working to support the people of Los Altos Hills, Bhateja said he has worked on multiple projects during his time as mayor to support residents, such as an AI public records sorting application and holding presentations to prevent burglaries and cyber scams.

"I've always had that sort of mentality of trying to be of service, whether it's at work or whether it's outside work," Bhateja said. "I actually run a town website, just as a community website, which I created, that has a summary for every council meeting that we have in town. I send out a summary of what's relevant to residents,

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MVLA SLOBs fosters student leadership and connection through philanthropy

By Skye Dean
Town Crier Editorial Intern

MVLA Service League of Boys – informally known as SLOBs – provides parents and their sons a way to contribute to the community through philanthropy.

Inspired by the National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization, SLOBs has been around since 2004. The Los Altos chapter

was established in 2012 and has grown to serve more than 40 nonprofits. Open to grades 7-12, MVLA SLOBs has members from 20 local schools, according to its website.

“A big thing with SLOBs is empowerment because none of it is restricting,” said Henri Smit, a junior at Crystal Springs Uplands School who serves on SLOBs’ executive board. “You literally get to choose how much you want to volunteer, where you want to volunteer, and how long you want to volunteer. And with that ... you’re able to gain a breath and understand what you want to do.”

His mom, Judy Smit, works alongside him as a vice president for the chapter. Judy said

the group contributed 4,700 hours of community service during its last membership year.

The pair said the organization’s abundance of partnerships allows its members to discover their passions through service.

Henri noted that through his service, he developed a passion for combating food insecurity. His interest led him to become a philanthropy liaison (PL) for Grassroots Ecology and Sacred Heart Community Service, which partner with SLOBs.

“I think with Grassroots Ecology, not only does it teach you about the ecosystem, but

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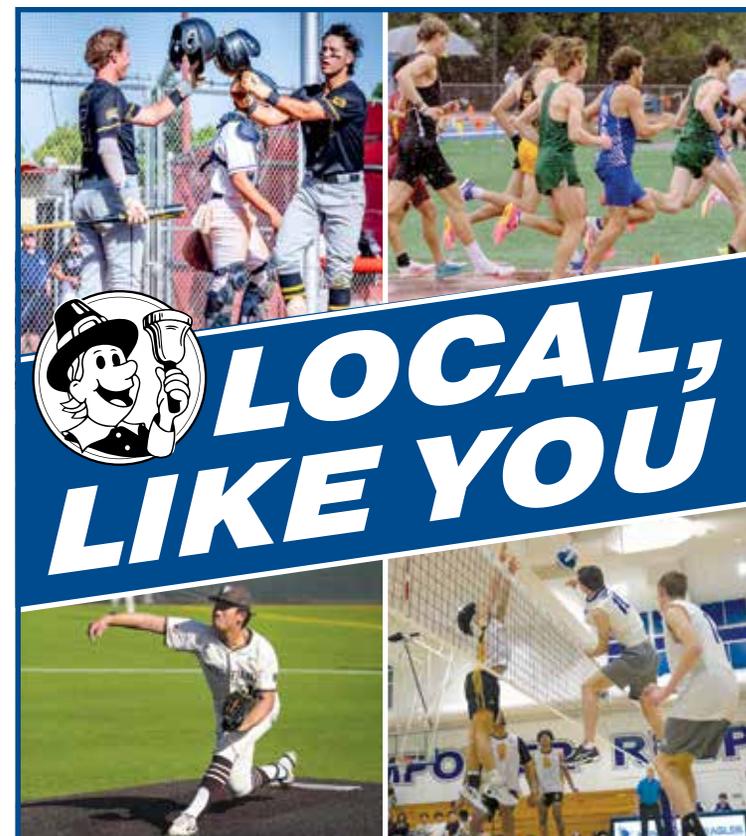
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it's also about getting knee-deep in the mud and being with people who are strangers," Henri said. "You kind of build almost a connection with them. I mean, sometimes you go in and it's all quiet, and by halfway through the volunteering event, everyone's all chatty, and we're all kind of friends at that point."

In addition to making friends, Henri noted that SLOBs members frequently attend service events together and that some PLs informally organize volunteer groups pertaining to a service area of interest. Judy added that a formal mentorship program is also being created.

SLOBs president Soveen Agarwal, a senior at Mountain View High School, said that through the organization, he

has been able to connect with students he otherwise would have never met.

However, it's not just the connections between volunteers that make the work gratifying, according to Judy, it's also the opportunity to support the broader community that is sometimes inaccessible in places like Los Altos.

"Through the exposure from SLOBs, you were able to become exposed to other challenges and issues that folks face, right?" Judy said of Henri's service experience. "And that gave you, sort of, more agency to try and start to do something about it."

In addition to service opportunities, students convene in five general meetings throughout the year, followed by grade-specific events meant to foster connection between members, according to Henri.

Students can also gain lead-

ership experience by becoming PLs or applying to the organization's executive board.

According to Agarwal, the board is modeled after a corporate team, allowing the students to learn about real-life applications of their work.

"I think that's one of the really nice things about SLOBs is that you have a lot of boys who come together and create, run these general meetings, which is really nice to see," Agarwal said of the board.

The meetings occasionally feature guest speakers. This spring, SLOBs is set to host Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey and GreenTown board member Gary Hedden.

SLOBs is open to all boys in grades 7-12 who attend local schools or live in the area.

Registration for the organization begins in the fall.

For more information, visit mvlaslobs.org.

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to try and engage with them and give them tips on safety."

Bhateja said he also wants to give people opportunities to volunteer or utilize their talents.

"I've just always, always had

a desire to give back and do something for the community; it's been a long-standing kind of value of mine," Bhateja said.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from doing things that are valuable to the community. Even in my job in the computer industry, I focused on user interface, and I also ran customer support,

and I was very conscientious about making sure people had a good experience."

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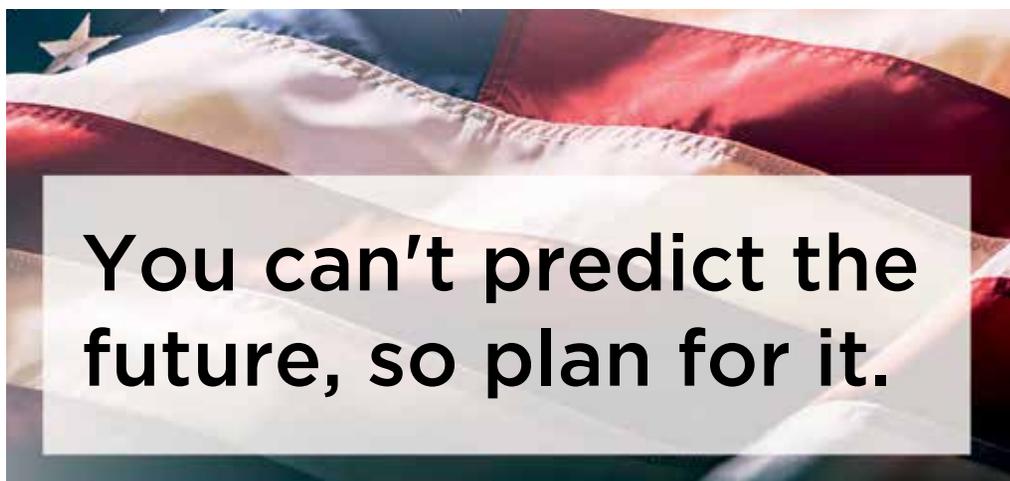
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Schools

Santa Rita Elementary parents call for changes

By Julia Baum
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Santa Rita Elementary students are facing ongoing bullying, chaotic playgrounds and crowded classrooms, according to dozens of parents who say the issues have persisted for years despite repeated complaints to the Los Altos School District. A survey of 57 families shared with the Town Crier detailed incidents ranging from repeated physical assaults to verbal teasing that leaves children “anxious and insecure.”

District officials met with families Feb. 25 to share information, answer questions and gather feedback, according to an email sent to the Santa Rita community.

Parents described a range of concerns, including classroom disruptions that affect learning, large class sizes and uneven distribution of students with additional needs across district campuses. One parent said her child was “physically assaulted ... many times” and began volunteering daily

at the school to help keep her safe. Another wrote that their child returned home “anxious and insecure” after repeated verbal teasing. Several parents described the playground as “chaotic and unsafe,” with too few adults supervising large groups of students and noted that some children had been injured while unsupervised.

One parent said their child had been repeatedly targeted, writing that “there isn’t enough of a consequence when a bully does something, so they are continuing to act in a way that disrupts the classroom and scares other children.” Another parent reported her child had 28 students per class for several years, which she said made effective classroom management more difficult. Families also noted that Santa Rita serves a high concentration of English learners and higher-needs students, and some urged the district to consider additional resources or program changes.

The district said it takes every report of bullying or ag-



MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Santa Rita Elementary School parents expressed concern about bullying and classroom disruptions to the Los Altos School District at a Feb. 25 meeting.

gressive behavior seriously.

“When a bullying or aggressive behavior incident is reported, Santa Rita and LASD follow a structured process,” administrators wrote in

an email. “Parents of all students involved are notified as promptly as possible, typically the same day.”

The process includes investigation by the principal, par-

ent notification and interventions ranging from restorative conversations to individualized behavior plans. Santa Rita

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Tips to make kids sharper at home and smarter at school

StatePoint

Success at school is about more than just what takes place in the classroom. How kids spend their time after the bell rings also matters. Here are four tips to make kids smarter at school by staying sharper at home:

1. Unlock their musical creativity: Music education has strong links to academic achievement. Fortunately, it’s easy to fill your child’s world with music. With a compact keyboard, like the CT-S1 from Casio, they can express themselves and hone their skills anywhere and anytime, with no set-up or storage hassles. This particular model has a slim, minimalist design that fits in any space easily, and pairs with a smartphone or tablet so your student can play along with their favorite songs through the keyboard’s speaker system. Plus, a superior sound quality will make playing inspirational and fun; it combines AiX Sound Source – an innovative technology that enables electronic instruments to produce the perfect tones – with an integrated acoustic sound system.

2. Get them active: Physical activity is good for the brain, improving memory and problem-solving skills. Unfortunately,

only 21% of U.S. kids and teens ages 6 to 17 meet the guideline of 60 minutes of physical activity every day, according to the Physical Activity Alliance. Participating in competitive sports is a great way to build leadership and teamwork skills while staying active. If that’s not your kid’s thing, no worries. Family bike rides, weekend nature hikes, and even yoga and dance classes are all great ways to get them moving – and have them gain the many physical and cognitive benefits of exercise.

3. Simplify tough subjects with the right tools: Math is often the toughest subject in a student’s course load. The right tools can foster better engagement with the material, simplify homework routines, and better prepare your student for class each day. It all starts with a learning companion like the fx-9750GIII graphing calculator from Casio. Unlike many graphing calculators with a complex interface that can make learning math even tougher than it needs to be, this model features a Natural Textbook Display and intuitive icon menu that are incredibly easy to use. In addition to features like

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Helping your kids be smarter at school can be helped by habits at home like studying, doing physical activity, music education and a regular schedule to improve sleep and routines.

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has had three suspensions this school year – which is, according to the district, “in the median” compared with other LASD elementary schools. District officials said schools use a progressive discipline approach, starting with interventions such as restorative conversations, counseling, behavior contracts and individualized behavior plans before suspension is considered for more serious or repeated incidents. Two incidents earlier in the school year initially raised concerns among some families, but the district said it has not identified broader systemic issues distinguishing Santa Rita from other campuses.

Santa Rita also has more specialized support staff than any other elementary school in the district, including mental health counselors, school psychologists and a dedicated Stanford child and adolescent psychiatrist. Administrators

said additional support positions are planned for the 2026-2027 school year, and the district said it continues to monitor student needs, staffing allocations and support systems in real time.

District officials added that student safety, well-being and academic success remain top priorities: “Schools are dynamic environments and needs can shift throughout the year. Our leadership team monitors those shifts closely and responds with targeted support, professional learning and resource adjustments as appropriate.”

At a March 2 board meeting, parent Jennifer Mullen called for faster follow-up from the district and more clarity on next steps. She urged the district to commit to additional meetings and tangible action.

“I will continue to be present, persistent and advocating for tangible progress for our children, our teachers and our schools,” Mullen said.

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graph plotting, probability distribution, vector arithmetic and spreadsheets, the fx-9750GIII is capable of programming in CASIO Basic and MicroPython, so that beyond standard math homework, your student can also use their calculator to sharpen other STEM skills.

4. Prioritize a regular schedule: Sticking to a regular schedule can foster higher-quality sleep, improving alertness and mental clarity during class time and throughout the day. Enforce a bedtime that allows your child to get the recommended 9-12 hours of sleep if they are 6-12 years old and 8-10 hours if they are 13-18.

Academic achievement begins at home. By providing your child with tools that boost creativity and learning, and by encouraging habits that support their health and well-being, you can help them thrive in all their endeavors, inside and outside the classroom.

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Sports

Mountain View's soccer journey ends in NorCal semis

By Curtis Driscoll

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Two goals in the first 10 minutes for Davis Sr. proved too much for the Mountain View boys soccer team to overcome in a 2-1 loss, ending the Spartans' season and NorCal playoff hopes.

"They were ready to play, fast, very good team, we were just a little sluggish at the beginning, we just made a couple of mistakes and they pounced on them," Mountain View head coach Jim McGuirk said.

Visiting Mountain View made the long journey to Davis in the CIF NorCal Division I semifinals Thursday and needed time to stabilize, responding to a strong Davis Sr. start with a goal from Javier Teeter from a Nicholas Garzino assist with approximately 10 minutes left in the first half. Mountain View sustained pressure in the second half, particularly in the last 25 minutes when the game

was played in the Davis Sr. half as Mountain View pushed for an equalizer. The Spartans created chance after chance through corner kicks, set pieces and one-on-ones with the keeper, but could not find the second goal.

"Soccer has that little piece of it, where you've got to get the breaks at the right time, which we've had along the way and just didn't have last night," Jim McGuirk said.

No. 4 Mountain View (19-4-2) made the semifinals in dramatic fashion, with a golden goal in overtime Tuesday by defender Patrick McGuirk in a 3-2 win over No. 5 seed Rocklin in the quarterfinals before taking on top seed Davis Sr. Mountain View made late postseason drama its calling card this postseason, starting with a Central Coast Section Division I opening round win over St. Ignatius

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Mountain View defender Patrick McGuirk scores the game-winning golden goal in the 3-2 CIF NorCal quarterfinal playoffs over Rocklin March 3. Mountain View lost in the semifinals.

St. Francis girls soccer bows out in regional playoffs



GABRIELA DE CARVALHO TELES/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The St. Francis girls soccer team lost 2-1 against Buchanan in the CIF NorCal Division I playoffs March 3 in the first round. No. 4 St. Francis finishes the season 19-2-1 overall and as West Catholic Athletic League champions.

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that included a missed penalty in the final minute and a tension-filled 2-1 win over Everett Alvarez in extra time of the CCS title game. Jim McGuirk was proud of the team's effort and unity throughout the season to complete its main objective at the start of the season of winning a CCS title, noting that in his 38 years of coaching, last year was the only year he hasn't had to give an end-of-season loss speech, with last year's team winning the NorCal Division II playoff title. For him and the team, the highlight of the successful season was winning CCS as a No. 7 seed, overcoming blips and injuries during the season and beating several tough teams in the playoffs.

"I think winning this CCS title is what these kids are going to remember, what I'm going to remember," Jim McGuirk said.



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Mountain View winger Cyrus Shafie takes a free kick during the NorCal quarterfinal game against Rocklin March 3.

Prep Sports Summary

Girls basketball

The No. 15 seed Los Altos girls basketball team lost to No. 2 seed East Union 63-57 March 3 in the first round of the CIF NorCal regional Division III playoffs. Los Altos (21-6) reached the regional playoffs by getting to the semifinals of the CCS Division I playoffs.

No. 11 seed Pinewood lost to No. 6 seed Central East 63-53 in the first round of the NorCal Division I playoffs March 3. No. 11 seed Pinewood (21-7) reached the re-

gional playoffs by being the No. 6 seed in the CCS Open Division.

No. 7 St. Francis lost to No. 6 seed Central East Saturday in the regional semifinals 76-63. St. Francis reached the semifinals by beating No. 10 seed Christian Brothers 71-56 March 3 and No. 15 seed Bishop O'Dowd 68-65 Thursday in the quarterfinals. St. Francis finishes the season 22-8.

Boys basketball

The No. 14 seed St. Francis boys basketball team (11-18) lost in the first round of the NorCal regional playoffs against No. 3 seed Cornerstone Christian 65-58.

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Cantabile Youth Singers celebrate rock at Saturday gala in Los Altos



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The nonprofit Cantabile Youth Singers will rock out at a gala fundraiser at Los Altos Community Center this Saturday.

By Dorie Xie
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Local youth choral singers will bring British rock classics to life at Cantabile Youth Singers' annual gala, scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave.

Themed "A Celebration of British Rock 'n' Roll," the gala will feature performances of songs by Queen and The Beatles by Cantabile's performance-level middle and high school ensembles. The evening also includes a dinner, auction, silent auction, speeches and more – all helping to fundraise for the nonprofit organization.

"This is our large fundraising event of the year, and we are super grateful for our donors," executive director VanNessa Hulme Silbermann said. "Being a nonprofit, especially in this time period, is challenging. I really love the idea of us coming together to celebrate live music, and everybody walking away knowing that they've contributed to this great organization."

With a \$100,000 fundraising goal for the night, Silbermann said 50% of donations will support student scholarships. Cantabile currently involves

about 200 elementary, middle and high school students from throughout the Bay Area, with approximately 25% of them receiving scholarships, according to Silbermann.

"Cantabile has always been very focused on providing scholarships so that everyone has access," Silbermann said. "Those scholarships pay for season participation as well as summer tour participation. The more we raise, the more scholarships we can give, which is a wonderful model."

The other 50% will fund Cantabile's operating costs, Silbermann said.

While many songs programmed for Saturday might be fan-favorites, rock tunes aren't typical for Cantabile performances, which are usually classical choral pieces.

For Ashna Yadav, a senior at Homestead High School who has been singing with Cantabile since eighth grade, rehearsing for the gala emphasized different skills and details than her typical choir repertoire.

"We're singing Queen and we're singing The Beatles, so we rehearse those different emotions," Yadav said. "What does angst look like? What does rebellion look like? We focus on

those kinds of things because those are the themes you see in that music."

Along with singing, Yadav is among the students and staff who will be giving speeches at the gala, emphasizing Cantabile's mission and purpose for fundraising.

"I want to talk about the person Cantabile helped me become," Yadav said. "I have never taken a voice lesson, but I think the reason why I progressed quickly is because of the community that we are – and that has really helped me feel confident."

Helping students like Yadav find their voice is what Cantabile exists for, Silbermann said.

"One thing I love about our mission and vision is the idea that those who sing together find peace," Silbermann said. "Cantabile firmly believes that when we make music together, we all become better. Anybody who comes to the gala will be blown away by not just the musicianship of the students, but the spirit and genuineness of the music."

Individual tickets to the event are \$250.

For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/CantabileGala.

LAYT's 'Treasure Island' opens Friday

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Youth Theater's "Treasure Island" opens Friday (March 13) and runs through March 22 at the Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave.

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Looking for a therapist is hard but it's not impossible

By Susie Driscoll

Many struggle to get therapy because the process to find one is so daunting. People get stuck calling one therapist after another who either don't answer or have no openings.

As a psychotherapist, I've discussed this with many people. Clients are frustrated but relieved when they find me. Friends worry they won't find a therapist who fits their needs. Thankfully, there are a lot of resources available for finding good therapists.

The first step is imagining your ideal therapist. Do you prefer they share a similar identity to you? In other words, would you like a therapist of the same race, religion, gender identity, ethnicity, etc.? It is often helpful to see a therapist with knowledge and experience in particular areas. For example, if you are experiencing depression after a traumatic experience, it may be beneficial to find a therapist specializing



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Finding a therapist can be tedious, but finding the right one can make a world of difference.

in trauma and/or depression.

I would also recommend understanding the provider's credentials. Mental health pro-

fessionals have different types of education or training. For example, a licensed psychologist could have a PhD or a PsyD

degree. Psychologists with PhDs are known to teach and do research as well.

There are also masters-level

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therapists, including licensed clinical social workers (LC-SWs), licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCCs) and licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs). Masters level therapists and psychologists can all provide psychotherapy or counseling.

Other professionals are trained to prescribe medications for mental health disorders but rarely provide therapy. These include psychiatrists (which is a medical doctor with a speciality in psychiatry) and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNPs).

A therapist's appeal can also be their location. Traditionally, therapy has been in-person. However, with technological developments and the COVID-19

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Still vaping in 2026? Stopping improves your dental and overall health

Statepoint

Did you know tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the United States? While some forms of tobacco may be marketed as less harmful than others, the truth is that there's no safe tobacco product. Each one threatens your dental and overall health, including e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes (or vape pens) are used by around 8% of people in the United States and have been the most commonly used tobacco product among American youth for the last decade. Results of the 2024 National Youth Tobacco Survey show that almost 6% of middle and high school students use e-cigarettes and more than one in four youth e-cigarette users reported vaping daily. These are concerning statistics because e-cigarettes contain harmful substances like nicotine and cancer-causing chemicals that put the user's health at risk. Youth

who vape may also be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

"There's no 'better for you' cigarette out there in the marketplace. Whether you choose to vape or smoke, you still risk becoming addicted to nicotine, which can negatively impact your oral and overall health greatly over time," said American Dental Association (ADA) dentist, Mirissa Price, D.M.D.

Here's what to know about vaping, and why you shouldn't use e-cigarettes.

Vaping is breathing in the aerosol (or vapor mist) created by an e-cigarette. The aerosol is formed when the e-cigarette's battery heats up the liquid (or e-juice) inside its special cartridge. The liquid in this cartridge often contains nicotine, along with flavorings and other chemicals that can be harmful when inhaled.

Nicotine is the highly addictive substance found in tobacco. It's known to affect brain development related to memory,

attention, and emotional regulation in children, teens and young adults, and can cause illness – and in severe cases, coma or death – if swallowed. Average nicotine strength in e-cigarettes has increased with vaping's popularity, and research shows that it's now double the amount of nicotine inhaled from a pack of cigarettes. Even cartridges claiming to be nicotine-free have been shown to contain some nicotine.

Other harmful substances that have been found in vape cartridges include chemicals known to cause cancer; heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead; and small particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs. "The flavorings in e-juice are designed to attract youth and young adults, and they may also contain sugar, which contributes to tooth decay," said Dr. Price. "Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease, and increases the

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Vaping can be difficult to stop, but doing so has many benefits.



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risk for infections, heart disease and a weakened immune system.”

Vape pen batteries can heat the liquid to 400 degrees F in seconds. Cases of people being hurt by e-cigarettes exploding or causing fires inside their mouths have been covered in the news. Using a high heat setting can turn the aerosol more yellow, which could result in tooth discoloration, and make the aerosol stickier so that it remains on your teeth for a long time.

A study published in The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) found a correlation between people who vape and people with untreated cavities, but more research is needed to know if the cavities are caused by vaping.

If you already vape, quitting today will improve your health. Visit MouthHealthy.org/vaping for more information, along with helpful resources.

“Ask your dentist for suggestions and support too,” said Dr. Price. “Your dentist, who cares about your health, is there to offer guidance and motivation to help you stop using e-cigarettes.”

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pandemic, telehealth (therapy done by phone or video call) is increasingly common. Both in-person therapy and telehealth have their benefits, but it’s up to the client to decide what is right for them. For example, one advantage of telehealth is that it provides a wider pool of therapists to choose from.

Once you know the type of therapist you want, start searching. If you want to pay for sessions using medical insurance, you can call the phone number on the back of your insurance card for a list of providers that accept your plan. If you do not want to call the insurance directly, many insurance companies have therapist directories on their websites. Fair warning, these directories may not be current, so it may take a number of calls to find someone who has availability for new clients.

Another great option is psychologytoday.com. Psychology Today has an online directory for mental health providers, including psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners

and therapists. It uses one’s city or zip code to create a list of providers working locally or via telehealth. You can read through professional profiles where providers describe themselves and their practices. One can even filter results by factors like insurance plans the therapist accepts or the therapist’s gender. If you’re interested in a therapist’s services, you can call or email them.

Granted, many don’t feel comfortable searching for therapists online. In that case, ask your doctor for recommendations. Primary care doctors or other medical professionals sometimes have therapists to whom they regularly refer patients.

Cost can also be a barrier to accessing therapy. If you’re unable to find a therapist who accepts your insurance, receiving therapy at a community agency can be a lower-cost option. Additionally, therapists with their own practices sometimes offer sliding scale fees based on financial need or create superbills you can submit to your insurance for reimbursement. However, check with your health insur-

ance company if they accept superbills first.

No matter how you find a therapist, the most important thing is that you and your therapist are a good fit. This is because mutual trust is key to effective therapy. Without trust (even a little at first), it’s difficult to make progress. Beyond credentials, experience or location each therapist has their own personality and therapeutic style. For example, my style is warm, positive and focused on skill-building. My approach does not fit everyone, and that’s okay.

To determine whether someone is a good fit, listen to your intuition. Many therapists offer free consultations to give a sense of their style. If you agree to work with someone but still feel uncertain, give it some time.

Finding therapy can be intimidating, but with key knowledge and resources, you have the chance to get the support you need.

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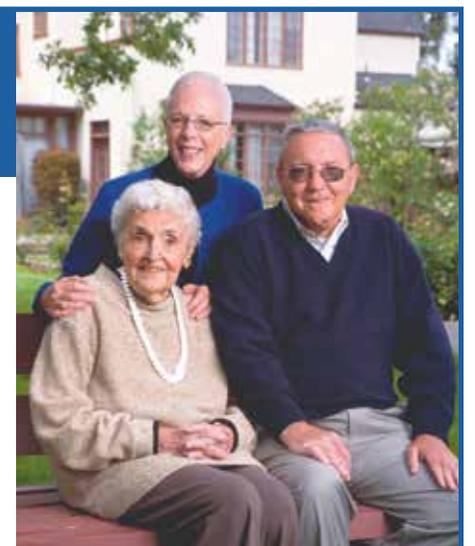


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Company designs device to make AI safer for kids

By Amalia Tormala
Town Crier Editorial Intern

When his first live artificial intelligence chat support agents were being pioneered on websites like AT&T and Verizon in 2020, Robert LoCascio was raising a family.

Today, with three kids under age 8, LoCascio has grown privy to the daily battles with screen time use that he and many other parents face. To combat this, LoCascio founded Keep It Dreaming (KID) – a Los Altos-based company focused on integrating AI into children's devices to create a safer, more educational screen atmosphere.

"AI, to me, is powerful when it is part of a community," LoCascio said at the 2024 Maker Faire during a presentation of the KID device.

Kanoa Perman, KID's chief of staff – or, as Perman put it, the CEO's "right hand man" – said LoCascio felt that existing platforms for kids were doing more harm than good.

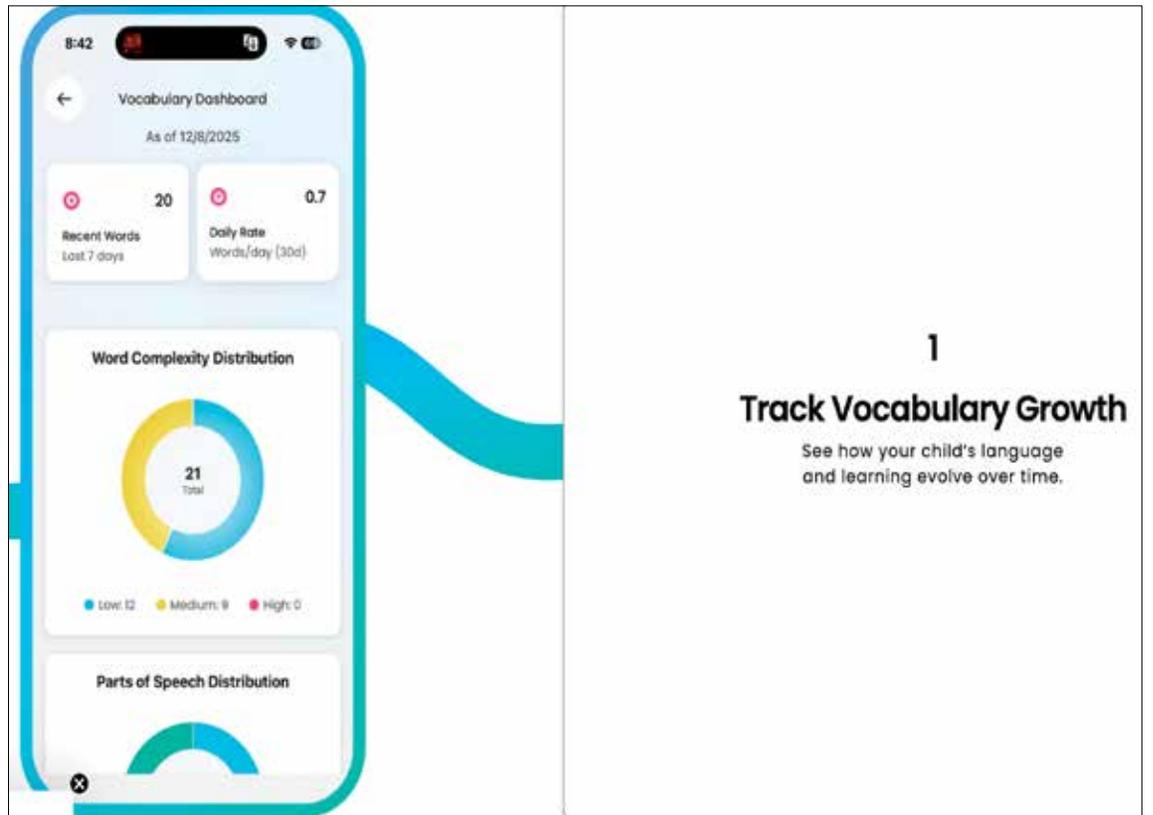
"His kids grew up, and he saw the addictive tendencies of platforms like YouTube Kids, how iPads and different tablets cause these crazy dopamine cycles

that ultimately were doing more harm than good to his kids, family dynamics and the bonds that we want all of our kids to have," Perman said.

Perman said LoCascio looked for an alternative to traditional tablets, from Loona's AI pet dog to Miko's AI-powered robots to Leapfrog's educational tablets. But, when nothing captured a "positive developmental piece of technology" for the younger generations, Perman said LoCascio went back to his entrepreneurial roots.

After a year of development, his new company released its KID device, designed to educate children on a litany of topics and allow them to indulge their more creative side. This device, equipped with 32 gigabytes of storage and WiFi chips, officially hit the market in late 2025 – just in time for the holiday season. Devices start at \$299.99.

Perman said 400 devices have been sold throughout the country, with kids using them almost daily. The device is designed for kids ages 4-12, with content filters changing depending on a user's age and familial preferences. From testimonials the company



SCREENSHOT FROM KIDCO.AI WEBSITE

Los Altos-based company Keep It Dreaming (KID) integrates AI into childrens' learning and play.

has gathered, Perman said kids' excitement about storytelling and creativity through the device are evident.

"It's just so exciting to see how passionate these kids get when the content that they're seeing

is made in their own mind's image," Perman said.

The device centers around "buddies," AI chatbots each adorned with a unique voice, personality and memory that kids can use for emotional or en-

tertainment companionship as well as educational instruction, Perman said.

During the development process of these KID devices, Perman

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The great timing debate: When is it best to claim Social Security

Statepoint

Retirees become eligible to claim Social Security benefits at age 62, but the timing of when you can actually claim may drastically impact the benefit amount. Still, when to claim will be entirely dependent on your unique situation. As you approach retirement, it's important to understand the impact that timing has on your benefits.

"The timing of when you elect to receive your Social Security benefits warrants thoughtful consideration," said Rich Guerrini, head of PNC Wealth Management. "This decision can significantly influence not only the total benefits you receive, but also the trajectory of your investment income, your tax obligations, and even your healthcare premiums."



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Retirement timing has an impact on your benefits.

Benefit calculation

Your benefits are based on your top 35 years of earnings, adjusted to account for changes in wages from the year they were earned. The Social Security Administration then applies a formula to those figures to arrive at your specific benefit

amount at full retirement age (FRA), also referred to as your primary insurance amount (PIA).

There are three options for when to claim your benefits: claim early, claim at your FRA, or claim at age 70. Each comes with its own benefits and risks.

Claim at age 62

You can begin claiming your benefits as early as age 62, but your benefits will be permanently reduced. Still, there are instances when claiming early makes sense:

- You're in poor health – The benefit of receiving Social Security early may be worth it, particularly if you're unsure if you'll live beyond your break-even point
- You're maximizing benefits with a spouse – Timing your claim to Social Security with your spouse can help you maximize a long-term benefit, while fulfilling cash flow needs in the present
- You no longer want to work – The lifestyle benefits of not working may outweigh a larger future financial benefit from Social Security
- You want to preserve assets with growth potential – Claiming Social Security early may preserve investment or

savings accounts.

Claim at full retirement

The primary benefit of waiting until your FRA is that you are then entitled to 100% of your benefits, without possibility of reductions over time. Your FRA for purposes of Social Security is based on the year you were born. For those born between 1943-1954, their FRA is 66. For those born between 1955-1959, their FRA is 66 + 2 months for every year after 1954 until 1960. For those born 1960 and later, their FRA is 67.

Delay until age 70

You can delay claiming your benefits until the maximum age 70, with the primary advantage of increasing your benefits for the remainder of your life. Delaying a Social Security claim may make sense if:

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said stories of self-harm associated with child ChatGPT use were at the forefront of his and other KID employees' minds. To address these risks, parent visibility became a core tenet for the company as it created its devices.

"Everything that happens (on a KID device) ... is visible and controlled through a parent app that lives on the parents' phone allows them to not only set controls around screen time, like volume limit and routines, but it allows them to have full visibility into every conversation and every generation that's happening here on the device," Perman said.

Perman said the second pillar LoCascio founded KID on is creativity over consumption.

"(LoCascio) felt that inherently in the business models behind platforms like YouTube Kids, there was a direct incentive to exploit our kids' attention for as much profit as these companies could get," Perman said. "He set out to build KID company as a company that would stand against that, and so we run off a



SCREENSHOT FROM KIDCO.AI WEBSITE

The KID Creativity and Education Device is for sale online.

very upfront payment method to ensure that there will never be any ads, there will never be any addictive scrolling and that all of the content on the device is made to progress our children's development, not regress them."

To meet this goal, the device

includes several chatbot characters – including Pip, the device's mascot, who can belt out statements tailored to each user – as well as a creation studio.

In this studio, the device's users can generate images, stories, music and characters using solely

their voice. Perman said even the most specific requests – like a coloring book page of a race car driving on the rings of Saturn – are fulfilled. The device can also connect with printers in a user's home.

"(Printing) was such a popular feature that we're currently working on printing limits that the parents can set in their parent app, because we had some parents reach out to us and be like, 'Printer ink is so expensive, and my kid just keeps printing all these coloring books, and I need to limit it per day,'" Perman said.

The image-generating model is then combined with character voices to create a third feature: a storytelling generator. Depending on a user's age, the device follows a traditional story arc, with Joseph Campbell's "Hero's Journey" storyline being prevalent in devices for younger children.

Each story cycles through a series of 10-15 images that convey the plot. Users can then make sequels and continuous narratives, so they can build multiple stories together to create a much longer experience. Soon, with the social features Perman said

KID is working on, users will be able to connect with a friend and exchange stories.

Perman has individually found pleasure in using the device's storytelling feature to break down existing novels into key symbols, themes and motifs.

"(The read-along feature) uses the same image slideshow that our story generation uses, so the children can get both the read along as well as the more entertaining focus," Perman said.

The bottom of the screen displays a novel's key characters, and users can begin chatting with said characters, inquiring about anything from within the text.

"The immediate connection you get by clicking on that character and then chatting with a person from this world and being able to explore their emotional state through all of these different moments in the story is just such a surreal experience for someone like me, but we were seeing the kids just absolutely love it," Perman said.

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Launching and managing a small business offers a complicated mix of challenges and rewards.

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Target your customers effectively: Use a mix of email campaigns, e-newsletters, social media advertisements and direct mail campaigns to build brand awareness and boost customer engagement. While there's nothing quite as effective as direct mail for brand-new small businesses, initiating a campaign can be overwhelming. Lean on the experts at The UPS Store for customer targeting, graphic design, printing and mailing services and more.

Boost your image: Items that seem like small details can really make a difference when it comes to creating credibility with potential customers. For example, maintaining a real street address, creating high-quality marketing materials with a consistent brand identity, and setting up a professional website with its own domain name all are great steps you can take to boost your professional image.

Focus on your passion: Outsourcing tasks like accounting, reception and recruitment means you'll have more time to focus your time and talent on your business's core purpose. Fortunately, there are opportunities to trim expenses where these services are concerned. The UPS Store maintains relationships with various vendors and service providers to offer its small business customers exclusive deals.

Get inspired: Each year, The UPS Store, Inc. and Inc. Business Media team up for an inspiring national competition supporting entrepreneurs: The UPS Store Small Biz Challenge. This challenge invites small business owners from across the nation to compete for the chance to win prize money to put towards their business. During the public voting phase from Mar. 16 to Apr. 5, visit: inc.com/the-ups-store-challenge to be inspired by these innovators and to vote for your favorite semi-finalist.

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- You have other forms of income – You may realize tax benefits from pulling from sources such as retirement accounts or savings;
 - You're still working – Working beyond your FRA may allow you to meet lifestyle expenses while increasing your future benefit; or
 - You're concerned about spousal or survivor benefits – When you delay claiming your Social Security, your spouse may be entitled to a larger spousal benefit and/or survivor's benefit as well.
- Further, cost-of-living-adjustments begin giving your potential benefit a boost at age 62 – and that boost

will continue to compound every year you delay making your Social Security claim.

Tax and impacts

Generally, your Social Security income will be tax dependent on your "combined income," which factors in gross income, nontaxable interest earned, and half of your Social Security income. Potential effects on healthcare premiums should also be factored in.

Additional insights can be found by visiting pnc.com.

While the question of when to claim Social Security benefits will be unique to your individual financial situation, it's a decision that warrants careful consideration – and potentially even a professional opinion.



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The grounds are extraordinary, designed to feel like a private five-star resort. An oversized pool with an elevated spa sets the scene for leisurely afternoons, while a fireplace and broad terraces create inviting spaces for relaxation or entertaining. Lush landscaping and level lawns frame the home, offering both privacy and a sense of openness, all complemented by rare Western Hill views that few Atherton properties can match. Moments from Las Lomas schools, Stanford University, and the venture capital hubs along Sand Hill Road, this estate combines seclusion, convenience, and a lifestyle defined by elegance, comfort, and timeless sophistication.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

059-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane, LLP DEED OF TRUST Recorded on April 01, 2005 at Instruments No 18300186 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California Sale Date: 4/1/2026 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$632,069.32 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 229 NORTH SUNNYVALE AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086. See Legal Description - Exhibit "A" attached here to and made a part hereof. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDER(S): If you are considering bidding on this property then, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER(S): The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866-684-2727) or visit the website <http://www.servicelinkasap.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-344127. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT(S): Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924m. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the

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058-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID C.K. CHAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANNE W. CHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PRO-

BATE requests that ANNE W. CHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/01/2026 at 9:03AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Jeanne Fierres Araneta

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

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

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

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ANRI ADVISORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724175

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

051-T

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Ilana Lev. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RACHEL CORN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RACHEL CORN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bailey Wash and Fold, 570 North Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AZ Wash Inc., 570 N Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Keren Li /

be held in this court as follows: 03/26/2026 at 9:00AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Jeanne Fierres Araneta

049-T

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 05/26/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 02/24/2026

046-T

/s/ Charles Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-04,11,18,25-26)

CONFLICT RELIEF COACHING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723708

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

048-T

CALMIFY COLLECTIVE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723980

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

047-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. CANDY4GOOD, 514 Torwood Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 02/09/2026 Under File No. FBN710126 Full Name of Registrant(s): Samantha Sayar, 514 Torwood Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 13, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723849 (03-04,11,18,25-26)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEPHEN WEIR OHLS CASE NO. 26PR201665

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested

Public Notices

in the WILL or estate, or both of Stephen Weir Ohls, Steve Ohls. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JENNIFER FRENZEL in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ERIC HERSH 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: 04/10/2026 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 Peter S. Stern 350 Cambridge Avenue, Suite 130 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650) 326-2282 (02-25-26,03-04,11-26)

/S/ Folau V. Kaufusi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/13/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **044-T**

GENERACIONES LANDSCAPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723217

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GENERACIONES LANDSCAPING, 520 Walker Dr Apt 37, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Miguel Angel Tapia, 520 Walker Dr Apt 37, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/28/2026. /S/ Miguel Angel Tapia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/28/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **043-T**

Runbook FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723669

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Runbook, 13208 McCulloch Ave, Saratoga, CA, 95070, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hark Al, Inc., 13208 McCulloch Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Obaid Khan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/09/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **042-T**

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. Rediscover Your Home, 15640 Shannon Heights, Los Gatos, CA 95032 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 05/02/2024 Under File No. FBN705716 Full Name of Registrant(s): Hagit Koren, 15640 Shannon Heights, Los Gatos, CA 95032 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Jan. 27, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723175 (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **041-T**

RISE WITH ANKA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723837

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RISE WITH ANKA, 5934 Flash Ct, San Jose, CA, 95119, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Anna Vasina, 5934 Flash Ct, San Jose, CA 95119. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/20/2025. /S/ Anna Vasina / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/13/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **040-T**

ALESSANDRA LANDGRAF PSYCHOTHERAPY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723812

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALESSANDRA LANDGRAF PSYCHOTHERAPY, 881 Fremont Ave Suite B5, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Alessandra Landgraf, 881 Fremont Ave Suite B5, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/11/2026. /S/ Alessandra Landgraf / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/12/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **039-T**

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: University of East - West Medicine, 595 Lawrence Expressway, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): University of Eastern and Western Medicine, 595 Lawrence Expressway, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1998. /S/ Su Fang Tong / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/20/2026. (02-25-26,03-04,11,18-26) **038-T**

HAIRCRAFT COTTAGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723686

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HAIRCRAFT COTTAGE, 186 Plaza S, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Naomi Marie Blackwood, 186 Plaza S, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/09/2026. **036-T**

/S/ Naomi Marie Blackwood / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/10/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26) **036-T**

PRECEPI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723739

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PRECEPI, 11665 Dawson Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LABELOGY INC, 11665 Dawson Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/02/2026. /S/ Thomas Mei Hwang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/11/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26) **035-T**

SO-PHONYX FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723604

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SO-PHONYX, 570 Cherry Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Zhuo Wang, 570 Cherry Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2026. /S/ Zhuo Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/06/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26) **033-T**

HYDRANGEA & COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723093

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HYDRANGEA & COMPANY, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Melanie K Moyer, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, Steven W Battliner, 13941 Campo Vista Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/07/2026. /S/ Melanie K. Moyer / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/26/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26) **032-T**

UTRAVELCO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723233

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UTRAVELCO, 2880 Zanker Road, Suite 203, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): UTRAVELCO, INC., 1126 Sumnerwings Ct, San Jose, CA 95132. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/16/2026. /S/ Yen Bich Thang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/29/2026. (02-18,25-26,03-04,11-26) **031-T**

Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to christinac@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Finding Marian Abel**, 7 p.m. March 12. Join longtime library commissioner Pierre Bedard and LAHS' Gustav Herhne for a special book club celebrating Marian Abel's History of the Los Altos Library (1914-1964). The history, written in 1972, explores the library's first 50 years. Register and get a PDF of her work so you can prepare for the book club. Marian Abel loved Los Altos. Let's celebrate our history and look forward to the next fifty years. **UC Master Gardeners: Growing Fabulous Citrus**, 7 p.m. March 18, Los Altos Library, Orchard Room. Learn how to take care of citrus trees to get the best harvest from UC Master Gardener Candace Simpson. Topics include planting location and method, pruning, fertilizing and watering and identifying and managing pests and diseases. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary. **Celebrate Persian New Year**, 7 p.m. March 23, Los Altos Library, Orchard Room. Join the library for a lively and educational celebration of Persian New Year or Nowruz. Celebration includes traditional spring dances, including circle dances. Learn about the cultural significance behind these movements and their connection to renewal and community. The program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary. This program is part of Santa Clara County Library District's celebration of Silicon Valley Reads. **Information: scld.org/events.** **Wednesday Travel Nights – Sudan: A Land Nearly Forgotten**, 7 p.m. March 25, Los Altos Library, Orchard Room. Learn more about a country often forgotten. Bruce Berger documented his journey to Sudan in his video that includes ancient pyramids, desert scenery and interactions with Sudan's people – from nomads in the desert to the university students in the capital city of Khartoum. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary. **Fly into a Good Book: A "Bridges to Belonging" Workshop**, 6:30 p.m. March 26, Los Altos Library, Orchard Room. Join sustainable artist Leila Ghasempour and craft a personalized fabric butterfly – perfect for a keychain or zipper pull – using sustainable materials. Program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. **Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance**, 7 p.m. March 30, Los Altos Library, Orchard Room. Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance. The library space itself becomes a living instrument, creating a collective audiovisual landscape experienced by all present. The event is suitable for families, students and adults with interests in music, technology and interdisciplinary art. No registration necessary. Free and open to the public.

Mountain View Public Library. All events held in the main library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View,

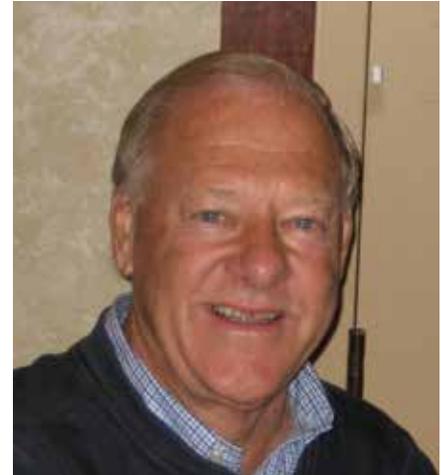
Do you need to have a Legal or Public Notice published?

Then look no further than the Los Altos Town Crier. The Town Crier's unmatched service can take care of your Fictitious Business Name Statement, Notice of Probate, Name Change and much more.

For more information, contact Melissa at 650-397-5208, or email legals@latc.com

OBITUARY NOTICE

MICHAEL B. KENNEY



December 26, 1942 – November 16, 2025

Michael B. Kenney passed peacefully November 16th, 2025. Born December 26th, 1942, in San Francisco, CA to Benjamin & Faith Kenney. He was raised in Palo Alto where cherished memories were made. He made lasting friendships as early as elementary school all the way through Wilbur Junior High. Before the 10th grade, Michael's family moved to Los Altos where Michael became an Eagle at Los Altos High (class '61). He enrolled in Foothill Junior College & the adventures of life just began. He made more friends and discovered his talent with the game of billiards. Michael & his friends enjoyed entering competitions at the infamous Cochran's Pool Hall on Market Street in San Francisco. His earnings helped pay his way through college and life was just starting...creating lasting friendships, breaking hearts, & having babies.

In 1970, Michael became a father to his first born, Megan Elizabeth, and a few years later opened United Home Loan, Inc. Michael invested in avocado farms and enjoyed the brief thrill of owning racehorses. In 1975, he married the love of his life, Maureen Patricia Nook, also a Palo Alto native. Together they had two children, Allison Jeanne and Jason Michael.

He lived life to the fullest. His good health allowed him to be active playing tennis and golf. By the early 2000's his golf adventures became the focal point of his life. Traveling around the world, playing golf & making lifelong memories with his best golf buddies were some of his most treasured years. Trips to Thailand, Australia, the ice bars in Switzerland, Paris, Marbella, Brazil, and many more. Not to forget his travels within the US, including

New York, Augusta along with many flyfishing trips throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Michael, known for his humility and generous heart, found joy in giving back and helping others. He mentored other young entrepreneurs, instilling the values he lived by; a strong work ethic, integrity, honesty, gratitude, being true to your word & always give back. These are the values he ingrained in his children & mentees, and the values Michael will always be remembered for by so many.

His final years were surrounded by his family & close friends. Michael is preceded in death by his parents & former wife Maureen (d. 2020). He's survived by his three children, Megan, Allison Jones (Jon) and Jason Kenney (Serena), his grandsons, Benjamin & Branden, his sister Sherrill Stone & grand-fur babies, Sadie, Cheeto, Coco & Puff. Michael was laid to rest on his birthday, December 26th, at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes next to his mother, Faith, father, Benjamin & grandmother, Georgia. A private celebration to honor his life will be on February 13th at Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club where Michael enjoyed many years as a golf member.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask for donations be made in memory of Michael Kenney to support the Little Learners Program, a nonprofit early childhood program operated by LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (nonprofit tax ID #94-1415317), which helps children with blindness or visual impairments by providing specialized services to them and their families in northern and central California.

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/inmemoryofmichaelbkenney>



unless otherwise indicated. **Baby Storytime**, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Mountain View Public Library, first floor program room. Musical storytime for infants, babies and new toddlers with books, baby bounces and dancing. After storytime, there will be a brief stay and play for grownups to connect and mingle. Program designed for ages 0-18 months. **Don't Fall For It! An Educational Event for Seniors**, 4:30-5:15 p.m. March 20, Second Floor Program Room, Mountain View Public Library. An informative two-part presentation designed to help seniors stay safe and independent in areas including internet safety, scam prevention, home safety and fall prevention. Event targeted for seniors and caregivers. This interactive event is perfect for seniors, caregivers and family members who want to stay informed and proactive.

Living Classroom. Living Classroom Docent Training, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 16 and 23. Los Altos School District iLearn Studio, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. Living Classroom is seeking volunteers to teach nature-based lessons and/or help care for school gardens. No experience necessary. If Mondays don't work, an apprentice-style training option may be available. Email questions to living-classroom@lasdschools.org or call 650-947-1103. Information: LivingClassroomLASD.org.

San Antonio Hills Homeowners' Association. Country Club Residents Annual Meeting. 6:30 p.m., March 18. Los Altos Golf and Country Club, 1650 Country Club Drive. Residents of the Country Club neighborhood will have the opportunity to hear from County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, Captain Neil Valenzuela from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Christopher Wilson from the California Water Service. Crime updates, ALPRs, fire safety, the status of the water system upgrade will be discussed. Other representatives from county organizations will be present. The Planning and Development Department will also be there to meet residents and answer questions. Information: sanantonioghills.com or contact president@sanantonioghillsinc.com.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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

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

Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Nonprofit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltosnewcomers.org.

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

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

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs "doo-wop" music from the 1950s and 1960s. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsulaharmony.org.

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

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

HP Retired Employees Club. Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Activities include luncheons, trips (local, regional and foreign), volunteer work and more. Information: (408) 867-5086, hp.com/retiree.

American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 207-6625, lamv.ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Meet other new moms for weekly walks, park days and/or indoor play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. Information: lasmadres.org.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos. Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students, El Camino Hospital Infant Hearing Screening Clinic, Community Services Agency and CHAC. Noon first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. Information: (650) 967-5404; quotamvla.org.

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society. Includes mineral displays, field trips and a lapidary. 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of the month. Hillview Community Center, Room 12, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Information: pggs.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Beautiful, gated Rancho Deep Cliff Community of 61 homes and 17 acres
Recently remodeled kitchen and bathrooms with recently installed bamboo floors
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