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Furry friends frolick down Main



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The 79th Annual Los Altos Kiwanis Pet Parade was packed with parading pups Saturday on Main Street in Downtown Los Altos. Among this year's participating pups were Tootsie Roll and Reese's Pieces, sporting matching Hawaiian shirts (top photo); Toby, the 17-and-a-half-year-old rescue dog (bottom right) as well as chickens, guinea pigs, hamsters and a therapy cat who preferred to ride instead of walk (bottom left). For more photos, see losaltosonline.com

Repairs begin this summer on Stevens Creek erosion



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People and pets stroll along the popular Stevens Creek Trail in Mountain View on Saturday afternoon where erosion has taken its toll on the path.

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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and augment costs to consultants involved in the design and review process.

A \$4.7 million erosion mitigation project in Stevens Creek will kick off construction this summer under a shared funding agreement between the city of Mountain View and the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD).

The erosion was caused by a series of wet winters between 2022 and 2024, which degraded the creek banks on Stevens Creek between Middlefield Road and Moffett Boulevard. The erosion mitigation plan is to construct a log crib along the creek bank and regrade eroded edges with a biodegradable fabric. The repair work will also include storm drain pipe repair.

The Mountain View City Council, with a unanimous vote on the city's consent calendar during a meeting on April 28, authorized the city manager to seek out construction bids, ratify a cost-sharing agreement with the MVWSD

"The log crib structure will improve bank stability by reducing the bank slope

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EROSION

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and incorporating vegetation to the bank surface. In addition, log rootwads will be installed and anchored at selected locations along the creek to improve stability at the toe of the bank and provide habitat benefits,” according to a city staff report.

The city was required to receive permits from regulatory agencies, including the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The MVWSD Board approved funding for the erosion repairs on MVWSD property, which borders the creek, in December of 2025. The total cost of \$4,692,256 will be funded with \$3,215,000 from the city’s capital improvement plan reserve, \$200,000 from the storm drain construction fund and up to \$1,277,256 from MVWSD.

Construction, expected to begin in the summer and conclude by October, is expected to cost \$3,026,758. The costs also include an increase to San Jose engineering firm Geomorph Design Group Inc., which conducted reviews of the erosion, and San Francisco’s Marina Construction Management, Inc., for inspection support of the environmentally sensitive waterway.

The city will perform a fish survey before the start of construction. If the fish survey identifies Central California Coast steelhead at the construction site, the cost and schedule will be impacted.

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Los Altos Youth Commission Council Academy ends year with mock city council meeting

By Christina Casillas

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All seats of the Los Altos City Council dais were filled May 4, but sitting there were not members of the Los Altos City Council: They were local high school students.

Why? It was the first-ever mock city council meeting held by the city of Los Altos Youth Commission Council Academy. In addition to student city council members, students took on the roles of the usual council suspects, including city manager, city clerk and city attorney.

The Academy, previously known as the Los Altos Youth Commission, came to be in 2025. The program is designed to give students a look into Los Altos city operations, allowing them to learn about what city roles include while gaining experience into how the city serves the communities.

Ryan Kim, a Bellarmine College Preparatory senior and Los Altos resident, served as the cohort’s mayor. He effectively ran through the motions – from calling the meeting to order to hearing public comment to items on and off the agenda and adjourning the meeting – and he described his time behind the dais as “the highlight of my time on the council.”

“It was truly incredible being able to sit at the front of the room, guide the discussion and speak about issues that matter to our



SCREENSHOT FROM MOCK LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Ryan Kim, the Los Altos Youth Commission Council Academy mayor for 2026, receives recognition from Los Altos City Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg following the mock council meeting.

community,” Kim stated. “We did rehearsals beforehand to get comfortable with the agenda, and I thought everyone brought a

great energy to the table.”

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East Bay man found guilty in shooting of MV police officer

By Christina Casillas

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A Union City man who shot a Mountain View Police Department officer during a 2022 traffic stop was found guilty May 6 of attempted murder of a police officer.

The man, Jeffrey Choy, 37, faces life in prison. A sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled, according to a press release from the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office.

The incident occurred July 16, 2022, when a Mountain View officer stopped Choy in his Ford Explorer while conducting DUI enforcement in downtown Mountain View. Choy had allegedly run a stop sign near Villa and Hope streets before driving through a four-way intersection.

Choy fired two bullets at point-blank range from a 9 mm handgun shortly after he and the officer exchanged greetings. One of the bullets missed the officer, while the other went through his arm and struck his bulletproof vest. The officer recovered from his injuries after the incident and returned to duty.

Choy, already a felon when the shooting occurred, had an active warrant for possessing a gun found during a March 2022 traffic stop. He was also barred from having any weapons and was out on bail.

Choy drove from the scene and crashed his car near Higdon Avenue. He then fled on foot and was arrested the next day outside a Black Bear Diner in Fremont.

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Former Los Altos police chief Averiett charged with hit-and-run



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Then-Los Altos Police Chief Angela Averiett is sworn in in 2022. She has since been charged with a misdemeanor hit-and-run while serving as San Leandro police chief.

By Christina Casillas

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Former Los Altos Police Chief Angela Averiett has been charged with a misdemeanor hit-and-run by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office after she was involved in a May 19, 2025 collision.

The collision occurred at approximately 10:51 p.m. on east-

bound Interstate 580 near the Interstate 680 interchange, according to an Alameda County District Attorney’s Office press release. Averiett, who now serves as San Leandro police chief (but has since been put on leave), was allegedly driving an unmarked police vehicle from a city council meeting during

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Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center wins environmental design award

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View's state-of-the-art aquatics center in the Rengstorff Park neighborhood has earned a statewide environmental design award after the one-year anniversary of its opening.

The Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center, located at 2073 Crisanto Ave., is one of the first fully-electric municipal aquatic centers. Updated from its drab 1959 facility design at a cost of \$29 million, the aquatic center offers a 25-meter by 25-yard lap pool with diving boards, a recreation pool with a water slide, upgraded lockers and showers, a multi-purpose room and art installations. The site hosts recreational swimming, exercise classes and swim lessons. The grand opening of the center was March 29, 2025.

The site was designed with an eco-friendly edge to align with the city's environmental sustainability goals. The building is made with so-called green materials and includes an all-electric hot water system powered by solar panels and an array of heat pumps. The panels, which generate both photovoltaic and solar thermal energy, heats approximately 500,000 gallons of water in use at the site for the pools, showers and plumbing at a dramatically lower greenhouse gas emissions rate.

Tricia Mullan, with the non-profit California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS), said the aquatic center was what "make(s) communities like the city of Mountain View so very special." There were 52 award-



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The award-winning Rengstorff Park Aquatic Center in Mountain View offers a variety of aquatic programs in pools powered by all-electric technology.

ees among 186 applicants across the entire 2025 Awards of Excellence series this year, she said.

"The city of Mountain View's Rengstorff Park aquatic center is a true testament to what aquatic facilities can provide to the community," Mullan said. "The collaborative process utilized to create the facilities design ensured the final design reflected what the community truly needed: reliability, inclusion and spaces for all ages."

The CPRS annual awards program celebrates facility and park design across the state. The awards span programming accomplishments, communications and community leadership.

Mountain View's project was one of five awardees in the category of facility design. The award description on the

California Park and Recreation Society website credited the "transformational" project for being guided by hands-on workshops, surveys and a collaborative process with the public.

"Users frequently share how much they love the welcoming design, dependable access, and expanded opportunities to learn, play, and stay active," the award description said.

The City Council and staff were presented with an award plaque at the council meeting on April 28.

John Marchant, community services director, said the long process of developing the design was due to the integration of new, environmentally-sound technologies.

"Between city staff and our contractors, we were able to bring it to fruition," he said.

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the incident.

"The California Highway Patrol responded, investigated, and did not find cause to issue a citation," Averiett said during a press conference related to the charge brought against her. "I want to be clear that I did not knowingly leave the scene of a collision. Given the minimal nature of the reported damage – a small scratch on the other vehicle's side mirror – I had no indication at the time that any contact may have occurred."

Averiett noted that at the time

of the collision, she turned on her emergency lights and was trying to exit I-580 "as quickly as possible" as she believed she was experiencing a medical emergency related to an "ongoing medical issue."

"I was focused on getting myself off the freeway safely for my own wellbeing and for the safety of other motorists," she said.

However, after the Inspector's Division of the San Leandro District Attorney's Office requested the CHP's report, District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson found "sufficient probable cause" to file a misdemeanor charge against

Averiett, according to the press release.

"Our office has a duty to independently review the evidence and pursue charges when the facts support criminal charges," District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson stated.

Averiett said during the press conference that she remains committed to serving the city of San Leandro, and she plans to continue cooperating with authorities during the process.

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ACADEMY

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He joined the Academy through the philanthropy Together We Can, which he said his family had been involved with. He was with the YCCA when it was still the city's Youth Commission Program, and he said he loved both iterations of the youth program for different reasons.

"For the first (year), I was re-

sponsible for planning and running community events like the Holiday Movie Night and Donation Drive, but for the second, I learned more about the intergovernmental functions of our city and met with local officials," he said.

Developed in 2024 and implemented in 2025, the Academy was an effort to "reimagine the City's Youth Commission program into a more education-

focused civic leadership experience for local students," said Los Altos City Clerk Melissa Thurman.

After conferring with City Manager Gabe Engeland, Thurman and councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, who serves as the Youth Commission council liaison, worked on the structure of the program, which culminates in a city council meeting "that would allow students to ap-

ply what they learned throughout the year," she said.

Weinberg, who was present at and offered public comment during the meeting, said the students' performance during the city council meeting was a testament to the hard work and preparation they had related to municipal responsibilities and leadership.

"The students' performance at the mock City Council meeting was genuinely impressive," Weinberg stated in an email. "They ran the meeting with professionalism, confidence and a clear understanding of council procedure. Participants stepped seamlessly into roles such as mayor, councilmember, city manager and department heads, managing the agenda, public comment, deliberation, and decision making in a way that closely mirrored an actual Los Altos City Council meeting.

"For a first-year program, it was an exceptional demonstration of preparation and teamwork and showed how seriously the students engaged with the process. It is also a testament to the very hard work put in by City Staff to make the program a success."

Other Academy students included Abhinav Tammana (Los Altos High School), vice mayor; Vibha Bengani (Homestead High School), city clerk; Sahana Srinivasan (Los Altos High School), city manager; Ishika Anand (Los Altos High School), councilmember; Michael Shukhman (Mountain View High School),

councilmember; Darius Sayar (St. Francis High School), councilmember; Asha Rammohan (Los Altos High School), parks and recreation director; Olivia Cheng (Menlo High School), city attorney; and Taryn Hwang (The Nueva School), police chief.

Kim's term expires this year, and after the summer ends he'll start his studies at UC Berkeley. But of his experience in the Academy, he said he will "take away a genuine excitement for civic engagement and the confidence that young people can make a difference."

Weinberg said that the goal of the Academy is for students to leave with a knowledge of how local government works and how they can engage with city leaders. He also hopes they leave with confidence in public speaking and skills for working with those with differing opinions.

They gain confidence in speaking publicly, collaborating across different viewpoints and understanding the responsibilities of elected officials and city staff.

"Perhaps most importantly, they leave with a stronger sense that their voices matter, and that local government is accessible to them whether they choose to stay involved through civic service, community advocacy, or future leadership roles," he said.

For more information on the Academy, see losaltosca.gov/526/Youth-Commission-Council-Academy.

Join the Conversation on 2016 Measure B.



You are invited to provide input on 2016 Measure B Program expenditure compliance and the results of the annual performance audit at the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee's (MBCOC) public hearing:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

In-person: Conference Room B-106, VTA Administrative Offices, 3331 N. First Street, San Jose, California. (This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Line 20.)

Zoom video conference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88667245653>

Input can be provided during the meeting, or written comments for the hearing will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on 5/27/26 at board.secretary@vta.org.

Further information on the public hearing is available at vta.org/2016-measure-b-citizens-oversight-committee. Contact the Office of the Board Secretary at (408) 321-5680 or board.secretary@vta.org for questions. Sign language and interpreter services will be provided upon request by contacting VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300 or customer.service@vta.org at least five (5) days before the meeting.



BACKGROUND | In November 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent countywide sales tax devoted to enhancing transit, highways, expressways, and active transportation (bicycles, pedestrians, and complete streets) within Santa Clara County.

The measure established the MBCOC, composed of community members. While the VTA Board of Directors holds the sole responsibility for all 2016 Measure B policy-related decisions, the MBCOC's distinct role is to ensure funds are spent consistently with the ballot's intent and inform the voters on Program compliance.

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) continues to deliver the projects and programs contained in the 2016 Measure B Program. Examples of the many projects/programs underway include local streets/roads repair and improvements, highway interchanges, Caltrain corridor capacity improvements, local transit improvements, and bicycle/pedestrian projects.

More information on 2016 Measure B projects/programs is available on VTA's website: (1) vta.org/2016measureb; and (2) 2016measureb.vta.org.

AUDIT RESULTS | The MBCOC commissioned the annual independent audit of 2016 Measure B Program revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Baker Tilly, former Moss Adams, LLP, completed this audit and presented its findings at the 04/22/2026 MBCOC meeting, indicating its conclusion that **VTA complied, in all material respects, with the requirements for the 2016 Measure B Program as defined in the ballot.** Every annual audit of the 2016 Measure B Program since its inception has reached this same conclusion.

Audit reports and other information on 2016 Measure B are available on VTA's website at vta.org/2016measureb and at the VTA Headquarters at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134 in the Building B Main Lobby weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Make a Difference: Join the MBCOC and Get Involved!

Individuals passionate about improving transportation in Santa Clara County are needed on the MBCOC. Further information and the online application are available at: <https://www.vta.org/apply-mbcoc>.



SHOOTING

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"This verdict reminds us that every time a law enforcement officer starts their shift, they are risking their lives to protect us and our families,"

Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen stated in the release. "I thank this officer and every officer who has made it their professional responsibility to put themselves between our community and extremely dangerous people."



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Mountain View road repair project approved with \$5 million price tag

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View has upped the cost of its street repair project to \$5 million in order to fix critical base failures in its roads.

The Mountain View City Council unanimously advanced the street repair project during the consent calendar portion of a meeting on May 12, modifying its funding plan to give the project a half million dollar boost. In total, the project will rehabilitate 992,000 square feet of pavement and refresh 45,000 linear feet of pavement markings on roads including Rock Street and Sierra Vista Avenue.

"I'm just glad we're starting to take care of the streets," said Councilmember John McAlister. "Anything we can do to improve our streets and incorporate all the improvements the residents want ... is a great step going forward."

The road repair project has been in the works for some time. The council authorized a professional services agreement with civil engineering firm Siegfried, Inc., for design and construction support services at a cost of \$420,000 in 2024. While determining the project scope, officials located pockets of pavement which were in a more severe condition than expected.

In addition to repairing roadway failures with a slurry seal pavement treatment, certain roads will be dug out in order to repair failure at the base pavement level.

The additional work increased the cost by a half-million, requiring a budget modification to bridge the shortfall. The city utilizes funding from state gas taxes, regional community taxes and the Measure B Transportation Improvement Program, funded by Santa Clara County's general sales tax. As part of the resolution, council approved a \$1 million increase from the Measure B sales tax fund and a reduction of \$500,000 from the city's construction tax fund to net the half-million increase.

The repair project will include the use of slurry seals, asphalt concrete overlays and reconstruction in various locations. The project also includes striping improvements and high visibility crosswalks and bicycle pavement markings along suggested routes on Rock Street and Victory Avenue.

In total, the project has a projected cost of \$5,008,282. The city plans to seek out bids for the project in anticipation of summer construction. The project is set to be completed in the fall, pending weather and temperature conditions.

April Webster, a representative of the



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Road resurfacing begins this summer on Middlefield road in Mountain View.

volunteer advocacy group Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning, said during the meeting that the repairs offered an opportunity for additional low-cost safety improvements such as narrowing lanes, painted curb extensions and reinforcing crosswalk visibility.

Pavement maintenance is not just a resurfacing program, it's also a recur-

ring opportunity we can use in parallel to make our streets safer, more comfortable and more climate resilient," she said.

The city's total network of streets spans 140 centerline miles and 31 million square feet of pavement, according to a city staff report.

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Left: Rep. Sam Liccardo, D-Calif., of the 16th District
Right: County of Santa Clara District Attorney Jeff Rosen

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In our area, we have six local races. Assessor and sheriff are unopposed, so congratulations to reelected Santa Clara County Assessor Neysa Fligor and reelected sheriff, Robert Jonsen.

In the other four, we disappointingly had no response to our request to interview from any of the six candidates for the State Board of Equalization, nor any of the three candidates

for State Assembly. Therefore, we will not be endorsing in either of those races.

For Congress, we interviewed independent candidate Jotham Stein and the incumbent, Sam Liccardo. Neither of the Republican candidates were able to come in to interview. In our view, Liccardo has been an excellent first-term representative and we feel he can build on that momentum in a second term. Stein is well-intentioned, intelligent and an experienced attorney. However, he lacks legislative and political experience. We endorse Liccardo for California's 16th Congressional District.

The District Attorney election has two candidates, which means one of the two will be elected on June 2 and there will be no November election. Daniel Chung is passionate and articulate, however he doesn't appear to have hands-on managerial experience running a large, complex organization. Jeff Rosen is thoughtful, knowledgeable and experienced. Rosen should be re-elected and we endorse Jeff Rosen for Santa Clara County District Attorney.

It is important that you exercise your voting power. Vote in this primary election. Send in your ballot.

Letters to the Editor

Disappointed in Compassion Week grant denial

On Tuesday (May 13), Jan McDaniel addressed the \$5k grant request to the Los Altos City Council. This grant was funded last year and aligned to the mission of the town to build a thriving and inclusive community. It was clear from some of the Council

Members' questions that they had no idea what Compassion Week does, or if they even read the grant request. For the 4000+ people that volunteered in 2025, that is a slap in the face. This effort serves 20 local cities across Santa Clara County, with a large percentage of volunteers originating from Los Altos. A few Council Mem-

bers were supportive, with one stating, "You should have asked for more." How did we end up with a council that makes decisions based on unknown, personal biases? As a longtime volunteer, supporter and resident, this is disappointing.

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Letters to the Editor

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Motorcycles were popular circa 1919. Los Altos pioneer W.E. Formway (left), his father W.L. Formway (center) and a friend are posing on their motorcycles in front of a bike shop.

Community

Cannery project salutes valley's history

By Robin Chapman
Special to the Town Crier

The building on Portage Avenue off El Camino Real was once a plain, workaday structure where workers labored a century ago to prepare apricots and other Santa Clara Valley fruits for canning and sale. Just a few years ago, it was the decaying former home of Fry's Electronics. In the days ahead, after its spectacular redevelopment by the Sobrato Organization of Mountain View, it will be home to high tech offices. Yet there will now be important reminders this building has a place in our history – that it was once the Bay Side cannery, owned by early 20th century Chinese entrepreneur Thomas Foon Chew, an immigrant who became a millionaire in the Santa Clara Valley's first internationally-

known industry.

A portion of the old structure has been preserved and updated. The rest of the design mirrors the original with its sleek neo-industrial overlay. At the entrance, there is an original work of art commissioned just for the space – an enormous and colorful mosaic by artist Kyungmi Shin, which recalls the building's past. In addition, Portage Avenue will be renamed for Thomas Foon Chew. His granddaughter, Dr. Gloria Hom, a retired local academic, was wowed to take it all in at the building's recent dedication. "My heart is just overflowing," she said. Other family members agreed.

Thomas Foon Chew came to the United States from China as a child with his father, who founded Precita Cannery in San

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COURTESY OF ROBIN CHAPMAN

Gloria Hom stands by the mosaic that now graces the entrance to the newly redeveloped Bay Side Cannery in Palo Alto. Hom is the granddaughter of Bay Side's founder, Thomas Foon Chew.



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Expert in international affairs explains the current tension between autocrats and democrats



COURTESY OF KATHRYN TOMAINO

By Nancy Ginsburg Gill
Special to the Town Crier

To a full house at the May 4 gathering of The Morning Forum of Los Altos, Professor Michael McFaul used his expertise in international affairs to explain how much has changed since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

McFaul, who has taught at Stanford since 1995, is a senior fellow at Stanford's Freeman Spogli International Studies Center and the Hoover Institute. He spent five years in the Obama Administration, the last two as the U.S. Ambas-

sador to Russia. He is an international affairs analyst for MS Now and the author of 10 books; the most recent is "Autocrats vs. Democrats: China, Russia, America and the New World Disorder."

McFaul described the euphoria of the post-Soviet era when general consensus was that the United States had won the Cold War by proving that only a democracy could provide its people with economic prosperity. McFaul added that he was a student studying in Moscow at the time; "I was a rock star just because I was an American." America was the only superpower left and everyone wanted to be like America politically and economically.

Now more than 30 years later, democracy doesn't have the clear dominance it once had. Both Russia under Vladimir Putin and China under Xi Jinping have become far more autocratic than they were in the 1990s.

In 2011, during The Arab Spring, the spread of democracy seemed inevitable in both the Middle East and in Russia when the middle class rose up demanding free elections. Putin blamed the U.S. and specifically Ambassador McFaul for instigating these uprisings.

In 2014, the Ukrainians booted out of power Moscow's puppet, President Viktor Yanukovich, demonstrating their desire to align with the democracies and economies of the West.

Putin was furious, insisting that the "Ukrainians are just Russians with accents," who share a culture that values strong leaders over the messiness of democracies. Fearing that the growth of democracy in Eastern Europe would threaten his own power, he invaded Crimea in 2014 as a prelude to the invasion of the entire country eight years later.

A key difference between the Cold War and now, McFaul explained, is the way that economic power is intertwined with ideological power. While ours remains the strongest economy, China's economic growth challenges us in ways that it didn't 30 years ago. Through its global

outreach, it threatens to overshadow America's role as the world's most influential economic force.

Moreover democracy has declined in recent years, even in our own country, while the number of autocratic regimes has increased.

Another big difference that has led to so much global unrest is the growing polarization within countries as has occurred so dramatically in the U.S. as well as other western democracies.

To deal effectively with our current international disorder, McFaul said, it's essential that we avoid the mistakes we made during the Cold War, e.g., overestimating the threat of the spread of communism by fixating on containment as we did in Vietnam and embracing brutal dictators just because they were anti-communists as we did in South Africa and Latin America.

We must also embrace the smart policies we employed throughout the Cold War like creating and preserving strong alliances, maintaining a strong military, and using effective tools like The Voice of America and Radio Free Europe to promote democratic values.

Unfortunately, McFaul said, President Trump has not learned from our past successes. He has alienated our allies and weakened or even destroyed the instruments that encouraged others to embrace democracy and facilitated global economic cooperation. Many of his policies, McFaul lamented, have created an erosion of U.S. global influence. Moreover, our own political polarization doesn't inspire other countries to view the U.S. as a role model.

However, McFaul explained, "I remain an optimist. We've been through dark times before." The arc of history, he noted, shows the truth of Winston Churchill's famous quote, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others."

McFaul also finds hope in Viktor Orban's recent defeat in Hungary. The end of his 16-year autocratic reign, McFaul

Stanford professor Michael McFaul explained what has changed since the fall of the Soviet Union to the May 4 gathering of the Morning Forum of Los Altos.



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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MAY 26, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

In Person

Note- This is not the Final Agenda

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adoption of Resolution to accept grant funding from the Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and authorize revenue and allocate it to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Adopt a resolution declaring certain properties to be exempt surplus land pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221(F)(1)(D)
2. Adopt a Resolution to approve a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Altos and Los Altos Municipal Employee Association
3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Ron Paris Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$657,069.99 and 20% contingency, if needed, in the amount not to exceed \$130,00.00. The total project cost will be \$787,070.00, and the Council's action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15301(a), and that is one of the circumstances in the CEQA Guidelines
4. Adopt a Resolution to approve the Administration Building B Conversion

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract extension with Flock Safety in the amount of \$160,000 to extend the current contracts for an additional two years for maintenance and service for the 25 Flock Safety cameras in the City of Los Altos
6. Waive first reading and introduce an Ordinance to amend Los Altos Municipal Code Chapter 2.24 Disposal of Unclaimed Property to update sections governing the holding, disposal and auction notice requirements for unclaimed property, in order to reflect current legal requirements and City practices

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Celebrate Independence Day with TACO

Special to the Town Crier

TACO, the Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra, will perform a free outdoor community concert 4-6 p.m. Sunday, July 5. "Celebrate the 250th Birthday of America in Music" will be held on the Park Stage behind the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. in downtown Mountain View, with free parking below the theater.

The concert includes the performance of 10 pieces of traditionally patriotic American music. There will be short introductions placing each piece of music in historical context, with information about the composers and what was going on in American history at the time.

TACO's mission is to welcome adults of diverse ages and abilities to gather in a sociable, friendly and supportive setting to play instrumental music in classical, folk, popular and other genres. It maintains a mailing list of more than 1,000 Bay Area musicians, hosting on

average 100 instrumentalists at each monthly session. Six new arrangements of music are distributed to those who register each month, allowing people to practice in advance if they wish, or simply draw on their sight-reading skills. Sessions are held on Sunday afternoons in the Grand Oak Room at Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Each session includes time to learn and play through the music while also allowing for social networking and building community among musicians, volunteers and anyone present to listen and enjoy the full orchestral sound.

Families, friends and the public of all ages can listen for free to as much or as little of each session as they like. Occasional performance opportunities to participate in outreach at residential facilities or concerts in the park, such as the one on July 5, are offered to TACO's musicians. Its goal is to make classical music for adult amateurs accessible, inclusive and fun.

For more information, visit tacosv.org.

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Francisco about 1890. When that cannery was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake, the family moved the business to Alviso, and renamed it Bay Side Canning Company as Thomas began to step in for his father. Under his leadership, the company added the Palo Alto plant in 1918 and expanded to Isleton and Monterey. At a time when Chinese people in America faced serious discrimination, Thomas Foon Chew became one of the state's early success stories. "He just didn't allow himself to be marginalized," Dr. Hom told me when I researched his life. By the 1920s, he owned the third-largest canning business in the United States. Only Del Monte and Libby were bigger.

John Sobrato, 86, chairman

of the company responsible for what his firm is calling the "adaptive reuse" of the cannery, listened to civic leaders and the public when he purchased the property. Sobrato himself is the son of an immigrant and likened his family's experience to Chew's: "Two stories of what it looks like to bet everything on America," he said. Sobrato will be building townhomes on nearby land and is donating adjacent property for a park.

The artwork at the building's entrance features images of Chew and his workers, along with colorful Bay Side labels. A retail space has another montage that tells more of the Bay Side story. The old cannery now encompasses 73,000 feet of office space, and, according to Sobrato executive Chase Lyman, it is already fully leased, though the

retail space is still available. Lyman, of Los Altos Hills, is the son of former NFL player and Los Altos High School standout Brad Lyman, who passed away in 2022.

The Sobrato Organization listened carefully to members of the public who came forward asking that the historic building be saved. The result entwines past and present. Now the old cannery will serve as a reminder that all of us, as we dream our dreams in this beautiful region, stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before.

Dr. Gloria Hom will present "The Story of Thomas Chew," Thursday, May 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m. at the Huddle at Google, 2000 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, in a presentation sponsored by Avenidas. Contact ACCC@Avenidas.org for more information.

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said, demonstrates that what brings autocrats down even more than their disregard for the needs and civil rights of their citizens is blatant corruption.

McFaul acknowledged that America's loss of respect among the democracies of the world

greatly saddens him, sometimes to the point of despair. But what encourages him – something the Ukrainians know all too well – is the truth behind Mike Tyson's response to an interviewer who asked him if he gets tired when fighting long bouts: "Of course, I'm tired. But I know the consequences of giving up and not fighting."

At the end of his talk, McFaul looked out at his large audience and described similar groups he has spoken to throughout the U.S., even in red states. "What gives me great hope is people like you: Americans who want to take the time to learn how we got to where we are now and understand how we can return to better times."

Schools

New mobile health clinic opens at De Anza College



JULIA BAUM/TOWN CRIER

Local leaders gather at the new mobile medical clinic that opened May 6 at De Anza College in Cupertino.

By Julia Baum

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A new mobile health clinic has recently launched at De Anza College, expanding access to public healthcare services for residents and students across the West Valley.

The Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Mobile Health Center officially began operations May 6 and will be stationed in Parking Lot J on campus every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as part of a one-year pilot program. County officials say the clinic is designed to serve communities that have long lacked nearby public healthcare options, including Cupertino, Los Altos, Saratoga, Sunnyvale and West San Jose.

The walk-in clinic provides care for adults 18 and older without requiring appointments, and will be staffed by a physician, nurse and community outreach specialist. Services include treatment for minor illnesses and injuries, family planning, physical exams, vaccinations, health screenings and

referrals to specialty care. The clinic accepts most insurance plans except Kaiser, and staff will work with uninsured patients to ensure they can receive care regardless of ability to pay.

The project is a partnership between Santa Clara Valley Healthcare and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. Officials say the clinic is intended not only for students, but also for families, seniors and uninsured residents in surrounding neighborhoods.

Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens, a former Foothill-De Anza trustee and De Anza alumnus, said the effort reflects a larger inequity in California's higher education funding system, where community colleges often serve lower-income and working students while receiving significantly less state support than UC and CSU campuses.

"If we all come together to address and help meet each student where they are, we can accomplish almost anything."

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Local students earn Congressional Art Competition honors, awards

By Julia Baum and Christina Casillas

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A number of local students received awards from Rep. Sam Liccardo (District 16) for artwork they submitted to the 2026 Congressional Art Competition.

This year's theme, "What does the United States of America's 250th anniversary mean to you?" brought in more than 30 student submissions. The art pieces were then evaluated by a panel of professional artists.

The first-place winner was Serena Yip, Saratoga High School and California School of Art and Design student. She will be honored in Washington, D.C. at a national ceremony and her artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol. Los Altos High School students Isabel Lee and Ariel Shverdin came in second and third place, respectively. Maria Selikhanovich of Los Altos High School, Jena Catelyn

Lew of Saratoga High School and Lily Liu of Yun Hua Fang Art Studio all received honorable mentions.

"Each piece tells a different story about America," Liccardo stated in a press release. "Together, these works reflect the freedom to think, create, and dream – values that define our country and will shape its next 250 years."

The competition offered the student artists an opportunity to reflect on the country's history while expressing their own hopes for the future through art. Second place finalist Isabel Lee, a senior at Los Altos High, told the Town Crier that she wanted her submission – a portrait of birds flying in formation titled "Hope in Flight" – to convey ideas tied to the nation's founding principles.

"I wanted to express the intention of preserving the founding ideals of the United States such as independence, freedom, and hope, and I wanted to send

a message of trying to preserve those ideals," Lee said.

Lee said she wanted those themes to resonate emotionally with viewers and leave them with a sense of optimism.

She added that she hoped viewers would come away from the piece with "feelings of hope as well as freedom, peace."

Lee almost decided not to enter the competition, but encouragement from her art teacher helped change her mind. Lee said she was surprised to learn she had placed in the competition. "I didn't really think that the piece was going to get an award actually," she said, adding that she was unsure how well it matched the contest theme compared to other submissions.

Art has long been an important part of Lee's life. She said she has been interested in art her entire life, taking classes over the years and participating in Advanced Placement art courses for the past two years. She described her creative influ-



COURTESY OF REP. SAM LICCARDO'S OFFICE

"Hope in Flight" was created by Los Altos High senior Isabel Lee.

ences as rooted in personal experiences, the world around her and issues she cares about.

Looking ahead, Lee said she hopes art will remain part of her future, whether professionally or personally: "I want it to be part of what I pursue, whether that be my career or hobby."

Beyond competitions and awards, Lee said art serves as a way to build connections with others and better understand the world around her.

"I really want to connect with the world around me through art and I feel like art is a way to connect with people."

Schools

Beloved Los Altos teacher's legacy reaches students worldwide

By Julia Baum
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Adam Randall wasn't just a beloved physics teacher at Los Altos High School – he was a “teacher's teacher” who helped co-develop a science education program that is now transforming hundreds of thousands of students' lives. That's how fellow teacher Robert Freeman characterized his friend, who died from throat cancer at age 57 one year ago. “He was a genius at inspiring his students and they held him in reverence,” Freeman told the Los Altos Town Crier.

Randall, who taught physics for 25 years, is now being remembered by colleagues and students not only for his classroom teaching but also for his role in co-developing Science Lab in a Box (SLaB), a low-cost science education kit now used in developing countries in Africa. “He was a unique, analytical thinker who helped his students better understand the physical laws that govern the universe,” said Jake Russo, a current science teacher at Los Altos High.

Students also describe Randall as deeply committed to their learning. One former student said, “He changed so many people's lives. He had a massive impact.” Randall's teaching style emphasized helping students understand and experience physics concepts rather than simply memorizing them. Educators who worked with him said he was especially effective at help-

ing students develop an appreciation for scientific thinking.

The idea for SLaB emerged through Randall's collaboration with Freeman, who founded The Global Uplift Project (TGUP) in 2007 at Los Altos High as part of One Dollar For Life. The non-profit later evolved into TGUP. After traveling to Africa on school-related service trips and observing significant gaps in science education infrastructure, the two developed the concept for SLaB. In many schools, students had access to textbooks but lacked laboratory equipment needed for hands-on experimentation.

“We came to the conclusion that most of them were living in a pre-scientific mindset,” Freeman said, referring to the lack of access to experimental science education in some schools. “We said, how could we get them science?” SLaB addresses that gap with a \$3,000 kit containing basic equipment for high school-level experiments in biology, physics and chemistry. The system is designed to be low-cost and scalable.

At Ssaku Secondary School in Uganda, where SLaB was introduced in 2024, science exam scores increased by approximately 80% within six months, according to Freeman. Students also reported greater engagement once hands-on laboratory work was introduced, shifting instruction from theory-based learning to practical experimentation. The program is now expanding across Uganda, Free-



COURTESY OF ROBERT FREEMAN

Adam Randall, a longtime Los Altos High School physics teacher and co-developer of Science Lab in a Box, is remembered for his decades of teaching and his lasting impact on science education worldwide.

man said, with plans to reach about 200,000 high school students and eventually extend to additional countries in Africa. In total, TGUP reports more than 600 SLaB deployments or related projects globally. Freeman said the memorial initiative was created to honor Randall's contribution and continue expanding the program.

Near the end of his life, Randall reflected on his legacy. “I guess I will still exist as long as my name is spoken,” he said. When asked how long that might last, Freeman replied, “A long, long time.” That promise now takes form in the memorial initiative created in his honor: ensuring that the work he helped build continues, reaching schools he will never see.

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Ahrens said. “That is the conversation that was born out of this idea of struggling to buy basic healthcare services for our students who desperately need it.”

Funding challenges halted previous plans for a permanent health clinic on campus. After the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted growing healthcare inequities, county leaders and college officials pivoted toward a mobile clinic model that could be implemented more quickly and flexibly.

Healthcare leaders emphasized that preventive care can reduce emergency room visits

and lower long-term healthcare costs.

“We know that it is going to afford timely access to preventive and routine healthcare to improve outcomes, reduce unnecessary emergency department visits, and help people stay connected to long-term care,” said Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Chief Operating Officer Greta Hansen at the mobile clinic opening.

The clinic also arrives as colleges across California face growing pressure to support students beyond the classroom, including housing insecurity. County officials said placing services directly on campus removes transportation and

scheduling barriers that often prevent residents from seeking routine medical attention until conditions become more serious. By offering preventive care in a familiar and accessible setting, leaders say the mobile clinic could help reduce long-term healthcare costs while improving student well-being and academic success.

Approximately 16,000 students are enrolled at De Anza, and while it is still unclear how many people will use the mobile clinic, district officials said the one-year pilot program will be evaluated to determine whether expanded services or future locations, including Foothill College, may be explored.

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Sports

Los Altos girls gymnastics team wins SCVAL final

By Curtis Driscoll
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The Los Altos girls gymnastics team has repeated as champions of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League and qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships after a close contest with Mountain View Tuesday.

The 2026 SCVAL championship at Los Altos High saw Los Altos achieve a score of 149.750, a little more than a point ahead of Mountain View at 148.450, while Homestead had a slightly larger gap behind with a score of 147.100.

“But with this, it’s just over a point, that’s a few wobbles here or there, which can add up quickly,” Los Altos and Mountain View girls gymnastics coach Sarah Wallace said. “Both Mountain View and Los Altos were really consistent and had really good, clean routines. That’s what led them

to have that gap over Homestead.”

Scoring can often be close, as the CCS Championships last year came down to a .05-point differential. Sophomore Libby Lyon (38.55) and junior Tabs Lee (38.2) were the top scorers for Los Altos and finished second and third overall, thanks to strong routines and execution of the small details. Both earned top marks for Los Altos to start in their floor routines, exciting the crowd on senior night.

“Libby and Tabs are just solid, consistent,” Wallace said. “Nothing really phases them.”

Lyon then finished first among all competitors with her vault routine, which Wallace said was one of the best she’s ever done, even counting her club season, helping to fire

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH WALLACE

Los Altos and Mountain View High gymnastics team seniors from left to right, Fiona Carmack, Rowan Barcelona, Ariella Maes, Sophia Ros Jung, Janelle Kaufman, Kaya Lam, Audrey Sproule, Willow Tock and Valeria Sánchez Castro.

Los Altos boys tennis team reaches CCS semifinals



MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The No. 4 seed Los Altos boys tennis team lost 7-0 against No. 1 seed Menlo School in the CCS semifinals May 13.

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her and the team up.

“Even the judge was like ‘whoa’, it was such a good vault, she got really excited about it,” Wallace said. “So that helped set the tone and got her going for the bars and beam.”

Ella Parker finished 10th overall with a score of 36.4 for Los Altos, while Chloe Gamiz was 14th, scoring 35.65, with both showing big improvements after work on their club teams.

Mountain View also had strong performances from several of its freshmen, with Anika Pichaiah (38.1) finishing third overall and Jane Westgate (36.1) getting 11th, while senior Rowan Barcelona (37.25) finished seventh and has brought leadership and experience to everyone competing.

“Rowan graduating will be a big change, but she’s leaving a good foundation for both schools,” Wallace said.

Los Altos, Mountain View and Homestead will take part in the CCS Championships at Gymtowne Gymnastics in South San Francisco May 20 and are hoping to challenge for a title. Teams that wanted to qualify from SCVAL needed to score at least 129, with St. Francis also qualifying. Homestead High is the defending champion after narrowly beating Los Altos for the Central Coast Section championship last year by less than a point.



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Los Altos’ Libby Lyon does a routine at the May 13 SCVAL finals.

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Will you develop cataracts? What they are and what to consider

By Amri Shahpuri
Special to the Town Crier

Among the many conditions that can affect your vision as you age, cataracts are the most common. Sadly, many people don't realize they're at risk until their vision has already started to cloud over.

May is Healthy Vision Month – a great time to learn more about protecting your eyes from cataracts.

What's a cataract?

A cataract forms when the lens of the eye (which sits behind the pupil) becomes cloudy.

Think of it like a foggy window: Light can't pass through clearly, so your vision becomes blurry, dim or hazy. Colors may look washed out, night driving becomes difficult, and you might notice halos around lights.

Cataracts develop slowly, often over many years, which is why they tend to sneak up on people.

The only way to permanently restore vision once a cataract is fully formed is through surgery. But prevention and early detection can delay or reduce the impact significantly.

Who is at risk?

Cataracts don't discriminate, but certain factors make them more likely to develop sooner or more severely. According to the Mayo Clinic, these include:

- Age. This is the biggest factor of all. Most people over age 60 will have at least the beginning of a cataract. By age 80, more than half of Americans either have cataracts or have had cataract surgery.

- Ultraviolet (UV) light exposure. Spending years in the sun without proper eye protection exposes your lens to harmful UV-B radiation. People who work outdoors or live in sunny climates are particularly vulnerable.

- Smoking. Cigarettes contain harmful "free radicals" that, along with other toxins in cigarettes, damage the lens over time.

- Diabetes. High blood sugar causes chemical changes in the lens, leading to a "diabetic cataract."

- Long-time use of corticosteroids. If you use oral, inhaled or even topical steroids regularly, it's worth discussing eye health with the doctor who prescribed them.

- Eye injuries or previous eye surgery. These trigger what's called a traumatic cataract, some-

times years after the injury.

- Family history. If cataracts run in your family, you may be genetically predisposed to developing them.

Protecting your eyes

The 2026 theme for Healthy Vision Month is "Healthy Lives, Healthy Eyes." Here are some healthy choices you can make to reduce your risk or slow the progression of cataracts:

Wear UV-protective sunglasses every time you're outside. Look for sunglasses labeled "100% UV protection" or "UV400." This is one of the most powerful things you can do for your long-term eye health. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat adds an extra layer of defense.

Protect your eyes from injury. Always wear protective glasses when using power tools. Quit smoking, and don't start. The sooner you stop, the better.

Manage chronic conditions carefully. If you have diabetes, work with your healthcare team to keep your blood sugar under control. Managing high blood pressure and maintaining a healthy weight also support overall eye health.

Eat a diet rich in antioxidants. Vitamins C and E, lutein and zeaxanthin are antioxidants that may



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Most older Americans get cataracts, but the risk can be reduced or the progression slowed by protecting the eyes, following a healthy lifestyle and getting regular eye exams.

help prevent cataracts. These are found in leafy greens, colorful fruits and vegetables, eggs and nuts. They help prevent lens clouding.

Limit alcohol consumption. Heavy drinking has been associated with higher cataract risk. Moderate intake or abstaining is better for your eyes.

Get regular eye exams. Many eye conditions, including cataracts, develop without noticeable symptoms in the early stages. A comprehensive dilated eye exam – not just a vision screening – allows your eye doctor to detect changes before they significantly impact your quality of life. In general, adults over age 60 should have an exam every one to two years; those with diabetes or

other risk factors may need them more often.

Medicare cataract treatment

In 2026, Medicare Part B covers the cost of cataract treatment after you've paid your deductible and 20% of the cost. You'll find more specifics at Medicare.gov. Cataracts may be a normal part of aging for many people, but "normal" doesn't mean inevitable. This May, make an appointment with your eye doctor if you've been putting it off. Your future self will thank you.

Amri Shahpuri is the co-founder and CEO of Right at Home – Peninsula. For more information, visit rightathome.net.

Treating arthritis and eliminating chronic pain: A modern approach to an age-old problem

By Kim Gladfelter

Arthritis has a way of gradually taking control over everyday life. What may begin as occasional discomfort often progresses into persistent pain, stiffness and limited mobility that affects even the simplest activities. Walking, reaching, gripping or standing can become daily challenges, leading many people to accept pain as a long-term reality. Today, however, a new and innovative approach – Shockwave + extracorporeal magnetotransduction therapy (EMTT) – is redefining how arthritis is treated and how patients experience relief.

Shockwave + EMTT represents a powerful advancement in regenerative therapy. Rather than simply masking

Staying Active

symptoms, this non-invasive treatment works to stimulate the body's natural healing processes. Shockwave therapy uses acoustic sound waves to increase blood flow, break down damaged tissue and activate cellular repair. When combined with EMTT, which delivers high-energy magnetic pulses to enhance cellular regeneration, the result is a comprehensive approach that targets inflammation and tissue damage at its source.

Three techs, one solution

What makes this therapy particularly unique is the use of three different

shockwave technologies within a single treatment strategy. Each device plays a specific role in addressing different layers of tissue and varying levels of severity.

Radial shockwave therapy is designed to treat larger, more superficial areas, making it effective for widespread discomfort and muscle involvement. Focused shockwave therapy penetrates deeper into joints and connective tissue, allowing clinicians to address chronic and more advanced arthritic conditions with precision.

EMTT works at a cellular level to enhance healing by improving cellular metabolism, increasing circulation and reducing inflammation within joints and surrounding tissues. This deeper biological stimulation helps support cartilage

health, improve joint function and accelerate recovery for arthritis and other joint-related conditions.

Together, these technologies create a comprehensive approach that targets pain, improves function and promotes long-term joint health. This level of customization is one of the reasons Shockwave + EMTT is delivering such strong outcomes for our patients with arthritis.

Effects of arthritis

Arthritis is not limited to a single joint or experience. It often affects the areas that bear the most stress and movement demands throughout daily life. Research and clinical outcomes

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show that Shockwave + EMTT is particularly effective for arthritis in the knee, hip, shoulder, foot, ankle and big toe, where surrounding tissues and biomechanics also play a major role in pain and function.

Knee arthritis is one of the most common and most successfully treated areas with shockwave therapy. Pain, swelling and stiffness in the knee can make activities such as walking, climbing stairs or standing from a seated position difficult.

Shockwave + EMTT often works best for mild to moderate arthritis, particularly when nearby tendons and soft tissues are also irritated. By improving circulation, reducing inflammation and supporting tissue healing, this approach can help improve mobility and reduce pain during everyday activities.

Hip arthritis can significantly impact mobility, balance and comfort during walking or sitting. Shockwave + EMTT tends to be most effective in the early stages of hip arthritis, particularly when pain is located on the outside of the hip or when surrounding muscles and tendons are involved. By addressing both the joint and surrounding tissues, treatment helps improve movement patterns and reduce strain on the hip.

Shoulder arthritis often causes stiffness, limited range of motion and discomfort with reaching or lifting. Shockwave + EMTT can be particularly helpful for mild to moderate shoulder arthritis, especially when there is rotator cuff irritation or soft tissue tightness. This

approach helps reduce inflammation, improve mobility and support healing in both the joint and surrounding tissues.

Arthritis in the foot and ankle can make walking and standing uncomfortable and may affect balance and mobility. Shockwave + EMTT is commonly used for mild to moderate arthritis in these areas, particularly when surrounding tissues such as tendons and ligaments are also involved.

Big toe arthritis, often associated with stiffness and pain during walking, also responds well to this approach. Treatment is frequently helpful when heel pain, tendon irritation, or surrounding tissue involvement contributes to overall discomfort.

Breaking the cycle

Across all of these areas, arthritis does more than cause physical pain. It creates a cycle of discomfort, reduced activity and declining quality of life. Traditional treatments such as medication or injections may offer temporary relief, but they often do not address the underlying cause of the problem.

Shockwave + EMTT offers a fundamentally different approach. By stimulating circulation, reducing inflammation and activating the body's natural repair mechanisms, this therapy works to restore function rather than simply mask pain. As tissues begin to heal and inflammation decreases, patients often experience meaningful improvements in both mobility and comfort.

When arthritis pain is reduced or eliminated, the benefits extend far beyond the affected joint. Individuals often find that

they can return to activities they once avoided. Walking becomes easier, daily tasks feel manageable again and participation in exercise or recreational activities becomes possible.

Improved sleep, increased energy levels and greater confidence in movement all contribute to a higher overall quality of life. For many patients, the ability to move freely without constant discomfort is not just a physical improvement – it is a complete lifestyle transformation.

A new standard

Shockwave + EMTT is helping to establish a new standard in arthritis care. It offers a safe, effective non-surgical option for those seeking long-term results. By focusing on healing and regeneration, this approach provides hope for individuals who may have felt limited by their condition or discouraged by traditional treatment options.

You do not have to accept chronic pain as part of your life. If arthritis is affecting your knees, hips, shoulders, feet, ankles or big toes, there is a better path forward.

Shockwave + EMTT is helping patients move better, feel better and regain control over their health and well-being. Schedule a consultation today to learn if Shockwave + EMTT is right for you and take the first step toward lasting relief and a more active, pain-free life.

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The cast of “In the Heights,” shown rehearsing at Saratoga Civic Theater, features past and present residents of Los Altos and Mountain View.

Local performers cast in South Bay Theatre’s ‘In the Heights’

By Olivia Levesque Ouellette
Town Crier Editorial Intern

The cast of South Bay Musical Theatre’s production of “In the Heights” includes current and former residents of Los Altos and Mountain View. The show opens Saturday and runs through June 6 in Saratoga.

Lin-Manuel Miranda’s musical is set in New York City during the 1990s. It follows Usnavi, a Dominican-American man who experiences economic hardships but finds community throughout his story, according to director Dave Leon.

“For me as a person of color, specifically as a Latino, it means a lot to see that representation on stage realistically,” Leon said. “I think this sort of (representation) helps break the cycle of the constant perpetuation of Latino characters on screen and on stage who are thugs or drug dealers. So it’s important to me to show that there are those of us out there who are just regular people trying to get through the day.”

With auditions held in January, the 30-person cast began rehearsals in March, learning the choreography, songs, staging and memorizing lines, Leon said. Rehearsals ran five nights a week, because many of the cast members have day jobs, Leon added.

Alexander Reyes, who plays Usnavi, said he found the audition through an Instagram post and was immediately interested because of his familiarity with the movie and production.

“I still remember watching it when the movie came out, then I got super invested,” the former Los Altos resident said. “I had the soundtrack on repeat and just hyper fixated on it. It kind of helped me, too, because I already knew a lot of the lyrics, so I didn’t have to spend as much time memorizing the songs.”

Mountain View resident Jen Yuan, who is part of the ensemble, said she was originally inspired to join community theater because of Miranda’s work, and was excited to hear the news that SBMT would adapt one of his plays. Yuan has been performing with SBMT since 2022.

“I mean, there aren’t that many shows of his that anybody can do. ‘In the Heights’ is one of the few plays that you can get the rights for, so it’s a pretty rare opportunity to do it,” Yuan said. “It means a lot to me. The music is phenomenal, the story is great and there is so much diversity in this show that isn’t often seen in local musical theater.”

Other cast members with local ties include former Mountain View resident Juan Moyoli (playing Piraguero) and former Los Altos resident Timothy Ford (ensemble).

As opening day approaches, Leon said the cast has been focusing on fine-tuning aspects of the play, such as staging and performance, working toward a successful production.

“I want the audience to feel joy, because we all really need that right now in these pretty dark times that we’re going through,” Leon said. “It’s important to have those little sparks of joy, and this show really is joyous. It celebrates community and home and finding where you belong, and I think maybe that’s also part of why I hold it so close to me.”

The show runs two hours, including a 15-minute intermission. Performance times are 8 p.m. Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, along with an 8 p.m. show Thursday, June 4. South Bay Musical Theatre is located at 13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga. Tickets are \$30-\$59.

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Day trading just got easier: But is that good or bad?



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Day traders can now trade as frequently as desired (with limitations).

By Artie Green

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently relaxed a rule limiting small retail traders from buying and selling the same security too many times in a week. These so-called day traders can now trade as frequently as they desire (subject to a few other restrictions). Is this change beneficial or not?

It depends. If you're an owner or investor in digital trading apps such as Webull and Robinhood, you'll see it as a good thing. The greater the volume of trading on their platforms, the more money they make, which is why they lobbied for this change in the first place. Webull's stock jumped 11% on the day of the announcement.

For day traders, though, it's not so beneficial. Studies consistently confirm that the greater the trading frequency, the poorer the returns. According to The Paper Trading Journal, 70%-90% of day traders lose money. Only 1% are consistently profitable long-term. And the reason isn't simply a lack of skill. It's structural.

First, retail traders are facing a highly competitive environment populated by hedge funds and other institutions utilizing algorithmic and high-frequency trading systems. That puts the average retail investor at an information and speed disadvantage. Even if they can barely manage to win just 50% of the time, trading costs will eat up any profits.

There's also the mathematical asymmetry of losses vs. gains when

making risky bets. Recovering from a 20% loss requires a subsequent 25% gain. From a 50% loss you need a 100% gain. If the day trader is a high risk-taker using leverage, their account could quickly get out of control.

Additionally, behavioral and emotional biases work against the retail trader. The pressure to constantly take action tends to lead to poor decision-making. For example, selling winners too soon (and giving up further gains); hanging on to losers with the expectation that they will eventually become profitable (also known as loss aversion); and becoming overconfident after making successful trades that might have been attributed to plain luck. Day-Trading.com suggests that the stress of constant, rapid decision-making leads to mental fatigue, poorer judgment and impulsive trading.

The few day traders that consistently make a profit treat it as a profession, utilizing sophisticated tools and focusing on just a few companies to develop expertise. The vast majority don't survive long enough to acquire the necessary competence to consistently achieve profitability.

Encouraging more individuals to invest in the capital markets is a good thing. But day trading is more like gambling than investing. This rule was intended to protect consumers. In my view, it's not helping.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is the founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, see cognizantwealth.com.

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853 Sierra Vista Avenue #B, Colony Sierra Homes LLC to J. Gao for \$1,965,000

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411 Hedgerow Court, Swenson Family Trust to Oakley Living Trust for \$4,000,000

1418 Meadow Lane, Zaks Family Trust to S. & A. Navabi for \$4,067,500

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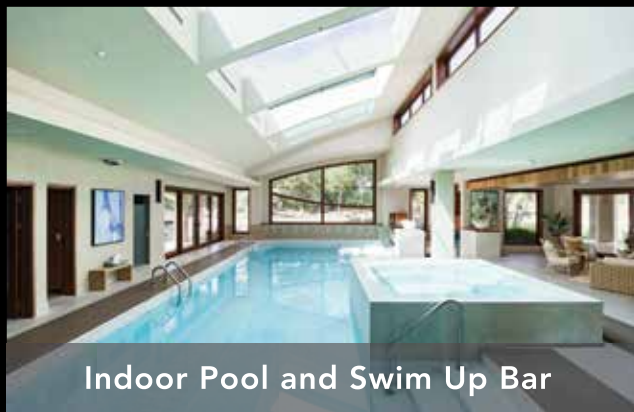
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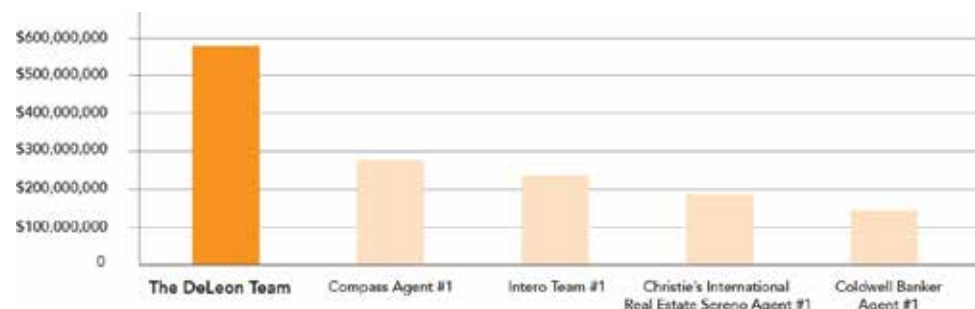
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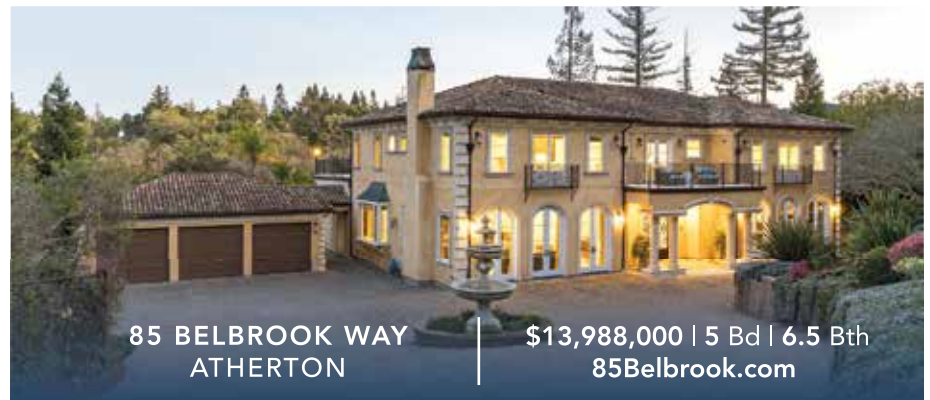
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a resolution will be considered by the Governing Board of Los Altos School District at its regular meeting on June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will increase development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction to \$3.59 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction to \$0.58 per square foot. The proposed fees are authorized by Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code section 65995. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The increased fees, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on July 31, 2026 which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board. (05-20,27-26)

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Magdalena Road Pathway Project (Project No. 427914)

1. BID OPENING. Bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the Town of Los Altos Hills, California, until **2:00 P.M. on June 9, 2026**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside **"Magdalena Road Pathway Project (Project No. 427914)."**

2. PRE-BID MEETING. VOLUNTARY - 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Town Hall located at 26379 W. Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills.

3. WORK DESCRIPTION. The work consists of earthwork, vegetation clearing, installation of type 2B pathway, retaining wall installation, and all associated work.

4. WORKING DAYS. The work under this Contract is to be completed in **THIRTY-FIVE (35)** working days.

5. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. A Class "A" or "C12" Contractor's License is required for this work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

6. BID DEPOSIT. A Bid Deposit equals to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid shall be placed in the sealed proposal. The Bid Deposit shall be in one of the following forms: cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the Town of Los Altos Hills, or bidder's bond in favor of the Town executed by an authorized surety company.

7. PERFORMANCE BONDS. Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in Section 3-1.05 of the Standard Specifications will be required from the successful bidder.

8. TOWN'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS. The right is reserved, as the interest of the Town may require, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality or minor irregularity in the bids.

9. GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

10. OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. (a) A full set of plans and Contract Documents are available for viewing and downloads on the Town's website at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Bids.aspx>.

11. OBTAINING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS. The State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Standard Plans are available on Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/2025-ccs-standard-plans-and-standard-specifications>.

12. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS. Any bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the public notice for the opening of bids only by written request for the withdrawal of the bid filed with the Director of Public Works. The request shall be executed by the bidder or his/her duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a bid does not prejudice the right of the bidder to file a new bid. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid will not be received after that time, nor may a bid be withdrawn after the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids.

13. RELIEF OF BIDDERS. As stated in Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5108, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

14. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS. More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected. Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected.

15. PREVIOUS DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL OR OTHER PREVENTION OF BIDDING. A bid may be rejected on the basis of a bidder, any officer of such bidder, or any employee of such bidder who has a proprietary interest in such bidder, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

16. RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERIFYING CONTRACT ADDENDA. All bidders shall verify if any addenda for this project have been issued by the Town of Los Altos Hills. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all requirements of Contract addenda are included in the bidder's proposal.

17. ESCROW FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT IN OF RETENTION. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the Town to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of said Public Contract Code Section 22300.

18. SHORING AND BRACING. Pursuant to the provisions of California Labor Code Section 6707, each bid submitted in response to this Notice to Bidders shall contain, as a bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. By listing this sum, the bidder warrants that its action does not convey tort liability to the Town, Engineer, and their employees, agents and subconsultants.

19. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR) REQUIREMENTS: This Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, a contractor may not bid, nor be listed as a subcontractor, for any bid proposal submitted for a public work unless the contractor and its subcontractors are registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. The Bidder and its subcontractors must be registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, subject to limited legal exceptions under Labor Code section 1771.1. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

20. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS: Email or submit written requests for information/clarification or questions to the project manager, Astha Khanal, at AKhanal@losaltoshills.ca.gov. The last date for the Town to issue an addendum is June 1, 2026.

/s/ Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk
May 14, 2026
(05-20,27-26)

120-T



Grafted Families FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726534

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Grafted Families, 858 University Ave., Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Help One Child mission to children at risk, 858 University Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/24/2026. /S/ Jay Chesavage / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/05/2026. (05-20,27-26,06-03,10-26)

119-T

SD BUILDERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726099

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SD BUILDERS, 2147 Newhall Street Apt #217, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hameed Yunesi, 2147 Newhall Street Apt #217, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/22/2026. /S/ Hameed Yunesi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/22/2026. (05-20,27-26,06-03,10-26)

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THE FRONT DOOR EDIT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726447

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) THE FRONT DOOR EDIT, (2) FRONT DOOR EDIT, (3) THE SIDELINE EDITS, (4) SIDELINE EDITS, (5) SDLN EDIT, (6) THE FRONT DOOR EDITS, (7) THE SDLN EDITS, (8) THE SDLN EDIT, 6759 Velvet Meadow Ct, San Jose, CA, 95120, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE EDITS BY MY LLC, 6749 Velvet Meadow Ct, San Jose, CA 95120. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/28/2026. /S/ Maryann Cristofi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/01/2026. (05-20,27-26,06-03,10-26)

117-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.

(1) FOOTHILL DENTAL CARE, (2) FOOTHILL DENTAL, (3) FOOTHILL DENTAL CENTER, (4) FOOTHILL DENTAL GROUP, (5) FOOTHILL DENTAL CLINIC, (6) FOOTHILL DENTAL SPA, 881 Fremont Ave., Suite B1, Los Altos, CA 94024 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 01/19/2023 Under File No. FBN691772 Full Name of Registrant(s): Cyrus Ezzati, 2712 Wemberly Dr., Belmont, CA 94002, Susan Ezzati, 14320 Miranda Rd, 14320 Miranda Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022 This business was conducted by: a general partnership This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on May 08, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN726649 (05-20,27-26,06-03,10-26)

116-T

PROMO SOCIAL POST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726608

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) PROMO SOCIAL POST, (2) FUNDRAISER CENTRAL, 1621 W. El Camino Real, Suite 101, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AD PLUS, LLC, 1621 W. El Camino Real, Suite 101, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/01/2021. /S/ Greg Blumstein / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/07/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

115-T

BEIJING CHINESE MEDICINE INSTITUTE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726423

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BEIJING CHINESE MEDICINE INSTITUTE, 745 Distel Drive Suite 119, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BEIJING TCM ACUPUNCTURE PROF. CORP., 745 Distel Drive Suite 119, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Ying Qin / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/01/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

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SAN JOSE ENDODONTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726437

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SAN JOSE ENDODONTICS, 1620 Westwood Dr. Ste A, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DAVID

CHOW DDS, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 1620 Westwood Dr. Ste A, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2024. /S/ David Chow / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/01/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

113-T

AUNTIE M NO PLACE LIKE HOME PET SITTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726491

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AUNTIE M NO PLACE LIKE HOME PET SITTING, 1534 Vineyard, 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): Marion Ray, PO Box 2628, Saratoga, CA 95070. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/1998. /S/ Marion Ray / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/04/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

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SPIRIT OF PASSION MUSIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726499

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SPIRIT OF PASSION MUSIC, 150 Masol Avenue, Los Gatos, CA, 95030, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Marc T Spilka, 150 Masol Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Marc T Spilka / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/04/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

109-T

THE ART OF HEALING BY VANESSA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726407

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: THE ART OF HEALING BY VANESSA, 1307 S. Mary Ave Suite 250, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Vanessa Chung, 2148 Flintmore Ct, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/01/2016. /S/ Vanessa Chung / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/30/2026. (05-13,20,27-26,06-03-26)

108-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALI JENAB CASE NO. 26 PR 202399

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ALI JENAB A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANNETTE BROSSARD JENAB in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANNETTE BROSSARD JENAB 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 with full authority. (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 on JUNE 5, 2026 at 9:01 AM in Dept. 7 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST. SAN JOSE CA 95113 DOWNTOWN SUPERIOR COURT. 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 (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:

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Public Notices

ARCA INTERIORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726180

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ARCA INTERIORS, 111 Lena Way Apt 3134, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Irina Keidunova, 111 Lena Way Apt 3134, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/16/2026. /S/ Irina Keidunova / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/27/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

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INDUSTRIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726175

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: INDUSTRIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE, 22330 Homestead Road Apt. 107, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): BRIDGE VOLLEYBALL COMPANY LLC, 22330 Homestead Road Apt. 107, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/30/2026. /S/ Ryan Bridge / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/27/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

104-T

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sate No. 25-00362-2CTT Loan No: ***0136/ADL 15 LLC APN 170-03-085 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, FIXTURE FILING, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 30, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the "Trustee"), under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, FIXTURE FILING, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT recorded on July 1, 2022, as Instrument No. 25330173 of official records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, CA, executed by: ADL 15 LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as Trustor (the "Trustor"), in favor of Arixa Enhanced Income Fund, L.P., a California Limited Partnership, as Beneficiary, and any modifications thereto are collectively referred to herein from time to time as the "Deed of Trust", WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States,

allpayable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: As more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof NO-TICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the Property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the Property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the Property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this Property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the Property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown in 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 1.866.684.2727 or visit this Internet Website www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-00362-2CTT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The real Property heretofore described is being sold "as is. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real Property described above is purported to be: 4898 El Camino Real, Los Altos, CA. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the Property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$9,086,970.54 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan as-

sociation, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. (n 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. DATE: April 28, 2026 CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 25-00362-2CTT 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 Lindsay Lopez, Authorized Signor SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1.866.684.2727 EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ONE: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 50 FEET WIDE, AS SAID JORDAN AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY 50 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID HIGHWAY AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 200 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY, 50 FEET TO SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2 OF "MAP OF UNIVERSITY PLACE", AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 29, 1892 IN BOOK E, OF MAPS, PAGE 149. PARCEL TWO: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL, DISTANT THEREON 50 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE AS SAID JORDAN AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY 50 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID STATE HIGHWAY AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE 200 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY, 50 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2 AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 29, 1892 IN BOOK E, OF MAPS, PAGE 149. EXCEPTING

THEREFROM PARCELS ONE AND TWO, THAT CERTAIN PARCEL CONDEMNED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY FINAL ORDER OF CONDEMNATION RECORDED MAY 25 1983 IN BOOK H582, PAGE 607, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE EXISTING 10 STATE HIGHWAY, ROAD-04-SCI-82, COMMONLY KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL, AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO CITY OF LOS ALTOS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RECORDED JUNE 24, 1969 IN BOOK 8580, PAGE 283, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, SOUTH 30° 33' 13" WEST, 10.00 FEET TO A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND DISTANT 10.00 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY AT ANGLES FROM SAID EXISTING SOUTHWESTERLY HIGHWAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE NORTH 60° 05' 42" WEST, 80.70 FEET, THENCE ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 19.50 FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 89° 21' 05", AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.41 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF JORDAN AVENUE, AS SAID AVENUE IS SHOWN UPON SAID MAP; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE NORTH 30° 33' 13" EAST, 29.28 FEET TO SAID EXISTING SOUTHWESTERLY HIGHWAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID SAID LINE, SOUTH 60° 05' 42" EAST, 99.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT. A-4873589 05/06/2026, 05/13/2026, 0 5 / 2 0 / 2 0 2 6 (05-06,13,20-26)

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PANDIA MEDICAL GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726075

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PANDIA MEDICAL GROUP, 1257 Elko Drive, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Pandia Medical Group, A Medical Corporation, 1257 Elko Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Sophia Yen / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/22/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

102-T

MV KIDS DENTISTS & BRACES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726240

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MV KIDS DENTISTS & BRACES, 80 W El Camino Real Suite G, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): RUNGNAPA WAROTAYANONT DENTAL CORP., 80 W El Camino Real Suite G, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on: 04/27/2026. /S/ Rungnapa Warotayanont / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/28/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

101-T

SWIRL DSP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726113

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SWIRL DSP, 868 Altos Oaks Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): VALLEY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, 868 Altos Oaks Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Spanta Ashjaee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/23/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

100-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MARITES COLINA CHUA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV492061

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

a. Marites Colina Chua

Proposed Name:
a. Marites Chua Verdice

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 07/21/2026 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: 04/28/2026 /s/ Charles F. Adams Judge of the Superior Court (05-06,13,20,27-26)

099-T

KLS Coaching FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN725799

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KLS Coaching, 214 N Clark 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): Karen Lee Steinkraus, 214 N Clark Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Karen Steinkraus / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2026. (05-06,13,20,27-26)

097-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. CREATIVELY SEEMA, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 02/19/2026 Under File No. FBN723947 This statement was filed with the Full Name of Registrant(s): TRSOFT, 2770 Glauser Drive, San Jose, CA 95133 This business was con-

ducted by: a corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Apr. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN725969 (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

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TOTAL CLEANING! FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726065

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TOTAL CLEANING!, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Milton Saravia, 1050 Crestview Dr #112, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/20/2021. /S/ Milton Saravia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2026. (04-29-26,05-06,13,20-26)

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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 clarke@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: Teaching Machines to Learn the Universe: Galaxy Science in the Rubin Era**, 7 p.m. May 21. Explore how deep learning and AI are reshaping galaxy science in the Rubin era. **Making a Superhero Comic Workshop**, 10 a.m. May 23. Join us for a workshop all about drawing superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. He's illustrated characters in X-Men, Thor, Deadpool, Hawkeye and more. **Wednesday Travel Nights: Hiking the French Alps**, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Orchard Room. Join presenter John Trudeau as he takes us on a four-day hike in the French Alps in Vanouse National Park, near the Italian border. We'll encounter spectacular mountain vistas and some historical relics along the way, while observing unique plants and animals and experiencing a variety of remote and varied geological environments. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary. **Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei**, 2 p.m. May 31. Online. We will be live streaming an author talk with George Takei, the author of "They Called Us Enemy," a graphic memoir recounting George's childhood impres-

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oned in American incarceration camps during World War II, and how those experiences planted the seeds for his remarkable future as an actor, author, and equal rights advocate. **Artist Reception**, 2 p.m. June 6. Bing Weng's artwork will be on display at the Los Altos Library for the month of June. A reception open to the public will be held with a talk by the artist titled "A Structured Path to Mastering Painting." **Classical Guitar Open Mic**, 6:30 p.m. June 9. Sign up to perform up to 10 minutes of fingerstyle guitar music and watch performers during this open mic session. **Teen Rainbow Bracelets**, 3 p.m. June 24. Let's make rainbow bracelets to celebrate Pride Month! For teens only. All supplies provided.

Mountain View Public Library. All events held in the main library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, 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, we will host a brief stay and play for grown-ups to connect and mingle. Program designed for ages 0-18 months. **Needle Crafts Circle**, 10-11:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of every month. Second Floor Program Room. Join the needle crafts circle – a relaxed, friendly space for all fabric arts, including hand sewing, knitting, crocheting and more. Bring your project and unwind with a welcoming community of fellow crafters. No registration required. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The needle crafts circle is intended for adults, ages 18 and up.

Veterans Benefit Concert, 7 p.m. May 23, Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos, 858 University Ave. Enjoy an evening of beautiful chamber music with the Sapphire Trio. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be collected to benefit veterans through the Semper Fi & America's Fund (thefund.org). A reception with light snacks and refreshments will follow the concert. Information: unionpc.org.

CLUBS/GROUPS

Kiwanis Club of Los Altos. Meets noon every Tuesday. Manzanita Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: decasun@losaltoskiwanis.org.

Los Altos Art Club. 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: losaltosartclub.com.

InSpirit Healing Rooms. Healing service for those battling illness, injury or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m.

Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. Information: In-SpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

Lindbergh Lodge. Promotes the learning and sharing of Swedish culture and heritage. Members are of all ages including Swedish natives, first and second generations and many who are descendants of immigrants. Meets 6:30 p.m. the second Friday of the month. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. Information: (650) 948-7030.

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons with speakers of local interest, book groups, and occasional outings. Information: Membership Chairperson Sylvia Jensen, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

Sons in Retirement, Branch 35. Small group of retired and semi-retired men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. Activities include golf and bocce ball. Information: (408) 313-6852, pschutz3@comcast.net.

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

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Los Altos Chapter. Nonpolitical women's service organization preserving the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence through work on local historic preservation projects, genealogy research, service to veterans, environmental conservation and other community projects. Founded in 1950, the chapter typically meets the third Friday of the month. Information: LosAltosDAR@gmail.com; losaltos.californiadar.org.

Garden Club of Los Altos. Garden or floral expert speaks at each meeting. 1:20 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December). Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte. Guests \$5. Information: (650) 391-4654, thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

Meditation group. Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Kornfield. Free. Information: somurphy@earthlink.net.

Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Helps new residents become better acquainted with their neighbors and new community. Activities include programs, luncheons, hiking, bridge and book clubs. Information: (650) 948-3421, losaltosnewcomers.com.

Duplicate Bridge Club. All levels of play. Classes and lectures available; lunch included. Bring a partner or be placed with one. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday; noon Saturday. 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. First time free; \$15 afterward. Information: (650) 940-1824, paloaltobridge.org.

Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area. Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. Information: (650) 961-3539, ffsba.org.

Assistance League of Los Altos. Nonprofit volunteer group that develops and runs programs benefiting children and others in need in nearby communities of Santa Clara County. Year-round volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. 169 State St., Los Altos. Information: (650) 941-2410, losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

Girl Scouts. Make friends, participate in outdoor activities, develop new skills and learn to be a leader. Open to girls entering grades K-12. Information: judyzellers@gmail.com.

Rotary Club of Los Altos. Join a group of like-minded individuals and community leaders who take active roles in the local area. Work to address community needs and address humanitarian needs locally. Meets at noon. A person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to attend at least three club meetings to learn more about the club. The sponsor may then submit the name of the candidate to the club's membership committee. Interested individuals who don't know any Rotarians can contact the club directly at LosAltosRotary.org.

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. Information: (650) 383-7540.

Zonta Club of Silicon Valley. Organization of executives and professionals dedicated to advancing the status of women locally and globally through service and advocacy. 6 p.m., second Wednesday of the month. zonta-eclubsv.org.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View and other nearby cities. 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.

OBITUARY NOTICE

JOHN BARTLEY MIAULLIS



January 20, 1942 –
April 24, 2026

John Bartley Miaullis (Bart) died at home, surrounded by family, at the age of 84.

Bart was born in Seattle, and spent much of his childhood in Bellingham. When he was 15, the Miaullis family moved to Great Falls, Montana and then Boise, Idaho the next year. He attended Borah High School where he played the trumpet in the orchestra, and graduated in the second class of 1960.

Bart attended Boise Junior College until 1962, and then transferred to Oregon State University graduating in 1965. He spent the following summer working at a Salmon canning plant in Alaska, and returned to Corvallis to marry his first wife Laura McWilliams. He earned his Masters in Biochemistry at OSU and found his niche working with the Oregon Department of Agricultural Chemistry analyzing pesticides in the agricultural system.

In 1968, Bart arrived in California in his trademark beige VW Bug to take a job as a pesticide researcher with Stauffer Biochemical Company. For the next 30 years he worked as a biochemist at Stauffer, ICI, Syntex, and AstraZeneca. He retired from Roche in 2007 as the only chemist on their human resources team and served as a mentor to young scientists.

Bart married Patricia Campbell in 1989. They had numerous active adventures together and travelled all over the world. They took many bike trips and walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago over a two-year period, starting in the summer of 2007. They also visited Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, France,

England, Ireland, Rome, Norway, Russia and the Holy Land to name a few places.

Bart had a zest for life and a passion for helping people. He was an independent living skills coach for PARCA from 2003 until his death. He was a faithful member of St William Catholic Church in Los Altos for over 40 years, serving as an usher and a money counter. He also volunteered at Stanford Hospital as a visiting chaplain, praying with the sick and dying in their time of need.

Bart loved music, especially classical music and jazz. He volunteered with the local jazz station KCSM for many years. He always enjoyed a good symphony or opera and would often send video clips to family and friends of impressive orchestra or piano performances.

Bart loved science and read every issue of Science News magazine. When he was diagnosed with a rare non-Hodgkin lymphoma in 2017, Bart and Pat joined the International Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia Foundation and travelled to meetings throughout the country to stay informed on discoveries and treatment. After he was diagnosed with B-Cell Lymphoma in 2023, he participated enthusiastically in a CART-T clinical trial at Stanford.

Bart was very active and rode his bike everywhere. He played tennis with friends as long as his health allowed. He was an eternal optimist, and even from his hospital bed, it was not uncommon for him to say "Well, that was a pretty good day!" He died as he lived, always positive, sending reminders and encouraging messages to friends and family right up until the end.

Bart is survived by his wife Patricia, sister Melody, and children Aaron, Kathy, Anne, Johnny, and Megan. He was a dedicated father-in-law to Joe, Maureen, Hansel, and Jeremy. He is also remembered by his eleven grandchildren Lottie, Margaret, Nicholas, Mary Helen, Caitlin, Karis, Emily, Hansel, Helena, Max, and Tirza. He was preceded in death by his parents Basil and Eleanore Miaullis, brother George, and daughter Angela.

Funeral services were held at St William Catholic Church in Los Altos on Saturday May 2. To honor Bart, the family suggests memorial donations to Special Olympics of Northern California.



OBITUARY NOTICE

SHELLY ROSEBROOK WESTALL



March 28, 1943 –
March 3, 2026

Shelly Rosebrook Westall was born to Margaret Westall and Elwyn M. Westall on March 28, 1943, in Palo Alto, California. Shelly passed away on March 3, 2026 in Los Altos Hills, California. When Shelly was six and a half years old, her father, Elwyn Westall, was tragically killed in a logging accident in the Sierras, where the family owned a drugstore business. Margaret was widowed with a six and a half year-old child, Shelly, to raise in Los Altos Hills, to which they moved. There were no siblings.

Shelly attended schools in the Palo Alto School District, and attended high school at Cubberley High School, where she succeeded academically. Upon graduation, she headed for San Jose State where she completed bachelor's and master's degrees. While working toward those goals, artistic rumblings were germinating within. She was coming to realize, but not yet consummate, her passions for the culinary and visual arts. Her beloved mother Margaret and Shelly had lived a life of virtually continuous art in their modest Los Altos Hills home, inviting myriad local friends into their home many afternoons for artistic endeavors—painting, textile coloration, mosaics, frescos, and floral arranging. While a teacher at Cubberley High School and Gunn High School and later an itinerant art teacher around Palo Alto (during the school budget reduction days of the arts), Margaret kept art alive, well, and omnipresent in their lives, and Shelly was germinating. After those years of art immersion in her home, she was about to enter at first gingerly into artisan food soon thereafter at an accelerated pace.

After graduation, Shelly worked at Stanford for a brief period. While she did well, her heart was in the art and food business. She was an artist at heart. During this period, Shelly received life-changing advice from a spiritual advisor—if food and art are your passions, combine them and become a “food artist.” Shelly jumped at the idea of designing and preparing lavish,

artistic foods and libations, coupled with visual arts, equally as a work of art and as a culinary tour de force.

She became renowned for her custom catering assignments in the greater Palo Alto area, assignments that became epicurean feasts rather than mere parties. Her feasts were not mere “meat and potatoes”; they were epic, ethnic, rare events. People were mesmerized. What might otherwise be the usual conservative sit-down with salmon or beef, hers became an artistic and distinctive epic experience. The visual touches were so inspired by her beloved mentor Margaret; she learned to add art, elegance, and creativity to conservative fare. When clients fully empowered her to rely on her own inspiration, clients, staff, and all involved were consistently wowed by 100 lobsters in a huge pink circle surrounding a lavish Asian feast, Indian, French, Mediterranean, vegetarian, garden-to-table, and other fiestas of color, flora, aroma, taste, and elegance. People constantly sought and enjoyed the creativity she offered. People around today still talk about it.

Shelly had a mystic side. She intensively studied tarot as a tool of divination and became knowledgeable and adroit. Tarot resonated with her and her clients, particularly those seeking clarity amid the entropy of life. She had a tarot practice from the 80s through the 2010s. People sought tarot readings from Shelly, which she did in her home studio. Also, she became a close friend and donor to Jean-Pierre Hallet and his ventures related to the African pygmy peoples and their environment.

In the 1970s, Shelly became closely involved with canines, particularly wolves and arctic/sled dogs. Shelly was the enthusiastic owner of sixteen large sled dogs throughout her life. She reveled in the care and training of those dogs. A friend noted her enthusiasm and built her a wheeled dog sled and a harness. You could find Shelly out near the old Mountain View landfill with those seven dogs harnessed to the wheeled dog sled pulling her roughly around the spacious spaces there. Those dogs became well trained, and she took them to the snow several times. She became an advocate of these and all such dogs. She became enamored of the environmental and life protection of sled dogs and North American wolves. She became an avid wolf protectionist and donor to wild and domestic wolf causes.

About thirteen years before the end of her life, Shelly acquired a wolf puppy and began to raise and protect it in her Los Altos Hills estate. She met and funded wolf protectionists, wolf whisperers, wolf veterinarians, wolf sanctuaries, and people advancing wolf habitat and protection and contributed to their cause. People were enamored by Shelly and her wolf (named Torah after the Jewish holy book). In the end, Torah was donated, at Shelly's instruction,

to a wolf sanctuary in the Tehachapi Mountains of southern California, where Torah now lives in protected comfort. (Sort of a wolf, Hyatt!) Shelly was very loving and protective of the environment in general and the canine environment in particular. She was environmentally focused across the spectrum.

Shelly was a welcome guest and attendee at Temple Beth Am. She also attended many continuing education classes at Stanford. Continuing her love of nature she also attended many birding classes which included field trips around the bay and along the coast.

Shelly was able to live out her entire life in her unique estate in Los Altos Hills, accompanied to the end by her beloved Torah. At Shelly's request, there will be no funeral and no memorial. Per Shelly's wishes, any donations or gifts should be made to the LARC, Lockwood Animal Rescue Center, in Frazier Park, California. It is a 501(C)(3) non-profit recognized by the IRS. It provides a forever home for rescued wolves, wolfdogs, and other animals. For more about their wonderful sanctuary go to lockwoodarc.org. For Shelly's passionate love of trees, a donation can also be made to the Sempervirens Fund to save the redwoods at sempervirens.org.

ISOBEL CURRIE PULLEY



July 24, 1939 –
May 4, 2026

Isobel Pulley died peacefully on Monday, May 4, 2026, at the age of 86. She passed away with her family by her side and has been taken home to God, who gave her life. She is now in a state of happiness where she can rest from all troubles, care, and sorrow.

Isobel was born on July 24, 1939, to John and Joan Currie, the third of six children. She had two older brothers whom she followed almost everywhere, and she became keenly interested in the world around her.

Isobel was a native of Scotland and a schoolteacher by profession. She was a graduate of Glasgow University and Jordan Hill College of Education. She

taught for six years at Larkfield School in Greenock, Scotland.

In 1967, she immigrated to the United States to serve as a governess for the family of Dr. Kenneth Orton, his wife, and their five children in Los Altos Hills. After being here for only two weeks, she became reacquainted with her future husband, Mark Pulley, who had served as a missionary in Scotland three years earlier for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Romance blossomed quickly. Isobel completed her governess agreement with the Orton family, and the couple were married in the Oakland Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on February 17, 1968, for time and all eternity.

After Mark completed his studies at Southern Utah State, he and Isobel returned to California. In 1975, Isobel resumed teaching, this time at Pinewood School in Los Altos, where she taught English, grammar, and British literature. She taught at Pinewood until 2000 and then began private tutoring for nearly the next 20 years.

In 2019, she was diagnosed with dementia and was cared for by her family until her passing. She is survived by her husband, Mark; their children, Heather and John Mark; daughter-in-law, Astrid; and granddaughter, Loralie. Other relatives include Rod and Suzanne Pulley, Mike and Shannon Greer, Wayne and Joan Schoppaul, and Eckhard and Nancy Schulz. The couple had been married for more than 58 years.

A memorial service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1300 Grant Road, Los Altos, on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

EDWARD MILO IRVIN



May 16, 1927 –
April 29, 2026

Edward Milo Irvin passed away peacefully April 29 among family and redwoods in Santa Cruz, California. Ed called Los Altos home for over 60 years and was featured in “Every Wrinkle Tells a Story”.

Ed grew up in Big Run, PA, along with 8 siblings. Following high school

at Mercersburg Academy, he entered the U.S. Army Air Force. During his tenure in the service, he assisted with Europe's Reconstruction. After serving the country, Ed attended Princeton University on the GI bill, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. During that time, he met and fell in love with Barbara Rhodes, from Punxsutawney, PA. He and Barbara were married in 1951. (They remained together for 49 years until Barbara passed away in 2000.)

Living in the Philadelphia area, Ed and Barbara raised two young girls, Bari and Cathy. Ed's first job in those days was with the Vertol helicopter company. He subsequently was offered a job with Lockheed Space Systems in Sunnyvale, California. He, Barbara, Bari, Cathy, and soon to be born Ed Irvin, Jr, made the cross country move to the Santa Clara Valley in California in 1958, where Ed went to work with Lockheed. He remained with Lockheed all of his working life. Among the noteworthy projects Ed worked on during his time there was to assist with the development of submarine launched nuclear missiles. This was during the time of the Cold War and the philosophy of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), so for Ed – a non-violent man – it was work done as a necessary step to preserve worldwide peace.

Following his retirement from Lockheed in 1995, and the passing of his beloved wife, Barbara, Ed kept busy hiking, baking, helping family and friends, reading histories of presidents, sitting in the afternoon sun by the pool, and participating in the activities of the Mid-Peninsula Widows and Widowers organization. (WW) It was at WW that Ed had the good fortune to meet Celia (Cee) Staufienbiel and find new love and happiness with a partner for the second time in life. Sadly, he lost Cee to illness, but had built a rich relationship with her family that lasted to his final days. Over time, Ed had – incredibly -- a third opportunity for love with a woman he had also come to know through the Widows and Widowers organization, Susan (Sue) Shumann. He and Sue spent over 10 joyful years together as partners until Sue passed away. Ed developed friendships with Sue's extended family, friendships that remained strong to his dying day.

Ed Irvin was an astounding man. If you knew him, you loved him. He was always willing to lift a hand to help others. He was always on the look-out for how others were doing. He was as intelligent as you would hope any human being could be, and he used his intelligence well – to build a life of joy and friends and good works. He was an excellent athlete, as sports records from his Princeton era testify to. He could repair just about anything. And he had a great sense of humor. Truly, he will be deeply missed. Ed leaves behind three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



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