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The Town Crier staff wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday and bright new year. Pictured from left, top row: Robert Tilley, courier; Howard Bischoff, associate publisher; Curtis Driscoll, reporter and sports editor; Giuseppe Ricapito, reporter. Front row: Christina Casillas, reporter, managing editor and employee of the year; Janice Fabella, advertising sales; Danielle Amaral, advertising sales; Mary Larsen, copy editor; Linda Monterrey, real estate advertising; Maria Crowder, sales manager; Dennis Young, publisher; Mike Echeverria, lead graphic designer; Loren Stump, social media editor and graphic designer; Lucy Chen, graphic designer; and Melissa Rodriguez, production manager. Not pictured: Vanessa Connell, copy editor and Pete Borello, intern manager.

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How much is that Santa in the window?



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INTERNS

Since November, local shops have been in the holiday spirit. Top left, a hanging nutcracker ornament is for sale at Cranberry Scoop. Top right, Cranberry Scoop's window display includes pines and snowmen beckoning passersby to stop in and see what's for sale. Left, a gardening Santa Claus holding a poinsettia plant greets shoppers at Gourmet Works.



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Police Blotter

Los Altos police warn of check forgeries

The Los Altos Police Department is urging vigilance after multiple cases of check forgery in the local area, according to a post on the Los Altos Police Department Facebook page.

The incidents often include the interception of mailed checks, according to the post. The checks are then chemically washed and altered before the suspects attempt to cash them.

The Los Altos Police Department and Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department are also collaborating on a cross-city case involving stolen checks and mail found in San Jose, with victims residing in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

The police department provided the following tips to reduce the chances of falling victim to check washing and mail theft.

- Drop checks and sensitive mail off at secure mailing spots – these include official USPS boxes located inside post offices or directly handing them to USPS staff. Do not leave checks and sensitive mail in unsecured residential mailboxes. If possible, opt for electronic payments, including direct transfers and online bill paying.

- Check financial accounts and review statements regularly, and when possible, enable account alerts.

- When writing checks, use gel-based pens – these pens are more resistant to chemical washing.

- If something looks off – this includes if a check recipient failed to receive a check, or if there is suspicious activity across financial accounts – report it immediately to the involved financial institution and file a report with the Los Altos Police Department. Reports can be made by visiting tinyurl.com/fileareportLAPD.

Distel Circle housing project begins to take shape

By Giuseppe Ricapito

Staff Writer/giusepper@latc.com

Developers began the installation of modular units at Los Altos' first affordable housing complex on Distel Circle early last week.

Cranes were seen dropping whole pieces of the building starting on Dec. 8. The 90-unit affordable housing project at 330 Distel Circle, near the El Camino Real thoroughfare, is the project of EAH, a San Rafael-based affordable housing firm.

Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey characterized the construction as fast-paced due to the modular construction components. Modular units are built off site and transferred to a project location for installation. The process is intended to shorten the duration of construction and limit labor costs.

"The groundbreaking was emotional, but before we know it we'll be putting keys in families' hands, and nothing could make me happier. The only thing that comes close is knowing that we are not only housing residents in need at the Distel development, but we are also pioneering and proving a technology and approach that promises to make housing construction more expedient and cost-effective across



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Crews aid in the delivery and installation of modular units at 330 Distel Circle.

the entire regional housing challenge," he said.

A groundbreaking event for the housing complex – also called "Distel Circle" – kicked off the construction on Aug. 28. Much work still remains once the modular

buildings are installed, including code-required construction features and the installation of utilities.

January 2027 is the estimated

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How Los Altos City Council could navigate a possible seat vacancy

By Christina Casillas

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As Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor heads to a special runoff election for the Santa Clara County Assessor's seat, the Los Altos City Council is prepared to tackle whatever outcomes there may be.

If Fligor doesn't get the seat, she would be able to complete her full term – ending in November 2026 – unless she resigns or is sworn into another office, Gabriel Engeland, Los Altos city manager, stated in an email.

If she does resign as she got the position, the city is required by state law to either appoint a resident to the seat or call a special election "... at the next regularly scheduled municipal election within 60 days of the resignation becoming effective."

"However, due to special election for Assessor and the subsequent runoff, a special election would have to be called by the last week in January of 2026 or the election would take place at the regular November 2026 statewide election," he said.

The amount of time it takes for a vacancy to be filled is based on the way the council decides to fill it – either by a special election or appointment. Engeland said that if City Council decides to appoint someone to the seat, it must be within 60 days of Fligor's resignation going

into effect. If the council decides to call a special election, possible election dates are in January or June of 2026.

While Los Altos is a charter city, requiring the city to do by-district voting, the maps City Council established for the by-district voting won't go into effect until November 2026.

"Any vacancies occurring prior to November of 2026 will be filled in accordance with State law for cities that have at-large elections," Engeland said. "If any vacancies occur after November of 2026 the seat would have to be filled according to state law for cities with district elections."

If someone is appointed to the position, they may be able to run for the seat again if they reside in one of the districts that will hold an election in November – this year, those districts are two and four, according to the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.

"If they are a resident, but do not live in one of the districts that are up for the election, they would need to wait until 2028 to run when the remaining districts hold their elections," Engeland said.

While council members have yet to discuss a special election or appointment, Engeland said it's unclear which path they will take. However, if they choose to pursue a special election, Los Altos taxpayers will bear the cost.

Lieber to lead State Board of Equalization in 2026

By Christina Casillas

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Sally Lieber, who represents Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View in the second district of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), was elected as BOE chair for 2026.

She currently serves as BOE vice chair. Ted Gaines will assume her current position next year. Lieber formerly served on Mountain View City Council, and in her current role Lieber represents the coast of California and surrounding areas from Del Norte to Ventura counties.

"I'm truly honored to be elected chair of the State Board of Equalization. In the year ahead, the board will focus on developing fair and

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LAH changing of the guard



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
'Tis the season for local changing of the guards. Above, Councilmember Kavita Tankha shakes hands with Mayor Rajiv Bhateja at the Dec. 18 Los Altos Hills City Council reorganization. Tankha served as mayor in 2025 while Bhateja served as vice mayor. Bhateja was sworn in last week, right, by Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga. His mayoral term spans 2026.



Mtn. View historic register update stirs up controversy

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View will update and expand its historic places register with a list of new sites, though many property owners want their names off the list.

The Mountain View City Council unanimously voted to direct staff to set the criteria for historic property eligibility requirements, and for how properties could be listed or be removed from the register to update the historic register ordinance. A vote on the updates will be done in the new year.

Under the process, property owners could not opt to be removed from the register. Property owners would be able to apply for the register or apply for removal, with the City Council making the final determination whether the places would be on the register or not.

Mayor Ellen Kamei said the council was moving forward

with the ordinance update to provide access for new sites and refine the process for access or removal.

"I still think that it can be a good thing because we are tackling a really thorny issue that we haven't updated in quite some time, and so that's how I'm couching all my thoughts," she said. "The silver lining and the good news is we will be able to move forward."

There were 93 properties that were put on the inaugural register when it was first developed in 2004. There are currently 46 properties on the register. The existing register does not include a complete list of properties that would require a historic preservation permit and owners are not aware of certain requirements when they submit a project to the city.

Historic registry can set best practices for updating properties and their features, which can be incorporated into project design. It can also

protect historic structures. Buildings become eligible for access to the list after 50 years.

Staff determined that religious properties would not be listed without the consent of property owners, which was announced at the beginning of the meeting.

John Martinez, a resident of Mountain View for the last 39 years, said at the meeting he was featured on the list for the first time. He said he was seeking to remove himself from the list.

"My property is just age. I don't see why I should be considered on a historic registry just because my property is old," he said.

George Aviet, owner of the restaurant Chez TJ in Mountain View, said he was seeking to sell his property and retire. He said he would seek to have his property removed.

"Unfortunately, I've been listed on the historic registry without my permission," he said.

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News

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thoughtful property tax policies and strengthening transparency and accountability, so our work delivers meaningful results for every California community," Lieber was quoted in a press release.



Lieber was elected to the BOE in 2022 during her time on the Mountain View City Council. She also formerly served as a member of the California State Assembly, roles including Speaker pro Tempore and as a member of the Assembly's Revenue and Taxation Committee.

The BOE is the county's only elected tax board. It includes four districts, representatives and the State Controller. The BOE oversees the county assessors to ensure consistent statewide assessment and assesses the property of regulated railroads and certain public utilities, collecting Private Railroad Car Tax, and is responsible for the taxes on insurers and alcoholic beverages.

Mtn. View parking lot closes in lieu of affordable housing

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Mountain View's Parking Lot 12 on Bryant Street is set to close in January to make way for an affordable housing construction project.

The city issued a ministerial approval of a SB 35 application in April 2022 to redevelop the 1.56-acre lot into a new five-story, mixed-use building with 120 rental units, 96 parking spaces, 3,300 square feet of commercial and public gathering space and a public mid-block garden paseo.

Lot 12 is located across from City Hall and the Mountain View Public Library. The southbound lane on Bryant Street will be closed to traffic during the construction period.

The city plans to provide alternate parking spaces underground near the library

and City Hall and public lots on roads off California Street.

Construction is anticipated to begin in January or February and take approximately two years to complete.

"Once finished, the project will deliver much-needed affordable homes and bring new energy, residents, and foot traffic to downtown Mountain View," according to the press release.

According to the Palo Alto-based Alta Housing – the developer of the project – the building will offer 18 studios, 41 one-bedroom units, 30 two-bedroom units and 30 three-bedroom units. Of the units, 20 are reserved for formerly homeless households enrolled in the county's Rapid Rehousing Program, 10 are reserved for permanent supportive housing and 15 are reserved for households with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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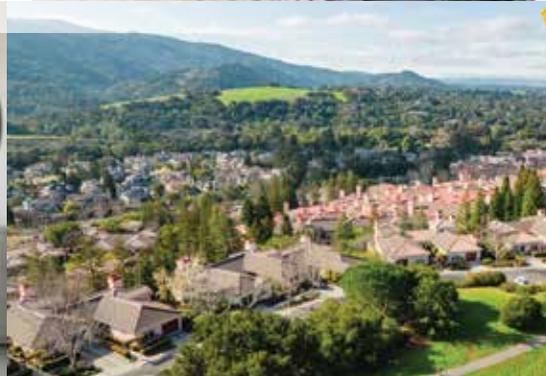


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MV pays out \$675,000 for slip-and-fall lawsuits

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The city of Mountain View is making a \$675,000 payout to settle two civil cases where individuals were injured while walking on city-owned property.

The Mountain View City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the settlements – one for \$275,000 and another for \$400,000 – during a meeting on Dec. 9. The city appropriated the payouts from the liability insurance fund, a city fund designated for litigation and settlement claims.

The claims both argued that the city was negligent in not remediating dangerous public conditions under their management which members of the public said caused serious injury.

Lenka Wright, the city's chief communications officer, said city officials declined to comment on the settlements.

On Oct. 13, 2022, Alice Okuno filed a lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior Court against the city of Mountain View seeking damages from an incident on Oct. 28, 2021, when she tripped and fell in a city park.

The City Council authorized the set-



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The City of Mountain View settled two lawsuits last week in a closed session.

tlement of this case in closed session on Nov. 18, 2025, according to the staff report.

The civil complaint said Okuno tripped and fell over a metal spike that was protruding from a stairway step at Cuesta Park, located at 615 Cuesta Drive. Okuno suffered severe injuries and received medical treatment.

On Aug. 2, 2023, Ella Kobzanets, a

resident of San Jose, filed a lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior Court against the city of Mountain View and J.J.R. Construction, Inc., seeking damages arising from a Dec. 9, 2022 incident where she slipped and fell on a sidewalk in Mountain View.

The City Council authorized the settlement of this case in closed session on Sept. 23, 2025, according to the staff report.

According to the civil complaint, Kobzanets was walking eastbound with her son Dmitry when she slipped on a sloped sidewalk on 812 West Dana St. Kobzanets sustained a displaced left hip femoral neck fracture.

The plaintiffs contended that the sloped ramp constituted a dangerous condition of public property because the sloped area was wet and covered with seeds and small branches.

The area was also not visible because it was blocked by a tree, the complaint said. The ramp also had insufficient identifiers and was poorly distanced between a nearby building – four feet away from the building instead of five feet. The narrow path ended at a curb that was only identified by a faded yellow line at the landing of the ramp.

HOUSING

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completion date for the project.

“Watching these homes set into place really brings home what modular construction makes possible,” said Welton Jordan, chief real estate development officer at EAH Housing, in an email. “At Distel Circle, this approach allows us to deliver affordable homes faster, control costs, and be good stewards of public and private investment, all while meeting a critical need in Santa Clara County.”

The primary funding for the more than \$90 million project is a state credit equity and a low-income housing credit. Santa Clara County contributed \$25 million toward the project. Approximately \$15.9 million came from the \$950 million Measure A Affordable Housing Bond, which was approved by voters in 2016, and the rest from the county's housing investment funds.

Since estimates on the cost have aged over the years, developers have sought out cost-cutting methods, such as reducing parking to 35 parking stalls from 90 parking stalls.

The units are a mix of studios and one- to three-bedrooms. The units will be priced for buyers earning 30% to 80% of the area median income.

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Letters to the Editor

Changing downtown Los Altos forever

When we look at the drawings and schematics prepared by consultants for the proposed Los Altos downtown park, we can't help but think: No approval by the residents, no meaningful oversight. Why does this feel uncomfortably familiar? Please, city council, we need a vote on this issue before our village is unilaterally and permanently changed.

The character of Los Altos – shaded, convenient, easy parking just steps from local businesses – was established by our founders and shop owners in the 1950s. That thoughtful design is why so many of us chose to live here, and why people continue to drive to Los Altos to shop. If we wanted to park in a garage – something that feels confining, dangerous and unsettling in an earthquake-prone area – we would go to a neighboring city.

Please allow the residents of Los Altos to vote on this issue before altering the heart of our village forever.

Rosemary Peters, Carlos Shaw, Mike Manning, Steve Andrews, Pat Sherwood and Peter Kunedt

Other solutions to downtown park

In agreement with the letter by Cindy Andrews (Dec. 17) about the obviously contentious issue of a downtown park, why indeed can we not have a vote on the matter? The project is being forced upon the community, yet I have not heard any strong support for it, only negativity. We need parking spaces for shopping rather than an unnecessary park which will be disruptive to build, and just who are the targeted end users? Put the money elsewhere. A shared city pool like Cindy suggests may be more useful. We were sorry to lose the old pool at the Covington School site where all our neighborhood kids learned to swim. Why not let the community have a say before any more money is spent on an unpopular park location.

Barbara Waight
Los Altos

Letters to the Editor

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Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

School children from Santa Rita School serenaded neighbors at the Pilgrim Haven Retirement Home (now called The Terraces) with Christmas carols in December 1962.

From a city girl: Los Altos, enjoy what you have

By Christina Casillas

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My mother laughed at a drawing I did in the sixth grade. It wasn't because it was bad – in fact, I remember being quite proud of the art I had created. It was, what I thought, a cute cow. But I learned the bovine I had so lovingly and earnestly drawn was the source of her giggles; apparently, I had drawn the udders on the wrong side of the animal.

"You're such a city girl," she said to me then. And it's true. I was raised from birth in San Jose, a sprawling 178.2 square-mile city with distinct neighborhoods and nearly one million residents. For me it's familiar, it's home. Living in a city as big as San Jose was all I knew for a while – but reporting for the Town Crier has made me realize how lucky those are who live in small cities and towns.

I remember my first day at the Town Crier like it was yesterday. That November day in 2022 was misty and cold, following a period of rain that had saturated

the ground around the deciduous trees lining Main Street that were in their prime hues of red and orange. It was small. It was quaint. I was charmed.

Other Voices

Los Altos' downtown is much different from the downtown in San Jose. With shops and restaurants, it's a community hub where residents bump into their neighbors. When my partner and I decided to have lunch at the Boulanger one Sunday, I remember whispering to him, "That's the mayor," as Mayor Pete Dailey walked past us.

If I saw Mayor Matt Mahan anywhere in San Jose, I don't think it would be because we bumped into each other – it would be because I was at a city council meeting. City leaders, at least compared to those in a big city like San Jose, seem more accessible – and it seems the residents are just as concerned about local policies as the leaders are.

The thing that truly makes Los Altos special? The people.

Los Altos residents smile at you when you're walking down the street. If I did that in San Jose, people would think I'm planning to mug them. While San Jose feels like a city, Los Altos is a community.

That's why I'm so grateful to be covering the city of Los Altos for the Town Crier. People are passionate about their city, and that's why they come out to city council meetings and speak during public comment. It's why they come to the Town Crier office and talk to me or one of my colleagues about whatever issue they're crusading for – or against.

I may have been confused about where on a cow the udders are, but there is one thing I'm sure of: The Los Altos community is distinct. It's special. So here are some words from a city girl: Treasure it, because in Silicon Valley, there aren't many places with communities like this one.

Christina Casillas is managing editor of the Town Crier.



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Community

Los Altos' GreenTown hosts creek and highway cleanups

By Ananya Kota
Town Crier Editorial Intern

From finding hundreds of tennis balls in creeks to a massive stuffed animal on the side of the road, volunteers from GreenTown Los Altos have seen a lot during their cleanup efforts.

The environmental organization hosts several highway and creek cleanups each year, with the most recent events occurring in the fall.

GreenTown's creek cleanups primarily cover Adobe Creek and the Permanente Creek Diversion Canal, according to Glenda Chang, GreenTown's creek cleanup coordinator. Along with hosting multiple cleanups annually, GreenTown participates in California Coastal Cleanup Day in September and National River Cleanup Day in May.

"As we start cleaning (the creeks) and get into the rhythm of cleaning it twice a year at least, or sometimes more, there is trash," Chang said. "But it's not as much as when we first started cleaning it."

Common trash the volunteers find in and along local creeks include not only tennis balls but also cigarettes, according to Chang. During the pandemic, however, they often found different types of trash.

"During COVID ... there were more sharp objects or vapes," Chang said. "You can see when people have nothing to do and they're using the creek to hide (these things)."

To make creek cleanups possible, GreenTown partners with the Santa Clara Valley Water and their Adopt-a-Creek program. Valley Water helps by providing the appropriate materials to volunteers.

Many of the volunteers are students in middle and high school as well as kids in Cub Scouts, according to Chang. In the future, she said GreenTown hopes to adopt another creek. The next creek cleanup will likely happen in the spring.

GreenTown's highway cleanups focus on collecting trash from the on and off ramps for Interstate 280 at Magdalena Road, according to Kim Jelfs,



COURTESY OF GREENTOWN LOS ALTOS

The GreenTown Los Altos team cleaning up during one of its periodic cleanups throughout the year.

GreenTown's highway cleanup coordinator. The group does this by collaborating with Caltrans, which provides training, permits and tools for the volunteers.

"It's very important that (cleanup) groups realize that they have to go through the permit process with Cal-

trans," Jelfs said. "They can't just go out ... and be walking around the edges of the highway."

Once the permit is acquired, volunteers ages 16 and older are free to help with highway cleanups.

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Along with the traditional trash like debris, Jelfs said volunteers sometimes come across odd items.

"There were some weird things (found last fall)" Jelfs said. "We found an enormous, large stuffed dog ... and a very heavy, substantial metal chair."

GreenTown plans to resume highway cleanups in the spring, according to Jelfs, who noted that up to 10 people regularly volunteer. Most of them are recruited via GreenTown's monthly newsletter.

"I really appreciate our volunteers," Jelfs said. "They have been amazing. It's not glamorous work ... there are definitely things that you can do that are more fun out there. But we have all age ranges, and they show up and do a great job and they do it with fun."

For more information on GreenTown and its volunteer opportunities, visit greentownlosaltos.org.



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The GreenTown Los Altos teams find traditional trash and odd items during their cleanups.

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'Six Days in Bombay'

By Liz Nyberg

For anyone thinking of writing a novel, they would have been inspired by author Alka Joshi's presentation to the Morning Forum in early December.

Joshi is the author of four books and lives in the Monterey area. Born in Jaipur, India, Joshi and her family moved to the United States when she was 9 years old. She obtained a BA from Stanford University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the California College of the Arts. Joshi began writing her first novel in 2010 while she worked in advertising and public relations. After 10 years of working on her novel, "The Henna Artist" was published in 2020. It became an instant New York Times best-seller.

The day after "The Henna Artist" was published, the COVID-19 shutdown started and Joshi could not do any book signings. But Reese Witherpoon, who hosts Reese's Book Club – a book sales club that focuses only on women authors – liked Joshi's book and selected it as her book club pick. Netflix is also adapting the book for television.

Joshi's most recent book, "Six Days in Bombay," is a de-



COURTESY OF MORNING FORUM

Author Alka Joshi.

ductive novel inspired by the mysterious death of a real person born in Budapest in 1913. Amrita Sher-Gil was the daughter of wealthy parents: a Jewish mother and an Indian father. Because they were constantly persecuted, they moved to India where the Hindus did not persecute those of any religion.

Sher-Gil studied art with different masters all around the world. In 1933 she was invited to show her work in the Grand Salon in Paris, as the youngest woman to do so. She realized she wouldn't get enough exhibition space because Paris was ruled by male artists, so she decided to compete in India against the Mughal and Pahari

styles. There she was intrigued by the hard-working village women.

Sher-Gil's mother introduced her to upper-echelon suitors, but Amrita married her first cousin Victor Egan, a ne'er-do-well, in 1938. She prepared for her biggest exhibition in 1941 – but suddenly she had abdominal pain. Victor took her to a hospital, but within two days Sher-Gil was dead at 28 years old.

The book explores why.

A major question Joshi poses is about how we define ourselves: Do we define ourselves, by ourselves or are we defined by others? The caste system was started as a way to define jobs. The maharajas' courts had priests, teachers for their children, jesters, entertainers, cooks, field workers and others. When the British came, they liked this way of sorting class which had more of a status feel than a job feel. It is hard for India, with 1.4 billion people, to change that system now.

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Schools

Speiser elected vice president of board of education

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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Jessica Speiser, Santa Clara County Board of Education trustee for Los Altos and Mountain View, was selected as the board of education vice president at a meeting on Dec. 17.

Speiser was elected to the board of education in 2024. Trustee Victoria Chon, elected to the board in 2020, was named president.

Speiser's Trustee Area 1 includes Palo Alto Unified School District, Los Altos School District, Mountain View Whisman School District and Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, as well as a majority portion of Sunnyvale School District and corresponding portions of Fremont Union High School District.

Speiser served on the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees for eight years, from 2016 to 2024, and as board president

in 2019 and 2023. She also served as the president of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association from 2023 to 2024.

Speiser graduated from Wellesley College for her bachelor's degree and earned her doctorate at UC Law San Francisco.

Chon represents Trustee Area 5, which includes a majority portion of the Santa Clara Unified, Milpitas Unified, Orchard School and Berryessa Union school districts, as well as a small portion of Alum Rock Union School District and corresponding portions of East Side Union High School District. She served as vice president in 2025 and 2022, and president in 2023.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues on the board for their trust in my leadership," Chon said. "I look forward to our continued work with our superintendent, Dr. Toston, making a meaningful impact for students and educators throughout Santa Clara County."



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Jessica Speiser, Santa Clara County Board of Education trustee for Los Altos and Mountain View, has been selected as the board of education vice president.

Emergency repairs required at Foothill-De Anza apartments

By Giuseppe Ricapito
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The McClellan Terrace Apartments for Foothill - De Anza Community College were flooded in October, prompting the need for emergency repairs.

The board of trustees voted unanimously at a meeting Dec. 8 to pass a resolution declaring an emergency at the building site, located at 7954 McClellan Road in Cupertino, and authorizing immediate repair work without a competitive bidding process typically required by public construction projects.

Dr. Chris Dela Rosa, vice chancellor of business services, said the damage was discovered during the due diligence period preceding the

building purchase and the cost was reduced by \$1 million as a result. He said the roofs on three of the buildings would eventually be replaced.

"We have to do the repairs sooner than later and so doing the emergency resolution will buy us time to make sure we can do the repairs as soon as possible in order to avoid more damage to the building," he said at the meeting.

According to the staff report, significant water intrusion was compounded by plumbing leaks. The water saturated interior walls and ceilings, damaging multiple units. The document said mold growth, structural deterioration, and further damage could be possible without the emergency repairs. Residents in affected areas will be relocated.

Due to the repairs being classified as an emergency, the district was able to avoid a bidding process which requires formal bids for costs exceeding \$220,00 and informal bids for costs under \$75,000. The total cost is not known at this time. Costs will span moisture mitigation, plumbing repairs, roofing stabilization and repair, and related remediation work.

The district purchased the apartment building for \$66.7 million in July for student housing. Total renovation costs at that time were expected at \$28.2 million.

More than 79 households, comprising multi-generational families and K-12 students, are expected to move before a June 30, 2026, deadline to make room for students. There will also be new units



MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The McClellan Terrace Apartments.

added for residents with mobility, auditory and visual impairments.

The board at the meeting also approved a \$339,160 service order with Gilbane Building Company for a modernization construction project at McClellan funded by Measure G bond funds. The

work will be completed between Dec. 1 and June 2027. The board asked for the item to be removed from the consent calendar and be considered for a separate vote.

District staff said the cost was to cover staffing for Gilbane as program manager on the project.



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Sports

New look MV basketball gets ready for league season

By Curtis Driscoll

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After losing several players to graduation and transfer, the Mountain View boys basketball team will look to up the tempo this year as it seeks a CCS playoff berth.

Forward Jaden Feller (Maclester College) and guard Jayden Minor (West Valley College) from last year's team have both moved on to play at the college level, while the team's best returning player, senior guard Ben Maller, transferred in August to a prep school in Florida. Mountain View coach Kevin Mack noted that while this year's team doesn't have the height of previous years, he loves the team's hard work and willingness to compete each day, calling it one of the hardest-working groups he has had.

"Every day they are working hard and really practicing hard and competing every day, which is great to see," Mack said. "Obviously, losing (Jaden Feller and Jayden Minor) was a lot of scoring that we lost and some leadership."

Forward Lucas Santamaria and guard Diego Inocencio are the only returners with starting experience, but several new players have emerged. Guard Roshan Ramachandran has become the team's point guard and coach on the court, while guard Jonathan Ma has been a vocal leader for the team all season. Inocencio was known for his shooting last year, but has also improved his scoring threat inside and his defense, which will help with the team's offensive setup. Inocencio has already had a couple of nights this season when he scored more than 20 points. Senior guard Noah Shahraz is also one of the team's main scoring threats.

"(He) brought some leadership, scoring and can shoot the ball," Mack said of Shahraz. "Like what he's bringing to the



KELLEN SCANLON/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

The Mountain View boys basketball team is getting ready for the league season starting in January, with Diego Inocencio, No. 24, above, a key player for the team, along with guard Noah Shahraz, No. 2, below. Guard Rowan Tashev, right, dribbles the ball up the court in the win against Harker Dec. 10.



table."

Mountain View will look to up the pace this year and play downhill, making plays for each other and creating driving lanes. Mack noted the team's pressure defense will focus on creating transition opportunities to lead out and run.

"With our lack of size, we are trying to play faster, try to turn some teams over and create our offense from our defense," Mack said.

Mountain View has spent the non-league portion of the season searching for its identity as it tries to fine-tune the speed and pacing of the offense, with the team's best moments so far coming in tournament play in wins against

Fremont and Burlingame. The team has also played tough teams like Westmont, who are expected to be a challenger for the Division II CCS title. The team will be tested when it gets to SCVAL De Anza Division league play in January. Milpitas and Los Gatos have gotten off to good starts this year and are expected to compete for a league title, and Mack said the goal is to make the CCS playoffs and be in the top four in league play. Mountain View made the CCS Division I playoffs as the No. 4 seed, losing to Leigh in the quarterfinals.

"Once we get healthy when the league starts, I'm pretty confident we can be in the mix up there at the top of the De Anza," Mack said.





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Stepping Out

5 local events to bid adieu to the old year and welcome the new

Town Crier Report

If you haven't yet made plans for the next week or so, there are several good options. Whether you prefer to watch a classic movie, listen to some great music or get some exercise, following are a few fun events to end 2025 and leap into a brand new year.



PHOTO FROM PIXABAY

Dance in the new year at a social ballroom dance party at Palo Alto's Cubberley Pavilion, lessons included.

- "It's a Wonderful Life," 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Dec. 24, Stanford Theatre, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. The classic 1946 film starring James Stewart as George Bailey is a holiday tradition at Stanford Theatre. Must buy tickets in person (arrive early; warning: shows may sell out).

- Molly Tuttle, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 31, Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Ring in the new year with Palo Alto native singer songwriter and multiple Grammy winner Molly Tuttle. The guitar and banjo player was also the first woman to win the International Bluegrass Music Association's Guitar Player of the Year award (and she won it twice). For tickets, visit tickets-center.com/tickets/1317175.

- Social ballroom dance party, 8 p.m. (lessons, followed by dancing at 9:15 p.m.), Dec. 31, Cubberley Pavilion, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Put on your dancing shoes for this party open to all levels of dancers. No experience or partner required. Beginning and intermediate lessons offered, followed by ballroom dancing until 12:15 a.m. Ring in 2026 with spar-

ling cider and indoor fireworks at midnight. Entry is \$20 per person.

- Alberto's New Year's Eve salsa party, 8:30 p.m. (salsa lesson, followed by salsa and bachata social dancing at 10 p.m.), Dec. 31, Alberto's, 736 West Dana St., Mountain View. After a night of dancing, ring in the new year with a midnight balloon drop and complimentary champagne and party favors. No experience or partner required. For reservations, call (408) 460-0448.

- Los Altos Hills New Year's Day Pathways Walk 1 p.m. Jan. 1, Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road. Put on your walking/running/hiking shoes and head to the hills. This annual event led by the Pathways Committee encourages residents to explore the town's trail network, enjoy fresh air and start the year with a healthy activity. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Participants can choose from three guided routes, rated leisurely, moderate or strenuous. Hiking shoes with good grip are recommended, as some trails may be steep or slippery. Rain cancels the event. Free.

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Pelvic pain and weakness: What most people don't realize

By Kim Gladfelter

Mindful Movement

Many people live with back or sacroiliac (SI) joint tension, bloating, pelvic discomfort, urinary leakage or stubborn hip tightness for years without ever connecting these issues to a surgery they had long ago. Whether it was a cesarean section, hysterectomy, laparoscopic procedure or even a seemingly routine appendectomy, abdominal surgeries often leave behind hidden internal changes.

Beyond the scar

Most individuals only notice the surface scar, assuming that once it fades, the body has fully recovered. But inside, the healing process is much more complex. After abdominal surgery, the body forms scar tissue beneath the surface. This internal scar tissue – called adhesions – can attach to organs, connective tissue, muscles and nerves. These adhesions don't always cause immediate symptoms, but over time, they can restrict movement, disrupt core engagement, alter posture and contribute to pelvic floor dysfunction.

Many people eventually seek help years after surgery when symptoms escalate. They may describe pelvic pressure at the end of the day, discomfort during intimacy, urinary leakage with exercise, constipation or difficulty activating their core. Others struggle with hip, sacroiliac or low back pain that never fully resolves regardless of how much they stretch. Some notice changes in mobility or balance

when returning to exercise, or a persistent sense that their body is "out of sync," even though routine scans or tests show nothing wrong.

A root cause

What often ties these symptoms together is that traditional treatments focus on the painful area itself rather than on the deeper changes caused by internal scar tissue. When the source is never addressed, people end up managing symptoms rather than achieving meaningful, long-term improvement.

A growing number of rehabilitation providers now take an integrated, root-cause approach to post-surgical recovery and pelvic health. These practitioners evaluate how abdominal surgeries may have influenced the relationship between the core, pelvic floor, hips and spine. Importantly, treatment is no longer viewed as a one-size-fits-all protocol.

Instead, each person receives a customized plan that may include EMTT and shockwave therapy, pelvic floor therapy and therapeutic Pilates, depending on their symptoms and goals. Pelvic floor therapy plays a central role in restoring coordination between the deep core, diaphragm and pelvic muscles.

After surgery, the pelvic floor may become overly tight, weakened, or poorly timed with breathing and movement. Outcomes commonly sought through pelvic floor therapy are reduced urinary urgency and leakage, decreased pain with intercourse, improved bowel function and restored confidence in movement.

EMTT and shockwave therapy are noninvasive modalities intended to stimulate tissue repair and modulate pain. Re-

ported outcomes include reductions in deep persistent pain, improved tissue mobility and enhanced tolerance for progressive loading and exercise.

Therapeutic Pilates adds another layer of recovery by retraining the core in a controlled, gentle and highly targeted way. Unlike traditional fitness-based Pilates classes, therapeutic Pilates is individualized and focuses on restoring proper activation of the deep abdominal muscles, especially after surgeries that disrupt the core's natural coordination. Positive outcomes often include enhanced strength, improved balance, greater confidence in physical activity and a return to exercise without fear of reinjury.

Integrated care

What makes this integrated model effective is not any single technique but the combination of customized interventions.

Some individuals benefit most from releasing scar-related restrictions with shockwave and EMTT before strengthening work begins.

Others need pelvic floor therapy first to reduce muscle guarding and restore proper

activation. Many require a coordinated blend of all three to achieve long-lasting results.

The treatment plan depends on the individual, their history and their symptoms – there is no universal formula.

The encouraging news is that when the underlying issues are properly addressed, the outcomes can be transformative. People who have lived with chronic pelvic or back pain often regain the ability to move without discomfort.

Those who struggled with urinary urgency or leakage frequently experience improved bladder control. Individuals with core weakness rediscover stability and confidence in daily activities. Many report improved intimacy, easier movement, better sleep and a renewed sense of connection to their bodies.

Importantly, ongoing symptoms after abdominal surgery do not mean that someone is "broken" or beyond help. These issues are common and arise because the body has been compensating for internal restrictions that were never assessed. With a comprehensive, customized treatment approach, indi-

viduals can experience significant improvements – even years after their surgery.

Measured outcomes from integrated, individualized care include decreased pain intensity, improved pelvic and core function, reduced episodes of urinary urgency or incontinence, enhanced sexual comfort, greater tolerance for exercise and improved ability to perform daily tasks without compensatory strain. These functional gains often translate into secondary benefits such as better sleep, reduced stress and increased participation in social and physical activities. Importantly, restoring coordinated movement and addressing internal restrictions can reduce the likelihood of recurrent symptoms and support long-term resilience.

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Kim Gladfelter is owner of PhysioFit Physical Therapy & Wellness in Los Altos, located at 1000 Fremont Ave., Ste. 108.

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Business & Real Estate

Too much company stock in your portfolio?

By Artie Green

This is the second installment of a two-part series.

In a previous article, I discussed what can happen when the concentration of a stock in an investment portfolio has become too high. The simplest solution is to sell some amount of the stock and pay the taxes, reminding yourself how much the stock's growth (even after taxes) has increased your wealth. But there are more complex ways to defer those taxes, perhaps to later years when the impact on your overall taxes may be lower.

One approach is direct indexing, either in its basic form or additionally including long-short active management with a margin loan or variable prepaid forward (VPF) contract. Both involve the creation of a separately managed account (called an SMA) that is used both to create a diversified portfolio from the sale of the concentrated stock and to generate tax losses that are intended to offset the gains.

Let's start with the simpler technique. Suppose you work for Apple and have accumulated \$1 million of Apple stock originally costing only \$100,000 years before. Your goal is to diversify the Apple stock into a diversified portfolio of stocks similar to the S&P 500 while managing the taxes owed each year. You first move the Apple stock into an SMA, which sells either a fixed amount of shares (typically 10%-20%) or just the number of shares resulting in some maximum amount of realized (taxable) gains. The SMA manager uses the cash from the sale to buy the 500 stocks in the S&P 500 in their respective proportions (except possibly for Apple in this case). During the year the manager sells stocks in the S&P 500 that experience losses. At the end of the year, the losses reduce the gains from the Apple stock sale, resulting in a lower tax burden. The process is then repeated annually until the concentration is down to



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High stock concentration can be tricky but actions can be taken to decrease negative impacts.

an acceptable level.

Will this strategy completely cancel out the taxes from the Apple stock gains for that year? Not likely unless the entire stock market crashes. But individual stock prices do go up and down even during bull markets. The SMA manager can periodically sell the losers and replace them later in the year, harvesting those losses to apply against the gain from the concentrated stock sale. (Note that there are strict rules that must be followed to avoid the IRS disqualifying the losses.)

Is it worth employing this strategy? It will reduce the concentrated stock position and offset some of the taxes. But there are also management fees incurred. Recognize also that we are talking about tax deferral, not elimination. The SMA is expected to grow similarly to its benchmark. Eventually when you need to liquidate portions of the account for retirement or other expenses, taxes on the gains will come due.

The long-short approach is even more complex. You take out a margin loan

against the concentrated position and use that to fund the SMA. A variant is to purchase a VPF contract from an investment bank for the same purpose. Neither loan is taxable but can involve costly fees.

In this case the SMA doesn't simply harvest losses but instead sells short a percentage of the portfolio to accelerate the losses. The manager must actively determine which stocks to short and which to buy long. It's harder to try to generate greater tax losses while at the same time achieve market benchmark returns. Manager selection thus becomes very important.

There are additional techniques for managing the taxes associated with reducing concentrated stock risk. All these various strategies do achieve that goal. But due diligence is necessary to ensure that the cost of the solution does not exceed the tax savings.

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

Watch out for 'out of stock' scams

Better Business Bureau

With the holiday shopping season nearing its close and buyers wanting to get gifts delivered on time, there's a crafty online shopping con being reported to BBB Scam Tracker. Scammers claim a product you purchased is out of stock, but they never process your promised refund.

You see a product online that you want to purchase (shoppers report encountering this scam through social media ads). You click on the link to the company's website, find the product and check out. Shortly after your card is charged, you receive an email saying the product is out of stock and they will refund your money. You wait several days for the refund to post to your account, but it never does. Then, when you try to contact the online shop, no one responds.

The truth is, the product likely never existed in the first place, and scammers hope you'll never notice you didn't get your refund. However, if you used a credit card, you should be able to contest the charge and get your money back.

How to avoid online shopping scams:

- Research before you buy. Always research businesses on BBB.org before you purchase.
- Watch out for social media scams.
- Make sure the website is secure and start with HTTPS, not just HTTP.
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GROUPVINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722089

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GROUPVINE, 26030 Elena Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE GROUPEY, INC, 26030 Elena Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/26/2006. /S/ David Beyer / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/15/2025. (12-24,31-25,01-07,14-26)

305-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTONY FRASER-SMITH (aka ANTONY FRASERSMITH) CASE NO. 25PR201418

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANTONY FRASER-SMITH (aka ANTONY FRASERSMITH). A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH FRASER-SMITH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/23/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner KIMBERLY F. WHITFIELD, ESQ. DOUGLAS BARNES, LLP 14414 Oak Street Saratoga, CA 95070 (408) 395-4800 (12-24,31-25,01-07-26)

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LILY'S DREAM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721993

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LILY'S DREAM, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): CASPIAN SEA LLC, 1919 Fruitdale Ave Apt L807, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/11/2025. /S/ Omar Omarov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/11/2025. (12-24,31-25,01-07,14-26)

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HENRYS PAINTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721945

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HENRYS PAINTING, 1121 Starbird Circle #1, San Jose, CA, 95117, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Henry David Solorzano Moreno, 1121 Starbird Circle #1, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/10/2025.

/S/ Henry David Solorzano Moreno / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721944

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: TEQSCALE SOLUTIONS, 830 Stewart Dr Ste 208, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): G R ENTERPRISES INC, 870 E El Camino Real Apt 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/03/2025. /S/ Gopichowdary Ravipati / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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GOLDEN EYE LIMOUSINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721943

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOLDEN EYE LIMOUSINE, 830 Stewart Dr Ste 208, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): G R ENTERPRISES INC, 870 E El Camino Real Apt 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Gopichowdary Ravipati / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/10/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721936

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SATTVIC MEALS FOUNDATION, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): WORLD FOOD MOVEMENT, 680 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Naga Rekha Prodduturi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/09/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

299-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ALYSSA ASHLEY KLEIN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV481420

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Alyssa Ashley Klein filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
a. Alyssa Ashley Klein

Proposed Name:
a. Alyssa Ashley Brucculeri

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 03/03/2026 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: 12/08/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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DRAGONFLY FLORISTIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721777

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DRAGONFLY FLORISTIC, 105 Main Street, 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): Olha Savehenko, 105 Main Street, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/04/2020. /S/ Olha Savchenko / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/04/2025. (12-17,24,31-25,01-07-26)

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SRI LAKSHMI CAFE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721772

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SRI LAKSHMI CAFE, 1818 Milmont Dr, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THILLAI LLC, 196 Marylinn Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/21/2025. /S/ Manikandan Jothi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/02/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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LAUGH AFTER WAR.COM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721724

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LAUGH AFTER WAR.COM, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Robert Mc Cormick, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James Robert Mc Cormick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 12/01/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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HIGH LEVEL DESIGN BUILD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721190

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HIGH LEVEL DESIGN BUILD, 1455 McCandless Dr, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HDY BUILDERS INC, 1455 McCandless Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2025. /S/ Delphine Driquez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/12/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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CHAPTERBARBERSHOP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721634

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHAPTERBARBERSHOP, 2050 S Bascom Ave, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hoang Huy Le, 2019 Brightwillow Cir, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/25/2025. /S/ Hoang Huy Le / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/25/2025. (12-10,17,24,31-25)

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DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE GROCERY OUTLET FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721543

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE GROCERY OUTLET, 272 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA, 95113, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): J & A WARREN OUTLET, 272 E. Santa Clara, San Jose, CA 95113.

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/13/2021. /S/ Alexis Warren / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/21/2025. (12-03,10,17,24-25)

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Sausage Sam's Mtww FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN721398

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Sausage

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Sam's Mtww, 939 W. El Camino Real, Suite A, 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): FJL Foods, Inc., 1282 Hammerwood Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Michael D'Ambrosio / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 11/17/2025. (12-03,10,17,24-25)

Datebook

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

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **UC Master Gardeners: Winter Care for Roses**, 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Are you not sure what to do after your roses have finished blooming? If so, join Laura Westley at the Los Altos Library to learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter. Program will include a live pruning demonstration and is free and open to the public. Program is designed for adults and teens. No registration necessary. For more information, visit scldd.org/events. 650-948-7683.

Mountain View Public Library. All events held in the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., unless otherwise indicated. **Toddler Drive In**, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3. Little ones can design and decorate their own cardboard cars using library-provided craft materials. Event is designed for young children. Held in the first floor program room. **Sew Sew Saturday**, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 3. Those 18 years and older who need a sewing machine can use one of the library's assortment of sewing machines on a drop-in basis. No registration required. Held in the second floor program room. **Amplify: Cyber Security**, 1 p.m. Jan. 4. Learn how to stay safe online in today's digital world in this interactive workshop. Put on by Amplify: Teen Voices, the event teaches avoiding misinformation, spotting scams and navigating the internet safely. All ages are welcome but the content is especially helpful for older adults. Held in the first floor program room.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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 an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m.

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

Lindbergh Lodge. Promotes the learning and sharing of the 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 residing in Los Altos Hills. Activities include luncheons, social events, book groups, bridge, card games and travel interest groups. Information: lahclub.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. Los Altos-based nonprofit mixed chorus of local citizens who enjoy singing a cappella. Rehearsals 7:15-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Luther Hall, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. 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.

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

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

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

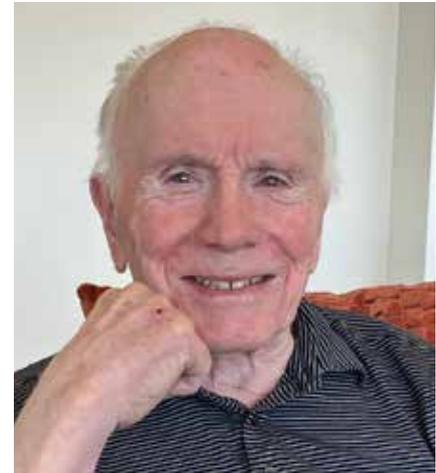
Moving On. For those going through major life changes. Led by Paula Wolfson, LCSW of Avenidas. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Los Altos United Methodist Church, Garden Room, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Cosponsored by Avenidas and Senior New Ways. \$42. Information: (650) 289-5438, pwolfson@avenidas.org.

Amputee Support Group. A place to meet other amputees, gain support, hear guest speakers and have barbecues in the summer. Third Wednesday of each month. Cedar Crest Rehabilitation, 797 E. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale. Information: (408) 968-7464, (408) 738-4880.

Ongoing Breast Cancer Support. Recovery, renewal and education for anyone who has completed breast cancer treatment and is focusing on continued physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. 5-6:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays of the month. Free. Information: (650) 326-6686.

OBITUARY NOTICE

LEMUEL (LEM) DAVIS BISHOP



June 4, 1934–October 20, 2025

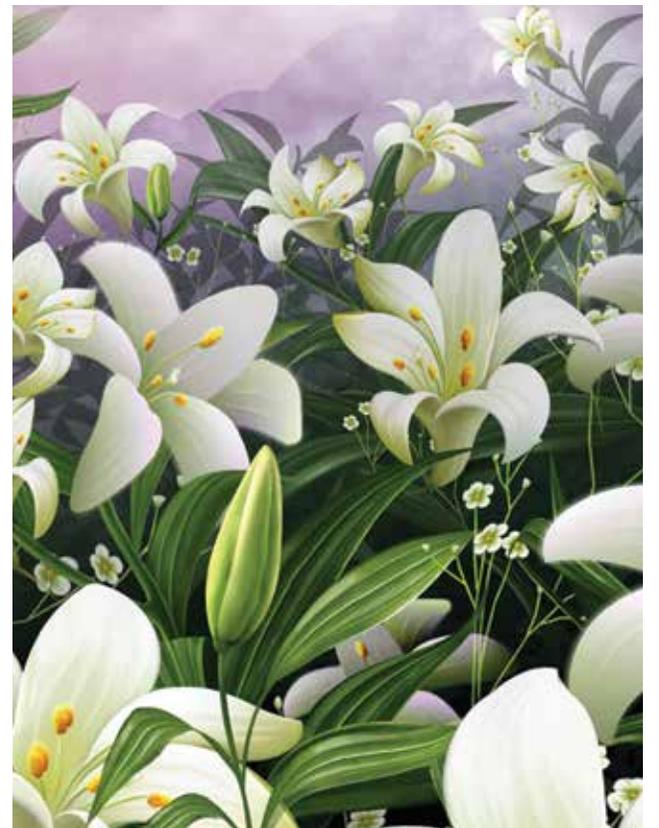
Lem was born in Palo Alto, California, to Lemuel and Bina, who raised their three sons and daughter on Emerson Street. His parents owned Bishop's Creamery on California Avenue for 37 years, a beloved community fixture.

Lem was a standout athlete in the Palo Alto High School Class of 1952, where he played football as quarterback. He earned degrees from Menlo College and the University of California at Santa Barbara, later completing his MBA at Santa Clara University.

He had a long career in finance, best known for serving as Vice President of Finance at Calma Company in Sunnyvale.

Lem was known for his easygoing nature, his dry sense of humor, and his love of Sea Ranch on the Sonoma Coast. His face lit up around the people he loved, and nothing delighted him more than the company of children and dogs. A devoted 49ers fan, he held season tickets during the Candlestick Park years. He also had what the family fondly remembers as an epic mid-life car phase, and, unsurprisingly for the son of creamery owners, a lifelong love of ice cream.

Lem is survived by his children Diana, Perry and Marilyn; his grandchildren Giovanna, Gabriella, Chris and Max; his former wives, Kaye and Peggy; his brother Larry; and other extended family and friends. Lem will be remembered for the kindness, humor, and integrity that defined him.



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