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# Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

## City tries to calm power outage stress

*While Palo Alto goes ahead with big plans to upgrade its electric grid, building public trust may be the first big hurdle*

By Gennady Sheyner

**A**s Palo Alto pushes ahead with an ambitious plan to upgrade its electric grid and convert homes and businesses from natural gas to clean electricity, city officials are bracing

for a tough challenge: public anxiety over power outages.

According to a new report from the Utilities Department, a recent survey of about 400 customers showed that 80% or more

of customers gave the city high ratings for providing consistent and reliable electric service. They did not, however, give Palo Alto high marks on how outages were communicated, according to the department.

“And very few customers would confidently state whether Palo Alto was ready to manage a major emergency, unlike at other utilities, where customers generally

had confidence their utility was prepared,” the report states.

The sentiment is likely borne of recent experiences. Assistant Utilities Director Jonathan Abendschein noted the city’s record when it comes to grid reliability is superior to that of PG&E in its Peninsula division. A presentation that he shared with the council on Feb. 12 showed Palo Alto in the first quartile when

it comes to reliability, with less than 75 minutes of service interruptions per customer annually in nearly every year since 2011. PG&E had been mostly in the second quartile, with between 75 and 150 outage minutes, until 2018, after which time the number spiked dramatically (exceeding 400 minutes in 2020) before

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Emily Margaretten

Students link arms and encircle the protest campsite at White Plaza on the evening of Feb. 8, after receiving a letter from Stanford University that said the sit-in could no longer continue overnight.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

## Stanford students to end overnight sit-in after university threatens crackdown

*In exchange for ending overnight camping at White Plaza, administrators agree to meetings with protesters*

By Emily Margaretten

**A**fter the more than 100-day stalemate, pro-Palestinian student protesters at Stanford University say they will stop camping out overnight at White Plaza by Friday night in response to a university letter promising two meetings this week.

Since Oct. 20, students have been protesting the war in Gaza

and Israel’s actions against Palestinians, saying that they would not end their “Sit In to Stop Genocide” until the university supports a cease-fire in Gaza and commits to a broader movement that calls for the boycott, divestment and sanction of Israel, among other things.

Things came to a head after the university threatened

to enforce its ban on overnight camping last week. On Feb. 8, via a hand-delivered letter, Stanford University gave student protesters 12 hours of notice to pack up their belongings and end the longest continuous sit-in protest in the university’s history.

But it wasn’t until later this week that administrators and

protesters came to an agreement: On Feb. 13, students representing the “Sit In to Stop Genocide” agreed to end overnight camping at White Plaza by nighttime on Friday, Feb. 16.

According to a statement posted by Stanford University, the university said it would not

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### TRANSPORTATION

## Bicyclist killed in Foothill crash

*Woman was struck by a vehicle south of Arastradero Road*

By Gennady Sheyner

**A** bicyclist was killed on Foothill Expressway on Feb. 13 after an automobile hit her in the southbound lane, according to Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff.

Deputies learned about the collision at about 10:43 a.m. It occurred about a mile south of Arastradero Road, near Old Oak Court in Los Altos Hills, according to a news release from the sheriff’s office. The bicyclist, an adult female, was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

The cause and circumstances surrounding the traffic collision are still under investigation. The Sheriff’s Traffic Accident Reconstruction Specialist (STARS) team launched an investigation, the news release stated.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner identified the woman on Thursday as Maria Elise Jabon, 38, of Los Altos.

Deputies closed off southbound access on Foothill Expressway, between Arastradero Road in Palo Alto and Edith Avenue in Los Altos, at about 11 a.m. while emergency responders and investigators from Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff surveyed the scene.

The road remained closed as of 3 p.m., more than four hours after

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## NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

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## PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTER, 250 HAMILTON AVENUE

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### VERBAL UPDATES ON INTERAGENCY ACTIVITIES

1. Caltrain
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### ACTION ITEMS

1. Review the updated Summary of Evaluation Matrix based on the updated Council Adopted Criteria for evaluation of the grade separation alternatives

### FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING Wednesday, February 21, 2024 5:30pm Community Meeting Room & Hybrid

<https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/99227307235>  
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### ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Update on the Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Utilities Financial Forecast and Rate Projections

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Rain or shine, day and night, over the breaks and holidays, we've been here.



—Hana Spahia, a Stanford student who joined protesters in White Plaza demanding university action in support of Palestine. See story on page 5.

# Around Town



Todd Burke

*Bloom by Nicole Ponsler, located at Palo Alto Central on 149 California Avenue.*

**GOT WALLS? ...** If you know of a wall in Palo Alto's Midtown or Downtown that could use an ounce of oomph, a pop of pizzazz or a kaleidoscope of color, the city's **Public Art Program** wants to hear from you. The program is looking for high-visibility walls in commercial corridors to host **the city's next great murals**. Inspired by the public's positive reception of three public murals painted in 2023 on California Avenue, the Public Art Program wants to spread the joy across the city, at no cost to the owner of the wall. Nominated walls will be reviewed by the **Public Art Commission**, and city staff will select artists to bring their visions to the giant blank canvases. The program comes with a couple of stipulations: The imagery for the mural must not be associated with the business inside the building (that's right, no free advertising); the property owner has the right of refusal of the final artwork design; and the Public Art Program will maintain the murals for five years. Property owners must nominate their walls by March 1. More information is available at [cityofpaloalto.org/publicart](http://cityofpaloalto.org/publicart) and 650-329-2227.

**LIFTED UP ...** A construction worker for the four-story **teacher housing complex** on Grant Avenue in Palo Alto had to be rescued Feb. 8 after falling onto the open second floor, breaking a leg. Because construction of the building is ongoing, to get the person out, **Palo Alto Fire Department** crews put the worker in a stokes basket, which was first raised up and then lowered to the ground floor, the department stated in a social media post. The injured worker was taken to

Stanford Hospital. "Crews did a great job executing. We wish our community member and patient a speedy recovery!" the department stated. Construction of the 110-apartment development began last August and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2025. A project of **Santa Clara County, Abode Communities** and **Mercy Housing California**, the apartments will be reserved for teachers and other school staff from multiple school districts.

**SIGN OF THE TIMES ...** Palo Alto City Council is long accustomed to hearing residents and activists express strong views in the Council Chambers, a trend that has only picked up this year as more public speakers have begun to attend meetings to speak out on the Middle East conflict. This week, however, City Manager **Ed Shikada** announced a new policy to govern the public debate: a limitation on signs. Under the new policy, which Shikada said he developed in consultation with Mayor **Greer Stone** and Vice Mayor **Ed Lauing**, signs and symbolic materials would have to be less than 2 feet by 3 feet in size. Sticks, posts and poles will be "strictly prohibited," Shikada said. The items must not create a fire or safety hazard or interfere with other attendees. Persons with such items would be required to "remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting," Shikada said. The new policy, he noted, will be displayed on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, which will take place on Feb. 26. ■



# Valley Water member may face censure for taking confidential documents

Rebecca Eisenberg also faces a police investigation for alleged theft of files

By Gennady Sheyner

In a rare rebuke of a sitting member, the Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors agreed on Feb. 13 to consider a censure against Rebecca Eisenberg, who allegedly took confidential documents from the district's headquarters.

After a tense discussion, the Valley Water board voted 5-1 to schedule a public hearing within 30 days to consider admonition, sanction or censure against Eisenberg, a Palo Alto attorney who joined the board in 2022 and who has since clashed repeatedly with her board colleagues, district staff and Valley Water CEO Rick Callender.

As the news organization San Jose Spotlight reported last year, Eisenberg had been a subject of numerous complaints from Valley Water staff who accused her of intimidating staff and for gender discrimination against men. The complaints prompted the district to launch an investigation into Eisenberg's conduct, which an outside attorney completed in December, according to Valley Water staff.

The move to censure Eisenberg followed a Jan. 29 incident in which board members were invited by Clerk of the Board Michele King to view the results of the investigation into Eisenberg's conduct in a secure room inside the district's San Jose headquarters. In a Feb. 2 memo to the board, Callender wrote that Eisenberg took the report out of the building despite being advised that she is not authorized to do so.

He included in this report a timeline of events from the Jan. 29 episode and surveillance photos showing Eisenberg leaving the building with a large stack of documents that she is holding in both hands. Callender also wrote in the memo that he has asked the San Jose Police Department and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office to investigate the incident.

Eisenberg did not dispute that she took the documents from the district's San Jose headquarters on Jan. 29 but maintained that she did nothing illegal. She called the district's actions "very odd" and told the board on Feb. 13 that she has not shared the information she took with anyone, including her attorneys.

"I took home a printout that I'm entitled to," Eisenberg said during the Feb. 13 discussion. "I never denied it. I left through the front door. No one ever asked me about it and no one asked me for it back."

Eisenberg also said that having a hearing on something she



Magali Gauthier

Valley Water member Rebecca Eisenberg may face censure by her colleagues for allegedly taking confidential documents out of the district's headquarters.

is not denying is "unnecessary, arbitrary and cruel."

Her colleagues disagreed. Board member Tony Estremera, who serves on the Ethics Committee, said all board members were informed that reviewing the investigative report was a "privileged, confidential process" and that each member was instructed not to take the report. He made the motion to schedule the hearing to consider her censure, a decision that he said is based on the results of the memo from Callender.

"We were put in a locked conference room, we were allowed to view the reports and then they were returned to the clerk, consistent with her instructions," Estremera said. "Each of us did that except for Rebecca Eisenberg, who removed the reports knowing that she was told she could not remove them."

Board Chair Nai Hsueh repeatedly reminded her colleagues that the Feb. 13 discussion only pertained to whether or not the board should schedule a hearing to consider censure, not to delve into the arguments for or against censure. Hsueh, who supported scheduling the hearing, based her decision on Callender's memo and its detailed information about what he characterized as "theft" of confidential documents.

Eisenberg, meanwhile, criticized the district for failing to get her input before it got the police involved and embarked on a path toward censure, a move she called "premature and inappropriate."

"It doesn't make sense to have a hearing about me that doesn't include me and to have the decision about whether you'll have a decision about me, without me," Eisenberg said. "None of the materials on which you made your decision to put this on the agenda included my input and that

violates human decency in addition to common sense, in addition to all standard rules."

She also submitted a memo to the board that accused Callender of bullying her and other staff. She said that staff had been contacting her over the course of the 13-month investigation to state their support of her and to provide "lengthy personal experiences of malevolent actions taken against them and others by the CEO."

Eisenberg wrote that she stands by her actions and has "no regrets about standing up for myself, standing up for employees, including the three labor unions at Valley Water, and standing up for my constituents, who elected me for this very purpose: to expose and rid this \$10 billion agency of corruption, harassment, and misappropriation of ratepayer and taxpayer funds."

Callender, for his part, argued in the memo that Eisenberg's engagement in what he called "potentially illegal behavior" warrants further action by the board. Though he said that he is not aware of the full contents of the documents that Eisenberg took, he wrote that he believes it to be "the full investigative report, which includes the names of witnesses, their full and unredacted statements, and other personal information which will cause a severe chilling effect on any potential witnesses to illegal, discriminatory or harassing behavior that may occur at Valley Water."

"If an employee had engaged in the behaviors which likely to have occurred, they would be placed on immediate administrative leave and be subjected to disciplinary actions, including potential dismissal," Callender wrote. ■

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HOUSING

# Palo Alto simplifies design rules to encourage new housing

City's new 'objective standards' target Senate Bill 9 projects in single-family neighborhoods

By Gennady Sheyner

When California legislators passed a law in 2021 that empowered homeowners to construct duplexes and triplexes in single-family residential zones, Palo Alto's response was swift and dramatic.

The city approved that year an "urgency" ordinance that immediately created dozens of new design rules for projects that invoke Senate Bill 9, a law that allows homeowners to split their lots and build additional dwellings on each parcel. Palo Alto's new rules governed everything from window sizes and garage door placements to privacy landscaping (must be evergreen) and the maximum number of gables (no more than three). Because SB9 deprived the council and the Architectural Review Board of their historic powers to deny projects based on subjective and debatable criteria like neighborhood compatibility, the 64 rules were specific and measurable.

They were also, it turns out,

unnecessarily onerous and redundant. That, at least, was the conclusion of local architects, commissioners and planning staff, who have spent the past year trying to consolidate and simplify the design rules. After a series of public hearings in front of Architectural Review Board, the 64 rules were winnowed down to 19. On Feb. 12, the City Council formally adopted the new "objective standards" by a 5-2 vote, with Vice Mayor Ed Lauing and Council member Lydia Kou dissenting.

One goal of the objective standards is to ensure that SB9 projects don't infringe on the privacy of neighbors. Roof decks, for instance, are not permitted. And no more than two bay windows are allowed to face a public street.

Another goal is to encourage more housing. Despite the council's anxieties in 2021, the expected wave of SB9 applications never arrived. As of today, the city approved just one such

application: a home on Rorke Way that added a detached accessory dwelling unit, planning staff told this publication. City planners are also currently reviewing five other applications, according to project planner Emily Kallas, and are having conversations with a few potential applicants.

Chief Planning Official Amy French said the effort aims to "streamline the standards to remove redundancy and overlapping standards and refine the standards to improve clarity and allow flexibility." Peter Baltay, chair of the Architectural Review Board, said the board aimed keep the new rules simple and allow for design flexibility.

"We pushed back on requirements that would limit the height of interior walls in a structure or ones that required more varied rooftops on projects," Baltay told the council. "Let architects have their way on that."

Today, SB9 projects represent a relatively paltry part of Palo



Olivia Treynor

Despite fears of an influx in applications, Palo Alto has approved just one SB9 application since 2021.

Alto's strategy to meet its mandate of adding 6,086 dwellings by 2030. The city's Housing Element projects about 40 new dwellings through SB9 applications during the eight-year cycle between 2023 and 2030. But for city planners and local housing advocates, these projects represent a great opportunity to distribute residential growth throughout the city. All seven council members supported simplifying the rules, though Kou and Lauing both dissented because they wanted the new rules to include a notification requirement for neighbors when an SB9 application is submitted. Under current rules, neighbors only get notified when the project includes

a lot split.

Council member Vicki Veenker called the new objective standards "well balanced" and lauded the architectural board and city staff for shortening the list of rules.

"It's the analog of Mark Twain's, 'I would've written you a shorter letter but I didn't have time.' Well, you took the time and you have fewer objective standards," Veenker said.

A more significant change to SB9 projects is expected to arrive in 2025, when the council considers expanding the maximum floor area of a new SB9 dwelling from 800 square feet

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Palo Alto Chinese Community Presents :

**2024 Palo Alto Lunar New Year Fair**  
Feb. 25, 2024. 11:30am - 5:00pm  
Mitchell Park Community Center



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CRIME

# Alleged plane thief pleads not guilty

Charged with a felony and three misdemeanors, he faces three years in state prison

By Nicholas Mazzone

The man accused of stealing a plane from Palo Alto Airport late last week pleaded not guilty to a felony and three misdemeanor charges during a hearing Tuesday, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Luiz Gustavo Aires, 50, of Florida but living as a transient in San Mateo County, is suspected of stealing a small plane from the airport on Feb. 8 and landing it south of Poplar Beach in Half Moon Bay around 5 p.m. Deputies located the plane intact and unoccupied. Shortly after, Aires, who matched the pilot's description, was seen nearby and taken into custody, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

During Tuesday's hearing, Aires asked to represent himself, although the judge didn't grant the motion. Instead, he will be represented by the private defender program.

Aires is charged with a felony for stealing the plane and three misdemeanors of identity theft after deputies allegedly found credit cards and insurance cards on him that belong to three individuals. He faces three years



Courtesy San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

Luiz Gustavo Aires is suspected of stealing a small plane from the Palo Alto Airport on Feb. 8 and landing it south of Poplar Beach in Half Moon Bay.

in state prison, according to the DA's Office.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said he doesn't recall the last time a plane was stolen in the county.

While Wagstaffe is unsure if the plane remains operable, he said it is valued at \$150,000, and the keys were left inside.

He added that Aires allegedly

told police that he has an expired pilot's license in Brazil but is not permitted to fly in the state.

"He must know what he is doing to navigate over the ridge," Wagstaffe said.

Aires remains in custody on \$10,000 bail. He returns to court on Feb. 21 for superior court review. ■

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COMMUNITY

# Palo Alto explores local ways to tackle antisemitism, Islamophobia

*Human Relations Commission subcommittees will delve into solutions that acknowledge and combat hate aimed at local Jews and Muslims*

By Neil Gonzales

Amid ongoing tensions that stem from the Israel-Hamas war, the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission has focused on how to counter the rising antisemitism and Islamophobia gripping the local community. At their latest meeting, they took the first official step.

On Feb. 8, the commission assigned subcommittees to delve further into issues brought up at recent community sessions that highlighted trends in prejudice against both local Jewish and Muslim people.

Based on recommendations from both groups in their respective sessions, the commission aims to formulate strategies to help combat recently increasing hate toward local Jews and Muslims since the latest Israel-Hamas war reignited on Oct. 7.

Among the recommendations from the Jewish session is employing approaches found in the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. This plan

— released by the Biden administration in May 2023 — lays out tactics to raise awareness of and reverse the normalization of antisemitism, improve safety for the Jewish population and build broad solidarity.

The recommendations from the Muslim session include an official recognition of Ramadan, highlighting Islamic culture, defining anti-Palestinian racism and a stronger condemnation of Islamophobia from city leaders than what the Arab community feels has been expressed so far.

The commission tasked one subcommittee to study the recommendations from the Jewish community and another to take on those from the Muslim session. The subcommittees' findings would then be brought to and discussed at a commission retreat in March.

Commissioner Mary Kate Stimmler wondered why the two subcommittees were split up, although she said she understands

separate listening sessions may have made both groups more comfortable discussing their respective concerns openly.

"I am listening to the experiences of people who have dealt with anti-Arab hate in Palo Alto and the people who've dealt with anti-Jewish hate in Palo Alto and saw so many similarities in their recommendations," Stimmler said during the meeting. "I'm curious why we think there needs to be very separate committees for the solutioning."

Vice Chair Michelle Kraus said the commission plans to tackle solutions as a unified front at the retreat.

Public commenter Uzma Minhas applauded the commission for listening to and considering the recommendations from the Muslim community.

"We appreciate you giving us this platform," Minhas said, addressing the commissioners. "It just means so much to us that you take our holidays and our

religious traditions into consideration. Our community had a number of asks during the listening session, including recognition of holidays, festivals and educational events."

She expressed eagerness to work with the subcommittees on how to put the recommendations into action. "We hope that this will make our community here in Palo Alto stronger and more inclusive for all of us," she said.

Another commenter, Sarith Honigstein, also expressed appreciation for the commission's endeavors particularly in a highly fraught time.

"It's a very difficult time for our city given the steep

rise in both antisemitism and Islamophobia," Honigstein said. "Our communities are traumatized, and it is no trivial task to engage in such a process when the climate is tense and emotions running high."

"There is no place for hate, violence and discrimination against any group, race, religion, ethnicity or nationality in the city," Honigstein added. "It is not the Palo Alto way. On behalf of the Jewish community, we offer our full partnership to this commission, its guidance and its efforts." ■

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## CityView

A roundup of Palo Alto government action this week

### City Council (Feb. 12)

**Utilities:** The council heard an update about the Utilities Department's Reliability and Resiliency Strategic Plan. **Yes:** None


**Housing:** The council approved objective design standards for projects approved through Senate Bill 9. **Yes:** Unanimous

### Council Policy and Services Commission (Feb. 13)

**Compensation:** The committee created parameters for a new citizen advisory panel that would consider whether to raise city council compensation and, if so, by how much. **Yes:** Kou, Lythcott-Haims **No:** Tanaka



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## CITY COUNCIL

## Job or passion? Plan to raise City Council salaries splits members

*New citizens group to consider how much Palo Alto council members should be paid*

By Gennady Sheyner

Members of the Palo Alto City Council broadly agree that their city, while exemplary in some ways, has fallen woefully behind in one area: council members' compensation.

And they're eager to do something about that.

Responding to a recent directive from the full council, the council's Policy and Services Committee backed on Feb. 13 a new policy that would give each council member a pool of funds in addition to their \$1,000 monthly salaries that they can use for personal technology, constituent services and stipends support staff. The three members — Chair Lydia Kou, Council member Julie Lythcott-Haims and Council member Greg Tanaka — all agreed that council members should be only spending so much of their own money on city business.

Lythcott-Haims and Tanaka were particularly enthusiastic about the new program, with both supporting going well beyond the \$2,000 per year that the full council had recommended they receive last year. Tanaka suggested that Palo Alto create a program similar to that of Mountain View, where each council member gets more than \$12,000 annually to pay for technology, phone bills and other expenses associated with serving.

Lythcott-Haims and Tanaka

both said that they have been spending their personal money to pay for services that they need to be effective in their jobs. For Tanaka, this includes cell phone bills and the Zoom account that he uses to talk to constituents and host his Sunday office hours.

"The community wants us to be accessible and involved," Tanaka said. "For years, I've just been paying out of pocket for all these expenses, and it's way past \$2,000 a year."

Lythcott-Haims lamented that a city of Palo Alto's prominence offers its elected leaders too little compensation, such that serving may actually cost them money.

"I just think we do a little wink-wink-nudge-nudge about the City Council sometimes in this city," Lythcott-Haims said. "We're a billion-dollar city. We have seven people who make \$5 an hour who do the work of the city and we have to pay our own expenses out of pocket."

The exact amount of the stipend is yet to be determined. While both Tanaka and Lythcott-Haims advocated for effectively adopting Mountain View's policy, they backtracked after City Attorney Molly Stump and City Manager Ed Shikada said they would like to review and advise the council about any such policy. Kou also said she was uncomfortable with simply adopting Mountain View's relatively high stipends without also looking at what other cities

in the area are doing.

Ultimately, the committee directed staff by a 3-0 vote to return next month with comparisons from other cities. When Stump noted that this would leave staff with about two weeks to do the needed analysis because the city has a policy of posting information for upcoming meetings 11 days in advance, Lythcott-Haims suggested that the city has "wiggle room" when it comes to notification because it is legally obligated to public release its council packet three days before a meeting.

The committee's discussion of expense accounts comes two months after the council took another action with material benefits for council members. Emboldened by Senate Bill 329, a law that allows local jurisdictions to increase salaries for elected officials, the City Council agreed in December to raise members' monthly salaries from their current levels of \$1,000 to \$1,600, the amount allowed under the new legislation for cities of Palo Alto's size.

The council also agreed at that time to establish a committee to evaluate further salary increases for council members, a change that would have to be approved by voters. Even though Palo Alto, as a charter city, is not obligated to follow the state limit on council salaries, the city's current law ties it to the state limit and would need to be revised during a council



Magali Gauthier

City Council member Julie Lythcott-Haims speaks at a Palo Alto council meeting in 2023.

election year.

The Policy and Services Committee advanced this effort on Tuesday when it approved the parameters of this committee. Under the committee's motion, the new citizens group would consist of 15 members who would be selected through an application process. It would have 12 months to issue a recommendation to the council on whether compensation should be increased above the newly adopted level of \$1,600 per month and, if so, how high it should be.

The discussion showed a sharp split on the topic among committee members. Lythcott-Haims initially favored a much smaller committee of three to five people, with preference for former city managers and human resources professionals. Once she and her colleagues agreed to expand the number of seats, she argued that the new group should be "broadly representative of the Palo Alto community" when it comes to socioeconomic status.

Tanaka, the only council member who voted against the salary increase last December, lobbied

for 15 members and argued that the group should be as inclusive as possible. Kou was somewhere in between and suggested a group of five to seven members would be reasonable. Ultimately, the committee's recommendation for a citizen committee advanced by a 2-1 vote, with Tanaka dissenting.

The committee also splintered over a more fundamental question: Are the salary raises even worth pursuing?

For Lythcott-Haims, the answer was a resounding yes. She argued that a salary hike would encourage more participation from people in lower income levels. People who work multiple jobs or have no flexibility when it comes to work schedules would find it nearly impossible to serve on council without higher compensation, she said.

"I don't want our city to be governed by the wealthy who have enough money in the bank such that their mortgage is paid for, their bills are paid for, their luxuries are paid for and they can afford to put in 30 to 40 hours per week to the city because their

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## MEDIA

## Meet the Palo Alto Weekly's new leadership

*Clay Lambert and Sarah Wright join Embarcadero Media Foundation*

By Embarcadero Media staff

Embarcadero Media Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of journalists Clay Lambert and Sarah Wright as the nonprofit organization's Peninsula editorial director and as the editor of the Palo Alto Weekly and Palo Alto Online, respectively. They replace Jocelyn Dong, who is leaving Embarcadero after 25 years.

Lambert has spent the last 15 years providing news to the people of Half Moon Bay and Pacifica as editor and publisher at Coastside News Group. He is an award-winning journalist, steeped in a long career of reporting and publishing local

news with well-honed editorial instincts and a finely tuned understanding of the role that local news plays within its community. Lambert has lived in Palo Alto for over two decades and knows Palo Alto and the Midpeninsula intimately.

He is excited about Embarcadero's transition to a nonprofit and efforts to focus on digital. Editorially, he's committed to continuing the work of providing useful and relevant coverage that connects people to their community, and he seeks to bring stability to the organization's mission and operations.

Sarah Wright spent the last

year in Argentina, where she was a U.S. Fulbright fellow reporting on wildfires in three high-risk regions of the country where local communities are taking fire mitigation into their own hands.

Most recently, she was a city hall watchdog reporter for The San Francisco Standard, where she covered housing and transportation. Wright got her start in journalism as a reporter and deputy editor at the Half Moon Bay Review, a weekly newspaper that serves California's Coastside. She graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2018, where she spent her free time writing and copy



Courtesy Clay Lambert



Courtesy Sarah Wright

Clay Lambert, left, is Embarcadero Media Foundation's new Peninsula editorial director. Sarah Wright, Palo Alto Weekly's new editor.

editing for Georgetown's campus newspaper, The Hoya.

Wright is committed to serving Palo Alto's readers with ambitious, audience-first coverage that both holds local leaders accountable and celebrates the vibrant Palo Alto community.

"I know that I'm leaving the Weekly and Embarcadero in very

capable hands. I couldn't be more grateful to hand off the baton to Clay and Sarah, and I'll be excited to see where they take our journalism and the organization next," Dong said.

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EDUCATION

# Palo Alto Unified tackles fiscal projections as student enrollment declines

*The state budget, decided in May, could also influence school funding*

By Neil Gonzales

The Palo Alto Unified School District eyes continued growth in property tax revenue but forecasts a steady yearly decline in enrollment, which may affect budgeting and staffing as soon as this calendar year.

At the district's Feb. 13 meeting, the board received a brief update on that process.

"Currently, district leaders and stakeholders are evaluating existing budget items and reviewing them, giving them careful thought as to their how, the why and the efficacy of our existing programs prior to rolling them over into the budget-development process," said Palo Alto Unified Chief Business

Officer Carolyn Chow during the board's regular meeting.

The board is expected to get another update in March on assumptions and then in April vote on what to incorporate into the actual budget, Chow said.

The district would still have to adjust projections accordingly based on the revision in May of the state's proposed 2024-25 fiscal plan. In June, the board is expected to consider final approval of the district's next budget.

"Any state budget decisions as well as changes in the state economy, there's a likelihood that those will impact the district's budget as well," Chow said.

According to Chow's report, the district is projecting an increase of at least 2% in property tax revenue.

But Chow noted that that revenue has grown 5.7% in actuality this 2023-24 year — up from the 4% the district projected when it built the current budget of \$314 million.

According to the district previously, it used that growth to plug a \$2.3 million deficit and fund \$2.7 million worth of post-budget adoption additions such as intervention specialists, special education aides and a therapist.

The district, however, also faces a downward trend in student enrollment numbers. According to Chow's report, the district currently serves 10,271 students — down 47 from last year. The district could lose 200 students in each of the next three school

years, falling to 9,671.

"Staffing at all sites is based on the projected decline in enrollment," Chow said, "and we are currently meeting with our principals to discuss staffing levels and projected numbers for the sites for next year."

Not included in the budget assumptions are potential salary increases from new labor agreements still being negotiated with the unions representing classified and certificated workers — the California School Employees Association Chapter 301 and Palo Alto Educators Association, respectively.

"Our process is that we are currently meeting with our partners in CSEA and PAEA," Chow said. "When we come to an agreement with both of our unions and after it comes to the board for ratification, at that time is when we put any salary schedule increases into the budget."

According to its website, PAEA is seeking a 6% raise in the current year and 5% for 2024-25, among other stipulations. The district has offered a 2% raise in each of those years, the teachers' union said.

According to Chow's report, other district considerations in preparation for next year's

budget include:

- An estimated 0.76% state cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).
- School discretionary allocations at \$115 per student.
- Utility rate increases of 20% for electricity, gas, water, waste and sewer services and 10% for telephone and the internet.
- An estimated 7% increase in the medical insurance rate.

Last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom released a \$291.5 billion state budget proposal for the 2024-25 fiscal year that largely spares education programs from deep cuts.

In a statement, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond applauded the governor for a budget with "no major reductions or pullbacks in vital education programs."

But Thurmond was disappointed in the decline in average daily attendance and a "COLA at 0.76% when it was projected to be at 3.5%," he said.

Also, the governor's budget puts per-pupil spending at \$23,519 under the requirements of state Proposition 98 — close to \$300 less than what was in the 2023-24 spending plan. ■

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## Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

**CITY COUNCIL ...** The council has no meetings scheduled this week.

**COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ...** The committee plans to review the updated evaluation matrix for selecting grade separation alternatives. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 863 8814 2528.

## Online This Week

These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to [www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news).

### Lawmakers' requests for program evaluations go unanswered

Given the state's budget deficit, legislative leaders are calling for reviewing how existing programs are working. But there's no good way to track their effectiveness. (Feb. 15)

### Masseur arrested for sexual assault

A massage therapist at a Palo Alto massage parlor was arrested on Feb. 8 and charged with sexually assaulting a client during an appointment last November, police said. (Feb. 13)

### Restaurant 3000 to reopen this summer

Seasonal American bistro Restaurant 3000 in Menlo Park is expected to reopen this summer, said owner Joel Sage. (Feb. 12)

### New homes coming to East Palo Alto

On Feb. 2, East Palo Alto and San Mateo County officials and community leaders celebrated the groundbreaking of Colibri Commons at 965 Weeks Street in East Palo Alto, an affordable housing development that will include 136 new apartments. The complex is expected to be completed in summer 2025. (Feb. 9)

EDUCATION

# Bill would make computer science a high school graduation requirement

*Proposed bill would force every high school to offer computer science courses by the 2026-27 school year*

By Gennady Sheyner

Every public high school in California would have to offer computer science classes as a graduation requirement under a proposed bill from Assembly member Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park.

The legislation, known as Assembly Bill 2097, will require all school districts and charter schools to offer a computer science class by the 2026-27 school year. Schools would also be required to make computer science a requirement by the 2030-31 school year.

The legislation, which Berman announced at a Feb. 6 press conference, is his second attempt in two years to create a computer science requirement. His last bill, AB 1054, fizzled in committee last fall. Unlike the current legislation, it did not include a graduation requirement.

In introducing the new bill, Berman noted that 27 other states already require every high school to offer computer science. Five states — Arkansas, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina and Tennessee — require a computer science course for high school graduation, he said.

California, meanwhile, is behind 40 other states when it comes

to the percentage of high schools that offer at least one computer science course, Berman said. About 45% of the state's high schools offer computer science, he said.

"This is as unacceptable as it is indefensible," Berman said. "And frankly, it's embarrassing."

The bill, he said, is critical for equipping students with the skills they need in the modern workforce and the "digitally driven world." Too many California students, he said, are growing up in the shadows of tech companies that are creating world-changing technologies but are not given the skills they need to one day work there.

Even outside Silicon Valley, computers are an "integral part of our everyday life and are relied upon in every industry, in every corner of California," Berman said.

Sen. Josh Becker, who joined Berman at the press conference, is the principal co-author of the bill, which is also being supported by Tony Thurmond, California's state superintendent for public instruction.

Thurmond spoke in favor of ensuring that computer science is a requirement rather than an elective. This, he said, will help advance equity. Currently about

34% of schools serving high proportions of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Pacific Islander students offer computer science courses, compared to 52 percent of schools serving a greater proportion of white and Asian students, according to Berman.

"This computer science bill is intended to create a requirement because without a requirement what we see all the time is that schools that have access to resources and means will provide access to students," Thurmond said. "It shouldn't be that the access you live in dictate if you have access to this training."

Berman acknowledged that it might be challenging for some high schools to start offering computer science but noted that there are many "role models" that these schools can follow, both in California and across the nation.

"No one is going into this blindly, thinking we can just flip a switch and immediately every high school in California can offer computer science," Berman said. "But ... we can't afford not to. It's not fair to our students, it's not fair to their future." ■

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Above: People walk through White Plaza at Stanford University during a sit-in on campus calling for the university to condemn Israel's siege on Gaza and to support Palestinian students, on Nov. 1, 2023. Right: A Palenstian flag blows in the breeze.



## Sit-in

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initiate law enforcement action or disciplinary procedures until after that time and agreed to two meetings with students representing the groups to hear their demands.

Both meetings were scheduled to occur before the Friday deadline, and students are expected to comply with the ban on overnight camping, irrespective of the meetings' outcomes, according to a letter that the sit-in representatives received on Feb. 12 and was posted on their Instagram account.

Up until last week, the university had responded to just a few of the protesters' demands, stating that it would do more to combat Islamophobia and ensure the safety of its Palestinian, Arab and Muslim students. But without the

rest of their more stringent demands — like divestment from Israeli companies — met, they chose not to leave their sit-in on the plaza.

"Rain or shine, day and night, over the breaks and holidays, we've been here," said Hana Spahia, a Stanford student.

During this same period, additional protest groups took up residence at White Plaza as well, including a pro-Israel one known as the Blue and White Tent.

In the Feb. 8 letter, posted on the Stanford Report website, administrators stated that a recent incident in which space reserved by the Blue and White Tent was taken over by another group "escalated risk of conflict in White Plaza and increased the threat to the safety of members of our community." University staff then told the students of the second group that they

needed to vacate the space, the letter stated.

In addition, the university wrote, to enforce its overnight ban, "any tents, tables, chairs, or other similar items will need to be removed from White Plaza between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Any overnight displays and/or camping items left unoccupied are subject to removal for health and safety reasons."

Dee Mostofi, Stanford University's assistant vice president of external communication, wrote on Feb. 9 that "Stanford's commitment to supporting the free expression of views on White Plaza remains firmly in place."

"However, we also believe that overnight camping compromises the safety and wellbeing of members of our community and remains prohibited," Mostofi wrote. "We are in continued discussion

with our students on White Plaza on this matter and are committed to exploring peaceful ways to allow them to express their free speech rights while ensuring the safety of our entire community."

But for students who have been participating in the Palestinian sit-in, the safety concerns seemed overblown and like a pretext for getting rid of them, they said. With less than 12 hours to mobilize, the demonstrators asked supporters to join them at White Plaza and resist the university's plan to break down their site.

Hundreds of supporters, mostly Stanford students, showed up to demonstrate their solidarity with the sit-in movement during the confrontation on Feb. 8. At 6:30 p.m. they congregated in front of the tents, their numbers steadily growing over the next hour.

Safety volunteer marshals, affiliated with the demonstration, kept the crowd in order and out of public thoroughways while organizers called out protest chants and made speeches in support of Palestine.

"Stanford has yet to take action, has yet to condemn the genocide," said an organizer with a megaphone. "We intend to be here until our demands are met," she added, to a roar of cheers.

The university in its letter had stated that students who didn't leave would receive a disciplinary referral to the Office of Community Standards and "may also be cited for trespass." But the threat of disciplinary action did not seem to dampen the crowd's mood; many students expressed an intent to defy the university's directive and camp out overnight.

"This is part of something larger," said Annabelle Davis, a Stanford student who has been

closely involved in the sit-in. "We want the university to behave ethically," she said, adding that this was one of the few spaces on campus where she has found an accepting and welcoming community for all people, including herself, as she is Jewish.

As 8 p.m. approached, the crowd linked arms, forming a circle around the tents in anticipation that they might be forced to leave. But as the hour passed, nobody from the university came to dismantle the sit-in. Students then sat down for the night, still closely pressed to each other.

By 12:45 a.m., students had settled down for the night with blankets and books, Davis said. She estimated that more than 100 students stayed overnight. Officers from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, which staffs Stanford's Department of Public Safety, showed up at 7:30 a.m. but left around 8 a.m., Davis said.

"It's wrong to make them leave in such an underhanded way," said one Stanford student, who asked not to be identified by name. The student was watching from outside the circle. When asked why he was attending the demonstration, he explained that he was working on a class project with a Palestinian student who can't return home.

"I don't have a connection to the conflict. But I do have a connection to the people here," he said, noting that he was from South Korea and his parents had been refugees from North Korea.

"I want to support students like him. This is a big turnout from the community and it's important that it exists," he added. ■

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Emily Margaretten

Hundreds of students congregated at White Plaza on Feb. 8 to demonstrate their solidarity with the pro-Palestinian sit-in that has been in place at White Plaza since Oct. 20.





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# Public Notices

**PALO ALTO THERAPY SERVICES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN701823  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Palo Alto Therapy Services, located at 220 CALIFORNIA AVE, SUITE 105, PALO ALTO, CA, 94306, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.  
This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PALO ALTO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SERVICES, INC.  
220 CALIFORNIA AVE, SUITE 105  
PALO ALTO, CA, 94306  
CALIFORNIA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 02 2024.  
(PAW Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

**MACWEB**  
MACWEB COMPUTING  
MACWEB CLOUD SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702749  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) MacWeb, 2.) MacWeb Computing, 3.) MacWeb Cloud Services, located at 3080 Raymond Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
WEB BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
338 Central Ave  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2019  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 31 2024.  
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**PCRT PALO ALTO: PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR COMPLEX AND RELATIONAL TRAUMA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN 702697  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) PCRT Palo Alto: Psychotherapy for Complex and Relational Trauma, located at 220 California Ave. Suite 106 Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PCRT Palo Alto: Psychotherapy For Complex and Relational Trauma  
220 California Ave Suite 106  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/27/2023.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 30 2024.  
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**MNT STUDIO**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702263  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) MNT STUDIO, located at 575 High St, Unit 120. Palo Alto, CA, 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
MNT WELLNESS CO.  
3400 Cottage Way, STE G2 #21316  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
CA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/15/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 16 2024.  
(PAW Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

**KURATED KITCHENS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702897  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Kurated Kitchens, located at 155 E Maude Ave, Sunnyvale CA 94085, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
HAPPY BELLIES  
155 E Maude Ave  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
CA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2019  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 05 2024.  
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**ALTOS ASSOCIATES ADVISORY GROUP**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN703053  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Altos Associates Advisory Group, located at 2786 George Blauer Pl San Jose, CA 95135, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
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2786 George Blauer Pl  
San Jose, CA 95135  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 09 2024.  
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**KUMON MATH AND READING CENTER OF MILPITAS-PARK VICTORIA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702329  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Kumon Math and Reading Center of Milpitas-Park Victoria, located at 1789 Landess Ave. Milpitas, CA 95035, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
Milpitas-Northwood Math and Reading Center LLC  
3143 Ashbourne Circle  
San Ramon, CA 94583  
California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/18/2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 18 2024.  
(PAW Feb 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2024)

**CHANCEPLAN**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702649  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) ChancePlan, located at 3507 Ross Road Palo Alto CA 94303, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ANALYCORP, INC.  
3507 Ross Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94303  
California  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 26 2024.  
(PAW Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

**SIPMATH GROUP**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702661  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) SIPmath Group, located at 3507 Ross Road Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ANALYCORP, INC.  
3507 Ross Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94303  
California  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 29 2024.  
(PAW Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

**NO DIAMONDS WEB SERVICES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN702106  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) No Diamonds Web Services, located at 349 Diablo Ct. Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
NO DIAMONDS LLC  
349 Diablo Ct.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/19/2023  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 10, 2024.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
JON R. TANI  
Case No.: 24PR196480  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JON R. TANI.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kenneth A. Tani and Lisa A. Scolari in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: Kenneth A. Tani and Lisa A. Scolari 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 on April 05 2024 at 9:01AM in Department 1 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First Street, 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:  
Lisa M. Kajani  
Kramer Radin, LLP  
280 Second St. Suite 100  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
650-941-8600  
(PAW Feb 9, 16 and 23, 2024)

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## Upfront

### Housing

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(the minimum required by state law) to 1,200 square feet. A report from the Department of Planning and Development suggests that increasing the size would “improve the feasibility of the projects, introduce more two-bedroom homes and potentially create more financially accessible ownership units.”  
“We think this change in square footage may have the effect of receiving more applications, and that’s why we believe we’ll generate that number,” Planning Director Jonathan Lait said, referring to the 40 projected dwellings.

John Kelley, a local housing advocate, urged the council to be more aggressive and not wait until 2025 to make the change. He pointed to the very small number of applications that the city has received since SB9 became law more than two years ago.

“If the intent was to create more housing in Palo Alto, what we have right now just isn’t working,” Kelley said.

Not everyone was as enthusiastic about SB9. Kou characterized it as an example of a “state unfunded mandate that (has) taken away so much from the residents who

are already living here.” She and Laing both supported including notification requirement so that to all residents within 600 feet of the SB9 site are alerted about new applications.

“(SB9) really removed democracy and (residents’) right to speak up about where they live, how they live, what the impacts are going to be,” Kou said. “I really think this is the least that we can do in giving them at least that little bit of notification that something will be happening next door, across or behind them, within a certain distance.”

Most of her colleagues rejected this idea, which they argued would add costs, entail more work for staff and treat SB9 applications differently from other residential projects such as accessory dwellings units and home renovations. Council member Pat Burt also noted that unlike with other projects, the city cannot deny SB9 applications and neighbors don’t have the option of appealing these developments.

“I just want to make sure the notifications don’t give a false impression to neighbors that we have any discretionary approval of these projects,” Burt said. ■

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### Salaries

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financial circumstance is so flush,” she said. “I just think the city misses out on the best possible governance if only people with that level of financial means can serve.”

Even so, Lythcott-Haims observed that Palo Alto Mayor Greer Stone is a teacher and a renter — hardly an exemplar of the type of gentry class that she had described. “I don’t know how he does it,” she said during the discussion.

Kou, who is a realtor, and Tanaka, a tech entrepreneur, also pushed back against how she framed the issue, with each maintaining that they are not “rich” and are not serving on the council for compensation. Though both voted to create the committee, consistent with direction from the City Council, both said they will not

support salary increases for council members.

Tanaka said he views serving on the council as a “volunteer position.” He also said that he had been volunteering in his communities for most of his life and considers his service as a “passion project” rather than a job.

“I’m not doing this for the money,” said Tanaka, who was also the sole council member to vote against raising salaries in December. “I’m doing this because I live here and I want to have a great life here and I want to make it better.

Kou similarly said that she views her time on the council as a “public service” and that she has no problem with the current system.

“I didn’t come in here for compensation,” Kou said. “It’s never been part of what I had wanted.” ■

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## Employment

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## Power outages

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dropping back to about 150 minutes in 2022.

Palo Alto's recent record, however, is less than stellar. Last year's wet winter raised Palo Alto's outage minutes to nearly 150 minutes per customer as trees took out power lines during storms, disrupting service. And just last week, another storm took out power for about 3,000 customers in various neighborhoods, according to the Utilities Department.

"Those declines in reliability may have impacted perceptions," Abendschein said.

Weather, however, isn't the only obstacle to reliability. Aging infrastructure and staffing shortages both contribute to a loss of reliability, Abendschein said. Structural vulnerabilities also play a role in shaping perception. In February 2010, the entire city lost power for about 12 hours after a downed airplane took out the three lines that share one pathway and that connect Palo Alto to PG&E. While city officials have been talking intermittently about adding another pathway, those plans have not yet come to fruition.

To address these issues, the City Council is preparing to adopt later this year a new strategic plan for reliability and resiliency. The plan, which council members discussed on Feb. 12, calls for modernizing the electric grid, promoting new strategies for efficient electrification and evaluating emerging technologies such as solar storage and microgrids, among other strategies.

By far the biggest component of the plan is the city's \$300-million effort to upgrade the grid, a project that the city is launching this year and that it hopes to complete by 2030. The effort aims to both improve reliability and add capacity to the city's grid, which currently cannot accommodate the council's electrification goals.

The effort will include upgrading the 4 kV lines that were installed in 1967 with 12 kV lines, upgrading more than half of the 3,000 transformers in the city's distribution system, replacing hundreds of poles so that they can support the heavier equipment and installing pad-mounted transformers in neighborhoods that have underground electricity.

"For this investment, the city will be able to enhance its reliability, modernize the grid to accommodate solar storage and other new technology, add enough capacity to enable the city to be electrified and potentially accommodate new resiliency solutions as well," Abendschein said. "It's an investment that will really put Palo Alto well ahead of other communities on the path to lowering emissions and future-proofing the electric system."

For the council, the grid upgrade is a necessary prerequisite to its ultimate goal of carbon neutrality. While officials publicly



Magali Gauthier

Transformers at the East Meadow substation at the intersection of East Meadow Drive and Middlefield Road in Palo Alto channel power to the city's residents.

promote electrification, the grid currently cannot handle widespread adoption of electric appliances such as space heaters and advanced electric vehicle chargers. The city's most ambitious sustainability program at the moment is providing subsidies and on-bill financing for customers who want to replace their gas water heaters with heat pump water heaters.

"Right now, the only thing we can really add on from a customer standpoint is heat pump water heaters," Utilities Director Dean Batchelor told the Utilities Advisory Commission earlier this month during its own discussion of grid modernization. "That's about the only load we can pick and it's a pretty small load that the system will be able to handle."

While the council has yet to adopt the new strategic plan, members acknowledged that it will play a critical role in convincing the public that going fully electric isn't just environmentally sound but also safe and reliable.

"There's definitely a disconnect between perceptions of reliability and the reliability that we're seeing, especially when compared to PG&E," Mayor Greer Stone said during the Feb. 12 discussion. "I'm concerned that the only thing that's really going to impact the perception is going to be a combination of time and our ability to make it through subsequent winters with little to no outages."

Council member Vicki Veenker, who sits on the council's Sustainability/Climate Action Plan Committee, concurred and called the new strategic plan "extremely important."

"Our grid could be the biggest hurdle or the biggest enabler of our achieving our climate goals," Veenker said. "And this plan is how we make it be the enabler not the hurdle."

In addition to limiting power outages, the

while reverse flows can be a serious issue because existing grid protection devices like fuses or voltage control systems are only designed to work when power is flowing one way, so two-way flow can create dangerous conditions."

With the grid update, the city hopes to convert this liability into an asset. According to the report, the utility could provide price signals or education to get people to use energy at times when the grid is less crowded or less dirty.

"And if people consistently operate these technologies in a grid-friendly way — for example, charging vehicles or batteries mid-day or at night rather than in the evening when the grid is most heavily used — it could also mitigate the capacity impacts of electrification on the electric distribution system," the report states.

Council member Pat Burt, who chairs the council's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Committee, called the new strategic plan a "big deal" and emphasized the importance of accommodating emerging technologies and "smart systems" that could make electric supply both more plentiful and more reliable.

"It's a real transformation that's occurring in this electrification field, where we're not just saying to electrify in the future all we need to do is double the way we do things," Burt said. "It's an entirely new, innovative approach and the technology advances are happening in real time, one after another." ■

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## Bicyclist

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the incident. A reporter observed at the scene a downed bicycle and a helmet.

Resident Fred Balin said he was driving by the area at about 11:20 a.m. when he saw that the road was closed near Arastradero. About two hours later, as he was driving north on Foothill, he saw more officers and deputies. There was a vehicle on the side of the road and heavy law enforcement presence in the south-bound lane.

"I could see a yellow cover over something and a photographer with a tripod on the street, as well as a few other police cars," Balin said.

On Wednesday morning, the Sheriff's Office issued a statement on X requesting to speak with anyone who may have witnessed the collision. The office is asking any motorist who may have been driving in the area between 9:30 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. on Feb. 13 to review their dash cameras to see if the collision may have been recorded. ■

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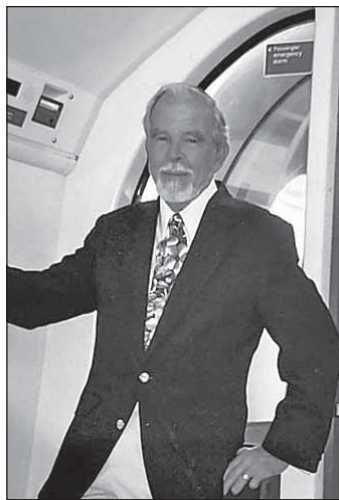
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## Donald Wallace Paisley

Dec. 20, 1927-Jan. 26, 2024

Donald Wallace Paisley Jr., 96, passed away peacefully on January 26th, 2024, amongst family and friends in Palo Alto, Calif. Don is survived by his wife, Sandra Paisley; his five children, Charlie, Christopher and his wife Donna, Donelle, Mark and his wife Hilda, and Scott and his wife Gayle; his daughter-in-law Diana; in-laws Brad, Lorrie, and Neil; and six grandkids, Blake, Caden, Erica, Jack, Kent, and Reice.

He was born on December 20th, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Donald Wallace Paisley Sr. and Jean Hilton Paisley. Don grew up in the Buckeye State and moved westward upon entrance into Stanford University, where he graduated in 1950. While at Stanford, Don met Helen Christine Walker, whom he married in 1950. They had the first three of Don's children, Christopher, Scott, and Mark. Don also obtained a Master's in Education at San Jose State in 1951.

Don remained in the Bay Area to begin working, where he resided throughout his career. Don started by becoming a teacher in the Sunnyvale School District, then became a Whisman Mountain View School District principal in 1962. Over the next 23 years, Don served as the principal at three of the district's schools: Stevenson School, Theuerkauf Elementary, and the Whisman School. Don married Charlene Schill in 1969, and they had his last two children, Donelle and Charlie.

Shortly before retiring in 1985, Don married Sandra Gray in 1983. His family continues his teaching legacy, with son Christopher, a professor at Santa Clara University, and granddaughter Erica, a teacher at Baker Elementary School.

Don and Sandra moved to San Diego after Don ended his career, soaking in more of one of his favorite things: the sun. In his free time, Don loved going to the beach. He took his kids over Highway 17 to Rio Del Mar for weekends and a traditional week-long vacation over the summer during their childhood. Fittingly, the final trip of his life away from Palo Alto was to Santa Barbara, Calif., for his son Mark's wedding at Butterfly Beach in 2020.

Don and Sandra split their time between sunny San Diego and cloudy London, enjoying their other favorite activity, going to plays. They spent numerous evenings taking in shows at the West End Theatres.

Don was a pillar of strength over the final act of his life. After Sandra had a tragic accident resulting in a brain bleed and needing additional care in 2012, the two moved back to the Bay Area to a retirement community in Palo Alto to be closer to family. Don diligently provided the majority of her care, only getting more assistance from their caretakers, Nesi and Annabelle, within a few years of his passing. Even near the end of his life, when Sandra would get up at night, Don would turn over and flatten the sheets to make the bed as comfortable as possible upon her return.

Don was known for his quick wit, comical one-liners, and beaming with pride for his family. He would always look around the room over his final holidays with his loved ones, toasting to his pride in his beautiful family and what it meant to him that they could all gather together.

His wisdom and compassion will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Donald Wallace Paisley Jr. leaves a legacy of love and memories that family and friends will cherish. May he rest in peace, surrounded by the love of those who hold him dear in their hearts.

PAID OBITUARY

# Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

## POLICE CALLS

**Palo Alto**  
Feb. 7-14

### Arrests

Total people arrested . . . . . 26

### Violence Related

**El Camino Real and W Charleston Road**, 2/3 at 11:17 a.m. Battery with serious bodily injury (felony)

**Homer Avenue**, 2/5 at 9:08 a.m.

Suicide

**W Bayshore Road**, 2/6 at 2:11 p.m.

Domestic violence (misdemeanor)

**De Soto Drive**, 2/7 at 8:12 p.m.

Robbery (felony)

**Pasteur Drive**, 2/7 at 10:49 a.m.

Battery (misdemeanor)

**Matadero Avenue**, 2/9 at 11:41 a.m.

Arson (felony)

## Theft Related

Burglary . . . . . 4  
Grand theft . . . . . 6  
Identity theft . . . . . 3  
Petty theft . . . . . 9  
Retail theft . . . . . 1  
Shoplifting . . . . . 12  
Theft undefined . . . . . 1

## Alcohol or Drug Related

Driving under the influence . . . . . 1

## Vehicle Related

Abandoned auto . . . . . 3  
Auto recovery . . . . . 2  
Auto theft . . . . . 6  
Hit and run . . . . . 3  
Theft from auto . . . . . 36  
Theft of vehicle parts . . . . . 1  
Vehicle accident/injury . . . . . 4  
Vehicle accident/no injury . . . . . 6  
Vehicle tampering . . . . . 3

## Miscellaneous

Other calls . . . . . 42

## OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include:

**Kenneth W. Anstey**, 77, a former San Mateo resident and a hockey player, who earned an M.B.A. in business, was a husband to Mary Jo for 55 years and father and grandfather, and volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Society in San Mateo, on Sept. 18, 2023.

**Donald Wallace Paisley Jr.**, 96, a Palo Alto resident, who graduated from Stanford University in 1950 and earned a master's degree in education from San Jose State University, who taught in the Sunnyvale and Mountain View Whisman school districts, ultimately becoming a principal in the Mountain View Whisman School District, and was known for his quick wit and comical one-liners, on Jan. 26, 2024.

**Mary Carey Schaefer**, 90, a Palo Alto resident of over 50 years, who was an artist, interior designer, great grandmother, community activist and basketball fan, who made California her home following her graduation from Cornell University in 1955, who fought tenaciously for her causes with good humor and passion, teaching her children kindness and resolve and mettle, and who was actively involved in the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, her bridge group and a gourmet cooking group, on Jan. 29, 2024.

**Edward Albert Moore**, 89, a Redwood City resident, who was an actor, theatre director, set designer and playwright with credits in a national playlist, who started theatre groups in Cleveland, Ohio; New Zealand; and Western Samoa, whose popular garden sculptures often disappeared from

his front yard soon after they were displayed and who ran the Grand Canyon from rim to rim, on Jan. 27, 2024.

**Ann M. Robinson**, 85, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, who taught at Laguna Salada Union Schools in Pacifica between 1969 and 1973 where she produced the film "A Summer School Experience" for the district, who when her first child was born, launched AMR Graphics, which she operated out of her home's garage, who founded the alternative birthing center, The Birthplace, with a group of volunteers, nurses and doctors, and Stanford University Hospital volunteer, on Dec. 7, 2023.

**Robert Michael Heneveld**, 82, a former Palo Alto resident, who served patients for three decades at his Burlingame dental practice, and who is remembered for his unwavering love and dedication to his family, as well as his lifelong commitment to making a positive impact on the world around him, on Jan. 16, 2024.

**Marge Cassingham**, 99, a 55-year resident of Portola Valley, who was a gifted musician and classical pianist for 90 years and active in the Palo Alto Two Piano Club, who earned a degree in music from Occidental College, and who was a resident of The Sequoias, on Jan. 24, 2024.

**Jean Char Gong**, 97, a 70-year Palo Alto resident, who was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and cherished friend, who earned a master's in education from Stanford University, who taught elementary school at Fairmeadow and El Carmelo for 32 years in Palo

Alto, and a great grandmother to 18, on Jan. 31, 2024.

**Marilyn Joyce**, 88, a former Menlo Park resident of 25 years, who a beloved wife, mother, and devoted member of the community, a University of California at Berkeley graduate, who was a member of the Ladera Community Church, then Menlo Park Presbyterian Church member, who in 1969 conceived, designed and operated her innovative boutique THE DOOR, Gifts and Items for the Home, right beside the Menlo Park Post Office, and who actively supported United Menlo Atherton (school spirit organization), on Nov. 25, 2023.

**Shirley Powers**, 87, a Palo Alto resident, who was a Raging Grannies member, and who dedicated her life to avant-garde pursuits such as combining her jazz compositions with her poetry, conquering every hiking trail in the Bay Area, kayaking through beavies of others in Monterey Bay, and publishing poetry in progressive women's anthologies, on Feb. 7, 2024.

**Sue Basso**, 82, a Menlo Park resident, who earned a degree in international relations from Stanford University in 1962, who was known as "Granny Sue" by her five grandchildren, who could usually be found sitting amongst piles of novels, biographies, newspapers and investment magazines, who was a swimmer and astute self-trained stock investor, on Jan. 7, 2024.

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## Shirley Ann Powers

March 7, 1936 – February 7, 2024

Grande Dame Shirley Powers passed away with her daughter and grandson by her side on February 7th, 2024. After spending her childhood freezing through the Wisconsin winters, she was thrilled to earn her bachelor's degree in music and land in sunny California. Shirley dedicated her life to avant-garde pursuits such as combining her jazz compositions with her poetry, conquering every hiking trail in the Bay Area, kayaking through beavies of otters in Monterey Bay, and publishing poetry in progressive women's anthologies. She had two great passions: fighting for social justice and John, her partner of 42 years. Together, they worked for change with endeavors such as producing content and working cameras for a local cable TV news show, marching to protect women's right to choose, and singing with the international peace group, the Raging Grannies. Working with the Grannies allowed Shirley to combine her love of music, theatricality, and political protest. She took great pride when her local chapter was included on the FBI "To Be Watched" list. Beyond her high energy, charismatic, funny personality, Shirley was a big ball of love. She loved her daughters, Erin and Colleen, and her grandson, Ryan, with a warmth and enthusiasm that helped them learn to love others in the same way, leaving a beautiful legacy. Shirley liked to be thought of as a tough, smart-talking, outrageous fighter, and while true, she was also an incredibly loving mom and grandmother who will be terribly and forever missed.



A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, from 2-5 PM at Shirley's home. The Raging Grannies are singing at 3:00.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite progressive cause, or better yet, volunteer to defeat Trump in November.

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## Ann Montgomery Robinson

July 8, 1939 – December 7, 2023

Ann M. Robinson, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, passed away on December 7, 2023, surrounded by family and caregivers.

Ann was born the first child of John H. Montgomery and Virginia E. Price on July 8, 1939, in Champaign, Illinois. Ann moved with her family to Maryland, then Texas, visiting her tight-knit family in Indiana during the summers. She graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth (1957) and went to Texas Tech University, where she joined the sorority Gamma Phi Beta and earned a bachelor's in Advertising Art and Design (1962). She moved to Dallas to work as a Graphic Artist, an Art Instructor, and a freelance artist. While living there, Ann traveled to Sweden on the Experiment in International Living (1964), earned a Master of Arts at North Texas State University (1967), and started a Ph.D. in Education. She also produced art for public exhibitions and private collections and created films. Ann met her husband, William "Rob" Robinson (1939-2022) through friends at Northaven United Methodist Church. They married August 28, 1965 and settled in the Dallas suburb Farmers Branch before moving to Palo Alto in 1969.

Between 1969 and 1973, Ann taught for the Laguna Salada Union Schools in Pacifica. When her first child was born, she launched AMR Graphics, which she operated out of her home's garage or "studio." Ann designed logos, menus, and local campaign posters there, met with clients, collaborated with Rob, and prepared activities, like tie-dye t-shirts, for her children and their friends.

Ann's career pivoted after the birth of her second child, who was born with Cystic Fibrosis. She had founded the alternative birthing center, The Birthplace, with a group of volunteers, nurses, and doctors, so by 1979, when she became one of a dozen or so volunteers at Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. (CFRI), Ann was prepared to grow the then small non-profit organization. As her youngest child lived and grew up with CF, Ann became more involved in CFRI's mission to educate families and raise money for CF research. Within 20 years, she went from part-time volunteer to the first full-time executive director. Through events like the Mother's Day Tea and the CFRI annual conferences, she helped raise thousands of dollars for CF research and disseminate knowledge about medical breakthroughs. Her unwavering optimism about finding a cure for CF matched her commitment to helping families grapple with the disease. Her work with CFRI touched legions of people worldwide.

Ann loved to entertain her family and friends with food at social gatherings. Her cooking of food was as bountiful as her recipe boxes and binders, which overflowed with family and friends' recipes. She lavished her son-in-law with lasagna and her nephews with fresh California fruit. She made twice-baked potatoes for holiday suppers and prepared soups, salads, and biscuits regularly for others. She'd go out for lunch or dinner, but her home and garden were where she most ate in community with others.

As the oldest child and cousin in the Price



clan, she was the keeper of many family stories. She used stories as currency to teach her children, nieces, and nephews about where and who they came from and to buoy people who needed a good story about CF. Sometimes, her stories were about funny things that happened in college or the early years of motherhood. Other times, the stories held lessons of perseverance and healing. Her stories taught her children to "vote with their feet," seek connection with others, get educated, and not just sit there; do something!

In retirement, Ann stayed busy. She joined weekday water aerobics classes at the Palo Alto YMCA, where she became a regular party planner, organizing birthday parties and luncheons for other devoted swimmers. She also volunteered at Stanford University Hospital as a parent advocate for CF families, keeping up with medical advancements and her commitment to helping those with the disease.

All this time, Ann kept a meditation practice, first in classes and then with a group of women who faithfully met weekly for meditation and prayer. Her practice sustained friendships and gave her the wisdom to speak, act, and advocate for others. She could keep smiling, see beauty, and stay hopeful even when life brought the toughest challenges. In this way, Ann saw the potential in everything around her. From the tumbleweed of Texas, which became the family Christmas tree one year, to the progress of CF research, she focused on the creative potential of events, people, and the world. Ann was mindful, healing, intuitive, quick-witted, giving, and purposeful in her projects, friendships, and family. She kept people connected to each other and to causes.

Her legacy of love carries on in the lives of her children, Clare and Carl Robinson, three beloved grandchildren, a son-in-law and daughter-in-law, her brother John Montgomery, nieces and nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Unity Palo Alto on March 10 at 2 pm.

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## Edward Moore

March 19, 1934 – January 27, 2024

Edward Albert Moore died peacefully in his sleep January 27, 2024, at his home in Redwood City, CA. He died of pulmonary disease just a few weeks shy of his 90th birthday.

How does one describe a multi-talented, many-faceted, good man? Edward was an actor, theatre director, set designer and playwright with credits in a national playlist. He started theatre groups in Cleveland, OH; New Zealand and Western Samoa.

He was a published science fiction writer, an artist, antique restorer, creator of museum displays, intricate wood puzzles and other artistic projects. His popular garden sculptures often disappeared from his front yard soon after they were displayed.

He was an adventurer, ran the Grand Canyon from rim to rim, trekked through national parks in the US and parks in Australia and New Zealand.

Edward taught and played the ukulele throughout the peninsula for 15 years. He delighted in composing exercises and etudes to challenge friends in his music groups.

He remained active and involved despite his illness, as a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association. He recently returned to a previous hobby — creating Japanese bonsai tree art. He is survived by his wife P.A. (Patricia) Moore of Redwood City; his brother Philip Moore in Grants Pass, OR; and a sister Mary Alice Vertz in Show Low, AZ.



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# 171 EVERETT AVENUE PALO ALTO



## MODERN AND STYLISH IN DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO

The shops and restaurants of University Avenue are just steps away from this stylish 4-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home located in the heart of downtown Palo Alto. Custom-built in 2010 and designed by award-winning Barton Architects, this home offers clean, modern architectural lines and high-end construction, with over 2,400 square feet of interior space centered around a spectacular 2-story atrium designed to maximize natural light. The open main level flows seamlessly from the expansive living room/dining room to the updated kitchen with appliances from Miele and Café, while the lower level offers tremendous flexible-use space ideally suited for a family room, media center, or office. Comfortable bedrooms are arranged on both levels, highlighted by the large downstairs suite with a step-in shower, as well as the main-level primary bedroom with a Jacuzzi tub. A delightful backyard area is perfect for al fresco enjoyment, and this home also enjoys energy-efficient features such as solar panels, and an off-street parking space. Find yourself just 2 blocks from University Avenue, a half-mile from Caltrain, close to numerous parks, and just minutes from the Stanford Shopping Center, while also enjoying convenient access to Stanford University and US 101. The ultimate downtown lifestyle awaits – welcome home.

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## PEACEFUL PRIVACY ON NEARLY 1.4 ACRES

Nearly 1.4 acres of land set amidst the natural beauty of Portola Valley plays host to this inviting 3-bedroom home. Enveloped by lush greenery, this home offers a serene retreat, featuring over 3,300 square feet of living space and a light-filled, airy ambiance inspired by its verdant surroundings. Stylish appointments such as beamed ceilings, refinished hardwood floors, and beautiful woodwork adorn this home. The expansive floorplan encompasses generous gathering areas, a cozy fireplace, a kitchen equipped with a professional-grade Thermador range, a dedicated home office for comfortable remote work, and a spectacular Hinoki soaking tub in the primary suite that provides a spa-like experience. Enjoy an indoor/outdoor lifestyle that only Portola Valley can provide on sprawling, multi-level grounds that feature a pool, numerous fruit trees, and a delightful tea room. And though this home offers incredible privacy, you will still be a short drive from amenities such as the iconic Alpine Inn, Interstate 280, vibrant parks and nature preserves, and top schools including Ormondale and Corte Madera (buyer to verify eligibility).

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# Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Heather Zimmerman

## 'LOUDMOUTH' has lots to say

Palo Alto-raised filmmaker contributes to America's racial reckoning with documentary on activist Rev. Al Sharpton

By Ashwini Gangal

Sometime in the 1980s, a kid came home from soccer practice at Gunn High School, grabbed some chips and salsa, and settled down in front of the TV to watch the talk show "Donahue." On the show that day, a primarily white audience jeered at young Black civil rights activists as they shouted above the noise to make their point about the upsetting realities of systemic racism in America at the time.

One of those activists was Rev. Al Sharpton. The kid watching the show was Josh Alexander, who grew up to become a documentary filmmaker.

Alexander is a Gunn High School alumnus. He recently wrote and directed "Loudmouth," a biographical documentary on Sharpton's career, focused on fighting against racial injustice, particularly in New York in the 1980s and 1990s. Through archival footage, and a detailed interview with Sharpton in the present day, the film recounts tragic stories of victims of racial violence, from Michael Griffith in 1986 to George Floyd in 2020, and several in between and since.

"Loudmouth" is a documentary, not just about an individual but also about an ecosystem, comprising the criminal justice system, the political system, the media and the people who consume it.

"It's a 'system story,'" Alexander said.

Looking back, he said he finds the narrative of race from that period in history "shocking," not least for the media's portrayal of passionate social justice activists as "grotesque caricatures and clowns."

"Loudmouth" was the closing film at the 2022 Tribeca Film Festival and was released on Showtime in 2023. It is also available on Apple TV and several other streaming platforms. The film's executive producer is musician John Legend.

The idea to make the film struck Alexander in the summer of 2018. Sharpton signed on the following



Courtesy Loudmouth film

Rev. Al Sharpton is the subject of the documentary "Loudmouth." Sharpton participated in the making of the film.

year. From inspiration to fruition, the process took five years. This sort of slow burn is typical of nonfiction storytelling, a genre Alexander was drawn to because of his experience with dyslexia as a child.

"I really struggled to learn to read," he said. "Rote learning specifically was very difficult for me."

The academically competitive environment in Palo Alto didn't help matters. Empathetic and skilled teachers, however, did. Diane Spicer, his tutor through childhood, helped him brave this challenge by giving him mental tools that he continued to use as an adult. "She taught me how to retain details through storytelling," he said. "It's all about the piecing together of narratives."

During the making of "Loudmouth," being confronted with editing through 1,200 hours of video footage, took Alexander back in time. "In some ways, it throws me right back to the trauma and edge of my childhood dyslexia, because I can't see the story in it," he said. "It's only through constant re-engagement with that archival material, interviews, piecing together of themes, that I started to

put the story together and retain all the details."

Alexander's appetite for nonfiction has a lot to do with the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001. He was in Brooklyn then and saw the second plane fly over the Statue of Liberty and then through the building. "Pieces of paper from the World Trade Center were falling onto our rooftop, across the East River," he said.

In the months that followed, spurred by an urgent need to seek out the "larger context" to what had happened, he became obsessed with reading nonfiction, the lifeblood of documentary filmmaking.

A theater major at Vassar College in New York, Alexander worked as an actor across Broadway, plays, TV and film, before pivoting to writing and directing. His oeuvre comprises both fiction and nonfiction movies.

"Loudmouth" is not his first film about race, though. In 2015, Alexander wrote and produced "Southern Rites," a documentary about racial segregation and crime in Georgia.

Alexander, who is white, was cognizant of the reality of race from a very young age, due in no small measure to the "social justice orientation" in his family, "which felt like an inheritance."

Alexander was raised by professors. His mother, who taught psychology at University of California at Berkeley, worked to do away with the system of tracking students by perceived academic abilities in an East Bay public school district. His father taught psychiatry at Stanford University and spent the last part of his career advocating public health and human rights at UC Berkeley. His twin brother, who teaches political science at Stanford, wrote about the economics of rebellion in Africa during his time studying at Harvard University.

Moreover, after Alexander moved to New York City, he became more acutely aware of disparate social realities. "I started to feel very present to difference



Courtesy Ali LeRo

Filmmaker Josh Alexander, who is a Gunn High School alum, directed the documentary "Loudmouth."

and segregation by neighborhood and wealth inequality," he said. "It opened me up to look at race more critically."

What draws him to the subject of race? "I grew up in America. As Rev. Sharpton says, 'All Black people are born into race.' So are white people," he said. "It's the caste system in this country."

"As someone who has benefitted from the privileges, structures and entitlements that come with being white in this country, with some complexity because I'm Jewish, I felt like it was my responsibility to be the one asking the questions, and not always requiring Black storytellers or brown storytellers to talk about race," he said.

Working closely with Sharpton was quite the experience for Alexander. "One of the things most shocking to me as I started following him and interviewing him and working with him, is how quiet he is," he said. "His loudness was a choice ... he is measured, thoughtful and calm."

In a recent episode of "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert, Sharpton said he did not have any editorial control in the process of making the film. Was that precondition upheld?

"He totally honored it," said Alexander, adding, however, "That does not mean there was not friction?"

The first time Sharpton saw the film he was understandably skeptical. "I think it was quite hard for him," Alexander said. "He was very uncomfortable."

"It was bringing back a part of his life where he was most righteously angry, and there's language in there that's scary for people to have to confront."

In projects like these, the relationship between director and subject is complex and difficult. The trip Alexander and his team took to Minneapolis to film Sharpton's public eulogy for George Floyd, did a lot to cement their mutual trust, Alexander said.

The team also consulted journalist Logan Hill on the interview questions for Sharpton. ■

Read a longer version of this story at [paloaltoonline.com/arts-culture](http://paloaltoonline.com/arts-culture).

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"Loudmouth" is available to watch for rent on Apple TV, Vudu or Amazon Prime or by subscription to Showtime, Paramount Plus or Amazon Prime. For more information, visit [greenwichentertainment.com](http://greenwichentertainment.com).



# Worth a Look



Courtesy Keith Major Photography Inc.

Author and MSNBC host Joy-Ann Reid shares her latest book, "Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America," Feb. 16 at Kepler's Books.

## Joy-Ann Reid

Joy-Ann Reid, journalist, author ("The Man Who Sold America: Trump and the Unraveling of the American Story," "Fracture: Barack Obama, the Clintons, and the Racial Divide") and host of MSNBC's "The ReidOut," will come to Kepler's to discuss her newest book, "Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America." It chronicles the stories of civil rights icons Medgar and Myrlie Evers, both in terms of their legacy in American history (including Medgar Evers' 1963 assassination) as well as their relationship. Reid will be in conversation with Angie Coiro as part of Kepler's "This Is Now" cultural and political series. Kepler's hosts this event both in person and virtually.

Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Kepler's Books 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, \$20-\$52 (tickets are for virtual event; in-person tickets have a waiting list), keplers.org.

## Güliz Ayla

Turkish singer-songwriter Güliz Ayla, whose 2015 single "Olmazsan Olmaz" became the most searched-via-Shazam song in Turkey, comes to Redwood City to perform at Club Fox. According to the club's event listing, Ayla, known for her soulful singing and strong stage presence, "has left an indelible mark on the Turkish music scene, blending traditional elements with contemporary sounds."

Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., Club Fox, 2209 Broadway St., Redwood City, \$40-\$60, clubfoxrwc.com.

## TEDx Palo Alto

"AI and Human Potential" is the theme of the next TEDx Palo Alto event, held at the Guild Theatre (which, technically, is not in Palo Alto but close enough). Resiliency expert Adam Dorsay is the emcee for a lineup that includes computer scientist Scott Aaronson, Canva's Guy Kawasaki, former Stanford University admissions officer and author Irena Smith, musicologist Judith Finell, attorney Andy Gass, Swedish jazz musician Gunhild Carling, musical quartet Le Jazz Hot, AI policy expert Vilas Dhar, startup advisor Oded Gal, computer scientist Maja Mataric, human-robot interaction specialist Leila Takayama and CEO Mike Dougherty.

Feb. 18, 9 a.m., Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, \$75, guildtheatre.com.

## Natalie Mata and Tatiana

Musicians Natalie Mata and Tatiana — described as "indie acoustic" and "folk ethereal," respectively, will be the featured artists at the next 2nd Story performance hosted by Red Rock Coffee. Mata released her debut original single and music video, "rerun," last year. The new 2nd Story series aims to offer independent singer-songwriters and small bands from across many genres the chance to perform locally. All proceeds go to the artists.

Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m., Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View, suggested donation \$10, redrockcoffee.com/2nd-story.

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# 25 LAS PIEDRAS COURT PORTOLA VALLEY



## STUNNING VIEWS, PEACEFUL BACKDROP ON 1+ ACRE

The lush seclusion of Portola Valley provides an idyllic backdrop for this home set on more than an acre of land. Step through the front door and immerse yourself in a luminous, spacious ambiance, as high ceilings provide a sense of openness and a bold use of glass floods the home with natural light while framing jaw-dropping views. Enjoy expansive gathering spaces, the kitchen with granite-slab countertops, a game room, and comfortable bedrooms, including one that easily adapts to office use. Sprawling grounds take full advantage of this spectacular setting and offer outstanding space for outdoor enjoyment, while also providing a detached 1-bedroom guest home. And while nearby nature preserves impart a wonderful sense of privacy, a short car ride will connect you to all the amenities the surrounding area has to offer; plus, you will have access to acclaimed schools Ormondale and Corte Madera (buyer to verify eligibility). Refined, peaceful Silicon Valley living awaits – welcome home.

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# 104 CLOVER LANE MENLO PARK



## SPACIOUS AND BRIGHT IN THE WILLOWS

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# Eating Out

# NEW EATS

Where to find ube lava pancakes, avocado shakes and 'Rated R' sandwiches in northern San Mateo County

Some recent eatery openings in northern San Mateo County include The Boys' Deli in San Bruno (top left), Kusina 7107 in Montara (bottom left and middle), Viet Time in San Bruno (top right) and Golden Sol in Pacifica (bottom right).

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Looking for your next dining destination in San Mateo County? From made-to-order bodega-style breakfast sandwiches in Half Moon Bay to revitalizing smoothies and nonalcoholic craft beverages in Pacifica or rich and flavorful bún bò Huế Vietnamese noodle soups in San Bruno, these recently opened restaurants on the upper Peninsula have something for everyone. Check out our roundup of five noteworthy spots to visit next.

## Kusina 7107 - Montara

Open since November, Kusina 7107 is an oceanside eatery along Main Street in Montara offering Filipino and traditional American comfort food, all-day breakfast, fresh-baked pastries, espresso drinks and more. Named for the 7,100+ islands of the Philippines and kusina, meaning "kitchen" in Tagalog, the restaurant is a dream come true for chef-owner Jocelyn Madamba, who previously worked in catering.

When the restaurant space next to Ocean View Inn opened up, Madamba knew she found the perfect "beach cafe location" to serve home-style cooking with her own touch. Popular dishes include adobo loco moco, beef tapa, ube lava pancakes and

freshly baked empanadas for those wanting a grab-and-go option. Madamba also whips up seasonal creations for guests to enjoy, such as coconut-topped bibingka pancakes served in a banana leaf. Kusina 7107 offers dinner on Fridays and Saturdays, with plans to expand service over time.

**Kusina 7107**, 1400 Main St., Montara; 650-563-4960, Instagram: @kusina7107. Open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Viet Time - San Bruno

Located in San Bruno Towne Center, Viet Time has been serving up flavorful Vietnamese pho, sandwiches and rice plates in a fast-casual setting since November. Owned by Bay Area natives Victor Lui and Nelson Kwong, the pair was familiar with the shopping plaza and took the opportunity to open the eatery when the space became available. Since opening, business has been "hectic, but going well," said Kwong, who manages restaurant operations.

Lui previously trained with traditional Vietnamese chefs for four years and developed the broth recipes used in their phở and bún bò Huế noodle soups. Other popular dishes include the lemongrass pork chop, bun rieu, fried egg rolls and their \$12

banh mi sandwich and drink combo deal. Beverages include homemade Vietnamese iced coffee, three color drink (commonly layered with pandan jelly, yellow mung beans and red kidney beans), fresh avocado shakes and milk tea.

**Viet Time**, 1212 El Camino Real Suite F, San Bruno. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Turtle Island - Princeton-by-the-Sea & Half Moon Bay

Bodega-style sandwiches by the sea? Look no further than Turtle Island, a new mobile kitchen that chef-owner Jimmy Foti opened Jan. 11. A native of Long Island, New York, the eatery was born out of Foti's dream to bring the spirit of East Coast sandwich shops and delis to the Bay Area. With family ties in Half Moon Bay, Foti decided to open Turtle Island in the area to be part of people's daily routines thanks to its laid-back community feel. Diners will find the bright orange mobile kitchen by Dawn Patrol Coffee in Half Moon Bay. Turtle Island has also popped up at Blue Ocean Brewing in Princeton-by-the-Sea.

The current menu offers four breakfast sandwiches layered with egg, cheese and a special sauce: bacon, latke, mortadella and peppers. Turtle Island will also pop up at Bay Area breweries and farmers markets with a lunch- and dinner-focused menu. The diversity of the region has also influenced Foti, who plans to incorporate cross-cultural ingredients on the menu. In fact, Turtle Island's name pays homage to the Indigenous peoples who inhabited North America and is emblematic of Foti's belief that "American food is not one thing, but a unique amalgam of many."

**Turtle Island**, 155 Broadway, Half Moon Bay, Instagram: @turtleislandsando. Open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

## The Boys' Deli - San Bruno

Owners Fady Abedalnoun and Nick Dabit opened their second The Boys' Deli location on Feb. 1. Peninsula locals can now get a taste of the hefty sandwiches offered at their Polk Street deli in San Francisco. The Boys' Deli takes over the former Mr. Pickles Sandwich Shop.

The new location offers the same nearly 40 specialty toasted sandwiches using Boar's Head deli meats and cheeses. Diners can opt for sandwiches like the popular "San Franpsycho" (honey turkey, smoked Gouda cheese, bacon, pesto, garlic spread and remoulade), go the spicy route with the "Rated R" (fiery chipotle chicken, habanero Jack cheese and remoulade) or try a Thanksgiving-inspired sandwich in the "Gobbler" (Ovengold turkey, cranberry sauce and mozzarella), to name a few. Homemade side dishes like red skin potato salad, coleslaw and sweet macaroni salad are also available by the pint.

**The Boys' Deli**, 428 San Bruno Ave. W, San Bruno; 415-776-3099. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Golden Sol - Pacifica

Golden Sol is a family-owned wellness cafe and nonalcoholic bar in Pacifica that held its grand opening Feb. 4. Jointly owned by Becca Guzzetta and her daughters Krizia Ferreria-Arteche, Sasha Arteche and Raquel Payne, Golden Sol is designed around Blue Zones — communities around the globe noted for longevity and vitality among residents. Through their healthy food and drink options, Golden Sol aims to "provide a place to come meet like-minded people and build connections that will last a lifetime," said Ferreria-Arteche.

Offerings include coffee and espresso drinks, açai bowls, soups, salads and a variety of diverse bites and drinks. The recipes emphasize functional ingredients that carry numerous health benefits, such as blue majik spirulina extract, maca powder and MCT oil used in their wellness lattes. During evening lounge hours, guests can also enjoy nonalcoholic elixirs and kava beverages, which provide drinkers with a natural mood boost and sense of relaxation.

**Golden Sol**, 1905 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica, Instagram: @goldensol.pacifica. Open Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. ■

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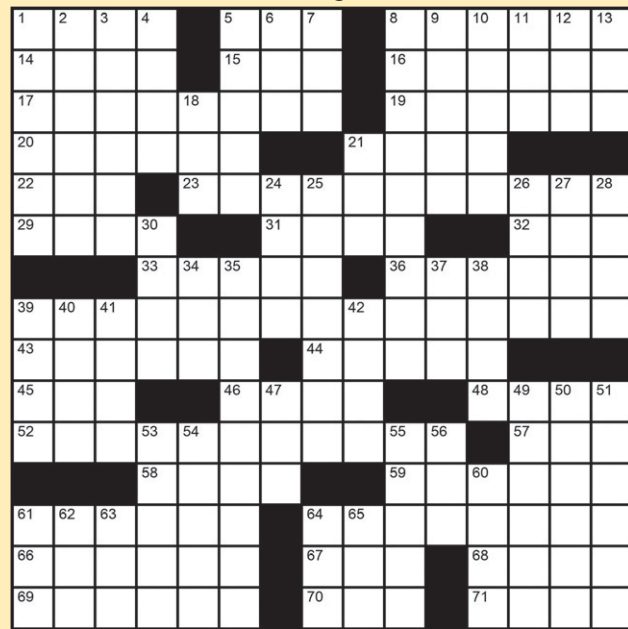
Turtle Island, a mobile kitchen that opened Jan. 11, offers breakfast sandwiches, including this latke, egg and cheese sandwich.



**Across**

- 1. Ceremonial act
- 5. Angry
- 8. Toy manufacturer in a 2023 movie
- 14. Even, to Yvette
- 15. Sugary suffix
- 16. Kay Thompson's Plaza Hotel girl
- 17. Effect of ongoing muscle strain, maybe
- 19. Gas station brand
- 20. "God giveth, and the DMV \_\_\_ away" (memorable line from 1988's "License to Drive")
- 21. Skirt length
- 22. "Can I buy \_\_\_?" (request to Graham Norton on the U.K.'s "Wheel of Fortune")
- 23. Soda concoction that's not quite cream soda
- 29. Clothing
- 31. LAX postings
- 32. Prepared
- 33. Seal-hunting swimmers
- 36. Corned beef dishes
- 39. Business with wholly owned subsidiaries
- 43. Medium setting?
- 44. Alphabetically last Marx brother
- 45. "32 Flavors" singer DiFranco
- 46. World of Warcraft beginner, perhaps
- 48. Clean (up)
- 52. Description that spares no detail
- 57. Teachers' org.
- 58. Number after sieben
- 59. Magic Johnson's real first name
- 61. Sly question of confirmation
- 64. Repeat reference, or what the long theme answers demonstrate
- 66. Longtime Vogue photographer Richard
- 67. "Beds Are Burning" band Midnight \_\_\_
- 68. Inkling
- 69. Fit in
- 70. Thirsty
- 71. Miró Museum architect Jose Luis \_\_\_

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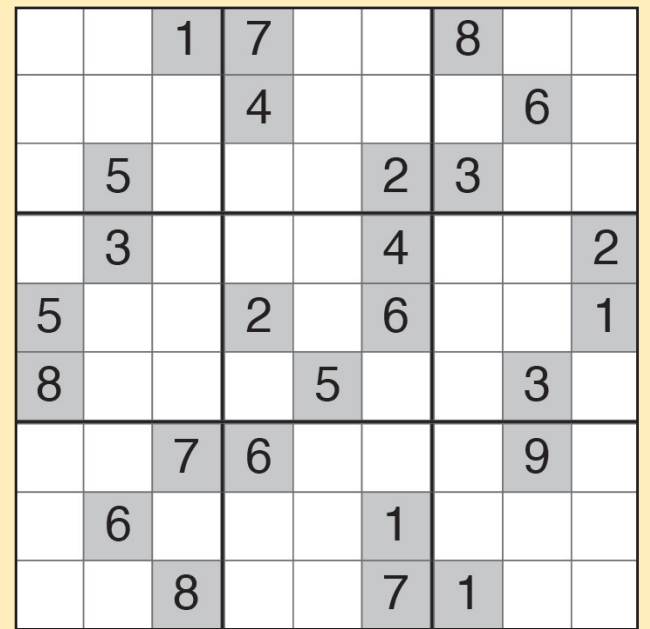


Answers on page 23.

**Down**

- 1. Item for a markdown sale
- 2. Baja lizard
- 3. Chatterbox
- 4. Magazine with a palindromic name
- 5. Coffeehouse order
- 6. Mt. St. Helens output (which I was around for)
- 7. "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" duettist Kiki
- 8. High school class with basic welding
- 9. Echo responder
- 10. 2004 Britney Spears single
- 11. Tamera's "Sister, Sister" sister
- 12. "Cancel" PC key
- 13. Summer sign
- 18. Dirt bike's cousin
- 21. Gp. that publishes a scholarly style manual

**This week's SUDOKU**



Answers on page 23.

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- 24. "Snow Crash" novelist Stephenson
- 25. "Crazy stuff going on here"
- 26. Workplace-monitoring gp.
- 27. Sharp
- 28. Crafter's website
- 30. Word before yesterday
- 34. "Parks & \_\_\_"
- 35. Closing into a fist
- 37. Guitar intensifier
- 38. Identify
- 39. Academy in Colorado, briefly
- 40. Handout at a restaurant
- 41. Leave abruptly
- 42. "From Peru to \_\_\_ ..." (line from Enya's "Orinoco Flow")
- 47. 10 of 12, for short
- 49. Intrude upon
- 50. Airport winter need
- 51. Pull vigorously on
- 53. "Star Wars" character Calrissian
- 54. Respond to, as an order
- 55. "Hot in Herre" rapper
- 56. "Qué \_\_\_?" ("How's it going?")
- 60. Baseball card stats
- 61. The Last \_\_\_ ("Hot Ones" closing sauce, usually)
- 62. Suffix for reflect or reflex
- 63. Improv comedy pioneer \_\_\_ Close
- 64. Fish and chips fish
- 65. Show on television

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