



Branch 35 web page <https://sir35.org>

Next Meeting
Wednesday March 18, 2026
11:00am-1:30pm

Lunch	11:45am	Los Altos United
Program	12:15pm	Methodist Church Creekside Center

Guest Speaker: Pamela Baird

*Mountain View Historical Association
 innovators and Early Patent Holders
 of Mountain View*



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Pamela Baird, Mountain View Historical Association



Innovators and Early Patent Holders of Mountain View

We think of innovation as a recent, Silicon Valley, phenomenon. But from the earliest pioneers who founded and built Mountain View, we see a line of innovators and creators. In this talk, Baird will highlight some of the earliest

patent holders of the area, including names like Hawthorne, Rengstorff and Deray.

Pamela Baird has called Mountain View her home for over 25 years. For over thirty years she owned a business that focused on marketing and servicing the kitchen & bath industry. In recent years she has become more involved in our community, serving on the board of Friends of Deer Hollow Farm and the League of Women Voters. After serving on the Mountain View Planning Commission, she became a member of the Downtown Committee and still serves as its vice-chair. She has enjoyed being the president of the board of the Mountain View Historical Association for the past four years. Pamela enjoys exercising, cooking and the arts.

Art Bernstein



President's Message

When I joined Branch 35 in 2024, one of the things I immediately appreciated was the opportunity to learn about SIR. Through conversations with many of our tenured members and by attending regional and state meetings, I heard stories filled with pride, friendship and accomplishment. One branch shared how they increased membership by more than 50 percent — growing from 80 to 140 members in just two years. Regardless of size, every branch spoke with the same strong sense of community.

At the same time, we also recognize the challenges facing our organization. Over the past 33 years, SIR membership has declined from 30,000 members to 8,500. Branches that once numbered 179 now stand at 77, with several branches closing each year. Here at Branch 35, membership has shifted from 412 members in 2012 to 303 today.

During our Young Guns meetings in 2025, we focused on an important priority — strengthening the future of our branch. With a median age of 79 that continues to rise, our goal is to attract younger Baby Boomers who can carry forward the legacy, energy, and spirit that make SIR special.

From those discussions came several initiatives. We introduced the Recognition & Rewards Program to encourage member recruitment, offering small tokens of appreciation such as complimentary lunches. We participated in the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival, where we had an outstanding turnout of volunteers — a great example of Branch 35 members working together. We also created activity videos now featured on our website. In addition, we explored local newspapers and social media outreach.

Building on these efforts, in 2026 we will launch the Ground Game Program, encouraging members to connect SIR with communities they already belong to — churches, clubs, and volunteer organizations. We are also exploring LinkedIn as another potential avenue for outreach.

One additional idea raised during our Young Guns discussions was opening membership to women. Why consider this while we are pursuing other strategies? While our current initiatives are valuable and necessary, they may not be sufficient for long-term sustainability. The all-male structure established when SIR began

in 1958 may not fully align with today's social landscape. This remains one possible strategy among several we continue to thoughtfully evaluate.

What remains clear is this: we care deeply about Branch 35. We have made meaningful efforts to keep our branch strong, active, and welcoming, and we will continue exploring every viable path forward.

On a personal note, I truly enjoyed attending my first Golf Banquet. The venue was excellent, the food was wonderful, and most importantly, the company made the evening memorable. A sincere thank you to Les and Monica Miles, and all of the volunteers whose time and effort made the event such a success.

Looking ahead, it appears that our new home for monthly lunches will be the Los Altos United Methodist Church. We explored twelve other locations, but they were either unavailable, too small, or would have increased lunch costs by approximately \$10 per person. We do have a few additional leads to follow up, and I encourage anyone with venue suggestions to please reach out to me.

As we look ahead, spring is right around the bend — bringing warmer weather, blooming flowers and even more opportunities to enjoy the activities that bring us together. More hiking, more bocce ball, more golf, and more time spent with friends.

Scott Hiller

MARCH 2026 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 303 Net Monthly Change: -12

We had two new members join us and fourteen leave us in February, the relatively higher number reflecting the annual final deadline for intending members to commit by paying their membership fees. So the net Branch membership decreased by twelve. We always welcome new members, so bring a friend or neighbor to the lunch as a guest, it's on us!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org/SIR/Branch35-MembershipDirectory)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who joined us in the past month! Our congratulations and thanks to their sponsors who attracted this new talent to our branch.

Name	City	Former Companies	Sponsor
Terry Bland	San Jose	NASA Ames Research Center	Jeff Kelley
Glenn Samuels	Sunnyvale	Novartis, Alexza Pharmaceuticals	Paul Schutz

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Note that our March Branch Luncheon will be at the **Los Altos United Methodist Church**, again. See the parking map towards the end of this newsletter.
- It's time to **cast your ballot** to help decide whether or not to open our Branch to women members. This month's edition of Trail Tips features final comments from those representing different points of view.
- Jerry Belden** is handing off the baton of leadership of the Book Club to **Ed Mills** and **Dave Gobuty**. Our thanks to Jerry for his leadership over the years and our thanks to Ed and Dave for stepping up to volunteer in his place!
- A calendar of the coming month's **Branch Activities** is at the back of this newsletter. Print it out and stick it up on your refrigerator!

IN MEMORIAM DICK HENNING

We were saddened to hear of the death of Dick Henning of Mountain View, on February 4th last. Dick had been a member of Branch 35 since 2019 and had a long career at Foothill College where he founded and led the Foothill College Celebrity Forum, one of the premier speaker series in the country.



You can see his obituary in the Los Altos Town Crier here:

[Los Altos Town Crier Obituary: Dick Henning](#)

He will be missed by his friends at SIR. The family are planning a Celebration of Life to be held at a future date.

Pat O'Connor

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

We have 16 member anniversaries in March, many of whom have been with us for over fifteen years!

Jerry Belden (11)	Richard Blackborow (11)	Howard Bull (17)
Leland Chan (15)	David Falconer (16)	Les Fisher (19)
Jim Harvey (19)	Carl Hellman (14)	Don Lintz (26)
Ron Murphy (10)	George O'Brien (14)	Carl Plescia (19)
Greg Ross (14)	Skip Ross (29)	Tom Smith (16)
Ed White (11)		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Russ Ayres	Terry Barnhart	Leonard Chan
Gary Coluccio	John Daines	Ron Grace
French Harris	Bob Hedges	Dirk Hoekstra
Paul Lesti	Mike Madda	Larry Maibaum
Rick McColloch	Nazeem Noordeen	Lon Sanford
Paul Schutz	B Soules	Bob Steinberg
Fred Storek	David Tucker	

SPECIAL SECTION WOMEN IN SIR? INTRODUCTION BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

If you care about your club, SIR Branch 35, you need to vote. You can vote several ways as listed below. Voting will close on March 31.

Here are the methods to vote:

- **In-Person Voting** – Members may vote at our March Luncheon Meeting by bringing in their ballot and dropping it off at a supervised ballot box. Larry Low will have blank ballots available for use if you need one.
- **Email Vote** – Members may submit an email vote to sirbranch35vote@gmail.com. Email votes must include the member's signed ballot as an attachment.
- **Mail-In Voting** – Members may print the ballot, fill it out, sign it and mail it to Ken Cornwell, Attn: Member Vote, 924 Sunset Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070. Mailed ballots must be post marked by the March 31st deadline. Late or unsigned ballots will not be counted.

- **Phone Call Vote** – Members may call in their votes by calling Dave Squelatti at 408-334-7988. Dave will verify the caller's identity and record his vote on an absentee ballot. Use this method only if you have difficulty or cannot exercise any of the other methods listed above.
- **Multiple Votes** – If a member submits multiple votes, his first valid submission will be counted. (All ballots will be date and time stamped.)

Ron Nakamoto
for The Election Committee



PROPOSED SIR BY-LAW CHANGE VOTE "YES" TO OUR BRANCH INITIATIVE BY PETER WONG

Members deserve a clear and complete understanding of what the proposed bylaw change does — and what it does not do. This vote concerns membership — nothing more.

- Branch 35 experienced modest growth last year, but a single year of positive numbers does not guarantee long term stability. Expanding membership eligibility increases the potential pool of members and supports long term sustainability.
- The average age of current members (79) indicates that younger retirees are not joining in meaningful numbers.
- While there may be 30,000+ men ages 60–79 nearby, we need to remove the barrier for them to join as they lived in a co-ed work environment.
- Many SIR branches across the state are shrinking or closing.
- There is no reason to assume Branch 35 is immune to these statewide trends.

The Branch 35 pool of available volunteers are aging and narrowing.

- Relying on an aging demographic is not a sound long term strategy. The straw poll for Leaders on Feb 18th indicated this.
- Many branches struggle to find officers.
- Women already contribute leadership and energy in numerous community organizations, including groups such as the Cupertino Rotary.

Linking women membership to state level SIR discussions about staffing, grants, or nonprofit status has nothing to do with the bylaw change we are considering.

- A YES vote does not commit the Branch to any financial changes.
- A YES vote does not alter the Branch's nonprofit status.

The mission of SIR is friendship, social connection, and community among retirees. That mission does not exclude women.

- Women already attend many Branch events.
- Full membership simply aligns the Branch with the reality already in practice.
- Inclusion strengthens community; it does not weaken it.

It is the Branch Executive Committee's responsibility to plan ahead, which answers the question "Why fix what isn't broken?" The BEC is obligated to consider long term organizational health and to raise concerns before decline occurs. Opening membership is a proactive step to keep Branch 35 healthy for the next 54 years.

- The world has changed.
- Retirees' expectations have changed.
- Successful organizations evolve to remain relevant.

As a Branch 35 member, you will determine the Branch's future. It is important that decisions be based on facts rather than fears or assumptions.

A **YES** vote is about strengthening the Branch, expanding the community, and ensuring that we remain welcoming, relevant, and thriving for the next generation of retirees. We need to think beyond personal preferences and make a commitment to the broader future of the organization.

A **YES** vote supports continued growth, attracts potential leaders, and helps ensure that the Branch remains strong and not fade away in the years ahead.

Peter Wong
Branch 35 Senior Advisor
Advocate for Change

**PROPOSED SIR BY-LAW CHANGE
BYLAW CHANGE
TO ADMIT WOMEN MEMBERS
BY BOB GARTEN & STAN BARKEY**

The proponents of the Women in SIR Proposal have offered two primary reasons for this major change in the identity and purpose of our branch:

1. They say that we need more prospective members and adding women would immediately double the prospects.

2. They also argue that we have a shortage of willing members to serve as officers and leaders for our branch. They propose that adding female members would solve this problem.

To address these concerns, the proposal is that we change our bylaws (Note: Branch 35 does not have our own bylaws) and Articles of Incorporation to identify ourselves as a "gender-neutral" organization. We would change from a men's organization that welcomes women as guests at all of our events and activities to a men's and women's organization like the senior centers and churches in our community.

Sons In Retirement, for 70 years, has maintained our identity as an opportunity for men to gather for lunch once each month to form and maintain male friendships. Over time, SIR branches expanded from monthly luncheons to multiple activities that men enjoy together like golf, bowling, hiking, bocce ball, sportscars, wine tasting, book club, financial discussions and many other activities. We have welcomed women to participate in any of these as our guests.

Here are a few important questions:

- Do we need 100 or 200 more members when we cannot currently find a venue to accommodate even 130 of us in attendance?
- Do we need women prospective members when there are over 30,000 men between the ages of 60 and 79 in our immediate area. Clearly, we have not exhausted the potential prospects for male members in our area.

The leadership issue has always been with us and every other organization of folks in our age group. Leaders have to be recruited to take on these responsibilities. We are fortunate that among our 300 plus members, we have plenty of capable men who will respond if we actively recruit them.

There is significant push from the State SIR officers to encourage branches to become gender neutral. From State SIR Board Minutes, we have learned about their strategic plans and there are several other options that are being considered that would make major changes to our organization's identity and purpose. When these were mentioned during the February meeting, we were told that these are "off the table" right now. All that means is that anyone on the leadership team can bring them back at any time. We recommend that careful attention should be paid to the conversations at the State Board.

If you have not voted yet, we ask you to vote "no" on this initiative and keep our organization the successful brotherhood it has been from inception.

Stan Barkey (SHLM)
for the **Committee to Preserve Branch 35**
(For inquiries email diempostdiem@aol.com)

REPORTS FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

BOOK SWAP

BOB STEINBERG
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The Book Swap will be up and running again at the March lunch meeting. Please bring any books you are finished with and maybe you will find something interesting to take home with you! You may not know it, but after the lunch, we donate most of the leftovers to the "Friends Of The Library" at the Los Altos Library, while keeping a few to seed the next meeting.

Come see what treasures show up at the table! Remember, if you see a title on the table that you are interested in, you'd better grab it at the meeting, because it will likely not to be there at the following meeting.

Bob Steinberg

BOOK CLUB

ED MILLS
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See our [web page](https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262) at https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262

DAVE GOBUTY
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The next Book Club meeting will be on March 11th.

The SIR book club usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Live Oak room of Los Altos United Methodist Church from 1:30 pm to 3 pm for a discussion of the book chosen for that month.

Members nominate books for the group to read once a year. The group then votes for the next year's books and the person who originally nominated the book starts off that month's discussion.

Our 2026 list:

March: I'm Starting to Worry about this Black Box of Doom by Jason Pargin

April: The Thinking Machine by Jensen Huang

May: Nathaniel's Nutmeg by Giles Milton

June: The EXvangelicals by Sarah McCammon

July: Fever Beach by Carl Hiassen

August: The Oligarch's Daughter by Joseph Finder

September: We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter

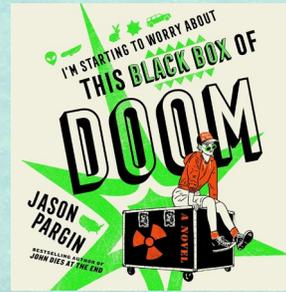
October: Economic Facts by Thomas Sowell

November: Upheaval by Jared Diamond

December: no meeting

January: Fagin the Thief by Allison Epstein

February: Prequel by Rachel Maddow



At our March meeting we will discuss the book *I'm Starting to Worry about this Black Box of Doom* by Jason Pargin.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining one of our meetings, please contact me or Dave Gobuty.

Ed Mills

BOCCE BALL

RICHARD OEHLBERG
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See our [web page](#)

MICHAEL MAURIER

(Normally) every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon when weather and court conditions permit. Guests are welcome.

We play at the Los Altos Community Center Bocce Ball Courts, located at 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Court conditions are improving rapidly now that the wet weather has given way to blue skies and sun, so come on down and join us for some casual play!



Great rolls for Red and Green on the fine new surfaces at LACC!

All are invited to join the friendly SIR Branch 35 Bocce Ball players and interact with a great group of people. Bring a guest, as guests are welcome and encouraged! Come and meet old friends and make new ones. We welcome all skill levels from beginners who have never played before to those who have been playing for quite a while. We love to coach new players. Come and join us and have fun.

We begin at 9:45 AM on most Fridays for court maintenance by SIR volunteers. (OK, being retired a number of us view starting times as advisory and not strictly adhered to.) Play begins right after the maintenance is completed. We normally quit around Noon.

Richard Oehlberg & Michael Maurier

PERSONAL FINANCE

BILL MACK
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The next meeting is Wednesday March 4th at 1PM at the Moffett Musuem.

At the February 4th meeting Peter Meigs of the SIRs group presented "Getting Started with AI: A personal guide to exploring artificial intelligence". Peter outlined several AI tools, how you access them, and his experience with each tool. After some examples he showed a live demo based on an audience financial question.



Peter showed multiple examples of uses he has made of AI tools

The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 1PM, at the Moffett Museum. The speaker will be Don Richner, Regional V.P. of the Churchill Management Group.

If you wish to be added to our email distribution list, please contact Bill Mack.

Bill Mack

BOWLING

BOB TAGGART
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See our [web page](#)

PRIZES: ALAN GAUDIE

DOUG ANDERSON
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Every Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours), at Homestead Bowl, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

The Winter Season started on December 14th, and we just completed Week 11. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

Standings: Winter Season, end of Week 11

1st Place	Jim Narva, Harold Kaye, Bob Taggart, Joe Enos
2nd Place	Brad Ashmore, Peter Wong, Jay Jonekait, Gary Coluccio
3rd Place	Karen Soules, Aram Darmanian, B Soules, Marc Haberman
4th Place	Ruth Ososkie, Brian Lin, Ron Nakamoto, Jerry Ososkie
5th Place	Gerdon Frierson, Scott Hiller, Stan Barkey, Ramesh Patel
6th Place	Doug Anderson, Fred Emmenegger, Larry Low, Larry Malbaum
7th Place	Rick McColloch, Chris Weberg, Ken Allen
8th Place	Les Fishcer, Arnie Satterlee, Tim Petro
9th Place	Bob Feigelson, Alan Gaudie, Paul Cook, Bob Garten
10th Place	Joe Hauser, Ari Stassart, Bob Froelich, Perry Brown

Week 11 Top Scores

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1	541 Jay Jonekait	1	184 Jerry Ososkie
2	504 Larry Low	2	184 Mark Haberman
3	466 Tim Petro	3	173 Joe Enos
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1	610 Aram Darmanian	1	233 Rames Patel
2	606 Joe Hauser	2	216 Fred Emmenegger
3	602 Chris Weberg	3	210 Stan Barkey



A good group, but lots of room for more!

Bob Garten provided the report this month

BIKING

GORDON TONG
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See our [web page](#)

The next bike ride will be on Thursday, March 12th, 2026 (2nd Thursday of the month), meeting at 11am.

Wives and guests welcomed; Helmets required.

Coyote Hills Regional Park / Alameda Creek Trail – Niles / Fremont

Ride: We will meet outside of the Coyote Hills Park Visitor Center and start the ride onto the Alameda Trail to the quaint town of Niles. The biking trail is scenic, tree-lined, paved and generally flat (except at the start there are some gentle rolling hills). The ride will include some city & neighborhood streets ending up at a

sandwich shop downtown Niles. The ride is approximately 9 miles each way.

Directions: Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the Visitor Park Center, 8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont, CA and park there.



Bikers living it up at the half-way lunch spot

If you prefer, take I-880 North and exit on Highway 84 West. Exit on to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right. Turn left onto Patterson Ranch Road and proceed to the Coyote Regional Park Visitor Center. Park your vehicle.



The historic Niles Downtown was home to the silent movie industry

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong.
Gordy Tong

SPORTS CAR GROUP

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Sports Car FunRun will take place on the second Wednesday, March 11, 2026. 🚗👉

A February Drive in the Rain

Our February SIR Sports Car Fun Run took place on Wednesday, 2/11/26, in steady rain. We met in the Mountain Terrace parking lot (across from Alice's Restaurant), then drove down Highway 84 (La Honda Road) to Highway 1, continuing up along the Pacific Coast to downtown Half Moon Bay. We regrouped at It's Italia Restaurant, where we enjoyed a good meal and lively conversation.



A nice lunch to crown the driving adventure!

Despite the wet weather, it turned out to be a very enjoyable day. Join us next month for another fun outing — our next Fun Run will be on Wednesday, 3/11/26. No sports car? No problem — everyone is welcome. 🚗☔🍷

John Tucker

HIKING

JOHN TUCKER
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See our [web page](#)

Our next SIR Hike will be on Friday, March 27, 2026.

Our February SIR Hike took us along the Arrowhead Loop Trail in the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. We enjoyed clear, sunny weather with temperatures in the high 70s. Eight hikers completed approximately four miles with about 600 feet of elevation gain.

We stopped for lunch in the shade of a large oak tree, where we had a wonderful view of Coyote Valley and Mount Hamilton. It was a very enjoyable day in nature, filled with good conversation. We finished the outing with refreshments at the 12 Mile Station at Coyote Creek Golf Club.

Some Branch 35 members have mentioned that our SIR hikes can be a bit too challenging and have expressed interest in a flatter

activity with minimal elevation gain—while still enjoying the camaraderie of a SIR outing.



A sunny outing after much rain

On February 4, SIR Branch 1 (San Mateo) invited Branch 35 members to join their new “Pathfinders” Walking Group for its first organized walk. The group covered three miles along the Sawyer Camp Trail at Crystal Springs Reservoir. Branch 35 members Robert, David, with Dave and Kathy Squellati, participated and reported having a good time.



Mixing it up with SIR Branch 1 (San Mateo) at Sawyer Camp Trail

Why are we joining Branch 1 for this activity? Since San Mateo does not have a hiking group, their members have often joined us on our hikes. This walking program is their way of returning the favor by inviting us to participate in their walking activities.

if you are interested in joining one of their future walks let me know and I will connect you with their leader.

John Tucker

BRIDGE

MARK LEVI
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See our [web page](#)

The Bridge group meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center for fun bridge games and conversation. Contact Mark Levi at mlevi@comcast.net if interested to get on our mailing list.



Mark Levi

WINE FINDERS

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See our [web page](#)

RUSS AYRES
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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers.



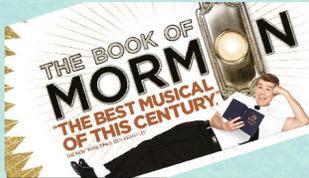
We start up again after the Holiday in Jan/Feb. Contact me if you'd like to join. It's a fun evening!

Alan Gaudie

MARCH'S SPECIAL DAYS

PAT O'CONNOR
408-480-0409

- 1st SAG Awards
- 3rd World Wildlife Day
- 3rd *The Amazing Nature of Animal Senses*, MVCPA
- 4 – 29th Theater Works play *Primary Trust*
- 6 – 8th *The Book of Mormon*, San Jose CPA
- 7th *The Best of SF Standup Comedy*, MVCPA
- 7 – 8th Symphony San Jose, Handel, Williams, Elgar; Cal Theater, SJ
- 8th Daylight Savings Start
- 10 – 22nd *Cinequest Film Festival*, SJ & MV
- 14th Pi Day
- 14 – 15th Canadian Brass with The Peninsula Symphony
- 15th Academy Awards (Oscars)
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 20 – 22nd *Ride the Cyclone*, Musical Comedy, MVCPA
- 20th Spring Equinox
- 28 – 29th *Out Of This World*, Symphony San Jose
- 29th Vietnam Vets' Day



Golf	<p>PGA Tour</p> <p>5th Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill, Orlando</p> <p>12th The Players Championship, Sawgrass</p> <p>19th Valspar Championship, Innisbrook</p> <p>26th Houston Open, Memorial Park</p>
Soccer	<p>Quakes</p> <p>7th Philadelphia @ SJ Earthquakes, 4:30pm</p> <p>15th SJ Earthquakes @ Seattle, 4:00pm</p> <p>21st Vancouver @ SJ Earthquakes, 7:30pm</p> <p>Bay FC</p> <p>14th Bay FC @ Denver Summit FC, 3:30pm</p> <p>21st Bay FC @ Angel City FC, 5:45pm</p> <p>28th N. Carolina Courage @ Bay FC, 4:00pm</p>

Basketball	<p>Golden State Warriors</p> <p>2nd LA Clippers @ Warriors, 7:00pm</p> <p>5th Warriors @ Houston Rockets, 4:30pm</p> <p>7th Warriors @ Ok. City Thunder, 5:30pm</p> <p>9th Warriors @ Utah Jazz, 6:00pm</p> <p>10th Chicago Bulls @ Warriors, 7:00pm</p> <p>13th MA Timberwolves @ Warriors, 7:00pm</p> <p>15th Warriors @ NY Knicks, 5:00pm</p> <p>16th Warriors @ Wash. Wizards, 4:00pm</p> <p>18th Warriors @ Boston Celtics, 4:00pm</p> <p>20th Warriors @ Detroit Pistons, 4:30pm</p> <p>21st Warriors @ Atlanta Hawks, 5:00pm</p> <p>23rd Warriors @ Dallas Mavericks, 6:30pm</p> <p>25th Brooklyn Nets @ Warriors, 7:00pm</p> <p>27th Wash. Wizards @ Warriors, 7:00pm</p> <p>29th Warriors @ Denver Nuggets, 7:00pm</p>
Baseball	<p>S.F. Giants</p> <p>21st Giants @ Seattle Mariners, 12:10pm</p> <p>22nd Chicage Cubs @ Giants, 12:05pm</p> <p>23rd (Nowhere) Athletics @ Giants, 12:05pm</p> <p>24th Giants @ L.A. Angels</p> <p>25th Giants @ Milwaukee Brewers, 12:10pm</p> <p>26th Colorado Rockies @ Giants, 12:05pm</p> <p>27th L.A. Angels @ Giants , 12:05pm</p> <p>28th Giants @ (Nowhere) Athletics 12:05pm</p>
Hockey	<p>S.J. Sharks</p> <p>1st NY Jets @ Sharks, 1:00pm</p> <p>3rd Montreal Canadiens @ Sharks, 7:00pm</p> <p>6th St. Louis Blues @ Sharks, 7:00pm</p> <p>7th NY Islanders @ Sharks, 7:00pm</p> <p>10th Sharks @ Buffalo Sabres, 4:00pm</p> <p>12th Sharks @ Boston Bruins, 4:00pm</p> <p>14th Sharks @ Montreal Canadiens, 4:00pm</p> <p>15th Sharks @ Ottawa Senators, 2:00pm</p> <p>17th Sharks @ Edmonton Oilers, 6:00pm</p> <p>19th Buffalo Sabres @ Sharks, 7:00pm</p> <p>21st Phil. Flyers @ Sharks, 1:00pm</p> <p>24th Sharks @ Nash. Predators, 5:00pm</p> <p>26th Sharks @ St. Louis Blues, 5:00pm</p> <p>28th Sharks @ Col. Blue Jackets, 2:00pm</p> <p>30th St. Louis Blues @ Sharks, 7:00pm</p>

Pat O'Connor

GOLF

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Fixtures for April – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Fri March 13			
Eagle Ridge (ERG)	Thu Apr 2	10:00	\$83
McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / Noordeen			
Seascape (SCP)	Mon Apr 6	10:00	\$89
Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / Hall			
Shoreline (SHL) Scramble	Thu Apr 9	9:30	\$46
repl Feb rainout, priority to Feb sign-ups McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com ** / NEED ATC **			
Santa Teresa (SNT)	Mon Apr 13	10:00	\$78
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com ** / NEED ATC **			
Bridges (BRI)	Thu Apr 16	9:30	\$69
McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com			
Canyon Lakes (CLK)	Mon Apr 20	9:27	\$54
** NEED TO *** / NEED ATC **			
Chardonnay - SIR State	Wed Apr 22	0:00	\$0
Eagle Vines - SIR State	Thu Apr 23	0:00	\$0
DeLaveaga (DLV)	Thu Apr 23	10:10	\$64
O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / Hall			
San Juan Oaks (SJO)	Mon Apr 27	10:00	\$100
Skins O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / Ososkie			
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Apr 30	9:30	\$50
Ososkie 408-238-4342 JCOsoskie@sbcglobal.net / Kalsi			

Gikis Shoots the Round of the Month

The year is young, but the round that **Ben Gikis** had at Metropolitan on Feb. 5 may end up being the best round of 2026. Ben was 7.1 strokes "under" and won the Nicklaus flight by 7 strokes. Great job, Ben!

Correction

In last month's table of results for the Los Lagos Eclectic tournament, I mis-labelled Palmer Flight #3 as Nicklaus Flight #1. There were no errors in the order of finish or the prize amounts.

2025 Award Winners Announced at the annual Golf Banquet

On Feb. 20 a festive crowd of Branch 35 golfers and spouses gathered at Michael's at Shoreline for our annual celebration, emceed by Golf Club Chairman Les Miles and his wife Monika. Here are the award winners:

- **Dave Dardis** was the most improved golfer; he lowered his index by 7.8 strokes.
- Iron Man **Peter Wong** played in 70 of our 83 tournaments.
- **Sam Im** won Golfer of the Year for his consistent scoring in the 32 events he participated in.
- Our Club Champions were **Richard McGrath** for low gross and **Martin Virelas** for low net.
- The Match Play winner was **Dave Skarlanic**.
- The Fourball Match Play contest was won by the team of **Larry Low** and **Joe Cioni**.



Richard McGrath was the low gross Club Champion



Martin Virelas was the low net Club Champion



Joe Cioni and Larry Low won the Match Play Fourball

February's Golf Results:

Sunnyvale				Par 70		Feb. 2, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
B. Soules	68	\$18	M. Haberman	68	\$18	John Ray	71	\$25
Larry Low	69	\$14	Larry Baugher	73	\$14	W. Stephens	72	\$20
R. McGrath	70	\$10	Ken Jones	75	\$10	V. Sanchez	73	\$15
						John Hall	73	\$10
						Tim O'Meara	74	\$7

Low Gross (forward tees): John Hall 79
 Low Gross (back tees): Dave Skarlanic 77

Metropolitan			Par 72		Feb. 5, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard McGrath	70	\$21	Ben Gikis	65	\$18	
Larry Baugher	71	\$16	Peter Wong	72	\$14	
Joe Cioni	71	\$10	Venicio Navarro	73	\$10	
Larry Low	73	\$5	Joe Enos	76	\$5	

Shot his age: **Joe Cioni** (age 86) shot 81 (\$25, first time in 2026 on a course rated ≥ 66)
 Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath and Joe Cioni tied at 81
 Low Gross (back tees): Dave Skarlanic 83

Spring Valley			Par 70		Feb. 9, 2026	
Palmer Flight #1	Net	Prize	Palmer Flight #2	Net	Prize	
Les Miles	67	\$22	Dave Squellati	68	\$22	
Larry Low	70	\$16	Mark Taylor	71	\$16	
Scott Hiller	72	\$12	Roy Nakamura	71	\$12	
Kenneth Brown	72	\$7	Stan Scardino	72	\$7	
Nicklaus Flight #1	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight #2	Net	Prize	
Veronica Sanchez	64	\$18	Tim O'Meara	67	\$18	
Venicio Navarro	68	\$14	Don Mattson	68	\$14	
Larry Wall	72	\$10	Peter Wong	69	\$10	
Shot his age: Don Mattson (age 93) shot 92 (no cash prize, course rating < 66)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Les Miles 79						
Low Gross (back tees): Larry Low and Scott Hiller tied at 83						

Las Positas			Par 72		Feb. 12, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	71	\$18	Joe Enos	68	\$18	
Jeff Kelley	71	\$14	John Ray	70	\$14	
Bill Hall	72	\$10	Joe Glynn	75	\$10	
			Larry Wall	77	\$5	
Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg 82						
Low Gross (back tees): Ken Jones and Walt Joyce tied at 105						

Bruce Karney

& bakery) and at Arnold Palmer's Restaurant (housing a small museum of the iconic golfer).

During the week, John and Lori Rittweger hosted a potluck dinner that encouraged interaction and an opportunity to deepen friendships. After dinner, Ben presented some SIR State golf awards that members earned playing in the state events. Martin Virelas was presented with a SIR jacket, honoring his win at the individual championships for 2025.

Thanks to Ben for initiating and coordinating this event and to all attendees who made it such a success!

Ben Gikis

SPECIAL REPORT
BRANCH 35 MEMBERS AT THE STATE SIR GOLF EVENT IN PALM DESERT
 BY BEN GIKIS

In January, State Golf Chairman Ben Gikis led SIR Branch 35 members and guests on a 5-day golf trip to Palm Desert. Over 15 intrepid travelers experienced pleasant conditions for golfing and hiking. With sunny temperatures in the 70's & 80's the four days on the links was very enjoyable. Scott Chew and Venicio Navarro secured tee times at The Westin, Pete Dye Course, Indian Wells, Shadow Ridge and The Marriott Desert Springs Palm Course.



Martin Virelas and Ben Gikis at the awards ceremony

The courses challenged the skills of the participants, but the atmosphere and camaraderie resulted in a memorable time. While the members golfed, some of the women took the opportunity to hike in Joshua Tree National Park. In the evening, the group gathered to share meals at Sherman's (an old school Jewish deli

STATE SIR UPDATES

The Rooster Crows!
The Scoop from the Coop

January 2026

2026 Board of Directors

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Treasurer

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The latest news and announcements
President Fred Serena

As the incoming 2026 President for SIR, I want to welcome everyone to the New Year. I would like to thank those new Branch Leaders who have stepped up for this year.

In 2026, we will continue having monthly BAC meetings. Those BAC branch representatives have provided input to the Board of Directors. They will continue to assist me and the Board.

SIR STATE HAPPENING NEWSLETTER

Michael Lee - SIR State Activities Director
(88mlee@gmail.com)

Here's your state activities for March 2026

INVESTING

SIR128 is offering its monthly Zoom about investing to all branches. On Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:30 PM they will be discussing the pros and cons of

GOLF:

April 22-23. Napa: "Spring Fling" at Chardonnay and Eagle Vines Golf Courses
Contact Ben Gikis GIKISBEN@yahoo.com

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS:

March 5: Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights.
 Contact Art Tourtliott BR 112 (916) 635-6148

March 24-25: Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord.
 Gary Kaufmann BR 19 (925) 360-9260

Open to all SIRs, spouse, partner, relative, and invited guests. They must have a USBC card and verified average.
Contact: Jim Erickson jim@jterickson.com

FISHING:

Our State SIR Organization publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Rooster Crows*, and a regular bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities called *SIR Happenings*. You can read the latest issues here: <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

SIR State run many golf activities, on top of what we do at our own Branch level. Check out State Golf opportunities here: <https://sirgolf.org/>.

There is also some marketing material you can use to help when encouraging a friend to come check us out. You can see it at <https://sirinc.org/sir-branded-marketing-materials/>

Pat O'Connor

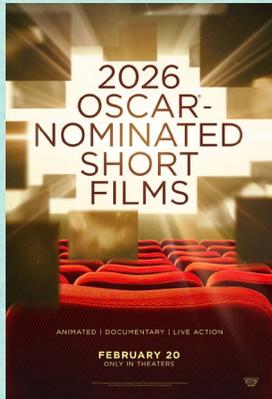
MOVIES

MOVIES

JIM QUILLINAN
408-838-4379

See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group's next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday March 17 at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Quillinan.



2026 Oscar Nominated Shorts: Animation. There are five nominees. All of them are clever and colorful. Butterfly is the story of Jewish swimmer who survived Auschwitz and excelled in post WWII swimming competitions. Forevergreen is how a bear and tree learn to live together and maintain the environment. The Girl Who Cried Pearls is about a sad girl and how greed can ruin good intentions. Retirement Plan is about a guy who fantasizes what he will do in retirement since he now has the time and then time runs out. The Three Sisters (my favorite) is about three sisters living alone on an island and how they cope with the outside world. These are all treats, find them. They are showing in your local theatres. They are Peggy's Picks.



Solo Mio. A fun ROM/COM that includes a marvelous tour of Rome, a Tuscan Feast featuring song and family and the Palio in Pisa. Kevin James surprisingly pulls off the lead as the heartbroken Matt who was left at the altar by his bride. He has prepaid for his honeymoon and decides to go on it alone. He meets interesting people who feel sorry for him and admire his pluck. He meets Gia who possesses all of the best in Italian women. They click and Matt finally finds his way. The film is just pure fun. Don't miss it. Rated PG for some suggestive material, brief language, violence and smoking. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



It Was Just An Accident. This film is the latest from Iranian Director Jafar Panahi. He was arrested by the Iranian regime and sentenced to a year in prison largely for winning awards for the film. It is nominated for an Oscar as Best Foreign Language Film. It is the story of Vahid, a humble auto mechanic who was tortured while in an Iranian prison. He tries to help a man with car trouble. He

thinks the man was his sadistic jailer. He binds the guy up and puts him in a box in his van. Vahid drives the man around to his fellow ex-prisoners so they can identify him. This does not work out as planned. The film explores themes of retribution, suffering, and moral ambiguity. It is a raw look at the human condition. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, violence, strong language, and smoking. Available on Apple TV+ and Amazon Prime Video. In Farsi with English subtitles.



If I Had Legs, I'd Kick You. Rose Byrne turns in a masterful performance as Linda, a psychotherapist who should take her own advice. She faces a litany of catastrophes that pull her down into a pit of depression. She tries to manage her own life and practice and does not succeed. Her daughter has special needs and requires attention and expert care. Her husband is a sea captain and away for weeks at a time. One of her patients disappears and leaves her baby behind. She has an unusual relationship with one of her colleague therapists. Her home is flooded. She is on her way to a full-scale breakdown when her husband comes home early and provides some respite. Linda seems to be coping a bit when the story just ends. The movie is a bit of a shaggy dog story, but not clever enough. Rated R for language, some drug use and bloody images. Available on Amazon Prime Video.



Midwinter Break. Stella (Lesley Manville) and Gerry (Ciarán Hinds) are an aging couple facing unresolved conflict, aging and mortality. Their marriage is long and has a strong base, but they are now growing apart, and the marriage appears to be in trouble. Gerry is facing a life of repressed feelings and pain that are only assuaged with alcohol. Stella has a religious vocation she hasn't pursued for decades and is now looking at it as a salvation. They travel to Amsterdam from their home in Glasgow for a getaway. The change of scenery is nice but doesn't add much. The film is a study in powerful acting by Manville and Hinds and should be seen for that reason. It is a very intimate and would play well on a TV. In Theatres. Rated PG-13 for thematic material involving alcoholism, some strong language, bloody images and suggestive material. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Jim Quillinan

MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

RON NAKAMOTO



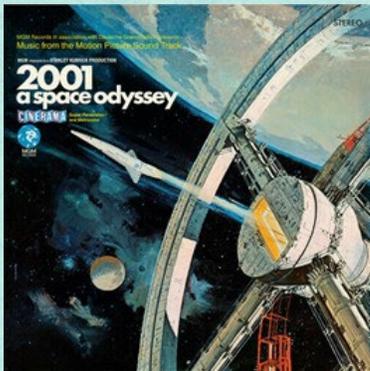
There are few constants in life. Turbulence, ever changing, "as time goes by" are phrases we typically cast to describe periods that we lived through. This monthly article hopes to spur those memorable moments in your life when you first saw the movie or heard the song from your youth. What were you doing back then? Ron

Movie: Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" 1968 Part II - How the Musical Score Reveals the Movie's Themes



After a lifetime of experiences, it is time to circle back to explain what this 'Monolith' movie was about. This is a continuation of last month's Part I article which presented how this movie came about and how it became the cornerstone of science fiction (Sci-Fi) movie making. Are you ready? Here is Part II, starting with how the musical score replaced much of the dialogue that would typically provide context for the scenes. In fact, the dialogue to non-

dialogue ratio was 70-75%, that is, for every one minute of dialogue there were three minutes of music or silence. In comparison, a normal movie is almost the opposite, with from 55-75% dialogue.



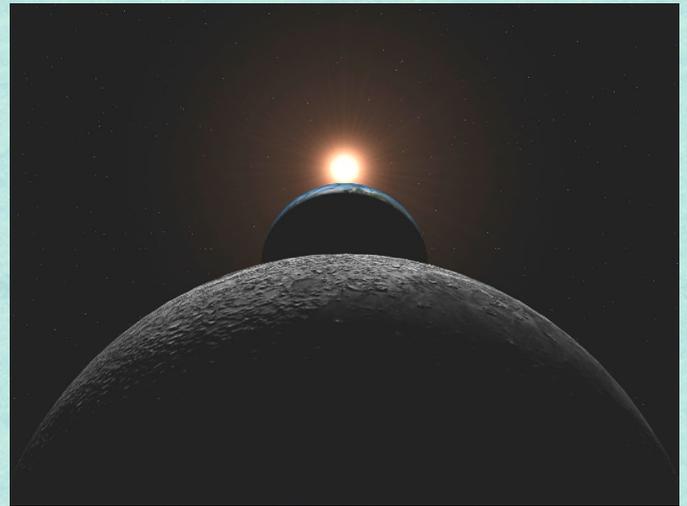
If you ever wondered, yes, the soundtrack for this movie was a success, selling over 500,000 copies, reaching 24th on the Billboard 200 chart in the U.S. and sold over 200,000 copies in Japan, reaching 2nd on the Billboard charts and staying there for around 20 weeks. (Editor's note: Japan loved

Sci-Fi movies ... remember Godzilla?) The image to the left is the record sleeve of the original soundtrack.



It was the music from Richard Stauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra* that captured your full attention as the movie opened in pitch black, advancing to the earth cresting behind the moon, with the sun in the background illuminating it. (Kubrick wanted you to see the 'birth of the earth', so he took the shot with the

moon in the foreground.)



The Birth of the Earth

The theatrical release used six-channel stereo on 70mm widescreen format. The intent was to create a fully immersive experience using directional sound from different speakers, bass sounds that vibrated into your bones, and a wide screen format to envelope your eyes. Kubrick is credited with revolutionizing the use of surround sound in theaters to create the immersive experience that only theaters could create. He created a standard of excellence that was not improved upon until the introduction of Dolby Stereo with the release of Star Wars in 1977.

The musical soundtrack was originally scored by Alex North, in 1968. (Editor's note: By this time, Alex had scored "A Streetcar Named Desire", "Spartacus", and "Cleopatra" and was considered a creative and successful musical director.) Kubrick, swamped with all aspects of filming and editing eventually listened to North's musical score for the film and rejected it. Unfortunately, Kubrick did not even inform North of the rejection. North only discovered it as he sat in the audience at the film's premiere. Kubrick instead inserted classical music from Strauss's "The Blue Danube", and concerto's composed by Gyorgy Ligeti. He intentionally left large sections of the movie without dialogue because in his own words, "There are certain areas of feeling and reality – or unreality or innermost yearning, whatever you want to call it – which are notably inaccessible to words."



Kubrik, listening to ...

Here is Alex North's original opening score for 2001: A Space Odyssey.

https://www.reddit.com/r/movies/comments/xgipg/what_2001_a_space_odyssey_might_have_sounded_like/

Here is Kubrick's opening musical score for 2001: A Space Odyssey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-QFj59PON4>

Which would you go with?

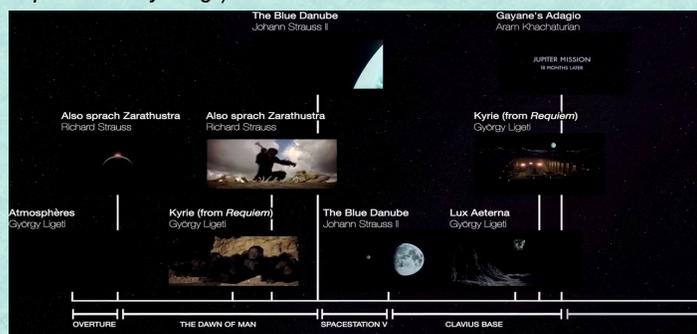


Scene for *The Blue Danube* waltz

Here is the space docking sequence with Strauss's "The Blue Danube" playing. The music complemented with the visual scene evokes a feeling of the vastness of space. Doesn't viewing this movie clip bring back memories?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpvOUnz4T7Q>

The best explanation of the musical score, is this time sequenced storyboard presented by Pan Macmillan. "It is the music that answers and explains the scenes in the movie." Whoa, what? Here is Stanley Kubrick's own explanation of his movie soundtrack. "I intended the film to be an intensely subjective experience that reaches the viewer at an inner level of consciousness, just as the music does; to explain a Beethoven symphony would be to emasculate it by erecting an artificial barrier between conception and appreciation." (Editor's note: *Well, that explains everything.*)



This video by Pan Macmillan walks through his diagram and is well worth viewing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTW2T708TW0>

Movie: Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" 1968 Part III – The Movie Demystified

Here is the original movie trailer for this movie.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR_e9y-bka0

The movie is structured into four acts framed with a music overture and ending. "Kubrick intended the film to function similarly to music or a painting, engaging audience's subconscious rather than just conveying information through dialogue. By breaking the film into four distinct, often disconnected chapters, he forced the viewer to focus on the visual, experiential progression of humanity's interaction with the unknown (the Monolith)."

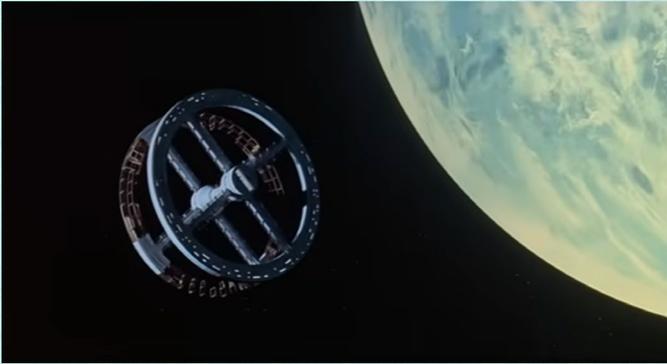


- **Overture:** The movie opens with a black screen. You know something is up when you are sitting in a theater with trumpets and an orchestra playing in complete darkness. Almost a minute transpires before you start to hear Strauss's 'Sunrise', the first movement of "Also sprach Zarathustra" composed in 1896. In essence, the opening sets up the central theme: a cosmic force intervenes in human history, initiating our journey from primitive ape to spacefaring being, with the Monolith acting as the silent, enigmatic guide through the vast unknown.

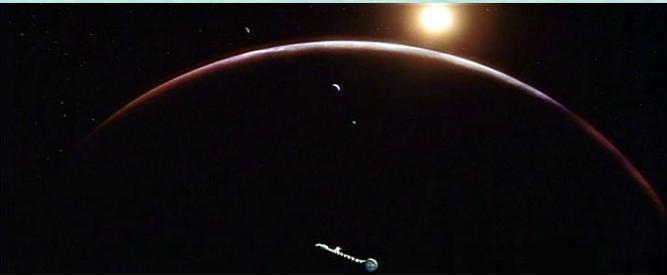
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- **Act I: The Dawn of Man:** The powerful music was intended to evoke a sense of cosmic grandeur. The sunrise symbolized the dawn of man and the emergence of the hominids (monkey men). The monolith is introduced which was placed on the Earth, Moon, Jupiter, and various other planets by "the Firstborn" to alert them when life forms had become intelligent enough for space travel.



- Act II: TMA-1(Tycho Magnetic Anomaly-1):** The title refers to the mysterious, four-million-year-old alien monoliths. It was discovered on the moon, first by satellites detecting a magnetic field, then by astronauts. After clearing the sediment around the Monolith, it started to emit signals directed at Jupiter, which spawned the trip to that planet.



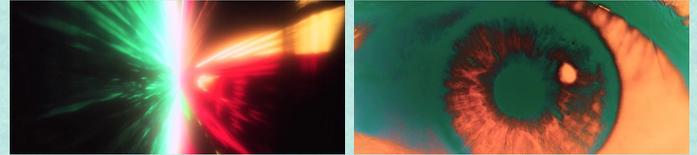
- Act III: Jupiter Mission (18 Months Later)** Astronauts Dave Bowman and Frank Poole, travel to Jupiter. This is where Kubrick introduces HAL as the smart assistant with two core directives: 1. Always provide accurate information to the crew; and 2. Keep the true mission secret (the Monolith on Jupiter). During their journey, HAL alerts the crew to a communications component failure, and the astronauts test it and find it is fine. This event forced the astronauts to discuss whether to shut HAL down because it was either malfunctioning or lying. HAL, reading the astronauts' lips acted with logic to; protect the mission and to preserve itself. It kills and is killed.



Remember HAL's shutdown, as it loses memory and reverts to one of its first programs, singing "Daisy". Here is a short clip of that scene. It was memorable and dramatic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7WQ1tdxSql>

Here is another backstory gem. Kubrick picked the song "Daisy Bell (Bicycle Built for Two)" because IBM, in 1961 programmed the IBM 7094 computer to sing that song, which was the first time a computer ever sang a song using synthesized speech. Kubrick knew this and used that lullaby to turn it into a funeral song. This scene is another memorable stroke of Kubrick's psychological genius as you witness HAL 's consciousness slowly degrade as his voice slows, his pitch drops, and his words stretch and distort. HAL, like a human, reverts to a childlike, vulnerable state, and is afraid.



- Act IV: Jupiter and Beyond the Infinite** Dave Bowman, pilots a pod toward the Jupiter Monolith and is pulled into the Stargate which transports him beyond space and time. His surreal, cosmic journey comes to an end with his rebirth as the Star Child. The Monolith triggers the next step of human evolution ... a child of pure intelligence. The ending is intentionally ambiguous, designed to evoke feelings of wonder and awe. It suggests that humanity's next evolutionary step has started and is beyond our current knowledge.



- Exit Music** The movie ends with the music "Also sprach Zarathustra", playing as it did at the beginning of the movie, in a pitch-black theater. The message is that humanity has reached another evolutionary leap ... and another chapter of presence.

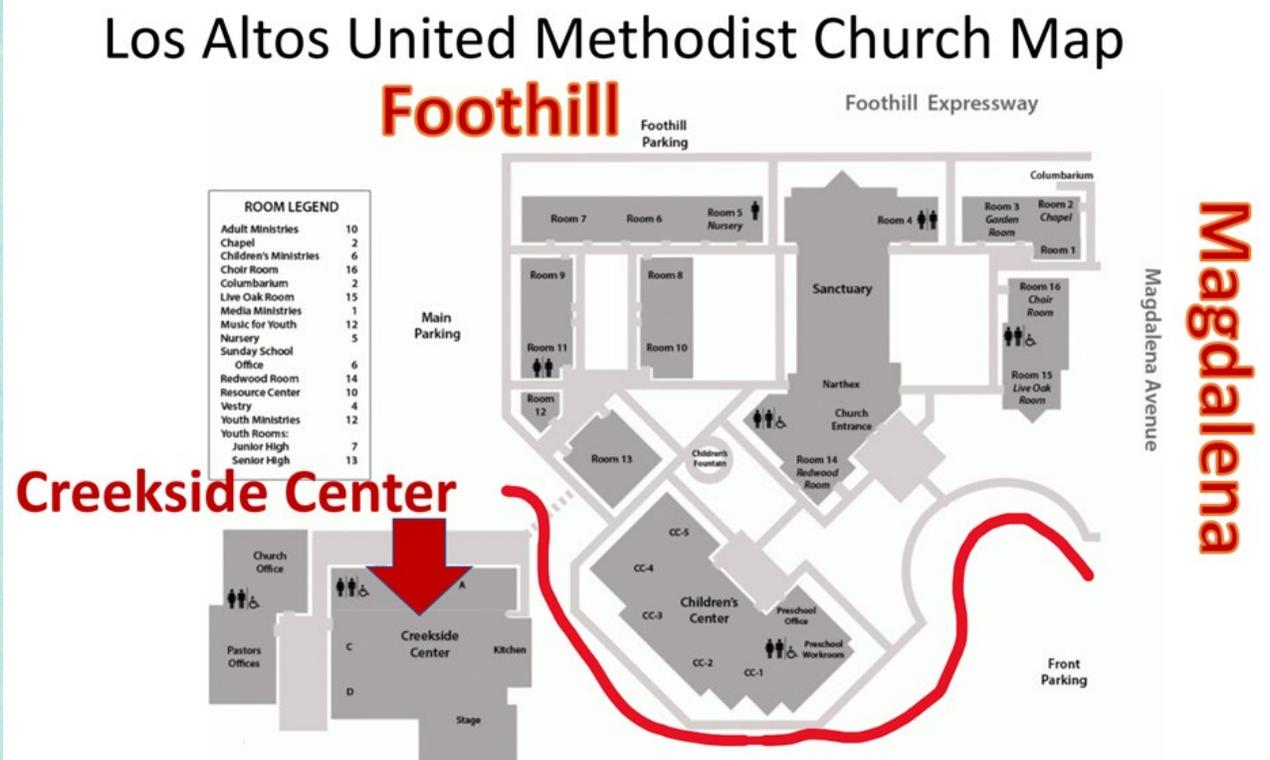
Here is a visual and verbal documentary on the making of the movie. It is a bit lengthy but a good narration of Kubrick's journey and challenges in creating this epic movie.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-Jf188JV_A

Adjusting Paul Harvey's saying, "And now, ... you know the rest of this epic story."

Ron Nakamoto

Parking Map for the
Los Altos United Methodist Church
Creekside Center



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Wellness and Comfort Death or illness of a fellow Sir should be reported to **Pat O'Connor**. He will express condolences of our Branch and communicate memorial announcements among the BEC and members via email.

SIR Branch 35 Activities - March 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Golf 10:00am Wente Vineyards \$110	3 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	4 Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	5 Golf 10:20am Cinnabar Hills \$95	6 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	7
8	9 Golf 10:00am Spring Valley \$51	10 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	11 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Sports Car Group Destination TBD 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	12 Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni \$50 Biking 11:00am Foster City Bay Trail	13 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	14
15	16 Golf 9:27am Los Lagos \$37	17 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:30pm Zoom Meeting	18 Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	19 Golf 10:00am Bayonet \$95	20 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	21
22	23 Golf 10:00am Poplar \$49	24 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	25 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	26 Golf 9:30am Dublin Ranch \$48	27 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBD	28
29	30 Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge \$95	31 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	1	2	3	4