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## 'No Kings' comes to El Camino Real



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From Palo Alto to Los Altos and Mountain View, protesters lined El Camino Real in local iterations of the national "No Kings" protests. According to IdaRose Sylvester, a local activist and organizer, there were roughly 10,000 people participating in the "parade" aspect of the protest. "The atmosphere was more electric and the event bigger and more impactful for all than our last No Kings event, with people really starting to feel the power of community and collective action," Sylvester said.

## Hillview Park exercise equipment surfacing sparks concern

By Christina Casillas  
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Some Los Altos residents are concerned about the use of potentially toxic synthetic surfaces at city parks after controversial material was used last week in the renovation of the exercise zone at Hillview Park.

The Los Altos City Council approved the renovations of Hillview Park's exercise equipment last year. Laura Fay, a Los Altos resident of more than 30 years, environmental advocate and retired tech executive, was in Hillview Park when construction personnel, wearing respiratory and full-body protection, began preparing and pouring surface material.

What caught her eye when she passed the site was the polyurethane-based binder that was being poured, with big red letters spelling "Danger."

"There is strong evidence over time that these things leak and do expose the community," Fay said.

The specific binder used, binder BFLV-5, was manufactured by RYVEC Inc., a company based in Anaheim, Calif. According to the RYVEC website, BFLV-5 "... is a catalyzed fast-reacting binder intended for use in conjunction with SBR crumb rubber, EPDM or buffings in the top and bottom portions of Pour-In-Place playgrounds, and other sporting applications."

SBR crumb rubber is granulated rubber usually produced from scrap materials, including tires. It's most often found in athletic turf infill and poured-in-place playgrounds. Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM) is a synthetic rubber used for its industrial (including roofing) benefits.

Also listed on the binder tub were the following precautions:

- Causes skin irritation and potential allergic skin reactions
- Causes eye irritation
- Harmful if inhaled and causes damage to organs (respiratory system) with prolonged, repeated exposure
- May cause breathing problems, respiratory irritation, or asthma and allergy symptoms

Fay said the use of potentially harmful materials in locations Los Altos residents frequent was concerning, especially because she said her research into rubber and plastic often used in playgrounds and other outdoor spaces revealed some adverse affects.

"They all include forever chemicals, which, over time, are known to leach into the environment, leach into our storm drains, expose humans and pets to not good stuff," she said. "Many of the chemicals have been associated with a variety of human illnesses."

Forever chemicals, potentially harmful Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl

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# News

## Hills, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office contract still undecided

By Curtis Driscoll  
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Negotiating time is running low between Los Altos Hills and Santa Clara County over a new law enforcement services contract, as several cost-related issues remain unresolved.

Los Altos Hills' contract with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office expires at the end of June, and the town's annual contract costs will rise from approximately \$2.76 million to \$3.65 million starting July 1 under the county's proposal, a 30% increase. Previous policing costs rose at approximately 5% per year under previous agreements. The rising costs are attributed to labor, state-mandated training, public records obligations and additional technology needs, according to a website set up by the town to explain the issue. Overhead cost reallocation is also cited, as the county argues that pre-

vious contracts did not fully cover actual costs and that county taxpayers were having to subsidize police services in areas like Los Altos Hills.

The town has raised concerns about the total and overhead costs. Los Altos Hills Mayor Rajiv Bhateja said approximately \$1.5 million of the \$3.65 million proposal is attributable to patrol deputy costs. The rest covers overhead costs, including West Valley Station facility fiscal services, IT services, internal affairs and records. Bhateja felt there was a lack of clarity about overhead costs and a disproportionate allocation to Los Altos Hills. He also argued that Los Altos Hills' county property and sales tax should be considered for overhead costs.

"\$2 million is just overhead, which is, in our opinion, excessive because your overhead should not be costing more than the actual cost

of service you are providing," Bhateja said.

Cupertino and Saratoga are in similar contract renegotiation scenarios with the county as Los Altos Hills, and the three cities have formed a joint committee to negotiate with the county to bring a proposal back to the respective councils, while each city also considers other individual contract options.

Santa Clara County Executive James Williams said in an email that the county remained committed to working in good faith with the cities to find solutions that reflected the true cost of services while honoring the partnership built over the years.

"Negotiations between the cities and the county are ongoing," Williams said. "Our goal is to reach a fair and sustainable agreement that ensures full cost recovery and

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## MV commission rejects tree removal plan for building

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
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A key commission in Mountain View has directed officials to redo its tree removal and replacement plan for the new public safety building.

The proposed plan would have removed 76 trees and replaced them with 118 new saplings housed in two-foot boxes at the site of a new \$189 million fire, police and public safety service building. The Parks and Recreation Commission voted 4-1 at a meeting on March 17 to direct staff to return with a new mitigation plan focusing on canopy replacement and native trees, while also noting replacement trees could be planted within the neighborhood and surrounding area if on-site space is not available.

"We get very, very few opportunities to build new city buildings where we have full control over what we plant, so the ones we do become showcases for best practices in forestry management, including preserving heritage trees when

possible and planting native species," said Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester. "This site is an excellent showcase for us to do what we say other people should do."

The sticking point for the commissioners was the loss of existing tree canopy and the inclusion of a majority semi-native tree species.

"Two to one replacement is not counting for the value of the significant trees," said Commissioner Jonathan Davis, who cast the dissenting vote.

The Public Safety Building project will require the removal of 42 heritage and 34 non-heritage trees within the project site. At least 20 heritage trees and 10 non-heritage trees will be retained and preserved.

A heritage tree is a mature tree intended to preserve the city's canopy. It includes trees with a trunk circumference of 48 inches or more; or oak, redwood and cedars with a circumference of 12 inches or more.

"The design team has made

every effort to save existing trees for this project," said Naveen Govind, senior project manager with the public works department.

The city planned to replace the 42 heritage trees with 84, 24-inch-box trees within the project site. The 34 non-heritage trees would have been replaced with 34, 24-inch-box trees. Of the total, nine are California native tree species and 109 are semi-native tree species, or species that are not originally from our specific local area, but originate from a nearby region or a similar climate zone. The semi-native trees include Freeman Maple, Marina Arbutus, Western Redbud, Sweet Bay, Saratoga Laurel, Carolina Laurel Cherry and Regal Prince Oak.

Commissioner Sandy Sommer said, "I look at what's being proposed and it's going to be a bunch of little lollipops. Where is the canopy on this site that's currently there?"

The Mountain View City

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## MV Mayor Emily Ann Ramos talks city's economic ecosystem



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The group of speakers at the "Morning with the Mayor" event included, from left, Cristian Ocampo of U.S. Bank; Dana Barfield of JDV Hyatt; Emily Ann Ramos, mayor of Mountain View; MJ Jain of Villa Toscana; and Peter Katz, president and CEO of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce. All spoke on the economic opportunities and challenges facing the city.

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
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View Chamber of Commerce, at the presentation dais.

"It's all connected," said Mountain View Mayor Emily Ann Ramos, gesturing to the 150 guests Friday at the Hyatt Centric on San Antonio Road in Mountain View.

Representatives of the city's business sectors – artificial intelligence, hospitality and tourism, health and healthcare, autonomous vehicles, restaurants, finance and many more – had gathered there for the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce "Morning with the Mayor," an annual networking event bringing together the city's commercial and institutional sectors.

"These businesses are shaping their programs to help our economic ecosystem really thrive," Ramos said.

At the energetic breakfast, local business leaders conversed and collaborated with politicians and economic operatives to discuss the opportunities facing regional commerce. The shared conclusion was that when each of the pillars of a successful community worked together, every member of the community could share in the fruits of that success.

"It all happens here. This is what makes Mountain View so special," said Peter Katz, president and CEO of the Mountain

"I think it's a success when you see so many movers and shakers speaking with each other on ways we can make our city even better," he added later, when the event ended.

The face-to-face aspect left an impression on the attendees. Guests commented that having everyone all together in the same room made collaboration more possible and shared success inevitable.

"It's all the networking that happens here. With all of the digital venues, this is just seeing people in person," said panelist Cristian Ocampo, an assistant vice president with U.S. Bank.

Ocampo joined Dana Barfield, a Hyatt hotels regional manager, and MJ Jain, sales director at Villa Toscana, a memory and senior care center, as featured panelists. The presenters fielded questions from Ramos and Katz, and gave overviews of the challenges facing their markets.

"One of the best parts of our community is being with residents, it's the highlight of the day," Jain said. "I wish there were more local employees we could hire."

Joining the business leaders and officials were representatives of El Camino Health –

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LEFT PHOTO: MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN, RIGHT PHOTO: COURTESY OF LAURA FAY

**New rubber surfacing in Los Altos' Hillview Park, left, sparked concern among community members because of potential health and environmental risks. The material, mixed on site, required workers to wear full-body protection, right. The binder chemical was labeled with the word "danger."**

## CONCERNS

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Substances (PFAS), are manmade chemicals that do not easily break down, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

### Future concerns

Fay was especially concerned because the same materials may be used again in the city.

The city of Los Altos Jan. 27 approved playground renovations at Grant and Shoup parks. The renovation agreement, made between the city and Alabama-based PlayCore – which provides turn-key outdoor play and recreation facilities – will not exceed \$444,098.99 for Grant Park and \$536,845.04 for Shoup Park renovations, contingency up to 15% for both projects.

"I understand residents care about the materials used in our parks and public spaces, especially when questions are raised about safety. It is important that this discussion be grounded in accurate information," said Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "Available government research to date has not found evidence that the rubber playground and field materials it has studied pose a health hazard in normal use."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a study found organic chemicals and others, like polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), methyl isobutyl ketone, benzothiazole and 4-tertbutyl phenol were "somewhat higher" in playground areas with recycled crumb rubber.

However, the findings also "... support the conclusion that although chemicals are present (as expected) in the tire crumb rubber and exposures can occur, they are likely limited."

PAHs, often resulting from the incomplete burning of coal, oil, or organic substances like tobacco and charbroiled meat, are linked with cancer and developmental and reproductive issues, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease

Registry (ATSDR). Methyl isobutyl ketone can often cause eye, skin, respiratory and liver/kidney issues, according to the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Benzothiazole can cause respiratory issues and is a potential carcinogen, according to the National Institutes of Health, and 4-tertbutyl phenol can cause eye and skin irritation, according to Thermo Fisher Scientific.

But exposure does not mean someone will definitely become sick – according to the ATSDR, it depends on the type of chemical and the amount, length of time and how frequently someone was exposed to it.

Engeland said the city chose to pursue the materials it did for accessibility and safety.

"The city's focus is to make this amenity safer and more accessible. The previous surface, engineered wood fiber, did not provide adequate fall protection or true accessibility," he said. "The replacement ground cover was selected to better cushion falls, and reduce the risk of injuries such as sprains, fractures, broken bones, and head injuries, while providing accessible space for residents with disabilities."

While Fay is concerned about the chemicals, she's also concerned about the heat index. As summers grow hotter overall, Fay is concerned the lack of shade paired with rubber surfaces could raise temperatures in parks, limiting children's play.

"If it's an 80 F outside, then you know, concrete may be, you know, in the hundreds, engineered wood fiber might be in the 90 to 100s," she said. "Concrete might be higher than that, but pour-in-place rubber is more like 140 F."

Currently, the city's Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Cultural Commission is working with the city's contractors for the Shoup and Grant park renovations.

"We will continue reviewing surfacing options with safety, accessibility and environmental considerations all in mind," Engeland said. "The Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Cultural Commission has been asked to review options for future park installations that balance each of those priorities."

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## CONTRACT

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reflects fiscal responsibility. The current contract was established more than a decade ago and no longer represents the true cost of providing these services today.”

Williams said that for many years, the county’s general fund has absorbed rising service costs, effectively subsidizing local policing for contracting cities, even though the county had no legal obligation to provide these services. He said it was neither appropriate nor fiscally responsible for the county to continue covering costs that are the cities’ responsibility.

Los Altos Hills has offered a counter proposal to the county, fully funding increases tied to deputies while rejecting the county’s overhead charges, which Los Altos Hills argues are undefined and include vague add-ons that lack sufficient detail for validation. Bhateja is hopeful that a response to the counterproposal will come this week. The alternative plan would also phase in cost changes over time rather than implementing them all at once, starting with a 12% increase in July and a three-year phased implementation of the remaining overhead and cost-allocation charges.

“The costs are just out of proportion to the service we are getting, and that’s the problem,” Bhateja said.

Williams said state law limits how the county can negotiate financial terms.

“State law mandates that the county fully recover costs associated with

providing contracted services to cities, except for those costs that the county would necessarily incur in the absence of the contracts,” Williams said. “As such, state law does not permit the county to assume responsibility for the city’s own costs and limits flexibility in how we can negotiate financial terms.”

Los Altos Hills does not have its own law enforcement agency like Los Altos and Mountain View. It instead contracts with the county for services to avoid managing a standalone law enforcement agency, which is often a major expense for cities. Possible options if a new contract is not agreed upon include a short-term extension of the current contract, modified service levels at a lower cost or another arrangement with a law enforcement agency. The shrinking negotiating window is pushing up against Los Altos Hills’ May budget meetings, with Bhateja hopeful for a resolution in the next few weeks.

Brooks Jarosz, a spokesperson for the Sheriff’s Office, said in an email that the department’s focus was on public safety and remained committed to providing consistent, professional law enforcement services to contracted communities.

“Our deputies know these neighborhoods well, and behind every deputy is a dedicated network of specialists, support staff and training resources that make effective policing possible. We value the strong relationships built over many years and remain proud to serve these communities every day,” Jarosz said.

## Mountain View is expanding vehicle-dweller site services

By Giuseppe Ricapito

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Revised agreements, new staff and more spaces are all on tap for a planned expansion of Mountain View’s parking sites for individuals living out of their vehicles.

The Mountain View City Council approved a range of measures which will update contract agreements with the partners in the project, Santa Clara County and the entertainment conglomerate Live Nation, at Lot B by Shoreline Amphitheatre. The measures also augment the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget of the project to approximately \$1.4 million.

The program is called “safe parking” – an element of a 2015 resolution of the Pathways to Housing – Homeless Response Strategy Implementation and Expenditure Plan. The resolution item was pulled from the consent calendar for a separate discussion and passed by unanimous vote from the council during a meeting on March 24.

“We really have found in Mountain View that safe parking works well in our community,” Councilmember Pat Showalter said. “There really is broad public support for this in our community.”

Lot B is located on Crittenden Lane. Under the augment plan, parking will be increased from 46 to 93 oversized-living vehicle spaces and 23 to 111 commuter vehicle spaces. There will be capacity for up to 101 safe parking spaces across the entire program including the capacity for eight vehicles at faith lots.

The decision comes as 57-67 E. Evelyn Ave. is being developed for a 143-unit affordable housing development and will lose the 30 oversized vehicle living spaces on site currently used for safe parking. The new developments are expected to be implemented this summer when the Evelyn Avenue site closes to the program on Aug. 31.

“I think it’s important to a lot of people in this city, so a little discussion is worth our time,” said Councilmember Alison Hicks.

The program is billed as an urgent but temporary solution to give the unhoused a safe place to live out of their cars and access aid services. One of the main needs at the site is for additional space for program participants to park their commuter vehicles due to multi-generational families at the site.

Councilmember John McAlister said he championed the program during its origin in 2015, but said the program’s expansion may be contrary to the original intention to transition individuals to permanent housing.

“I’m looking at this project now, it seems to be just growing a little more than I’ve anticipated,” he said. “It just concerns me how effective it is, or if it’s the best use of the city’s funds.”

Lot B is owned by the city, but leased to Live Nation during the concert season. The city plans to phase in the new parking so that it’s finalized in early 2027,

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# News

## MAYOR From Page 4

Cheryl Reinking, chief nursing officer, made opening remarks – representatives of city, state and national elected officials, and even leaders from the area school districts.

“Talking to each other, that’s what builds our community,” said Vice Mayor Chris Clark after the meeting. “The economy is kind of coming back. Things are finally trending up in the right direction.”

Others shared in his optimism, though there was still work to be done, Barfield said during his on-stage comments.

“It’s our opportunity to be ambassadors, to be spokesmen for the city,” he said. “We make this city accessible, we make it feel seen.”

One opportunity for that was the upcoming World Cup 2026, with a handful of games being held at Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara this summer, Ramos said.



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**Cristian Ocampo of U.S. Bank and Dana Barfield of JDV Hyatt speak Friday at the Hyatt Centric on San Antonio Road in Mountain View.**

The council was considering watch parties to go along with the games, she said.

Ramos added that the council had recently passed a grant program for small business renovations and small business zoning updates to make the area “more regionally competitive.”

“It’s really important that we have to stay flexible in this crazy environment we are all in,” she

said. The most impressive thing about the event, she added, was highlighting the different aspects of the community intersecting with people that live in the city.

“I want so many people to move to Mountain View,” she said. “If they don’t live in Mountain View they should be in Mountain View.”

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following the end of the Live Nation event season.

Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymour said there was no lost revenue to the city in its agreement with LiveNation as a result of the amended agreement.

“The only cost we are incurring is the staff time in order to work through these agreements,” Seymour said.

The vote additionally gave authorization to city staff to amend the lease agreement with Live Nation to use Lot B for safe parking through the duration of the Live Nation’s contractual rights to use lots at Shoreline Amphitheatre for event parking through Dec. 31, 2030.

In this year’s budget, funding for the safe parking program is \$700,000, which includes ongoing operational costs and case management services. For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the total ongoing operational cost will be \$1,397,368.

Santa Clara County partners with the city to provide approximately \$1.64 million for operations and services, such as showers, laundry and mobile medical services. The city and county also have agreements to exempt the safe parking spots from mobile home park law provisions related to tenant protections.

This year, Mountain View will also fund one-time costs totalling \$490,859 which include pavement striping and surface repairs, K-rails, temporary fencing, gas-detection monitors, signage, bollards and smoke detectors.

The approval also authorizes the city to amend agreements with the county to extend safe parking at the Evelyn lot through Aug. 31, 2026 and for a new lease agreement at Lot B to extend the safe parking through June 30, 2028.

The city was required to receive approval from the county Department of Environmental Health, which regulates the closed landfill at Shoreline Amphitheatre, to expand the site. The department gave approval on March 17.

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Council unanimously certified an Environmental Impact Report for the new police and fire headquarters in November. The project, which would be located at 1000 Villa St., is on a 4.3-acre site occupied by the city’s current 44,000-square-foot police and fire administration building which houses public safety operations. The building opened in 1980 and does not meet modern seismic standards, and will be replaced by a 75,000-square-foot building.

On Nov. 5, 2024, voters

passed revenue Measure G, a property tax conveyance measure, to assist in the funding of the project. Officials plan that in 2026 the council will consider final approval of the funding plan and authorization of the sale of bonds to finance construction.

A comprehensive funding plan is being developed and will be brought to council for consideration in spring 2026. Once funded, the tree removal and replacement project will be funded.

The majority of the trees that were set to be removed were in direct conflict with the new facilities and must be

removed for construction to begin. The tree removal and a demolition of a portion of the existing building is expected to begin in the fall and be completed by spring of 2027. The new building will be completed in summer of 2029 and operations will be transferred to the site. Pending a funding determination, a parking range and portions of the firing range will be completed by summer of 2031.

The project plans to salvage select redwood trees and repurpose the reclaimed wood for constructing new benches, and interior and exterior furnishings.

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# Comment

## Letters to the Editor

### Save the trees, leave the park

I agree with other Los Altos residents in the Town Crier Letters to the Editor, March 4 and March 11. It's easy to park downtown especially with the parking lots behind businesses. We don't need to remove trees and build an expensive parking structure. As a Letter to the Editor March 11 stated: "... Put it on hold, allow a ballot measure the next time there are other ballot measures (not a special election)." Also, we do not need a Performing Arts Center downtown. The Bus Barn Theater by the Recreation Center has lots of parking.

**Rita Cartalano**  
Los Altos

### Parking plazas have history

Before Los Altos contemplates changing our downtown, let's pause to reflect on the collective effort that created the character of our hometown. In 1955, recognizing that businesses would thrive only if customers had convenient and safe parking, downtown property owners petitioned to form an assessment district. Their goal was to purchase land and construct parking plazas to serve

the community. Mayor George Estill supported the effort.

At the time, journalist Alan Cranston praised the vision, saying Los Altos was assured "as marvelous a parking area as any on the Peninsula." He predicted the plazas would remake the face of Los Altos, offering close proximity to stores, ease of access, and visibility – so visitors would not have to "scout around" to find parking.

What followed were three years of significant upheaval. Streets were torn up for water, sewer and utility work. Land was graded and paved. It was a major civic undertaking, embraced by a community willing to endure disruption for long-term benefit.

When construction was complete, the finishing touch was inspired: Under the guidance of the Furiuchi family of Los Altos Nursery, Chinese Pistache trees were planted, during community "planting bees." These hardy trees – capable of living a century or more – provided cooling shade in summer, brilliant color in fall, and filtered light in winter. They have become part of the town's identity.

On September 9, 1958, the community celebrated. Mayor Irving Atkinson, council members, and some 10,000 residents

gathered for a GALA marking the opening of the plazas, with entertainment by Dave Brubeck!

As some propose reimagining our downtown, let us remember our roots. The parking plazas were not an afterthought; they were a deliberate, community-built foundation of our village charm. What a unique and treasured place we call home: A hidden jewel in an increasingly boring and urban society.

**Cindy Andrews**  
Los Altos

### An electrifying experience

My home was part of the March 14 Green@Home tour for Los Altos, Cupertino, Saratoga. And I have to say it was an amazing experience, not because our place is the greenest home in these parts, or even in our neighborhood. It's not.

First to show up were members of the Los Altos Rotary Club to set up a table, meet, greet, and organize groups of people. Wow. Three Rotary Clubs were co-sponsoring the events with Acterra across the three cities. All I had to do was tell my story or rather the story of my 1952 ranch style home that has undergone successive modifications and upgrades over the years by its successive owners.

But my visitors totally upstaged me. So many interesting local people engaged in electrifying their homes, making them more efficient, and reducing their emissions for a variety of reasons. It was a real eye opener.


Most of us see home upgrades as a gradual, intentional process. A journey. I was impressed by the sophistication of recommendations and comments from people on the tour and how they'd solved practical issues that came up. In my first big effort back in 2010 there were few mature products or even contractors willing to take on these jobs. That's all changed.


Some of my visitors said they'd taken advantage of Silicon Valley Clean Energy's free home energy assessment. I'm signed up.


**David Cain**  
Los Altos


## Editorial


### We're all thumbs


 **Thumbs up** to the Los Altos Village Association for putting on a fun and successful Beer Stroll – great vibes all around!


 **Thumbs up** for the return of the farmers market to downtown Los Altos. Fresh produce, community spirit – welcome back on April 30th.


 **Thumbs down** to the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce for not being transparent with the city or its members. Communication matters.


 **Thumbs up** to the Los Altos School District for acting quickly to replace the trustee who resigned – way to keep things moving.


 **Thumbs up** for the gorgeous weather across the local community.

 **Thumbs down** for the ongoing construction on San Antonio Road and in downtown Los Altos – necessary, but definitely frustrating.

 **Thumbs up** for the always-fun First Fridays – such a great way to bring the community together.

 **Thumbs up** to Mountain View for adding 21-foot crosswalks in key downtown areas on Castro Street – safer streets for everyone!

 **Thumbs up** to the Los Altos Hills City Council for strong leadership and service.

 **TWO thumbs up** to the staff at the Los Altos Town Crier – thanks for keeping the community informed!

## Peek into the Past



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**Rancho Shopping Center merchants sponsored this Little League team in 1964. Were you a member of the team or recognize anyone? Please contact the Los Altos History Museum at [research@losaltoshistory.org](mailto:research@losaltoshistory.org).**

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Email letters to [christinac@latc.com](mailto:christinac@latc.com). Letters should be no more than 200 words. Include a phone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be printed.



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## Los Altos Troop 33 Honors New Eagle Scouts

By Amy Shatsky  
Special to the Town Crier

The Eagle designation is the highest achievement in Scouting America, with approximately 4% of Scouts attaining it. To earn the Eagle rank, Scouts must complete a minimum of 21 merit badges, lead a community service project, hold multiple troop leadership positions and perform community service, including their capstone Eagle Project.

A senior at The Nueva School, Skye Calegari-Buster's Eagle Scout service project was born out of a desire to help reconnect East Palo Alto with its agricultural roots, while increasing access to produce. His project beneficiary was Fresh Approach, a nonprofit organization that runs East Palo Alto's only community garden. Skye built a gathering space, includ-



COURTESY OF AMY SHATSKY

Troop 33's new Eagle Scouts include: Back row, from left: Will Schreiber, Christopher Klinker, Srinikash Venkatasalapathi and Lazar Vujkovic. Front row, from left: Skye Calegari-Buster, Audrey Yee and Olivia Fritsch.

ing three large brick planters, that functions as a crucial "pollinator pavilion." His team also built a planter irrigation system, installed a stone fountain and

set up a metal bench on which gardeners and volunteers can rest, connect and contemplate the garden.

Olivia Fritsch, a senior at

Mountain View High School, organized a dance donation drive to support underserved youth through the arts. More than 300 dancewear pic-

es were collected, carefully cleaned, and sorted by type and condition. The dancewear was distributed to five organizations across the United States, including A Step Beyond, Simply Destinee, Everybody Dance LA!, Free 2 Be Me and Dance Fairies, which provide dance opportunities to children in low-income areas and those with neurological disorders. Through this project, children from underserved communities are able to access the necessary attire to experience joy, self-expression and physical activity through dance.

Christopher Klinker, a senior on Los Altos High's varsity baseball team, combined his passion for baseball with a service project for Los Altos Little League. His project involved demolishing and rebuilding a baseball scorer's booth at Purissima

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## Foothill College hosting photo exhibition on remote tribal communities in India

Town Crier Report

Local photographers Pam Perkins and Mamen Saura present “Remote Lives: Portraits of Survival and Tradition,” a joint exhibition documenting remote tribal communities across India, including regions of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Odisha. The exhibition opens April 8 and runs through June 22 at the Krause Center for Innovation Gallery, Building 4000 at Foothill College. The curator is Judith Walgren. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednes-

day, Thursday 1-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibition features intimate portraits from tribes living in India, such as the Olo, Wancho, Konyak, Kutia, Bora Gadhaba, Desia, Apatani and Bonda. Many of the individuals photographed are among the last generations to carry traditional facial tattoos, ceremonial adornment and other ancestral markers that are rapidly fading.

Working with patience and long-term engagement, Perkins and Saura built relationships within villages before making their images. The

result is a powerful record of cultural continuity at a moment of change.

“These portraits hold both history and transition,” Perkins said.

Saura added, “Our work is about dignity and honoring communities deeply rooted in tradition.”

Perkins has photographed remote communities in many countries over 15 years. Saura has worked globally with nonprofit organizations, documenting humanitarian and cultural preservation efforts.

For more information, email [pamperkinsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:pamperkinsphoto@gmail.com).



COURTESY OF FOOHILL COLLEGE

Portraits from the upcoming “Remote Lives/Portraits of Survival and Tradition” exhibition at the Krause Center for Innovation Gallery at Foothill College.



### Los Altos Hills, Partner Cities’ Counterproposal Funds Officers, Not Undefined Overhead

*Cities seek full transparency before accepting new overhead costs*

Los Altos Hills, in coordination with the Cities of Cupertino and Saratoga, has submitted a counterproposal to Santa Clara County outlining a phased-in alternative to the County’s recently proposed 30% increase in law-enforcement contract costs. The County’s proposal, presented on December 31, 2025, would raise Los Altos Hills’ annual contract cost from \$2.76 million to \$3.65 million beginning July 1, 2026.

The sudden, one-year increase would place a substantial strain on Los Altos Hills’ budget and could create long-term structural deficits. In response, the three contract cities have developed a proposal that moves responsibly toward full cost recovery while avoiding immediate, unsustainable impacts on local services and taxpayers.

The counterproposal fully funds the increases tied to deputies on the street while rejecting the County’s undefined overhead charges until they can be transparently justified. The Cities’ plan phases in direct officer cost increases and sets a firm timeline to create a clear, Government Code 51350-compliant cost-allocation model, ensuring taxpayers aren’t forced to absorb vague add-ons that lack sufficient detail for validation.

#### Key elements of the Cities’ counterproposal include:

- 12% initial increase effective July 1, 2026, reflecting updated Deputy Sheriff salary and benefit costs.
- Joint development of a fair, Government Code 51350-compliant cost-allocation model by September 1, 2026.
- Three-year phased implementation of remaining overhead and cost-allocation charges.
- July 1, 2029: Full cost recovery, with future salary and benefit changes incorporated.

To support continued collaboration, the mayors and city managers of Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, and Saratoga have formed an ad hoc committee to coordinate negotiations and ensure transparency across all three jurisdictions. As part of this ongoing process, Saratoga held a study session last week to review the proposal and gather community input. Should negotiations not result in a fair agreement, the cities have begun exploring alternative models for delivering law enforcement services.

“We need to ensure that Los Altos Hills continues to receive high-quality public safety services while also being fiscally prudent. Los Altos Hills is already a net donor to County finances,” said Mayor Rajiv Bhateja. “This counterproposal reflects a balanced and responsible approach: fully funding the deputies who serve our neighborhoods, while insisting on transparency and equity on overhead costs. We will continue to work with the County to reach an agreement that prioritizes effective policing and fair cost allocation.”

As discussions with the County continue, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, and Saratoga have worked together to create a website that provides residents with clear, accessible information about the issue. The site explains how sheriff service contracts work, outlines the proposed cost increases, and answers frequently asked questions about how these changes could affect city budgets. The website can be found at <https://sheriff-contract-facts.com/>.

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Fields. Christopher especially enjoyed collaborating with his project advisors, his grandfather and his Eagle Scout father. He also enlisted friends and family to sand, measure and saw, dig, pour concrete, assemble, paint and varnish. Christopher is especially gratified that he will be able to see people using his booth when he goes to Purissima to watch his younger brother Nicholas' Little League games this spring.

Will Schreiber, a Mountain View High School senior and former Little League baseball player, decided to reconstruct a shed for the Mountain View Los Altos Girls Softball League whose equipment shed had been decimated by termites

and dry rot. Will and his team deconstructed the existing shed, replaced the deteriorated supporting studs, cut and fitted new exterior walls and trim, created custom large shelving and organization units for the softball equipment, and painted the entire shed. He is pleased to see his team's hard work appreciated by the League and is especially gratified to know that it has made the volunteer coaches' work a little easier. Will's Eagle Project aligns with his plan to study mechanical engineering in the fall.

Srinikash Venkatasalapati wanted to give back to his elementary school by renovating its school garden. He found the abandoned garden to be dilapidated and in need of lots of work like plucking out the overgrown weeds and repaint-

ing the fences. Over the course of six or seven weekends, he led groups of scouts who helped accomplish the task. The final result was a thriving garden with an irrigation system, enabling the students at Dilworth Elementary to use the garden alongside the science curriculum giving them hands-on experience. Moreover, the special needs program now cooks the vegetables they grow in the garden. The garden is back to life.

In his Eagle project, Lazar Vujkovic helped build 25 frames which will be used to display materials reflecting Mountain View High School's

theater history. These materials come from old high school newspapers, yearbook photographs and interviews Lazar gathered and conducted. Lazar looks forward to continuing to help Mountain View's Theater Department in its goal to make a museum that displays all the eras of Mountain View's theater history, which will be in the theater's side hallway.

Audrey Yee, a junior at Los Altos High School, initiated a cultural exchange program between youths in the United States and South Africa, aiming to reduce the digital divide. She organized and hosted a series of

online cultural exchange meetings to provide cross-cultural experiences for disadvantaged South African youths. Funds were raised to purchase devices and cellular data plans for these online exchanges. The participants discussed various topics, including cultural myths, regional festivals, sports, food and community emergency response teams. Through these cultural exchanges, these youths can practice communication skills, learn to interact with other cultures, and get more exposure to technology.

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# Holy Week

## SPECIAL SERVICES



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



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#### PALM SUNDAY

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4:00PM Anticipated Mass Saturday - St. William  
 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM, 5:00PM (French) - St. Nicholas  
 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM - St. William

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#### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:00PM - Stations of the Cross  
 St. William Church

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#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:00PM - Adoration & Confessions  
 7:00PM - Mass  
 7:30PM - (Tenebrae - A Service from Light to Darkness)  
 St. Nicholas Church

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#### HOLY THURSDAY

8:00AM - MORNING PRAYER  
 St. Nicholas Church  
 7:00PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 St. William Church  
 Adoration at the Altar of Repose after Mass - St. William Hall

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#### GOOD FRIDAY

8:00AM - Morning Prayer  
 St. Nicholas Church  
 9:00AM - 11:00AM - Confessions:  
 St. William Church  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion:  
 12:00PM - St. William Church  
 3:00 PM - St. Nicholas Church  
 6:00 PM - St. Nicholas Church

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#### HOLY SATURDAY

8:00AM - Morning Prayer  
 St. Nicholas Church  
 8:00PM Easter Vigil  
 St. William Church  
 Liturgies of Word, Initiation and Eucharist

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#### EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Times - 8:00AM / 10:00 AM / 12:00PM  
 St. Nicholas Church  
 Mass Times - 9:00AM / 11:00 AM / 5:00PM (French)  
 St. William Church  
 Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 9:00am Mass at St. William. Please REGISTER online!

## Holy Week at Foothills

### Palm Sunday

March 29 | 10 AM  
 In person & livestream

### Maundy Thursday

April 2 | 6:30 PM  
 Communion & Tenebrae Service

### Easter Sunday

April 5 | 10 AM  
 In person & livestream



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## Join us for Holy Week!

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

7 pm - Choir Cantata  
 "Laying Down Our Crowns of Sin,"  
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### Easter Sunday, April 5

10 am - Worship Service, bring freshly cut flowers to adorn the Cross of Life  
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Walk With us Through Holy Week

### Holy Week Service Schedule

April 2 6:30pm Maundy Thursday  
April 3 12:00pm Good Friday Service  
April 4 7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter

### Easter Sunday

April 5 10:15am Choral Service with  
Guest Musicians  
11:30am Epic Easter Egg Hunt

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# Holy Week

St. Simon Catholic Parish, Los Altos

**Holy Thursday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper with  
The Washing of Feet  
7:00 p.m. (livestream)  
**Altar of Repose**  
8:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., Parish Center

**Good Friday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Noon  
(This service with communion)

Living Way Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m.  
(With Youth Ministry, no communion)

**Holy Saturday - April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. (livestream)  
Reception following, Parish Center

**Easter Sunday - April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
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7:00 PM - Evening Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2  
7:00 PM - Holy Communion, Foot  
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3  
7:00 PM - Evening Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5  
10:00 AM - Holy Communion

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**GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 7PM**  
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## Rising costs force LASD to rethink \$350M plan

By Julia Baum  
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Rising construction costs and competing priorities are complicating the Los Altos School District's plan to roll out projects funded by its \$350 million Measure EE bond, with key decisions about which campuses to modernize still unresolved.

During a March 26 study session, district staff and the Board of Trustees reviewed updated cost estimates and potential timelines for the multiyear facilities program, which includes campus modernization and new construction projects. The bond, approved by voters in 2024, is intended to fund upgrades across elementary and middle school campuses.

A key shift was the sharp increase in modernization costs, with initial 2024 estimates of about \$83 million now updated to roughly \$140 million, and additional increases expected from about 5% annual construction cost escalation.

"Looking at these spreadsheets, it's \$140 (million), and I can't tell why that changed," said Trustee Bryan Johnson.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

**The modernization timeline for certain Los Altos School District buildings has been disrupted due to rising construction costs.**

The higher costs mean the district cannot complete all projects at once and will need to phase the work over several years, potentially extending into the early 2030s. Erik Walukiewicz, assistant superintendent of business services, said the district will need to spread projects over multiple years.

Staff outlined a tentative timeline that would begin with initial projects tied to the district's middle school model in 2028, followed by additional campus modernization in summer 2029 and beyond.

The board is expected to decide by June which schools to prioritize in the next phase of work, including whether the district can take on two or three campuses in 2029.

"That will give us enough time to get the architect involved in all the planning and programming," Walukiewicz said.

The board must also provide direction on the placement of Bullis Charter School students and final details of the districtwide middle school model before planning can

move forward.

The discussion also highlighted broader questions about how to approach campus upgrades. While the district's facilities master plan calls for comprehensive modernization at each site, some trustees raised the possibility of shifting toward more targeted improvements – such as upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems or focusing on early education facilities – in order to reach more schools sooner and control costs.

Trustee Stella Kam said she

wants to better understand "the cost difference between the facility master plan modernization versus the cost presented here, because they're considerably more expensive."

"Perhaps, instead of looking at just doing full school modernization, are there some different priorities that we would push up that would touch more schools?" Kam said.

Staff also noted logistical and financial constraints, including limits on how quickly bond funds can be issued and spent, along with competition for contractors during peak summer construction periods.

"We can't get you all three, \$50 million long at once," Walukiewicz said.

Board members also discussed competing priorities across campuses, including whether to focus first on elementary schools, where students spend more years, or middle schools, which serve a larger share of the district's student population.

A decision on which schools to prioritize is expected by June, including whether the district can take on two or three campuses in 2029.

## Student well-being improves, mental health concerns persist

By Julia Baum  
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Well-being among local high school students is improving across several measures, according to new data from the California Healthy Kids Survey, though significant mental health concerns remain, Mountain View Los Altos High School District officials said.

The findings, presented at a March 23 Board of Trustees meeting by MVLA wellness coordinator William Blair, show improvement, but officials said challenges persist, particularly in mental health and disparities among student groups.

"Across the board, we are seeing things heading in the right direction," Blair said. The California Healthy Kids Survey, an annual statewide anonymous survey of student risk

and protective factors, is used to guide district planning, including safety plans and long-term goals. The 2025 survey had a response rate of about 81%, with more than 3,500 students participating.

The survey, administered locally to all students each year, showed increases in school connectedness, academic motivation and caring adult relationships.

Mental health data showed mixed results. While some indicators improved – including a drop in students who seriously considered suicide from 17% in 2021 to 8% – other measures raised concern.

"That's about a 332 student drop," Blair said, "but there's still some work to do."

Blair also noted that reported attempted suicides increased based on the district's custom survey module, a trend he said "tracks with what we're

hearing on the ground anecdotally about the acuity of our cases being a lot higher than what we've seen in the past."

About 21% of students reported chronic sadness or hopelessness, representing roughly 700 students. Blair said the district continues to focus on providing support, including short-term counseling and crisis intervention.

Substance use continues to decline, with current alcohol or drug use dropping from 15% in 2021 to 9%. Vaping has also decreased from 9% in 2019 to 4% in 2025.

School safety remains relatively strong, with 84% of students reporting they feel safe or very safe. Reports of harassment, cyberbullying and fear of physical harm have declined overall, though disparities remain.

According to the data, 19% of students reported experi-



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**Well being among high school students is improving across several measures, according to a California Healthy Kids Survey.**

encing harassment or bullying, with American Indian, Alaska Native, Black and gender-diverse students reporting higher rates than their peers.

Some board members raised concerns about student engagement, noting that one indicator – meaningful participation – remained low. Students and staff said structured coursework may limit student

autonomy, making it harder to feel engaged.

Board members also discussed screen use, which is not currently measured in the survey, raising questions about its impact on student well-being. Blair said the district is exploring adding questions on screen use in future surveys and continues to work with community partners to support students.

# Sports

## St. Francis baseball looks to make leap to the top

By Curtis Driscoll  
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The St. Francis baseball team is off to a blistering start to the season, ranked among the top teams in the area and expected to compete for a WCAL and CCS title.

After sweeping Archbishop Mitty (9-4) 2-0 on Tuesday and 6-1 on Friday, St. Francis is undefeated in the West Catholic Athlete League standings at 4-0, with a run differential of 33-1 over its league opponents. At 10-1 overall, St. Francis has shut out its opponents six times over the past eight games and outscored its eight opponents in March 82-2.

For St. Francis head coach Erik Wagle, the program is not shying away from the high expectations for this season and doesn't mind being the hunted as it looks to improve upon last year's fourth place league finish.

"We are in first place, and we don't plan on giving it up," Wagle said.

The team has several college commits, including seniors Ian McMahon (Johns Hopkins University), Brody Larocque (Chapman University) and Gino Cappellazzo (Santa Clara

University), while juniors Kyle McMillan (Santa Clara) and Jack Leeper (Stanford) also play key roles on the team.

Wagle noted Brody Larocque has made significant strides since his sophomore year on junior varsity, spending last season on varsity as a reliever and stepping into a starter role this year. Larocque's performances and emergence as a leader on the pitching staff have taken on even more importance this year, with Ian McMahon currently out with an injury. Larocque pitched a complete game Tuesday, March 24, striking out six and giving up only four hits against Archbishop Mitty in the first game of the series, and he has not given up a run in his first two league starts over 10 innings.

"He's competitive, he gets us fired up, he executes pitches," Wagle said of Larocque.

Larocque and Kyle McMillan are the team's two starters, with relievers Matthew Moody and left-hander Antonio Madrigal providing depth out of the bullpen. McMillan went six innings and gave up only one unearned run and five hits in Friday's 6-1 win over Mitty.

Wagle hopes McMahon, a senior, will be able to be a stabi-

lizing force in the bullpen in the coming weeks as the coaching staff slowly ramps up his throwing workload after his injury.

"We are just hoping that he gets out there and is able to give us something every week," Wagle said.

Cappellazzo, the team's starting catcher, is also expected back soon from an injury to provide a boost for the league season.

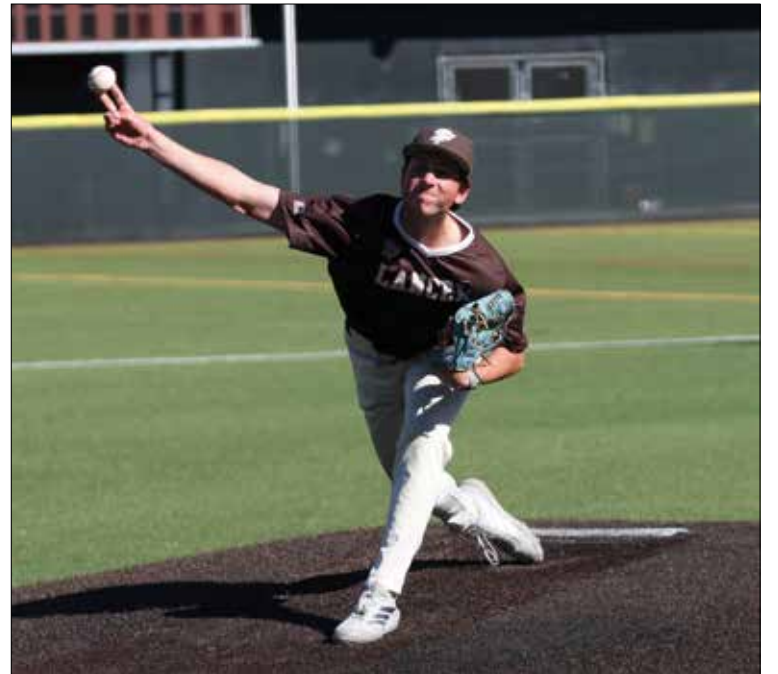
"Gino, he just sits back there and catches, even when he's not swinging it well, he's our vocal and emotional leader, always doing whatever needs to be done," Wagle said.

While the Lancers are talented, Wagle said the team's best players are also its hardest workers, setting an expectation that everyone on the team follows a work ethic.

"They embody our approach and our way of doing things, and so everyone else just falls in line," Wagle said.

The team's pitching and defense have stood out early this year. Wagle described the team's pitching so far as incredible, sharpened after facing its own tough offense all preseason and with some extra motivation from the coaching staff.

"We really challenged them



ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

St. Francis pitcher Brody Larocque shut out Archbishop Mitty March 26 in a 2-0 in WCAL play.

to step up and start executing at a higher level," Wagle said.

Wagle credits the team's defense as much as its pitching for its strong start to the season, noting the team shifts and player-called pick-offs have benefited the team this year. Larocque picked off Archbishop Mitty's Austin Mak in the game Tuesday in the sixth inning to kill a rally at 2-0.

"Our defenders really have great rhythm with the pitching

staff, and they know what they are doing out there, and it's pretty impressive," Wagle said.

While the Lancers are in first place, the WCAL will continue to bring out the best of the team, with Valley Christian, St. Ignatius and Bellarmine just a game behind St. Francis early in the league standings. For St. Francis, its focus is on playing and executing its game.

"In this league, everyone can beat everyone," Wagle said.

## Eagles softball team gets two wins to open league season



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The Los Altos softball team is 2-0 in the SCVAL De Anza Division after beating Wilcox and Saratoga last week. Chloe Caldbeck, left, pitched and got the win over Wilcox Wednesday 8-4, while Lily Whiting, right, had two RBIs in the game.

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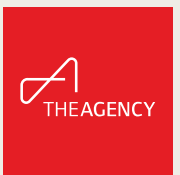
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## Hoppy Easter!

### Egg hunts abound locally

By **Christina Casillas**  
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Spring is here, and so are the spring festivities. From egg hunts for children and their families to events that will entertain four-legged friends, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View are brimming with Easter and Easter-adjacent festivities.

#### Los Altos Spring Egg Hunt

Join the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Department (and the “Spring Bunny”) at 9:30 a.m. April 4 for the department’s annual egg hunt. The free event, held at Hillview Park, includes carnival games, arts and crafts and a photo opportunity with the Spring Bunny.

Children from walking age to 11 years old are invited to join the hunt, while those from 11-16 can take part in a character quest.

The egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m., and a live children’s performance is set for 10:20 a.m. Families are encouraged to bring their own baskets as they will not be provided. Children are limited to five eggs maximum per child.

#### Hoppin’ Hounds Biscuit Hunt

Who says pups can’t take part in the spring

festivities? From 9-10:30 a.m. April 4, residents can take their four-legged friends to the Westwind Community Barn in Los Altos Hills for the 23rd annual Hoppin’ Hounds Biscuit Hunt.

Participating pups will explore (with their humans) Byrre Preserve in search of dog-approved treats. Prior to the hunt, coffee and human treats will be available for the two-leggeds.

The event – which costs \$10 per entry – benefits the Palo Alto Animal Shelter, which is operated by Pets in Need. Additional donations can be made at checkout or the day of the event.

To register, visit [tinyurl.com/LAHhoundsevent](http://tinyurl.com/LAHhoundsevent).

#### Mountain View Farmers Market Easter Egg Hunt

Get some fresh produce and find some hidden eggs at the Mountain View Farmers Market Easter Egg Hunt. Set for 11 a.m. April 5 at the farmers market, located at the 600 West Evelyn Ave. Caltrain Station, eggs will be hidden among fresh produce at different vendors’ stalls.

Similar to the Los Altos Spring Egg Hunt, participants are encouraged to bring their own basket(s).

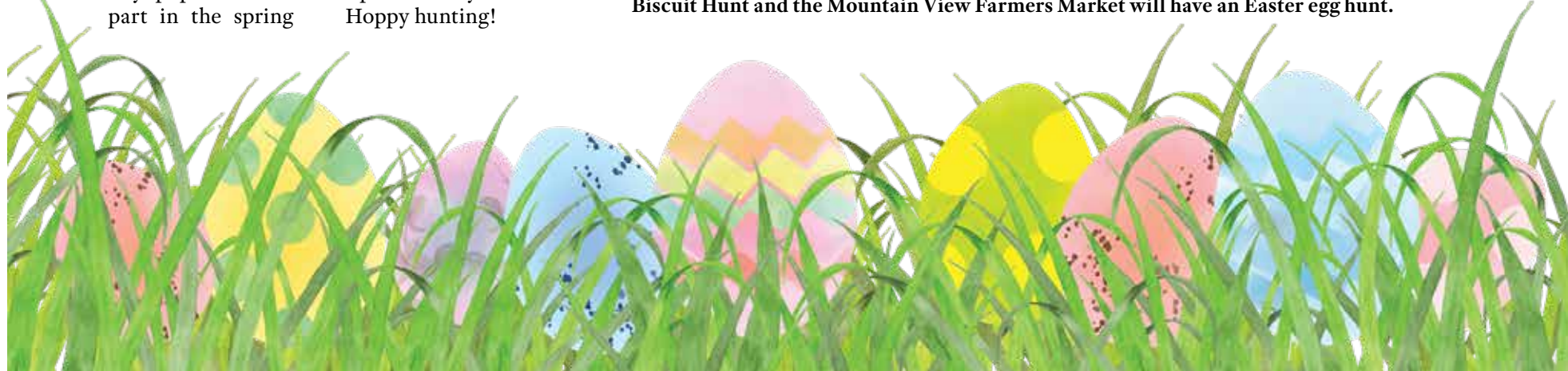
The Mountain View Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays.

Hoppy hunting!



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Children and their families can gather for a number of Easter and spring-related events this weekend. Los Altos will host its annual Spring Hunt, Los Altos Hills will host its Hoppin’ Hounds Biscuit Hunt and the Mountain View Farmers Market will have an Easter egg hunt.



# Easter

## Need easter help? Here's a spring spread any bunny can create

Culinary.net

With spring in the air, it's the perfect time to invite guests over for a hopping party. It's also a great opportunity to tackle that dreadful spring cleaning and spruce up your living spaces with vibrant de-

cor for visitors to enjoy alongside a delicious recipe.

With this sweet, colorful table arrangement, your whole family can get into the spring spirit. From festive utensils and a bright centerpiece to cute snacks, your spring setup can be fresh and fabulous.

It's simple to put together and easy on the budget. Pair it with appetizers or even a main dish for a full spring party spread that's sure to impress.

Find more springtime recipes at Culinary.net.

### Chick Cheese Balls

Recipe adapted from Hallmark.com

Yield: 10 chicks

Ingredients

- 1 package cream cheese
- 1/4 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 lemon, juice only
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
- Crackers
- Carrots
- Whole black peppercorns

Using mixer, combine cream cheese, garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Refrigerate mixture 1 hour.

Using fingers, form about 1 tablespoon of cream cheese mixture at a time into balls. Refrigerate 30 minutes on small baking sheet.

Before serving, roll each ball into shredded cheddar cheese to cover. Place each ball on round cracker.

Cut small triangles from carrots for beaks and feet. Press carrots onto cheese balls. Add peppercorns for eyes.



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Chick Cheese Balls, above, bring the spring spirit to Easter gatherings. Attendees can dig into the cheesy chicks with utensils formed in the shape of carrots, right.

### Carrot Utensils

What you need:

- Orange napkins
- Green plastic silverware
- Green ribbon

Lay napkins flat on table. Place one of each utensil in napkin facing top corner. Wrap napkin around utensils. Tie ribbon around middle of napkin. Place in bowl or basket on table.

### Spring Table Centerpiece

Recipe adapted from Craft-morning.com

- Jelly beans
- Chocolate coated candy eggs
- Marshmallow chicks
- Fresh or fake flowers



- Plastic or dyed eggs (optional)

Place medium bowl inside large dish. Pour jelly beans and chocolate coated candy eggs around bowl.

Add marshmallow chicks around dish on top of candies. Arrange fresh or fake flowers in center. Set on table as centerpiece. Place eggs.

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# Easter

## Make Easter even sweeter with this spring dessert

Statepoint

Looking for simple ways to elevate your Easter celebrations? This spring, home bakers are embracing bright colors, playful details and easy upgrades that turn classic treats into eye-catching centerpieces.

From pastel cupcakes and fruit-filled tarts to brunch-worthy pastries, festive finishing touches can instantly elevate your spread. The best part? With a few smart shortcuts and decorative flourishes, busy families can create desserts that look bakery-level beautiful – without spending all day in the kitchen.

One simple way to bring personality to seasonal treats is by incorporating Peeps Marshmallow into your baking. Their signature Chick and Bunny shapes and cheerful hues make them a natural fit for everything from cupcakes and brownies to pastry creations and dessert boards. Just one or two on top can transform an everyday treat into a celebration-ready showpiece.

“Whether you’re hosting brunch or bringing dessert to share with friends and family, Peeps can help tie your baking into the spring season,” said Caitlin

Servian, brand manager at Peeps. “Our classic Chicks and Bunnies add a playful finishing touch that instantly makes spring desserts feel special and unmistakably festive.”

Spring entertaining doesn’t have to be complicated to feel memorable. By incorporating ingredients that reflect the flavors of the season, you can create desserts that spark smiles the moment they hit the table. To help inspire your celebrations, baking and hosting influencer Sheri Wilson is sharing her Peeps Puff Pastry Baskets recipe featuring Peeps Pop-Tarts Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chicks. Created in collaboration with Pop-Tarts, the Frosted Strawberry flavor adds a sweet and fruity twist that pairs perfectly with fresh berries and whipped cream, making it an ideal treat that delivers both convenience and wow-factor for any spring gathering!

Makes four baskets

Prep time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 sheets puff pastry, thawed
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 1 cup sliced strawberries, plus extra for garnish

- 1 package Peeps Pop-Tarts Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chicks

- Royal icing flowers, optional

Directions

Unroll the thawed puff pastry sheets and cut out 8 rounds with a large circle cutter or mini tart pan. Place 4 rounds onto a lined baking sheet.

Cut out the centers of the remaining pastry rounds with a slightly smaller cutter.

Brush the larger rounds with egg wash, then place a pastry ring on top of each one. Brush again with egg wash. Top with a second pastry ring and brush again with egg wash. Poke the bottoms with a fork to prevent it from bubbling up while baking.

To make the basket handles, slice 1/2-inch strips of pastry, then twist into a rope. Place onto a baking sheet in a half-moon shape and brush with egg wash. Bake for about 10 minutes at 400-420 degrees F or until puffed up and golden brown.

Once baked and cooled, press the middles of each pastry basket down with a spoon. Fill with sliced strawberries and whipped cream.

Top each one with a Peeps Pop-



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Normal Peeps can be made even more delicious when placed in puff pastry baskets.

Tarts Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chick, halved strawberries, and a royal icing flower. To complete each basket, gently press the pastry handles into the whipped cream.

For more Easter inspiration, visit Peepsbrand.com.

By combining flaky pastry, fresh fruit and a sweet Marshmallow element, you can capture the spirit of Easter and the spring season in a way that feels approachable, colorful and celebration-ready.

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# Stepping Out

## April is National Poetry Month – It's time to share

By Mary Larsen

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What better way to celebrate National Poetry Month than by attending a poetry open mic? Hearing the words off the printed page, with the speaker's chosen inflections, brings the art form to life. Happily, both Los Altos and Mountain View offer opportunities for poets and appreciative listen-

ers to share their passion.

Poetry Los Altos presents an open mic 7-8 p.m. April 6 and subsequent first Mondays (September's meeting takes place the second Monday) at Los Altos Library, Pod D, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

Hilary King of Poetry Los Altos said she started the open mic about two years ago and that the Los Altos Library has been very supportive. She explained in an email that she

started the group in order "to bring more poetry to the town where I live. I am active in the greater Bay Area poetry community, and want poetry to have a home in Los Altos."

Six to 10 people show up at the library for each month's session, ranging in age from 7 to 80-something. The younger poets are more infrequent, King said, but are always welcome.

Welcome is a key word: "We don't judge or critique, we just listen," King said.

The group takes turns reading poems aloud – mostly poems participants have written, but sometimes "poems they've discovered in the world, whether in school, journals, the internet," she said. "I am a poet, and part of my job as a poet is to read poetry. So, I bring in lots of poems I think other people will enjoy hearing."

And some people come just

to listen and "that is very welcome," King said.

The subject matter is wide open, with the exception of hatefulness.

"We try to stay away from poems with words that are harmful, so no violent, racist language," she said. "Most people do read poems they have written, and they can be about any topic, from love to politics to pickleball."

For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/LAPoetryOpenMic](http://tinyurl.com/LAPoetryOpenMic) or email [poetrylosaltos@gmail.com](mailto:poetrylosaltos@gmail.com).

### In Mountain View

Red Rock Cafe, 201 Castro St., hosts an open mic Monday from 6-9:30 p.m. April 6 and subsequent Mondays, welcoming poets, spoken word artists, musicians and more.

For more information on the Red Rock Cafe open mic, visit [redrockcoffee.com/openmic](http://redrockcoffee.com/openmic).



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Music on Castro returns to downtown Mountain View today and runs until October. Enjoy live local and regional talent while exploring downtown shops and dining. No performances during inclement weather. Visit [MountainView.gov/MusicOnCastro](http://MountainView.gov/MusicOnCastro) to view the performance schedule.

• **Los Altos First Friday**, 6-9 p.m. Friday (April 3)

First Friday is a free community event featuring 10-15 bands playing simultaneously throughout downtown Los Altos. For more information and a list of performing musicians, visit [losaltosfirstfriday.fun](http://losaltosfirstfriday.fun).

• **"Thumbelina – A Fantasy Tale"**, 5 p.m. Saturday (April 4) and 3 p.m. Sunday (April 5), Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts MainStage, 500 Castro St.

Osipova Ballet performs the classic Hans Christian Andersen story of Thumbelina. When the thumb-sized girl is taken from her family, she embarks on a journey through the Enchanted Land in hopes of finding her way home. The performance is three hours; one 20-minute intermis-

sion. For tickets (\$37-\$63.50), visit [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com).

• **Magical Bridge Performance Series**, 4-5 p.m. April 8, Magical Bridge, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View

A free fun-filled afternoon of music and entertainment is in store at the Magical Bridge Playground in Rengstorff Park. The family-friendly series will feature performances by magicians, puppeteers, musicians and more. The event will take place twice a month through June. For a list of performers, visit [MountainView.gov/MagicalBridgeSeries](http://MountainView.gov/MagicalBridgeSeries).

• **San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents "Julius Caesar"**, 2-3 p.m. April 11, Los Altos Library Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

This timeless story follows the celebrated Roman leader whose growing influence sparks fear, loyalty and betrayal among those closest to him, leading to one of the most iconic turning points in theatre. This production explores ambition, honor and the struggle for power in a way that resonates with audiences today. The performance is suitable for teens and adults. Free. No pre-registration required but attendees are advised to arrive 15 minutes early.

# Puzzles Page

## Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

### Across

1. Corp. money managers, abbr.
5. Forelimb
8. Alpha \_\_\_ Delta
11. Host
12. Clay mixture
14. Coke's partner
15. "An apple \_\_\_\_"- 2 words
16. Canadian lake
18. Memory unit, for short
19. Perp prosecutors, abbr.
20. Blubber
21. Not long ago
23. Storyteller's offerings
26. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ carte or king , 2 words
27. Seniors
- 28. Los Altos Oyster bar, goes with 35 down**
31. Sports artist LeRoy
32. Chinese and Japanese, e.g.
33. 66, e.g., abbr.
34. Football's Greasy
35. Triumphant shout

38. Plaintive cry
39. Spanish cheer
40. Emirates, for short
42. Busy
45. Alternative to Charles de Gaulle airport
46. Refrain syllables
47. Subside
48. Regulation
49. Glacier material
50. Golf driving locale
51. US abbr., abbr.

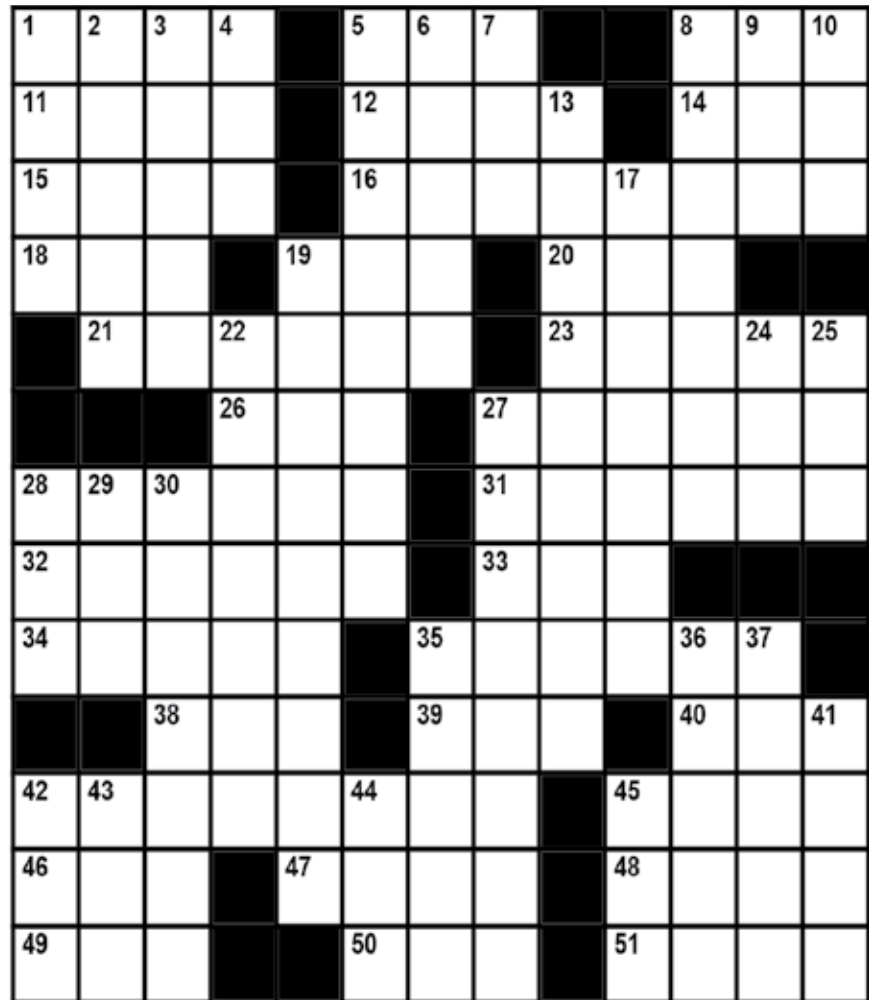
### Down

1. Jam-pack
2. Noise control
3. Adult, 2 words
4. Muddy locale
5. Farmers' publications
6. Certain tribute
7. Homo sapiens
8. Difficulty
9. Wheel centre
10. Introduction, in a way- 2 words
13. Flower to be kissed under
17. More subservient

19. Sketch
22. A Spanish language
24. Tide competitor
25. Nine-digit ID, abbr.
27. New student
28. Published
29. Put into service
30. Blue-eyed cat
35. See 28 across
- 36. Michelin Guide Los Altos Indian restaurant**
37. Won best actress for her role in Monster's Ball , first name
41. Appraiser
42. \_\_\_ Manning, Super Bowl winning quarterback
43. Hoover, e.g., informally
44. Like Falstaff
45. "Are you a man \_\_\_ mouse?"- 2 words

- Los Altos clues bolded

**Answers on Page 34**

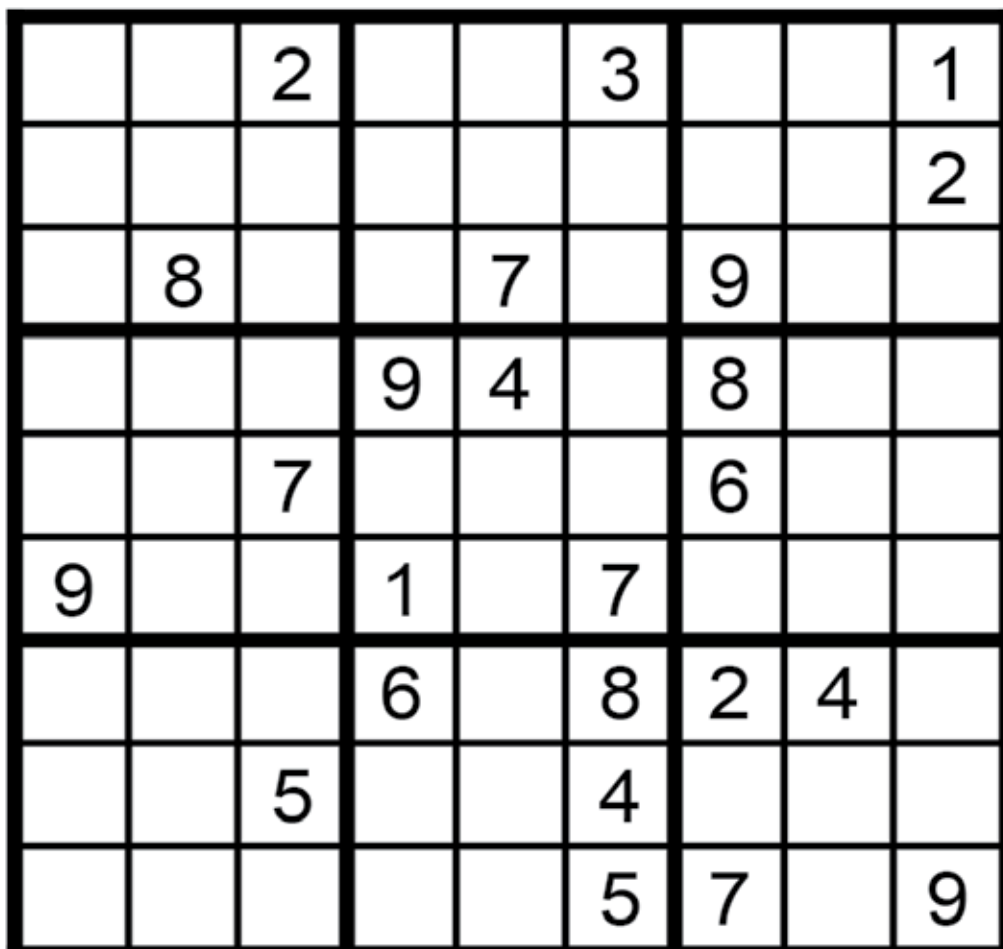


## Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium



## Find A Word



15 words that start with w are listed below. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one as you find it.

- |            |        |        |
|------------|--------|--------|
| Waddle     | Wander | Willow |
| Waffle     | Ward   | Wilt   |
| Wagging    | While  | Window |
| Wallflower | White  | Wings  |
| Wallow     | Wigwam | Wowing |

# Business & Real Estate

## Mountain View Candle Company moves locations

By Mia Scott  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

After five years of operating her own studio, Mountain View Candle Company founder Jacqui Marchessini is shifting to a modern lounge concept in a new location to navigate the changing economic landscape.

The business – which Marchessini started during the COVID-19 pandemic – recently moved from its long-time home on Mountain View Avenue to a more contemporary space on El Camino Real, rebranded as a lounge. Along with selling candles, Marchessini offers workshops in candle making, pressed flowers and perfumes.

“As a business owner, you know there are going to be moments of ups and downs where you have to shift and make hard choices,” she said. “It was so difficult to give up my little studio, but I know in the long

run it is eventually going to be better for us.”

The transition to the new location in January follows a decline in large-scale corporate bookings that began in mid-2025, according to Marchessini.

“I think it had a lot to do with the economy and the political climate we are dealing with,” Marchessini said. “We weren’t seeing as many groups as we have in the past, like big, large team-buildings.”

Mountain View Candle Company’s new lounge is a departure from the farmhouse style of Marchessini’s previous studio near downtown. The new studio, between Escuela and Rengstorff avenues, is a bar-style creative space.

“I think it offers them a place to come and be creative and to feel comfortable,” Marchessini said. “I think it feels very good.



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See CANDLES, Page 23 Jacqui Marchessini, Mountain View Candle Company founder, leads a candle-making workshop.

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## City of Mtn. View announces new technology director

By Giuseppe Ricapito  
Staff Writer/giuseppeer@latc.com

Mountain View’s new information and tech chief was announced March 24 as Michael Sinor, former chief technology officer for the city of San Leandro.

“I am honored to join the city of Mountain View and build on the strong foundation of innovation and service to the community,” said Sinor. “I look forward to working collaboratively across the organization to deliver thoughtful, reliable, and forward-looking technology solutions.”

Sinor will start on the job on April 27. His annual starting salary is \$305,000.

“He is an innovative and results-oriented leader, bringing with him decades of information technology experience from working for cities in Northern California,” said City Manager Kimbra McCarthy. “Michael brings a strategic mindset to Mountain View and is also willing to roll up his sleeves to help implement our vision to make technology advancements for the benefit of the organization and community.”

The city’s chief information officer and information technology director (CIO/IT) is responsible for maintaining the tele-

communications infrastructure of 13 city departments, which includes enterprise systems, software, networks and free city Wi-Fi. The department has 25 employees and has an annual budget of \$11.3 million.



Sinor

Sinor brings 26 years of IT experience in the public sector. He began his government career in Roseville as a geographic information system analyst and later became assistant director of information technology. Sinor holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and has received certification as a government chief information officer.

Sinor’s appointment follows the March 2026 retirement of the city’s first CIO/IT Director Roger Jensen. Jensen announced his retirement in December following 12 years with the city.

Jensen is credited with expanding Wi-Fi across downtown, developing the city’s artificial intelligence policy and augmenting the technology systems in use by city officials and members of the public.

## Strategic ways to reduce your taxable income

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**H**ave you ever lamented how much of your earnings go to taxes? One way to ensure that more of your money benefits you and your future is by making strategic contributions to tax-advantaged savings accounts.

By opening and contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) and Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can substantially reduce your taxable income. Not sure if these accounts are right for you? Consider these insights from Fidelity:

### HSAs

An HSA is an account that can be used to pay for qualified medical expenses, including copays, prescriptions, dental care, contacts and eyeglasses, bandages, X-rays and a lot more. It's "tax-advantaged" because your

contributions reduce your taxable income; the money isn't taxed while it's in the account, even if it earns interest or investment returns; and as long as you use your HSA funds for qualified medical expenses, you won't owe taxes when you take money out of the account. This triple-tax advantage is powerful, but it's not the only reason why HSAs are so popular. Unlike a flexible spending account, an HSA is not "use-it-or-lose-it," meaning it doesn't need to be spent within a certain timeframe. If you don't need the money in your HSA for current medical expenses, you can save and invest it until you do, and even take the account with you when you leave an employer. Just keep in mind that to open and contribute to an HSA, you'll need to be enrolled in an HSA-eligible health plan.

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Mountain View Candle Company offers workshops and a space for creatives to create candles and other goods.

### CANDLES

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When I welcome you in, you can walk around, grab what you need."

The candle-making and pressed-flower workshops run about an hour, while the process to create perfumes can take up to two hours, the owner said.

Marchessini rents the new space by the hour, allowing her to operate the business on a "pay-to-play" basis, she said.

This, in turn, reduces operational costs, the owner added.

"It's not as 'workshopy' as much as it is a lounge," Marchessini said. "We have a bar in there where we set up all the candles, and people just come up to the bar and kind of make their candles, versus sitting at a workshop table."

Marchessini, who has lived in Mountain View since age 4, said she remains committed to her hometown as her business model evolves. While the company continues to provide mo-

bile services and events for corporate clients, she is focused on the long-term sustainability of the lounge.

"I love my business; I don't want to see it closed completely," she said. "We'll just see what happens. I'll keep it mobile, I'll keep it in the lounge and we'll just keep seeing what happens."

*Mountain View Candle Company is located at 1984 W. El Camino Real. For more information and pricing, visit [mountainviewcandleco.com](http://mountainviewcandleco.com).*

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# Business & Real Estate

## Transactions

### Los Altos

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101 2nd Street #2, Zolfaghari Trust to Stout Family Trust for \$762,000

1280 Grant Road #94024, Crouch 2010 Trust to J. and L. Xu for \$3,171,000

1235 Via Huerta, Seminara Trust to Dixon Trust for \$3,550,000

893 Madonna Way, P. Tomkins to P. and D. Gupta for \$4,188,000

652 Rosewood Court, Kuperman Family Trust to S. and S. Mukherjee for \$4,350,000

459 Los Ninos Way, Visionary Development LLC to Sigma Homes LLC for \$5,225,500

83 Doud Drive, Lukrich Family Trust to Silicon Vly Wzgarland Cap for \$6,760,000

### Los Altos Hills

27856 Black Mountain Road,

Scott Trust to K. and X. Yu for \$4,830,000

26321 Alexander Place, Field Family Trust to 26321 Holdings LLC for \$18,150,000

### Mountain View

1033 Crestview Drive #308, M. Phillips to D. and P. Khade for \$498,000

83 Devonshire Avenue #7, Kohn Trust to B. and L. Humphreys for \$1,100,000

2045 Atlas Loop, B. Thompson to C. and J. Wen for \$1,320,000

2574 Alvin Street, S. Singh to Patti Trust for \$1,520,000

311 Marquette Circle, L. Dai to H. Rahn for \$1,545,000

2287 Mora Place, M. Fu to X. and B. Sun for \$1,550,000

455 Lotus Lane, Pine Trust to J. Dai for \$1,550,000

201 Ortega Avenue, Goodrich Trust to M. and J. Johnson for \$1,831,000

2268 Mora Place, X. Yan to S. and G. Go for \$1,905,000

628 Mountain View Avenue, Lezchuk Trust to Super Amazing Capital LLC for \$2,000,000

348 Nita Avenue, Y. Wan to F. and P. Deng for \$2,470,000

217 Heartwood Lane, J. Wu to C. and G. Siano for \$2,648,000

### Total sales

#### Los Altos

Total sales: 8

Lowest sale: \$735,000

Highest sale: \$6,760,000

Average sale: \$3,592,700

#### Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 2

Lowest sale: \$4,830,000

Highest sale: \$18,150,000

Average sale: \$11,490,000

#### Mountain View

Total sales: 12

Lowest sale \$498,000

Highest sale: \$2,648,000

Average sale: \$1,661,400

— CalREsource

## TAXES

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### IRAs

An IRA refers to a tax-advantaged account designed to help you save for retirement on your own, independent of an employer. There are several types of IRAs, but when people say “IRA” alone, they often mean a traditional IRA. That’s a type anyone with earned income can open and contribute to. Traditional IRAs allow you to save on income taxes now and pay them later in retirement, when you could be in a lower tax bracket and therefore owe less in taxes. Fidelity estimates that you may need 55% to 80% of your pre-retirement income in retirement. Because an employer-sponsored savings plan might not be enough to accumulate the savings you need due to annual contribution limits, investing through an IRA could help you save more for the future.

Before opening an IRA, check out a few different firms that offer them. Find out whether they offer helpful support and a user-friendly experience, plus whether they charge any fees or minimums. Then, once the account is open, decide how much you want to contribute and how often.

“Setting up automated contributions can make saving for retirement into a habit that requires very little effort,” said Rita Assaf, vice president, retirement at Fidelity. “It’s also a good idea to regularly check your asset mix to see if it is still a good fit for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.”

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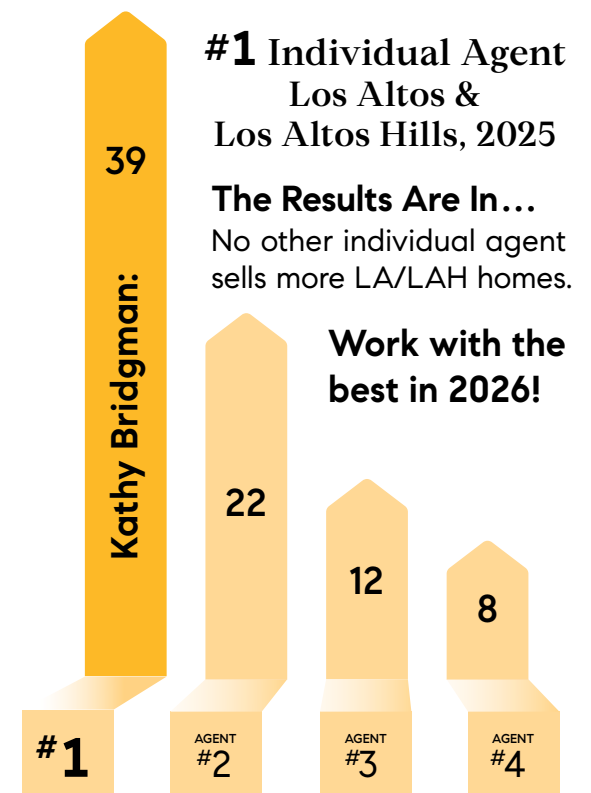
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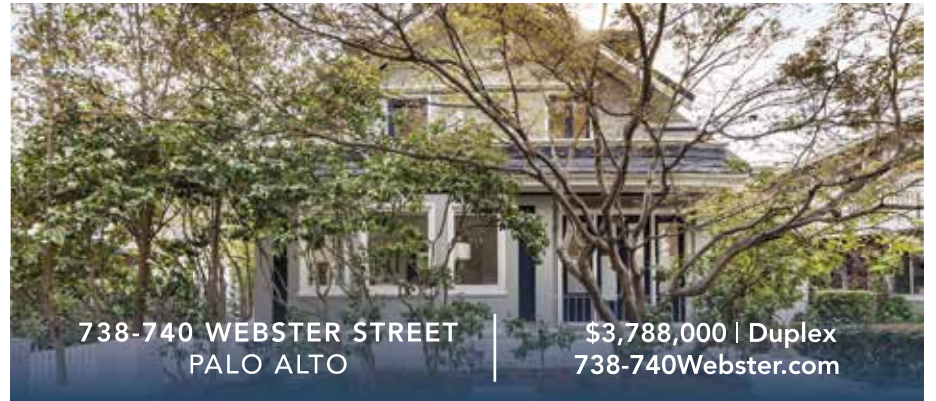


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## INVITATION FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

Pursuant to California Education Code 17406, notice is hereby given that subcontractor bids will be received by Blach Construction - 2244 Blach Place, Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95131. Bids must be received in accordance with Blach Construction's instructions by Friday, April 10th, 2026 at 2:00PM. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure timely delivery via Building Connected. FHDACCD Foothill College Decarbonization Bids Due: Friday, April 10th, 2026 Project Scope: Construction of new unoccupied equipment yard screened enclosure (no roof) and installation of air source heat pump plant with associated HHW & CHW pumps, piping, and associated electrical service equipment. Work includes associated site improvements in and around new plant enclosure. Contract Bid Documents: Copies of the bid & contract documents in-

cluding drawings and specifications are available through Building Connected. Please reach out to Justin Nelson with Blach Construction at (408) 465-6299 or justin.nelson@blach.com for access as needed. Prevailing Wage and Skilled & Trained Workforce Requirements: Per Public Contract Code 2601 and 2602 as well as Senate Bill 693, all subcontractors at every tier must adhere to Skilled & Trained Workforce Requirements. Additionally, prevailing wage is required on this project. Additional information is provided in Blach Construction's Bid Documents. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: . The successful bidder will be required to have the appropriate State of California Contractor's License to perform the work, current at the time of submission to bid. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed on, be listed in a proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractor's current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. a. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Compliance Monitoring Unit ("CMU") of the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.3 and subject to the requirements of section 16450 et seq. of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner in accordance with section 16461 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, of the Labor Code. b. In bidding this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all Labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in this bid. Pre-Qualification: Pre-qualification by Blach Construction is a requirement for ALL subcontractors that will enter into a contract/agreement with Blach Construction. The successful bidder will be required to either meet the DVBE goal of three percent (3%) participation or demonstrate its good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the contract for the Work. For more information, please contact Justin Nelson with Blach Construction Company at (408) 465-

6299 or justin.nelson@blach.com 3/25, 4/1/26 CNS-4022469# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (03-25-26,04-01-26)

071-T

## BOBBY WEDDINGS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724689

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BOBBY WEDDINGS, 1937 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Daljeet Bhogal, 1937 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/11/2026. /S/ Daljeet Bhogal / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/11/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

069-T

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. PROFESSIONAL VISION SOLUTIONS, 10080 N Wolfe Rd Ste SW3200, Cupertino, CA 95014 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 09/12/2024 Under File No. FBN709384 Full Name of Registrant(s): UNIRAM TECHNOLOGY, INC., 10080 N Wolfe Rd Ste SW3200, Cupertino, CA 95014 This business was conducted by: a corporation This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Mar. 11, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN724671 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

068-T

## POSTALWINGS PLUS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN723994

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: POSTALWINGS PLUS, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rita Garcia, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2026. /S/ Rita Garcia / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/20/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

067-T

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. MEDIATION SERVICES, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 10/08/2012 Under File No. FBN570428 Full Name of Registrant(s): Nathan Cruz, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020, Rita Garcia, 8339 Church Street #111, Gilroy, CA 95020 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723992 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

066-T

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. POSTAL WINGS PLUS, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 01/20/2026 Under File No. FBN722876 Full Name of Registrant(s): Rita Garcia, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124, Nathan Cruz, 14938 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124 This business was conducted by: a general partnership This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Feb. 20, 2026. Louis Chiaramonte County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN723993 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

065-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MO'OREA KEALANI SUGUITAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV488093

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Mo'orea Kealani Suguitan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Mo'orea Kealani Suguitan

Proposed Name: a. Mo'orea Kealani Millar Noah

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the mat-

ter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/09/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/06/2026 /s/ Charles Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

064-T

## CHEIRON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN722638

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHEIRON, 4970 El Camino Real, Suite 210, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PHNYX LAB LLC, 4970 El Camino Real, Suite 210, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Donggi Lee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 01/08/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

063-T

## BOARD & FOLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724513

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BOARD & FOLD, 900 High School Way Apt 2133, Mountain View, CA, 94041, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): No Name Given Somya, 900 High School Way Apt 2133, Mountain View, CA 94041. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ No Name Given Somya / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/05/2026. (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

062-T

## NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT

1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR (name): Decorative Plumbing Distributors, LLC, William D. Butler and Anne H. Butler

2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED a. Upon application of the judgment creditor, a judgment against you has been entered in this court as follows: (1) Judgment creditor (name): Austin Business Finance, LLC (2) Amount of judgment entered in this court: \$602,151.29

b. This judgment was entered based upon a sister-state judgment previously entered against you as follows: (1) Sister state (name): Texas

(2) Sister-state court (name and location): Williamson County, 425th Judicial District, 405 Martin Luther Kind, Jr. St., Georgetown, TX

(3) Judgment entered in sister state on (date): September 23, 2025

(4) Title of case and case number (specify): Austin Business Finance, LLC vs. Decorative Plumbing Distributors, LLC, et al. Williamson County, TX 425th Judicial District. Case No. 25-0138-C425

3. A sister-state judgment has been entered against you in California court. Unless you file a motion to vacate the judgment in this court within 30 DAYS after service of this notice, this judgment will be final.

This court may order that a writ of execution or other enforcement may issue. Your wages, money, and property could be taken without further warning from the court.

If enforcement procedures have already been issued, the property levied on will not be distributed until 30 days after you are served with this notice.

Dated: 01/09/2026 Clerk, by M. Arechiga, Deputy

The name and address of the court is: THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113 CASE NUMBER: 26CV483989

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: BRUCE W. HOGAN State Bar #66206 (805) 963-9585 (805) 963-2774 Fax KINGSTON, MARTINEZ & HOGAN, LLP 1300 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

061-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF DEEPTI JUTURU ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV488077

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

Proposed Name: a. Deepti Mishra

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

# Public Notices

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/09/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/05/2026 /s/ Charles F Adams Judge of the Superior Court (03-18,25-26,04-01,08-26)

060-T

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

059-T

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bailey Wash and Fold, 570 North Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): AZ Wash Inc., 570 N Shoreline Blvd #B, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /s/ Keren Li / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 02/25/2026. (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

053-T

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

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FAWN CREEK FAMILY VINEYARDS, 27865 Fawn Creek Court, Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): FAWN CREEK ENTER-

PRISES LLC, 27865 Fawn Creek Court, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /s/ Jason Henderson / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/02/2026. (03-11,18,25-26,04-01-26)

052-T

## ANRI ADVISORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN724175

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

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is usually all it costs to publish your Fictitious Business Name

or

Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name

in the Los Altos

Town Crier

Email

legals@latc.com

by 2pm on

Thursday



# Datebook

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

## EVENTS

**Los Altos Main Library.** All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month. **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. **Other events:**

**Stylish Sustainability Craft**, 6:30 p.m. April 16. Join local, sustainable artist Gigi Farmer and celebrate Earth Day this year by bringing an old garment to this workshop and turning it into a unique, one-of-a-kind piece of wearable art by adding patchwork, applique, buttons, pockets, trim, lace, etc. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials (other than the garment/piece of clothing) will be provided. No registration necessary. Free. **Electrifying Your Life: A Roadmap for Reducing Your Footprint**, 7 p.m. April 21. Join GreenTown for a special Earth Day event, part of its Go Green Series, featuring Stanford University professor Mark Z. Jacobson, whose career has focused on better understanding air pollution and global warming, and developing large-scale clean, renewable energy solutions to address them. Also hear from a local resident about their electrification journey.

**Mountain View Public Library.** All events held in the main library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View, unless otherwise indicated. **Baby Storytime**, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Mountain View Public Library, first floor program room. Musical storytime for infants, babies and new toddlers with books, baby bounces and dancing. After storytime, we will host a brief stay and play for grownups to connect and mingle. Program designed for ages 0-18 months.

**Kusamura Bonsai Club 66th Annual Show**, noon to 4 p.m. April 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19. Free entry to view over 60 bonsai on display. Japanese tea refreshments. Bonsai artist Jennifer Price from Chicago will demo and guide tours. Children's Corner, door prizes, sale of trees, bonsai pots, tools, stands, books, etc. Addison Elementary School, 1045 Webster St. Palo Alto. Information: [kusamurabonsai.org](http://kusamurabonsai.org)

**Garden Club of Los Altos. Spring Plant Exchange**, 10 a.m. to noon May 2. Los Altos History Museum Open Plaza, 51 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Bring your healthy extra plants, seedlings, cuttings, bulbs, seeds, small trees or shrubs, and take home something new in exchange. Plants must be labelled. No privets or invasive plants. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Los Altos and the Los Altos Recreation Department with support from the Los Altos History Museum. Free admission (but must bring labelled plants), rain or shine. Information: Linda Dewi at [ldewi2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ldewi2000@yahoo.com).

## CLUBS/GROUPS

**Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.** Meets noon every Tuesday. Manzanita Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: [decaisin@losaltoskiwanis.org](mailto:decaisin@losaltoskiwanis.org)

**Los Altos Art Club.** 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: [losaltosartclub.com](http://losaltosartclub.com).

**InSpirit Healing Rooms.** Healing service for those battling illness, injury or feeling discouraged. 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. Information: [InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com](mailto:InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com).

# Crossword Answers

1	C	F	O	S		5	A	R	M		8	P	H	I		
11	R	A	F	T		12	L	O	A	M		14	R	U	M	
15	A	D	A	Y		16	M	A	N	I		17	T	O	B	A
18	M	E	G		19	D	A	S		20	S	O	B			
	21	R	E		22	C	E	N	T		23	T	A	L	E	S
				26	A	L	A		27	E	L	D	E	R	S	
28	R	U	S	T	I	C		31	N	E	I	M	A	N		
32	A	S	I	A	N	S		33	R	T	E					
34	N	E	A	L	E		35	H	O	O	R	A	H			
		38	M	A	A		39	O	L	E		40	U	A	E	
42	E	V	E	N	T		44	F	U	L		45	O	R	L	Y
46	L	A	S		47	E	A	S	E		48	R	U	L	E	
49	I	C	E			50	T	E	E		51	A	M	E	R	

# Sudoku Answers

5	9	2	8	6	3	4	7	1
1	7	6	4	5	9	3	8	2
3	8	4	2	7	1	9	5	6
2	5	3	9	4	6	8	1	7
4	1	7	5	8	2	6	9	3
9	6	8	1	3	7	5	2	4
7	3	9	6	1	8	2	4	5
6	2	5	7	9	4	1	3	8
8	4	1	3	2	5	7	6	9

# Find A Word Answers

C	W	Q	P	L	C	O	N	N	B	D	W	V	I	T
H	A	N	D	L	N	V	Z	A	S	Q	C	M	E	D
S	L	W	X	A	P	Z	W	Y	R	U	I	W	A	G
I	L	G	B	J	H	A	N	O	G	K	I	V	N	R
C	O	P	R	P	N	D	K	N	L	G	A	I	W	E
C	W	L	C	U	W	D	I	M	W	L	G	O	A	W
D	C	X	Q	X	T	W	M	A	Q	G	I	I	D	O
I	W	I	L	T	O	W	M	C	A	C	Z	W	D	L
A	V	S	G	W	E	A	E	W	W	E	D	R	L	F
A	O	R	Q	T	Q	F	J	T	A	O	H	E	E	L
H	Y	P	B	Y	V	F	Z	J	W	W	D	D	Z	L
S	G	N	I	W	R	L	Q	H	H	H	W	N	H	A
W	E	J	F	G	L	E	I	K	Y	I	A	A	I	W
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# OBITUARY NOTICE

## MELANEE DEE MURPHREE



November 12, 1951 - November 1, 2025

Melanee Dee Murphree, longtime resident of Los Altos, passed away surrounded by her family on November 1, 2025. Melanee was born in Carmel, California to Cecil Murphree and Marietta Nunnally Murphree and grew up in Castro Valley, California along with siblings Marcee, Ludene, Courtney, and Mark.

After high school, Melanee enrolled at UC Berkeley and graduated in 1973 with a BA in Social Welfare. After a number of interesting jobs, she found her true calling while working as a teacher's aide in a Special Ed class in Walnut Creek, California. She decided to pursue a second degree in Occupational Therapy and become an OT, specializing in pediatrics. She enrolled at San Jose State University and graduated with an MS in Occupational Therapy in 1983.

As a pediatric OT she worked for the Hayward School District, Children's Health Council of Palo Alto, and had her own private practice for most of her career. She loved working with and helping children succeed in life. Two of her specialties were handwriting and teaching older, fearful children to ride a bike.

While still at San Jose State, she met, fell in love with, and married the love of her life, Gary Neal Robertson. They were married in 1981, settled in Los Altos, California and had two wonderful children, Brenna Murphree Robertson and Brady Patrick Robertson. They spent many wonderful weekends at their little cottage in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the BREADBOX. Later in her life, she and Gary loved to travel and did many international trips by themselves or with various groups of friends, to many exotic places such as Africa, Peru, Viet Nam, Turkey, Patagonia, and Morocco, to name a few.

After retirement, Melanee's most recent and enduring passion became playing the cello. She had to learn from scratch, which is not an easy thing for

an older adult. But she persevered and eventually joined and played in two adult orchestras: TACO (Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra) in Los Altos and the Mountain View Senior Orchestra. She loved both and loved playing with others.

Melanee was famous among friends and family for her other interests as well, including fruit and vegetable gardening, dancing whenever she could get the chance, making limoncello and olallieberry jam, hiking every weekday with a different friend, and close-sitting.

Melanee's last chapter, which occurred in 2025 was both difficult and extremely unlucky. It included a breast cancer diagnosis and surgery with a promising prognosis, but followed immediately by the double whammy of a second, very rare and much more aggressive cancer, which was ultimately fatal. All this in the space of seven months.

But during treatment and her physical decline Melanee retained her optimistic outlook and sense of humor and continued to visit with longtime friends and family. She was upbeat about the life she had lived, even knowing that her days were limited.

Melanee is survived by her husband of 44 years, Gary, her children, Brenna and Brady, her sister Courtney and brother Mark, and by her sisters and brothers-in-laws Janice Nixon, Deborah Robertson, James Nixon, and Mike Anderson.

While she will be deeply missed, her legacy of optimism, grace, and joy lives on in her family, her friends, and the new generation that will soon carry her light forward in the world.

## MARY ELIZABETH AYERS



May 22, 1928 - January 16, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Ayers of Los Altos Hills passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by three generations of her family.

Mary was born in Armstrong BC

Canada and lived her childhood on the family farm there. She graduated from Vancouver General Hospital nursing program and became a registered nurse. She enjoyed the outdoors, climbing and back country skiing in the coast range, Rockies, and Europe.

She moved to the Bay Area in the mid-fifties with her husband Rev who was on scholarship to Stanford. Together, they built a beautiful home in Los Altos Hills. She worked many years at San Jose Hospital in the labor and delivery department until her retirement.

Mary donated her time to many organizations including Hidden Villa, WILPF, Raging Grannies and the San Jose Peace Center.

She is survived by her three children and spouses, seven grandchildren and spouses, 23 great-grandchildren, and her sister. Mary will be remembered for her hospitality, great cooking, gardening, artistic creativity, photography and love for her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hidden Villa. Please join us in remembrance on April 11th at 2:00pm. Bring your best stories of Mary to 26969 Moody Rd, Los Altos Hills.

## BARBARA JANE CRAIG



May 20, 1962 - March 8, 2026

Barbara Jane Craig 63, passed away peacefully in Santa Clara on March 8, 2026, from complications due to neurodegenerative disease. Her family, friends and care givers were with her continuously during the last few days.

Born Barbara Jane Craig on May 20, 1962, in Atlanta Georgia, she was the youngest of 4 children. Driven by her father's career, the family moved regularly, Atlanta Georgia, Rockville Maryland and Bernardsville New Jersey before the last move to Los Altos Hills California in spring of 1972.

Barbara attended Fremont

Hills Elementary School, Terman Middle School and graduated from Gunn High School in 1980. Though Barbara was dealt several tough cards from birth, her public-school career was blessed with good grades and lifelong friends. After high school, group homes, vocational programs and regular employment were not for Barbara, her free spirit was not a match for these programs. Instead, with support for housing and expenses she lived independently for most of her adult life. She became an expert on the local bus system and with her VTA Pass she could navigate several counties on any given day. A devoted sports fan Barbara could be seen regularly at Stanford Baseball Games, Stanford Women's Basketball Games as well as San Jose Giants Games. An avid bicyclist, she loved to explore the peninsula on two wheels and was a member of Western Wheelers for many years. Barbara also took great comfort from her Christian faith and could often be seen at many of the local churches.

Barbara developed neurodegenerative disease later in life and found it difficult to maintain her independent lifestyle. Fortunately, she was admitted as a long-term resident at a local nursing home where she lived out her life.

She was predeceased by her father William in 1982, her mother Linda Hughes in 2024, and her brother Bradford Hughes in 2021. She is survived by her brothers Jonathan Dawes II (Linda), Parker William, sister-in-law Denise Phipps and her nieces and nephews Jonathan Dawes III, Avery Margaret, Chestina Nicole and Willam Daniel.

Barbara was loved and will be missed; her unique perspective and spicy personality always kept us on our toes.

Any sympathy in the form of a donation can be made to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



## BETTY DAWN SKOV



August 30, 1943 - March 17, 2026

Betty Dawn Skov, a long-time resident of Los Altos, was born on August 30, 1943 and passed away on March 17, 2026. She is survived by her husband Paul, children Martin Skov and Esther Hardesty, Esther's husband Marc, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The daughter of the late Betty and Ralph Shaeffer, Betty graduated from Stanford University and began her career as a French teacher. After receiving her MBA from San Jose State University, she moved into public relations and worked in the computer peripherals industry.

She was a dedicated member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mountain View. She sang in the choir for many years and was always ready to participate in and assist with congregational activities.

Betty had a knack for making lifelong friends, remaining close to the Danish family she lived with during a year of high school, fellow students from the Stanford in France program, former colleagues, and her church community. Throughout her life she brought joy to her family and friends with her sense of humor, attention to detail, and deep kindness.

She loved to travel with Paul, and they visited five continents together. They often turned trips to visit family in Colorado into adventures, going off the beaten path to see historic and natural sites. Together, they enjoyed discovering new wines, helping Friends of the Winemakers advance its goal of creating a Santa Clara Valley wine museum, working with the Decision Education Foundation, and spending time with their grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

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