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Complete Streets Commission continues 2026 plan

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 30, the Los Altos Complete Streets Commission met to provide updates and go over details behind its 2026 work plan.

The Complete Streets 2026 work plan highlights four main goals: complete masterplan stewardship, improve pedestrian and multimodal paths, address public safety locations of concern and manage capital improvement projects.

These main goals are well underway, either through initial surveying, negotiation, implementation or other standard processes.

In this same vein, commissioners looked toward the future in order to begin preparing for 2027's work plan.



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Bike safety, or lack thereof, in downtown Los Altos is among the concerns of the Complete Streets Commission.

Following this meeting, the commission decreased from seven to five members.

Commissioners noted that these are steps toward long-term improvements, as many of the subgoals within these

main goals include construction projects and various contract negotiations. But action is being taken.

To access the full plan, see tinyurl.com/losaltosstreets.

Mountain View makes steps toward 2045 carbon neutrality goal

By Ava Acharya
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The city of Mountain View's council sustainability committee approved a draft five-year community decarbonization plan, recommending that City Council adopt and implement the plan as part of the city's goal towards carbon neutrality by 2045.

The plan, titled "Climate Forward Mountain View: Building Momentum Toward a Carbon-Free Future," utilizes adaptive planning across four main focus areas: clean buildings, clean transportation, zero waste and ecosystem sequestration.

"The idea behind adaptive planning is fairly simple: Act where we can now, watch

changes, keep options open and adjust when needed," said Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky. "We don't want to lock the city to assumptions about what conditions might look like five years from now, or even 20 years from now."

By using this method, the city would be able to more

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Los Altos Hills city council candidates speak at forum

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

With Los Altos Hills city council elections right around the corner, the League of Women Voters hosted a forum on Sept. 30 to showcase each candidate's platform.

The candidates, Indu Kadambi, Jim Waschura and Jasmeen Pombra, gathered to address the Los Altos Hills community while voicing their stances, ideas and relevant experience.

They are running for two open seats, out of the five total seats on Los Altos Hills City Council. Elections will be held on Nov. 3. The forum's questions came from both the League of Women Voters and audience

participants, presented by event moderator Fiona Walter.

As a semi-rural area in California, Los Altos Hills faces some risk of wildfires. Additionally, the city's contract with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department is coming to an end. This contract has drawn some concern due to its high cost.

A new housing mandate requires the construction of 489 new units, about 200 of which must be considered affordable housing. This has raised concerns surrounding overcrowding as many residents wish to maintain the city's semi-rural character.

Much of the forum's discussion

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City Council candidates at the Sept. 30 forum. From left, Indu Kadambi, Jim Waschura and Jasmeen Pombra.

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"Measure D is an overreach, **weakens our representative democracy**, and seriously disrupts the normal operations of Los Altos city government, including requiring an expensive election each time the city needs to make routine improvements to the downtown parking plazas. It is poorly drafted and potentially creates a conflict with state housing laws, which would expose the city to legal challenges and **lawsuits costing Los Altos taxpayers thousands of dollars**. I recommend Los Altos residents vote NO on Measure D."

— **Neysa Fligor, Santa Clara County Assessor***

"I oppose Measure D because passing it will delay the development of affordable housing and **harm our local schools**. Affordable housing is needed to hire and retain the amazing teachers that make LASD and MVLA destination districts. Not to mention, affordable housing makes it easier for families of all income levels to move into and remain here."

— **Jessica Speiser, VP SCC Board of Education***

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Sidewalk Talk

What is your favorite Halloween candy?

Interviews and photos by Max Asmar, Town Crier Editorial Intern

This week, we met up with folks at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market to ask: What is your favorite Halloween candy?



"My favorite Halloween candy is Twix because I really like chocolate and I also really like caramel. I think Twix has those two in the perfect ratio."

– Sydney Li, Los Altos



"My favorite Halloween candy is Butterfingers. As a kid, it always melted in my mouth, and I really love that feeling."

– Arjun Desai, San Francisco



"My favorite Halloween candy is actually jawbreakers ... it used to be the (candy) I got the most of as a kid. So then I just kept eating them one after the other, and then they lasted for so long that I started to develop a liking for them."

– Atharv Chandratre, Santa Clara



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Mountain View city council approves Active Transportation Plan



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The Sept. 22 Mountain View City Council meeting also included a proclamation by Mayor Emily Ann Ramos recognizing October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

At Mountain View's Sept. 22 City Council meeting, council members unanimously voted to approve the Mountain View Active Transportation Plan (MVATP), with the end goal of fostering a culture of walking and biking among city residents.

By supporting this culture through projects and policies, the city aims to reduce climate change impacts and promote local biodiversity.

"(It) focuses on people-powered modes of transportation," said Jennifer Ng, public works director for the city of Mountain View. "This plan sets our long-range vision while recognizing that our already built infrastructure ... are part of what gives Mountain View its character."

This plan comes as a combination of Mountain View's Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP), which was adopted in January of 2014, and the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP), which was adopted in November of 2015.

"This plan ... builds on previous plans local to Mountain View," Ng said.

MVATP, in its current form, began development in May 2022. Ng said that the plan was built based on data collected directly from the Mountain View community, alongside regional and state plans focused on green

infrastructure which include plans centered on public transportation.

"It's important to note that the intention of this plan is to not fold all previous plans into this one, but instead the active transportation plan will act as a complement to plans that already exist," Ng said.

Ng also noted the importance of collaborative feedback within the community and city government. The draft plan was published in April of this year and has since received feedback and been amended.

MVATP operates by identifying and prioritizing policies that, over the course of several years, will ultimately build sustainable change, she said.

"The plan's vision is for Mountain View to lead the region with an Active Transportation Plan that defines a series of connected, low-stress, and green corridors that invite active transportation and include shade, wildlife habitat, and public open spaces," according to the city of Mountain View's recent newsletter.

The corresponding council report for Sept. 22 stated that MVATP's implementation and structure come through the guiding principles of mobility, safety, access, sustainability and innovation.

"The MVATP is a long-range plan that sets a vision

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29 affordable units available at Harken Apartments



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Harken Apartments in Los Altos are still under construction at 5150 El Camino Real.

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Twenty-nine below-market-rate rental units are available at Harken Apartments, 5150 El Camino Real, with applications due by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Eligible applicants should review the income requirements and submit all required application materials by the deadline. Priority is given to applicants who meet the city's established priority categories, which include qualifying school district employees, city

employees and Santa Clara County Fire Department employees assigned to the city's two fire stations.

The Harken units are part of Los Altos' affordable housing program, which includes 230 income-restricted units: 150 rental units, 16 senior rental units and 64 units available for purchase.

The city generally requires developers of multifamily housing projects to include affordable units, which are restricted to households at specified moderate-, low- and

very-low-income levels.

Los Altos also considers accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, an important part of its housing stock. ADUs are independent living spaces located on the same property as a single-family or multifamily home.

There are currently no affordable for-sale units available through the city's program.

For more information, see losaltosca.gov/212/Affordable-Housing.

Mountain View announces cause behind tree decline

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

The city of Mountain View removed more than 30 trees near the Mountain View Public Library and Pioneer Park in early July due to poor condition.

After laboratory testing, the city announced on Sept. 23 that this decline was caused by a previously used herbicide containing imazapyr.

According to the city of Mountain View's press release on the matter, the city has stopped using imazapyr pesticides for weed control and is taking steps to rehabilitate the soil.

The city plans to replace the area's trees once the soil is able to support long-term health,



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Workers remove a row of trees along Franklin Street in Mountain View on July 7.

and will continue monitoring trees at other locations which may also have been damaged by pesticide use.

These other locations include Stevenson Park, Gateway Park, Castro Street roadway medians and Evelyn Avenue.

News

Los Altos City Council candidates' forum

Town Crier Staff Report

This is the fourth in a series of questions we put to the candidates running for Los Altos City Council. This week: What is your position on providing city workers with paid family and medical leave and paid sick days?



"I support paid family and medical leave and paid sick days for city workers. I also voted for a childcare subsidy open to city employees, covering up to half of costs. Strong family benefits help Los Altos attract and keep excellent staff, which means better service for residents."

– **Larry Lang**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4



"I support providing employees with paid family and medical leave and paid sick leave. Employees should be able to care for themselves and families without financial hardship. In a competitive public sector job market, good benefits help attract and retain employees to ensure consistent delivery of public services."

– **Anky van Deursen**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2



"Los Altos does a good job providing maternity, family, medical leave, and paid sick days. I support maintaining these strong benefits, complying with state and federal requirements, and offering employees time and flexibility to care for themselves and loved ones. Strong benefits help attract and retain employees while supporting stewardship."

– **Lynette Lee Eng**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2

GM, PG&E launch home EV charging bundle

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and GM Energy are offering a Smart Charge Bundle designed to help eligible customers reduce the cost of charging electric vehicles at home.

Customers who purchase or lease an eligible new Chevrolet, Cadillac or GMC electric vehicle at a participating dealership can receive a GM Energy PowerShift or GM PowerUp 2 charger at no ad-

ditional hardware cost, a value of up to \$1,999. Participants can also receive a \$15 monthly PG&E bill credit through the utility's EV Charge Manager program and potentially save up to \$50 per month by charging during lower-cost hours. Actual savings vary based on electricity rates, usage and charging habits.

To qualify, customers must be PG&E residential electric customers living in a single-family or detached home, have

permission to install a charger and meet the program's enrollment requirements. Installation costs are separate. GM's preferred installer, Electrum, offers standard installation for \$1,499, excluding sales tax, with additional charges possible for more complex installations.

Customers must enroll through a participating dealership, have an eligible GM

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for the future of walking, bicycling, and rolling in Mountain View,” according to the report. “It will serve as a guide and resource for City staff’s day-to-day work and provide context for decisions and direction made by the City’s advisory bodies and City Council.”

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focused on public safety, ongoing housing development and fiscal security. All candidates included these key issues in their campaign goals.

Kadambi emphasized the importance of elections to civic life. She said that this need for community engagement was

a driving force behind her decision to run for city council, because an election would give residents a voice.

“A quiet coronation does not put residents at the table. An election does,” Kadambi said. “I am beholden to no one except the residents, and that’s why I am asking for your vote because I believe Los Altos Hills deserves leadership that protects the community.”

Kadambi’s campaign focuses on the acronym SAFE, standing for safety, advocacy, fiscal leadership and execute with deliberation. Kadambi previously served as fire commissioner to the Los Altos Hills County

his family to the area 28 years ago.

“We were drawn here by the very same things that drew you all here: big lots, scenic views, open spaces and its semi-rural character,” Waschura said. “It would be an honor to continue to serve the town as one of your city council members.”

He noted a need to avoid overcrowding by working with nonprofit developers to avoid enacting density bonus, which would allow commercial developers to utilize construction of affordable homes in exchange for a greater number of market-rate units.

Pombra emphasized a similar drive to serve the community she has been a part of for 22 years, noting the importance of community involvement. Pombra also noted that she is the only candidate endorsed by all sitting city council members.

“My priorities are thoughtfully addressing our housing requirements while maintaining our semi-rural character,” Pombra said. “I want to strengthen our safety preparedness and also our emergency preparedness, and I want to promote community voices and connections.”

Pombra suggested the introduction of more informal meetings to help foster a stronger relationship between the city government and the community it serves. By doing so, Pombra aims to encourage civic engagement in informal meetings.

Pombra has served Los Altos Hills through her work with the parks and recreation department. Additionally, Pombra holds leadership positions at Kaiser Permanente, specifically as chief of the neuromedicine department.

Pombra said that her experience as a physician has prepared her to listen intently to people’s concerns, and take appropriate meaningful action.

“I’ve been a physician for 28 years. People come to me with complaints. I listen. I look at the facts, and then I work towards the best solution that I can,” Pombra said. “I’ve learned to work hard, so I would want to bring that commitment and hard work (for) my town that has given so much to my family.”

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adequately address the climate issues posing challenges by altering its approach when necessary, Lucky added.

Lucky presented the plan before the sustainability committee at the Sept. 29 meeting, alongside Chief Sustainability and Resiliency Officer Danielle Lee.

The Climate Forward plan spans 29 programs, some of which have already been approved and begun implementation.

“We’ve been working toward this goal for a very long time,” Lucky said. “Much of the Climate Forward is about building on the work the city is already doing and connecting it more intentionally to the 2045 goal that we have ... the existing foundation is important.”

If adopted by the City Council, Climate Forward would be implemented starting in 2027 through 2030. Through poli-

cies, incentives, projects and collaboration both within and outside city government, the plan would steer its four main focus areas down a more ecologically sustainable path.

The first focus area, clean buildings, prioritizes transitioning away from the use of natural gas in homes – mainly, Lucky said, through electrification efforts.

“This means helping residents, businesses and property owners prepare for equipment replacement, improving our own processes ... where we can, and connecting people to available incentives and technical assistance,” Lucky added.

Lucky also noted that this process will look different for every building.

“The plan tries to account for different pathways of getting people there, because one pathway is going to be the sole pathway for everybody,” Lucky said.

The second focus area, clean transportation, aims to



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reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, like cars, by expanding cleaner means of transportation. This includes electric vehicles, biking and public transportation, Lucky said.

A portion of these efforts will be directed toward expanding EV charging capabilities in Mountain View.

“I want to emphasize that it’s not simply about adding more chargers, but thinking

about where charging is most needed right now, what type of charging is appropriate and how that network needs to evolve,” Lucky said. “And at the same time, we want to maintain a strong focus on walking and bicycling, transit and connected mobility.”

Lucky pointed to the Mountain View Active Transportation Plan as an interconnected measure toward this goal.

The next focus area, zero

waste, emphasizes landfill diversion by reducing and improving food waste, expanding reuse and reducing use of single-use materials. Lucky highlighted a goal of 90% landfill diversion by 2030.

“The next five years will give us an opportunity to continue implementation while assessing what’s working, where there’s gaps and what the next phase of waste reduction and resource recovery should look like,” Lucky said.

The final focus area, ecosystem sequestration, is guided by the city’s biodiversity and urban forest plan. In essence, it aims to plant trees while conserving and restoring the area’s natural environment, Lucky said.

“We have actions across building, transportation, waste ecosystems, and we also have the foundation of partnerships, funding, collaboration and the resources needed to implement the plan,” Lucky said. “We’re trying to ... balance action with flexibility.”



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Santa Clara Valley Water District, District 7

- Pete Dailey

Propositions

- No on Measure D, Parking
plaza citizens' initiative
- Yes on Measure E, City char-
ter modernization
- Yes on Measure F, Transient
occupancy tax increase

Letters to the Editor

The League of Women Voters: No on Measure D

The League of Women Voters
strongly urges you to vote “no”
on Measure D, which would re-
quire a city-funded election for
each and every modification of
the downtown parking plazas
except for maintenance and lim-
ited affordable housing.

Why do we oppose this mea-
sure?

1. The League believes in
representative government and
holding elected officials ac-
countable. Hindering city de-
cisions with costly elections,
where voters would be asked
to weigh in on technical issues,
wastes scarce resources that are
better used to expand services
and maintain city streets, parks
and infrastructure at a time
when funding is tight. It intro-
duces significant risks and un-
certainty with any project pro-
posal, which can deter projects
outright.

2. The measure requires the
city to defend it or reimburse the
legal costs of the initiative's pro-
ponents should they defend in-
stead; legal threats have already
been made. These costs are not
wise uses of the city's resources,
money otherwise reserved for
the services that make Los Altos
a great place to live.

3. We support housing for

all Californians, including for
low and middle-income fami-
lies. This measure makes it very
unlikely for Los Altos to have
housing downtown, and with-
out such housing our Housing
Element could be decertified.
If that happens, developers can
bypass all local control, allowing
them to build Builder's Remedy
projects as we've seen in Palo
Alto and Menlo Park. Residents
and the City Council would have
little voice in these projects.

In addition, the League be-
lieves initiatives should be sup-
ported only when they are clear
and unambiguous. They should
contain a sunset clause or al-
low for flexibility to meet future
needs and challenges. Measure
D meets none of these tests of
good governance. The ballot
measure leaves key terms unde-
fined, introducing elevated legal
risk. Terms such as “availability,”
“access,” and “convenience” of
parking lack clarity; the “afford-
able housing” exception is also
unclear.

For all these reasons and
more, please join the League
of Women Voters in opposing
Measure D and vote no by Tues-
day, November 3rd.

**Ellen Wheeler, Vice
President**

ACTION LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
LOS ALTOS-MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA

Peek into the Past: 1964



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

**Harry Mallory (left) and Bill Reilly (right) play shuffleboard with
Clint Roe (Clint's Ice Cream owner) and Louis Guilmette at “The
Garden House” Senior Center in Shoup Park, 1964. The members
were in the process of raising \$125,000 to rebuild their center
when this photo was taken.**

The joy and shame of Redwood Grove

Last Saturday I was sitting
with my grandson at a pic-
nic table just across from the
derelict building that once
housed the Redwood Grove
Nature Center. I could not
help thinking about what this
place used to be – a rare urban
space where kids could com-
mune with nature and with
one another to learn about the
importance of their environ-
ment.

My children, including this
boy's father, used to experi-
ence such joy in that space. At-
tending day camps there was
always a high priority. They
had such stories to tell, all
contributing to a lifelong love
of nature and its many gifts;
and we only had to travel a few
blocks to avail ourselves of this
magnificent opportunity.

That son of mine is now an
architect and five years ago

was engaged by interested
community members to de-
sign a remodel for that build-
ing. He developed three dif-
ferent options that not only
included nature study but a
variety of other ways for using
the space to benefit the com-
munity. He was able to draw
upon his personal experiences
to create plans particularly
well suited to the context.

But nothing ever happened,
and now I understand that the
final decision has been made to
just tear it down. Who knows
why the powers that be have
chosen to deprive the children
of Los Altos of such an acces-
sible and increasingly rare op-
portunity in this technological
age to engage with the magic
of nature via healthy inter-
personal interactions. Such a
shame!

Vicki LaBoskey

LOS ALTOS HILLS

Community

El Camino Health observes breast cancer awareness month

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

This October, El Camino Health is raising breast cancer awareness and understanding by showcasing the hospital's breast program.

Around one in eight women will experience breast cancer in their lifetime. But with innovations in surgery and screening, more and more people survive the disease, said El Camino Breast Surgical Oncologist Dr. Preeti Farmah.

"Breast cancer can be a very all-consuming diagnosis. It can be very life-changing, because there's a lot of treatment involved," Farmah said. "It's very emotionally cumbersome for patients."

Farmah said that breast cancer typically has two main varieties. Cancer either arises in the breasts' milk glands or ducts.

Additionally, Farmah said,



Oak Pavilion houses El Camino Health's cancer center.

COURTESY OF EL CAMINO HEALTH

there are several different factors which can contribute to a patient's likelihood of developing breast cancer. Some of these factors include hormone levels, genetic predisposition, alcohol use and environmental exposure.

"Breast cancer is quite common in the United States," Farmah said. "It's very important to be aware of your own personal risk."

Farmah explained that catching breast cancer early on significantly increases a pa-

tient's chances at survival. Regular screening is important, especially for anyone with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer.

Specifically, Farmah pointed to annual mammograms as an important tool in breast

cancer detection.

"I always tell patients mammograms will find breast cancer before you can feel it," Farmah said. "If you can feel it, then there's more of a concern that it may have spread or it's more advanced at that point."

Mammograms and other screening tests are some of the many services dedicated to maintaining breast health that are offered by El Camino Health's breast program.

Farmah also highlighted the program's advanced surgical procedures, including an endoscopic nipple sparing mastectomy, or ENSM.

ENSM surgery operates similarly to a traditional nipple sparing mastectomy, but it involves a much smaller incision. This means less scarring and less pain in recovery, Farmah said.

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Questions?

Contact Camp Directors Sarah Marken & Erica Wilson at camp@fremonthills.com



Los Altos Hills resident reflects on inventing modern LED

By Neel Gupta
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

When 87-year-old Los Altos Hills resident George Craford invented the modern high-efficiency LED in 1972, he changed the landscape of sustainability for decades to come.

“George Craford and a handful of others have done more to decrease the risk of global warming than almost anybody,” said Dr. Bernardo Ferrari, a friend of Craford who grew up with his kids and occasionally helps him around the house. “These LEDs are

95% more efficient than the incandescent bulbs I grew up with.”

Craford’s passion for STEM and innovation began in the basement of his childhood home, located in an Iowa farm town.

“I still remember looking through the microscope after I made the first yellow LED. I didn’t know what to think besides, ‘That’s pretty neat.’”

George Craford, INVENTOR OF THE MODERN LED

in chemistry and then I became fascinated by physics after taking high school physics.”

“From the time I was in junior high school or before, I

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Hidden Villa summer camps focus on connections

By Zoya Prabhakar
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Hidden Villa Assistant Summer Camp Director Micah Maffe said her favorite day of the year is picking up campers from the end of the trail.

The moment includes meeting campers on the beach, with hands full of ice cream and this year’s special request: pickles. As Maffe listens to the campers’ stories on the car ride back, they turn up the music and feel the energy of new connections between campers and the Earth.

“Our program is designed for connection with one another, being present, and doing hands-on activities ... it’s a lot more being connected to the land, wanting to protect it, wanting to take care of it,” Maffe said. “It’s also being connected to people and wanting to take care of them and protect them.”

Hidden Villa is a nonprofit education organization in Los Altos Hills that teaches chil-

dren K-12 and adults environmental and multicultural awareness. Its summer programs for children of all ages focus on teaching environmental responsibility through farm and wilderness activities.

“Your feet are on the ground, not on the asphalt,” Interim Executive Director Jill Kilty Newburn said. “Your eyes taking in the trees and the green can make your body relax a little bit. That gift is huge.”

In addition to the natural experience, Maffe said the programs encompass a variety of camp activities for children such as outdoor sports, farm work and field games.

“The kids might be climbing on the ropes course or doing archery,” Maffe said. “They also might be going down to our CSA field and harvesting some vegetables to make food with later. They might be hanging out with the animals and doing a cow spa where we

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City of
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
OCTOBER 13, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
In Person
Note- This is not the Final Agenda

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the updated Los Altos Conflict of Interest Code for staff and commissioners pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974
2. Acceptance of Investment Reports
3. Notice of Completion for FY25-26 On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services
4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ELECCO of Milpitas, California, to complete the Police Department Back-Up Generator Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$417,400, and authorize up to 15% construction contingency in an amount not to exceed \$62,610, for a total amount not to exceed \$480,010
5. Adopt a Resolution accepting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Streets Project (TS-01001 and TS-01004) constructed by O’Grady Paving, Inc. as complete
6. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Discuss Potential Water Conservation Measures
8. Adoption of Resolution - Approval of the Below Market Rate For-sale and Rental Housing Guidelines
9. Discuss and Review the Commission Handbook

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COURTESY OF HIDDEN VILLA

Community

Eighth annual Harvest History Festival brings community together



COURTESY KIWANIS CLUB OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sean Tessone, Key Club lieutenant governor from Homestead High School, left, and Addie Hanna, president of the Mountain View High School Key Club, visit with animals from Animal Assisted Happiness during the eighth annual Harvest History Festival at Heritage Park on Sept. 26.

By Marina Marinovich
KIWANIS CLUB OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The eighth annual Harvest History Festival drew a steady flow of neighbors and families to Heritage Park in Mountain View on Sept. 26.

Presented by the city of Mountain View and the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View, the festival offered local history, entertainment and a variety of hands-on activities for children.

A popular new addition this year was Animal Assisted Happiness, whose visiting animals delighted children and adults alike. Members of the Mountain View and Homestead High School Key Clubs volunteered throughout the morning, assisting with festival activities and selling raffle tickets.

Proceeds from the raffle will support the two Key Clubs' service projects and activities during the upcoming school year.

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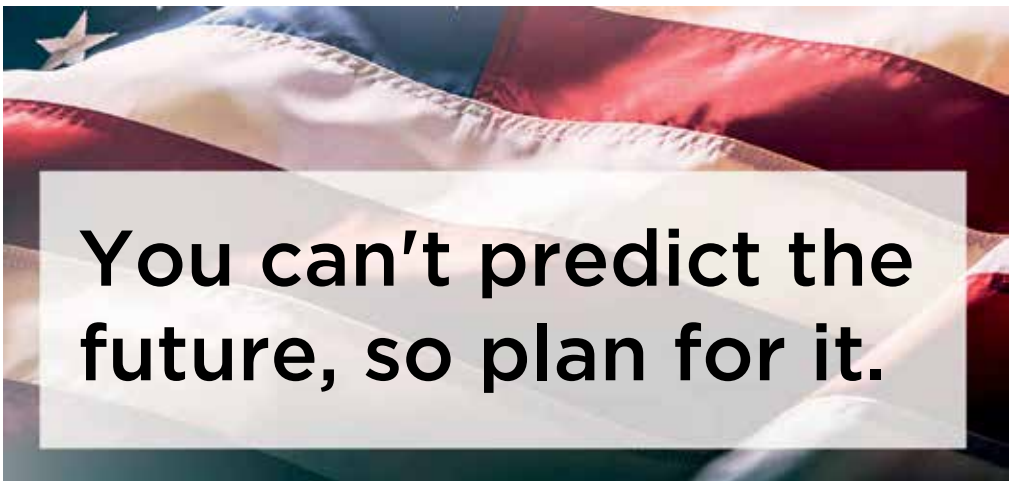


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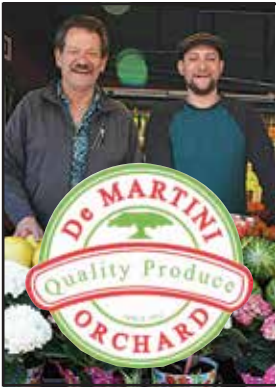
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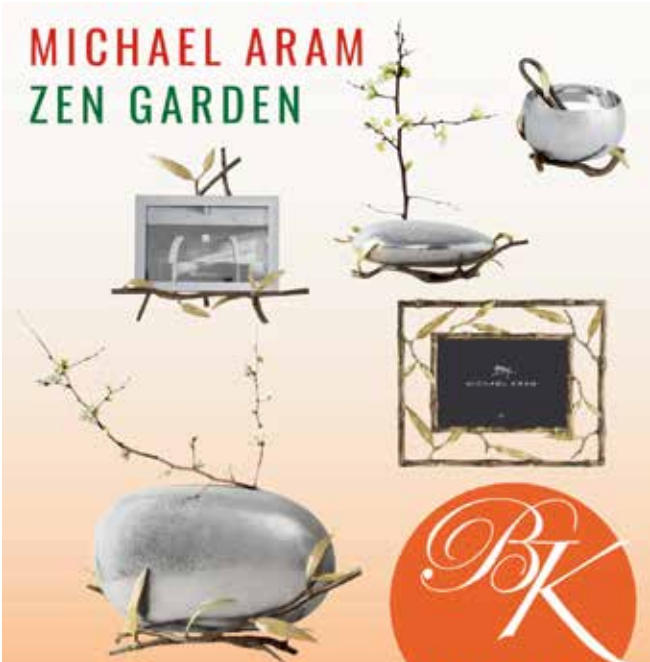
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AAUW introduces middle-school campers to NASA opportunities

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Tech Trek campers with Jennifer Baer of NASA

By Allyson Johnson
AAUW-SILICON VALLEY

A near-capacity crowd enjoyed a light lunch and program at the kickoff meeting of the Silicon Valley branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) as the branch begins the 2026-2027 membership year. The meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 20 from noon-2:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Room at the Los Altos Community Center.

Natalie McClure and Vicki Reeder, Tech Trek committee chairs for the Los Altos, Mountain View and Palo Alto schools, welcomed the middle-school girls who attended AAUW’s Tech Trek science camps this summer and their parents. In talking about their time at camp, the girls agreed that meeting other girls with similar interests and working on projects with women who were active scientists were the best parts of their experience.

Vicki Reeder also welcomed Dot Long, 99-year-old Life Member of the branch, who was in attendance. Two alumnae of the camp, Emma Chen and Shristi Sinha, now stu-

dents at Gunn High School, announced the formation of a Tech Trek Alumni Group (TTAG) designed to help Trekkers stay in touch and continue to support each other’s interests in STEM.

Featured speaker at the luncheon was Jennifer Baer, a graphic designer for NASA’s Solar System Exploration Re-

search Institute. She works at the former Officers’ Quarters at Moffett Field, next to Hangar One, and near the world’s largest wind tunnel, used to test parachutes for the Mars Rover. The site also includes the world’s largest flight simulator, used to prepare astronauts for zero gravity, and a building duplicating the Mars and lunar surfaces used to test the mobility and durability of the Mars and moon landing vehicles.

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Baer has been active in a NASA-sponsored elementary

school program, “Journey Through the Universe,” and has written a book for elementary school students about her work at NASA. She encouraged the Tech Trek girls to participate in two other NASA programs, “Plant the Moon,” which encourages experiments in growing plants that might thrive on lunar soil, and “Build the

Moon,” which explores how to use materials available on the moon to build livable structures.

At the end of the program, Baer distributed copies of her book, “Yes, I Work at NASA. No, I’m Not an Astronaut.” She encouraged the girls to “say yes” to opportunities and new connections when they are offered.

For more information about AAUW-Silicon Valley, see siconvalley-ca.aauw.net.

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Community

Daughters of American Revolution launches annual essay contest

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

The Los Altos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is launching its annual American History Contest.

Local students in grades five through 12 can enter either a video or written essay,

competing to win a medal, certificate and cash prize. Entry deadline is Oct. 30.

This year, students in grades five through eight are asked to put themselves in the shoes of early Americans hearing the Declaration of Independence read aloud for the first time. Participants are asked to consider the community impact of

these words and ideals.

Student contest participants in grades nine through 12 must choose a figure from the Revolutionary War and showcase how that person contributed to the county's founding.

For more information, see tinyurl.com/2026-LAC-contest.

CAMPS

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like to create a homemade fly repellent spray or goat weddings where they have goats get married and make a little party for them."

Maffe added that the outdoor activities successfully disconnect campers from the buzz of modern technology.

"We want to continue to create experiences for them where they are tech-free and unplugged. For me as a kid, I spent so much time outside, and I just don't think that that's the same for kids that are growing up now," Maffe said.

Beyond connecting with nature, Kilty Newburn said campers connect diversely with each other.

"We sit on the tradition of being the first multicultural summer camp in the states," Kilty Newburn said. "I think that is really pivotal and crucial to who we are. It's heartening that all camps now are integrated, or almost all, in the way that Hidden Villas started doing in the 1940s. It's part of our tradition and history that attracts people to us."

Summer Camp Director Paige Burns said these foundational values reflect in this year's postcamp survey.

"We had 95% of our campers report that they made a connection with someone new this summer, which is amazing ... and 91% of our campers say they feel they can better understand how to respect others' unique identities.

As a result of the pillars Maffe spoke of, Kilty Newburn said she hopes campers break down stereotypes and get to know people from dif-

ferent backgrounds.

"Maybe they come to camp and they have an image of how they are at school and who they are with their friends, either the drama kid or nerd or soccer jock," Kilty Newburn said. "They see themselves in these categories and they

"Our program is designed for connection with one another, being present, and doing hands-on activities ... it's a lot more being connected to the land, wanting to protect it, wanting to take care of it."

Micah Maffe,

ASSISTANT SUMMER CAMP
DIRECTOR, HIDDEN VILLA

come to camp with a chance to totally break that down and be somebody different, somebody goofy, somebody fun and meet people who are totally different."

Maffe said the most rewarding part for them is seeing stu-

dents break these barriers and try new experiences.

"Over the years, seeing those campers return and grow up and have those values anchored into them is very rewarding for me, and it's really special. It feels like an honor to get to be a part of these young people's lives as they're growing up," Maffe said.

In the future, Kilty Newburn said she envisions Hidden Villa campers growing up to be changemakers.

"I see people grow and choose to be educators, to be involved in careers that have to do with the natural world, to be in service to other people, and I often see them come back and provide those experiences to other kids to come to camp.... I feel like that's the biggest testimonial we've got out there: someone who feels it's so important that they find a way to make the experience happen for another child."

For more information on Hidden Villa's summer and year-round programs, see hiddenvilla.org.



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- American History Video Contest
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Newly elected assessor Neysa Fligor hosts 2026 State of Property Values event

TOWN CRIER REPORT

Assessor Neysa Fligor is hosting an inaugural 2026 State of Property Values event

on Monday, Oct. 19.

The event will feature the launch of the 2026 Assessor's Annual Report. Assessor Fligor will provide an in-depth look at

how property assessments both reflect and shape the economic health of Santa Clara County. This event is free and will be held at The Domes in San Jose.

It will bring together regional leaders and subject-matter experts to explore the key factors influencing property values. "It is a great opportunity for residents and taxpayers to gain a deeper understanding of how property assessment data reveals the trends and forces shaping Santa Clara County's economic landscape. This information is valuable to all sectors in Santa Clara County," Assessor Fligor stated.

Event organizers say attendees will gain valuable insight into:

- Why some properties have increased in value while others have declined
- How housing and commercial market fluctuations – and the rise of AI/Data Centers – are affecting the

assessment roll

- The relationship between business personal property, inflation and tariffs
- How property assessment offers a window into the broader economic vitality of Santa Clara County

The event starts at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast, check-in and social networking. The 90-minute formal program starts at 10 a.m., featuring a welcome address, an overview of the annual report, a panel of property assessment experts, and a forward-looking discussion on the future of Silicon Valley. A Q&A session will follow, and attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

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HEALTH

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"This option is just as safe ... and a lot of patients are quite happy with the outcomes," Farmah said.

Farmah added that El Camino's breast program is ever expanding, including efforts to offer services tailored to breast cancer survivors – specifically, helping patients deal with the emotional pain of breast can-

cer diagnosis to improve their overall quality of life after recovery.

"For many years, the focus of treatment was survival. Now it's pretty much the baseline. The question has kind of evolved towards quality of life. How do you want to live after your treatment," Farmah said. "Quality of life, to me, includes your physical well-being, body image, intimacy, your confidence and emotional health."



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Community

LED

FROM PAGE 10

Craford began working on his technology after meeting Nick Holonyak, who invented the first LED in 1962. Holonyak demonstrated his work at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), where Craford was earning his master's.

"When he showed his work, the whole room lit up with excitement," Craford said. "I immediately switched over to work with him."

The LED Holonyak invented did not provide much light and was deemed unsuitable for commercial use; it wasn't until Craford's discoveries as a lead researcher at Monsanto that the modern LED was born. His LEDs were not only 10 times brighter, Craford said, but he also invented orange and yellow lights in addition to the original red by adding nitrogen to the gallium arsenide phosphide.

"I still remember looking through the microscope after I made the first yellow LED," Craford said. "I didn't know what to think besides, 'That's pretty neat.'"

At 40 years old, Craford continued his breakthroughs

at Hewlett-Packard. Craford said he managed a larger team that created the first aluminum indium gallium phosphide LED, which made

most least-seeking-recognition person that could possibly be."

Craford also noted that his accomplishments and awards

When you're involved in engineering, you don't do new things alone," Craford said. "True collaboration is really important. Even when

Craford's story is deeply inspiring and should be shared with the world. After a long, highly reputed career, he hopes the next generation will look up to Craford as a pioneer in physics and engineering.

"When people understand that the older people around them have done these unbelievable things, it gives them the courage to innovate on their own. Learning from our neighbors can really benefit people's lives," Ferrari said. "It's important for many reasons to bring this story to light."

"When you're involved in engineering, you don't do new things alone. True collaboration is really important. Even when you come up with something new, you're really standing on the shoulders of the giants that came before you."

George Craford

the lights another 10 to 100 times brighter and visible in sunlight. This technology is now used for a multitude of purposes, such as traffic lights, scoreboards, brake lights and billboard displays.

"Still, when I drive down the road and see flashing lights, I think about how we made that basic technology," Craford said. "That is really, really cool."

Craford has earned a slew of accolades for his work, including the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering in 2021, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation in 2002 and the Charles Stark Draper Prize for Engineering in 2015.

"A lot of people think the Nobel Prize should have been given to George," Ferrari said. "He's about the

would not be possible without his team.

"It's nice to be recognized, and I've tried to always emphasize that it was a team.

you come up with something new, you're really standing on the shoulders of the giants that came before you."

Ferrari said he believes



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George Craford in 1972, the year he invented the modern LED.

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TheatreWorks gets into Halloween spirit by staging 'Dracula'

By Zoya Prabhakar

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Director Giovanna Sardelli envisions audiences pouring out of TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's upcoming production of "Dracula" with visceral feelings of excitement, fear and victory.

"You have that feeling when you take a super fun ride, like a roller coaster, where you feel a little buzzy, a little alive," Sardelli said. "I want (the audience) to feel like that. To have gone on a real journey, to have had a jump scare, rooting for Dracula's demise, and left feeling buzzing."

"Dracula" previews Oct. 7-9, opens Oct. 10 and runs through Nov. 1 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Adapted by Steven Dietz, the play is based on Bram Stoker's famous vampire novel of the same name.

Scott Coopwood, who stars in the production as Dracula, said the role has fulfilled his childhood dream.

"When I was a child, for probably the first 10 or 12 trick-or-treating experiences of my life, I was Dracula," Coopwood said. "My mom had this black skirt that I could put around my neck ... and I'd get the fangs and get blood. I've kind of come full circle all these years later, that I get to play him."

Like Coopwood, Sardelli also has ties to the magic of "Dracula." Through her year as a magician's assistant in Las Vegas, she dove into the art of stage illusions, which are the epitome of her "Dracula" rendition now.

"When you think about it, all of theater is an illusion," Sardelli said. "And so having my entree be magic has always influenced how I direct. It's how you can help people focus where you want them to and feel what you want them to feel. Being able to do that in 'Dracula' is really an homage to some great stage technique."

Coopwood also said the technical elements, like illusions and costumes, will be a



PHOTO BY TRACY MARTIN

Emily Newsome and Scott Coopwood appear in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's "Dracula," performing Oct. 7-Nov. 1 in Mountain View.

highlight of the show. According to Coopwood, audiences can expect disappearing acts, extravagant costume changes, and a lot of blood and fangs.

Beyond the tech, though, Coopwood said his version of the vampire hones in on the creepiness and mischief.

"I'm working against the stereotypical, comedic Dracula voice," Coopwood said. "I don't want people to hear that. This version is not campy, funny, silly Dracula. This is pretty dark and spooky, there's a lot of fog and there's a lot of blood and it's going to be scary."

Sardelli also said the playwright Steven Dietz's original script reinforces Coopwood's version of Dracula.

"Dracula needs blood, and to get blood, he seduces, he frightens, he manipulates ...," Sardelli says. "There's always been something human in this very scary monster, and I think Steven does a really good job

of laying out some path work."

And Coopwood said hopes audiences recognize this authentic version of Dracula, revisiting the original book and storyline.

"Everybody thinks they know the story, but my hope would be that we would excite them and frighten them just enough to stay in the theater, to have a really good time, especially during Halloween season, and then to maybe want to go back and read the novel for themselves," Coopwood said.

Sardelli agreed, saying she is confident audiences will enjoy the dynamic endings of each act, falling in love with the original story.

"Nothing like the undead to remind all the rest of us that we're alive," she said.

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Puzzles Page

Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. Sun protection rating
4. **This November Los Altans will be voting on plans for putting a ____ in the downtown parking plazas**
8. Abbreviated road designation
11. Dublin's home
13. Biblical garden
14. Historical period
15. 500 sheets of paper
16. Solitary
17. Command to an attack dog
18. Apple or pear grower, 2 words
20. Sound of admiration
21. Curbed, 2 words
23. Cool ____ cucumber, 2 words
26. Nursing degree holders, for short
27. Pass into law
30. Part-human, part-machine being
32. Entered, 2 words
33. Like a stormy winter day
34. Tear

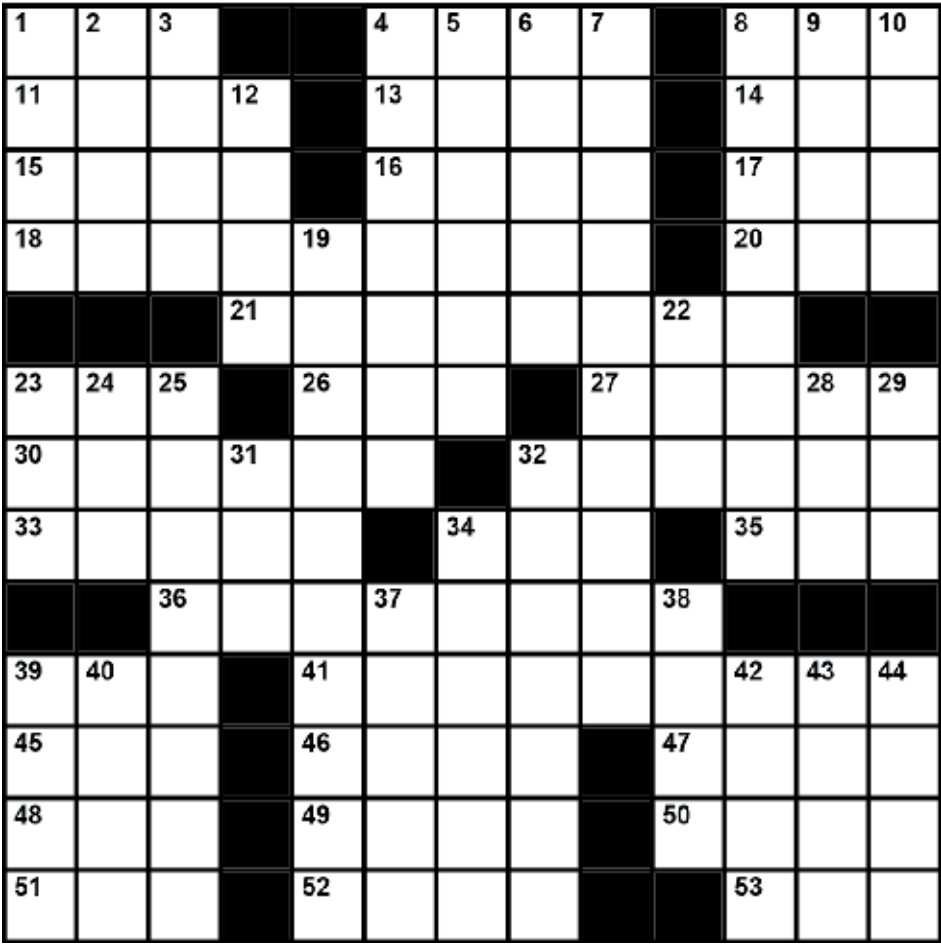
35. Consume a meal
36. Auto repair expert
39. Fancy neckwear
41. Summer citrus drinks
45. Down Under, for short
46. Norwegian king's name
47. Nevada gambling city
48. Hospital critical care unit, abbr.
49. Ocean's rise and fall
50. Coastal inlets
51. Unit of resistance
52. Frost on the grass
53. ____ Schwarz, toy company

Down

1. Lower class person in the feudal system
2. Unloading site
3. German title for a married woman
4. Beating down heavily, as rain
5. Decorates
6. Actress Zellweger
7. Being very busy and involved in a heavy task, 3 words
8. Strike a chord

9. Group of three
10. Per item
12. Middle Eastern ruler
19. Absorbent towel fabric, 2 words
22. Roadside lodging
23. Cooling units, for short
24. Thesaurus abbreviation
25. Cow's fourth stomach chamber
28. US intelligence agency, for short
29. Explosive compound, for short
31. Be indebted
32. Persuade, 2 words
34. Big name in hotels
37. Castronueves, Indy 500 multiple champion
38. Dietary measurement, abbr.
39. TV actor, Scott of Happy Days
40. Cry of pain
42. Unable to hear
43. New Ager who often sings in Gaelic
44. Mediocre, 2 words

– Los Altos clues bolded

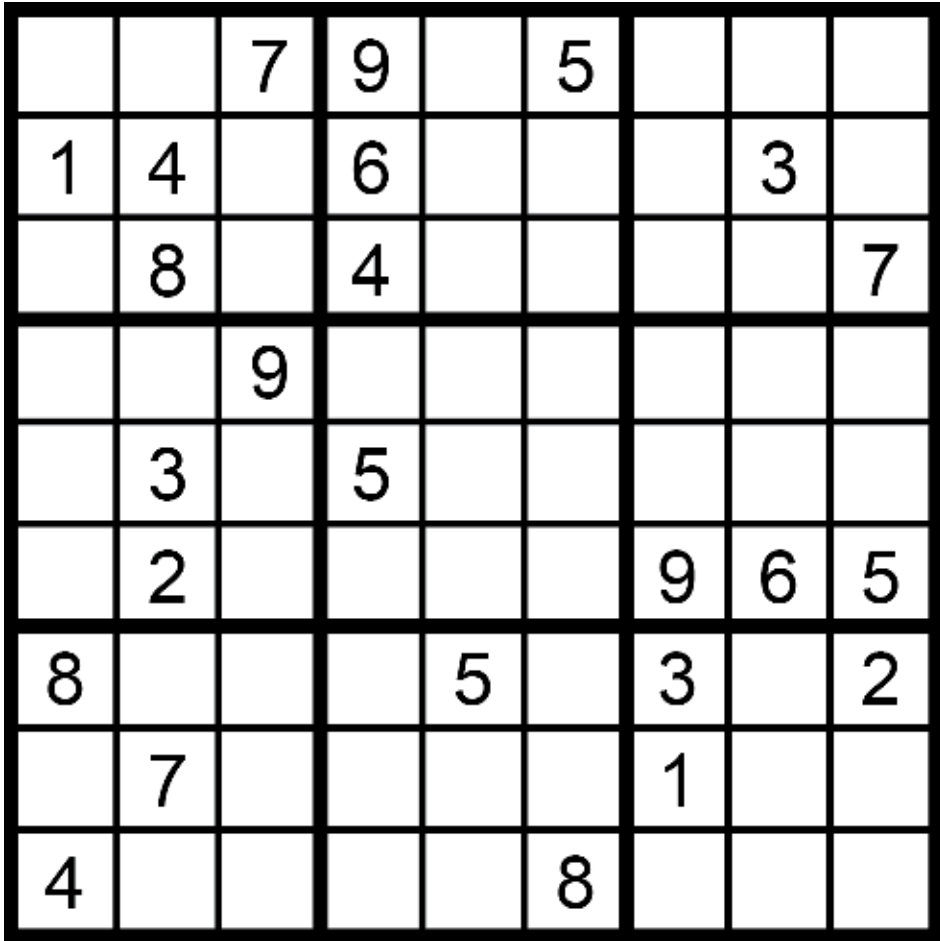


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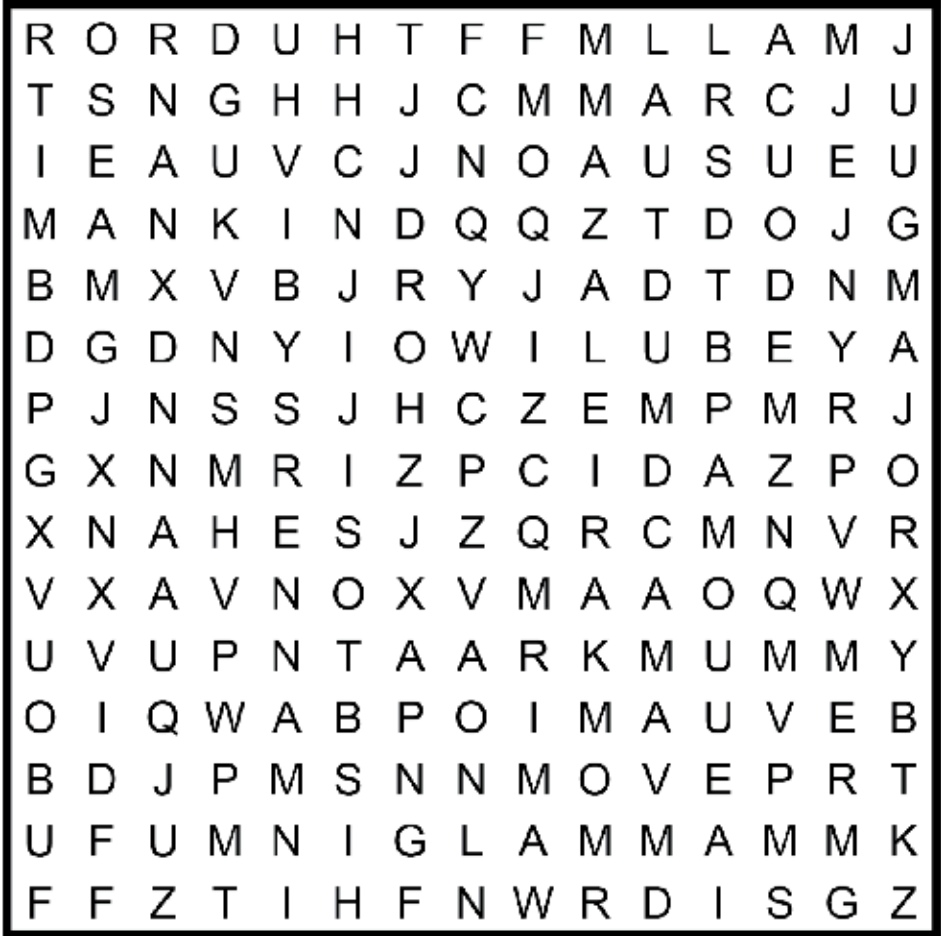
Sudoku

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 starting with M are listed below. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one as you find it.

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| Macaroni | Mankind | Mauve |
| Major | Manners | Mend |
| Making | Maps | Move |
| Mall | Mason | Muddy |
| Mammal | Matter | Mummy |

Sports

Eagles can't keep up with Tigers

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

In yet another example of how records can be deceiving, Terra Nova routed host Los Altos High 45-13 in Friday night's PAL El Camino Division opener for both football teams.

The Eagles entered the game having won three straight and sporting a 3-1 overall record; the Tigers came into the contest winless at 0-4.

Terra Nova scored early and often, producing a touchdown on its opening drive and building a 28-7 lead by halftime. The Eagles had a tough time containing elusive Tigers quarterback Robbie Johnson, who tossed four TD passes and also ran for a score in the game.

Los Altos quarterback Giancarlo Mendoza accounted for his team's lone TD on a run in the opening quarter. The Eagles later added a pair of field goals.



KELLEN SCANLON/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos High quarterback Giancarlo Mendoza looks to pass the ball in Friday's game against Terra Nova.

Los Altos entertains Santa Clara at 7 p.m. Thursday in league play. It will mark the El Camino Division opener for the Bruins (3-2).

— Kellen Scanlon contributed to this report

Los Altos unable to keep pace with Los Gatos



ALEXANDRA DONGNGUYEN/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos High's Teagan Prendergast serves to Los Gatos in Thursday's match.

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

The Los Altos High girls volleyball team dipped below .500 overall with Thursday night's straight-set loss to visiting Los Gatos in SCVAL De Anza Division play.

The Eagles went to 9-10 overall and fell to sixth place in the division at 1-5.

The Wildcats' 25-11, 25-20, 25-15 win boosted their record to 6-0 in the De Anza and 14-5 overall. Los Gatos served 13 aces in the match.

Los Altos, swept by Milpitas earlier in the week, was scheduled to visit Cupertino Monday night (Oct. 5) before hosting its own all-day tournament Saturday. Matches begin at 8 a.m.

Eagles hold on to beat Bruins in flag football

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

After building a 20-point lead by halftime, the Los Altos High flag football team survived a second-half surge by Santa Clara to prevail 20-12 last week.

The Bruins scored both of their touchdowns in the third quarter of the Sept. 30 league game, but the visiting Eagles kept them at bay the rest of the way. Los Altos controlled the clock with two long drives, the second one resulting in what coach Gabe Stewart called "a booming punt" by Chloe D'Amico that pinned Santa Clara deep in its own territory. The Bruins drove to the Eagles' 15-yard line before Los Altos pass rusher Lily Whiting's sack ended the game.

Whiting recorded both of the Eagles' sacks in the contest. Los Altos' offensive standouts included quarter-



CLARKE CONDÉ/TOWN CRIER

The Los Altos High flag football team has emerged as one of the most spirited and fun to watch local teams this year.

back Sabrina Neal, receiver D'Amico and running back Ruby Gibson. Along with passing for 122 yards and a touchdown, Neal rushed for a team-high 74 yards and a TD. D'Amico caught seven passes for 69 yards and a score. Gibson ran for 39 yards and a TD in the first half.

The win boosted the

Eagles' record to 2-1 in the SCVAL De Anza Division and 11-2 overall. Santa Clara dropped to 2-1 in league and 14-2 overall.

This week, Los Altos traveled to Wilcox Monday (after the Town Crier print deadline) and visits Milpitas Wednesday for a 5:30 p.m. kickoff.

Leagues of their own

By Andy Dolich

SILICON FOLLY

Parents of young athletes in Los Altos have a long list of the leagues that their sons and daughters are competing in from 6-year-olds through high school. How do they keep all of this organized 365 days a year? Here's just a small sample:

- Los Altos Little League
- Los Altos Youth Baseball and Softball (LAYBS)
- Los Altos-Mountain View PONY Baseball (LA-MV)
- Los Altos High School Sports: Santa Clara Valley Athletic League (SCVAL) and CIF Central Coast Section (CCS)
- American Youth Soccer Organization-Region 45 (AYSO)
- Los Altos Flag Football League
- Mtn. View-Los Altos Girls Softball (MVLGS)
- Silicon Valley Fusion
- Norcal Aquatics

- Bald Eagle Basketball Club
- Junior Olympics
- Special Olympics

Over the past few days, while channel surfing in the sports TV atmosphere, I was astounded by the number of new leagues and championships that I had never heard of. Is the fully committed Los Altos athletic family tuning in when not watching their sons and daughters playing around town and beyond?

Animal racing leagues/events

- GBCR – Great Bahamian Crab Racing
- NTL – National Thoroughbred League
- LDRL – Lucky Dog Racing League
- WDS – World Dog Surfing

Stick and ball sports

- NBHL – National Ball Hockey League
- BBPL – Banaball Professional League
- MLC – Major League Cricket

Women only

- AUSL – Athletes Unlimited Softball League
- PSL – Professional Softball League
- PWHL – Professional Women's Hockey League
- WPBL – Women's Professional Baseball League
- PFFL – Pro Flag Football League
- LOVB – League One Volleyball
- WNFC – Women's National Football Conference
- WER – Women's Elite Rugby
- WLL – Women's Lacrosse League
- UBB – Unrivaled Basketball
- PFL – Professional Fighters League

As Tom Hanks famously said in "A League of Their Own" when he saw this list: "Are You Crying? Are You Crying? There's No Crying!"

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Schools

School news: What you may have missed

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Here are a few local school news items from September that may have flown under the radar but may be of interest to families and community members:

LASD art program expands for 2026-2027

The Los Altos School District's (LASD) Art Docents program taught 740 lessons across 54 courses during the 2025-2026 school year, with 98% of teachers scheduling most of the courses offered for their grades. A total of 176 student artists from across the district participated in the program. For 2026-2027, the program has 80 returning docents and 16 new trainees, with 58 courses and 804 possible lessons planned, including new offerings such as "Playing with Line" for transitional kindergarten and silk-screen prints for fourth grade.

San Antonio campus project moves ahead

LASD approved a contract of up to \$538,742 with Signet Testing Labs at its Sept. 14 meeting for special inspection and testing services on the fu-



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The San Antonio campus project, known as the 10th site, continues to make progress.

ture San Antonio campus, as required by the Division of the State Architect. The work will cover testing and inspections for concrete, structural steel, masonry, wood and solar panels. Construction on the so-called "10th site" began this summer with demolition and site preparation. The project is funded through Measures N and EE.

MVLA schools serve 2,700 meals daily

Food Services Coordinator Bryan Barnhardt of the Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District's 13-person food service team gave an overview of the district's meal program at a Sept. 14 board meeting. The team serves approximately 2,700 meals each day at Moun-

tain View High, Los Altos High and Alta Vista High schools, with more meals being prepared from scratch or through "speed scratch" cooking. The program also offers vegetarian and vegan meals daily and uses "share tables" to reclaim unwanted food and reduce waste.

MVLA arts programs reach 1,900 students

MVLA used Proposition 28 arts funding to add support positions in its visual, performing and musical arts programs during the 2025-2026 school year. The district reported that the funding supported positions including music, technical, dance and musical directors, as well as vocal coaching and other extra-duty assignments. The programs served 1,891 students across all three district schools, with Alta Vista High School adding an instructor for music production.

Cupertino board sets goals for Hawn

Cupertino Unified School District board members met Sept. 26 for a Saturday morning special meeting to establish goals for new Superintendent Jennifer Hawn's 2026-2027 evaluation process. Hawn began her tenure Aug. 13. District officials said the goal-setting session was the first step in her performance evaluation process and was held within the first six weeks of her employment. The district said the Saturday meeting also allowed for adequate discussion, and the board already had a workshop scheduled that day.

LAHS assistant principal on leave after lawsuit

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Los Altos High School (LAHS) Assistant Principal Kristin Castillo has been placed on paid administrative leave after the Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District learned she was named in a lawsuit alleging she sexually abused a former student while working at Santa Clara High School.

Castillo has worked for MVLA since July 2016, when she joined LAHS as a student services coordinator. The district said the position title changed to assistant principal in 2022, and Castillo has held that title since then.

Michelle Bissonnette is serving as interim assistant

principal at LAHS while Castillo is on leave, the district told the Town Crier.

The lawsuit was filed Aug. 3 in Santa Clara County Superior Court by a former Santa Clara High student identified as ML Doe. The plaintiff, now an adult, alleges they were repeatedly sexually abused, assaulted and harassed by Castillo beginning in about 2006, when they were a minor.

The complaint alleges Castillo used her position as a teacher and mentor to abuse the student and that the conduct continued for several years. It also alleges that Santa Clara Unified School District officials knew or should have known about the alleged abuse and failed to intervene.

Among other allegations,

the complaint says school personnel knew or should have known that Castillo was spending one-on-one time with the student without another adult present, isolating the student in classrooms and engaging in what the complaint describes as "inappropriate, boundary-blurring" behavior.

The allegations have not been proven in court.

MVLA said it learned of the lawsuit Aug. 11 and placed Castillo on administrative leave that day. The district previously said it had no knowledge or suspicion of the specific alleged conduct before learning of the case and was not aware of a related student-safety matter at LAHS.

Asked whether MVLA had received or investigated

complaints concerning Castillo during her tenure, the district declined to say, but said it takes student safety seriously and investigates all complaints and concerns it receives.

MVLA pointed to board policies governing employee background, reference and employment-history checks, along with state law.

The district also did not say whether it had reviewed Castillo's hiring records since learning of the lawsuit. Instead, MVLA pointed to board policies governing employee background, reference and employment-history checks, along with state law.

Castillo remains employed

by MVLA and is in paid status, according to the district. She is not currently performing her duties or reporting to district facilities.

The lawsuit names Castillo and Santa Clara Uni-

fied as defendants and seeks damages on claims including negligence, negligent supervision and hiring, sexual battery, and sexual harassment and abuse in an educational setting.

The case is scheduled for a case management conference Jan. 28, 2027. No trial date has been set.

Schools

MVLA students post strong AP results



CLARKE CONDÉ/TOWN CRIER

MVLA administration offices.

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District students posted strong results on Advanced Placement exams in 2026, while trustees questioned differences in AP participation, course access and workload among students and between the district's two high schools at a Sept. 28 meeting.

District students took 6,141 AP exams in May, with 93% earning a score of three or higher; AP scores of three or higher can qualify students for college credit, depending on the institution. Since 2021, the number of AP exams earning a three or higher has increased 66%, while district enrollment declined 2%. Over the same period, the number of students taking AP exams increased 19%, while the total number of exams taken rose 45%.

In 2026, 76% of exams earned a four or five, compared with 59% in 2021. The share earning a one or two fell from 19% in 2021 to 7% in 2026, according to the presentation.

Among Latino students, the AP success rate increased from about 59% in 2021 to 80% in 2026, while the number of exams taken rose from 408 to 633. Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Teri Faught, who presented the results, cautioned that smaller groups can produce less reliable sta-

tistical comparisons.

Trustee Alex Levich noted that while overall AP participation had increased 19% over six years, the percentage of Latino students participating in AP increased by 1%. She also pointed to low participation among Latino students in AP math and computer science courses, including 6% in AP Calculus and 2% in AP Computer Science. Levich said the district should look at potential barriers to expanding participation, including prerequisites for advanced math courses.

Faught said staff have discussed a summer math program, including geometry, to help students meet prerequisites for AP Calculus, but paused the idea because of other summer program demands; she said it could be revisited.

The board also discussed the increasing number of AP courses some students are taking. Among students taking AP exams, the average was 2.8 exams per student in 2026. Faught said counselors were not encouraging large AP loads; instead, students have told staff that peer pressure can influence those decisions.

"We want to be able to support them with understanding what a manageable, sustainable workload looks like," Faught said. "It's not the college counselors encouraging a large number of AP. In fact, they say the opposite ... it often is driven by

peer pressure."

Student representatives said they would not favor capping AP courses, but acknowledged that some students face significant pressure.

Trustees also questioned differences between the high schools. From 2021 to 2026, the number of AP students at Mountain View increased 24%, compared with 14% at Los Altos. The number of AP exams increased 59% at Mountain View and 32% at Los Altos, while exams earning a three or higher increased 89% and 46%, respectively. Levich asked whether counseling, prerequisites, course availability or other systemic factors could help explain the difference. Faught said the averages do not establish causation but could help sites and teachers identify and share practices.

Trustee Vadim Katz requested anonymized AP results by classroom and teacher to examine differences in outcomes and the potential influence of outside tutoring. The board also discussed differences between classroom grades and AP exam scores, the gap between the percentage of students earning A's or B's in AP Seminar and those earning a five on the AP exam, which narrowed from 44 percentage points to 29 points. Faught said the district has course-level data that can be used to compare classroom grades with AP results.

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New Toyota C-HR blends practicality with performance

By Mike Hagerty

AUTO REVIEW

The Toyota C-HR is back. Sort of.

If you didn't know the C-HR was ever here, much less that it had gone away, you're in good company. It was an oddly proportioned, kinda stubby-looking, kinda slow (0-60 in 11.0 seconds) 144-horsepower gasoline-powered subcompact SUV sold here in the 2018 through 2022 model years, never cracking 50,000 units sold in even its best year.

Toyota replaced it with the much more popular Corolla Cross ("On the Move," March 2026) and most observers who had seen a C-HR thought they'd seen the last of it.

The vehicle, they had. The name, they had not. Toyota is giving the hyphenated badge one more go, this time on a new electric small SUV, the mechanical twin of the Subaru Uncharted.

For those who remember my lukewarm early reaction to the first fruits of the Toyota/Subaru EV partnership, the Toyota bZ4X ("On the Move," June 2023) and the Subaru Solterra ("On the Move," April 2024), good news. Both of those vehicles have been vastly improved in their second generations, and the lessons learned are on display in the C-HR and Uncharted

as well.

The new C-HR is well-proportioned, crisply-styled and slow it is not, with 338 horsepower and 0-60 happening in 4.9 seconds. While not up to sport-sedan levels of enthusiasm, the C-HR achieves a decent balance of ride comfort and handling accuracy.

Its range per charge is decent, at an EPA-estimated 287 miles. On a DC fast charger, recharging from 10% to 80% should take about half an hour. With a Level 2 charger, the type most common for home charging, 10% to 100% should take seven hours.

The interior is modern and unfussy. Yes, there's a big screen in the center, but there's also a driver information pod where it should be and knobs to control temperature and audio volume. Material quality and workmanship are up to Toyota standards.

There are two trim levels, and our test vehicle was the top-of-the-line CH-R XSE – base price \$39,000 (\$40,450 including destination). The standard equipment list is too long to recite here, but highlights include all-wheel drive, a comprehensive suite of active safety features, 20-inch wheels, rain-sensing wipers, a power liftgate, a six-speaker audio system, two wireless phone chargers and heated front seats with a heated



PHOTOS BY MIKE HAGERTY

The Toyota C-HR EV combines an attractive price with practicality and performance.



steering wheel.

Ours also had some extra-cost options – \$1,000 for a panoramic glass roof, \$600 for an upgraded JBL premium audio system, \$500 for the Tandoori and Mid-

night Black two-tone paint job, \$339 for carpeted floor and cargo mats and \$90 for wheel locks. That brings the as-tested price to \$42,979.

That's a very attractive price

for an EV with this much practicality and performance. You may never have seen the original Toyota C-HR. I think this one has a great chance of being a car you see in traffic every day.

60th Birthday Bronco is as good as it gets

By Mike Hagerty

AUTO REVIEW

There are only a handful of vehicles that if you say their name to regular people who aren't that interested in cars, they'll know instantly what you're talking about.

Corvette.
Suburban.
Mustang.

F-150.
Bronco.

You get on a list like that by being around a while, and this year is the Ford Bronco's 60th birthday. Ford introduced it in 1966 as an alternative to the Jeep (now the Jeep Wrangler), which in those days was a very primitive vehicle, only slightly more refined than those the original G.I.s drove in World

War II and Korea.

Jeeps then were small and inexpensive and so was the first Ford Bronco. You could buy the '66 Bronco without doors, a top and windows, but you could also buy one that enclosed the cab but kept the bed open – a kind of Bronco pickup – or one that enclosed all of it. You could get a six-cylinder engine or a V8, and you could get it in any of 13

colors at no charge, including Wimbledon White.

And it did okay. They sold enough to make a profit, but Jeep buyers kept buying Jeeps and in 1969 Chevy shortened a full-size pickup truck, put a roof on the bed, called it the Blazer and America (as it tends to do) bought the jumbo size (the original Bronco was small).

The original Bronco sol-

diered on until 1977, and then Ford copied Chevy by shortening the F-150 full-size pickup, putting a roof on the bed and making it the 1978 Bronco. And Bronco sales went up. The big Bronco (yes, the O.J. Simpson-era Bronco) lasted through 1996, after which the Bronco nameplate went into mothballs.

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On the Move

BRONCO

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The story might end there except for nostalgia and America's current fascination with extreme abilities in its vehicles. Ford began to think there might be a market to challenge Jeep a second time and win.

So it brought back the Bronco in 2021, styled to evoke memories of the original. I drove it at a Western Automotive Journalists event in Half Moon Bay a couple of months before it went on sale, back-to-back with the Wrangler, driving the Jeep first.

My first, immediate impression that day: Jeep has a real fight on its hands this time. The Bronco is roomier and quieter inside and feels more solid and planted at highway speeds. And although I am not an off-road guy, it's clear Ford did not compromise on the Bronco's abili-

ties there, either.

The 60th Anniversary Bronco you see here (in Wimbledon White, now a \$495 option) is a thoroughly modern off-roader. Based on the Outer Banks trim level (the lowest in which a turbocharged V6 engine is an option), its base price is \$48,090 and four-wheel drive, a solid suite of active safety features, a terrain management system, removable doors and top, dual-zone climate control, a leather gear knob and steering wheel, power 10-way driver's and eight-way front passenger's seats and smart charging USB ports are all standard.

Ours had nearly \$19,000 in extra-cost options – the 60th Anniversary package, Luxury package and the hardcore Sasquatch package, which brings serious off-road bits like advanced 4x4, front and rear locking axles and 35-inch

all-terrain tires. And it has the turbocharged V6, which adds \$2,995. All told, with delivery charges, it came to \$69,065.

That price and the size of the current Bronco (three and a half feet longer, a foot and a half wider and four inches taller, not to mention a full ton heavier) are nothing like the original.

But the world has changed in 60 years. By today's standards, in a category that has only three true competitors – the Land Rover Defender ("On the Move," July 2025), the Jeep Wrangler and the Bronco – the Bronco is as good as it gets and the price is in the ballpark for that level of four-wheeled adventure.

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The 60th Anniversary Bronco is a thoroughly modern off-roader.

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Lessons learned thanks to the old fuel pump

By Matt Pataky

MATT THE MECHANIC

Earlier this month, we had a customer tow in his 2013 BMW X3 28i 2.0 liter. He said that he had been driving for 20 minutes and then a fuel supply warning light showed up on the dash. After that, the car went into limp home mode and then died. The customer could not restart the car. He called a tow truck and had it picked up. When the tow truck driver arrived, he was able to start the car and drive it onto the flatbed.

Once the car was dropped off, we connected it to the Intelligent Technical Service Application (ISTA). We ran a short test and pulled codes. We pulled the Electronic Fuel Pump Control Model (EKPS) fault 481B01 EKPS control voltage low. We then performed the test plan for the EKPS. We were unable to confirm a problem in the test plan, yet this is due to a temperature issue. The customer stated that the car went into limp mode after driving it for 20 minutes. Since the car is operating properly now, we drove it for 10 minutes and then let it idle outside for another 15

minutes. At this point, the car was fully warmed up. As we drove the car inside the shop, it went into limp mode. We then performed the test plan again and found that the fuel pump control module (EKPS) was shorting.

This X3 BMW has a high-pressure, direct-injected fuel system. When the fuel leaves the tank, it is being pumped out by an electric fuel pump. This electric fuel pump operates between 50 and 60 psi (it can pump as high as 100 psi). The electric fuel pump is considered the low-pressure delivery pump in the system. The whole system is controlled by the EKPS. The EKPS receives data from fuel pressure sensors in the fuel line. It then calculates the volume and pressure of the fuel that is delivered to the high-pressure fuel pump. The high-pressure fuel pump is mechanically driven by the engine's camshaft. The mechanical high-pressure fuel pump is capable of producing 700 to 2900 psi. It operates normally between 1500 and 2900 psi. The purpose of this extremely high pressure is to deliver a very accurate amount of fuel into the

combustion chamber.

After confirming there was a problem with the fuel pump control module, we did a little more digging. We then gained access to the fuel pump control module wire harness and made sure it was OK. Once we knew that the wire harness was OK, we were ready to replace the EKPS. Note: This X3 has approximately 100,000 miles on it. Most electric pumps start to wear out between 80,000 and 120,000 miles. Once the pumps wear out, they can draw secondary resistance and damage electrical components. We therefore suggested replacing the electric fuel pump along with the EKPS.

After the repair, we started to test drive the car. We would drive the car for 10 to 15 minutes and then let it idle outside before shutting it down. After multiple test drives, the car failed again. We then connected the ISTA and pulled a completely different code. We pulled a DME 11A002 high-pressure fuel rail pressure too low. After pulling the code, we ran the test plan. The test plan stated that the problem was with an incorrect reading from the high-pressure



fuel sensor or a worn high-pressure fuel pump. We then replaced the high-pressure fuel pump, but had the same issue. We then had to replace the high-pressure fuel pump.

After replacing the high-pressure fuel pump, we performed 100 miles of test drives. The car did not fail again. In conclusion, we feel that the Electronic Fuel Pump Control Model (EKPS) failed in part because of an old electric fuel pump. If a BMW with this fuel system sets an EKPS code and has more than 80,000 miles on it, it's good to replace the fuel

pump at the same time. Once the EKPS and fuel pump were replaced, the digital motor electronics (DME) decided there was not enough volume from the mechanical fuel pump. The mechanical fuel pump most likely was damaged due to low volume from the shorted EKPS. The lesson learned from this job is: test drive, test drive, test drive. Thanks for reading.

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Business & Real Estate

'It's only money,' but business is booming for local teams

By Andy Dolich

SILICON FOLLY

The Los Angeles Lakers were recently valued at \$12.5 billion dollars. The record-setting team sale agreement occurred in August 2026. The buyers, venture capitalist Josh Kushner and former Disney CEO Bob Iger purchased the franchise.

- Previous value: The new price tops the team's previous \$10 billion valuation from earlier transactions.

- All-time record: This valuation sets the highest price ever paid for a North American professional sports franchise

I was hired by the Oakland A's in December 1980. The Haas Family purchased the team from Charles O. Finley in November for an estimated \$12.5 million dollars. I was hired by the team in December. These days 168 Major League teams are making more than that per year!

We all know about inflation, but I decided to trace the elevated mountains of money that our local franchises have been summing since they set up business in the Bay Area.

San Francisco 49ers

The value of the San Francisco 49ers has grown massively from \$13 million when purchased in 1977 to an estimated \$8.6 billion today, representing an increase of over 65,000% driven by soaring media rights, stadium revenue and league-wide financial growth.

Historical growth milestones:

- 1977 purchase: Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. bought the franchise for roughly \$13 million.
- 2002: The team was valued at approximately \$302 million by Forbes.
- 2024 value: The franchise's worth climbed to \$6.8 billion, up significantly from prior years.
- Current value (2025-2026): Valued at \$8.6 billion (ranking fifth in the NFL) according to reports from Forbes and Sportico.

Golden State Warriors

The value of the Golden State Warriors has skyrocketed from \$315 million in 2009 to roughly \$11 billion, making them the most valuable franchise in the NBA. This massive growth is driven by on-court championship success, global brand expansion

led by Stephen Curry, and the opening of the Chase Center in 2019.

Key valuation milestones:

- 2009-2010 (pre-sale and pre-Curry): Valued at around \$315 million when Joe Lacob and Peter Guber agreed to purchase the team for \$450 million in 2010.
- 2015-2018 (first championships): Valuation climbed past \$1 billion and hit \$3.1 billion by 2018 as the team won multiple titles and turned into a hoop dynasty.
- 2019 (Chase Center opening): Moving from Oracle Arena in Oakland to the privately financed Chase Center in San Francisco supercharged local and luxury event revenue.
- 2025-2026 (No. 1 in the NBA): Valuations by Forbes and CNBC place the team at an estimated \$10.8 billion to \$11 billion.

San Francisco Giants

The value of the Giants has surged dramatically over the decades, rising from the \$100 million purchase price when the current ownership group bought the team in 1993 to an estimated \$4.05 billion in 2026, ranking them as the fifth-most valuable franchise in Major League Baseball.

Historical growth milestones:

- 1993: Purchased by an ownership group led by Peter Magowan and current primary stakeholders for \$100 million.
- 2015: The franchise value hovered around \$2 billion, having already benefited significantly from its 2010, 2012 and 2014 World Series titles and the opening of Oracle Park (then PacBell Park).
- 2022: Valued at \$3.5 billion, cementing their place consistently in the top five most valuable MLB clubs.
- 2026: Reached \$4.05 billion according to Forbes, reflecting a doubling of value over roughly a decade and strong localized market and stadium revenue.

Key drivers of increase:

- The ballpark effect: Moving into its downtown waterfront stadium turned the franchise into a financial powerhouse through ticket sales and real estate integration.
- Championship success: The three World Series titles in the 2010s transformed the global brand equity and local sponsorship demand.
- Stellar market valuation: According to Forbes, the team commands a massive market component worth over \$1.7 billion alongside a stadium valuation exceeding \$1 billion.

San Jose Sharks

The value of the San Jose Sharks has grown dramatically, rising from a \$45 million expansion fee in 1991 to an estimated \$1.5 billion enterprise value by late 2025, representing more than a 33-fold total increase over the history of the franchise.

Financial milestones and growth:

- 1991 (inaugural season): Founders paid a \$45 million expansion fee to launch the team in Northern California.

- 2002 (ownership change): Hasso Plattner purchased the franchise for \$147 million.

- 2022-2025 (recent valuations): Driven by overall league growth, media rights and local revenue, the team value jumped from \$755 million (2022) to \$1.06 billion (2023) and reached \$1.5 billion by December 2025.

Golden State Valkyries

The value of the Golden State Valkyries has skyrocketed from an initial \$50 million expansion fee in October 2023 to \$1 billion dollars in 2026. This represents an increase of roughly 1,600% over a span of about two and a half years.

Valuation milestones:

- October 2023: Owners Joe Lacob and Peter Guber paid a \$50 million expansion fee to join the league.

- 2025 (inaugural season): Reached a valuation of \$500 million (a tenfold increase from purchase price), backed by a record \$78 million in revenue.

- 2026 (second season): Climbed to \$850 million according to Sportico and reached a \$1 billion valuation via CNBC. This is the highest valuation ever for a women's pro sports franchise.

Drivers of growth:

- Record revenue: Brought in a WNBA-best \$78 million during their inaugural season.
- Massive ticket sales: Sold out their initial season ticket base of over 10,000, capping 2026 sales past 12,000. Have sold out every home game played at Chase.
- Lucrative sponsorships: Secured major corporate partnerships including JPMorgan Chase, Sephora and United Airlines.

Oakland/Sacramento/Las Vegas A's

Value of the Athletics franchise grew from approximately \$12.7 million when sold by Charles Finley in 1980 to roughly \$2 billion under John Fisher's ownership, driven by overall MLB revenue growth and stadium valuations.

Valuation milestones:

- Charles Finley to Walter Haas (1980): Charles O. Finley sold the team to Walter A. Haas Jr. for \$12.5 million in late 1980.
- Value change: Represented a modest baseline valuation for a struggling franchise at the dawn of the 1980s, though it prevented a planned move to Denver.
- Walter Haas to Schott-Hofmann (1995): The Haas family sold the franchise to Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann for \$85 million in 1995.
- Value change: An increase of \$72.3 million (roughly a 570% jump from the 1980 purchase price), reflecting general

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inflation in sports franchise values and the successful “Billyball” and championship era cultivated by the Haas family, though sold at a discount with a pledge that the team would stay in Oakland.

- Schott-Hofmann to John Fisher/Lew Wolff (2005): Lewis Wolff and John Fisher purchased the team for \$180 million in 2005.
- Value change: An increase of \$95 million propelled by rising media rights, revenue-sharing models, and the “Moneyball” notoriety of the early 2000s.

- John Fisher era growth (2005-present):
 - Current valuation: Recent minority share offerings and market valuations place the Athletics franchise at roughly \$2 billion, largely driven by the lucrative potential and asset appreciation tied to the club’s relocation efforts toward Las Vegas.
 - Value change: An increase of approximately \$1.82 billion over the purchase price paid by Fisher’s group in 2005.
- As the brilliant sports economic expert John Beresford Tipton has said in relation to these ever-rising team values, “If you don’t have moments when you go too far, then you aren’t going far enough.”



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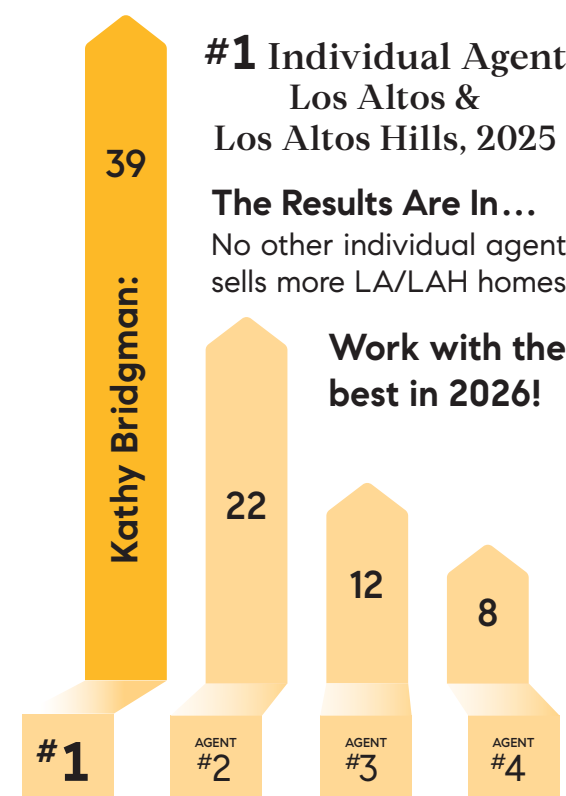


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HEADSTONE MUSIC & MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730877

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: HEADSTONE MUSIC & MEDIA, 3903 Apt D Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA, 94303, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): LED-DYWORLD LLC, 3903 Apt D Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Anthony Leddy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/30/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

252-T

BAY AREA LIFE MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730818

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BAY AREA LIFE MANAGEMENT, 3398 Saint Marys Place, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Amy Schawan, 2010 El Camino Real #2120, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Amy Schawan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/29/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

250-T

SESSIONS WITH MYLAN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730401

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SESSIONS WITH MYLAN, 775 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): OPUS ARCADE, INC, 775 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ MyLan Biermann / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

249-T

UNKNOWN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730435

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UNKNOWN, 255 S Rengstorff Ave #12, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Francesca A. Barrientos, 255 S Rengstorff Ave #12, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/16/2026.

/S/ Francesca A. Barrientos / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/17/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

248-T

Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729974

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Virginia's Garden Beaded Gifts, (2) VG Beads, (3) Virginia's Garden Speech Therapy, (4) VG Speech, (5) The B.E.A.D. Project Initiative, 1200 Arthur Ct, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad, PO Box 3066, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Jennifer Venditti-Ramprashad / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/31/2026. (10-07,14,21,28-26)

247-T

GARAGE 57 COLLISION CENTER LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730646

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GARAGE 57 COLLISION CENTER LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave Ste 2, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): GARAGE 57 COLLISION CENTER LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave Suite 2, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/15/2026. /S/ Yesica Paola Guiza Quitian / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/24/2026. (09-30-26,10-07,14,21-26)

246-T

CELL QUEST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730599

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CELL QUEST, 1410 Kring Way, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Evelyn Horng, 1410 Kring Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/20/2026. /S/ Evelyn Horng / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/23/2026. (09-30-26,10-07,14,21-26)

244-T

LU'S DIRECT PEARLS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730028

The following person (per-

sons) is (are) doing business as: LU'S DIRECT PEARLS, 1182 Arlington Lane, San Jose, CA, 95129, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: married couple. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Wenqing Lu, 4285 Payne Ave, #10328, San Jose, CA 95117, Min Wang, 4285 Payne Ave, #10328, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/02/2010. /S/ Wenqing Lu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/02/2026. (09-30-26,10-07,14,21-26)

243-T

JLC HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730494

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) JLC HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES, (2) JLC HOME SERVICES, (3) CALVILLO HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES, (4) CALVILLO HOME SERVICES, 41 Gladys Ave., Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jose Luis Calvillo, P.O. Box 332, Mountain View, CA 94042. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/16/2016. /S/ Jose Luis Calvillo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/21/2026. (09-30-26,10-07,14,21-26)

242-T

BIG BUX TRADING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729982

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BIG BUX TRADING, 1811 Wenrick Ct, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Pankaj Kamal, 1811 Wenrick Ct, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/15/2026. /S/ Pankaj Kamal / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/01/2026. (09-30-26,10-07,14,21-26)

241-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (CCP 701.540) 23CV409509

Ventura Hersey & Muller, LLP
ATTN: Katerina U, Esq., SBN 335267
1506 Hamilton Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125
(408) 512-3022
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
File Number: 26002029

UNDER A WRIT OF EXECUTION,

issued out of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara on 03/06/2026, on a judgment rendered on 01/26/2026, in favor of Norman Miller and against Robert Belstock for the sum of \$250,090.60, plus interest and costs accrued after 03/06/2026; I HAVE LEVIED upon all the right, title, and claim of interest of the judgment debtor/s, Robert Belstock in the real property, in the County of Santa Clara, described as follows:

671 Rosita Avenue, City of Los Altos, County of Santa Clara, State of CA 94024 (APN 189-40-097)
Common Address: 671 Rosita Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024
The land referred to herein is situated in the State of California, County of Santa Clara and described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF A 40 FOOT ROAD, KNOWN AS ROSE AVENUE, DISTANT THEREON WEST 338.55 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTER LINE WITH 'THE CENTER LINE OF SPRINGER ROAD, SAID POINT OF INTERSECTION BEING DISTANT SOUTHERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SPRINGER ROAD 1220.50 FEET FROM THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 2 'WEST, M. D. B & M.', SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST-ERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN 1 ACRE PARCEL 'OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED FROM RICHARD P. MARQUISS, ET UX, TO MARTIN L. HALL, ET UX, DATED APRIL 9 1964 AND RECORDED APRIL 9, 1964 IN BOOK 6457 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 578, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT NORTH '0° 1' 57" EAST 20.00 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUING ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT, NORTH 0° 01' 57" EAST 366.27 FEET TO THE 'NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID.1 ACRE TRACT NORTH 89° 58' 14" WEST 110.94 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER THEREOF; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT SOUTH 0° 02' 40" WEST 160.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY LINE AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT SOUTH 89° 56' 45" EAST 90.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE TRACT SOUTH 0° 01' 57" WEST 206.23 FEET-1.0 THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROSITA AVENUE 40 FEET WIDE; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROSITA AVENUE, SOUTH 89° 56' 45" EAST 20.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION THEREOF AS CONVEYED BY MARTIN HALL, ET UX, ET AL, TO CITY OF LOS ALTOS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BY QUIT-CLAIM DEED DATED JANUARY 8, 1965 AND RECORDED FEBRUARY 26, 1965 IN BOOK 6863 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 457 WHICH LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE PREMISES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF A 40 FOOT ROAD KNOWN AS ROSE AVENUE, DISTANT THEREON WEST 338.55 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTER LINE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SPRINGER ROAD, SAID

POINT OF INTERSECTION BEING DISTANT SOUTHERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SPRINGER ROAD 1220.50 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, M. D. BM. SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST-ERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN 1 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED FROM RICHARD P. MARQUISS, ET UX, TO MARTIN L. HALL, ET UX, DATED APRIL 9, 1964 AND RECORDED APRIL 9, 1964 IN BOOK 6457 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 578, - THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 1.ACRE PARCEL NORTH 0° 1' 57" EAST 20.00 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE PARCEL NORTH 0° 01' 57" EAST 10 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE PARCEL NORTH 89° 56' 45" WEST 110.02 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE PARCEL, THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID 1 ACRE PARCEL SOUTH 0° 02' 40" WEST 10 FEET TO NORTHERLY LINE OF ROSITA AVENUE 40 FEET WIDE; THENCE ALONG TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROSITA AVENUE SOUTH 89° 56' 45" EAST 111.02 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Per CCP 701.620, the minimum bid for this sale is \$5,058,331.36.

Prospective Bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions, and effect of the sale and the liability of default bidders.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, all rights, title and interest of said judgment debtor in the above-described property to satisfy said execution, with accrued interest and costs on:

NOVEMBER 4th 2026 at 10:00 AM
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
55 West Younger Avenue
San Jose California 95110
DOORS OPEN AT 08:00 AM. ALL PERSONS MUST COMPLETE A PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS NO LATER THAN 09:45 AM.
Directions to the property location can be obtained from the levying officer upon oral or written request.

Liens may be present which may or may not survive this levy.

Robert Jansen, Sheriff
M. Harper #2161, Sheriffs authorized agent
Date of Notice: 09/30/2026
(09-30-26,10-07,14-26)

240-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY JANE COSTALES CASE NO. 26PR202924

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BETTY JANE COSTALES A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES B. COSTALES in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate re-

quests that JAMES B. COSTALES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 10/23/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 13 located at 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: MARINA MODLIN, 800 W. EL CAMINO REAL, STE. 180, MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94040, Telephone: (800) 991-3070 9 / 2 3 , 9 / 3 0 , 1 0 / 7 / 2 6 C N S - 4 0 7 9 6 6 4 # LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (09-23,30-26,10-07,14-26)

239-T

F77METALWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN730229

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: F77METALWORKS, 131 Saratoga Ave. 3309, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): FRANCUZ 77 L.L.C., 131 Saratoga Ave. 3309, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

ed above on: 05/24/2026. /S/ Elena Sologubova / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/10/2026. (09-23,30-26,10-07,14-26)

237-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (CCP 701.540) 21CV391414

Hanson Bridgett, LLP
ATTN: Wiemond Wu, SBN 322154
425 Market Street, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 777-3200
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
File Number: 26002028

UNDER A WRIT OF EXECUTION, issued out of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara on 02/18/2026, on a judgment rendered on 12/23/2022, in favor of City of Los Altos and against Satish Ramachandran for the sum of \$441,941.73, plus interest and costs accrued after 02/18/2026; I HAVE LEVIED upon all the right, title, and claim of interest of the judgment debtor, Satish Ramachandran in the real property, in the County of Santa Clara, described as follows:

889 Santa Rita Avenue, City of Los Altos, County of Santa Clara, State of CA 94022 (APN 167-18-060)
P A R C E L 1 :
Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Santa Rita Avenue with the center line of Los Altos Avenue (formerly Valora Avenue); thence along the center line of Santa Rita Avenue North 89° 33' West 29.48 feet to a Northwesterly corner of that certain Parcel of land conveyed by Alfred Cadwallader, et ux, to Bernard Parrine, et ux, by Deed dated February 24, 1944 and recorded February 24, 1944 in Book 1190 of Official Records Page 67; thence along the Westerly line of said Parcel of land South 0° 15' West 152.04 feet to the Southwesterly corner thereof; thence along the Southerly line of said Parcel of land South 89° 57' East 64 feet; thence leaving said Southerly line and running parallel with the Westerly line of said Parcel of land and the Northerly prolongation thereof, North 0° 16' East 172 feet, more or less, to the Northerly line of Los Altos Avenue, thence along said line of Los Altos Avenue North 89° 33' West 34.52 feet to the center line of Santa Rita Avenue; thence along the center line of Santa Rita Avenue South 0° 15' West 20 feet to the point of beginning, and being a part of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, M.D.B. & M. P A R C E L 2 :
Beginning at a point in the center line of Los Altos Avenue (formerly Valora Avenue) (40 ft. wide) distant along said center line and prolongation thereof N. 0° 16' 00" E. 563.15 ft.; from the point of intersection of said center line with the center line of Portola Avenue 40 ft. wide; thence N. 89° 57' 00" W. 41.22 ft. to the true point of beginning; thence N. 89° 57' 00" W. 58.78 ft., thence N. 0° 16' 00" W. 132.02 ft.; thence S. 89° 18' 00" E. 5.15 ft; thence S. 33° 35' 24" E. 9.00 ft. to the beginning of a curve to the right, concave to the West, with a central angle of 24° 59' 13"; a radius of 308.46 ft.; thence on and along said curve 134.52 ft. to the true point of beginning and being a portion of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, M.D.B. & M.

Public Notices

Per CCP 701.620, the minimum bid for this sale is \$3,870,000.00.

Prospective Bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions, and effect of the sale and the liability of default bidders.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, all rights, title and interest of said judgment debtor in the above-described property to satisfy said execution, with accrued interest and costs on:

OCTOBER 28th 2026 at 2:00 PM Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office 55 West Younger Avenue San Jose California 95110 DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 PM. ALL PERSONS MUST COMPLETE PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS NO LATER THAN 1:45 PM. Directions to the property location can be obtained from the levying officer upon oral or written request.

Liens may be present which may or may not survive this levy.

Robert Jansen, Sheriff
M. Harper #2161, Sheriffs authorized agent
Date of Notice: 09/23/2026
(09-23,30-26,10-07-26)

**1855 HAMILTON PARTNERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN730157**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1855 HAMILTON PARTNERS, 6037 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95120, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a general partnership. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jon Wakimoto, 221 Main Street Unit 154, Los Altos, CA 94023,

Janice Wakimoto, 6037 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/12/2004. /S/ Jon Wakimoto / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/08/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**UNCONDITIONAL DOG
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729759**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UNCONDITIONAL DOG, 1534 Willowmont Ave, San Jose, CA, 95118, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): UNCONDITIONAL DOG LLC, 1534 Willowmont Ave, San Jose, CA 95118. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/24/2026. /S/ Bethany Gardner / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/24/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**PIRTEK REDWOOD CITY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729945**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PIRTEK REDWOOD CITY, 21723 Regnart Ct, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): CUPERTINO HYDRAULICS LLC, 21723 Regnart Ct, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on: 12/01/2025. /S/ Matthew Weaver / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/28/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**Busch Cognitive Systems
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729983**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Busch Cognitive Systems, 11530 Upland Way, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Kevin Ryan Busch, 11530 Upland Way, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/23/2026. /S/ Kevin Ryan Busch / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/01/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**Islamic Beliefs
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729700**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Islamic Beliefs, 4415 Fortran Ct, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Imamia Education Center, 4415 Fortran Ct, San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/06/2021. /S/ Amir Mithani / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa

Clara County on 08/21/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**Brodie Club
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729318**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Brodie Club, 4546 El Camino Real B10 #910, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Longfellow Creative, LLC, 4546 El Camino Real B10 #910, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/06/2026. /S/ David Nurse / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/07/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

**Huang Wellness Consulting
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729367**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Huang Wellness Consulting, 148 W Alma Av, San Jose, CA, 95110, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Wei Huang, 729 Coakley Dr, San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/01/2026. /S/ Wei Huang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/11/2026. (09-16,23,30-26,10-07-26)

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Datebook

Datebook is a free listing of events, groups and meetings in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View run by nonprofits. It is always available online and runs on a space-available basis in our weekly print edition. To be considered for inclusion, send your notices via email to avaa@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

EVENTS

Backroads and Crossroads – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series. Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Local duo Bagwell & Troy present a lively program of foundational blues and country music by musicians such as Elmore James and Johnny Cash, as well as their own stirring, original songs. Reserve tickets at arts4all.org/events.

TheNextBigNameInPainting – Live, In a Living Room. Oct. 10, 4:30- 6 p.m. Los Altos. Join artist Tunji Adeniyi-Jones and Josel Cabaccan, member of the acqui-

sitions committee at the Centre Pompidou in Paris, in Cabaccan's Bay Area home. Surrounded by works from Yayoi Kusama, Cecily Brown, Rashid Johnson and more from his collection, Cabaccan and Adeniyi-Jones will discuss how the artist's signature style – bold color, fluid figures and Yoruba mythology – came to be. For more, see partiful.com/e/veXbBVb4QYUaQbMUq3fA?

Spooky times at Deer Hollow Farm. Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deer Hollow Farm, 22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino. Meet the farm animals, enjoy spooky crafts and activities, and explore the haunted barnyard at this family-friendly Halloween event. Admission is \$10 (\$7 in costume; free for kids 12 months and under) with all net admissions directly funding field trip scholarships for local schoolchildren. For more information, visit deerhollowfarm.org/special-events.

Colors of Sound: And Evening of Piano Imagery – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series. Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Naoko

Kasai transforms the piano into a storyteller, revealing the distinct voices of four composers: Haydn, Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin. Through them, she explores the full spectrum of human emotion – joy, sorrow, passion, and comfort. Reserve tickets at arts4all.org/events.

Wags and Wishes: An elegant evening to support pets with chronic illness and the families who love them. Nov. 14, 5:30-9 p.m. The Women's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Diesel's FootPrint will host its inaugural Wags & Wishes benefit at The Woman's Club of Palo Alto. The evening will bring together members of the veterinary, business, philanthropic and animal welfare communities to help make chronic care possible for more pets and their families. Guests will enjoy a seated dinner paired with local wines, a thoughtfully curated silent auction, and conversations with leading veterinary and animal behavior professionals. Tickets are \$250. For more information, see dieselsfootprint.org/get-involved/wags-wishes.

Crossword Answers

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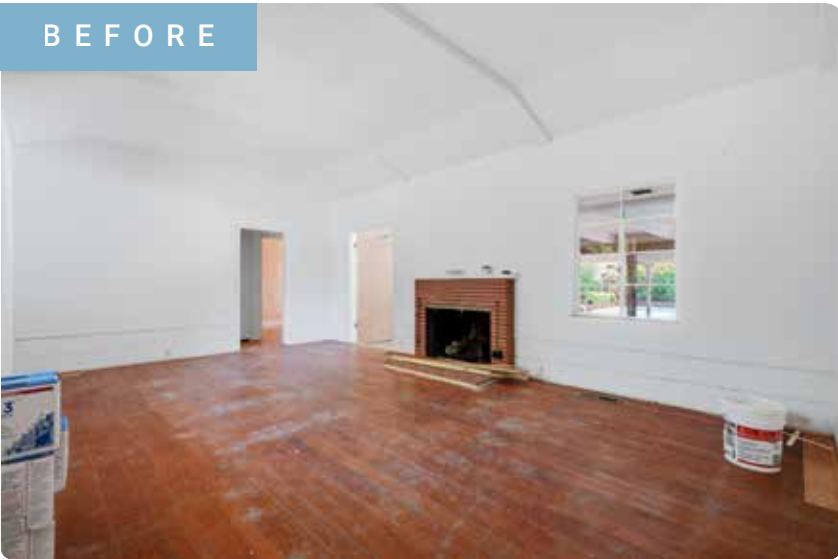
Sudoku Answers

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8	9	1	7	5	6	3	4	2
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Find A Word Answers

R	O	R	D	U	H	T	F	F	M	L	L	A	M	J
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