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State warns: *Passing Measure D triggers housing element changes*

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
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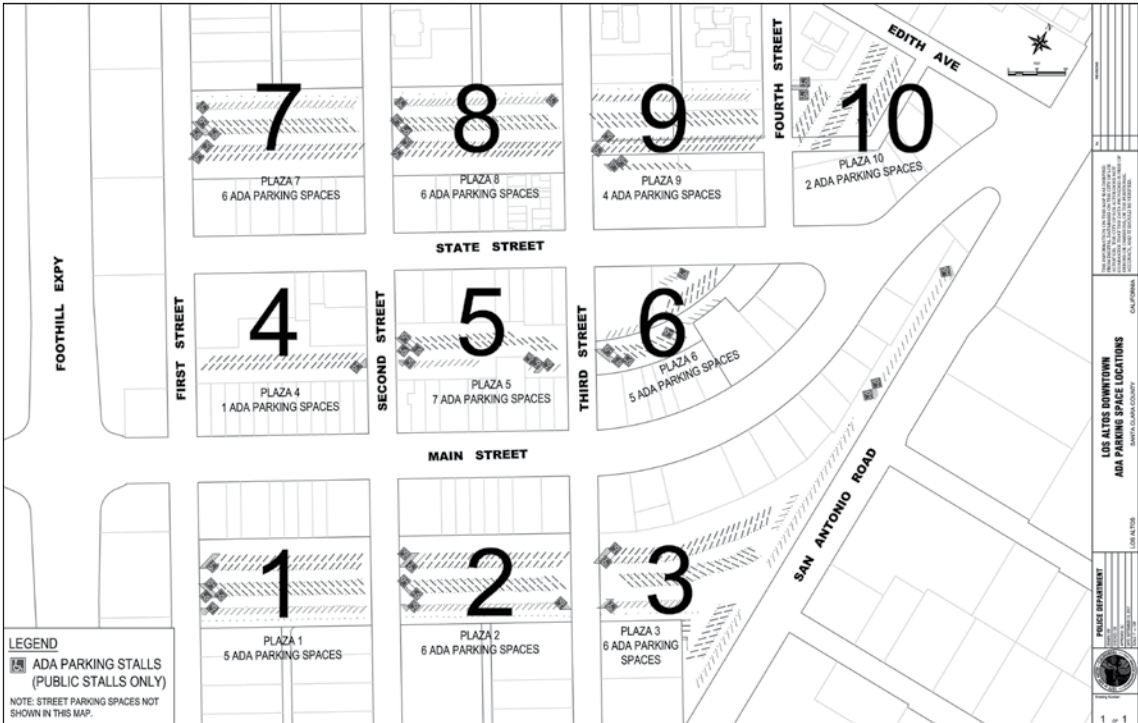
The California Department of Housing and Community Development Aug. 28 issued a letter to the city of Los Altos stating the city will be required to amend its housing element should Measure D pass at the Nov. 3 election.

Measure D would prohibit the city from selling, leasing, conveying or declaring as surplus land the 10 city-owned downtown parking plazas for any reason, or from authorizing new uses or physical alterations that would diminish protected trees or parking availability, access or convenience, unless separately ap-

proved by a majority of voters. The measure excludes two parking plazas that may be developed for affordable housing without a vote.

The letter (read the letter at tinyurl.com/measureD-letter), signed by Housing Accountability Unit Section Chief of Land Use Policy Brian Heaton to Los Altos Development Services Director Stephanie Williams, laid out implications should the initiative pass by resident majority vote.

“Various consequences may apply ... including ineligibility or delay in receiving certain state funds, referral to the California Office of the Attorney General, court-



The 10 downtown Los Altos parking plazas.

imposed financial penalties, the loss of local land use authority to a court-appointed agent and the application of the builder's remedy,” the letter said.

Heaton added in the letter that further penalties such as a minimum of \$10,000 per month and associated attorney costs are now authorized for any action brought by the

AGO or HCD to enforce the adoption of housing element revisions, among other statutes.

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LAH Council signs contract agreement with Santa Clara Sheriff's Office

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
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Against a deadline imposed by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, the Los Altos Hills City Council Aug. 31 held a special meeting and signed an agreement extending the relationship between the two for an additional five

years and ensuring continued law enforcement in the town.

The decision came ahead of the Sept. 30 contract extension. The sheriff's office explained to the city that it would need 30 days' notice to reassign deputies should a contract not be consummated.

Through the negotiations, City Manager Cody Einfalt

said that California Government Code No. 51350, which regulates how counties bill cities for contract services, is explicitly stated in the agreement as a means of cost recovery and to ensure the agreement is subject to that code. There will be ongoing

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Kishimoto, Holman reappointed to Midpen board

By Niaz Alasti
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Two members of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space board of directors who represent Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View have been reappointed to their positions

this election season.

Yoriko Kishimoto will serve another four-year term as the director of Ward 2, which represents parts of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Karen Holman will represent

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News

Invasive mussels impact boat regulations in Santa Clara County

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Labor Day is one of the most popular occasions to hit the water for late summer fun. However, the presence of invasive golden mussels in California waters means certain boating regulations have been updated.

Golden mussels are an invasive bivalve species that pose significant risk to California's aquatic ecosystems and underwater infrastructure, said Krysten Kellum, a public information officer for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"They can attach to virtually any surface, boat, water infrastructure, aquatic vegetation, hard surfaces, soft surfaces," Kellum said. "We're making a huge effort right now to educate the public, let everybody know that we need to keep those mussels away."

Kellum added that beyond the ecological damage caused by

the introduction of new species, golden mussels can damage irrigation and floodgate systems.

Golden mussels were first found in California in 2024 at the Port of Stockton, which is connected to the San Joaquin River Delta. While this species of mussel has not been found outside the delta, they still pose a risk that necessitates certain precautions, Kellum said.

While adult mussels are about one to two inches long, diamond-shaped and yellow-brown colored, mussel larvae, or veligers, are microscopic and must travel through water, Kellum added. Additionally, adult mussels are able to detach in order to move with mussel flow.

"That's how they are spreading throughout the delta and water connected to the delta," Kellum said. "They don't have legs and they can't move upstream, but people could facilitate golden mussels moving."

Santa Clara County Park Ranger Supervisor Mike Tobin



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Mussels find their way to other waters on boat propellers.

said that the parks department, in collaboration with Valley Water, launched the "Don't move a mussel" campaign to address these concerns.

They work alongside the Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination (WID) program, which includes a vessel and inspection tracking database, Tobin said. WID contains a list of bodies of water that are "quagga free," or free of invasive mussel species.

All boats that have previously operated in waterways not on this list must undergo inspection and a 30-day quarantine before they are able to be used in Santa Clara County waterways. Currently, vessels banded in WID safe waters do not need to be reinspected prior to entering Santa Clara County waters.

Tobin outlined some key steps boat owners should take prior to inspection.

"What we recommend is

that people wash their hull thoroughly, rinse interior compartments of the boat, then dry them, and then flush the motor for two minutes," Tobin said. "Then, drain your motor bilge, livewell and then dry everything for at least five days. Any boat coming in has to be dry before going through inspection."

Tobin said that boat owners should inspect dry surfaces by

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MEASURE

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In January 2025, the city received a Prohousing Designation from the state, which opens the door for access to certain funding as well as being more competitive for other funding sources, including housing, community development and infrastructure funding programs. Having that designation means the city is within housing element compliance and demonstrates how it is accelerating the production of housing.

"To maintain the city's Prohousing Designation and benefits therein, it must maintain housing element compliance," the letter wrote.

The letter states that the current HCD-certified housing element in Los Altos "in-

cludes all 10 downtown parking plazas in its site inventory," accounting for 63 moderate-income units and 61 above-moderate-income units for a total of 124 units. Additionally, the letter said the city's housing

"To maintain the city's Prohousing Designation and benefits therein, it must maintain housing element compliance."

Brian Heaton, HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT SECTION CHIEF OF LAND USE POLICY

element contains multiple programs that would be impacted should the ordinance be adopted by voters, including facilitating housing on city-owned sites; incentivizing downtown

lot consolidation; targeting housing development in highest resource areas; and housing mobility.

"If voters adopt the ordinance, the city will be required to amend its housing element to analyze the ordinance as a potential governmental constraint on housing development," Heaton wrote in the letter, "including, but not limited to, whether the parking plazas are still appropriate to include in the site inventory."

The city, prior to making any amendments to the housing element, would be required to submit a draft of those changes to the HCD at least 60 days prior to adoption. After that, the HCD must review those amendments to ensure substantial compliance with housing element requirements and report its findings

to the city. The city then would have to consider those findings prior to adoption.

If the state housing department finds that the amendments do not substantially comply with housing element requirements, the city can either change the draft amendments to substantially comply or adopt the amendments without changes and include in the adopting resolution written findings that explain the reasons the city believes that they do comply despite the department's findings.

After readopting the housing element, the city is required to resubmit it to HCD, the letter said. HCD is then required to review the amended housing element and determine if the amended element continues to substantially comply with housing element law.

"Please be aware, the city is also responsible for providing adequate opportunity for public participation and review, no less than seven days prior to submittal of a draft to HCD," the letter states. "As part of this review, HCD will review any changes to the housing element to ensure that sites are suitable and available for housing development within the planning period and meet all the requirements of Government Code."

Ultimately, if the housing department finds that the action or failure to act by Los Altos does not substantially comply, it may revoke its finding that the city's housing element is in compliance with housing element law until it determines that the city has come into compliance with state law, the letter said.

News

Los Altos residents rally to save iconic Rinconada Court oak tree



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The oak tree is the dominant feature of Rinconada Court.

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Residents in Los Altos are pulling out all the stops to try to prevent the city from removing a hundreds-of-years-old coast oak tree on Rinconada Court.

A group led by Rinconada Court resident Atossa Leffert started a website, saveoakie.org, and a petition, tinyurl.com/RinconadaTree, to receive donations and build up supporters to save the tree slated to be removed as soon as the city finds a replacement tree. And on Sept. 9, the group gathered on Rinconada Court to hold a rally in hopes the city will hear them out in their plea to preserve the 200-year-old tree.

"We want to let the public be aware that mature oak

trees are being destroyed in Los Altos," Leffert said when asked about the impetus for starting the sites and holding a rally. "(And) that residents do not have any ability to have a say in how the city manages trees."

Leffert said that through verbal and electronic correspondence with neighbors, they believe "the city manager (Gabe Engeland) will not do anything different than removal."

"The appeal we submitted was returned as invalid," Leffert said. "The ordinance is not applicable to city-owned trees that are deemed hazardous and the city council meeting had no result from our one-minute non-agenda item."

Leffert said the residents at Rinconada Court paid for an arborist to investigate the tree

after the city had two separate arborist reports – one that recommended a Level 3 assessment, or aerial, report, and the second assessment that deemed the tree should be removed. Read the full report at tinyurl.com/oak-treereports.

"The master arborist stated his finding is that the tree is of 'low risk,'" Leffert said of the resident-hired arborist report. "The city manager refused to use any other report but theirs."

Leffert said that donations made through the SaveOakie site are to pay for any tree mitigations needed or fees associated with saving the tree.

"Once this is resolved, any extra will either be returned to donors or donated to a charity related to saving oak trees," Leffert said.

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hand since veligers are too small to be detected visually.

"They feel like sandpaper," Tobin said.

Vessel inspections also use trained dogs to identify the presence of invasive mussels, said Park Program Coordinator Audrey Diaz.

"We encourage everyone to come with their boat again clean, drained and dry," Diaz said.

Diaz noted that beginning Sept. 14, all vessels operating in Santa Clara County waters must be inspected, quarantined and banded in Santa Clara County.

Diaz encouraged all Santa Clara County boat owners to undergo inspection now in or-

der to avoid delays. Additionally, the parks department will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting in order to go over any updated regulations. Diaz said that the date for this virtual town hall has not yet been determined.

For more information, see tinyurl.com/Santa-Clara-Mussels.



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Drivers continue to maneuver around Cuesta speed bumps

By Niaz Alasti

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

After more than three years since the initial installation, the single-lane speed bumps on Cuesta Drive are continuing to cause problems on the road.

Los Altos originally installed speed tables on the street in 2020, after complaints of speeding from residents. The Santa Clara County Fire Department told the city that the tables, estimated to be 4.25 inches high, did not meet the department's regulations.

The city responded by installing staggered, rubber 3-inch tables that met the fire department's requirements by allowing emergency vehicles to

easily maneuver around them.

But some drivers have exploited the disconnected speed tables, swerving into the opposing lane to avoid going over them.

"We hear it all. 'Oh, it's bad for my suspension.' 'Oh, my car scrapes.' I've heard medical reasons for not being able to drive over bumps."

Steven DeBiasio, OFFICER, LOS ALTOS POLICE

Los Altos Police stop multiple cars per day when on patrol in the area, according to traffic officer Steven DeBiasio.

"From my personal experience, ... it's kind of nonstop out there," DeBiasio said. "You see

how prevalent it is."

Violators can receive different citations, including violations for crossing a double-yellow line, or, in more rare cases, driving on the wrong

side of the road. Both are moving violations, which can add points to a driver's license, potentially resulting in restrictions or suspensions. CVC 21651B, driving on the wrong side of the road, is considered a

misdemeanor – the driver can be arrested and given a court date.

"It's a lot more serious than just getting a ticket," DeBiasio said. "We obviously try to educate everybody on that when we do a traffic stop for crossing a double yellow."

DeBiasio added that he hears a variety of reasons why drivers avoid going over the speed bumps.

"We hear it all," he said. "Oh, it's bad for my suspension.' 'Oh, my car scrapes.' I've heard medical reasons for not being able to drive over bumps."

When asked about the speed bumps, Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland

pointed to previous coverage from the "Town Crier" that explained why the speed tables were originally installed, needed to be changed and why the bumps are staggered. He declined to comment further.

There are currently no plans in the works to alter the speed tables.

Despite the effect the speed bumps may have on some drivers' cars, DeBiasio emphasized the importance of a functioning vehicle that won't be damaged by the tables.

"Every excuse there is, your car needs to be able to function normally on the roadway," he said. "All vehicles need to be roadworthy and safe to operate on public roadways."

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MIDPEN

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Ward 5, encompassing part of Mountain View.

Los Altos-based Midpen comprises seven wards, spanning much of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Both candidates ran unopposed, according to Midpen Public Affairs Specialist Ryan McCauley. He added that only contested races will appear on the November general election ballot.

Members of the organization's board of directors serve four-year terms, with staggered elections for the positions every two years. To run, candidates must be 18 or older, registered to vote in their ward and gather 50 signatures in support of their candidacy.

"A lot of progress has been made, but a lot more work has to be done"

Yoriko Kishimoto,

BOARDMEMBER, MIDPENINSULA
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE

The board of directors oversees budgets and projects taking place in the more than 70,000 acres of preserved land. Some of the current projects include work in the Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve in San Mateo County, wildland fire resiliency and



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Left, Karen Holman, Right, Yoriko Kishimoto

wildlife crossings over Highway 17.

The project would allow large mammals, including mountain lions and deer, to cross the highway safely, according to Kishimoto. Midpen will be working with the Valley Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation to complete the project.

"Each project is becoming more and more complex and requires more and more partnerships," Kishimoto said. "I was happy that I was able to use the contacts that I've developed over my years in public service to hopefully bring the project to realization."

Kishimoto also said that she looks forward to making progress on Measure AA, a 30-year, \$300 million bond approved by voters in 2014. The measure aims to improve and restore lands and open them to

the public.

"A lot of progress has been made, but a lot more work has to be done," Kishimoto said. "It's not an easy job, but the results are something that I know our public is going to love."

Director Holman did not respond to the Town Crier's request for comment.

Despite these wards' elections missing from this year's ballot, Midpen is looking to continue to cultivate more public interest in their mission and work.

"As a public agency, these are really your lands," McCauley said. "These are lands controlled by the public, protected by the public, for the public to enjoy, so the more we get people understanding who we are and what we offer, the better."

For more information on Midpen, see openspace.org.



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Los Altos Hills Town Hall.

SHERIFF

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oversight with the government code to provide protections, which was agreed to by both parties.

Mayor Rajiv Bhateja at the meeting moved to sign the contract with the added verbiage regarding Code 51350 and also moved to an immediate dispute process with three steps: informal negotiations, followed by non-binding mediations and then – as a last resort if necessary – litigation. The council passed the motion unanimously.

Bhateja said that the sheriff's office at the end of 2025 sent a new proposal to the city, as well as Saratoga and Cupertino, which also use the department's services, and the new cost spiked 30%.

"The general fund is \$14.5 million that we can spend," said Bhateja. "Getting a three-quarters of a million dollars increase is pretty significant (chunk out of our general fund)."

Bhateja said that the previous agreement had the city paying \$2.7 million for the law enforcement services and the new contract would bump that up to \$3.5 million.

"We could probably deal with a 10% increase and deal with that," he said, "but it's just so much more."

Bhateja said that the trio of cities argued that the sheriff's office may have violated Code 51350. Essentially, Bhateja said he believes the sheriff's office was billing the cities for overhead costs that don't directly apply to the services they provide to the cities.

He said in negotiations, the cities got the sheriff's office to

reduce some of the overhead costs, but that knocked off just \$100,000 from the bill, making it \$3.4 million. Bhateja said the overhead pricing has increased by 23%, meaning the city essentially pays an officer \$464 per hour of policing. The contract states that the city will pay \$1.5 million for patrolling and \$1.88 million for overhead costs, which means overhead costs are 125% of the patrol fee.

"We think they are doing their math in a funny way and claiming all the costs will be incurred in overhead costs," Bhateja said, adding that compared to other cities working with other county sheriff's departments, Los Altos Hills fees are exponentially higher.

Los Altos Hills, Saratoga and Cupertino brought in Vasquez and Company to do an independent review on the agreement, which found that \$10.7 million of overhead costs are not allocable to the cities. Bhateja said the actual overhead costs should be \$2.15 million across the three cities. Saratoga recently signed its contract proposal with reduced service hours to lower costs and secure a new five-year agreement. While Bhateja said they are uncomfortable with the contract, they need to have policing.

"We decided to sign the agreement with a minor change the county agreed to, but (we'll) keep working with the county on rationalizing costs," Bhateja said. "This has been a difficult discussion, and we really value (the sheriff's office and the county). The overhead costs are just insane. That's where we need to come back to reality a little bit."



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Los Altos celebrates its 75th birthday next year. Back in 1957, through a direct assessment, business owners enabled the new city to build surface parking plazas as an intentional feature of downtown. Senator Alan Cranston praised the design as offering “close proximity to stores, ease of access and visibility.” Ten tree-lined plazas were established to benefit local merchants and the community.

Downtown Los Altos became a quaint, successful commercial hub, and a place where the community comes together to celebrate. Annual parades still take place: Pet Parade, LAHS Homecoming and Festival of Lights. The plazas also host celebrations of the seasons and cars – antique and Corvettes! Tourists travel to Los Altos by the busload to see the vast tree canopy turn color in the fall. Residents choose to live in Los Altos because it continues to be The Village, a quintessential small town that once got the attention of Frank Lloyd Wright, and that countless city councils have stewarded.

In 2025, the current council committed \$2.5 million toward altering downtown. Schematics include the removal of three public parking plazas between Main Street and San Antonio, replacing them with a parking garage, performing arts center and park. These new components provide incentives for developers and benefit to a theater group, but project proposals have not addressed impacts to local business, traffic circulation issues and ongoing taxpayer burdens.

Former mayors, commissioners, educators and current downtown property and business owners came together over a common concern about deficiencies with the city’s recent planning process. Measure D is the grassroots citizens’ effort to safeguard our downtown by ensuring that the community, not any one city council, have a final say on projects that present irreversible changes to our irreplaceable public land.

Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Los Altos Police Department’s 1954 safety campaign reminded residents that “Speed Kills” and to “Be Courteous.” Chief Ronald Renshaw is standing by the patrol cars opposite Gordon’s Fine Foods (now an office building) at the corner of First and Main.

What D does and does not do

A “Yes” vote on Measure D establishes an ordinance that requires voter approval before the city sells, trades, leases, conveys, declares “surplus land” or otherwise permanently changes the current use of the ten city-owned downtown parking plazas. Plazas 7 and 8 are set aside in the ordinance because they are already designated for affordable housing in Los Altos’ state-mandated Housing Element. The ordinance also allows for the normal operation, maintenance, and improvement of the parking plazas.

Measure D doesn’t prevent change or restrict projects or uses that can possibly occur on plaza land; it simply requires voter approval as a final step in the planning process. The California Department of Housing (HCD) has already offered its direction that when Measure D passes, the city will amend the Housing Element, and an amendment doesn’t trigger Builder’s Remedy.

The measure doesn’t put residential neighborhoods at risk of rezoning. Los Altos has already identified 30% more potential housing units than the state requires. Even discounting the 124 moderate-income units identified for the city-owned plazas, Los Altos still has over 500 sur-

plus units in its certified Housing Element.

Guardrail, not roadblock

Measure D protects public assets. City councils have previously, and regretfully, given away or sold public land without voter approval. Measure D safeguards against disposition and third-party deals, strengthens accountability, and encourages thoughtful planning before committing substantial public funds.

Measure D is consistent with existing Los Altos policies. Voter approval is already required by local ordinances for the disposition of parks, open space and the 18 acres of the civic center. It’s common sense that Measure D applies this same public land voter-approval principle to our city-owned downtown plazas.

Downtown development confusion

The city is now proposing using Plazas 1, 2 and 3 for development unrelated to housing. Council asserts these non-housing projects will not invalidate the Housing Element. Yet, Council also asserts that, if Measure D passes, putting these same projects to a community vote somehow triggers a housing penalty. It cannot be both ways.

Opponents claim the ordinance invites lawsuits. In fact, YIMBY Law (a pro-housing

nonprofit, not a law firm) has threatened to sue the city regardless of whether or not Measure D passes. Measure D was crafted by preeminent law firm Rutan & Tucker with input from regulatory and land-use experts. And Los Altos has good standing with the HCD as a “pro housing-designated” city.

Los Altos is fortunate to have a downtown with a character all its own – walkable streets, mature trees, locally-owned businesses and parking plazas that have served our community and businesses for generations. These plazas are more than public property; they are a feature and part of how our town functions. Many of us choose to live and invest here because of this invaluable village atmosphere.

Like other public lands in Los Altos, the parking plazas deserve community oversight as planning policy. A “yes” vote on Measure D simply gives voters a deciding voice when permanent changes are proposed for the nearly ten acres of city-owned parking plazas, plazas intentionally designed to establish Los Altos as a unique and vibrant small town: a place, according to Senator Cranston, “as marvelous...as any on the Peninsula.”

**For Downtown Los Altos,
Yes! on Measure D**

Community

Town Torchbearers:

A look at Larry Nelson's legacy of service and business

By Miranda Huang

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Larry Nelson, the late local business owner and long-time operator of Los Altos Pharmacy, stumbled into the pharmaceutical industry by chance, according to his son, Bart.

Growing up on a farm in the Fresno County town of Kingsburg, Larry was plowing his field when the local pharmacist came by, driving what his son described as a "nice and clean" vehicle.

The brief encounter inspired Larry to attend UC San Francisco to earn a two-year pharmaceutical degree, according to Bart. After graduating, Larry managed hotel pharmacies before moving to Los Altos, when he heard that

a local entrepreneur was selling their space.

"(My father) took the bus and got off on the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road. He started walking toward Los Altos," Bart said. "When he heard a vehicle coming, he put his thumb out, and the farmer stopped. He said, 'Son, where are you going?' (and my father) said, 'Downtown Los Altos.'"

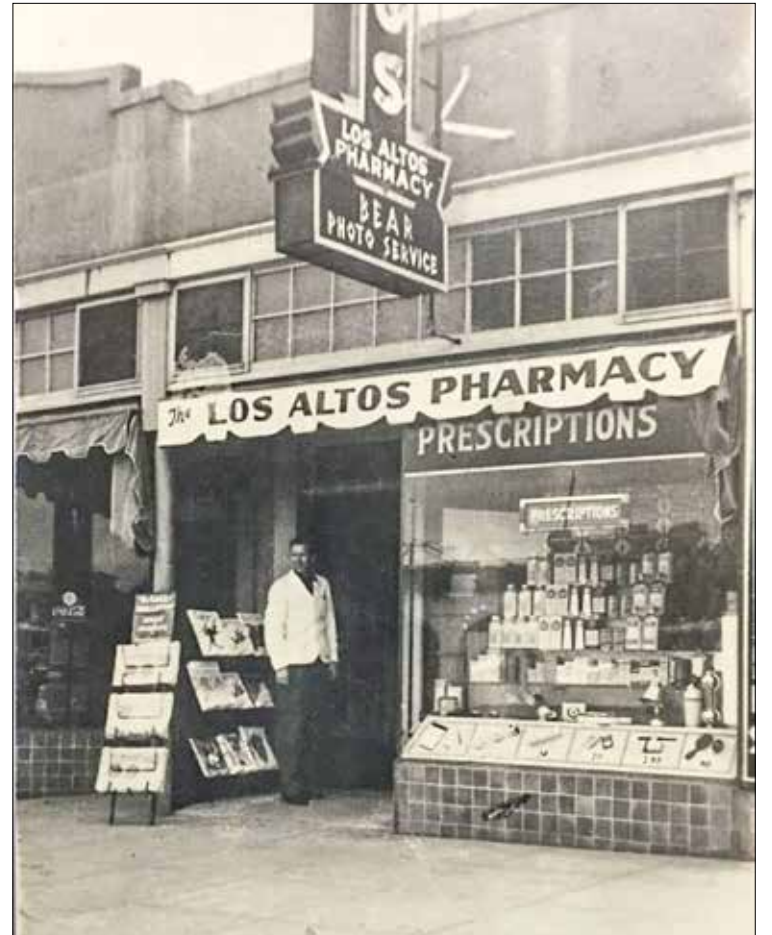
What is now a Walgreens pharmacy off of Main Street, Los Altos Pharmacy once stood as a bustling business for over 70 years, according to Bart.

"Back in those days, pharmacy and business were quite different. It was all reputation," Bart said. "So he started in the middle of Main Street and developed trust in

the community. That was his No. 1 quality."

Alongside running the pharmacy, the late Nelson operated four other businesses in downtown Los Altos, including a liquor store and coffee shop, Bart said. Before pre-made tablets, syrups or liquids, Bart said pharmacies concocted doctor's orders by hand. He said he admired his father's ability to develop personal relationships with his clients.

"If it was Sunday night and the doctor was at the hospital and needed something, and the hospital didn't have it, my dad might. He'd get a call from the doctor, and he'd go down, open the store, get what doctor ordered and



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Pharmacist Larry Nelson in the doorway of his pharmacy

Measure **D** is DANGEROUS and DECEPTIVE **NO** on **D**

What can happen if Measure D passes?



Wastes millions on lawsuits - Indemnifies the proponents and allows them to defend the measure in court and in appeals with the City, all at taxpayer expense. (The proponents wrote Section 10 of the measure to give themselves this authority.)

August 28 Update: CA Dept of Housing states, "If voters adopt the Ordinance, the City will be required to amend its housing element" and "HCD may revoke its finding that the City's housing element is in compliance". If that happens, the City will have to identify housing sites elsewhere, including shopping centers and residential neighborhoods along major corridors. We risk Builder's Remedy, losing local control throughout Los Altos.

Eliminates parking spaces with no city authority to replace them - Housing on plazas 7 & 8 will lose 266 spaces. Measure D requires a city-wide vote to build more parking on the other plazas, adding significant risk, expense, and delay.

Stops investment downtown - After years of study and public input, the City has heard that citizens want downtown to evolve. Measure D stops downtown improvements.



What can happen if we defeat Measure D?

Accountability - With your City Council responsible for zoning, we can provide direct input at meetings, speak with them in person, and hold them accountable at every election. Don't strip their authority and control. Keep Representative Government. Vote No on D.

Investment - With a vision created by citizens in 2018, the City will be able to invest already-collected fees on parking or other amenities to get more people downtown. Vote No on D.

Parking Positive - The City's proposals on the plazas all include replacing and/or adding to existing parking. Tell the Council you are parking-positive. Vote No on D.

People Positive - Downtown businesses depend and thrive on foot traffic. Our City has ideas to get more people downtown. Tell the Council you are people-positive. Vote No on D.

Village Positive - Lets your elected City Council thoughtfully guide downtown Los Altos' evolution and avoids out-of-town property owners cashing in with massive Builder's Remedy developments. Vote No on D.



El Camino Health ranks among top hospitals in California

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

El Camino Health earned praise in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2026-2027 best hospital rankings. The non-profit hospital placed within the top 20 hospitals in California, earning the spot of #1 hospital in San Jose.

Shreyas Mallur, El Camino’s chief quality officer, said that this achievement is due to El Camino’s commitment to innovative, compassionate and personalized care.

“I’ve been fortunate to witness the health system’s extraordinary development over the years, from expanding access to care and advancing clinical services to strengthening our impact in the communities we serve,” Mallur said.

“Our physicians, nurses and clinical staff are the driving force behind the exceptional care.”

Mallur has been at El Camino for 17 years. In that time, Mallur said that the hospital has expanded across disciplines to remain at the forefront of community health care.

“As our communities grow, so does the need for greater access to exceptional healthcare,” Mallur said.

Mallur noted the hospital’s upcoming expansion project, including a new inpatient rehab facility in Sunnyvale and continued plans to update El Camino’s Los Gatos campus.

“These investments reflect our long-term commitment

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El Camino Health’s Orchard Pavilion in Mountain View, which expanded its obstetrics unit in June.

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drive it out to the family home. That was a different level of service than (what we see) today.”

Bart said he did not know initially if he wanted to be involved in the family business. It was only after working for other businesses that he joined his brother in running the pharmacy.

“I think when you have the opportunity to enter a family business, you have to give it a lot of thought,” Bart said. “When I ended up working for other independents and also chain stores, I quickly came to the realization that what my father had developed was something special.”

Liz Nyberg, former co-owner of the Town Crier and a customer who frequented Nelson’s pharmacy, said the store was a great place to meet friends. Although she did not know the late Nelson personally, she said she imagined his service ran similar to Bart’s.

“If you had some kind of an unusual drug required, they could make it on the spot, and Bart would come in even after hours to make something if it was urgently needed,” Ny-

berg said. “That was personal service. I would imagine his father did the same thing.”

Alongside serving as a gathering spot for acquaintances, the pharmacy became a comforting place for locals, according to Nyberg. She said that the woman at the cosmetic counter came to know her name.

“(With nearby) Kahn’s pharmacy and Nelson’s pharmacy gone, you have to go to a drugstore like CVS or Walgreens, and it’s certainly not the same kind of service,” she said. “They don’t know who you are. You have to wait in line. It’s not a small, hometown feeling.”

Bart said that his father’s background in agriculture paved the way for his legacy today.

“My greatest respect for his upbringing was the amount of effort he put into work, and he transitioned that concept of effort into his pharmacy and serving others,” Bart said. “Effort and service to others became a very standard evolution. It was all part of who the community was, and he was in the right community at the right time.”

This is the fourth in a series of articles about people who have shaped Los Altos.

'Live well, age well' expo offers resources to adults over 50

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Growing older often brings new challenges, but there is no reason to face these challenges alone. The cities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills want to provide this support.

Adults over the age of 50 are welcome to explore the resources at their disposal this Sept. 15 at the second annual "Live well, age well" expo. The event will take place at Los Altos Community Center, starting at noon and ending at 3:30 p.m.

"Life will give you a lot of different challenges and you don't necessarily know what kind of information and resources you might need," said Community Services Deputy Director and event organizer Jaime Chew. "The intent really is to be a resource and to provide that information to the community."

The event is hosted by Los Altos' Senior Commission, and sponsored by the cities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Chew added that the expo will be supported by city staff.

Event attendance is free and open to any community members. Although the expo is geared at older adults, Chew noted that these resources may also be useful to people who have loved ones or family members over the age of 50.

"It is intended to be accessible by everyone, so that it can help and provide information when you need it the most," Chew said.

The event will feature two presentations, one at the beginning and one at the end, alongside around 35 vendors focused on health, community building and senior living.

"Life will give you a lot of different challenges and you don't necessarily know what kind of information and resources you might need."

Jaime Chew, COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Chew said that it is important to cover a variety of topics and challenges in order to meet the needs of the community.

However, Chew said that



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAIME CHEW

Last year's Los Altos Live Well Age Well Health Expo.

this year's event has been simplified in order to be more accessible.

into this year where we simplified it," Chew said. Instead, this year's expo

and the local YMCA as examples of the kind of vendors that attendees can expect to see.

"They had a very successful event last year ... that's why they want to continue with it," Chew said. "We're very excited, and hopefully the community enjoys and gets the information that they're looking for."

For more information, see losaltosca.gov/706/Live-Well-Age-Well-Health-Expo.



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New, limited edition library card designs offered by the Santa Clara County Library District.

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD), in collaboration with the San Jose Sharks, is offering limited-edition library cards.

Through the month of September, these cards will be available to everyone who signs up for a library card at any Santa Clara County public library. The cards feature two unique “Turn it teal” designs, inspired by the San Jose Sharks.

“The San Jose Sharks are a beloved local franchise, and we are excited to partner with them to promote the value of a library account,” said County Librarian Jennifer Weeks. “Everyone should have a library card and now they have

the perfect opportunity to be one of the first to get a limited-edition San Jose Sharks card.”

Library cards allow holders full access to all SCCLD online and physical media, including books, videos, audiobooks, eBooks and more.

These new, limited-edition library cards are available beginning Sept. 1. On Sept. 8, SCCLD will hold a celebratory storytime at Cupertino Library featuring special guest readers from the San Jose Sharks.

This event is part of the “Sharks around the Bay” tour, which brings players across the Bay Area to engage with fans.

For more information, see scclld.org.

MVLA Service League of Boys opens enrollment

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The MVLA Service League of Boys (SLOBs) is accepting new members through Sept. 30 for the 2026-2027 year. The parent-son organization, which has more than 450 members, connects local families with community service opportunities while supporting educational and charitable efforts.

Members can choose from a monthly list of volunteer opportunities, with activities ranging from helping animals and collecting food donations

to assisting with community events. The organization partners with local nonprofits and other community groups to provide service opportunities.

SLOBs describes its mission as fostering community responsibility while strengthening relationships between parents and sons through volunteer work.

Enrollment is open to families interested in participating in the organization’s activities. More information about membership and registration is available on the SLOBs website at mvlalslob.org.

Mountain View launches ‘Mayor for a Day’ essay contest

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The city of Mountain View Aug. 31 launched an essay contest giving kids the opportunity to sit in the mayor’s seat, figuratively, for a day.

Any Mountain View residents in elementary and middle schools can submit their essay no longer than 500 words, following the prompt: “If you

were mayor for a day, what is one problem you would solve?”

Students have until Oct. 9 to submit one “Mayor for a Day” entry. The parent or guardian of the student must fill out the contest entry form on their child’s behalf; by submitting the form, they are giving their informed consent for their child to participate in the contest, the city said in a news release.

The two winners will be recognized at the Oct. 27 Mountain View City Council meeting as Mayor Emily Ann Ramos will select two winning entries, one from the elementary school-aged kids and another from the middle school-aged students.

For more information and the entry form, see mountainview.gov/mayorforaday.

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Poets, artists unite for downtown Los Altos event Friday night

By Allison Mu

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Expect to see a crowd of people milling around downtown Los Altos Friday evening (Sept. 11) gazing at art and listening to poets read their work.

The second Art & Poetry Walk, presented by Arts Los Altos and Salt & Poetry, will bring local poets and community members together. They will explore public art throughout downtown, with poets reading pieces written about the murals and sculptures along the route.

"The Art & Poetry Walk combines a poetry reading with an art walk," said organizer Hilary King, Salt & Poetry poet and Los Altos resident. "Poetry

readings tend to be in one place where the audience is sitting and listening to the poet read; this will be a moving poetry reading."

Participating poet Amruta Bedekar, who wrote and read at last year's event, said the walk gives poets an opportunity to engage with the community.

"It's rare that poets get a chance to really speak about other pieces of art," the San Jose resident said. "We tend to live more in the world of words and our own thoughts and imaginations and stories."

Maddy McBirney, co-founder of Arts Los Altos, will lead the group through eight stops over the course of an hour. These public artworks will fea-

ture murals and sculptures. The selection includes newer pieces from Arts Los Altos, as well as some installed by the city.

The walk also gives attendees a chance to notice pieces they might otherwise overlook. While information about the murals and their artistic process is available at each site, according to McBirney, "People would miss out on the information behind the artist's intention and the story behind the mural. ... There's a lot of information people wouldn't get if they didn't do a tour."

According to Bedekar, hearing poetry alongside the artwork will give attendees new perspectives of these pieces of art.

"If you have a poet's impression and their thoughts, they can go in so many different and surprising and interesting ways that gives you richer layers to connect with the art," she said.

For the organizers, the free event is also a way to showcase the local creative people and



PHOTO BY HILARY KING

Poet Amruta Bedekar reads in front of the "California Birds, Stewards of the Environment" mural.

the artistic community in Los Altos.

"These events are very important, and I hope, very rewarding for the poets," King said. "I hope that the town is appreciative of them, as it has been so far."

This year's walk will conclude with a reception where at-

tendees can meet the poets and participate in creative activities.

The event runs 5:30-6:30 p.m., beginning at the "Los Hills" mural at 260 State St. Organizers ask attendees to register in advance.

To RSVP and for more information, see tinyurl.com/Art-WalkLA.

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Muwekma Ohlone Tribe pushes for federal recognition, aided by South Bay youth

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Despite millennia of historical and cultural ties to the Bay Area, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe is not recognized by the United States federal government, but a youth-led initiative is pushing to change this.

IJC is a youth-driven social justice initiative, focused on cultural preservation and political advocacy. The organization was started by Belur alongside fellow San Jose teen Aarav Iyer.

The group's Bay Area-based activism focuses mainly on supporting the Muwekma

said. At the time, the tribe was known as the Verona Band of Alameda County.

"(Dorrington) didn't have the authority to do this, he also didn't have any judicial order and there was no legislative change that was done," Belur said.

Belur added that, since then, courts have ruled in the tribe's favor. The Muwekma Ohlone Tribe is recognized within the state of California. However, they are still not being afforded the full resources that they are entitled to because they are not recognized on a federal level.

IJC is fighting to change this. The coalition most recently found victory this summer in Santa Clara's city council.

In June of 2026, the city of Santa Clara passed a resolution in support of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. By doing so, Santa Clara joined Livermore and Union City in advocating for federal recognition to the United States Congress, White House, Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Belur said that foster-

ing this local support carries necessary momentum – momentum which IJC hopes to continue building, eventually taking the issue to trial in order to create tangible legislative change.

"The main goal for legislative affairs is to get more cities involved from the larger Bay Area, so we can show the federal government that we are standing behind (the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe)," Belur said.

For more information, see indigenousjusticecoalition.com.

HOSPITAL

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to delivering outstanding care and meeting the evolving healthcare needs of the communities we serve," Mallur said.

But, the service El Camino provides would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the hospital's staff, Mallur added.

"Every day I see a team united by a commitment to excellence, innovation and delivering safe, personalized care that defines who we are," Mallur said. "It feels incredibly rewarding to work alongside such talented and compassionate colleagues at El Camino Health."

"It's definitely a big issue for the tribe. It means that they aren't receiving any of the benefits of federal recognition."

Sudhanva Belur, Co-President, Indigenous Justice Coalition

Prior to Spanish colonization, Muwekma Ohlone lands spanned across the Bay Area. This territory stretched from Solano County in the north to Santa Cruz County in the south. It included the areas that would become Los Altos, Mountain View and Los Altos Hills.

"It's definitely a big issue for the tribe," said Sudhanva Belur, a San Jose student and co-president of the Indigenous Justice Coalition (IJC). "It means that they aren't receiving any of the benefits of federal recognition."

Ohlone Tribe by working alongside tribal leaders. These efforts include the push for federal recognition.

Federal recognition would give the Muwekma Ohlone access to economic, health and land resources, alongside other key protections, Belur said. The tribe used to have these federal protections.

The Muwekma Ohlone lost their status in the 1920s, when the tribe was removed from the national list of federally recognized tribes by former Sacramento Superintendent Lafayette Dorrington, Belur

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Community

Talent show raises funds for childhood cancer treatment

By Ava Acharya
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Throughout the month of September, Bay Area locals are putting their efforts toward fundraising in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

In the South Bay, Palo Alto teen Aeshaan Singhal is channeling this energy toward a talent show fundraiser for pediatric cancer research at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.

The show will take place on Sept. 12 at Santana Row in San Jose. Show admission is free, however donations are encouraged.

The talent show will feature a variety of different acts, including poetry, music, dance and more. Singhal gave special thanks to Palo Alto's School of Rock for providing all sound equipment.

Singhal added that previous shows have featured comedy sets and aspects of audience interaction.

"It's truly open to anything," Singhal said. "My fa-



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Bye Bye Kids Cancer founder Aeshaan Singhal at a previous talent show fundraiser.

patients while he was very young. At age 5, Singhal said, his mother asked if he would be willing to donate some of his birthday gifts to children being treated for cancer at Lucile Packard.

"To give to other kids who might have been struggling more than me. Obviously, I was very young. I didn't really know what it meant," Singhal said.

At the suggestion of his mother, Singhal began asking for donations to children's

it," Singhal said.

Singhal eventually decided to combine his love of guitar with this drive to support childhood cancer patients, re-focusing fundraising through a talent show which featured his music school classmates.

From there, Singhal's show and nonprofit organization grew and diversified.

"What I do is I reach out to people I personally know at my school ... then also through parent group chats, student group chats, and just reach out to as many people as I can," Singhal said. "And generally, we get a lot of people on board."

Singhal said that a showcase like this gives young performers a stage, while also giving them an opportunity to give back by supporting a meaningful cause. Performers come from across the Bay, including Los Altos and the surrounding area.

"It was pretty small at first, but we had like a good amount of performers, and we ended up raising about maybe a little bit over \$1,900, that really surprised me," Singhal said. "So we ended up doing it every single year."

For more information, see byebyekidscancer.org/events.

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Aeshaan Singhal, FOUNDER, BYE BYE KIDS CANCER

vorite part is when people from the crowd are like, 'I want to join in too,' so they come on the stage as well."

This showcase is part of several fundraising efforts organized through Singhal's organization Bye Bye Kids Cancer, which includes five chapters across the South Bay.

Singhal found the drive to support childhood cancer

cancer research in place of presents. Eventually, he met a young girl who was going through chemotherapy.

Singhal said that meeting this young girl made him truly understand the heavy difficulty that childhood cancer patients face.

"In that moment, I realized I wanted to continue. ... I definitely portrayed a passion for

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Class leaders Martha Gilmore, left, and Maria Stelmach working through fall prevention strategies.

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can be hosted throughout the nation as long as coaches and mentors are trained to do so, according to Catigay.

She added that Stanford started facilitating the program at local senior centers in 2012. Catigay joined that year.

Prospective participants for the program sometimes have a misconception that the program is only about exercising, Catigay added. Before each program starts, she calls the people who signed up to ensure this is the correct fit for them. If not, people are selected from the waitlist, capped at 26 people.

"They may or may not have had a fall," Catigay said. "Some people just want to avoid it and get as much information as they can. What's nice about the class is that we look at exercises and assertiveness as well as talking about home and community safety."

Elaine Sulzberger, who is one of the coaches, said the roleplay and mental skills offered as part of the program cover big and small movements.

"We're just trying to help

people think of alternative ways to solve their perceived problems," Sulzberger said. "People in the class suggest things as well as coaches, with things as relevant as what shoes to wear to a wedding. People are problem solving and trying to help each other out."

In a follow-up text message, Sulzberger recalled a time when a participant wanted to climb onto the roof of his house, which she said could be extremely dangerous.

"It took him until the eighth class for him to agree not to climb," she said. "Classmates were so happy, and some cried."

As a certified coach for the last 14 years, Sulzberger said people should join because the program is beneficial for their emotional and physical health.

"It's important for them to join if they want to live the best life they can," Sulzberger said during the interview. "We encourage them to think about easy to do stuff that enriches their lives and keep moving. We give all kinds of suggestions, and classmates do too."

For more information on the program and future classes, see tinyurl.com/matter-of-balance.

NOVELIST

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to figure out where to hold it that would have enough space around Linden Tree, and that's really only Gunn High School and Foothill College," Lane said. "We looked at other high schools around the Peninsula, but most of them top out at 400 or 500 seats."

Saccheri said the event will not only give attendees an opportunity to hear from the authors but also briefly meet them.

"Raina and Gale will have a discussion together for 45 minutes or so," Saccheri said. "Afterwards, we'll have a really quick meet and greet kind of photo line where people can line up and say hi briefly."



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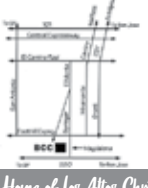
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Stepping Out

Smuin kicks off season in Mountain View with 'French Kiss'

By Lara Leon

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Smuin Contemporary Ballet opens its 2026-2027 season in Mountain View with "French Kiss," a three-ballet program featuring works by artistic director Amy Seiwert, choreographer My'Kal Stromile and company founder Michael Smuin.

The program will be presented Friday through Sunday (Sept. 11-13) at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Smuin then brings "French Kiss" to Walnut Creek (Sept. 18 and 19) and San Francisco (Oct. 9-18).

Seiwert said the program will "pay homage to the legacy of our founder, Michael Smuin."

The late Smuin, who founded the San Francisco-based company in 1994, was a Tony- and Emmy-winning choreographer whose career spanned ballet, Broadway, film and television. He became known for blending classical ballet with theatrical and popular styles, an approach that Seiwert said continues to influence the company.

Seiwert said the company's work often challenges traditional expectations of ballet.

"A lot of people have an expectation of what a ballet will be ... that it's very soft and it's very romantic and it's about a prince in a forest," Seiwert said. "That's not what we do. The type of work we normally do is much more based on today's stories, which I think makes it way more relatable."

The program begins with Seiwert's "French Kiss," which premiered in 2023. Set to music by Pink Martini, the work follows characters in Paris and uses colorful costumes and choreography to create a world filled with personality.

"This piece is really set in Paris, and the characters are from those streets, and it's really like ... drenched in color and personality," Seiwert said.

Dancer Ricardo Dyer, who



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Smuin Contemporary Ballet presents the three-ballet program "French Kiss" Friday through Sunday (Sept. 11-13) at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

performed in the ballet when it premiered, said returning to the work has allowed him to approach familiar choreography with more confidence.

"It feels really good to revisit something and have the confidence that you maybe didn't have before ... find different ways to approach the

"Whatever your experience is watching that ballet is so valid. You are going to experience it differently than the person who's sitting next to you, and that's a beautiful thing"

Amy Seiwert,
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

movement that you maybe didn't find the first time around," Dyer said.

Seiwert said she hopes the choreography will keep audiences guessing.

"If I can surprise an audience, that's always my favorite thing to do," Seiwert said. "You might think something's going to work out one way, and then there's like a left turn."

The second work, Stromile's "I-SCRIT-AH-SCREE-

TAH-SKRATT," will make its world premiere. The work explores thought and the process of making thoughts visible through movement, Stromile said.

"This piece kind of centers a lot on not just thought as subject matter, but thought as behavior, and what it means to watch the process of the thought becoming legible, or the process of going through experimentation and seeing where experimentation leads you," Stromile said.

Rather than asking audiences to arrive at a particular interpretation, Stromile said he wants them to bring their own experiences to the work.

"I don't ever try to say, 'I need the audience to feel a particular kind of way,'" Stromile said. "I set up very specific kinds of choreographic propositions, so to speak, and then I want the audience to be an active participant in the work itself."

The program concludes with founder Smuin's "Stabat Mater," a work created in 2002 in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The ballet is returning to the stage for the first time since 2016 as the company marks 20 years since Smuin's death.

Seiwert said the work reflects grief and resilience

while emphasizing the strength people can find in one another.

"It's about loss, but it's really also about community and hope and the strength that we get from one another," Seiwert said.

Together, the three works

comprising "French Kiss" give audiences different experiences throughout the evening, according to Dyer.

"We give you a variety. We're not doing just one ballet. We're doing about three 30-ish-minute ballets ... you're taken to a different place within each one," he said.

Seiwert said she hopes audiences approach the performances without worrying about finding one "correct" interpretation.

"People sometimes worry if they're understanding the ballet correctly ... and I'm like, 'Feel - just feel anything,'" Seiwert said. "Whatever your experience is watching that ballet is so valid. You are going to experience it differently than the person who's sitting next to you, and that's a beautiful thing."

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25-\$100. For more information, see tinyurl.com/SmuinFrenchKiss.

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Schools

Mountain View, Los Altos high school gyms set for upgrades

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District is preparing to modernize the gyms at both of its high schools, with Mountain View High's gym scheduled for renovations during the 2026-2027 school year and Los Altos High's following the year.

The district has budgeted \$17.5 million for the projects, including construction and soft costs such as architectural and construction management fees, Division of the State Architect fees and inspections. The gym renovations are the final projects on the district's Measure E bond program list, which is guided by the district's facilities master plan.

At Mountain View High School (MVHS), construction is expected to take place throughout the 2026-2027 school year, with the gym reopening at the start of the 2027-2028 school year. The Los Altos High School (LAHS) gym is scheduled to be out of commission during the 2027-2028 school year.

The Mountain View project includes improvements to



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The Mountain View High School gym during this school year's volleyball tryouts. The gym currently lacks air conditioning.

both the large and small gyms, including new HVAC and air conditioning, flooring, lighting, restrooms and basketball backboards and hoops. A new lobby and landscaping on the quad side of the building are also planned.

"Air conditioning," Associate Superintendent of Business Services Mike Mathiesen told the Town Crier when asked what students and the broader school community will notice

most after the renovation.

"The MVHS gym is old, is one of the last areas on campus without air conditioning, and is likely the only building that hasn't been touched in any significant way in the past 20-plus years," Mathiesen said.

The renovation will mean the school's main gym is unavailable during the 2026-2027 school year. The auxiliary gym will remain available for classes and programs. Ma-

thiesen said the auxiliary gym was built earlier in the Measure E program in part to ensure the school would have an indoor facility available when the larger gyms were taken offline.

Athletic teams that normally use the MVHS gym have scheduled more away games during the renovation. Los Altos' gym will serve as the home venue for league games during the 2026-2027 school

year. The arrangement will reverse the following year when the Los Altos gym is closed for renovation.

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Mike Mathiesen,

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
BUSINESS SERVICES

The Mountain View project will also convert about half of the existing small gym into a larger weight room, providing more space for equipment and allowing more students to use it at a time. A new lobby will provide additional covered space for events and classes, improve the entrance for athletic spectators and provide another location for lunch service.

The district said air monitoring is standard throughout its bond projects. If asbestos abatement or other hazardous-material work is required during demolition, specialized contractors will handle the work according to applicable safety requirements.

Four things to know about local schools

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

1. Mountain View Whisman settles sex abuse lawsuit for \$5 million

The Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) has agreed to pay \$5 million to three former students who alleged they were sexually abused by a Graham Middle School teacher about 50 years ago.

The settlement was announced by MVWSD Board President Charles DiFazio following an Aug. 20 closed session. The lawsuit, filed in December 2022, alleged that the district failed to protect students from Nathaniel McCray, who taught sex education, science and theater at Graham.

Two plaintiffs were students in McCray's classrooms from

1972 to 1974 and alleged that he groomed, sexually harassed and abused them.

McCray was indicted in 1974 in connection with a child sexual abuse material ring. Court documents said hundreds of boys were sexually assaulted by members of the ring, which included employees of the Santa Clara Unified School District.

The lawsuit was enabled by California's 2019 Child Victims Act, which temporarily extended the time available for survivors of childhood sexual assault to bring civil claims. The case is scheduled to be dismissed Feb. 19, 2027.

2. MVLA raises substitute teacher pay

The Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District has raised its daily substitute teacher rate to \$280, the

first increase in about five years.

The school board voted unanimously Aug. 17 to establish the flat daily rate. Previously, substitutes received either \$250 or \$280.25 depending on the day's bell schedule. Assignments of three hours or less will remain at \$130.

District officials said the increase is needed to remain competitive as neighboring districts raise substitute pay amid a shortage of substitute teachers.

When MVLA cannot find a substitute, administrators may ask another teacher to cover the class, costing the district \$464 to \$539 per day and taking teachers away from preparation periods.

3. Cupertino Union refinances \$60.5 million in bonds

The Cupertino Union

School District has refinanced more than \$60 million in outstanding general obligation bonds, generating an estimated \$4.5 million in long-term savings for taxpayers.

The Board of Education received an update on the refinancing at its August meeting. The district refinanced \$16.025 million in Series A bonds and \$44.53 million in Series B bonds in July, lowering their average interest rates from 3.33% to 2.74% and from 4.11% to 3.32%, respectively.

The savings will reduce property tax obligations over the remaining life of the bonds, with no impact on the district's general fund.

4. Los Altos School District moves ahead with five modernizations

The Los Altos School Dis-

trict is moving ahead with modernization plans at Egan and Blach middle schools and three elementary schools: Santa Rita, Oak and Almond.

The Board of Trustees approved architectural services agreements Aug. 17, including \$400,000 for Egan and Blach, \$1.5 million each for Oak and Santa Rita, and \$1.1 million for Almond.

Egan and Blach will be prepared to add sixth grade in fall 2028, while modernization at the three elementary schools is planned for the following year. Planned upgrades include HVAC, lighting, roofing, fire alarms, technology, flooring, restrooms and accessibility improvements. Design work is expected to begin this year, with construction costs still being developed.

Mentor program takes group approach at Alta Vista

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

A local nonprofit known for pairing high school students with individual adult mentors is trying a different approach at Alta Vista High School: bringing students together with mentors in a small group during the school day.

Mentor Tutor Connection launched the group mentoring program at the Mountain View alternative high school last school year, adapting its traditional one-on-one model to make mentoring more accessible to students who might find an individual relationship with an unfamiliar adult intimidating or difficult to fit into their schedules.

"The official format of group mentoring solved those problems," said Mela Roberts, MTC's mentoring program manager.

The program began with about 15 to 18 students and a

group of adult mentors who meet with students for activities, workshops and field trips. Students can receive elective class credit for participating.

Alta Vista Principal Suzanne Woolfolk said the idea grew from staff observations that students' communication and socialization patterns have changed in recent years, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff began exploring whether a small-group format could create a more comfortable environment for building relationships.

"What could we do with intentional communication and relationship-building?" Woolfolk recalled.

The answer has included wellness activities such as building Lego flowers, workshops on photography, and field trips to places including Hidden Villa and Filoli. Students have also participated

in rock climbing and ropes courses designed to encourage teamwork and taking risks in a supportive environment.

Karen Jones, an MTC board member and mentor who has participated in both one-on-one and group

"Mentors are caring, authentic individuals who keep showing up for our kids."

Suzanne Woolfolk, ALTA VISTA PRINCIPAL

mentoring for the past seven years, said students who initially were reluctant to interact began opening up as they participated in activities together.

On a rock-climbing trip, for example, students who were initially nervous began cheering each other on as they climbed.

"They're all cheering them on, which was pretty spectacular to watch," Jones said.

Students have also described the program as a place to develop practical skills and relationships. In anonymous feedback provided to MTC staff, one student said they would recommend the program to a friend because

not formally enrolled in the program can participate in some MTC activities, allowing them to see community adults consistently showing up for students.

After the first year, one encouraging sign for MTC is that students are returning to the program and bringing friends with them, Roberts and Jones said. The group model could also serve as a pathway into traditional one-on-one mentoring for students who develop a particularly strong connection with a mentor.

Woolfolk said that consistency is one of the program's most important elements.

"It doesn't take experience, it doesn't even necessarily take a particular background," she said. "Mentors are caring, authentic individuals who keep showing up for our kids."

For more information, see mentortutorconnection.org.

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Sports

Mountain View football runs past San Lorenzo Valley

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

After finishing last season as the PAL De Anza Division running back of the year, Dom Kristof is picking up where he left off as the spearpoint of Mountain View's potent rushing attack.

Down 13-7 against San Lorenzo Valley Thursday, Kristof (No. 22) broke off a 70-yard run for a touchdown with two minutes left in the first quarter and

"Everybody who played in the game gave a full team effort. Everybody contributed, so very proud of the entire team for finding a way to win."

Rick Esparza,
MOUNTAIN VIEW HEAD COACH

added another with a 45-yard run just before halftime to give Mountain View a 21-13 lead and help secure a 31-13 win to move the Spartans to 2-0 on the season.

"We ran a lot of Wildcat, putting me back at QB, trusting my guys. O-line did a great job blocking everything; it was wide open," Kristof said of his touchdown runs.

Kristof is the spearpoint of Mountain View's potent rushing attack and consistently churned yards in the first half thanks to his vision, quick cutting ability and breakaway speed, noted Mountain View head coach Rick Esparza. The only thing that stopped Kristof Thursday was muscle cramps, with the senior eventually leaving the game for good in the third quarter, which was understandable given he is also playing on defense this year as a safety, in addition to more touches on offense.

"Dom is a special player," Esparza said. "He's got a gift. We've just got to keep him upright and in one piece. This is new for him because last year he just played halfback for us, but we've added free safety to his workload this year, so it's a bit more running out there."

Despite two offensive line starters out along with two fullbacks, Mountain View kept its offense moving and held San Lorenzo Valley to just 13 points, outscoring the Cougars 24-0 after falling behind in the first quarter. After a rough start on special teams, where San Lorenzo Valley returned two kick returns deep into Mountain View territory that helped it score, Mountain View adjusted and took control back of the



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Mountain View running back Dom Kristof ran for two touchdowns in the 31-13 win over San Lorenzo Valley Thursday.

game late in the second half.

"I'm super proud of the guys for stepping up this week, some of them on late notice, like today we found out some guys were unable to play," Esparza said. "We coached them up in the locker room. Everybody who played in the game gave a full team effort. Everybody contributed, so very proud of the entire team for finding a way to win."

Mountain View delivered the knockout blow later in the fourth quarter while up 24-13, with junior running back Brad Smith scoring on a 40-yard run with just under four minutes remaining. The offensive line was a big part of the drive, Esparza noted.

"We're relying on the offensive line to carry us. They came up big. When it was fourth-and-2, I was ready to punt, but looked them in the eye and said, 'Hey, can we get this,' and they all told me, 'Yes.' That's when Brad Smith ripped off the big final touchdown," Esparza said.

Mountain View's defense also came up big in key mo-

ments when linebacker Jared Paterson intercepted a pass at the Mountain View 10-yard line from the San Lorenzo Valley quarterback to help prevent a score. Paterson was in the right place at the right time and jumped an out route.

"He's really our fixer," Esparza said. "We try to put that guy where we feel is the offense's strength because we know he's going to do such a great job."

Mountain View will continue its non-league schedule 7 p.m. Friday night when it travels to Morgan Hill to play Live Oak. San Lorenzo Valley (0-2) hosts King City 12:30 p.m. Saturday.



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Mountain View running back Dom Kristof ran for over 100 yards in the first half against San Lorenzo Valley Thursday.



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Mountain View wide receiver Micah Perkins (No. 11) scores a touchdown against San Lorenzo Valley Thursday.

Los Altos girls volleyball looks for league repeat

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

A year after winning the SCVAL De Anza Division title, the Los Altos High girls volleyball team is hoping to finish at the top of the league again thanks to its strength in depth.

Last year's star outside hitter Aviya Russo graduated and is now playing for the Texas Tech girls volleyball team, but a new crop of players is emerging that Los Altos coach Peter Kim believes can continue last year's success.

"I think we have the players to be able to come close, if not do better than last year," Kim said. It's going to be tough in our league. Palo Alto is going to be tough; Los Gatos is going to be tough. Every year is a dogfight during the season."

Most of the Los Altos attack last year focused on getting Russo in good positions. This year the focus is on the group stepping up and replacing her kills on the court.

"Obviously, losing Aviya is going to be huge, but we will just have to make it up with more people contributing to what we are doing out there," Kim said.

Setter Ana Heath and middle blocker Ella McFarlane have also graduated, but senior middle blocker Evelyn Zhang (No. 14) returns to anchor the defense and partner with Lola Ferrari (No. 5), who is in her first year on varsity, while sophomore setter Angela Deng (No. 6) has emerged as a leader and is one of four captains on the team. Zhang believes the team will thrive on defense and energy.

"I think defense is definitely one of our strengths this year. We have really good hustle," Zhang said.

The team also has several defensive setters in Brooklyn Miehm (No. 13), Teagan Prendergast (No. 11), Kaitlyn King (No. 2) and Emme Liao (No. 1) who will compete for playing time, along with several outside hitter options in Aleshia Thorpe

(No. 9), Mila Wong (No. 3) and Anya Wong (No. 8).

"I think with the competition in practice and during matches, I think it's going to bring out the best in everybody," Kim said.

Los Altos has gotten off to a good early start this season at 5-2. It has already played league contender Palo Alto at the Spikefest volleyball tournament at Milpitas High last week, losing 2-0. Palo Alto went on to win the tournament, while Los Altos placed third.

Being one of the eight teams that make it to the Central Coast Section Open Division is also a goal for the Eagles. The SCVAL De Anza Division is one of the best leagues in CCS, with Los Altos one of three De Anza teams that made the Open Division last year, along with Homestead and Palo Alto. Only the West Catholic Athletic League had more, with four teams.

"If we continue on the course we are doing right now, I think we will be pretty good," Kim said.



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Left: Setter Angela Deng (No. 6) playing during Los Altos' game against Saratoga Wednesday. Right: Los Altos right side hitter Kat Minkevich (No. 7) will be a key player for the Eagles this season, according to head coach Peter Kim.

Of the seven matches the team has played so far, four have gone three sets or more, which Kim believes shows the team's ability to be resilient, to go along with other strengths of serving well, playing good

defense and hustling.

"Those are the three things that I always try to emphasize with our teams: passing, serving and defense, and I think we are really good at those three things," Kim said.



John W. Gardner Award Community Impact Recognition Carla Dorow

Carla has quietly built the financial foundation upon which Friends of Deer Hollow Farm thrives. From establishing systems and processes to training bookkeepers and managing compliance, her steady expertise has ensured decades of stability.

Yet her impact extends far beyond the ledger. For over 20 years, she has welcomed countless students as a teaching docent, sparking their wonder for nature. Through her dual commitment as financial steward and educator, Carla has quite literally made the farm's mission possible, asking nothing but the chance to serve.

Professor John W. Gardner, a distinguished public servant, championed community building. His teachings continue to be guideposts for Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

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Let's talk about the jewel of Italian restaurants in Los Altos

By Maria Crowder

TOWN CRIER FOOD CRITIC

Nestled in the heart of Loyola Corners, Cafe Vitale is, in my opinion, the jewel of Italian dining in Los Altos.

Before we talk about the food, here's a little local history. Loyola Corners got its name from the Jesuits of Santa Clara University. In 1904, they purchased 650 acres of the Hale Ranch, extending north from Permanente Creek, to establish a new college named after their founder, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Today, the area is home to the Los Altos Golf & Country Club, along with a variety of businesses and beautiful homes.

Longtime residents may remember that Tom's Meats once occupied the space where Cafe Vitale now stands. Tom Andrews opened the beloved butcher shop in 1972 and closed it in 2003. Many of us still miss Tom and his outstanding quality meats.

Now, back to Cafe Vitale!

From the moment you walk through the door, you're greeted with a warm smile by the friendly staff or by owner Ruben himself. The welcoming atmosphere makes you



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Linguine Cozze E Vongole is a great take on a simple, elegant seafood dish.

feel as though you've been transported to a cozy restaurant in Italy. Whether you're planning an intimate dinner for two or celebrating with a large group of family and friends, Cafe Vitale can comfortably accommodate parties of all sizes. Dog-Friendly Patio! Enjoy outdoor seating and bring your leashed pup along for the visit.

The dining room is elegantly set with crisp white table linens, creating a classic Italian ambiance. The menu is extensive, offering something for every palate. As someone who's as picky as a toddler when it comes to food, I appreciate having so many delicious options to choose from.

The nightly specials are

always worth considering, often featuring a fresh salad paired with a delicious entrée. Add one of their handcrafted cocktails or a glass of wine, and you have the perfect meal. On several evenings each week, live music adds to the already wonderful dining experience.

Now for the best part – the food. Cafe Vitale serves all the

Italian classics, from signature pasta dishes to gourmet pizzas, antipasti, fresh salads, carne e pesce (meat and seafood entrées) and delicious calzones and stromboli. The stromboli happens to be my son's favorite. If you're dining with little ones, there's also a wonderful children's menu that makes everyone happy.

No Italian meal is complete without dessert. Cafe Vitale offers specialty coffee drinks, homemade gelato and an assortment of decadent desserts. My 26-year-old son, Brighton, proudly considers himself a tiramisu connoisseur. He's sampled tiramisu at countless restaurants, and without hesitation, he says Ruben's is the very best. After years of research, I think he's earned the right to make that claim!

I've never had a disappointing meal at Cafe Vitale, and it remains my favorite Italian restaurant in Los Altos. If you visit, I'd love to hear what you think.

Cafe Vitale, 987 Fremont Ave., Los Altos, is open seven days a week for both lunch and dinner. For more information, see cafevitale.com.

Food Feud: Interns make their case for the best place for a latte

By Kate Rose and Mia Scott

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERNS

This month, the Food Feud gets jittery. Two interns make their case for which local coffee shop makes the best latte.

Kate Rose – Red Berry Coffee Bar

If you're anything like me, the promise of an iced latte is what gets you out of bed. After a sleep-deprived junior year, and what's looking like a sleep-deprived senior year too, I've become very acquainted with which lattes do the job: taste-wise, vibes-wise (all very

professional scales).

So, if you suffer from the condition where you wake up every morning craving caffeine instead of water, let me be your doctor with zero qualifications.

My first prescription? The chai latte from Red Berry Coffee Bar.

For one, it's the opposite of watered down (full shade to Starbucks' new chai recipe), but it also isn't too sweet. In fact, it's a little spicy! They use a warm spice blend, adding some ginger, pepper and cinnamon to an otherwise creamy drink. And it's not overpowering at all, it just leaves a warm

tang in the back of your throat. It's for the people who want to feel a little excitement in their lives, but still be tucked in bed by 9 p.m.

And I can't advertise a Red Berry latte without advertising Red Berry itself, an adorably homey café on Main Street in Los Altos. I wouldn't label it a "hidden" gem, as it's often quite busy. I can't count the number of times I've confidently walked into their upstairs seating area just for it to be completely filled. Then I do a walk of shame back down the stairs. It's a fun bit we've got going.

But the high demand absolutely makes sense: It's a per-

fect working environment. There's natural sunlight, comfy chairs with pillows and windows that let you look at the people ordering below. Where

are my fellow people-watchers (in an innocent, making-up-their-backstories way)?

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LATTE

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And if a chai isn't your cup of tea (pun intended.), there are plenty of food options and other drinks to try. So, I'll see you upstairs... if you can find a seat.

Mia Scott – Kona Island Coffee

Tucked amid the storefronts in The Village at San Antonio Center, Kona Island Coffee always manages to bring a slice of Hawaii to Mountain View. Whether stopping by for a midday break or looking for a place to study, it's quickly becoming a go-to place I always look forward to visiting.

Before I even push open the door, I can smell the fragrant notes of Kona's espresso



and roasted macadamia nuts. Ever since the shop opened in the spring, I have been eager to visit – and glad I did. Having fallen in love with Island Vintage Coffee in Hawaii, I

am excited to have found that same rich taste a little closer to home.

While I have yet to dive into Kona's food menu, the drinks alone make the trip worth-



LEFT PHOTO BY SHILO KINSMAN , RIGHT PHOTO BY ELISE KOO

Mia Scott, left, enjoys the iced Kona lattes at Kona Island Coffee, while Kate Rose, above, likes the chai and the vibe at Red Berry Coffee Bar.

while. When I stop by for a treat, I always order the iced Kona latte. It's a classic that's perfect on a warm afternoon.

The secret is the beans themselves. Authentic Kona beans from Hawaii are known for their lower acidity, with notes of milk chocolate, honey, caramel and subtle fruit, skipping the bitterness that often comes with a standard espresso. Blended with creamy milk and subtle island notes like coconut and macadamia nut, each sip lands the perfect balance of blonde coffee flavor and sweetness.

Beyond the drinks, the space itself makes me want to

stick around. It has a modern, calming vibe, with light wood accents and greenery that make it a great place to pause and get some work done or just hang out.

A visit to Kona is an easy way to capture that vacation feeling without ever having to leave town. When a busy day starts to blur, knowing this spot is right down the street makes a nice afternoon reset – and a dependable island escape.

Red Berry Coffee Bar is located at 145 Main St., Los Altos. Find Kona Island Coffee at 2565 California St. Ste. 84, Mountain View.

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Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

Across

1. As many as, 2 words
5. Booker T. & the ____
8. Region
12. Czech or Pole, e.g.
13. Church bench
14. Unit of loudness
15. Viral internet image or idea
16. More underhanded
18. Italian island in the Bay of Naples
20. Employment agency, abbr.
21. **He built the first Apple computers in his garage in Los Altos, 2 words**
26. Shrinking Central Asian body of water, 2 words
29. Florida city known for its horses
31. DMC car maker John De_____
32. Leave behind in a race
33. In the cards
34. Worn away by friction
35. Doing again
37. Fruity drink suffix

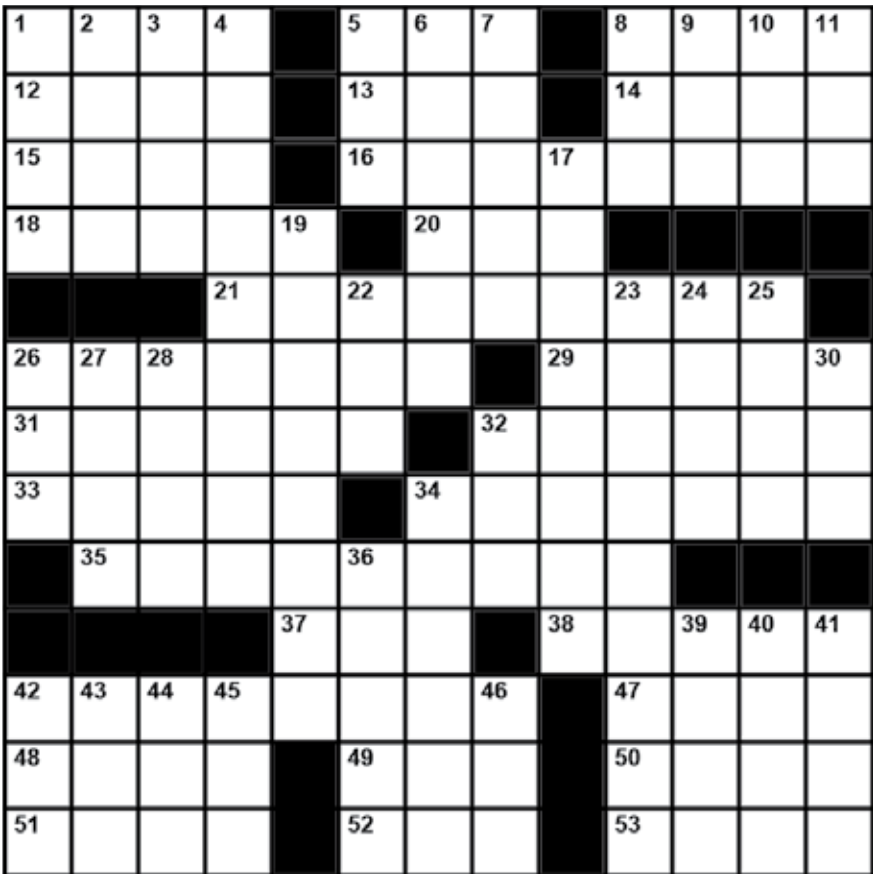
38. Fitted with a bottom layer, as a shoe
42. Baked dish, 2 words
47. Close by
48. Forearm bone
49. Scouts org.
50. Home of the Taj Mahal
51. Coquette
52. Always, in verse
53. Mislaid

Down

1. Leatherneck's org
2. Courtroom declaration
3. Pack down firmly
4. Miss the alarm
5. Parliamentary members, briefly
6. Swiss city hosting the UN
7. Turnip-like root vegetable
8. Put a question to
9. Profit, abbr.
10. Compass point, abbr.
11. Ireland's ____ Lingus
17. Brings a meeting to a close
19. "Agreed on the terms!"

- equivalent, 3 words
22. Poetic time of day
23. Eight-sided
24. Poet, especially Shakespeare
25. Swing around
26. Furry alien comedy
27. Lion's cry
28. El Prado hangings
30. Plus
32. Japanese sash worn with a kimono
34. Relaxed military stance, 2 words
36. **Los Altos animal hospital**
39. Child's building brick
40. Listening organs
41. Mild exclamation of annoyance
42. Silent
43. Certain Ivy Leaguer
44. __ Arbor, MI.
45. Government levy
46. A long way

- **Los Altos clues bolded**



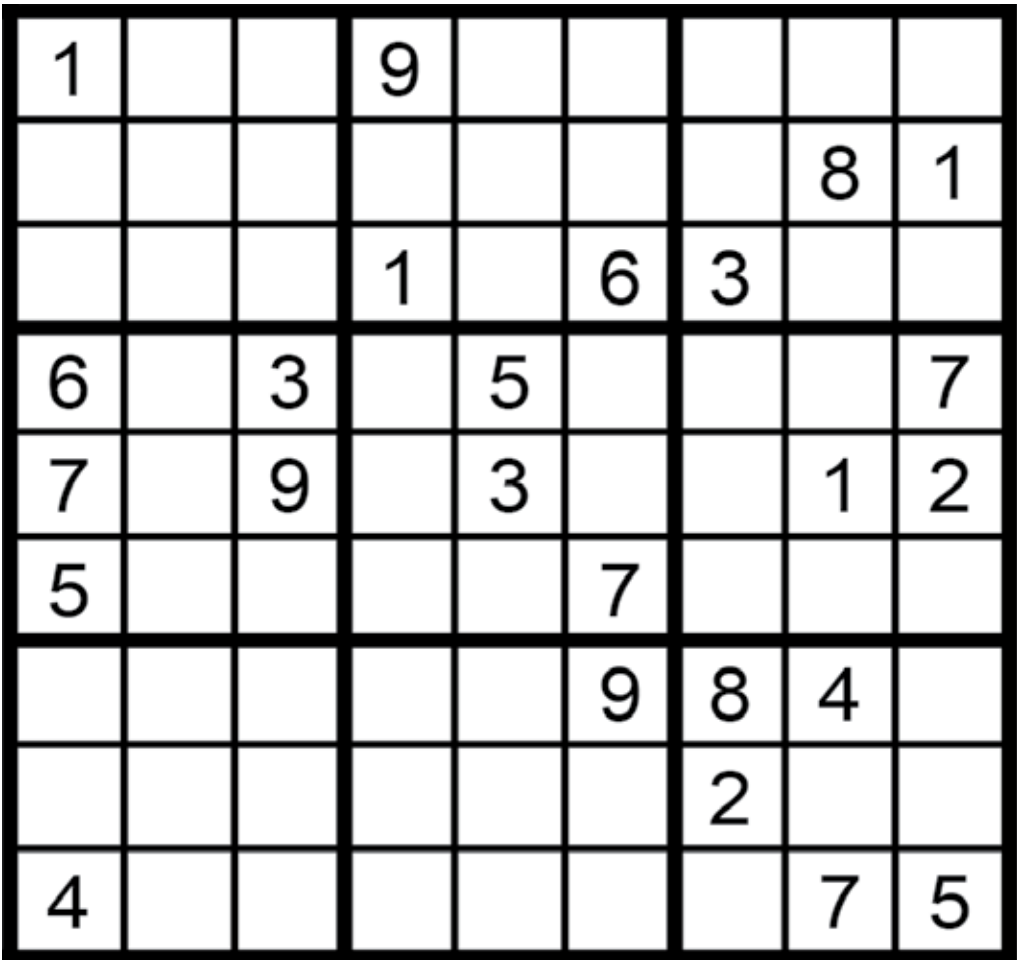
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Sudoku

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 architectural terms 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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|----------|------------|---------|
| Arch | Engineer | Size |
| Atrium | Foundation | Space |
| Beam | Hallway | Steel |
| Buttress | Light | Support |
| Design | Plan | Windows |

Business & Real Estate

The impact of the AI wealth wave on Los Altos and Los Altos Hills real estate

By Ken DeLeon

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

As a wave of AI IPOs approaches and Silicon Valley's technology ecosystem reorients around artificial intelligence, homeowners are asking two critical questions: How will this unprecedented wealth creation affect the value of their homes, and how can they capitalize on this generational opportunity?

This article examines how the AI wealth wave differs from the dot-com boom-and-bust cycle, why Los Altos and Los Altos Hills are exceptionally well positioned to benefit, and how homeowners can maximize the value of their properties should they decide to sell.

Comparing and contrasting Dot-Com vs. AI wealth waves

As a young attorney at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in the late 1990s and 2000, I spent many sleepless nights helping prepare IPOs for the Valley's latest crop of internet and ecommerce companies. Having witnessed the dot-com era firsthand and now watching the AI

revolution unfold, I believe this new wave of innovation will ultimately dwarf what came before it. Given the rapid rise and eventual implosion of many dot-com companies, it is reasonable to ask whether the AI wealth wave will suffer the same fate. I believe it will not only be more sustainable but will also have a much greater impact on society, Silicon Valley employment, and long-term housing appreciation.

While the dot-com innovations were evolutionary, AI innovations are revolutionary. The dot-com era gave us unprecedented access to information and enabled ecommerce. AI is fundamentally more powerful because it can analyze that information, generate new content, automate complex tasks, and dramatically increase employee productivity. AI adoption is also occurring across virtually every major industry, including technology, healthcare, finance, transportation, defense, education, manufacturing and real estate.

Another distinction is that many AI and AI-adjacent com-

panies are already generating substantial revenue and, in some cases, profits, unlike many internet companies whose projected profits never materialized. The concentration of AI within the Bay Area is also more significant than ever before. Thanks to AI, 83% of the nation's VC funding and 67% of the world's VC fund-

That wealth creation matters to the housing market because a significant portion of this equity ultimately translates into greater purchasing power for executives, founders and employees.

ing went to Bay Area companies in the first quarter of this year. Historically, the Bay Area has received slightly less than half of American venture funding. Silicon Valley has never captured such a large share of the world's startup capital.

Anthropic, valued at approximately \$61.5 billion in

March 2025, has experienced extraordinary valuation growth and is widely viewed as a leading future IPO candidate. Some projections have placed its potential valuation as high as \$2 trillion. OpenAI is also viewed as a potential cornerstone of the coming wave of AI-related liquidity. The precise timing and valuation of these upcoming IPOs remain uncertain, but the direction is clear: Silicon Valley is approaching an unprecedented period of private-company liquidity and employee wealth creation.

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills are exceptionally well positioned to benefit from the AI boom. While many AI startups are in San Francisco, a significant share of the broader AI economy is concentrated in Silicon Valley. This includes semiconductor companies, cloud computing businesses, autonomous vehicle companies, venture capital firms and established technology companies investing heavily in AI.

Semiconductor companies have benefited enormously from the exponential growth in com-

puting demand created by AI. Since the beginning of 2025, the five largest semiconductor and semiconductor equipment companies headquartered in Silicon Valley have added \$3 trillion in market capitalization.

That wealth creation matters to the housing market because a significant portion of this equity ultimately translates into greater purchasing power for executives, founders and employees. As these companies grow and their employees accumulate wealth, demand for housing in the communities surrounding Silicon Valley's major technology centers should benefit.

AI companies are expanding their Silicon Valley footprint as well. OpenAI has committed to a major office presence in Mountain View, demonstrating that the AI boom will not remain confined to San Francisco. This expansion is likely to bring even more highly compensated technology employees into the communities surrounding Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

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MV Economic Development pilots fall Makers Market

By Katherine Manassero

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

This fall, the Mountain View Economic Development team is introducing a new event that lets Bay Area creatives share their products downtown one Friday a month.

The pilot series, Makers Market, will bring a variety of vendors to Castro Street Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

The city of Mountain View's Economic Development team began developing the series months ago as a way to support local business and bring some artistic flair downtown on Friday nights, according to Economic Vitality Manager Amanda Rotella. She said the events are meant to support the recent economic upturn the team has seen.

"We saw this as an opportunity to do two things: give small makers and artists a low-

barrier way to reach customers and test out new concepts while also drawing people to our downtown area," Rotella said.

After the official announcement of the Makers Market pilot series in June, Rotella said the team was flooded with enthusiastic applications from businesses. Since then, team members narrowed the list to 50 makers, who have been welcomed to attend optional workshops to support their planning for the market.

Usha Mishra, artist and owner of Usha Designs – a business selling stationery and homeware goods – said these workshops are a great opportunity to build community and learn from other vendors.

"It was really supportive of the Economic Development team to bring us together and bring resources to the surface for us all," the Mountain View resident said. "We're each oth-

er's best resource."

Similarly, Cecilia Nava, owner of Parcel Pigeon – a stationery and live portrait business – said the market's free application process and lack of commissions on sales make it an especially accessible opportunity for small makers.

"For the next four months, it's like I have my own shop in Mountain View," she said. "It's nice to have that stability."

Beyond the practical benefits for individual makers, Mishra said events like the Makers Market are a good opportunity to highlight the artistry of the Bay Area.

"There are a lot of people who are involved in the tech industry around here, but they also create," Mishra said. "So it's just nice to see that come to life through these events."

Rotella said this local angle was a big factor when planning out the logistics of the pilot series. In part, that meant creat-



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Cecilia Nava, left, of Parcel Pigeon, will be at the Maker's Market doing sketches for customers while they wait.

ing a fun and welcoming event that accompanies similar local attractions.

"We have the Farmers Market, and we have the annual Art & Wine Festival, and so we're hoping that this will be a complementary event," Rotella said.

As the first event approach-

es, Rotella is especially proud of how representative the market is of the surrounding city and its artists.

"We have a really broad mix of vendors that'll be participating," Rotella said. "Over half of which are Mountain

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Transactions

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450 1st Street #107, Dd 1St Street Group LLC to X. & A. Cai for \$2,086,000

825 Terrace Drive, Bonfert Living Trust to T. Buchnik for \$3,125,000

965 South Springer Road, D. Lin to V. & A. Saxena for \$3,800,000

841 Carnation Court, Lang-Ree Family Trust to Y. & Z. Feng for \$4,620,000

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D. & C. Luo for \$5,880,000

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1994 Silverwood Avenue, 1994 Silverwood LLC to S. & P. Vikhe for \$880,000

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455 Preston Drive, Moy Trust to Z. & P. Parekh for \$4,730,000

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MAKERS

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View makers.”

They include makers of ceramics, board games, stationery and clothing.

With local flair and immense creativity, Rotella said the market won't just attract visitors to the street booths – it will also support established busi-

nesses and restaurants in downtown Mountain View.

“It's an exciting time for residents, employees and visitors to come downtown on a Friday evening to explore Castro Street, our local businesses and appreciate the creative community that we have,” Rotella said.

For more information, see tinyurl.com/MVMakerMarket.

AI

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Add in Alphabet's approximately \$1.7 trillion increase in market capitalization since the beginning of 2025, and the economic picture becomes even more compelling. The technology companies surrounding Los Altos are not merely participating in the AI boom. They are helping lead it. This concentration of corporate growth, stock appreciation and employee wealth should remain a substantial catalyst for local housing demand.

Move-in-ready homes will see the greatest premium paid. While the AI boom will create an increase in home prices, not all homes will benefit equally. AI buyers are among the most affluent and time-constrained buyers Silicon Valley has ever produced. Many founders, executives and engineers work extraordinarily long hours because they believe the next several years will determine which companies ultimately dominate the industry.

These buyers possess the financial capacity to remodel a home, but they often lack the time, experience or desire to manage architects, contractors, permits, design decisions and construction delays. For them, purchasing a beautifully prepared home is not simply a lifestyle decision. It is a rational purchase of

time and certainty, particularly for buyers whose demanding careers leave little room for managing a major renovation.

Sellers should consider investing up to \$50,000 in strategic cosmetic improvements before bringing their homes to market. When selected carefully, improvements to flooring, fixtures, landscaping and other highly visible elements can generate several times their cost in additional value by improving the buyer's first impression and increasing emotional competition.

While the dot-com boom began with a bang and ended with a whimper, the AI boom appears far more sustainable and is already having a transformative impact on Silicon Valley. As an unprecedented wave of wealth moves through the region, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills are exceptionally well positioned to benefit. Our communities combine proximity to the companies creating that wealth with great public schools, privacy, beauty and a quality of life that successful technology buyers value most.

For homeowners considering a sale, the message is simple: Begin planning now. The greatest opportunities are often captured before they become obvious to everyone else.

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125 LOS ALTOS AVENUE
LOS ALTOS



TIMELESS ARCHITECTURE, CONTEMPORARY LIVING ON 1+ ACRE

Set behind gates on more than an acre, this Spanish Colonial Revival residence pairs a century of character with a thoughtful remodel designed for contemporary living. Nearly 4,000 square feet of interiors offer five bedrooms, expansive formal spaces, a dedicated office, and a striking kitchen with a double waterfall island and Thermador appliances. Outside, the private backyard feels like a Mediterranean retreat with a pool, changing cabana, lush lawn, sports court, patio space, and covered dining area. Ideally located in North Los Altos, the property is minutes from downtown, parks, The Village at San Antonio Center, and major commute routes, and is within less than a mile of highly regarded schools including Gardner Bullis Elementary, Egan Junior High, and Los Altos High. A rare combination of history, privacy, and polished modern living in one exceptional setting.

OPEN HOUSE - JOIN US FOR COFFEE!
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125LosAltos.com
Offered at \$9,988,000

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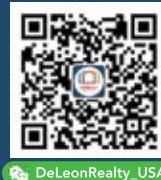
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1700 ESBERG ROAD
LOS ALTOS

\$12,988,000 | 5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
1700Esberg.com



125 LOS ALTOS AVENUE
LOS ALTOS

\$9,988,000 | 5 Bd | 4.5 Bth
125LosAltos.com



1127 HILLSLOPE PLACE
LOS ALTOS

\$7,688,000 | 6 Bd | 7 Bth
1127Hillslope.com



545 PINE LANE
LOS ALTOS

\$3,988,000 | 4 Bd | 2.5 Bth
545Pine.com



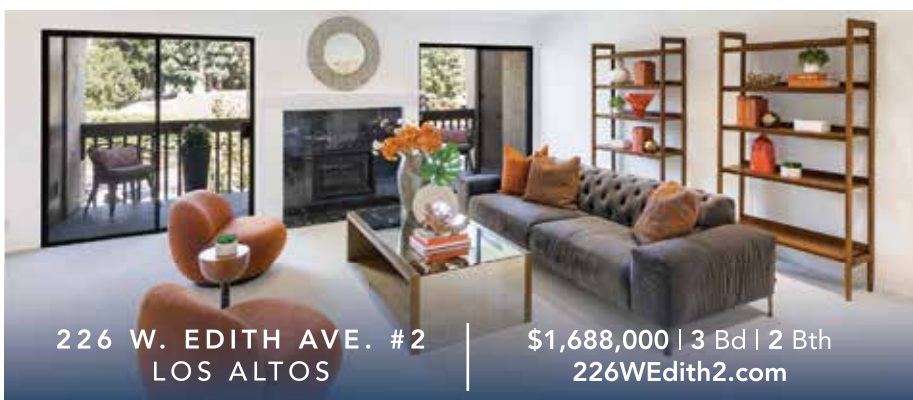
1222 MARILYN DRIVE
MOUNTAIN VIEW

\$3,488,000 | 4 Bd | 3 Bth
1222Marilyn.com



285 ESCOBAR ROAD
PORTOLA VALLEY

\$5,488,000 | 5 Bd | 3.5 Bth
285EscobarRd.com



226 W. EDITH AVE. #2
LOS ALTOS

\$1,688,000 | 3 Bd | 2 Bth
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160 PHILLIP ROAD
WOODSIDE

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226 W. EDITH AVENUE #2 LOS ALTOS



TOP FLOOR DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS CONDO

A stylish downtown lifestyle awaits in this luxurious end-unit condo, ideally located just minutes from premier shopping, dining, entertainment, and everyday conveniences. Open living spaces are filled with natural light, creating a bright, airy ambiance throughout, while thoughtful design and refined finishes elevate every corner of the home. The spacious living room centers around a fireplace and flows seamlessly into the dining area and eat-in kitchen, creating an inviting setting for both relaxed daily living and entertaining. Three bedrooms include a comfortable primary suite, while a large front balcony extends the living space outdoors for effortless enjoyment. Additional highlights include in-unit laundry, air conditioning, and exceptional storage space. Residents enjoy elevator access to all floors, including a common room with rooftop deck on the third floor and a main-level pool area, along with two prime parking spaces in the gated garage. All of this is conveniently located near parks, commute routes, and top-rated Los Altos schools including Gardner-Bullis Elementary, Egan Junior High, and Los Altos High (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

226WEdith2.com
Listed at \$1,688,000

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1222 MARILYN DRIVE MOUNTAIN VIEW



COMFORT, CONVENIENCE, & LOS ALTOS SCHOOLS

Set on a peaceful street, this spacious home begins with a brick-lined pathway leading to more than 2,000 square feet of thoughtfully refreshed interiors, where refinished hardwood floors, fresh paint, and natural light create an inviting atmosphere. The traditional floorplan unfolds with an expansive living room anchored by a fireplace, a granite kitchen with Wolf and JennAir appliances, a welcoming dining room, and a walk-out family room that connects easily to the backyard. Four comfortable bedrooms include two primary suites, offering flexibility for family, guests, or a home office. Beyond, the peaceful backyard offers a place to relax and unwind with a patio, new lawn, privacy hedges, and mature trees creating a verdant setting. Air conditioning and a two-car garage add everyday convenience. Just five minutes from iconic Castro Street in downtown Mountain View, the home is equally close to parks, shopping, dining, and convenient commute routes, with access to acclaimed Los Altos schools Springer Elementary, Blach Intermediate, and Los Altos High School (buyer to verify eligibility).

OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

1222Marilyn.com
Listed at \$3,488,000

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Public Notices

Request for Proposal - Geotechnical Engineering Services San Antonio Road Complete Streets Project STPL-5309(020)

You are invited to submit a proposal to provide geotechnical engineering services as delineated in the Scope of Services. The proposals are due electronically on the City's Bids/RFP Portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026**. The deadline to submit questions regarding this project is Thursday, September 24, 2026 before 4:00 p.m.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

The City has received OBAG 3 funding for the San Antonio Complete Streets Project STPL-5309(020). The project consists of protected bikeways along North San Antonio Road connecting key commercial areas, residential areas, Civic spaces, schools, the Community Center, the Library, Downtown Los Altos, new high-density housing, Caltrain, and El Camino Real transit lines. This project also includes pavement rehabilitation to restore and maintain the existing roadway network, as well as streetscape improvements, such as streetlights.

As a part of this project, the geotechnical consultant will be responsible for the following:

- Core samples of the road will be taken to determine the existing structural section of the road
- Investigation to determine if there is any possible contamination of the road
- Provide a recommended structural section of the road that will handle a traffic index (TI) equal to 9
- During construction, the Geotech will conduct compaction testing, asphalt and material testing as required by Federal Highway Administration on Federally Funded project. The fee for construction support will be negotiated in the future.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The preliminary schedule for this contract will be as follows:

1. All submitted proposals will be reviewed no later than October 15, 2026.
2. Agreement will be executed no later than October 29, 2026.
3. Notice to proceed will be sent out by November 12, 2026.

SUBMITTAL

The following items shall be included in your proposal:

1. In the proposal, the consultant must demonstrate prior experience on a project similar in scope within the last 5 years. The client information, including name and phone number, must be provided.
2. Main Principal point of contact as well as the individual who will be working on the project.
3. Information about the individuals who will be doing the day-to-day work on the project and their contact information.
4. **The fee schedule shall be submitted separately from the proposal. Failure to provide a separate fee schedule from the proposal shall be grounds for disqualification.** The project fee schedule shall clearly show the amount of anticipated hours, and the cost associated.

CITY AGREEMENT

The consultant must be able to execute the standard City agreement **without** any modification. The City may consider minor modifications to the agreement, but this will be at the City's sole discretion. **Any modification request must be submitted and agreed to before the proposal deadline.** Unless modification has been agreed between the parties before the proposal date, the submission of a proposal by the consultant is acceptance of the City's standard agreement with no modification. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification of the proposal. The request for modification of the agreement does not extend the submittal deadline.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

During the course of the agreement, the consultant will be required to maintain all insurance coverage requirement. The City of Los Altos must be named as "Additional Insured" in the insurance certification. The City will also require Professional Errors and Omissions insurance acceptable to the City Attorney. See attached Exhibit B in the Sample Agreement for further information on insurance requirements. The consultant shall obtain a City of Los Altos Business License.

FEESCHEDULE

Not-to-exceed fees should be listed in the Fee Schedule for each task for each project. Payment for work completed will be based on progress to date for each task as described in the Scope of Services. The consultant should include costs for site visits and travel.

PROPOSALS

Please submit an electronic copy of the proposal incorporating all requirements set forth in the RFP. The electronic copy (i.e. PDF) should be submitted via PlanetBids **only**. Please define the proposed work, your approach, and completion schedule in the form of Exhibit "A" to your proposal. The consultant's fee proposal shall be submitted in a separate electronic file via PlanetBids in the form of Exhibit "B".

The City will review all submitted proposals. The City may elect to negotiate an agreement fee different than the submitted proposal to align with City's budget. The consultant must be ready to execute a standard Agreement for Consultant Services (draft version is attached) within ten (10) working days of the award of the project. The proposal submitted in response to this RFP will be included in the Agreement with the selected consultant.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call me at (650) 947-2614 or email me at sson@losaltosca.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven Son, P.E.
Transportation Manager

Enclosures:

1. Scope of Services
2. Project Vicinity Map
3. Professional Services Agreement (Draft Version)

Date: September 1, 2026
(09-09,16-26)

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PARKPAWS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729944

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PARKPAWS, 302 Toyon Ave, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): BAY ROOTS LLC, 302 Toyon Ave, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/28/2026. /S/ Sergio Castillo-Curiel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/28/2026. (09-09,16,23,30-26)

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CITY OF LOS ALTOS NOTICE OF FOUND PROPERTY PER CIVIL CODE 2080.3

The following property is currently held by the Los Altos Police Department: BLACK E-BIKE. This item has been turned in as Found Property in case 26-0360. If you, as the rightful owner, wish to identify and claim the above item, please contact the Los Altos Police Department at (650) 947-2823 within seven days from the date of this publication. Proof of ownership is required.

/s/ A. Chelemengos, City Clerk
Date: 09/09/26
(09-09-26)

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
Stephen Finn, an individual

YOU ARE BEING
SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO EST DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
Richard Avelar & Associates

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups

at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The courts lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Building B Park Expansion CF-10023

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

1. Description of Work: The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed proposals for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therefor. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project and no warranty is made or intended to final quantities:

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, permits, testing, and incidentals required to perform the following work: removal of approximately sixty (60) linear feet of six (6) inch by eight (8) inch concrete curb and the installation of one hundred forty (170) linear feet of new six (6) inch curb alongside one hundred forty (170) linear feet of new three (3) tall black fencing with two (2) new gates, as well as the removal of eighteen hundred (1800) square feet of grass and eighty (80) cubic yards of dirt off haul, the installation of approximately fifty five (55) cubic yards of new tanbark, two (2) new benches (includes foundations), one (1) sail shade structure and two (2) new playground structures to be coordinated with city staff (includes all required foundation, grading and other required earthwork).

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113 CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 25CV475023

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): William L. Coggschall (619) 696-6700 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP 101 W. Broadway, Ste. 2000, San Diego, CA 92101 DATE: 9/11/2025 3:47 PM (Fecha)

L. Quach-Marcellana, Clerk of the Court, Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto) (09-09,16,23,30-26)

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IKIGAI GYLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729886

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: IKIGAI GYLD, 500 Benvenue Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): IKIGAI GYLD, LLC, 500 Benvenue Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tami Shidawara / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/27/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Building B Park Expansion CF-10023

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

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7. Bid Bond: A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

2. Location of Work:

1 N San Antonio Rd, Building B, Los Altos, CA 94022

3. Contract Documents: Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of \$100 or visit the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids to download the PDF file(s) (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home>). Copies may also be

inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

4. Labor Compliance. Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

5. Pre-bid Site Review: A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk will be held at 1 N San Antonio Rd, Building B, Los Altos on the following date(s) and time(s): September 9th, 2026 at 10:00am. Each and every Bidder must attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk. Prospective Bidders may visit the Project Site without making arrangements. Bids will not be accepted from any Bidder who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk.

6. Contractor's License: The Contractor is required to have a Class A License for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

7. Bid Bond: A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

c. Form of Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be submitted to the City in cash, a certified or cashier's check, an ORIGINAL paper bid bond, or an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety in favor of the City.

d. E-bond platforms requirements. In the event the Bidder elects to submit an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond), a bid will be considered complete only if the applicant:

- i. Obtains an E-Bonds issued by Surety2000 <http://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding-platforms>; and,
- ii. Uploads the E-Bond in pdf form to the PlanetBids portal as a General Attachment. E-Bonds from other e-Bond platforms will not be accepted. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges. The City is not responsible to Bidders for (i) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (ii) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (iii) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

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e. Purpose of Bid Bond. In the event that the successful Bidder fails or refuses to enter into the Contract awarded to it, the bid bond shall be retained by the City and applied to any damages sustained by the City.

8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening: The City accepts electronic submittal of bids only. Bids shall be submitted electronically to the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> on or before

October 1st 2026 at 2:00 pm

The PlanetBids contract ID for this project is (CF-10023). The Bidder's PlanetBids vendor identification number may also be necessary for the Bidder's Security. Each Bid received before the Bid submittal due date will be automatically opened and unsealed by PlanetBids at the time of the Bid deadline. Bids received after the Bid submittal due date will be rejected. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date. Bid results (not verified) will be published.

9. Payment & Performance Bonds: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract.

All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

10. Award of Contract: Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid. In the event of any discrepancy between extended and unit prices as set forth in the bidder's bid schedule (i.e., the bidder's extended price does not equal the unit price multiplied by the applicable quantity), the City shall use the unit price to recompute the extended price and bid totals accordingly, and the recomputed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. In the event of a significant discrepancy between unit and extended prices, the City reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject the bid as nonresponsive.

11. Time of Completion of Work: The work shall be completed and ready for full use

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within **ninety (90) calendar days**, the first day of which shall be the date specified in the City Engineer's "Notice to Proceed".

12. Substitution of Securities: Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

13. Rights of the City: The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

14. Project Administration: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing submitted through the PlanetBids portal no later than **September 16th**, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: September 2nd, 2026

/s/ **Tyler Botkin P.E.**
Capital Improvements
Project Manager
(09-02,09-26)

221-T

Gold Standard FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729512

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Gold Standard, 2601 Nuestra Castillo St Apt 6177, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Aracelys Rodriguez Flores, 2601 Nuestra Castillo Ct apt 6177, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/14/2026. /S/ Aracelys Rodriguez Flores / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/14/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/27/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 9/23/2026 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 2/28/2025 as Instrument No. 25771761 in book *////*, page *////* of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by:

NAVNEET ARON, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor
YOULAND INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA,

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL ONE: PARCEL A, IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THAT MAP ENTITLED, PARCEL MAP, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024, IN BOOK 959, AT PAGES 54 AND 55, OF MAPS. P A R C E L T W O : AN EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF PARCEL A OVER A PORTION OF PARCEL B DESCRIBED ON THE PARCEL MAP ("EASEMENT AREA"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, HARDSCAPING, SOFTSCAPING, TREES, PLANTS, IRRIGATION SYSTEM, POOL, SPA, BARBECUE, FENCING, PERGOLA, GAZEBO, TRELIS, SPORTS COURT, FIREPLACE AND STORAGE SHE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 64.00 FEET TO THE N O R T H E A S T C O R N E R OF SAID PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 26.50 FEET; THENCE WEST, 54.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 10.00 FEET; THENCE WEST, 10.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 16.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 166 LYELL ST LOS ALTOS, CA 94022.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$5,597,822.41 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: https://prestigepostandpub.com CALL: 949-776-4697 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT P P P # 2 6 - 0 0 9 3 3 2

CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfer. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether

your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 949-776-4697, or visit this Internet Web site https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88986. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale."

For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 949-776-4697, or visit this internet website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 88986 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

D i s c l o s u r e In compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided t the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify , or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate

the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. (09-02,09,16-26)

219-T

SUN-NET CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729584

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SUN-NET CONSULTING, (2) SUN-NET INC, (3) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL LLC, (4) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL, 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): DANIEL L. SUN INC., 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2016. /S/ Joanna Sun / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/18/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

217-T

PitLane Moto FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729517

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PitLane Moto, 1765 Ravizza Ave, 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): Pit-Lane Technologies LLC, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Brian L. Harkness / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/14/2026. (08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

216-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ANGELINA HA MONTECITO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV500684

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

a. Angelina Ha Montecito
b. Angelina Ha Nguyen
c. Ai Thi Le Ha

Proposed Name:

a.
b. Angelina Ha Montecito
c. Angelina Ha Montecito

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objec-

tion is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/20/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 08/12/2026

/s/ Daniel Nishigaya

Judge of the Superior Court

(08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

215-T

KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729380

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY, 330 2nd St Ste 4, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY INC, 330 2nd St Ste 4, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kathrine Casillas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/11/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

214-T

CLC Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728530

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CLC Construction, 1585 Bradford Way, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mineral Selective Technologies Corp, 1585 Bradford Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Christopher Camire / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/15/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

213-T

SAGE PRODUCTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729377

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SAGE PRODUCTIONS, 1059 Park Ave, San Jose, CA, 95126, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Vanessa Maria Marrufo-Lerma, 1059 Park Ave, San Jose, CA 95126. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/03/2026. /S/ Vanessa Maria Marrufo-Lerma / This statement was filed with the

County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/11/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

211-T

EMProductions FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729062

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EMProductions, 826 Terrace Drive, 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): Elliot Michael Gorelick, 826 Terrace Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Elliot Michael Gorelick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/03/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

210-T

Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728995

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc, 1065 S 1st St, San Jose, CA, 95110, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc, 1065 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95110. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/29/2026. /S/ Juan Luis Villegas Martinez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/31/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

209-T

PISTON DORADO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729256

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PISTON DORADO, 237 Leo Ave, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): GOLDEN PISTON DIAGNOSTICS LLC, PO Box 8371, San Jose, CA 95155. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/23/2026. /S/ Jesus Gomez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/06/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

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CDEE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729255

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CDEE, 237 Leo Ave, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): CALIFORNIA DIESEL ELECTROME-

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CHANIC ENGINEERING LLC,
PO 8371, San Jose, CA 95155.
Registrant began transact-
ing business under the ficti-
tious business name(s) list-
ed above on: 01/01/2026.
/S/ Senette Ortega /
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk Recorder of Santa
Clara County on 08/06/2026.
(08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

207-T

**ECHOLON CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN729094**

The following person (persons) is
(are) doing business as: (1) ECH-
ELON CONSULTING, (2) ECHOLON,
2091 Huntington Lane, Los Altos,
CA, 94024, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by:
a limited liability company.
The name and mailing address of
the registrant(s) is (are): ECH-
ELON CONSULTING PART-
NERS LLC, 2091 Huntington
Lane, Los Altos, CA 94024.
Registrant began transacting busi-
ness under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on: N/A.
/S/ Andrew Kryzan /
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk Recorder of Santa
Clara County on 08/04/2026.
(08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

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costs to
publish your
**Fictitious
Business
Name in the
Los Altos Town
Crier**

Email
legals@latc.com
**by 2pm on
Thursday**



Crossword Answers

1	U	2	P	3	T	4	O		5	M	6	G	7	S		8	A	9	R	10	E	11	A
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Sudoku Answers

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

Find A Word Answers

E	K	K	X	X	R	B	P	B	R	B	V	V	H	U
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Obituary Notice

**KIM
LORZ**



August 5, 1946 – August 11, 2026

Kim Lorz was a tall, white-haired man often seen strolling the streets of downtown Los Altos with his beloved golden dog. After so many years in the community, he became one of those unforgettable local characters whose presence was woven into the fabric of the town. He was known and loved for his humor, warmth, and generous spirit.

Endearingly quirky, genuinely funny, and deeply loving, Kim had a remarkable way of making people feel special. When Kim gave you his attention, you were the only person in the world. He brought laughter, friendship, and a sense that life should be enjoyed. And, of course, he had a particular fondness for cancelled plans. As he liked to say, “There is nothing like a good cancellation.” Life was simply more fun with Kim in it.

Kim brought that same heart to his work. A passionate entrepreneur and small-business owner, he cared deeply about the people who worked alongside him and took great pride in the team he built. Music was a lifelong passion and the focus of his work for more than two decades, much of that time devoted to finding new ways to make music and sheet music more accessible to musicians. He stood by his people, celebrated their successes, and made them feel valued.

Above all, Kim was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He and his wife, Sarah, did everything together—traveling, entertaining in their beautiful home, and returning to favorite places like Paris, Carmel, and Tahoe. They cherished the time they spent with family. Kim took immense pride in his children and grandchildren and treasured every part of their lives, always eager to share in their joys, challenges, and adventures. He loved hearing about their lives and celebrating the milestones with them.

Kim leaves behind his beloved wife, Sarah Shreve; his children, Taylor Lorz and Zander Kestly, and Trevor and Melissa Lorz; his grandchildren, Avery and Liam Lorz; his “brothers from another mother,” Bob, Ted, and Tom Shreve; and countless friends who will remember his humor, generosity, and heart.

His absence will be deeply felt, but so will the joy of having known him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree in Kim’s memory through the National Forest Foundation.

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