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They get a charge out of it



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Saturday's Living Electric Fair, sponsored by Silicon Valley Clean Energy and the Anne Wojcicki Fountain, featured lots of green (and fun) exhibitions along State Street in downtown Los Altos. More than 25 exhibitors showcased the latest electric cars, above, e-bikes and scooters, top right. Also included: A zero waste zone and an interactive family activity area, top left, with "climate games."

Santa Clara County officials provide LAH public safety assurance

By Curtis Driscoll
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Santa Clara County officials remain committed to public safety solutions in the Los Altos Hills area, with hopes of bringing more ALPR cameras to parts of the unincorporated areas of the town.

At a neighborhood watch event in Los Altos Hills Sunday, Santa Clara County Sheriff Bob Jonsen said his office is doing analysis on having automated license plate readers in unincorporated areas of the county where they aren't currently, including parts of Foothill Expressway.

"I want to be able to have multiple cameras come into place, and that's what we are looking to try and do, is identify funding so we can put multiple cameras in the unincor-

porated areas," Jonsen said. The Sheriff noted that communication between residents was one way of making a difference in helping to reduce burglaries, pointing to a reduction in the last 12 months. Los Altos Hills saw a sharp decrease in residential burglaries in 2024, from 60 in 2023 to just 20. Following the pandemic, Los Altos Hills saw an increase in residential burglaries, going from the low teens and 20s before the pandemic to 51 burglaries in Los Altos Hills in 2022 and 60 burglaries in 2023, prompting the Summerhill

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Online Poll of the



Here are the results of the latest online poll:

What do you think of the new bike lanes on El Camino Real?

- I like them – a welcome addition for cyclists – 36.5% (27 votes)
- I don't like them – on-street parking taken away – 40.5% (30)
- Either way, there continue to be safety issues – 23% (17)

Look for more polls online at losaltosonline.com.

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Around Town

LAMV foundation's 'Spring Fling' rocks

What do you get when you mix city leaders, nonprofit visionaries, a room full of civic doers – with an Elvis impersonator? You get Spring Fling for Good Things – a celebration hosted this past Saturday by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF). More than 130 community leaders turned out. The night also honored LAMVCF's roots. Penny Lave attended in memory of her late husband and former Executive Director Roy Lave, whose belief in everyday people doing extraordinary things still guides the foundation. Pictured at right, with Elvis, is foundation Executive Director Crysta Krames. Pictured below left are Claudia Coleman, left, and Brenda Taussig. Pictured bottom right, from left, are Karen Druker, Carol Levy, Shirley Hanttula and Becky Yung.

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News

MVFD douses kitchen fire



COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mountain View Firefighters put out a kitchen fire April 30.

Town Crier Staff Report

A cooking error caused a fire in a multi-family, two-story apartment complex last week, resulting in \$10,000 in structure and contents damages, according to the Mountain View Fire Department.

Fire units responded to a 6:16 p.m. 9-1-1 call April 30 of a stove fire in an apartment unit of a complex in the 2200 block of California Street, close to Rengstorff Park and the San Antonio Shopping Center.

Units arrived at 6:21 p.m. to an active fire originating from the kitchen of a second-floor apartment, according to a MVFD press release. All occupants had self-evacuated prior to MVFD's arrival, and during the incident the Mountain View Police Department closed off eastbound lanes of California Street for 30 minutes as the scene was active.

Firefighters extinguished the flames using a water fire extinguisher. Officials also conducted an overhaul of the ceiling above and near the stovetop to ensure the flames had been completely extinguished, according to the press release. The apartment unit occupants were allowed to return after the incident.

As cooking fires are the leading cause of home injuries and fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association, MVFD encourages everyone to be careful when cooking or using the stove.

Tips provided by the MVFD included staying in the kitchen when food is cooking and keeping items that can catch fire (packaging, towels, curtains, mitts and wooden cooking utensils) away from stovetops. In the case of a fire, flames should be smothered with a lid and turning off the burner; when in doubt, call 9-1-1.

LAPD urges caution amid new ATM scam

By Christina Casillas
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Supermarkets and ATMs are the locations of a new sleight-of-hand crime trend the Los Altos Police Department (LAPD), and other local police departments, see emerging.

The incidents unfold like this, according to LAPD Sgt. Stephen Spillman: The suspect closely watches an unsuspecting customer using a supermarket self-checkout or ATM machine, deciphering their four-number personal identification number.

As the victim turns to leave, that's when the suspect makes their move, Spillman

wrote in an email.

"... A suspect will approach and claim the victim either left money or dropped cash nearby," Spillman stated. "This distraction technique lures the victim's attention away from their belongings, giving the suspect an opportunity to use sleight-of-hand methods to steal the victim's debit or credit card – often without immediate detection."

The suspect, now in possession of the victim's card, then makes a number of transactions in the surrounding area.

When using self-checkout or ATM machines, Spillman suggested customers hide their PIN when using such machines and

avoid engaging with people afterward. This is especially relevant when a stranger tells a customer they left something behind.

Spillman said those who have been approached in a similar manner after using an ATM or self-checkout should immediately check their pockets, wallets and purses to ensure nothing is missing. If a card is missing, he encourages the customer call their bank and freeze or cancel their credit card or bank account.

"The Los Altos Police Department is actively investigating these incidents and urges anyone with information or who believes they have been a victim of such a theft to contact us," Spillman stated.

Charging EVs catch fire in MV

Town Crier Staff Report

Four vehicles were damaged last week after a fire sparked in the electric vehicle (EV) View commercial office building parking lot, according to the Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD).

Damages to the vehicles and electrical charging station total \$275,000, according to a MVFD press release.

Emergency dispatchers received a call at 4:52 p.m. May 1 reporting smoke coming from an EV parking lot in the 1300 block of Shorebird Way in northern Mountain View.

Units arrived at the scene at 4:59 p.m. and found a fire originating from a Jeep Wrangler EV, according to the press release.



COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters put out a lithium-ion-induced fire in a commercial office building parking lot.

The flames had spread to three other vehicles – two Teslas and a Honda – but firefighters were able to prevent the fire's spread with a fire-attack hose line.

Fire officials determined the source of the fire was the Wrangler's lithium-ion battery charging system, according to

the press release.

A study conducted by auto insurance website AutoinsuranceEZ found that hybrid vehicles were the most prone to vehicle fires, based on compiled 2020 data including National Transportation Safety Board vehicle fire data and fires based on vehicle sales data from the

Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Per 100,000 sales, there were 3,474 hybrid, 1,529.9 gasoline, and 25.1 electric vehicle fires, according to the study. Of total vehicle fires (not per 100,000 sales), 199,533 gasoline, 16,051 hybrid, and 52 electric vehicles all caught fire.

Drop-off mail boxes remain prime targets for mail theft

By Bruce Barton
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One day last month, a local resident showed up at the Town Crier offices with two torn envelopes found in a downtown Los Altos parking lot. The envelopes had contained bills she had dropped off at the drive-through mailboxes on First Street.

According to police, suspects used an empty postal box to obstruct the mailbox opening, then later returned to retrieve mail from inside.

Suspects then take checks and "wash" them, writing in new names and dollar amounts. Mailbox theft has been an ongoing, nationwide problem for years, with no signs of abating – despite efforts by the United States Postal Service to upgrade security measures. As of last week, the suspect remained unidentified and at large.

"Detectives have met with USPS personnel to coordinate public outreach and emphasize the risks of depositing valuable items – such as checks

or cash – into unsecured blue mail drop-off boxes," said Los Altos Police Chief Saskia Logergren. "Warning signs have been posted on the mailboxes and the Los Altos Police Department has shared advisories through its social media channels."

Postal spokesperson Kristina Uppal said she was not aware of recent thefts in the area. But she said the postal service has been working with its enforcement arm, the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) under something

called Project Safe Delivery. The campaign was launched in May 2023 in response to rising postal crime nationwide.

"The goal of that initiative is to prevent incidents through education and awareness and enforce the laws that protect our nation's mailstream," Uppal offered in an official statement.

She offered no further comment other than general tips for preventing mail theft: Don't let mail sit in your mailbox;

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SAFETY

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neighborhood to hire a private patrol company.

The Sheriff's Office also arrested multiple people in August believed to be responsible for burglaries in Los Altos Hills and the surrounding areas that was a contributing factor to the 2024 decline.

"Once they see this higher visibility, people being arrested, they are not going to come to this area because there are plenty of other areas they can go to that aren't as diligent about taking care of their community," Jonsen said. "I think they are doing a phenomenal job up here."

Jonsen said the Sheriff's Office is also exploring drones as an option for public safety. However, he cautioned that the consideration was in the early stages and would not happen



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Santa Clara County Supervisor Margret Abe-Koga, standing, leads a crime prevention presentation in Los Altos Hills.

soon.

"But, it is a technology that has tremendous value to getting resources over an incident quickly," Jonsen said.

Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga said the biggest focus at the moment is the upcoming county budget given potential

federal government budget cuts, with the hope of keeping the public safety budget as intact as possible.

"Public safety has been and will always be one of my top priorities, coming from a city where police and fire are core services that we provide to the community," Abe-Koga said.

MAIL

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mail at secure locations, such as inside the post office; and combat theft through "neighborhood watches."

Uppal said newly installed mailboxes "do include many features to deter theft," but did not say what those were.

Mail theft victims often find themselves in a kind of jurisdictional purgatory, as local resident Rosemarie Nahm found out when her five-figure check was "intercepted" in the mail in September 2023 after a drive-through drop off at the post office on Miramonte Avenue.

To date, she has not received follow-up communication from either local law enforcement or USPS.

"The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office (my law enforcement agency) referred me to Los Altos police, stating that the post office at Miramonte is in the Los Altos jurisdiction," Nahm said. "Los Altos police referred me to USPS, stating that all postal crime is in the USPS jurisdiction."

Nahm spoke with the local postmaster at the time, who referred her to submit a complaint on the USPS website.

"They emailed me a generic response stating that they cannot follow up on all of the complaints and if I did not hear from them, then essentially to



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Mailboxes on First Street have long provided convenient drop-off for customers, but the boxes have been prone to theft.

assume that they will not investigate," Nahm said. "I never heard from them."

Logergren noted: "We take the initial report and try to determine if there is any suspect information or any leads - then we pass the cases along to the USPS Postal Inspectors. Most of these cases go unsolved because of lack of evidence, but last year we had a few cases of theft from our mailboxes that resulted in an arrest and follow up investigation in coordination with USPS Inspectors."

Logergren urged residents to avoid "placing sensitive or high-value items in public mailboxes, especially outside

of USPS business hours."

Uppal encouraged customers to report stolen mail by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at [USPIS.gov/report](https://www.uspis.gov/report) or by calling (877) 876-2455.

"This is such a serious issue that affects all of us and based on my experience, there is no recourse for the community members," Nahm said. "Since (her experience), I deposit all mail inside the post office only. So far, I've had no issues."

"The outdoor drive-by mailboxes should be eliminated or have a clear warning sign alerting customers of potential mail theft," Nahm said.



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Above, crews engage in “fuel break training at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. Below, participants engage in “hose lay and spraying.”

Midpen staff perform annual wildland firefighter training ahead of fire season

Program includes all-year vegetation management

Town Crier Staff Report

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) rangers and other staff participated in an annual training April 23 under the instruction of fire professionals with the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium to maintain their skills and practice with essential firefighting equipment

Dozens of Midpen staff had a classroom learning session at Midpen’s Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, then practiced essential firefighting skills outdoors including mobile attacks, progressive hose lays, constructing handlines and deploying fire shelters.

Though fires rarely start within Midpen preserves, the training allows Midpen rangers to be first responders to wildland fires in and around Midpen preserves as needed until responding firefighters arrive. This includes roadside fires caused by vehicles that can threaten to spread into open space lands. It also means Midpen staff are prepared to assist fire agencies with firefighting when needed and requested.



Some Midpen ranger patrol trucks are equipped with water pumpers during fire season. All rangers carry firefighting gear and tools in their patrol trucks to quickly respond to reports of fire. Midpen also owns water trucks that can deliver water to fire incidents when needed.

Midpen staff work year-round to reduce wildland fire severity and risk in our region by managing vegetation in the public open space preserves it manages with a focus on ecological health and wildland fire resilience.

Midpen’s Wildland Fire Resiliency Program has proactively expanded environmentally sensitive vegetation management in Midpen preserves to promote healthy, resilient, fire-adapted ecosystems; reduce wildland fire risk; and facilitate efficient response by fire agencies. Midpen has expanded its

capacity through hiring new staff, partnering with organizations such as the San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School and receiving state grant funding in support of forest health and wildland fire resiliency work.

“Fire is a fact of life in California and native plant communities in the Santa Cruz Mountain region have evolved over millennia with fire,” Midpen senior resource management specialist Coty Sifuentes-Winter said. “A changing climate, a long history of intense logging resulting in dense regrowth, coupled with fire suppression, and the fact that people cause the majority of fires in California all contribute to a longer, more intense fire season. Midpen’s Wildland Fire Resiliency Program is aimed at helping Midpen meet these new challenges.”



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

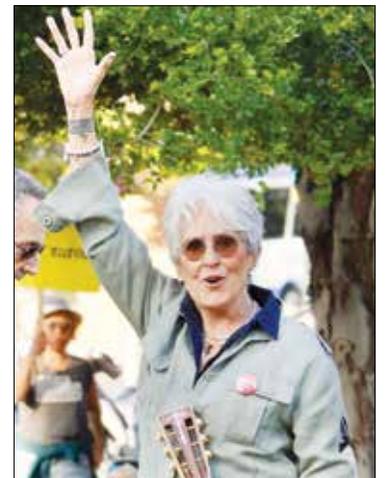


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Joan Baez adds voice to Mtn. View May Day

An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people showed up at Mountain View Civic Center last Thursday to rail against the government and encourage one another to speak up against perceived injustices. The legendary Joan Baez, below and below far right, performed two songs, including John Lennon's "Imagine." Other highlights included a rousing speech by retired Judge LaDoris Cordell, right, and remarks from former Assemblywoman Sally Lieber and former Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel. Mountain View's IdaRose Sylvester of Together We Will helped organize the event.

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COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Foothill College President Tom Clements and Steve Chell of Hewlett-Packard pull the cover off Foothill's owl mascot statue during the dedication of the new softball and soccer fields, May 14, 1988.

Letters to the Editor

'No Parking' signs should stay

For the benefit of many residents, the "No Parking" signs must be retained. I've lived on Los Ninos Way for 72 years and I am 97 years old and crippled. I keep my parking/driveway space clear for the nurse, physical therapist and gardener, but for our book discussion group meetings and my social gatherings, long trips back to my house were required by my elderly friends.

Years ago, few students owned their own cars. Bikes were used. Our sons didn't know any students who drove to school.

**Dot Long
Los Altos**

Council can do better

Having served on the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission for eight years, I was interested in a petition that I signed regarding the proposed placement of a large PG&E transformer vault at a corner of Grant Park. The proposed placement would limit visibility to both pedestrians, traffic and parked cars, especially during events.

I was both astonished and

was made to feel very uncomfortable by the treatment of some of our city council toward the petitioners (April 22 council meeting). The dismissive attitude of council, demanding to find the names of those citizens circulating the petition for "the merit" of the petition, was both intimidating and disrespectful to our Los Altos residents, as well as to those of us who signed this petition. When asked by the presenter to clarify one of her points, she was denied additional time, although she had only used 2 minutes of her allotted 3 minutes for speaking.

We Los Altos citizens elected these city council members, and I feel that proper deportment and respect must be exhibited by all parties. As a former Los Altos School District teacher, we all need to remember to serve as role models for our next generation. We can do better.

**Cindy Langley Andrews
Los Altos**

Bird law reversal a step backward

On April 8, the Los Altos City Council voted to halt work on a proposed Bird Safe Design ordinance. Only Councilmember Neysa Fligor supported

continuing the effort. With that vote, the city walked away from years of research, discussion and public service carried out by its own Environmental Commission – and reversed course on the direction set by previous councils.

This wasn't a sweeping or radical policy. The proposed ordinance would have applied only to new construction – there was no mandate to retrofit or replace existing buildings. The goal was simple: incorporate well-established design practices into future development to prevent birds from fatally colliding with glass, something that kills an estimated 1 billion birds in the U.S. every year.

These design solutions – such as using patterned or treated glass – are cost-effective, widely used and already required in other cities.

Birds are vital to our ecosystems. Many species that migrate through Los Altos are already in decline due to habitat loss and climate change. Taking simple steps to make our built environment safer for them is not just compassionate – it's responsible.

**Shani Kleinhaus
Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance**



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Community

Here's a look at the 2 new board members at GreenTown Los Altos

By Zoë Friedman
Town Crier Editorial Intern

A Los Altos-based nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the local environment recently welcomed two new board members.

Los Altos residents Laura Tekler and Madhuri Davidson joined GreenTown Los Altos in January. Both bring years of experience as environmental volunteers at GreenTown and beyond.

Tekler, a former environmental science major at UC Berkeley, has long been involved with conservation efforts. She worked for the California Air Resources Board, helping regulate air pollution for the state and served on the city's environmental commission for eight years. She also has experience working with several nonprofits and is the board president of Acterra, an environmental advocacy organization.

Her journey with GreenTown Los Altos began when her children were in elementary school. Now, as a board member, she is eager to push forward



COURTESY OF GREENTOWN LOS ALTOS

Laura Tekler, left, and Madhuri Davidson are new board members with GreenTown Los Altos.

initiatives that support efforts for sustainable energy and electrification.

"I see a lot of people embracing how we can have a really sustainable energy system, and seeing that implemented on a local level, or at least being part of try-

ing to push that along, has been very rewarding," she said.

Tekler added that she aims to engage the younger generation through a stronger social media presence, high school internships and newsletters. She also wants to encourage community participation in events like the recently held Electrification Fair, where residents learned about electric appliances and their benefits.

"The hard work is changing people's habits," Tekler said.

GreenTown appealed to Tekler because of her "think global, act local" mindset and the tenacity of the volunteers.

"I've known GreenTown pretty much since I moved to Los Altos, and I've always really admired the passion of the people involved and how dedicated and committed they are," she said.

Similarly to Tekler, Davidson has been an active volunteer with GreenTown for many years, discovering the organization through the Los Altos Town Crier. With a background in electrical engineering and a decade in the semiconductor industry, Davidson said she

became passionate about climate change through her interest in gardening and sustainability.

Davidson's work with GreenTown has focused on tree planting, the Woodland Library garden project and the Walk or Wheel program at Springer Elementary School. She is also a teacher for Living Classroom, where she goes into elementary school classes to teach kids environmental literacy, focusing on gardening, biodiversity and food waste.

As a new board member, Davidson said she aims to strengthen community involvement in composting and energy conservation efforts. She is particularly interested in expanding GreenTown's outreach to schools and young families, ensuring that the next generation understands the impact of sustainability efforts.

GreenTown Los Altos has many volunteer opportunities, from cleaning creeks to planting trees. Volunteer opportunities are open to anyone, and the organization also offers an internship for high school juniors and seniors.

For more information, visit greentownlosaltos.org.



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Community

Stripes for Safety: bike Lane improvements offer greater protection

Note: This is one of a series of articles this month celebrating May as Bike Month.

By: Scott J. Pietka
Special to the Town Crier

Each May is Bike Month, and Los Altos and Los Altos Hills have many activities to engage cyclists.

One activity that started long ago and will continue into the future is improving the roads for cyclists and drivers so both can move safely and with a clear understanding of who belongs where.

When resurfacing our city streets, city engineers will continue to add new green bike lane markings and sharrows (bike

symbols) on key streets to denote cyclist space and remind drivers to share the road.

With bicycling, e-bikes and scooter usage on the rise, each new stripe and crosswalk helps protect these vulnerable road users. These upgrades are needed amid concerns about regional safety stats noting that Santa Clara County tops the state with roughly 553 bicycle crashes per year (San Francisco has about 455).

One major improvement to keep cyclists safer last year was on Jardin Drive, the narrow street behind Los Altos High School. The city reconfigured Jardin to include 5-foot bike lanes on both sides that includes green striping.

Having this bicycle infrastructure encourages students to bike to school, while informing drivers of where they should expect cyclists to ride their bikes, e-bikes and scooters.

Another example is further north. Foothill Expressway at San Antonio Road has new bike lane striping. The county extended the bicycle merge zone to 250 feet and added bright green paint before and after this conflict area. Dashed green segments denote the crossing area where turning cars intersect the bike path.

In practice, drivers approaching a dashed green lane must use their turn signal, shift behind any cyclist in the lane, and then turn right.



COURTESY OF SCOTT J. PIETKA

Clearly marked bike lanes, such the one pictured above, are providing greater protections for cyclists.

Lastly, Caltrans is currently re-striping El Camino Real (State Route 82) through Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto with complete-streets upgrades. The project replaces on-street parking with protected bike lanes and adds high-visibility crosswalks.

In Los Altos, this means cyclists will ride in physically separated lanes (in some areas divided by curbs or buffers) instead of mixing with fast-moving traffic.

With all these changes, drivers and cyclists need to learn about these new markings so the roads are used as intended. Here are the important need-to-knows: Green conflict-zone paint and dashed green bike lanes warn where vehicles must yield to cyclists. White dashed lines at intersections guide cyclists safely and remind mo-

torists to watch for them. Protected bike lanes (separated by posts, curbs or parked cars) give cyclists dedicated space. And shared-lane “sharrows” on narrow streets indicate bicycles share the lane – motorists must treat the full lane as shared and give cyclists the right of way.

These striping improvements align with the city’s 2022 Complete Streets Master Plan, a vision for safer walking and biking.

For Bike Month, the city urges everyone to watch the new stripes: drivers should slow down, yield to cyclists, and give them room, while cyclists should ride predictably and use the lanes as marked. Mutual awareness and respect on the road – each honoring the rules and the paint – will keep our streets safer for everyone.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

May 13, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.
In Person
Note- This is not the Final Agenda

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Accept grant funding from the Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and authorize revenue and allocate it to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25
2. Adoption of Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2015-23 And Setting Special Event Sponsorship Levels Pursuant To Los Altos Municipal Code Section 9.25.100
3. Adoption of Resolution Creating Special Event Sponsorship Policy
4. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the increase of Solid Waste Collection Rates by 4.86%, effective July 1, 2025. The adoption of increased rates is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a), in that CEQA does not apply to actions to set rates, tolls, fares, or other charges
5. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Countywide Household Hazardous (HHW) Waste Collection Program and Countywide AB 939 Implementation Fee with the County of Santa Clara on behalf of the City. Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement for Countywide HHW Collection Program is exempt from environmental review under the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15273(a) of the CEQA Guidelines because CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses
6. Adopt a Resolution to Reject all bids for the Sanitary Sewer Video Inspection, Project WW-0101, at the City Council's direction and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to rebid project. The proposed project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.b, involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public sewerage involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Three separate actions for Council consideration:
Introduce and waive further reading and consider the unanimous recommendation of the Los Altos Planning Commission April 3, 2025 decision of:
 - A. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.50 of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
 - B. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety the Sherwood Gateway Specific Plan of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
 - C. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.88 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and Rezoning Certain Parcels Located along San Antonio Road and El Camino Real in the City of Los Altos to Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) Zoning District; andFind that the proposed zone change and amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines since the zone change and amendments are consistent with the adopted General Plan

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Electrification Collaboration soft-sells an all-electric world

By Bruce Barton
Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

A new group wants to spread the word about electrifying homes, not necessarily because of the environment, but because it's in residents' best interests.

The Electrification Collaboration, comprising a group of Los Altos area residents, are spreading the word about the benefits of an all-electric home. Group members were present at this past Saturday's Living Electric Fair where members conducted a survey and gathered feedback.

"Swap out your gas appliances for electric ones," reads the message on their website. "Electric appliances are cheaper, safer and greener."

Los Altos resident David Cain, a collaboration member, said the group opts for a more soft-sell approach when promoting electrification. He also emphasizes a "bottom-up" approach – working directly with homeowners – rather than a "top-down" (government mandate) edict.

"You actually stop people (by) pounding climate change," said Cain, who happens to believe in it. "There's a difference between people who have what I call the climate gene and everybody else."

Reaching "everybody else" means playing to their needs and their pocketbooks. The group simply offers options – heat pump water heaters that are 300% more efficient than burning gas; heat pump HVAC systems; induction cook-



COURTESY OF THE ELECTRIFICATION COLLABORATION
Electrification Collaboration members engage with residents during a recent tabling session in front of Los Altos Hardware on First Street.

tops; heat pump clothes dryers; and electric cars.

Cain, an electrical engineer, referenced fellow engineer Saul Griffith and his book "Electrify: An Optimist's Playbook for Our Clean Energy Future (MIT Press, 2021)." The book is billed as "An optimistic – but realistic and feasible – action plan for fighting climate change while creating new jobs and a healthier environment: electrify everything"

"He doesn't mention anything about climate change, not at all," Cain said. "He just says, if we just let things wear out and replace it with the new technology, we'll be in a better place."

Cain and his collaboration members believe in effecting change one household at a time, eventually creating a culture centered on electrification because it's the better option.

The road to all-electric living has been bumpy. Los Altos tried to mandate "reach codes" (reaching beyond state construction codes) requiring all-electrification in new home construction. A 2023 court ruling involving the California Restaurant Association nullified the mandates, forcing cities to only encourage electrification. Various obstacles emerged: a preference for gas-powered cooking; less expensive upfront costs; and others simply not wanting the government telling them what to do.

Collaboration members plan on spreading the word by old-fashioned networking – for example, reaching out to local churches and service clubs; and forming a relationship with the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce to connect with small businesses. The group would also like to have a relationship with the city of Los Altos to help leaders achieve goals outlined in the city's Climate Change and Adaptation Plan.

Cain spoke to concerns that current electricity costs are too high and that the current electrical grid could not handle a complete transition to all-electricity. He said current electricity and gas use is often inefficient. "When you pay for a gallon of gas, how much of that gallon actually turns the wheels?" Cain asked.

By contrast, a heat pump "doesn't cre-

ate any energy at all. It simply moves energy from outside to inside."

"Regardless of whether you're using electricity or gas, the point of having electricity is that you can use these super-efficient technologies," Cain said. "There will be a tipping point in which it will be difficult for people staying on gas."

He noted: "When we get there (all electricity use), we will be able to expand, including all the big data centers, and there will be growing pains, but I think the alternative of sustaining the ancient electric system that we have and more ancient gas systems – is not the answer."

Member Radhika Dutt said the group has been using "tabling efforts to record folks who have electrified their homes – and from our experience, the number is very low – possibly between 5%-7% tops, of the folks who visit us, have electrified their homes."

The group hopes to work with the city of Los Altos on a full-scale survey of users.

The ultimate goal is that everyone goes electric.

"On the target for Los Altos, (the city's) Climate Action and Adaptation Plan says, 'Adopt an ordinance making it mandatory to replace all methane gas water heaters with electric alternatives by 2035,'" Dutt said. "This, I believe, is the outer target for the city – giving us about a decade to make some big changes."

For more on the Electrification Collaboration, visit electrificationcollaboration.com.

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Sip local wine, support local history at museum fundraiser

Town Crier Report

Los Altos History Museum invites the community to celebrate in style at “A Taste of History,” its signature fundraiser and auction, 6-10 p.m. June 14. Held in the museum’s scenic garden courtyard, this new open-air experience offers an evening of casual elegance, complete with fire pits, live music by a local jazz combo, wine tastings from local wineries – including non-alcoholic options – and curat-

ed food pairings by Heirloom Catering.

The event includes both silent and live auctions, along with a special “fund-a-need” to support the museum’s educational programs, from interactive school tours to enriching adult learning experiences. Guests can bid on exclusive items donated by local businesses, all while raising a glass to education and the power of community support.

“Our new signature event

will showcase the summer glory of our garden while featuring the local history of one of Los Altos’ favorite things: wine!” said museum executive director Anna Toledano. “With friends new and old, guests can enjoy celebrating a community organization like the museum in a time where we need your support, now more than ever.”

A highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Julie Bly DeVere, former interim executive director of the museum,

on the history of wine in the Bay Area. “We’ll take you to a time before apricots – to when grapes grew across the Santa Clara Valley,” Toledano said.

For those new to the museum or wishing to rediscover its roots, docents will lead guided tours of the permanent exhibition, the J. Gilbert Smith



Toledano

House, the current exhibit and the Los Altos Heritage Orchard.

Tickets for “A Taste of History” are \$250 through May 16, and \$275 through May 31. All proceeds will support the museum’s exhibitions, programs, events, collections and staff, with a special focus on educational programs.

The museum will be closed June 14 and 15 due to the event. To purchase tickets, visit losaltoshistory.org/TasteofHistory.

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Community

Troop 33 of Los Altos recognizes 5 new Eagle Scouts – 3 girls

Town Crier Report

Los Altos Scout Troop 33 honored five new Eagle Scouts – including the first female to join the troop, Sophia Cieslicki – at a ceremony April 26.

The Eagle designation is the highest achievement in scouting, with only 4% of scouts attaining it.

To earn the Eagle rank, scouts must complete a minimum of 21 merit badges, lead a community service project, hold multiple troop leadership positions and perform community service, including their capstone Eagle project.

The road to becoming an Eagle Scout typically begins in fifth grade and continues through high school. Scouts must achieve all of their requirements before their 18th birthday.

Sanjay Patel designed and built a compost bin for a local community garden for residents that had no access to composting. Working together with a group of six scouts, they con-



COURTESY OF TROOP 33

Troop 33's new Eagle Scouts include, from left, Sophia Cieslicki, Leah Velaga, Sanjay Patel, Riya Murthy and Justin Turcotte. Cieslicki was the first female to join the troop.

structed a bin that could hinge open, allowing all age groups to help in the composting process. Sanjay will graduate from Mountain View High School in June and plans to attend the University of Washington, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Riya Murthy brought together her love for marine conservation and community service by designing and painting a large

mural for the Marine Science Institute (MSI) in Redwood City. The artwork, which illustrates a vibrant marine habitat with bay marine animals, adds beauty to the space while serving as an educational resource. By labeling various marine species within the mural, Riya supports MSI's mission to raise awareness and encourage conservation efforts.

Riya is currently a senior at

Monta Vista High School in Cupertino and is set to graduate in 2025.

Justin Turcotte dedicated his Eagle project to Mountain View High School's IT department and the school's goal to provide a device to each and every student. He employed his technological skills to prepare nearly 1,000 school Chromebooks for the new school year. He trained his fellow students and scouts to physically sort and clean Chromebooks, repair, digitally wipe and reinstall their operating systems, and update the school's online inventory. He plans to study computer engineering in the fall.

Leah Velaga led volunteers at the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA in Burlingame in making 40 cat beds and 40 cat toys, assembling and decorating 25 cardboard cat houses, building 20 squirrel boxes, and making a few decorative signs for the shelter. The cat beds and toys were made to comfort cats residing at PHS, and the shelter would also give them to families adopting a cat. The cardboard cat houses

provided cats with a cozy place to hide and sleep in while in their cages. The squirrel boxes would help injured squirrels have a place to rest and be rehabilitated. Leah is a current junior at Los Altos High School.

Sophia Cieslicki built 45 birdhouses for the local bird populations to have a safe space to nest in. She was inspired to choose this project because she discovered the need for birdhouses in her local community when she learned that birds' habitats are getting replaced by homes and other infrastructure. Her school friends helped her to measure out plywood sheets and assemble the birdhouse kits. Scouts from Troops 33 and 4075 helped her to assemble the birdhouses and sand them down. The birdhouses were hung at Agramonte Ranch Research and Conservation Center in Half Moon Bay, where birds have recently started to nest. Sophia is a current junior at Mountain View High School.

For more information on Troop 33, visit troop33.org.

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Peninsula Symphony creates magic with Jon Nakamatsu

By Lina Broydo

Jon Nakamatsu, the Gold Medal winner of the prestigious Van Cliburn International Piano competition,

Concert Review



FROM THE PENINSULA SYMPHONY'S WEBSITE

The Peninsula Symphony orchestra, led by acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, left performed a pair of concerts March 22 and 23.

led the Los Altos-based Peninsula Symphony in a phenomenal performance at the Heritage Theater in Campbell.

The orchestra, under the baton of longtime conductor Mitchell Sardou Klein, generated a thunderous standing ovation. Nakamatsu's melodic and

vibrant interpretation of Sergey Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18 was absolutely mesmerizing.

After this memorable concert, I had a chance to personally

congratulate and thank soloist Nakamatsu for enriching our cultural life in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Bravo, Jon, and thank you! Maybe I will see you again this

month at the annual Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Texas.

The Peninsula Symphony, in its 76th season, has offices at 146 Main St. in Los Altos. Up next

are May 17 and 18 performances from the 2023 Irving M. Klein International String Competition Winner, Emad Zolfaghari. For more information, visit peninsulasymphony.org.

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Community

Garden club's plant exchange blooms again

Town Crier Report

The Garden Club of Los Altos hosted a plant exchange April 26 on the Los Altos History Museum patio. The exchange is the Garden Club's way of engaging and giving back to the community in the way they know best – through plants. No money changed hands, as volunteers and attendees brought plant cuttings and potted plants to exchange for someone else's excess cuttings and plants.

Garden Club volunteers began receiving donations well before the exchange was open; dozens of donors then lined up to wait for the exchange to open. Tables labeled cactus and succulents, perennials, seeds, house plants, shade, annuals, plant cuttings and trees overflowed with donations. By 11:30 a.m., however, most tables were almost bare.

"The plant exchange was a great success," said Linda Dewi, chair of the event. "It would not



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A gardener ponders choices at a cuttings table, The Garden Club of Los Altos hosted a plant exchange April 26 at the Los Altos History Museum.

have happened without our volunteers. Lots of plants got exchanged, people were talking, and most importantly, heaven approved by not dropping a single drop until the exchange was over."

All unclaimed plant materials were placed in the compost

bins adjacent to the history museum, where eventually the remains will be used by Garden Club volunteers who help maintain the gardens around the museum. The Garden Club will host a similar exchange in the fall. For more information, visit thegardencluboflosaltos.org/.

Pet of the Week



COURTESY OF PETS IN NEED

Batman, a 2-year-old male, is available for adoption at Pets In Need in Palo Alto. Agency reps describe Batman as "a playful, affectionate dog who's always up for a game of fetch and never says no to a good cuddle session." Reps said Batman is fully potty trained, crate trained and a sound sleeper. To adopt Batman, contact Pets In Need at petsin-need.org.

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Community

Community Briefs

Open Studios set for this weekend

Mixed media artist Nancie Crowley of Los Altos Hills will be among more than 340 visual artists participating in this year's Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) event.

The longtime artist will open her "Treehouse Studio" to the public 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this coming Saturday and Sunday. The weekend's lineup will include artists from Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

Crowley will offer painting demonstrations, scheduled for 2 p.m. both days.

For 39 years, SVOS has given art lovers and collectors behind-the-scenes access to established and emerging artists. SVOS features painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, woodworking, mixed media, pastels, pottery, metalwork, textile art and more.

SVOS also will be running next weekend, May 17-18, featuring artists of the South Bay.

To see an interactive map of the more than 100 artist locations, view a gallery of all the participating artists and learn about their work, visit the SVOS website at svos.org.

Los Altos Kiwanis Pet Parade May 17

The 78th Annual Kiwanis Pet Parade is scheduled 10 a.m. May 17 in downtown Los Altos.

The beloved event has been



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"Oh Oh" is one of the new works from Los Altos Hills artist Nancie Crowley. Crowley is scheduled to show her art this weekend during Silicon Valley Open Studios.

an annual tradition since 1947.

In addition to parading pets and their owners, Ye Olde Town Band will be participating along with local schools and organizations.

Event registration opened March 1.

For more information, visit losaltoskiwanis.org.

For questions or to volunteer, call (650) 735-1552 or email info@losaltoskiwanis.org.

Pathways run set for Saturday

This year's Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at Westwind Community Barn.

The 23rd annual race includes 5K and 10K races beginning at 9 a.m. and mile-runs beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Registration and packet pickup is 3-8 p.m. Friday at Town Hall, 26379 Fremont

Road.

Allow at least 30 minutes for parking and check-in, organizers said. Registration is not accepted on the day of the race.

Fees include \$50 for 5K/10K registration and \$35 for the "fun run" mile run.

Westwind Barn is located at 27210 Altamont Road. For more information, visit lah-pathwaysrun.org.

Emergency prep workshop Saturday

A good emergency preparedness checklist starts with "shoes and flashlight under your bed."

Here's why it matters. Experts say there's a 70% chance the Bay Area will face a major earthquake in the next 30 years.

Get ready before it happens. Join a free hands-on Personal Emergency Preparedness workshop 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Los Altos Community Center, Sequoia Room.

Assess how prepared you really are for fires, earthquakes and severe storms, and how much remains to do to protect your family.

The event is free and open to the public.

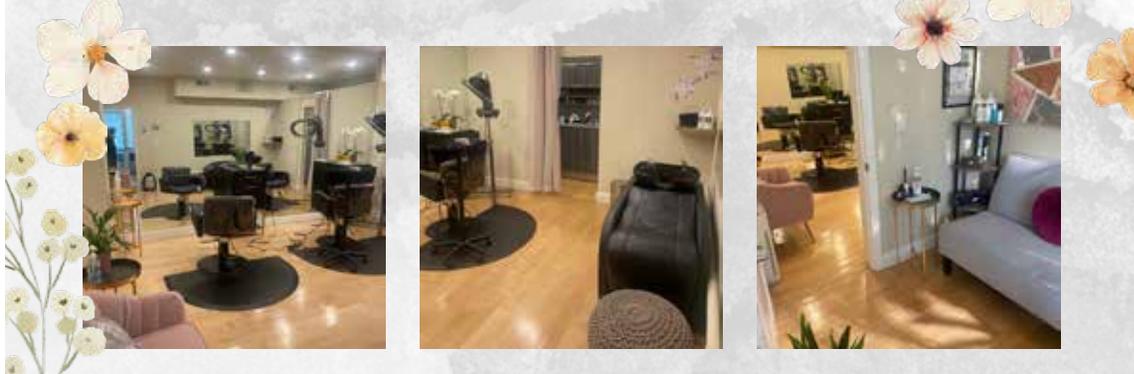
The event is hosted by Resilient Los Altos, which provides classes, training and information for emergency preparedness.

For more information, visit resilientlosaltos.org.

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Stepping Out

The rage of 'Henry V' takes hold at The Pear Theatre

By **Brandon Roth**

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Our current leaders and those who came before them push the boundaries of their morals and how they govern their land. The ravages of war, power instability and rivalry excite them, but also make them overlook the people who will be affected along the way.

"Henry V" is a Shakespeare play written in 1599 that heavily involves itself in the politics and passions of famous medieval figures. In the 17th century, King Henry V, alongside other famous kings who were involved in the Hundred Years' War, protected England from the invasions of France due to the growing land disputes. For centuries, these countries were at odds with one another, and Henry V stood above the rest, being celebrated in England for having one of the most successful military campaigns against France with few casualties.

The Pear Theatre's rendition of this Shakespeare historical play portrays the characters in a bare environment story stripped down with little costume and set design. In honest performances by the actors, who all play multiple roles and genders, we get a sense of the range of emotions they carry.

Henry V (Jennifer Le Blanc) carried her weight on stage with heavy grit. The audience can tell she is a force that studied the role and conveyed the king's power with the anger and rage needed for her court to listen to her decisions. The play reflects the instability of the world and Le Blanc put everyone at ease with her confidence and why it was justifiable for England to conquer France.

At the beginning of the play, France's Royal Court including the Constable of France (Georgia Ball), The Duke of Orleans (William J. Brown III) and King of France (Evan Winet) were comic relief characters who played jokes with Henry V, thinking he was not capable of his promise to receive his claims. With constant back and forth between English and French diplomats, Henry V refused to back down and dealt with the pressures by slaugh-

tering citizens who tried to disobey his authority.

All the characters show no fear as they brace for war. The fall of man is displayed as characters are in an environment of death, but still manage to hold on and live another day for the protection of their king. The king's position in the war was, however, put to the test by Michael Williams, an English soldier involved in the Battle of Agincourt, as he speaks with a disguised king about the cruelty of war and questions whether the king even has the right to fight France.

It was important to note in the story when the king claimed he was nothing but a man. Henry V has a major dilemma with himself while he is alone; he wants to know whether he should stop the suffering of war or fight until he receives the praises he is hoping to receive. In his inner circle, they support whatever the king decides since they will continue living a life of comfort and ease, but after learning the opinions of the war from commoners, he realizes his defeat if he can't convince his kingdom to fight for him.

"Henry V" stirs the characters and the audiences to be motivated and take action in the world around us and allows us to question the position of



COURTESY OF CHRISTIAN PIZZIRANI

Pictured from left, Annamarie MacLeod, Jennifer Le Blanc and William J. Brown III. Le Blanc, who portrays Henry V, displays her full power in her role as the king as she prepares to conquer France from King Charles VI.

leaders. After seeing this performance, I was eager to go out about into our modern world, listening carefully to our leaders and critiquing the absurd nature of their actions.

The Pear Theatre's "Henry V" runs until Sunday, May 11. To learn more about this play and to buy tickets, visit the-pear.org/whats-playing.



COURTESY OF CHRISTIAN PIZZIRANI

Pictured from left, Annamarie MacLeod, William J. Brown III, and Georgia Ball as members of the French Royal Court as they negotiate with the English Royal Court to back off.

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Schools

Chronic absenteeism plagues local school districts

By Brandon Roth

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Although chronic student absenteeism is decreasing in local school districts, the average student absent rate is still above the pre-pandemic levels.

According to the California Department of Education, chronic absenteeism represents the percentage of students missing more than 18 days or 10% of their school attendance. For school districts to calculate their chronic absenteeism rate, they must divide the number of students at each of their sites who were chronically absent in a current year by the number of students meeting the chronic absenteeism enrollment requirement – which is about 31 days of enrollment in the school year.

The data is important for schools to understand which community members are falling behind and identify root causes and patterns. Students exempt from chronic absenteeism continue to do remote learning in a home or hospital environment or attend community college full-time.

According to the California Department of Education's Data Re-

porting Office, Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Los Altos School District and Mountain View Whisman School District, the Black, Pacific Islander and Hispanic communities faced the most average days absent in the 2023-2024 school year compared to their white and Asian peers.

While Whisman and LASD do not face chronic absenteeism in the latest measured school year, MVLA's Hispanic and Pacific Islander community still faces chronic absenteeism rates. MVLA's Hispanic population in the last few years has had an average of 17.9 days missed while the Pacific Islander population straddles around an average of 20 days. It was also reported that more than 593 MVLA students within all ethnic categories were listed as chronically absent.

William Blair, MVLA's wellness coordinator, said MVLA has an average daily attendance of 95.3%. He said many of the notable subgroups in the district, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, receiving special education services, in foster care or enrolled in an English learning program, have a high chronic absenteeism rate that mirrors the attendance of districts across

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COURTESY OF WILLIAM BLAIR

Many of the local districts still face chronic student absenteeism since the pandemic and are working with families to bring the rate down. According to the California Department of Education, the rates are going down, but are still above pre-pandemic measurements.

the county. He said before the pandemic, the district's chronic absenteeism rate was below 10% and he said as of this school year, it had reached 10.2%.

"We're seeing the numbers go down," Blair said. "We are still higher than we were before the pandemic. Once the pandemic

hit, numbers went way up across the board, maybe even doubling in some instances. Most of the school districts that I've communicated with and worked with in the collaboratives are seeing the same trends that we are. A lot of the K-8's are seeing things like some families not wanting to

send their kids to school because they're sick because it's still the pandemic mindset of, don't go if you're sick, so you don't want to get people sick."

In the last few years, he said MVLA has been piloting various

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Local fifth-graders raise money for school devastated by fire

By Maya Dutt

Town Crier Editorial Intern

The wildfires in Los Angeles devastated the county, razing neighborhoods and displacing communities. Moved by their plight, four fifth-graders from Montclair Elementary School in Los Altos took action to assist them.

"I wanted to help raise money for the schools that were burned down by the fires," student Finnley Tucker said. "If this happened to me, I'd be heartbroken. The people who go to the school were probably really sad, so we wanted to help. We wanted those people to feel our support."

To do so, Finnley joined Eidyn Ouyang, Akshay Upadhyaya and Siddharth Anandikar in organizing a fundraiser to support the Altadena Arts Magnet School's relocation effort after its campus burned

down. The fifth-graders raised about \$300 during the four-hour event in March.

Eidyn, who came up with the idea for the fundraiser, said she organized it because she wanted to make a positive impact on the community. She approached her classmates for their help in executing the idea.

Initially, the other students were reluctant because of how big the endeavor seemed, but Siddharth said they became supportive after learning it was a worthy endeavor.

"I was hesitant at first, because I kept having the feeling that this could go wrong, but when I realized what Eidyn was doing, I knew it was for a good cause," Siddharth said. "The Los Angeles wildfires were really big, and I wanted to join Eidyn and help people."

At first, Eidyn said she was

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COURTESY OF CAROLINE OUYANG

From left to right: Eidyn, Siddharth and Akshay setting up the fundraiser station in the morning. Four fifth-graders from Montclair Elementary School created a fundraiser drive of painted items that would support Altadena students affected by the Los Angeles fires.

Schools Briefs

St. Francis student creates spring baskets for the unhoused



COURTESY OF EVAN LEE

From left, Evan Lee and peer Vicente Luna volunteers with LifeMoves, an organization that addresses the needs and safety of unhoused people, and created spring baskets for families during Easter for one of Lee's service projects.

This Easter, dozens of low-income families across the Bay Area experienced a little extra joy thanks to the kindness and leadership of Evan Lee, a junior at St. Francis High School. On behalf of the non-profit organization LifeMoves, Evan spearheaded a heartfelt outreach project, organizing a fundraiser and assembling colorful, joy-filled spring baskets for families in need.

Driven by a deep desire to help children and families experiencing hardship, Evan mo-

bilized his community to donate supplies, toys, treats and funds to create the baskets. His efforts brought together family, neighbors and community volunteers – all unified by Evan's enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference.

"I could just imagine the smiles on the kids' faces when they received the baskets," Evan said. "Every child deserves to feel special, and every family deserves to know they're not alone."

LifeMoves, which provides

shelter and support services for unhoused and low-income families throughout the Bay Area, praised Evan for his compassion and initiative. His project served as both a holiday celebration and a reminder of the power of youth-led service.

With a heart for outreach and a strong sense of responsibility to his community, Evan Lee continues to inspire others to step up and serve. As he puts it: "Helping others is something anyone can do – it just takes a little love and action."

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intervention options on how to work with families and students on requirements they need to be met. One of their initiatives includes On Track, a wellness program students attend four times in four weeks to discuss their goals with therapists. He said prizes and rewards are provided for them if they can fulfill their checklist.

Another initiative includes community drop-ins for students who are falling behind. He said the district brings in social workers or therapists to a student's home and works with their parents to identify the barriers in place. The district created an attendance checklist, he said, that is used to find out if the students face school-based issues such as lack of engagement with the ma-

terial, peer conflicts, physical health barriers, transportation issues, home life factors or social resource needs.

"We always say the doorway to education is a student being in the classroom, that's step one," he said. "We're doing a lot of positive messaging about attendance to help families be aware if you miss more than 10% of school, it's harder to graduate. Some of those types of messaging are a reminder of the importance of being in school, and so a lot of school districts are doing the same hoping to have a positive impact."

He said that many students and parents appreciate the school's outreach. He said it is important to educate and support parents on issues such as truancy, transportation or video games, a child's first motivations that prevent them from attending school.

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MVHS student wins video contest



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From left, Michael Zayats, Meital Zayats and Principal Kim Glaser. Meital, who is a 9th grader at Mountain View High School and resident of Mountain View, has won First Prize in the 9th-10th grade division of the national level of the American History Video Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She will receive a \$2,500 prize from the National Society DAR, and will be recognized at the DAR national conference in Washington, D.C. in June.

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not sure what she should do to raise money. She originally considered selling orange juice, but her mother had another idea. Caroline Ouyang, who also works for the school district, told her there were items such as door hangers, wood chimes and coral blocks at Montclair she could use.

Eventually, the students organized an event at which participants could paint an item of their choice and keep it afterward, Akshay said.

The students kept in close contact during the planning process, according to Akshay, and it helped everyone become closer because they were united for a common cause.

“At first we would just say, ‘Hi,’ but then, we started talking more, and we actually found each other’s personalities,” Akshay said. “I feel like (working on the project) showed truly who we are, and also showed

that we can work together.”

Caroline said she was surprised when her daughter first approached her with the idea, but was proud of the remarkable level of independence that the students had throughout the entire process.

“I was stunned at first because we don’t personally know anyone impacted by the fires, but I was happy to support Eidyn in thinking about how to give back to the community,” Caroline said. “I’m very proud of all of the kids for their initiative and determination and persistence in seeing through what started as an idea to a very successful and meaningful initiative.”

Eidyn added that she was happy she could help people in need.

“I learned that being a global contributor has a really good feeling to it, because you know that you’re helping someone in need or doing something good for your community,” Eidyn said.

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Sports

Lancers softball handles Warriors in league showdown

By Curtis Driscoll
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A battle between league favorite Saint Francis and challenger Valley Christian saw the Lancers win 9-2 Wednesday.

St. Francis (21-2) had an impressive third inning, scoring eight runs down 2-0 to break the game open and take sole possession of first place in the West Catholic Athletic League from Valley Christian (16-5).

"I thought we swung the bats well, just missed a few balls," Lancers head coach Mike Oakland said. "Had a good response to going down 2-0. Thought we pitched well, we just had one rough batter."

St. Francis started off the third inning with runners reaching on an error and walk,

leading to Peyton Tsao hitting a double into left and scoring two runs to tie the game.

"Big swing by Peyton to get us back in the game, then just some good quality at bats strung together," Oakland said.

Hayden Hummel then drove a double into left-center field with the bases loaded to score two runs and take a 4-2 lead. Hummel finished the day with a team-leading three RBIs on two doubles.

"After the first at-bat, I was just like, I need to make a plan," Hummel said of her second at bat in the third inning. "I know she's pitching me outside; I'm going to look for the miss inside. If that doesn't happen, keep battling outside. I was just calming myself down. I know I can do it, I have the confidence in myself, and I knew my team



SHAONA DAS/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

St. Francis infielder Gabby Rocha gets ready to field a ball during a game earlier in the 2025 season against Mountain View.

had my back, and I went for it." Isabelle Sandoval and Gabby Rocha added sacrifice flies after Hummel, with the Lancers' Maya Yumiba extending the

lead to 8-2 with a triple into centerfield.

St. Francis starter Ava Bulanti went five innings and finished with 10 strikeouts thanks

to her changeup and rise ball pitches. Bulanti overcame an early deficit after a home run in the top of the third inning

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Los Altos baseball sweeps Mountain View in rivalry series

By Curtis Driscoll
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It's nearing the end of the regular season, and the Los Altos baseball team is focused and playing its best baseball so far this year.

Los Altos began the week with a 12-0 away win over Mountain View Wednesday and followed it up with an 8-1 home victory Friday, ensuring a sixth straight win in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division. Los Altos is on a six-game league winning streak and had a nine-game winning streak before a loss Saturday against Aptos 13-7, a day after hosting Mountain View.

"I think the guys have decided that we just need to play it to the standard that they are capable of, and I think when they do that, the rest takes care of itself," Los Altos coach Gabe Stewart said.

Los Altos is now 17-5 and tied for second place in De Anza Division play with Palo Alto and Wilcox at 7-3, an improvement from a month ago, when first-place Los Gatos swept Los Altos to open the league season and split the series with Palo Alto to be 1-3.

"That loss to Paly right before spring break, guys came back from spring break and were like, look, we have to play to what we can do, and a lot of the

guys have made a lot of adjustments that we have asked them to make," Stewart said.

During Friday's contest, Los Altos broke it open with three runs in the third inning and five in the fourth, putting the game out of reach. Eagles outfielder Kai MacQuiddy led the Eagles with three RBIs on two hits, including a three-run triple followed by a throwing error to third that allowed him to score on the play in the fourth inning.

"He gave me a fastball right on the outside corner," MacQuiddy said. "I put a pretty good swing on it, but I think the wind caught it a little bit. As soon as I heard people cheering, I knew it was down, and I was going to go for three, and coach (Stewart) at third was saying 'up, up, up,' and then 'go, go, go,' so I just scrambled home and slid."

MacQuiddy also added an RBI double in the third inning after a blast to center field. MacQuiddy, a senior captain who will be playing baseball at Amherst College next season, noted the team had rough games early in the league but mentally reset after spring break. He credited the improvement with team chemistry and wanting to play well for pitcher Aaron Baum, who is out for the season after an injury before spring break.



ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Los Altos outfielder Kai MacQuiddy slides home to score in the game against Mountain View after a throwing error on his triple. MacQuiddy finished the game with three RBIs.

"A lot of these guys have been playing together for years and years, so there is good chemistry among the senior group, and with the juniors, the senior captains have incorporated them and they feel like a good part of the team

as well, so overall chemistry is really good," MacQuiddy said.

Eagles pitcher Emmett Heath went five innings and gave up just one run

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from freshman Shyla Paredes, with the 2-0 lead for Valley Christian quickly erased in the bottom half of the inning.

“I felt pretty calm through it, just because I knew my team had my back,” Bulanti said. “We are a really strong hitting team, so I had no doubt that we would get the hits and get the runs back.”

Oakland noted Bulanti had a strong game and only had one bad pitch on the home run.

“Tone setter, you need somebody when you can go into the game; she gives you a chance to win, and that’s what she does,” Oakland said.

While St. Francis and Archbishop Mitty normally fight it out for West Catholic Athletic League dominance, this year has seen Valley Christian emerge as a potential contender. The Lancers and Warriors were 4-0 in WCAL play

going into the game Wednesday, with both only giving up one run in league play, with the Lancers scoring 47 runs and the Warriors 46. Valley Christian finished third last season at 6-4 and has taken a step forward this season at 4-0 in league play before the game, including a 2-1 win over powerhouse Archbishop Mitty April 4, with Mitty 4-2 in league play.

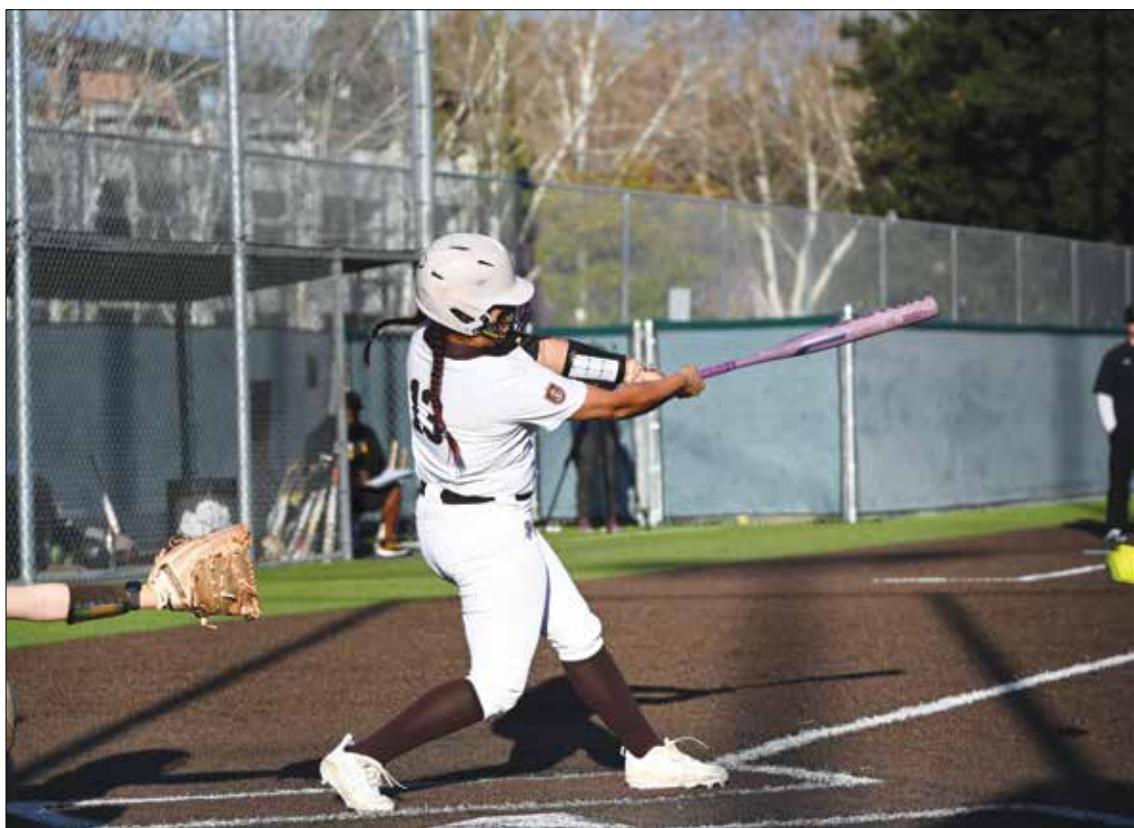
“They’ve brought in some good talent,” Oakland said of Valley Christian. “I think their coaches are definitely getting their kids to compete at a higher level. They have a higher energy, and you put all that together, and you get a better product. They’re good, and I think when we play them up there it will be tough.”

St. Francis followed up the victory against Valley Christian with a 5-2 victory over St. Ignatius in league play Saturday, thanks to two RBIs from Tsao.



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Lancers pitcher Ava Bulanti, batting above, pitched five innings against Valley Christian Wednesday.



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St. Francis’ Isabella Sandoval makes contact during a game earlier in the year.

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Prep Sports Summary

Softball

The Los Altos softball team beat Wilcox 5-2 Thursday, moving to 10-9 on the season. The Eagles are fifth in the SCVAL De Anza Division at 3-5. Kaylyn Cox pitched seven innings and gave up two runs for the win. Makayla Mase led Los Altos with two RBIs off a home run. Los Altos travels to play Mountain View Tuesday at 4 p.m. (after the Town Crier print deadline). Los Altos also has home games against Homestead Thursday and Mountain View Friday.

Mountain View lost 6-0 against Homestead Thursday. Caroline Kim pitched six innings for the Spartans (8-9).

Baseball

The St. Francis baseball team swept Archbishop Mitty to maintain second place in

the West Catholic Athletic League standings behind Serra with two games remaining. The Lancers (19-6) are 9-3 in WCAL play, a game behind the Padres at 10-2, with St. Francis playing a two-game series against St. Ignatius Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline) and Friday.

Boys lacrosse

The St. Francis boys lacrosse team (12-6) beat Bellarmine 8-5 in the regular season final April 29. St. Francis finished tied for second in league.

Mountain View beat Carmont 9-4 Thursday in a Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division game, moving the Spartans to 10-5 on the season. Mountain View plays away at Menlo-Atherton Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline).

Los Altos (10-3) beat Woodside 8-7 Thursday. Los Altos will visit Priory Tuesday (after the Town Crier print deadline).



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Los Altos' Emmett Heath pitching against Mountain View.

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with six strikeouts on Friday against Mountain View, with MacQuiddy pitching the final two innings in relief. Heath is 5-0 overall with a 1.07 ERA in 32.2 innings pitched.

"We beat them 12-0 on Wednesday, but one thing about that team is they're going to fight, so whatever the score was Wednesday, we knew we had to come and play good baseball," MacQuiddy said.

Quinn Chiochios finished with two RBIs for the Eagles, while Enrique Nicolas had an RBI. Chiochios has a .531 batting average this season in league play, a team high. Mountain View outfielder Zander Yocum batted in the only run for the Spartans on a single up the middle in the top of the fifth inning.

Mountain View (13-9) is 4-6 in league play and in fifth place. Los Altos hosts Wilcox today at 4 p.m. Mountain View hosts Gunn today at 4 p.m.



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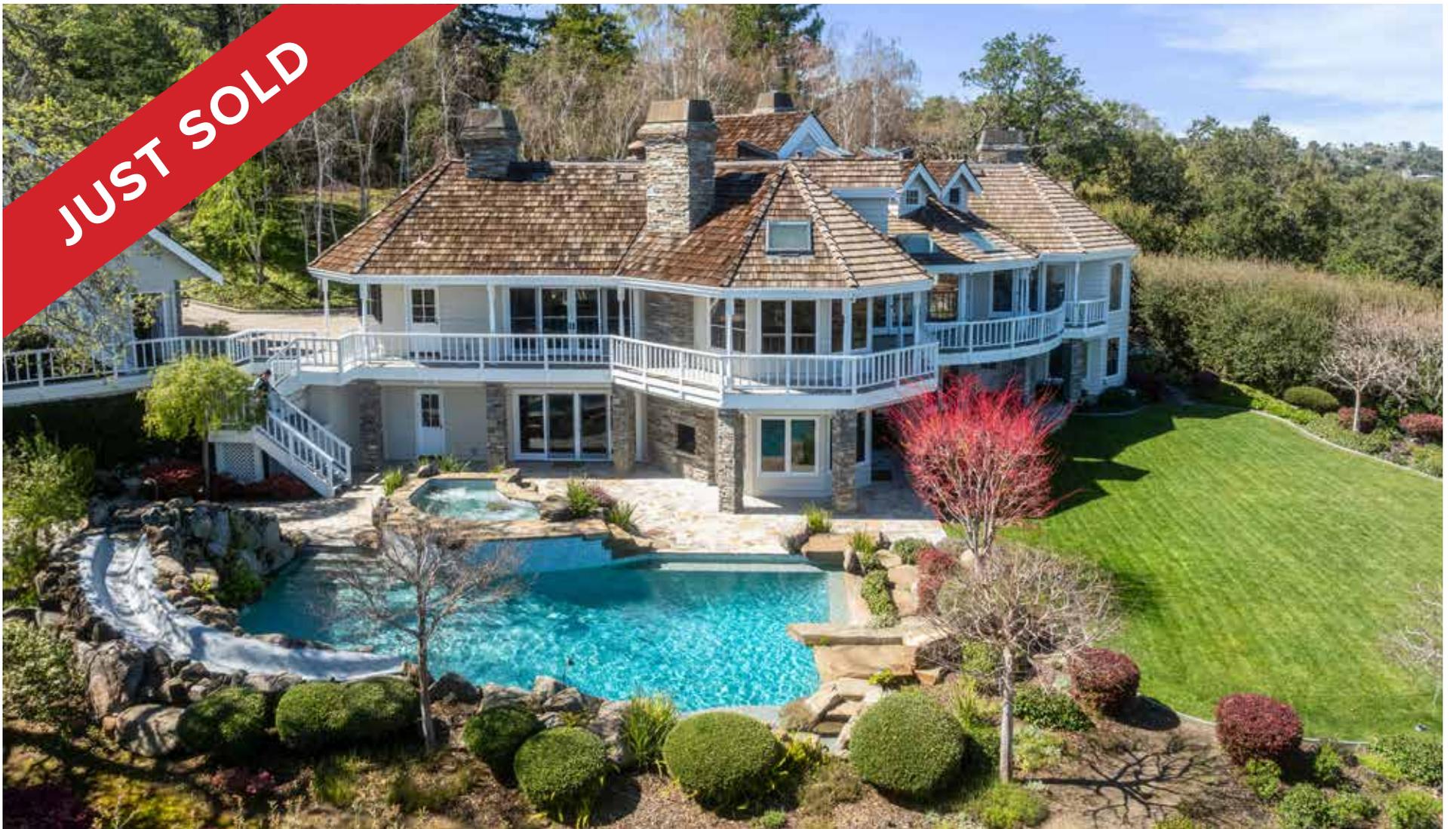
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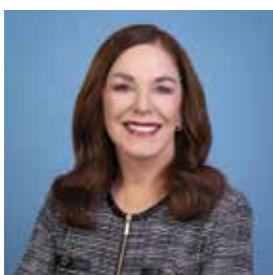
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2025 Rivian R1T shines as alternative to Tesla

By Mike Hagerty

Another month, and another California electric vehicle that isn't a Tesla.

Last month, we featured Newark's own Lucid Air Pure ("On The Road," April 2025), and now we have the Irvine-based Rivian (with a significant presence just up the street in Palo Alto).

While Lucid makes sedans (with an SUV, the Gravity, on the way), Rivian makes what it calls "adventure vehicles." So far, there's an SUV and a pickup, the R1T.

Electric pickups are a diverse group, including the fairly conventional-looking Ford F-150 Lightning ("On The Road," February 2024), the slightly edgier Chevrolet Silverado EV and GMC Sierra EV, the out-there GMC Hummer EV Pickup, and the – let's call

it "Origami Frigidaire vibe" – of the Tesla Cybertruck.

Where the Cybertruck is all edges and angles, the Rivian R1T is all about smoothness with rounded corners and oval headlights. It's completely counter to the current "my truck wants to eat your house" design language of pickup trucks, but the effect is more

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unique than alien.

If the sleekness of the R1T suggests speed, that is intentional. Even the least powerful Rivian R1T (the Dual Standard) has 533 horsepower. That's good for 0-60 in just 4.5 seconds, which rivals the hottest 1960s muscle cars.

Again – that's the least powerful R1T. Our test vehicle is



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The 2025 Rivian R1T Tri Max has 850 horsepower and has three electric motors.

the 2025 Rivian R1T Tri Max, with three electric motors, 850 horsepower and 0-60 times of 2.9 seconds.

That is one-tenth of a second

quicker to 60 than the quickest car I've reviewed (until now) here at the Town Crier, the Mercedes-AMG EQS ("On The Road," January 2023), which

did it in 3.0. That Benz had an EPA-estimated range per charge of 277 miles.

The R1T Tri Max? 371 miles,

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Solving common mechanic fuel systems and codes: Part One

By Matt Pataky

This article will span over two months. We will solve a problem this month, but I will write a separate article to conclude solving some others.

An existing customer called us and asked to bring in their 2014 Acura MDX. The customer stated that the check engine light was on. We asked the customer if there were any symptoms, and they said no. We scheduled an appointment and saw the car a few days later.

Matt the Mechanic

Once the car was in the shop, we connected the scanner and pulled codes. The engine control module had stored a P1454 FTP (fuel tank pressure sensor) circuit range/performance problem. The code was stored as temporary and permanent. We also pulled a P2422 EVAP, CVS (canister vent solenoid) stuck closed in permanent memory, and code P0452 FTP, sensor circuit low voltage.

Before I get started, I will do a quick

refresher on EVAP or fuel evaporative systems. The two gases that create the most visible smog we see in the atmosphere are hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxide (NOX). The engine, engine management system and catalytic converter controls nitrogen oxide. Hydrocarbons are unburnt fuel or fuel vapors. Hydrocarbons are contained in the fuel tank and its delivery system. This fuel delivery system is quite large. It spans from one end of the car to the other. The fuel delivery system consists of the fuel tank, fuel filler tube, fuel evaporative system (EVAP), fuel pump, fuel lines, fuel rail and injectors. The EVAP system is constantly testing the fuel system for leaks. It does this by pressurizing the fuel tank and fuel lines and checking for leaks. If there is a leak, HC will escape into the atmosphere. The EVAP monitor will then set a code and try to help the technician find the problem.

This is where EVAP system diagnostics become extremely difficult. The system is so large that the problem(s) can be anywhere. We have seen problems as simple as a loose gas cap and as difficult as a pinhole leak on top of a

fuel tank. Even with advanced tools and expertise, troubleshooting evaporative problems is extremely difficult.

We then performed the troubleshooting procedure per the factory test. We first checked for visible leaks in and on the EVAP system. No leaks were found. We then ran a system-wide test on the components of the EVAP system. All of the components tested operational. While looking at the live data of the fuel tank pressure sensor, we saw a reading stuck at -.13. The spec is -.63 to +.63. We then removed the gas cap, and there still was no change. We then checked for vacuum at the fuel tank pressure sensor and found no vacuum. We then checked the vacuum line from the fuel tank pressure sensor to the EVAP canister filter, and still, there was no vacuum. We then opened the EVAP canister filter and found a piece of plastic that was blocking the vacuum line.

We removed the piece of plastic and then ran the test again. During the test we could see the fuel tank pressure sensor fluctuating between -.60 to +.20. We cleared the codes. Then, we ran the EVAP test, and it passed. This was

great, yet we still had a problem. During the diagnostics, we can force a manual test to be run on the EVAP system, yet we need the car to pass the EVAP test on its own. For the car to pass on its own, it has to complete several drive cycles. The fuel tank also needs to be above one quart and below three quarts of fuel. This is because too much fuel will cause an inconclusive test, and insufficient fuel makes it difficult to test.

At this point, we had solved an EVAP problem, but the customer's fuel tank was full. We needed the customer to pick up the car and burn off half a tank of fuel or so. In doing so, the car will get multiple test drives and hopefully pass the onboard EVAP monitor. The question I will leave you with is where did the plastic piece come from?

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The trunk space of the 2025 Rivian R1T Tri Max.

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making it a stellar candidate for roadtrips. When it comes time to recharge, a DC fast charger should take you from 10% to 80% in 30-41 minutes.

The maximum towing capacity is 11,000 pounds, which is substantial. We didn't get a chance to try towing, but you should be aware that towing sharply reduces the range of any electric truck on the market – in some cases, by as much as half.

The rear bed is lockable, with a powered tonneau cover standard on the R1T Tri Max. Payload is 1,764 pounds. Between the bed and the front trunk ("frunk"), there are 12 cubic feet of storage.

A key card, looking somewhat like a luggage tag, replaces a physical key or key fob, but it can stay in your pocket. A Rivian smartphone app allows locking, unlocking and other features to be accessed via your phone.

The interior is at once tech-forward and traditional, with two big screens and (in the case of our test vehicle) brown ash wood. The lack of exterior styling gimmicks results in large expanses of glass all around, making visibility a Rivian strong suit.

The instrument display in front of the driver shows more than just speed, state of charge and remaining range. Its combination of 11 cameras, five radar sensors, 12 ultrasonic sensors and a driver-facing camera to monitor fatigue is there to provide Level 2 autonomy (vehicle assisting driver, with constant driver supervision). But even in normal, hands-on driving, the system provides valuable information about what's around you – showing real-time animation of not just vehicles all around you in traffic but pedestrians on the sidewalk. It's like watching infrared or heat-sensing video, but clear and beautifully rendered.

The center screen has a variety of vehicle functions, including off-road modes as well as the expected climate control, navigation and entertainment.

Rivian does not offer Apple CarPlay, which

is usually a deal-killer for me. But what Rivian does is embed Apple Music, which is what I use for entertainment, into the audio system. Log in via your iPhone, and your entire Apple Music library – in fact, the entire Apple Music catalog – is accessible through the R1T's killer premium audio system. It's the same deal for other popular services, including Spotify, Tidal and Alexa.

Rivian's pricing is extremely transparent, with trim levels added to the window sticker as though they were option packages. So, a Rivian R1T base price is \$69,900 (\$71,700 with destination). Max (the largest-capacity battery) adds \$14,000. And the Tri-Motor AWD setup is \$16,000.

We've just built an R1T Tri Max. That puts us at a price (including destination) of \$101,700.

Standard at that price are air suspension, kinetic roll control, the Ascend interior trim, Rivian Gear Guard (a security system that protects your items while you're away from the vehicle), perforated vegan leather seating, heated and ventilated seats, with driver and passenger lumbar adjustment, a heated steering wheel, a dynamic glass roof (clear glass that goes opaque at the touch of a button), a premium audio system, plaid floor mats, a utility panel and a powered tonneau cover for the truck bed.

The only extra-cost options on our vehicle were the Rivian Blue exterior paint (\$2,500) and 22-inch wheels (\$1,000), which gives us a final, as-tested price of \$105,200.

About pricing: As I write this, tariffs have been introduced and then paused. The Rivian's final assembly point is in the U.S. (Normal, Illinois), but some parts' content may be affected.

Bottom line: I'm stunned. The Rivian R1T is a triumph. A gimmick-free yet unique American pickup truck that does the least possible damage to Mother Earth while still allowing go-fast, go-anywhere adventure.

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The 2025 Hyundai Kona makes SUV shortlist

By Mike Hagerty

Hot on the heels of last month's review of the Volkswagen Taos, we have another entrant in the very competitive subcompact SUV segment. The Hyundai Kona is a futuristic-looking (at least from the front) vehicle that can be had as both a gasoline-powered car and an electric vehicle.

It is a crowded niche of vehicles, including the Kia Niro ("On The Road," February 2023), the Kia Soul ("On The Road," October 2023) and the Honda HR-V ("On The Road," September 2022).

Apart from the styling, what makes the Kona stand out is its spaciousness. The interior feels like it should be in a much larger vehicle. The instrument panel continues a theme begun in the IONIQ 5 EV ("On The Road," May 2022), and in upper trim levels, the materials and feature content are way beyond what is typically found in the subcompact SUV class.

The Kona's base engine is a 2.0-liter four-cylinder with 147 horsepower and 132 pound-feet of torque. But in certain upper trims (N Line S, N Line and Limited), it's a 1.6-liter turbocharged four,

making 190 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque. That keeps 0-60 times under eight seconds. Choosing one of those trim levels not only gives you a much better engine but the continuously variable transmission is replaced by an eight-speed automatic. It's a much better driving experience.

Despite the extra power, the hotter engine delivers solid fuel economy – an EPA-esti-

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ated 24 mpg city/29 highway in the Limited AWD trim I drove.

That's up front. In the back, 25.5 cubic feet of cargo space. Fold the rear seats down and it's 63.7 cubic feet – very good cargo space for such a small vehicle.

The base price of the 2025 Hyundai Kona Limited AWD is \$33,400 (\$34,795 including destination charges), and it's loaded like a luxury car from 20 years ago but with more modern tech. A comprehensive suite of active safety features is standard, as are 19-inch alloy wheels, heated side mirrors, automatic LED headlights, taillights and



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The 2025 Hyundai Kona Limited AWD base price is \$33,400.

daytime running lights, high-beam assist, a power sunroof, roof side rails, a surround-view monitor, dual automatic climate control, rear air vents, an auto-dimming rearview mirror with HomeLink, interior ambient lighting, proximity key with pushbutton start, synthetic leather seating surfaces, a power driver's seat, heated and ventilated front seats, a heated leather steering wheel, a hands-free liftgate, front and rear USB ports, a cargo cover, navigation, wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, a 90-day trial sub-

scription to SiriusXM satellite radio, a Bose premium audio system, wireless charging and a Wi-Fi hotspot that's part of Hyundai's Bluelink+ connected services.

The only extra-cost option on our test vehicle was carpeted floor mats for \$210, so the as-tested price of the 2025 Hyundai Kona Limited AWD is \$35,005. As of this writing, tariffs have been introduced and then paused. The Kona is assembled in Ulsan, Korea, and has only 2% domestic parts content. So, the price at your local dealer may be

substantially higher.

Small cars show their strengths in heavy Peninsula traffic and tight parking spaces along Main Street. The Kona shines there and provides the interior room and amenities of some larger, much more expensive vehicles. If you're in the market, it should absolutely be on your shortlist.

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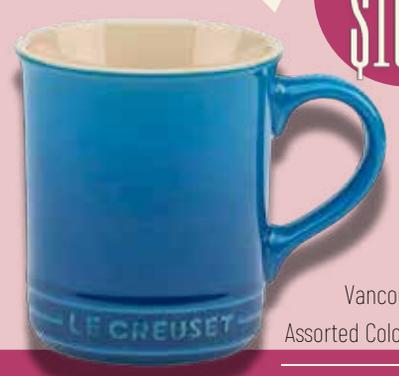
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Retirement in the US today

By Artie Green

Retirement sure has changed since the Social Security Administration (SSA) issued its first monthly retirement check in 1940. That amount was only \$22.54. And back then, a 65 year-old retiree was expected to live for only another 12-13 years before dying. Seniors today have higher benefits and a much longer life expectancy thanks to improvements in nutrition, healthcare and a myriad of other factors. Banking firm J.P. Morgan produces an annual retirement guide chock full of all kinds of interesting retirement data. While the data can't predict what will happen to any one individual, they do provide a general view of life in retirement today.

Here are some of the highlights from their 2025 guide:

- Longevity: There's a 64% chance that you'll make it to age 85 if you're a non-smoking man, and a 73% chance for a non-smoking woman. That percentage goes up to 90% if you're married. Smokers, however, will not statistically fare as well. For men the percentage drops to 39% and for

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women 52%.

- Workplace: 70% of current workers expect to retire at age 65 or later, but only 28% actually do. Top reasons for earlier retirement were company downsizing and health problems. 39% retired early because they could afford to. Despite the expectation of 65 as the normal retirement age, 27% of the current workforce comprises workers between age 65 and 74, with 8% over age 74. Why are they working so long? Mostly because they enjoy it and because it gives them the opportunity to stay active and involved.

- Spending: The biggest category for both younger citizens (age 35-44) and seniors over age 75 is housing, representing over 40% of all annual spending. Perhaps not surprisingly seniors spend a lot bigger percentage of their budgets on health care as compared to the younger cohort (16% vs. 7%) and

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Los Altos real estate: Fleeting jitters in a resilient market

By Alex Wang

The real estate market is a responsive system that reacts to external factors much like the stock market. Recently, I've observed what I'd call a "jittery moment" in the Los Altos and surrounding markets – though I emphasize "moment" because temporary fluctuations don't necessarily indicate lasting trends.

In recent weeks, I've witnessed more buyers backing out of transactions than usual, even after removing contingencies. Some are pausing their home buying plans altogether, and a few have even walked away from purchases, forfeiting significant earnest money deposits. This behavior points to some knee-jerk reactions among market participants spooked by stock volatility.

The connection to stock market volatility is particularly relevant in Silicon Valley. With many tech professionals using company stock to fund home purchases, market downturns directly impact buying power. A 2025 real estate brokerage survey found that 20% of U.S. homebuyers plan to sell stocks for their next down payment – a percentage likely higher in our tech-centric region. From my experience,

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many buyers in luxury markets like Los Altos utilize stock proceeds or existing home equity for down payments averaging around 40% of the purchase price.

I recently had a buyer cancel just days before closing, forfeiting a six-figure deposit to my clients, the sellers. Though personal reasons were cited, I suspect stock market declines influenced this decision. Even more telling, our backup buyer also withdrew, explicitly citing stock market concerns – despite the property being well-priced and desirable.

However, these reactions follow a strong first quarter for Los Altos and Silicon Valley real estate. The uncertainty with the new administration has persisted for months, yet our local market performed well initially. What we're experiencing now appears to be a temporary reaction rather than a fundamental market shift.

Having sold real estate in Silicon Valley for more than 20 years through

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Explore the farmers market



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Vendors, including Tomo Kusaka, founder of Sakura Soup Company, will be returning to State Street in downtown Los Altos every Thursday through Oct. 9. Sakura Soup Company sells ready-to-cook noodles and ramen essentials, like fragrant garlic oil, to farmers market-goers across the Bay Area. Speak with and patronize the many vendors, including Kusaka, at the next farmers market.

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less on transportation (12% vs. 19%). One interesting difference: seniors are a lot more charitable (7% vs. 3%).

• **Inflation:** As many seniors have learned over the past several years, inflation is the single biggest risk to their savings. An inflation rate of only 3% per year will cut the purchasing power of your savings in half after 24 years, accelerating the savings drawdown late in retirement for even the most basic expenses. Although the current inflation rate (2024) of 2.9% is the same as the average annual rate since 1982, it is currently lower for health care (2.8% vs. 4.5%), good news for retirees since their

spending in this category is higher. But the housing inflation rate has grown much higher (4.1% vs. 3.0%), a disadvantage to renters as well as to those having to share homes.

Among other things, the authors also reinforce the benefit of saving and investing early and consistently during your pre-retirement years. Even an early investor who stops saving and investing after 10 years has a better outcome than the investor who starts later and saves more.

To view the report, visit tinyurl.com/JPMorganguidetoretirement.

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two significant downturns – the 2008-2009 crash and the 2000 dot-com bubble – the current situation feels distinctly different. Most analysts find limited correlation between stock and real estate markets; some sources even suggest stock declines can boost real estate as investors seek alternatives. Silicon Valley's unique dynamics create a more direct relationship since many buyers liquidate stock for their home purchases.

Current inventory levels remain comparable to last year – if all of the 27 single-family homes on the market in Los Altos sell, then it would be similar to the 29 at this time last year. This similarity is noteworthy considering last year's narrative centered on buyers waiting for interest rate reductions.

Despite the current caution, multiple offers continue for desirable properties, with homes still selling at market prices – often above asking. Los Altos will maintain its appeal as Silicon Valley innovation persists. Life transitions that drive real estate decisions – seeking great schools, wonderful neighborhoods or starting new chapters – haven't diminished in importance.

While stock market volatility may

cause short-term hesitation, Los Altos real estate values will remain strong. For buyers with stable finances, current conditions may present opportunities as competition potentially decreases. For sellers, proper pricing and presentation remain crucial. Properties that offer clear value still attract serious buyers, though the timeline might extend slightly compared to recent years.

Looking ahead, I anticipate the market will regain confidence as stock volatility settles. Los Altos continues to benefit from limited inventory, exceptional schools and proximity to major employers – enduring advantages that provide a buffer against temporary economic uncertainties.

Real estate decisions should always prioritize personal needs and long-term financial goals over short-term market fluctuations. Whether you're considering buying or selling in today's environment, focusing on fundamentals rather than reacting to market jitters will lead to better outcomes.

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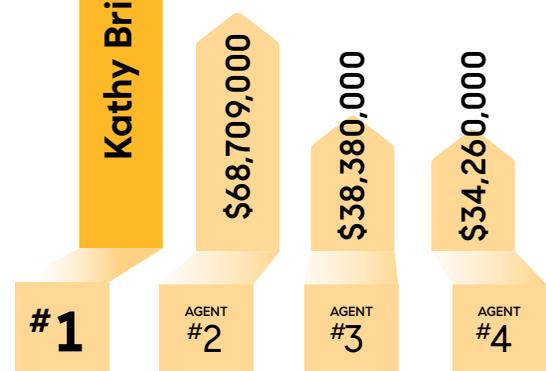
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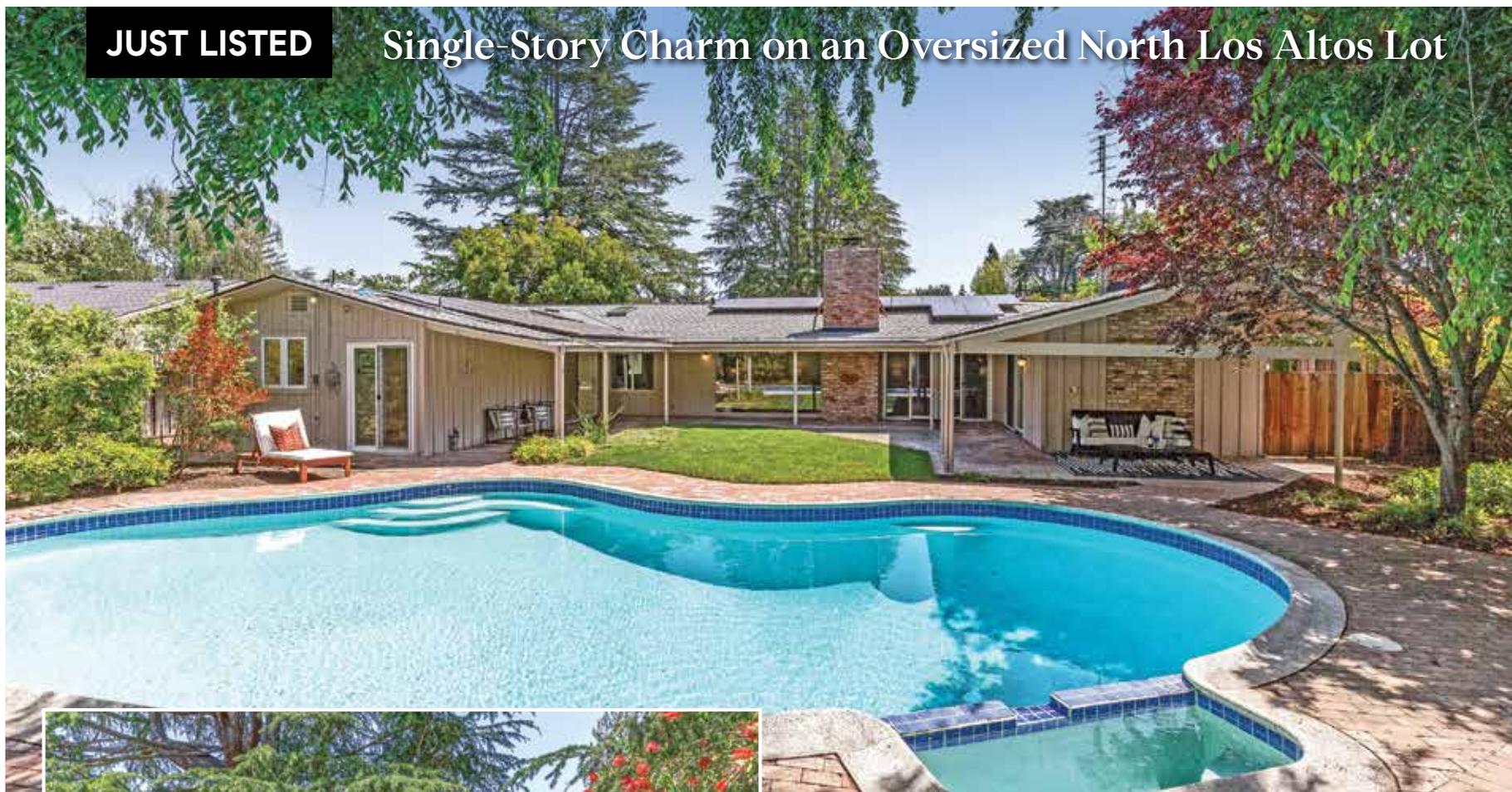
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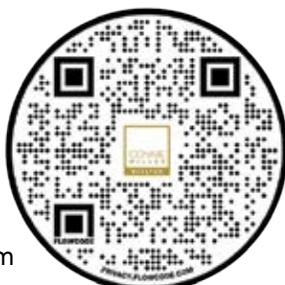
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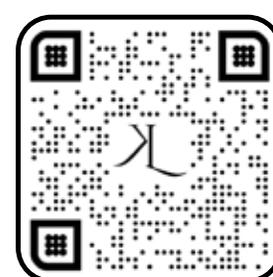
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T.S. No.: 2024-12418-LOG APN: 154-10-087Property Address: 263 MARIPOSA AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94041NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/4/2024. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the

Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Nellie Gagloeva, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/11/2024 as Instrument No. 25710813 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, CaliforniaDate of Sale: 5/28/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$648,940.66 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 263 MARIPOSA AVE MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94041A.P.N.: 154-10-087The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.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 at 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 outstanding liens 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. 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 the 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 866-266-7512 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites www.elitepostandpub.com or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-12418-LOG 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 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. Date: 4/25/2025 Nestor Solutions, LLC214 5th Street, Suite 205Huntington Beach, California 92648Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Giovanna Nichelson, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer EPP 43477 Pub Dates 05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2025 (05-07,14,21-25)

110-T

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

The Los Altos School District parcel tax exemption for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is available for district residents who meet certain requirements. The deadline for the exemption is June 30, 2025. To see if you are eligible for the Senior Exemption (Measures H and A), or the SSI/SSDI exemption (Measure A) please see the eligibility requirements and download the exemption forms on our website, www.lasdschools.org, or contact Carol Paris-Brown at the Los Altos School District at 650-947-1150 prior to June 30, 2025. (05-07-25)

109-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SAI PAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV464040

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Sai Pan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Ladyar Gwa

Proposed Name: a. Lydia Gwa

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/08/2025 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: 04/22/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

108-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF VIDAN IGOR VON BRZESKI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463993

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Vidan Igor von Brzeski filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: a. Vidan Igor von Brzeski

Proposed Name: a. Marko Brzeski

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

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107-T

SEMPER FIGI FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715102

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SEMPER FIGI FOUNDATION, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): James Robert Mc Cormick, 159 Hardy Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ James R. Mc Cormick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/02/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

106-T

Grateful Gardens FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715631

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Grateful Gardens, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Bruce Andrews, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Sharon Andrews, 731 Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/28/2001. /S/ Sharon Andrews / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/21/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

105-T

GOOD NEWS HOME REVIVAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715419

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOOD NEWS HOME REVIVAL, 5770 Winfield Blvd Spc 90, San Jose, CA, 95123, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Luis A Rodriguez, 5770 Winfield Blvd Spc 90, San Jose, CA 95123. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2025. /S/ Luis A Rodriguez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

104-T

LOMYRAH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715542

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOMYRAH, 4441 Renaissance Dr, San Jose, CA, 95134, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LOMYRAH LIMITED LIABILITY CO., 166 Geary St, Ste 1500 PMB 2184, San Francisco, CA 94108. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Huyen Trang Thomas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/18/2025. (04-30-25,05-07,14,21-25)

103-T

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EL CAMINO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 32103, the Board of Directors of El Camino Healthcare District will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comment and consider adoption of a resolution increasing Board member compensation from One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty Cents

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(\$115.50) per day to One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$121.28) per day for attendance at a meeting of the Board.

The Public Hearing will be held on May 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM PST at El Camino Hospital, Sobrato Boardroom 1, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by teleconference at +16699009128,,99180905651#

The public is invited to attend and provide oral and/or written comments. Written comments must be received at or prior to the meeting time and date. A copy of the proposed resolution is available for review in the public bulletin posting area located at El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 or by accessing the District's website at [https:// www.elcaminohealthcaredistrict.org/](https://www.elcaminohealthcaredistrict.org/). Published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066. (04-30-25,05-07-25)

102-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SHAUNA KANANI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463276

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

Proposed Name:
a. Shauna Kanani Ferreira

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/01/2025 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: 04/14/2025
/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong
Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25)

101-T

SILVER MOON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715408

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SILVER MOON, 20387 Kent Way, Los Gatos, CA, 95033, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Sabina Kapunov, 20387

Kent Way, Los Gatos, CA 95033. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Sabina Kapunov / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/14/2025. (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25)

100-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MATTHEW TELLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV463318

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

Proposed Name:
a. Matthew Aguilar Braham

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 07/01/2025 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: 04/14/2025
/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong
Judge of the Superior Court (04-23,30-25,05-07,14-25)

099-T

KIKU FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714611

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KIKU, 1060 Lincoln Ave Ste 20-116, San Jose, CA, 95125, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Veronica Kiku Kanno, 1060 Lincoln Ave Suite 20-1106, San Jose, CA 95125. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Veronica Kiku Kanno / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/14/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

096-T

MMW Creative Group FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715038

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MMW Creative Group, (2) NEW EROS

PUBLISHING, (3) FIRE ORCHID MUSIC, (4) BLACK GIRL ABROAD, 2404 Fairview Lane, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): MMW Creative Group, Inc., 2404 Fairview Lane, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/06/2008. /S/ Miriam Wynn / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/28/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

095-T

R & T PAW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715198

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: R & T PAW, 3255 Padilla Way, San Jose, CA, 95148, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): JSR HORIZON 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/ Shuo Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/04/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

094-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF THUY TRAM THI NGUYEN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV461451

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Thuy Tram Thi Nguyen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
a. Thuy Tram Thi Nguyen

Proposed Name:
a. Thuy Tram Thi Collishaw

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

NOTICE OF HEARING 06/03/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 03/20/2025
/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong

Judge of the Superior Court (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

093-T

GULRANGI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715070

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GULRANGI, 5272 Rio Lobo Dr, San Jose, CA, 95136, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Kirtan Kapil Vyas, 5272 Rio Lobo Dr, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/23/2024. /S/ Kirtan Kapil Vyas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/01/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

092-T

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. BOUND, 828 Onyx Court, San Jose, CA 95117 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 12/01/2021 Under File No. FBN680716 Full Name of Registrant(s): Montserrat Llauro, 828 Onyx Court, San Jose, CA 95117 This business was conducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Apr. 4, 2025. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN715181 (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

091-T

STANFORD CARPET, UPHOLSTERY & RUG CLEANING CO. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN715182

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: STANFORD CARPET, UPHOLSTERY & RUG CLEANING CO., 1140 Karen Way, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yousri M A Touni, 1140 Karen Way, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/1981. /S/ Yousri M A Touni / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/04/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

090-T

White Peony Acupuncture FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN714943

The following person (persons)

is (are) doing business as: White Peony Acupuncture, 885 N San Antonio Rd Suite M, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Loren Romley LAC, 885 N San Antonio Rd Suite M, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/07/2024. /S/ Loren Romley / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 03/26/2025. (04-16,23,30-25,05-07-25)

089-T

Datebook

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

EVENTS

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **Bay Area Games Day**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: **Befriending Our Minds: A Mindfulness Presentation**, 7 p.m. May 14. Discussing ways to gently connect with our bodies, breath, and internal thoughts and feelings. The practice of mindfulness can help reduce stress, improve our relationships, and facilitate a greater sense of meaning and purpose. **Destress the TCM Way: Ancient Solutions for Modern Tension**, 11 a.m. May 23. Learn how Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) views stress, root causes of it, and how acupuncture, herbal medicine, and lifestyle changes can bring relief. **Gardening demonstration**, 7 p.m. May 21. UC Master Gardener Monique Frappier shows how easy it is to grow a variety of plants that connect one to nature. **The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging**, 11 a.m. May 24. This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species. **Wednesday Travel Night: Focus on Cuba**, 7 p.m. May 28. Photographer Harlan Crowder offers a visual tour of the Caribbean's "most fascinating island." **Bike Repair Mobile**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 30. a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis., will address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Note that bicycles must be equipped with gears and wheels. All programs are free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. 650-948-7683. Information: scld.org

CLUBS/GROUPS

Assistance League of Los Altos. Charitable organization benefiting youth of Santa Clara County. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Located at Third and State streets. (650) 941-2610 and assistance-league.org/losaltos.

Kiwanis Club of Los Altos. Service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at Neutra House Conference Center, 181 Hillview Ave. losaltoskiwanis.org, (650) 735-1552.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs "doo-wop" music from the 1950s and 1960s. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsulaharmony.org.

GreenTown Los Altos. Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos

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Do you need to have a Legal or Public Notice published? Then look no further than the Los Altos Town Crier. The Town Crier's unmatched service can take care of your Fictitious Business Name Statement, Notice of Probate, Name Change and much more. For more information, contact Melissa at 650-397-5208, or email legals@latc.com

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Hills become more sustainable. Information: greentownlosaltos.org.

Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Amateur radio club serving Los Altos and local area. Meets 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. fars.k6ya.org.

HP Retired Employees Club. Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Activities include luncheons, trips (local, regional and foreign), volunteer work and more. (408) 867-5086; hp.com/retiree.

American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. (650) 207-6625; lamv.ca.aauw.net.

Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups. Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. (650) 917-9914; lasmadres.org.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos. Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students. Noon first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. (650) 967-5404; quotamvla.org.

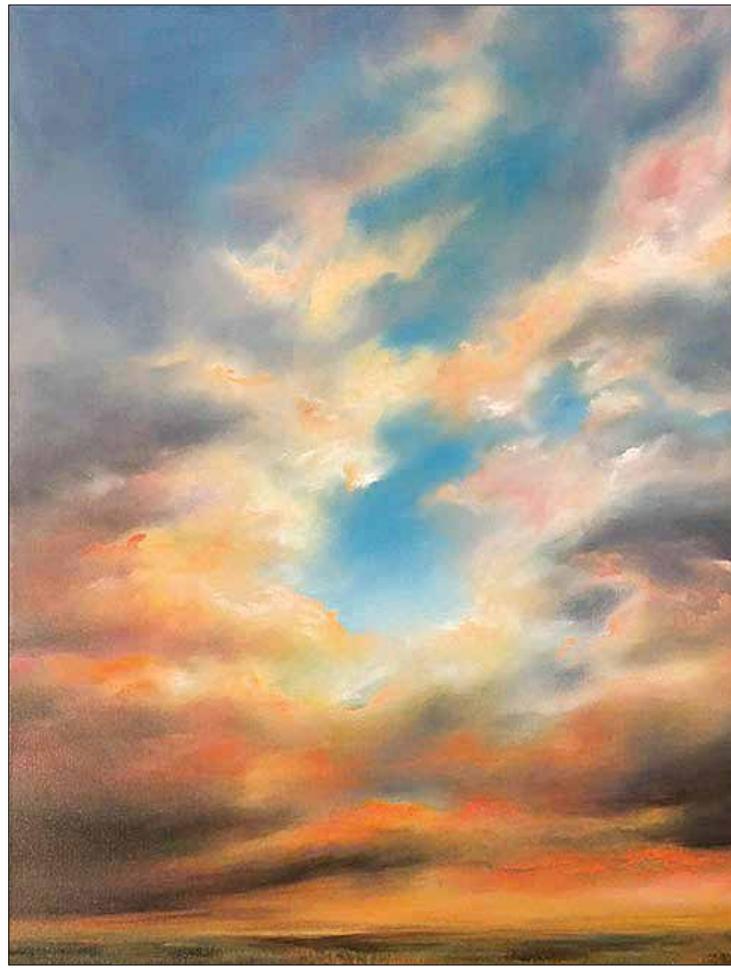
Rotary Club of Los Altos. Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. losaltosrotary.org.

South Bay Storytellers. 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. (650) 494-1383; (650) 917-1920; southbaystorytellers.com.

Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club. Non-profit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltosnewcomers.org.

Sons in Retirement, Branch 5. Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael's restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. (408) 391-1078.

Morning Forum of Los Altos. Celebrating its 75th year, the Morning Forum of Los Altos announces its spring program of diverse and knowledgeable speakers. May 20: Darius Nabors will recount humorous and compassionate tales of visiting all of the national parks in "59



COURTESY OF GALLERY 9

"Sunset Clouds" is among the works of Gallery 9 artist Cecilia Mases. Mases is the featured artist at the downtown gallery through June 1. For more information, visit gallery9losaltos.com.

Parks in 59 Weeks." June 30: Steve Cushman, professor of English at the University of Virginia, will provide insightful examination of why Americans became fascinated with people writing about themselves: "My Book About Me, Why do Americans Write Memoirs?" To subscribe and for more information, visit morningforum.org.

EXHIBITS

Gallery 9 Los Altos. Featuring painter Cecilia Mases in exhibition, "Over Land & Sea." Running through June 1. Jan Meyer exhibit, "Color & Joy," runs June 3-28. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Located 143 Main St., Los Altos. Information: gallery9losaltos.com.

Viewpoints Gallery. Featuring watercolor painter Jan Grady in exhibition, "Sidewalk Cafes." Running through June 1. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Information: viewpointsgallery.com.

MADSEN LLC gallery. Featuring artists Fernanda Martínez, Jacqué Price, James Moore, Linda Wegmann, Chris Leib and Lucas Blok. Located 351 Main St. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. Friday (by appointment only) and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. Information: apmadsen.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Midpeninsula Widows and Widow-

ers Association. Nonprofit volunteer group organizes activities for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Meets 1:30 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and 7:30 to 9 p.m. the remaining Tuesdays at the Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. More information at mpwwa1.org.

Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP). Support group provides help for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one as the result of drug use. 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. To register, email eshow818@gmail.com

Vasa Order of America, Lindbergh Lodge. Organization for experiencing the Swedish culture. 6:30 p.m. second Friday of each month; supper 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. (650) 948-7030; (650) 773-0199.

WOMENSV. Founded in Los Altos. Nonprofit weekly support group for victims of affluent abusers. Information: Email info@womensv.org or visit womensv.org.

Eating Disorders Resource Center. For individuals struggling with disordered eating and body image. 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Saturdays of the month. El Camino Hospital, Conference Room A, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Free. edrcsv.org.

OBITUARY NOTICE

ASEEMA KANTHARIA



August 18, 1938 - April 26, 2025

Aseema Bhagvatiprasad Kantharia, 86, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2025, in Mountain View, California. Born on August 18, 1938, in Junaghad, India, she lived a life marked by warmth, compassion, and quiet strength that touched all who knew her. Aseema was cherished for her gentle, kind, and loving nature. Her presence brought comfort and joy to family and friends alike. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Toral Mehta and son-in-law Saamil Mehta; her children Darsan Krishnan, Devi Gopalakrishnan, and Jawahar Jain; and her grandchildren Lakshya Jain, Priya Jain, and Vishnu Darsan. Aseema was predeceased by her child Jayshree Jain.





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