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Woodside Musical Theatre returns with 'Bright Star'

After a pandemic shutdown, the community theater nonprofit is back on stage

By Kate Daly

After going dark during the pandemic, Woodside Musical Theatre is back with a new name and new production, staging "Bright Star" two weekends in October at the Woodside High School Performing Arts Center.

Formerly known as Woodside Community Theatre, the nonprofit has been around in one form or another since 1957, and organizers said they are thrilled to continue the tradition of putting on musicals with a combination of old and new faces working behind the scene and appearing on stage.

For this show, Gary Stanford, Jr. is artistic director, a role he has filled before. Ditto for Music Director Brett Strader. New to the production side is Vocal Director René Lubin, who spent more than 33 years performing in "Beach Blanket Babylon" in San Francisco.

Co-producers Darlene Batchelder, Mark Bowles and Donna

Losey, who met as parents at Woodside School decades ago, are back and joined by Brenda Jackson.

Don Coluzzi returns to do lighting, and Akio and Steve Patrick are on the job again to build a major set piece — a moving cabin where a 10-piece bluegrass orchestra will sit.

Losey said the company is renting many of the other set pieces, furniture, props and costumes from the Broadway show.

Written and composed by actor and banjo player Steve Martin and singer/songwriter Edie Brickell, "Bright Star" enjoyed a successful run on Broadway and on the road. The musical is inspired by a true love story and revolves around complicated relationships that unfold in North Carolina in 1923 and 1945.

Rehearsals are underway at Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park, a convenient commute for two cast members, teachers



Courtesy Mark Bowles

After a pandemic hiatus, Woodside's venerable community theater group is back with a musical production next month. From left, Adrienne Herro (Mama Murphy), Katherine Bonn (Alice) and Jason Engleman (Daddy Murphy) perform in "Bright Star."

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District attorney drops felony charges against Indiana Batmobile-maker accused of theft

After a month-long review, the county's chief prosecutor concluded that 'the evidence does not warrant criminal prosecution'

By Leah Worthington

Two months after four San Mateo County deputy sheriffs raided the workplace of an Indiana Batmobile-maker, an action that drew sharp public criticism of Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, the district attorney's office has dropped all charges against the businessman.

In a press release Monday, Sept. 26, District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe announced that he would dismiss the case against Mark Racop, who was facing felony charges and scheduled to appear in county

court on Friday.

Wagstaffe, whose decision was based on a review of additional reports filed by the sheriff's office, wrote that "the evidence does not warrant criminal prosecution" and that "the actions of Mr. Racop are best dealt with in civil court proceedings."

On July 19, a felony complaint was filed against Racop, the owner of Fiberglass Freaks, in Logansport, Indiana for failing to deliver on a replica 1966 Batmobile that he'd been hired to build. Atherton realtor Sam Anagnostou accused Racop of "theft by false pretense" after

the \$210,000 Batmobile that he ordered was delayed.

The dispute hinged on the receipt of the final car payment. While Racop has maintained that his client failed to complete a payment and stopped communicating for several months, Anagnostou alleged that the car-maker received the last installment but kept the money and gave the car to another customer.

After reviewing all the emails between the two parties, Wagstaffe said it was "fairly



Courtesy Mark Racop

Indiana car builder Mark Racop sits inside one of his custom Batmobile replicas. After facing criminal prosecution in a contract dispute with an Atherton real estate agent, the San Mateo District Attorney's Office has decided to drop all charges.

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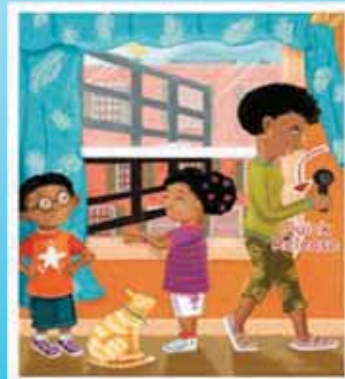


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Magali Gauthier

Rey Martinez Han feeds flamingos at the Junior Museum and Zoo in Palo Alto on Oct. 28, 2021.

Flamingo feedings, bird interactions on hold at Palo Alto zoo amid avian flu outbreak

Virus poses low risk to humans but can be dangerous for resident birds

By Emily Margaretten

Concerned about a bird flu outbreak, the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo has removed its birds from public viewing and canceled all bird interactions, including the popular

flamingo feeding activity, until further notice.

Avian influenza in wild birds and poultry is common in the U.S. but typically poses low risk to humans, according to the zoo's website. The outbreaks do pose a threat to local birds, however, and the

zoo, located at 1451 Middlefield Road, is taking precautions to protect its feathered inhabitants.

The current outbreak of avian influenza is highly pathogenic, according to a press

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Menlo Park council asks county for \$2.1M for pedestrian and bike safety

By Cameron Rebosio

Menlo Park is seeking grants to help pay for roadway improvements that will boost bike and pedestrian safety, voting on Sept. 20 to submit two grant applications to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) for cash from the Measure A and Measure W Pedestrian and Bicycle Program.

The county program provides grants to cities to complete projects that protect pedestrians and bicyclists from dangerous traffic conditions. According to the SMCTA, \$42.5 million remains from Measure A and \$136.5 million remains from Measure W. These measures allowed the county to draw from property tax to rebuild the streets, give local agencies a chance to submit proposals for the funds every two years.

The city has submitted a proposal for the Ringwood Avenue crossing connections project, focusing on Van Buren Road and Ringwood Avenue, where the city aims to improve traffic safety for both bicyclists and pedestrians.

"I do want to acknowledge that we're aware that there was a collision there recently, just last Friday (Sept. 16)," Assistant Public Works Director Hugh Louch said. "There have been a number of collisions there in the past. There's definite safety

issues at that location."

The project includes a raised crossing at Van Buren Road, and a pedestrian and bicycle crossing at Ringwood Avenue. Also included are modifications to Pierce Road. The city's Transportation Master Plan would include adding a separated bikeway on Pierce Road and converting the street to one-way traffic.

The proposal includes a possible conversion of Ringwood Avenue and Sonoma Avenue to a one-way couplet between Bay Road and Oakwood Place, as well as adding a bicycle boulevard or traffic calming features to Ringwood Avenue between Oakwood Place and Van Buren Road. The project seeks to address a 300-foot crossing gap on Van Buren Road.

Louch said that the Ringwood Avenue crossing connections project is in the early stages of development, and still needs community outreach on specifics.

"I just think we've seen enough (accidents), right?" Katie Behroozi, member of the Complete Streets Commission said, speaking on herself. "I'm excited to see that council is working on making this stretch safer."

A prior request by the city for a grant from the C/CAG Transportation Development Act (TDA) for the raised crossing at

See **PEDESTRIANS**, page 11

Portola Valley seeks volunteers for ADU ambassador program

Town wants to encourage development of backyard in-law units

By Angela Swartz

To spur growth and keep track of the number of in-law units in town, Portola Valley is seeking two to four volunteers to promote accessory dwelling units (ADUs) — which make up about a third of the new housing planned in the town's draft housing element.

The volunteers would help verify the town's existing list of ADUs, gauge community interest

in constructing new one, gather data on unpermitted units that could be legalized, and find people interested in renting their ADUs to lower-income tenants.

The ADU ambassador program came about as part of the town's state-mandated housing element process, said Vice Mayor Sarah Wernikoff during a Sept. 14 Town Council meeting. The town's Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee members, along with residents, expressed an interest in expanding

ADU outreach and gathering additional information about how the accessory units could be best used to help satisfy the town's obligations under state law.

"There was a lot of passion about leaning into ADUs more," she said. "We want to harness the spirit of community volunteerism to support initiatives within the housing element and understand the landscape of ADUs better."

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Magali Gauthier

Portola Valley is hoping volunteers will help encourage residents to build more accessory dwelling units. Pictured is a unit on Steven Toben's property in Portola Valley in 2021.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as near as possible thereafter**, in the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California, and virtually on Zoom on the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF

THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 [BUILDING CODE] AND CHAPTER 15.10 [GREEN BUILDING] OF TITLE 15 [BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND UPDATING HOME HARDENING AND CAL GREEN REQUIREMENTS

The Town periodically amends Chapter 15.04 of the Municipal Code to incorporate the most recent edition of the model building code that has been adopted by the California Building Standards Commission.

Information pertaining to the proposed ordinance may be viewed at Town Hall Planning and Building Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information, please email planbuild@portolavalley.net or call (650) 851-1700.

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ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING SECTION 18.04.515 [SUPPORTIVE HOUSING] AND SECTION 18.04.523 [TRANSITIONAL HOUSING] OF CHAPTER 18.04 [DEFINITIONS]; SECTION 18.12.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.12 [R-E (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.14.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.14 [R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.16.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.16 [M-R (MOUNTAINOUS RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE; AND A FINDING THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

On June 1, 2022, the Planning Commission adopted a Resolution recommending the proposed amendments to the Portola Valley Municipal Code related to Supportive and Transitional Housing for compliance with State law and finding the amendments exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act. Proposed Municipal Code amendments include updates to be consistent with State law:

- To update the definitions of supportive and transitional housing.
- To remove the "six or fewer persons" occupancy limitation on supportive and transitional housing in its residential zones.
- Designates supportive housing as a permitted-by-right use in single family residential zones.

This will be a hybrid meeting, held at the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028, and virtually via Zoom. The Zoom meeting details will be published on the September 28, 2022 agenda.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Portola Valley at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. Please send an email to planning@portolavalley.net by 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting. All received questions and comments will be included in the public record. Members of the public can ask questions/provide comments using the "raise your hand" feature in the Zoom platform.

The agenda and staff report will be posted on the Town's website by 5:00PM the Friday prior to the meeting at <https://www.portolavalley.net/town-government/town-council/minutes-and-agendas>.

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Magali Gauthier

A sign reads "Get your politics out of my uterus" and "My body my choice" at a rally for abortion rights outside of the Li Ka Shing Center at the Stanford School of Medicine on June 27.

Newsom signs abortion protections into law

California laws aim to improve access and protect patients and clinicians

By Kristen Hwang/CalMatters

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a package of 12 bills Tuesday, Sept. 27, establishing some of the strongest abortion protections in the nation — a direct reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn federal abortion guarantees earlier this year.

Collectively, the new laws aim to improve access and protect patients and clinicians by strengthening privacy safeguards, ensuring providers and patients cannot be sued or prosecuted and funding procedures and travel costs for low-income individuals. They also seek to shore up the state's network of abortion clinics as more patients from states where abortion is now severely limited or banned seek procedures in California.

"An alarming number of states continue to outlaw abortion and criminalize women, and it's more important than ever to fight like

hell for those who need these essential services," Newsom said. "Our Legislature has been on the frontlines of this fight, and no other legislative body in the country is doing more to protect these fundamental rights — I'm proud to stand with them again and sign these critical bills into law."

Newsom first announced the signing privately to stakeholders, and Jodi Hicks, CEO of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, said many in the virtual room got emotional.

"It's been a long year of a lot of hard work," Hicks said. "You could see a lot of emotion and pride."

The package was supported by the California Future of Abortion Council, a 46-member coalition of reproductive rights and health and justice groups convened by Newsom in 2021 to identify abortion shortcomings and recommend policy solutions.

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CRIME BRIEFS

Menlo Park clerks cited selling alcohol to minors

Six clerks and servers in Menlo Park have been cited for the sale of alcohol to minors following a decoy operation by the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Menlo Park Police.

The violation carries a minimum fine of \$250, and possibly 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. The ABC also plans to pursue action against the alcohol licenses of the businesses that violated liquor laws by selling alcohol to minors.

The citations were made as part of a series of compliance checks statewide to reduce the underage purchase of alcohol.

—Cameron Rebosio

Palo Alto's Magical Bridge Playground temporarily closed for repairs, upgrades

Renovations will include a new 'magic map' for low- and no-vision visitors

By Emily Margaretten

Closed until Oct. 15, the Magical Bridge Playground in Palo Alto is undergoing renovations that will include much-needed repair work to its existing structures while ushering in a new feature that will help with accessibility for visitors who are blind or have limited vision.

Since its opening in 2015, the Magical Bridge Playground has received national and international acclaim for its inclusive and innovative design features that accommodate people of all abilities and ages. In 2016, the Magical Bridge Foundation was established to help create more playgrounds on the Peninsula and provide events at the spaces.

The playground has received its fair share of wear and tear as a result of constant use. Approximately 25,000 visitors come through the playground every month, according to Olenka Villarreal, who conceptualized the Magical Bridge Playground. She co-founded the foundation with her friend, Jill Asher.

"We have served a lot of people, and it's definitely time for what I call a thorough and loving refresh," Villarreal said.

The city of Palo Alto's website described a number of maintenance and safety upgrades to the playground that includes more shading, rubberized resurfacing, turf and railing replacements, restraining of the playhouse, a new net on the spinner and painting and planting enhancements. The work began on Sept. 1.

The total project budget is \$891,600, according to a City Council report dated Sept. 12.

The budget "reflects a cost of \$735,000 for design and construction and \$155,000 in salaries and benefits ... The bid solicitation resulted in awarding a contract of \$495,000," Community Services Director Kristen O'Kane said in a statement.

Funding also has come from community donations, such as from The Anne Wojcicki Foundation and the Troper Wojcicki Foundation, which provided money for new shading over the spin zone.

"It's a public playground that benefits the community and receives ongoing support from the community," Villarreal said.

Villarreal described the installation of a new playground feature: A "magic map" that was



Photos courtesy Olenka Villarreal

A view of renovation work at Magical Bridge Playground at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park on Sept. 15.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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Woodside planning director says she plans to retire next month

By Angela Swartz

The town of Woodside will be in need of a new planning director come Nov. 1, when Jackie Young retires.

Young has served as the town's planning director for 14 years. She has played a central role in the complicated planning process for the town's mandated housing element, which is due to the state in January 2023. The town submitted its draft element to the state this summer.

"It has been an honor to serve Woodside's residents, Town Council, Planning Commission, ASRB (Architectural and Site Review Board) and History Committee," she said in an email.

Young sent in her notice to Town Manager Kevin Bryant on Sept. 7.

"I am looking forward in retirement to having more time with family and friends; and increasing my time spent in volunteering for hospice, and in family history, church ministering and interfaith work," she said.

Though the draft has been sent to the state, town officials say the following tasks remain in order to fully update the housing element:

- Completion of the environmental (California Environmental Quality Act or CEQA) review of the housing element

- Rezoning of select higher density residential sites

- Formulating a response to the state's Housing and Community Development's review of the housing element

The Town Council authorized contracts for technical studies — biotic, noise and traffic — needed for the CEQA review. The Town Council at its Tuesday, Sept. 27, meeting voted to hire consultants to carry out the full CEQA review, which is anticipated to be an initial study/mitigated negative declaration, but pending the results of the state's review.

The Deputy Town Attorney introduced Attorney Matt Francois at the Planning Commission meeting on Sept. 21 as the consulting land use attorney for rezoning and other tasks.

In February, resident Bob Wilson called on the Town Council to freeze pay increases for Bryant and Young and



Jackie Young

conduct a full investigation into their "mishandling" of Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) projects in town. The town shut down all projects under a new state housing law by citing an exemption for mountain lion habitats in late January.

Young worked for 10 years in private sector construction management and 27 years in public sector planning, she said. She previously worked for the cities of Campbell, Scotts Valley, Mountain View and Santa Cruz, according to her LinkedIn profile. She graduated from Gunn High School in Palo Alto before attending San Jose State University where she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees, according to her profile.

"I want to thank you for the many years you shepherded the town Planning Department with a steady and compassionate hand with an understanding that there are many shades of grey that need to be assessed on a case by case basis and what is best for the town and applicant," said Woodside architect Steve Patrick in an email to Young.

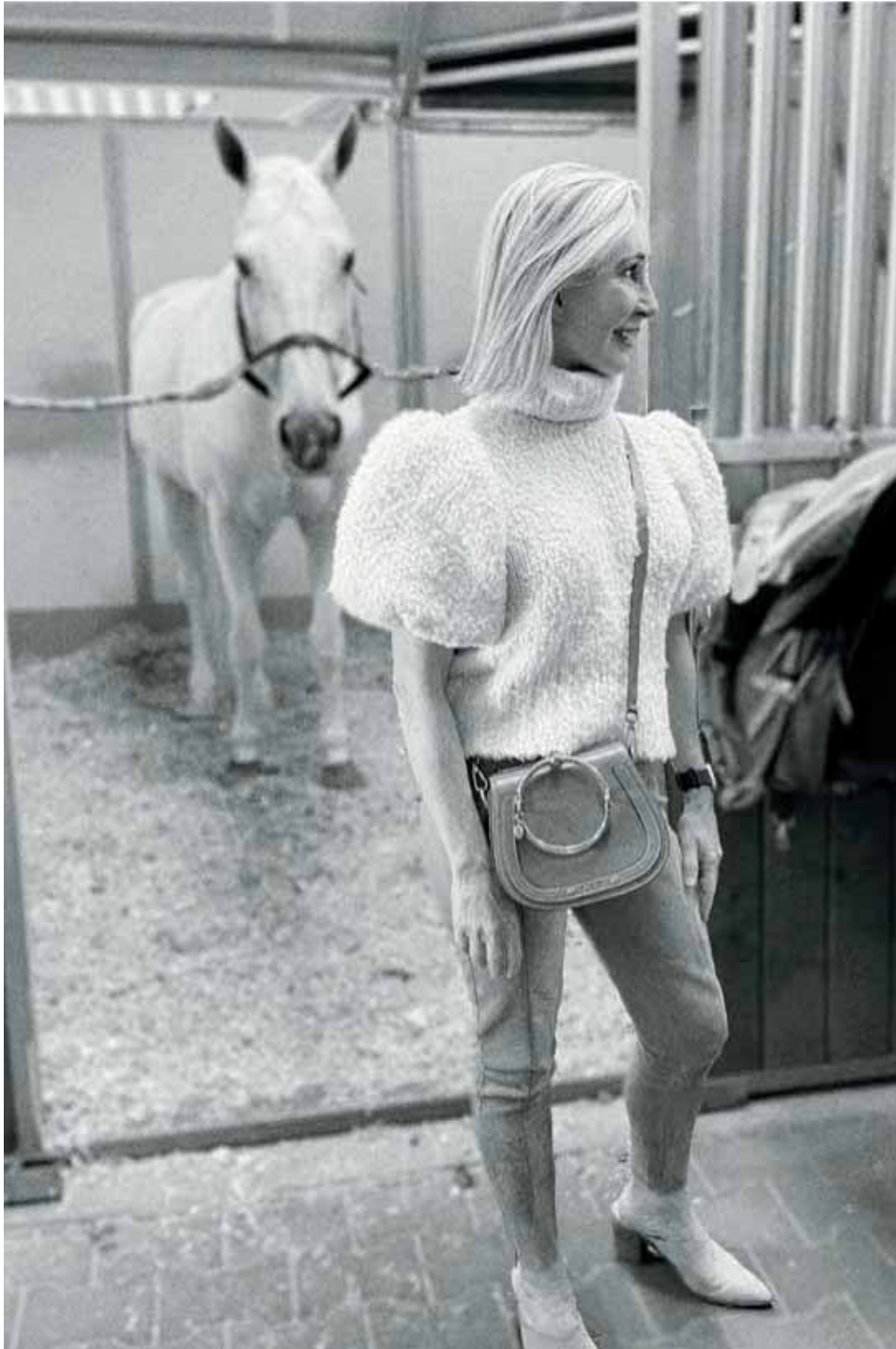
Recruitment process

The Town Council approved a \$19,500 agreement with executive search firm Teri Black & Company, LLC for the recruitment of a new planning director at its Tuesday meeting. The firm should plan to have a finalist chosen by November or December, according to a town staff report.

The town worked with the firm in 2015 to hire its public works director/town engineer, according to the report. ■

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At Home with Lisa



To Lisa, the Peninsula means home. It's where she was born, raised her three children, and still lives today. Her love for this community has only grown in her decades-long real estate career. She started in commercial real estate and later expanded her career to residential real estate. She remains an active member of the Peninsula, having dedicated decades of philanthropic work to the Menlo Park, Atherton, and Woodside communities.

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Flying out of SFO? Better bring your own food

Many concession stands, restaurants close as nearly 1,000 food workers strike at airport

By Olivia Wynkoop/
Bay City News Foundation

Nearly a thousand fast food workers went on strike at the San Francisco International Airport on Monday, Sept. 26, causing many food establishments and lounges to shutter, said an airport workers' union.

Union members began striking at 3:30 a.m. on Monday in front of the departures level at every terminal, and plan to picket every day until 10:30 p.m. unless their employers agree to provide better pay.

As the strike continues, union members are urging travelers to boycott the airport's food establishments and bring their own coffee and snacks before their flights.

Workers are asking for fully-funded healthcare and higher wages, as their average pay of \$17.05 per hour is not livable, said a union spokesperson from Unite Here Local 2.

The union also went to TikTok to share their demands, featuring airport workers comparing their pay to the cost of food they serve.

Their most viral video — which has racked up over 500,000 views— features Vivian, who has worked at the airport for a decade, and holds two jobs. She said one pizza and one drink at Pie Five Pizza, where she works, costs \$21.46, while her hourly pay is \$17.65.

"We deserve fair wages and more contribution to protect our medical insurance and improve our pension," Vivian said in the

video. "We are ready to fight!"

Cashiers, baristas, cooks and servers from 20 different employers at 84 food outlets say they haven't had a raise in three years, and have been in negotiations with their employers for the past nine months. Union representatives also say workers pay hundreds of dollars a month for health care.

"Workers are tired of jobs that aren't enough to live on, and we're prepared to strike for as long as it takes to win better wages and affordable health care," said union president Anand Singh in a statement.

Airport officials went to Twitter to warn travelers that labor action may be affected by the strike.

"We apologize for any



Courtesy Wikimedia Commons

Fast food workers went on strike at the San Francisco International Airport on Monday, Sept. 26.

inconvenience this causes," airport officials posted on Twitter. Negotiators for food service

employers have not provided a statement at the time of publication. ■

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BATMOBILE

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apparent" that any potential wrongdoing did not constitute a criminal offense.

"In going more in-depth we learned that, no, he didn't give the car to somebody else," he told the Pulse. "We don't even know if there is a car. And that's a civil dispute."

Wagstaffe said he first heard about the Batmobile case about a year ago, when the Atherton Police Department came to his department on a complaint from Anagnostou. His office initially declined to prosecute. However, in the spring, Anagnostou, whose realty corporation gave \$1,000 to the reelection campaigns of both Wagstaffe and Bolanos, called the sheriff to ask him to look into the case. Bolanos assigned his team to investigate Racop and conducted a review of bank records and email correspondence between the two parties. One of Wagstaffe's prosecutors ultimately decided there was enough probable cause to pursue the

case and issued an arrest warrant.

In August, following the raid of Racop's business, which received much public attention and scrutiny from the community, Wagstaffe announced that he would be seeking additional information to determine whether to pursue the case.

Additional reports from a sheriff's office investigator were provided to Wagstaffe's office in mid-September, Wagstaffe wrote in the press release. He added that "a full review of the newly acquired information, as well as all of the original investigative reports, was then conducted by my office over the last two weeks."

Wagstaffe said that his office has spoken with Racop's attorney and will file a written motion to dismiss the charges.

"We're putting this one back in the file room as a closed case," he said. ■

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Courtesy Fiberglass Freaks

Racop's replica Batmobiles sell for \$210,000.



Magali Gauthier

Two flamingos snip at each other at the Junior Museum and Zoo in Palo Alto on Oct. 28.

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release from Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. Four cases were detected in Canada geese and red-tailed hawks in Santa Clara County in August and early September.

Avian influenza typically is restricted to aquatic birds.

“This is primarily because of the watery habitat they enjoy, which assists in the spread of the virus,” Matthew Dodder, executive director of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, said



Magali Gauthier

Manusela, a Moluccan cockatoo named after the Manusela National Park, at the Junior Museum and Zoo.

in an emailed statement. “It is well known that wildfowl, particularly ducks and geese, will make use of small urban ponds and pools.”

Since its recent renovation, the zoo has provided a place for birds and other animals to roam freely with visitors under a netted roof in an outdoor

space called Loose in the Zoo. Until the removal of the birds, visitors could watch spoonbills hunting with their bills in the water, interact with the resident peacock, talk to the Manusela the salmon-crested cockatoo or hand-feed the flamingos.

To replace its bird activities, the zoo is offering interactive

Zookeeper Talks throughout the day.

More information about avian influenza, including how to protect the zoo’s birds, can be found at paloaltozoo.org. ■

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PEDESTRIANS

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Van Buren Road and pedestrian and bicycle crossing was denied. City officials are requesting \$900,000 for the project and matching it with \$100,000 of the city’s own money to increase competitiveness.

Council member Drew Combs was supportive of all proposed improvements except for converting streets to one-way streets, a change that he believes requires significant community outreach prior to making a decision. Combs made the motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council member Cecilia Taylor.

The city is also seeking a grant for the Middle Avenue complete streets project, requesting \$1.2 million to cover most of the costs of the \$1.4 million project. The grant would be for traffic calming measures to be taken on Middle Avenue, but would not commit the city to a certain design for the road.

The motion to submit the grant application for these developments passed unanimously. ■

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Robert James “Bob” Stephens

June 3, 1931 – September 13, 2022

Robert James “Bob” Stephens passed away peacefully in his home in Menlo Park on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 after a struggle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Born on June 3, 1931 in London Township, Ontario, Canada, he was the fifth child of Lawrence James Melville Stephens and Mary Gertrude (Mossop) Stephens. He is survived by his children Robert L. Stephens, Susan L. Stephens, and James W. Stephens; his grandchildren Alison de Geus, Aimee (de Geus) Thomas, James Stephens, Jr. and Valerie Stephens; and his great grandchildren Josephine and Sebastian Thomas. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Lola Marie (Mathews) Stephens, his parents, his siblings Frances Bertha Velma (Stephens) Bond, William Henry “Harry” Stephens, John Lawrence “Jack” Stephens, Earl Thomas Stephens and Gertrude Laureen (Stephens) Wells, and a 2-day old daughter.

Bob attended Medway High School in London, Ontario and completed his high school diploma in Los Angeles in 1951. He held a Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Pepperdine College, a Master’s Degree in embryology/histology from University of Southern California, and a Ph.D. in cell biology from Cornell University, as well as having completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Yale University. As one of a handful of scientists trained to use an electron microscope, Bob was engaged in research at SRI International, formerly Stanford Research Institute, where he published over 125 academic papers, many focusing on chronic lung diseases, particularly emphysema as related to air pollution.

Bob was politically active in Menlo Park, first joining a concerned citizens coalition opposing the Willow Expressway, then running for city council. He served on the city council from 1971 to 1980 and was mayor from 1979 to 1980. During his time on the council, Menlo Park implemented a local mini-bus service, and improved recreational and arts programs.

Bob explored various interests over the course of his life. He sang from a young age and began performing on CFPL Radio in London, Ontario as a teen. He met the woman who would eventually become his wife, Lola, performing in the Mikado at Pepperdine. He also sang in other productions such as The Magic Flute, Little Red Riding Hood, and Bastien und Bastienne. He pursued small business entrepreneurship with the local restaurant Pear Williams, which he ran with his wife, and Tech-Star Industries, a small manufacturing company, with his son James.

After his retirement, Bob dedicated himself to championing the achievements and lasting impact of Charles Darwin. Bob was co-founder of an effort to promote a “Darwin Day” in the late 1990s, and as a result of Bob’s efforts, Darwin Day is now recognized internationally. In his later years, Bob enjoyed annual summers in Oxford, England with Lola, spending time in the city that saw the important Huxley-Wilberforce debate at the Oxford History Museum.

Bob was a steadfast father and grandfather and will be missed by his family, who take comfort in the knowledge that he is at peace and reunited with his bride, Lola Marie.

There will be a graveside service Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bob’s name to Cure Alzheimer’s Fund at curealz.org.

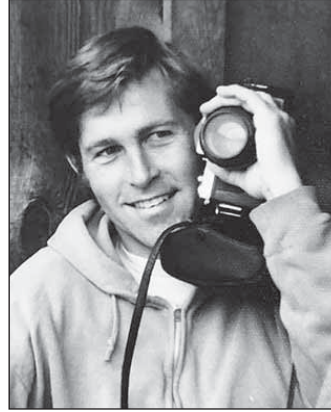
PAID OBITUARY



Roger Edwin Crist

1939 – 2022

Roger Edwin Crist passed away in his home in Ketchum, Idaho the evening of September 3rd surrounded by family and friends, after a well-fought battle with Parkinsons. He is survived by his wife Susan, his 3 children Reggie (Laura), Danielle (Kenton), Zach (Emilie), stepson Tyler (Isa and August) along with 10 tightly knit Ketchum born, grandchildren Jett, Zephyr, Ruby, Scarlett, Jayden, Emmett, Stevie, Ridge, Mitchell and Wilder who all live along the river out Board Ranch. Also, his first wife Diane Crist and many devoted friends.



Roger was born in 1939 in Palo Alto, California to Eugenia and Frank Crist alongside his two siblings Jeanese and ‘Skip.’ He attended Stanford undergrad where he played football before continuing on to Stanford Law School. After college, he joined the Marine Corps and later served in the Vietnam War, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. When he returned, he worked as an attorney for many years in Palo Alto until his passion for the outdoors inspired a move to Ketchum, Idaho in 1979.

It was here in the mountains where he found home. He was a beautiful skier who became a fixture on Bald Mountain each winter. He diced up the bowls, loved the bumps and cared not for groomers. He always finished a good day with a nonstop down Exhibition with his pals. Those of us who bombed around the mountain with him fed on his enthusiasm and did our best to keep up. He had a penchant for a great adventure and those of us close to him have a lifetime of stories to tell about kayaking remote rivers in Nepal, skiing in Greenland, surfing in Costa Rica, Mexico and California, hunting in Idaho and many other grand adventures near and far.

Aside from being a passionate outdoorsman, Roger was all about community. He served on the board of trustees for SVSEF, Boulder Mountain Clayworks and Community School to name a few that best describe his interests. As a friend, he helped so many people in town with his generosity, offering sage advice, a place to stay, sometimes money and always kindness that was often communicated by a subtle wink of the eye. Like it or not, he was never in a hurry, but he always made time for people with an honest look in the eyes.

Most of all, Poppa Rog was a family man. He loved nothing more than his kids and grandchildren, each of whom he shared a deeply meaningful relationship with. He was always full of encouragement, without judgment, as he softly inspired all of them to follow their dreams. He enjoyed nothing more than hosting a fine gathering of friends and family for a delicious home-cooked meal. An artist at heart, his recipes were usually a spontaneous combination of available ingredients along with whatever he picked up on his daily trip down the aisles of Atkinson Market. His hand thrown pottery can be found in all of our kitchens and the love he put into his creations has filled our hearts. A collector of rocks and fossils, he left behind a virtual treasure trove of mementos.

While his ways were almost always unconventional, he carved his own path towards happiness, making a positive impact on so many others. His legacy lives in those special places he helped develop...especially the family house at Stinson Beach and his most recent endeavor at Smiley Creek Lodge. We will always remember the joy and laughter of Poppa Rog, which lives on inside us all. There are few things more inspiring than a life so well lived.

Rest in Peace. We love you always.

Celebration of Life will be held October 1st at Smiley Creek Lodge, 1pm.

PAID OBITUARY

ADU AMBASSADOR

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Portola Valley is required to plan for 253 new units as part of the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), compared to just 64 in the last cycle. The town built in a buffer of extra units, meaning it’s planning for a total of 293 units to be constructed. The town’s draft housing element anticipates 92 new ADUs, of which 56 will be designated as low or very low-income housing units.

The town’s planning department would develop the survey and the ambassadors would reach out to residents — going door-to-door, standing in front of Roberts Market, etc. — to gather a minimum 80% response rate from town property owners, Wernikoff said. Staff will train volunteers and provide educational materials on ADUs, she said.

Wernikoff clarified that the volunteers will not be interpreting or changing the housing element. The town has also acknowledged that ADUs alone won’t be enough to satisfy its RHNA numbers.

Town officials plan to develop a program to match low-income tenants with Portola Valley ADU owners willing to rent in-law units at below market rates, according to the draft element.

The town’s ADU ordinance allows one ADU and one junior ADU (JADU) on all parcels smaller than 3.5 acres in all zoning districts. It doesn’t apply to properties that are subject to a fire safety exception for parcels that are smaller than 1 acre with direct vehicle access from a road or cul-de-sac which has a single point of access, and has a width of less than 18 feet.

Parcels of 3.5 or more acres are allowed to have two ADUs. All existing development restrictions in the base zoning district apply, including adjusted maximum floor area, height, setbacks, parking, site development and outdoor lighting requirements.

The town estimates the time commitment for the ambassadors will be about 10 hours per week from Oct. 24 to Dec. 7.

Apply to be an ambassador by Oct. 7 online at portolavalley.net. ■

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OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Judith Amsbaugh**, 89, a former Menlo Park resident, on June 30.

To read the full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at almanacnews.com/obituaries.



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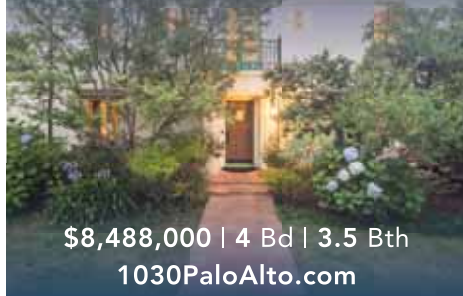
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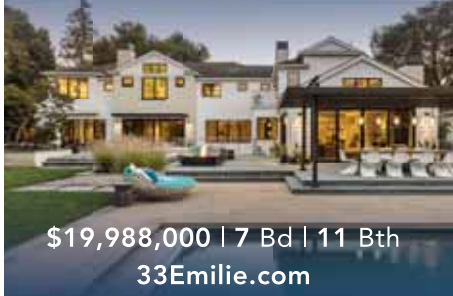
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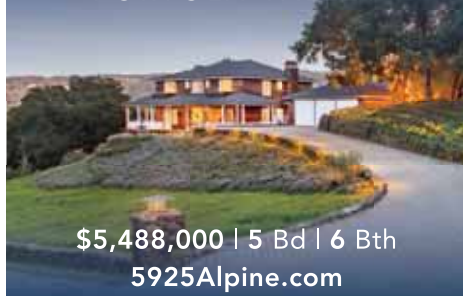
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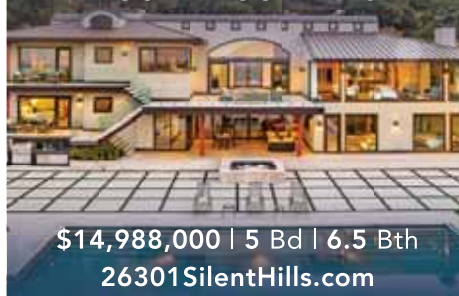
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ABORTION

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Tuesday’s announcement also included Newsom signing a measure making over-the-counter birth control more affordable.

“It is certainly by design that we are leading in this effort and backing up our values,” Hicks said.

Without the council’s work throughout the legislative session, lawmakers would not have been able to respond so quickly to the Supreme Court’s ruling, Hicks said. Many of the bills included amendments reacting to bans and restrictions announced in other states.

“My entire generation has lived with Roe v. Wade being the law of the land, so it’s not like we had a map on how to navigate a system without those protections,” Hicks said. “It really took everyone coming together to design this

collection of bills to become a reproductive freedom state and beacon of hope.”

This week, an Arizona judge reinstated a near total abortion ban dating to 1864, and Southern California abortion clinics are already preparing for an influx of patients.

Newsom vetoed one bill in the package last week, citing “lower-than-expected revenues” and the need for fiscal responsibility. That bill would have required the state to fund reproductive health pilot programs in five counties.

Although fiercely opposed by a minority of religious groups and conservatives, the measures sailed through the Democratic supermajorities in both houses of the Legislature.

Voters will decide in November whether to add a state constitutional amendment protecting the right to obtain an abortion.

Newsom has made abortion a central part of his reelection campaign, drawing on California’s reputation as a reproductive health “safe haven” in his frequent attacks on other states’ politics. Likewise, many Democrats battling for a seat have hopped on abortion as the defining issue of the upcoming state and midterm elections. In June, Newsom approved a budget investing more than \$200 million in reproductive health services. He also spent \$100,000 in campaign money on billboards in conservative states promoting California as an abortion sanctuary.

The most contentious pieces of legislation were AB 2223, by Democratic Assemblymember Buffy Wicks of Oakland, and SB 1142, by Democratic senators Anna Caballero of Merced and Nancy Skinner of Berkeley.

Wicks’ measure abolishes

the requirement that coroners investigate stillbirths and prohibits the prosecution of anyone who ends their pregnancy even if the abortion is self-induced or happens outside of the medical system. Protesters outside the Capitol and conservative lawmakers claimed the legislation would legalize infanticide, which Wicks has characterized as “disinformation.”

In a statement following the measure’s signing, Wicks said Californians will no longer have to fear having their “pregnancy policed by state systems.”

Caballero and Skinner’s measure introduced the \$20 million Abortion Practical Support Fund to help women pay for travel, lodging and other expenses that advocates say create access barriers. Although the money was secured in the state budget, Newsom restricted its use to California residents, a move abortion advocates rallied hard to overturn in the final days of the legislative session. Last-minute amendments to the health omnibus budget bill allow out-of-state residents to receive grants from the fund.

Caballero and Skinner’s measure also required the state to create an abortion information website detailing state laws and resources, which Newsom launched two weeks ahead of the bill’s signing.

The website has had immediate impact, Hicks said, adding that colleagues in other states have shared how difficult it is for people seeking abortion to find information.

“The website, I tear up every time I look through it. For a patient that doesn’t know where to go or what to do,

the impact is immediate and huge,” Hicks said.

Other measures in the package allow nurse practitioners to perform some abortion procedures without the supervision of a doctor; provide loans and scholarships for clinicians-in-training who commit to providing reproductive health care in underserved areas; and prohibit law enforcement, medical providers and California-based tech companies from cooperating with law enforcement in states where abortion is criminalized.

Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins said in a statement that the package will ensure anyone who comes to California will “receive the essential health care they need. My colleagues and I saw the imminent danger headed for national abortion access more than a year ago and have spent every day since working to not only protect reproductive rights, but expand them,” Atkins said.

Although California does not collect comprehensive abortion data, an estimated 154,000 abortions were performed in 2020, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a national reproductive rights think tank that periodically surveys abortion providers.

Guttmacher estimates that California has become the nearest abortion provider for 1.3 million women of reproductive age as other states institute bans. More conservative estimates suggest between 8,000 and 16,100 more women will flock to California for abortions, according to UCLA’s Center on Law, Reproductive Health, and Policy. ■

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Planning Commission review to determine General Plan conformance of a proposal to abandon one existing 10-foot Public Utility Easement (PUE) on a 1.35-acre lot located at 99 Stadler Drive.

If the proposal is determined to be in conformance with the General Plan, the Town Council will review the proposal to abandon the easement at a later date to be determined.

THE APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW BY CONTACTING SARAH FILIPE AT SFILIPE@WOODSIDETOWN.ORG

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Governor signs bill aimed at reducing catalytic converter thefts

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s office on Sunday announced Newsom has signed two bills aimed at cracking down on catalytic converter theft.

AB 1740 by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) will require catalytic converter recyclers to include additional information in the written record, including the year, make, and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed and a copy of the title of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

The law would also prohibit recyclers from buying catalytic converters from someone other than a commercial enterprise or the vehicle’s owner.

SB 1087 by Sen. Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach) would prohibit people from buying a used catalytic converter from anybody other than certain specified sellers, including an automobile dismantler, an automotive repair dealer, or someone with documentation proving they’re the lawful owner of the catalytic converter.

Information on both bills can be found at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

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Jason Mooney (Billy), Allie Cotugno (Lucy) and Jepoy Ramos (Daryl) perform in Woodside Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Bright Star."

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Kara Connelly and Jessica Ross, and Hillview Music Director Richard Vaughan. Vaughan has acted in many shows, but this time is playing cello. It's not so convenient for Katherine Bonn who drives in from Santa Cruz to play one of the leads, Alice. Other leads include Jack Bloome as Jimmy, Jason Mooney as Billy and Michele Schroeder as Margo.

"A lot of people have taken time off, moved away, or have older kids," Losey said, explaining why there's been some turnover in the cast since the group's last show, "Monty Python's Spamalot" in 2019. New in the ensemble this year, for example, is Christine Burke, who is also known as Miss Wheelchair America 2022.



Courtesy Gary Stanford Jr.

Katherine Bonn (Alice Walker) and Jack Bloome (Jimmy) are two of the leads in "Bright Star."

Shows are scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m., Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Understudies will be filling the main roles at the

matinee on Oct. 22. Tickets range from \$25 to \$55 and are available online at woodsidtheatre.com/bright-star-tickets or at the door at 199 Churchill Avenue, Woodside. ■

MAGICAL BRIDGE

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made possible by a donation from the Enlight Foundation and should be ready by the time of the playground's reopening.

"We had a blind designer create a map that allows you to know where you are in the playground if you have low vision

or no vision. It's one of the first of its kind," Villarreal said.

Villarreal was quick to add that despite the playground's reputation for innovation and inclusivity, there is always room for improvement.

"We can all do a little bit better when it comes to designing for all the members of our community," she said.

While the Palo Alto playground

is closed for renovations, visitors can go to other Magical Bridge Playground locations in Redwood City, Morgan Hill and Sunnyvale. More information about these locations and related projects can be found at magicalbridge.org. ■

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Woodside plans a weekend of fun celebrating the Day of the Horse

By Maggie Mah

With its world-class trails and equestrian facilities, Woodside is a haven for people who love horses. And each year, on the second weekend in October, the entire town turns out to celebrate The Day of The Horse.

The event is put on by WHOA! (Woodside Area Horse Owners Association) and is intended not only to pay tribute to horses but also to provide an opportunity for everyone to get to know them and understand their importance in contemporary society.

The Day of the Horse now includes a range of horse-centric events and takes place over three days with “Horses in History” as the theme for this year.

Festivities begin Friday, Oct. 7, with an opening reception and Art of the Horse Youth Art Show, which will showcase original equestrian-themed artwork by young local artists. The event, which includes food, drinks and live music, is free of charge and takes place from 6-8 p.m. at Golden Gate Sotheby’s International Realty, 2989 Woodside Road.

Don DeFranco is the organizer of the event and when asked why the show is focused on youth, he explained, “Childhood is often where the love of horses is first expressed. Any medium that is accessible to a child can be used and colors don’t matter. It’s pure joy.”

A panel of judges will determine the winners who will also be featured in the WHOA! 2023 Calendar. Prizes include riding lessons, trail rides, gift cards to The Carousel and Olsen Nolte Saddlery.

Artists 18 years and younger are invited to submit their work for the show.

The Progressive Trail Ride is the signature event for Day of the Horse and takes place on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Horses and riders take to the trails throughout the town and costumes are encouraged for both riders and horses. “Horses in History” is this year’s theme, which should make for some spectacular spectating. (Bucephalus and Alexander the Great? Rocinante and Don Quixote? Seabiscuit? Oh, yes — Lady Godiva!) Costumes will be judged at each ride stop with winners announced and prizes awarded after the ride.

Anne Van Camp, a member of the WHOA! Steering



Maggie Mah

Riders Melinda Stoker and Suzie Bruch celebrate the Oktoberfest theme of Day of The Horse in 2021.

Committee, is planning to ride with her horse, “Prime Delivery,” appropriately done up as a Pony Express horse and rider. “Horses continue to be a focus in Woodside but their numbers are at risk in our modern era. The theme ‘Horses in History’ seemed appropriate to highlight the historic importance of these noble creatures,” she said about this year’s celebration.

Riders participating in the Progressive Trail Ride are required to register before the ride. For more info, go to whoa94062.org/day-of-the-horse.

The Horse Fair at Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 9, offers a wide range of fun and educational ways for all ages to connect with horses. Although the pandemic forced a temporary switch to a drive-thru format, it turned out to be a resounding success with over 1,000 attendees, many of whom were delighted kids.

“This year we are excited to be back with all of the exhibitors and demonstrations. The community has really come together,” said Kristina Chancholo, coordinator of the Horse Fair.

In addition to equine exhibits,

the fair offers interactive activities such as cookie decorating, a coloring booth, face painting, leather crafting and pony rides. A free plush pony will be given to the first 100 kids who come to the Horse Fair.

Pony rides are a short distance away from Town Hall on Woodside Road across from the library. The event runs from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The Woodside History Museum will be open during the Horse Fair with exhibits featuring Woodside’s equestrian history. The museum is located across the parking lot from Independence Hall, and admission and all activities are free.

Along with the community activities, Day of the Horse is a major fundraising effort for WHOA! Through proceeds and donations, the group has contributed over \$235,000 to various local projects including the Folger Barn Preservation, Woodside Jr. Riders, Town of Woodside Trails, the Center Trail Bridge, “Spring and Sprite” sculptures on Village Hill and college scholarships to local teens. ■



Maggie Mah

Mini horse, “Patches,” greets visitors at the 2021 Horse Fair Pony Rides.

Gov. Newsom signs bill addressing state's wild pig problem

By Bay City News Service

A bill addressing how to handle up to 400,000 wild pigs that are roaming across California has been signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Senate Bill 856, authored by state Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, will loosen regulations and lower hunting fees for killing the wild pigs, which have been found in 56 of the state's 58 counties, excepting only San Francisco and Alpine counties.

The bill passed without any votes in opposition in both the state Senate and Assembly and was sent in late August to the governor. SB 856 allows someone to kill an unlimited number of wild pigs as well as prohibiting someone from intentionally releasing a pig to live in the wild, among other changes in state law.



CDFW via Bay City News

Wild pig on the range in an undated California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) photo.

Newsom approved the bill Thursday, Sept. 22, the same day that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the state's Fish and Game Commission held an online forum on the issue of wild pigs and possible solutions to mitigate the damage and danger they

pose around the state.

The growing number of the pigs isn't just a California problem — they were found in 544 counties nationwide 40 years ago, but are in 1,915 counties as of 2020, said Ari Cornman, wildlife advisor for the Fish and Game Commission.

Their numbers have grown quickly because the pigs reproduce quickly and are "incredibly intelligent," Cornman said. The animals are nocturnal, can find ways to elude control methods, and they also "eat just about anything and live in just about any habitat," he said.

Eric Sklar, a member of the state's Fish and Game Commission, described the wild pigs as "a complicated problem and the solutions are complicated."

Despite provisions of SB 856 that will make it easier to hunt wild pigs in California, including allowing the

use of artificial lights to hunt them at night, Roger Baldwin, a professor at University of California at Davis, who specializes in human-wildlife conflict, said some other states don't allow wild pig hunting at all, finding that the pig numbers grew and popped up in new places because people were transporting the animals around for hunting opportunities.

Other states use methods banned in California, like in Texas where they use "aerial control," in which crews go up in helicopters and shoot the wild pigs from above, said Dennis Orthmeyer, state director with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services.

Orthmeyer said he had seen an instance of 2,600 wild pigs being removed from a Texas property in a week, but the

practice of aerial control of a game mammal is banned in California.

The state's ongoing drought is also exacerbating the problem by causing the pigs to go into more urban areas to find water and food, according to Chris Lopez, a member of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and of the Rural County Representatives of California.

"The drought is pushing the pigs out of the hills down toward human life," Lopez said. "They're more willing to interact with humans or at least get close."

Sklar said the commission at its meeting next month will revisit the topic of wild pigs. Some provisions of SB 856 go into effect at the start of 2023, while others take effect on July 1, 2024.

More information on wild pigs in California can be found at wildlife.ca.gov. ■

Newsom rejects bill to make health care accessible to more community college faculty

By Thomas Peele/EdSource

For the second consecutive year, Gov. Gavin Newsom has rejected a bill that would have made more community college part-time professors eligible for health insurance by upping the number of classes they can teach in a semester, citing cost.

Assembly Bill 1856, sponsored by Assemblymember Jose Medina, D-Riverside, would have allowed adjuncts to teach as much as 85% of a full-time teaching load, or roughly four classes a term, a level that would qualify them for health care coverage.

In his 2022-23 budget, Newsom included a \$200 million increase to a fund from which the state's 73 local community college districts can obtain reimbursement for adjunct health care costs. But even with that money now available, Newsom wrote in his veto message that Medina's bill is "premature as it is unknown how many community college part-time faculty will benefit from the \$200 million now available to districts, which will have a direct impact on the fiscal estimate of this proposed policy change."

Even with the new money in the budget, Newsom's veto message estimated the cost of making more part-timers eligible for coverage is somewhere between "\$26 million to an excess of \$150 million."

Medina, through a spokesperson, declined a request for an

interview on the veto or to comment on it in writing.

The Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges, an advocacy group for both full- and part-time professors, is disappointed by the veto, its executive director, Evan Hawkins, said Monday, Sept. 26, in a phone interview.

"We disagree with the governor on his cost estimates and encourage him to support additional investments for our part-time faculty so they can have the tools to implement the many policies he's signed into law in recent years," Hawkins added.

The part-timers make up the bulk of community college teaching positions across the state, with many working in multiple colleges or districts in order to carve out a living and to keep consistent health coverage if is offered to them at all.

As part of an investigation of adjunct working conditions published in February, EdSource reported that health coverage across the statewide community-college system is widely inconsistent, with 33 districts offering adjuncts no coverage at all.

John Martin, president of the California Part-Time Faculty Association, another advocacy group, was critical of Newsom in the veto's wake.

Newsom's rejection shows "that he, along with many others in Sacramento, are out of touch and, frankly, just don't get how low impact this bill actually is,"

Martin wrote in an email. "It contains absolutely no triggers for any mandatory additional costs to the state; raising the workload cap for part-time faculty is a no-cost item."

The California Federation of Teachers pushed hard for the bill as part of an initiative on adjunct health care. The legislation "would have made a tremendous difference to the lives of countless part-time faculty across the state, especially 'freeway flyers' who have to work in multiple districts to piece together a full-time workload," its president, Jeff

Freitas said Monday, while adding the union remained grateful for the \$200 million Newsom put in the budget.

Each local faculty union will have to negotiate contract terms on medical insurance before any new coverage kicks in. Most local unions have yet to open contract talks, the union's spokesman, Matthew Hardy, said Monday. "The vast majority are going to the table this fall with a few in the spring," he said.

Hawkins said the California Community College Chancellor's Office is expected to soon

issue formal guidance on how the increased reimbursements will work, a move that is expected to spur talks around the state.

Until then, adjuncts wait. They remain the system's backbone, Hawkins said, and "are stretched thin and underappreciated for the critical work they do to support our students. We must prioritize equitable working conditions for the part-time faculty who represent the majority of educators in our system." ■

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Inspired by Fire

Palo Alto Art Center's 'Climate Connections' series pairs art with environmental action

By Stephanie Gerson

Despite the devastation caused by California's wildfires, the annual fire season has arguably brought communities closer. When the CZU Fire forced evacuations in August 2020, Peninsula residents banded together to evacuate animals, provide food for weary firefighters and help impacted residents, farmers and business owners.

What's missing from these support systems, however, is a method of processing the monumental loss caused by climate disasters. Artists across California and the West Coast could not just mourn what had been lost: They felt compelled to create something out of it and share their work with others.

"Fire Transforms," an exhibit that opened earlier this month at the Palo Alto Art Center, goes further than showcasing the destructive nature of fire. The exhibited works link to three central, interconnected themes — living with fire, learning with fire and creating with fire — to show that a fire's impact is life-altering and long-lasting. The show is guest-curated by Rina Faletti, whose personal experience with Napa wildfires in 2017 inspired her to turn to environmental art. Faletti works with Napa-based Art Responds to examine and curate art that fosters meaningful conversations about climate and environmental crises. She said that with art as an intermediary, it is easier to have difficult conversations about climate change.

"Art offers a safe place of solace after the trauma of the firestorm has passed," Faletti said in a statement.

"Fire Transforms" is one of three exhibits in the art center's yearlong "Climate Connections" series; an exhibit about water and one about Earth will be on display in the spring and summer of 2023. With the Palo Alto City Council's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan in mind, the "Climate Connections" exhibits and public programs aim to tackle environmental education and awareness in an accessible way that will build awareness about the need for action. "Fire Transforms" features pieces from more



Courtesy Palo Alto Art Center

A self-portrait taken by artist Jeff Frost at the King Fire is on display at the Palo Alto Art Center through Dec. 10.

than 20 artists working in several different media, many of whom have lived through the devastating effects of Northern California wildfires over the past decade.

Palo Alto Art Center Director Karen Kienzle worked to make the exhibit educational as well as uplifting through a thoughtful selection of works, partnerships with local organizations and community events.

"Fire is destructive, but there is also this possibility for regeneration, rebirth and regrowth after fire," Kienzle said.

The exhibit's collection of hazy, pictorial photographs depicting smoky landscapes was taken by Young Suh, a photographer and art professor at University of California, Davis.

"There is an annual anxiety around fires that has only grown," Suh said.

He photographed the "Forest Invisible" project between 2008 and 2012 during fire season in Northern California. One group of photographs in the series documents the beautifully eerie, thick smoke that blankets forests in the aftermath of a fire. The second grouping of images in the project focuses on fire management and containment strategies that Suh was invited to observe by the U.S. Forest Service. By studying and photographing controlled burn tactics and teams

of inmates training to become firefighters, Suh gained insight into the aspects of modern fire management that has become "its own industry and ecosystem."

Maintaining an aesthetic quality to the images was important for Suh. He describes his initial encounter with California fires as a "jarring" experience that involved waking up and not seeing the sun; it felt "apocalyptic." However, there was a subtle beauty to the suffocating smoke that comes across in his images.

For Suh and several other featured artists in "Fire Transforms," it's important to create spaces for artistic experiences amidst traumatic events. He hopes that visitors can find comfort and reflection in his images while learning about modern fire containment practices.

"Telling a story has its own healing power just by recounting what happened to you. It helps you rearrange the event from your own voice, and I think pictures are a great tool to aid that process," Suh said.

Documentary photographer Norma I. Quintana and her family lost their Napa home in the 2017 Northern California firestorm. Quintana processed the monumental loss by revisiting the site where her home once stood and sifting through the rubble, trying to salvage anything she could. A

series of photographs and salvaged items from her "Foraged From Fire" series will be on display in the main gallery and outside in the courtyard. The salvaged items will be displayed in a vitrine, like artifacts in a museum, to serve as a historical record of the damage caused by wildfires.

The fire destroyed Quintana's art studio and all of her film camera equipment, leaving her to use an iPhone to document found objects from the site by placing them atop one of the black gloves she wore to sift through the ruins. While Quintana said most people wouldn't return to their home after it burned down, she found it to be a therapeutic experience.

"Art allows you this channel for breath; it became the way to negotiate the loss of my home," Quintana said.

Other featured artists in "Fire Transforms" create works that directly educate and inspire climate activism. Los Altos artist Linda Gass specializes in textile art about water issues and land use in California. The Palo Alto Art Center will display Gass' "Severely Burned: Impact of the Rim Fire on the Tuolumne River Watershed" in the main gallery.

The piece documents the destruction to the Tuolumne River watershed by the 2013 Rim Fire, as 96% of the burned area was in the

watershed. In "Severely Burned," Gass stitched the fire's vegetation burn severity map and the topographical map of the area onto a piece of silk to demonstrate that the Rim Fire burned the area so severely that the actual topography of the watershed was now visible from above due to the absence of trees.

"I want people to think about not only the destruction of forests and plants and wildlife habitat ... What else do these fires do to our environment?" Gass said.

In addition to showing works that invite visitors to learn and reflect on their experiences with climate-related natural disasters, the art center will partner with a local nonprofit during every exhibition in the Climate Connections series, fundraising for the featured organization as well as educating visitors on steps they can take to address climate change on a more individual level.

To further dialogue about climate change's impact on the Peninsula, Palo Alto-based climate awareness nonprofit EngageOn partnered with the art center to create an interactive map of Palo Alto that shows the specific locations that are subject to climate change-related environmental effects. Visitors can explore how areas like the Baylands and foothills might change as global warming progresses.

"What we're learning through the total disaster of wildfire is that we can see ourselves getting through this as a globe and locally ... We all can participate in the healing," Faletti said.

"Fire Transforms" runs through Dec. 10 at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road in Palo Alto. On Oct. 23, visitors are invited to participate in Family Day and learn about fire prevention and safety from a team of local firefighters. Artist talks will take place on Zoom Nov. 18 and Dec. 9. For more information visit tinyurl.com/paloaltoartcenter. ■

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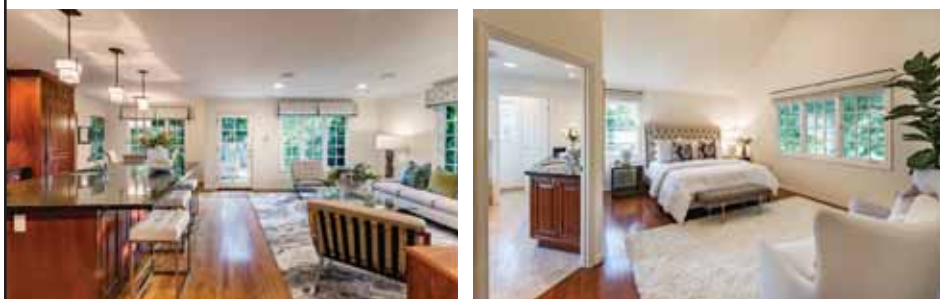
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October 11th
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About the Housing Element

The Town submitted its Draft Housing Element for the 2023-2031 cycle to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Review the latest version by visiting [www.ci.atherton.ca.us/housing element 2023-2031](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/housing%20element%202023-2031)

The Plan relies heavily on the construction and rental of new ADUs on private property throughout Town. The Town is seeking support and input to develop a plan to encourage new ADU construction and rental.

Project information, including the recording of the Oct. 11th Community Meeting, and other supporting documents are available online at: www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Housing.

Food & Drink

A byte to eat

Mountain View-founded food hall startup Byte Kitchen has expanded with its second location

By Kate Bradshaw

When COVID-19 hit and restaurants began closing left and right, Mountain View resident Divyang Arora and his startup co-founders saw it as a call to action. Two years and a trip through the famous Y-Combinator startup accelerator later, he's now CEO of Byte Kitchen, a startup helping independent restaurants scale up and get their dishes offered in other communities.

Driving Arora's mission was a question, he said in a recent interview: Why haven't food tech companies been able to earn restaurants' trust?

It's a question that plenty of restaurant tech companies have spent billions of dollars in venture capital trying to answer.

"The restaurant business has always been hard," he says. "I think the pandemic just ... brought it out in the open." Since the pandemic began, he adds, restaurant owners have become more open to ideas about expanding their businesses in less traditional ways. Still, working with food tech companies can be seen by restaurant leaders as a necessary evil rather than as a partnership, Arora says.

While the popularity of food delivery apps has caused tension among independent restaurants, prompting San Francisco to pass a permanent cap on fees delivery apps can charge restaurants, food delivery — especially through the "ghost kitchens" model — provided a lifeline for restaurants during the height of COVID. Arora says his company



Michelle Le

Oren's Hummus Shop features a large Israeli salad, chopped tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, lemon and extra virgin olive oil.

offers an alternative model to ghost kitchens that benefits restaurateurs and enables customers to grab takeout in addition to getting delivery.

It wasn't long ago that Arora and his team were working out of his Mountain View apartment as part of Y Combinator's spring 2021 cohort. (Arora's other two co-founders are Chief Operating Officer Quinn McKenna and Chief Technology Officer Rahul Madadi.)

Things accelerated when they opened up a test kitchen in July 2021, followed by their first brick-and-mortar location in downtown San Mateo last November. (They also moved their offices to San Mateo.) Last month, the team opened their second food hall in downtown San Carlos, which has more extensive seating options for dining in.

The business uses a licensing model with small restaurants from around the country — those that typically have a few locations and are looking to expand, Arora said.

"We're trying to effectively bring a variety of cuisines to areas that it may not have existed in before," he says.

Currently, Byte Kitchen's food hall, Noshery, serves meals from The Melt, Oren's Hummus, East Side Banh Mi, The Little Chihuahua and Humphry Slocombe ice cream at its San Carlos location, and the additional offerings of Kasa Indian Eatery,

C&C Curry House and The Pastry Cupboard in the San Mateo location. All are California brands except for East Side Banh Mi, which is from Tennessee.

The variety allows customers to mix and match their meal items or put several different types of cuisine on the same tab, which can make it easier on people eating in groups with different food preferences.

Normally, when eating out as a group, Arora says, "Someone always settles. We did not want that to be the case."

Arora declined to say what percentage participating restaurant partners receive, but says it's similar to what franchise owners are paid. The typical range for franchise royalties is between 4% to 12% of revenues, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Byte Kitchen provides the staff to prepare meals in accordance with the restaurant's recipes, and the restaurant receives a percentage of every item sold. It's an easier way for restaurants to expand their reach without the money — and often headaches — that come with launching a new location, Arora explains.

He adds that Byte Kitchen's approach differs from the traditional ghost kitchen model, in which restaurants may have to pay rent and manage the operations from those new locations, a step not too different from opening up another brick and



Courtesy Byte Kitchen



Courtesy Humphry Slocombe

Above: The new Noshery location in San Carlos offers a dine-in option as well as takeout and delivery. At left: Glenlivet ice cream with honey clove caramel and lemon zest from Humphry Slocombe.

mortar, he says.

"We're the opposite of a ghost kitchen. Those optimize for as little rent as possible, so the places they're in are usually not accessible by consumers," he says.

A number of digital food hall and ghost kitchen startups have emerged in the past couple of years on the Peninsula, including Local Kitchens, which has locations in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Cupertino, Campbell and Los Gatos, and All Day Kitchens (formerly Virtual Kitchen Co.), with locations in Daly City, Belmont, Palo Alto and Santa Clara.

The business hasn't had the same level of difficulty as some other local restaurants in finding employees, Arora says. Part of that is because they have the added offering of being able to train potential hires in how to cook eight different cuisines, a fairly unique learning opportunity.

They've also been active in developing technology that streamlines kitchen processes. With much of the recent technological developments in food

focused on deliveries, bookings, reservations and reviews, Arora says, "The kitchen is still very much a pen and paper place."

Helping restaurant kitchens get hyper-organized is one way to help them scale more effectively, he says, whether that's in the areas of scheduling, purchasing, inventory, prepping or managing food waste.

"Running eight brands out of the same kitchen is not super easy," he says.

The company just raised a little over \$6 million and is looking for multiple new locations to bring their model to more and more restaurants.

"We're not trying to disrupt the industry," he says. "What we are trying to do is partner with existing restaurants and help to enable and extend their reach."

Noshery, 5 S Ellsworth Ave., San Mateo and 1754 Laurel St., San Carlos, 650-393-5547, ordernoshery.com. Instagram: [@ordernoshery](https://www.instagram.com/ordernoshery). ■

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