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Woodside Parents' Nursery School celebrates 50 years of building playful community

By Leah Worthington

Five days before Easter, the scene at the nursery school is one of organized chaos.

Two-year-olds push plastic trucks around the sandbox, paint pastel tulips with dramatic flourishes, and chase each other around the yard, their bunny-shaped name tags flapping in the wind. Teachers try halfheartedly to tame the students' shrieks.

"You can hear them from a mile away because we're not much on, 'Quiet, quiet!'" said longtime teacher Daran Reinholm, laughing. "Unless it's for a particular reason that we need to be quiet, everybody's really loud." She pauses, adding, "Let their voices be heard."

In other words, it's just another day at the Woodside Parents' Nursery School (WPNS).

Tucked into the trees off Woodside Road, the preschool was formed by a group of parents in 1973 in the same location where it still stands today. Now, 50 years later, the school has grown and evolved while staying true to its founders' original

vision: a play-based, community-run cooperative.

"It's been a pretty staple part of the community for a long time," said Rachel Cohen, board president and mother of two. "We've had kids in the recent classes whose parents went to this school."

The preschool, like others of its kind, is entirely overseen by the families who attend it. Apart from the teaching staff — four educators who manage the day-to-day curriculum — parent volunteers manage the school board, finances and other operations, and help out in the classroom on a rotating basis.

When Reinholm first brought her kids to WPNS in the '90s, she, like many others, had little understanding of what a parent co-op was. But as she adjusted to the new model and became more involved in the school, she grew to love it.

"You actually get to see your children interact in the classroom," she said. "And so you have a better understanding of how your child learns. You have a better understanding of how they are in social



Magali Gauthier

Woodside Parents' Nursery School students play outside with multicolored plastic eggs. The co-op turns 50 this year.

situations, how they play."

Importantly, all school activities are play-based. Rather than writing the letters of the alphabet

on paper, for example, the kids will draw them in the sand, build them with play-dough, draw them on an Etch A Sketch, or

construct them with sticks. The idea, Reinholm said, is to use

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Menlo Park family fights 'dangerous dog' designation

By Cameron Rebosio

A Menlo Park couple are petitioning San Mateo County Superior Court to overturn the city's decision declaring their 3-year-old golden retriever a dangerous animal, a designation they called "quasi-criminal."

A husky was left with a wound after an altercation in August with golden retriever Bär. Bär's owners, Menlo Park residents Tobias Kunze and Liliana Kunze Briseño, said they were not in town at the time of the incident, and Bär was with a neighbor. The petition filed with the court

states that the husky's wound was cleaned by the vet and required no sutures.

"The state of California has started really overstretching their response to regular dog behavior," Christine Kelly, the family's attorney said.

The Kunze family maintains that Bär exhibits good behavior on his daily outings. They said that Bär has had thorough training from certified canine experts and has specifically been trained on leash walking.

"(Bär is) super happy, eager to please, friendly, sunny character," Kunze said.

The Kunze family says that

having an animal that is designated as dangerous is more taxing than people often realize.

Kunze Briseño describes the requirements as "draconian." They include 6-foot fencing around their yard, Bär can't go to a boarding facility and must be leashed at all times. They even have to notify animal control if they move. Any violations could result in criminal charges, bringing fines and even jail time, according to the Kunzes.

"It's a quasi-criminal designation masquerading as an administrative decision," Kunze said.

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Courtesy the Kunze family

The owners of Bär say that their 3-year-old golden retriever shouldn't have been declared a dangerous animal and petitioned the court to overturn it.

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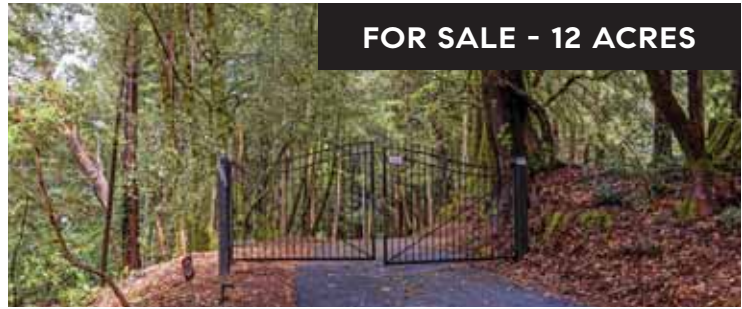
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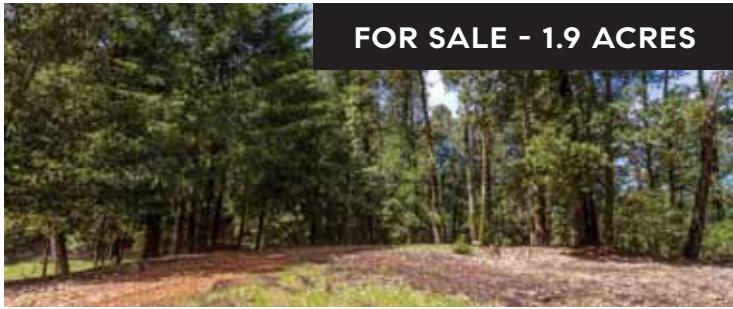
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Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Palo Alto), left, listens to Zach Roberts, chief of the Aeronautics Projects Office at NASA Ames, right, explain how drones can be used to fight wildfires at a technology showcase at Moffett Field in Mountain View.

See the innovative wildfire fighting tech being developed at NASA and beyond

Members of Congress, public and private partners come together to take on fire season

By Malea Martin

Wildfires aren't just happening more often, they're also getting more calamitous. More than half of California's most destructive wildfires have occurred in the past five years, according to NASA.

It's a fact that keeps

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo up at night.

"We've seen the damage, the tolls that it has taken on our state," Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) told reporters on April 13. "And we have witnessed the tolls that it's taken in different places in the country."

Eshoo spoke to the press during a wildfire technology

showcase hosted by NASA's Ames Research Center. She had just come from a roundtable discussion with fellow Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and NASA officials. The group came together to talk about how NASA technology, in partnership with both the

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State finds Atherton's housing element still falls short

By Angela Swartz

Atherton will have to continue to refine its state-mandated housing plan after receiving feedback from the state housing department that its plan still doesn't pass muster.

In a 12-page, April 4 letter to the town, the state Department of Housing and Community Development tells the town it failed to submit a housing element that "substantially" meet state law. The town posted the letter to its website on Thursday, April 13.

The town must plan for the development of 348 new housing units, per its 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The council scrambled to approve a plan by the Jan. 31 deadline, fearing fees, lawsuits and the threat of the state taking over development in town. Atherton's first draft of the plan was sent back to the town on Oct. 31, 2022.

Mayor Bill Widmer said in an email that the City Council and town staff are disappointed to get this feedback and rejection.

"I had felt we made some concessions in zoning but it seems that it is not enough for HCD," he said. "The council is reviewing options for addressing this and will do a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) analysis prior to our next submittal, which will be a few months down the road."

Among the major pieces of additional information the state would like from the town are:

- An evaluation of sites identified as developable and their capacity for development of low-income housing

- Demonstration of zoning that accommodates housing for lower income households in sufficient number to meet the state mandate

- Listing all identified Senate Bill 9 split-lot sites and demonstrate the likelihood of redevelopment, including a demonstration of interest from the property owners

- Reconciling backyard accessory dwelling unit (ADU) trends with HCD records

- Analyzing and demonstrating realistic opportunities for multi-family zoning development

- Identifying actions to be taken to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of housing types for all income levels, including multi-family rental housing, factory built housing, mobile homes, etc.

The council has been meeting since the plan's submittal in early February to come up with alternative housing sites in the case that the state rejected it.

The owners of 97 Santiago Ave. have expressed interest in building multi-family housing on their property and council members are considering

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Ravenswood bike lane pilot project could be here to stay

Drivers lose a lane between Laurel and Ravenswood while bikes gain one

By Cameron Rebosio

The newly striped bike lane on Ravenswood Avenue could become a permanent fixture between Alma Street and Noel Drive after a unanimous vote by the Menlo Park Complete Streets Commission at an April 17 meeting.

The city rolled out a pilot program to install a bike lane on Ravenswood Avenue in March, aiming to create safer routes for bicyclists. According to the city

staff report, there had been 21 collisions on Ravenswood between Laurel and Alma streets since 2019, two of which were between a motor vehicle and a bicycle, both resulting in minor injuries.

Since the pilot program was implemented last month, there have been no collisions reported.

"I'm excited to build out our safe streets infrastructure to make biking and walking safer in Menlo Park," Mayor Jen Wolosin said.

According to the staff report, a

majority of respondents to a city survey who already cycle indicated that they were more likely to bike on Ravenswood Avenue today and approximately 33% of drivers said that pedestrians are more visible to drivers, while 61% said there was no change. A total of 76% of respondents said that bicycle safety had improved.

On the other hand, 67% of driving respondents said that there was a worse delay.

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Andrea Gemmet

A pilot project eliminated a vehicle lane on Ravenswood Avenue in Menlo Park to add a bike lane between Laurel and Alma streets.

Notice of Provisional Appointment to the San Mateo County Board of Education Pursuant to Education Code Section 5092

Trustee Joe Ross filed a Notice of Resignation with the San Mateo County Superintendent on January 18, 2023, with his deferred resignation from the San Mateo County Board of Education effective March 16, 2023. The Governing Board determined the vacancy would be filled through a provisional appointment process and on March 16, 2023, the Governing Board provisionally appointed Hugo Torres to fill the vacant seat. Unless a petition calling for a special election, containing a sufficient number of signatures, is filed in the office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the date of the provisional appointment, this shall be an effective appointment.

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FDA: All COVID vaccinations to be bivalent vaccine to 'simplify' recommendations

Original vaccine is no longer approved for use in U.S.

By Eli Walsh

The COVID-19 vaccine targeting the original strain of the virus as well as two substrains of the omicron variant will now be used for all vaccinations in the U.S., federal regulators said April 18.

The bivalent vaccine has, until Tuesday's changes to the emergency use authorizations for the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines, only been approved for use as a booster vaccine.

With Tuesday's changes, U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials said they intend to simplify the recommended COVID-19 vaccine schedules for most people.

Previously, the original COVID-19 vaccine was approved as the first two doses for everyone ages 6 months and up, while the bivalent vaccine was used as a booster or as the third dose of a three-vaccine series for younger children.

As of Tuesday, the original COVID-19 vaccine is no longer approved for use in the U.S. Unvaccinated people will only need to receive one dose of the bivalent vaccine to be considered vaccinated.

"At this stage of the pandemic, data support simplifying the use of the authorized mRNA bivalent COVID-19 vaccines and the agency believes that this approach will help encourage future vaccination," said Dr. Peter Marks, the director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

Marks noted that nearly every U.S. resident ages 5 and up now has COVID-19 antibodies either from previous infection or from vaccination.

The FDA also approved a new booster dose for adults ages 65 and up, provided it has been at least four months since their previous vaccine dose, and those who have weakened immune systems if it has been at least two months since their last vaccine dose.

Most other U.S. residents who have received the bivalent booster are not currently eligible for another vaccine dose, but FDA officials intend to consider the necessity of further booster shots later this year.

COVID-19 vaccines are available at primary care providers, retail pharmacies and some facilities operated by local health departments. ■

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Find out more at ravenswoodclassroompartners.org.

Portola Valley holds general plan discussion group

A citizen-formed Portola Valley general plan discussion group will meet every fourth Tuesday in the Buckeye Room at Town Center, 765 Portola Road. The meeting will be limited to 90 minutes.

The next meeting is on April 27.

Portola Valley neighborhood cleanup day is Saturday, April 29

Portola Valley residents can join a neighborhood cleanup on April 29 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road.

With some exceptions, the program accepts household goods, appliances, construction debris, green waste and electronic equipment that is no longer working.

Bring a copy of your GreenWaste garbage bill or the mailer insert as proof of residency.

—Angela Swartz

Get to know Woodside's new planning director, Sage Schaan

By Angela Swartz

Woodside's deputy planning director Sage Schaan has stepped into the role of planning director following the retirement of Jackie Young this past fall.

The Almanac interviewed Schaan about everything from working on state-mandated housing plans to what it's like to work for a small town government. Schaan is in the thick of helping the town plan for 328 units to be developed over the next eight years as part of the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), a process he was part of as deputy planning director. For the last eight-year RHNA cycle, Woodside had to plan for 65 new homes.

Woodside has yet to approve a compliant housing element to the state. On March 15, the town submitted its second draft recently and the state has 60 days to provide feedback. Some residents have pushed back against the development of any multi-family housing in town.

Schaan started with the town as a senior planner in July 2008. Since then, he was promoted to



Courtesy town of Woodside
**Woodside Planning Director
Sage Schaan**

principal planner, then deputy planning director before becoming interim planning director on Nov. 1, 2022.

"We are fortunate to have such an experienced and knowledgeable professional leading the planning department for the town," according to a town newsletter. Woodside conducted an open recruitment for the position prior to Town Manager Kevin Bryant appointing Schaan to permanent planning director on Feb. 1.

Q&A:

The Almanac: How did you become interested in city planning?

Schaan: I was born and raised in San Francisco, so cities have always been an interest of mine. Going to Pomona for urban and regional planning, the idea was to go into city planning, which I've worked in since shortly after I got out of college. I've enjoyed (working for) smaller cities specifically. You deal with a range of projects and issues, and connect better with residents and applicants.

Q.: What are you excited about with this job? Why do you like working in Woodside?

A.: I enjoy the town. The rural character is different from San Francisco. I still get excited when I see deer in Woodside. Town staff has been amazing; the committees and (Town) Council are always great to work with. There's direct involvement with the community to make changes. Half Moon Bay was part of the California Coastal Zone, so any changes to be made for zoning would require approval from the coastal commission. It's nice to work toward goals of the

community without the need for an extra layer of approval.

Q.: What unique challenges does planning in Woodside have?

A.: On the coast there were environmental constraints in planning. Woodside does share that commonality of environmental protection and balancing goals of the state for more housing.

Q.: How has your experience been with planning the housing element?

A.: Overall it's been a good experience. It's challenging. It's significantly different than in previous cycles. Our target goals are about five fold (about 429%). ... The Town Council has worked through these challenges (and found) multifamily (housing) to a certain level could be appropriate at these sites and low impacts on surrounding communities.

Q.: What are your priorities as

planning director?

A.: Housing issues are the priority; that will take up a lot of time. We'll need to process all the permits and inspections and respond to questions as necessary and work on programs that are outlined (in the plan) like rezoning. I had the opportunity to work with Jackie. ... For the last 14-15 years, we've worked really hard to look at how the municipal code can be amended to make it easier to build while balancing impacts and reducing unnecessary obstacles for development, especially ADUs (accessory dwelling units). ... Late last year the Town Council provided some waiver of permit fees for ADUs and plan check and inspection fees. ■

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Menlo Park's adopted housing element misses the mark

City's plan for new housing development still needs work, HCD letter says

By Cameron Rebosio

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has asked Menlo Park to revise its housing element, pointing out that many sites slated for development are currently occupied.

Menlo Park got its housing element in just under the wire, adopting the 2023-2031 housing element at on deadline day, Jan. 31 meeting. The City Council passed it 4-1, with Drew Combs opposed.

The state requires cities to plan for future building with an eye toward balancing jobs and housing in a document known as a housing element. Menlo Park's housing target, also known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), says the city must plan for close to 3,800 new housing units by 2031.

The city's current housing element plans for 7,185 units, 3,518 of which are affordable units. The previous RHNA cycle required planning for 2,946 units of housing.

Most of the changes required by the state are in the section addressing housing needs, resources and constraints. The city is required to do an analysis of concentrations of wealth to create strategies to address the needs of disadvantaged residents. More analysis is also required on the housing needs for the city's homeless residents, the state said in a letter.

"The city of Menlo Park will work to address the requested revisions and ensure our Housing Element is comprehensive and effective in meeting the current and future housing needs of our community," said Mayor Jen Wolosin in a statement released by the city Wednesday night, April 12.

Notable sites such as the United States Geological Survey (USGS) campus and Meta's Willow Village in the Belle Haven neighborhood are being questioned by HCD as well. The city is required to describe barriers to development in Willow Village, which is expected to produce 1,730 new housing units,

and describe when units will be available and prove that sites of similar size were actually developed during the last housing element cycle. HCD is also requiring the city to analyze the feasibility of developing on the USGS campus.

The letter said that Menlo Park's housing element relies on sites that are currently occupied to accommodate 50% or more of the housing needs for lower-income households and that it needs to be proven that the city is actually capable of building on this land.

Revision is required on three programs that the city plans to introduce, proactive outreach is required when implementing housing rehabilitation programs, additional information is required for support for countywide homeless programs and the city must describe actions it'll take to encourage inclusionary accessible units and if there will be incentives. ■

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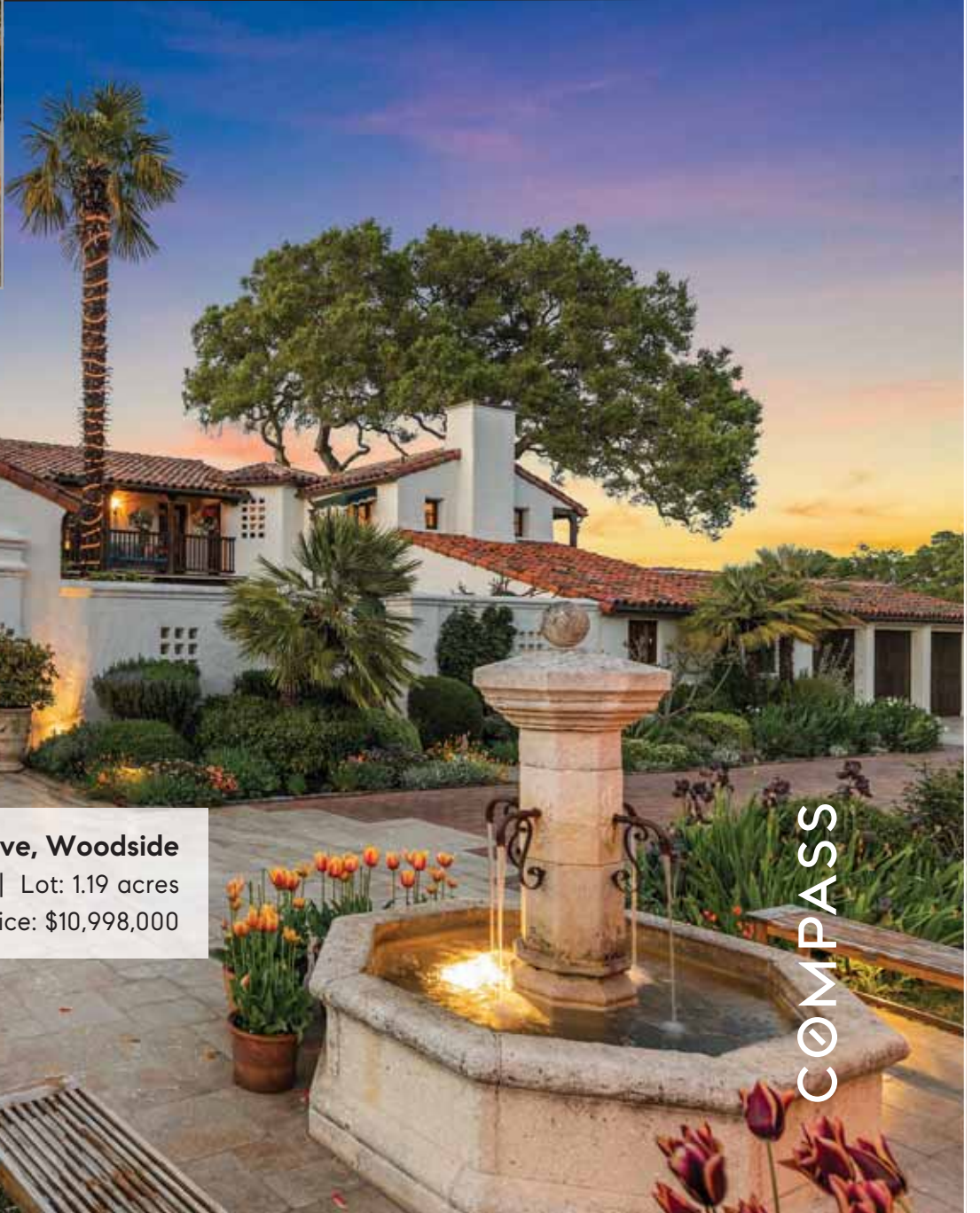
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'I want us to be known as the STEM place': Moffett Field Museum is on a mission to modernize

By Malea Martin

April 12 marks an important anniversary for aeronautics: it's the date that Yuri Gagarin became the first human ever launched into space in 1961.

But this year, the anniversary bears local significance, too, as the 90th anniversary of the Moffett Federal Airfield being established.

The airfield's extensive history — starting in the 1930s as a base for the Navy airship USS Macon, to eventually being turned over to NASA Ames in the '90s — is on display at the Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum. The museum's impressive collection of artifacts and exhibits are located in a building once used as a recreation room for the Navy in the 1980s, a stone's throw away from Hangar One.

But beginning this month, the Moffett Field Museum is entering a new era. The museum's all-volunteer staff have been hard at work for the past six months preparing a series of new, family-friendly exhibits



A Harrier Jump Jet cockpit, at left, and a moon rock retrieved from the Apollo 15 Mission in 1971 on display in the Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum in Mountain View.

in honor of April's numerous aeronautical milestones, with a mission to put the museum back on the map.

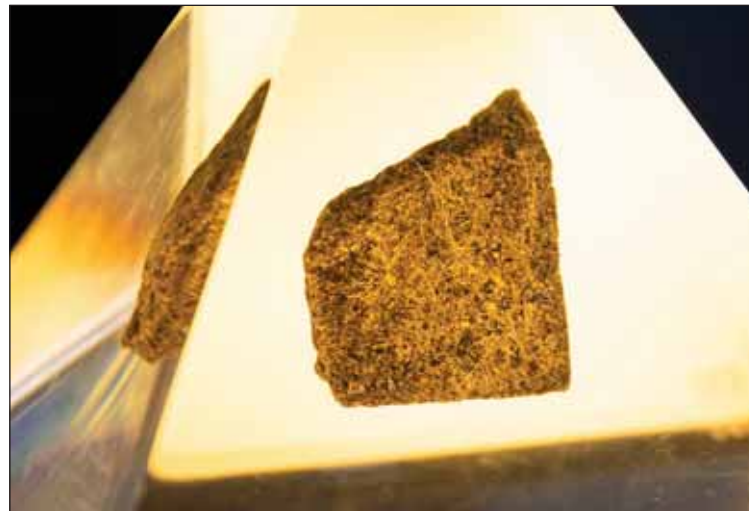
"For us, it's kicking us off to a new level," said Al Margolis, director of operations at the museum.

Starting April 12, the museum began displaying new artifacts on loan from NASA Ames, most notably a moon rock retrieved

from the Apollo 15 Mission in 1971. The outer space relic, which will be on display only until April 24, is of such importance to NASA that it must be guarded by a volunteer at all times and stowed away in a safe every night.

"I am the only one allowed to know the combination," Margolis said.

Though the moon rock will



Photos by Magali Gauthier

only be at the museum for the next couple weeks, the museum's permanent NASA Ames displays are here to stay, including a Harrier Jump Jet cockpit, three NASA research aircraft displayed in the museum's Air Park, and rare models of g-force simulators used to prepare astronauts for space flight. The museum is additionally hosting a series of

interactive STEM exhibits and events, including a drone flying station that Margolis said has been a big hit so far with young museum-goers.

Moffett Field's rich history — "from Navy to NASA," as the museum dubs it — is also on permanent display, which visitors can learn more about by

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building housing in the area where the Gilmore House sits in Holbrook-Palmer Park. The town also would like to work with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District to see if a property it owns in Atherton could be developed into multi-family housing.

On Wednesday, April 19, the City Council was set to hear the feedback from the Ad Hoc

City Council Subcommittee on Housing after The Almanac's Wednesday afternoon press deadline. The subcommittee is tasked with evaluating and selecting additional housing sites for the housing element.

The Planning Department will present its review of the April 4 HCD letter and next steps to the council on May 17. ■

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DOG

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In an interview, the family claims that the dangerous animal decision was based on one person's report and that the San Mateo County Animal Control officer had allegedly made a decision when she showed up at the Kunzes home. According to the petition, the animal control officer was greeted by a docile Bär, who went up to the officer for petting. She said that Bär was cute, but needed to be leashed from now on, the petition states.

The Kunze family says that this incident reflects a larger issue with animal control in San Mateo County.

"It's not just about our dog, there's important community issues at play here," Kunze said.

The owners of Bär also filed 29 character affidavits from those who know the dog, many of which talk about Bär's track record playing well with both children and other animals.

"Bär has always been the kindest, non-aggressive dog I have ever met," neighbors Ryan and Leigh Anne Williams wrote in their statement. "Bär is one of the reasons we also wanted to get a dog."

The Kunzes said they will continue to fight the dangerous animal designation, calling their pet a kind and loving animal.

"A dog can't even be a dog these days, Bär's behavior was normal dog behavior under ordinary circumstances," Kelly said. ■

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Inside the unusual ways Peninsula communities are trying to avoid building housing

Wealthy towns have a rich playbook for preserving the status quo around housing — but it's starting to backfire

By Kate Bradshaw

Residents in cities and towns across the Peninsula have been — depending on who you ask — either using outrageous exclusionary tactics to stop the threat of new neighbors, or fighting the good fight against state overreach.

One big reason why discussions about the region's housing shortage have been so fierce of late is because the state set a Jan. 31 deadline for each community in California to submit plans showing how they will add a specific number of mandated housing units between now and 2031.

Redwood City was the only one on the Peninsula to have met that deadline.

While the state issues new mandates (called "RHNA," short for "Regional Housing Needs Allocation") every eight years, there has been more pressure this time around for cities to be compliant amid the growing need to address the widespread housing shortage.

The process requires cities to review their codes to determine how to change zoning to accommodate the latest cycle of housing goals and submit those proposals to the state for approval. Those new zoning changes don't necessarily mean that the new homes each city is planning for will get built, just that it is possible for developers to build them. That process

has played out for much of the past year, and Peninsula communities have been some of the most creative when it comes to looking for loopholes to avoid making changes.

But now that the January deadline for having plans approved by the state has passed, any non-compliant cities are subject to what's called the "Builder's Remedy" — a penalty that essentially permits developers to build affordable housing that doesn't meet a city's zoning codes and general plan so long as it meets some very basic requirements. For instance, a project must provide housing to low-, very-low or moderate-income households, comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, and be in an area with enough water and sewage facilities to accommodate it, among other conditions.

Mountain View and Los Altos Hills, who had not submitted their housing elements by deadline, reportedly have already seen development applications come through under the Builder's Remedy law, San Francisco Business Times reported, and Palo Alto saw its first application come through at the end of March.

Here are five of the most unique approaches that residents and politicians in Peninsula communities have taken to push back against adding new homes within city limits.



Magali Gauthier

Pam Silvaroli comments on plans for multifamily zoning along El Camino Real at an Atherton City Council meeting in January.

No. 1 — Atherton: Multimillionaires' 'poverty pockets'

In Atherton, which remains the most expensive zip code in the U.S. with a median home price of \$9 million, many residents have not been thrilled by the prospect of having to plan for hundreds of new homes in their town. Several high-profile residents, including venture capitalist Marc Andreessen and Golden State Warriors guard Steph Curry and his wife, Ayesha, have written to the city council in recent months expressing their reservations about new housing near their homes.

A cohort of Atherton residents

showed up at a January council meeting wearing matching red T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan #Not Going Anywhere and voiced their concerns that too much of the planned zoning increases in Atherton would be happening along El Camino Real, where residents feel like they're already looked down upon as the town's "poverty pocket." (Their homes are only worth an average of \$3.5 million.) One resident went so far as to accuse the town of trying to create a "Redwood City extension."

On Feb. 1, the town council backtracked on most of its plans for multifamily housing within the town's boundaries, voting to cut higher-density zones on El Camino Real and Valparaiso Avenue and pushing to have the bulk of the new assigned units be built as backyard granny units. These ADUs (accessory dwelling units) are notoriously difficult to verify as sources of affordable housing because they're tucked behind private properties and can easily be used instead for home offices or vacation rentals.

No. 2 — San Mateo: Vote-trading allegations

In San Mateo, the county's most populous city, tensions over housing drama were heightened when two new City Council members refused to appoint Councilwoman Amourance Lee, a vocal affordable housing advocate, as mayor before selecting a fifth City Council member (there was an open seat due to the departure of Diane Papan for the state Assembly.) Over the course of three public meetings spanning close to 15

hours, newcomers Lisa Diaz Nash and Rob Newsom (Gov. Gavin Newsom's second cousin) refused to appoint Lee as mayor — subverting the agenda and 128 years of procedural precedent — in part because Lee would then have had tie-breaking power to select the fifth council member.

Lee revealed that she had been approached earlier that week asking her to trade her vote for a different candidate in exchange for being appointed mayor. The matter is under investigation by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

"I have not seen anything like this in San Mateo County over the last 46 years," District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said.

While Nash defended her decision to push for the selection of the fifth council member first, saying she felt it was important "so that each would have an equal say in selecting the mayor," she said, housing advocates see the incident differently.

"This was a power play — a pretty nakedly transparent one by the conservative bloc on the council — and it failed," Jordan Grimes, political director of Peninsula Young Democrats, said.

In their campaign materials, Diaz Nash and Newsom don't say they're against housing, but use traditional talking points from "slow growth" political camps, saying they support the expansion of workforce housing "while protecting our unique community character" (Diaz Nash) and "while protecting the character of the city" (Newsom). In contrast, Lee's position on housing, according to her website, is that "San Mateans need better and more affordable housing options of all types for our seniors, families, workforce and for our young people."

No. 3 — Palo Alto: A 'historic' warehouse

In Palo Alto, there's ongoing debate over whether Sobrato, a developer proposing to redevelop part of the former Fry's Electronics retail site, which was once a fruit cannery, should be allowed to build the 74 townhomes proposed there given the historic legacy of the cannery.

The developer plans to honor the history of the cannery, but also proposes to demolish 40% of the less historic part to make room for the townhomes.

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While the city is debating the best way to honor the former cannery with plaques, public art and preservation of the building's key features, local housing advocates see the effort as a wasted opportunity. Palo Alto's current housing plans envision more than 200 housing units at the former Fry's site. By choosing to preserve the building over replacing it with housing, those plans are now effectively canned.

No. 4 — Hillsborough: The developmentally disabled community loophole

Prior to the state's Jan. 31 deadline, a resident of the wealthy enclave of Hillsborough was encouraging the town to build an affordable housing community for developmentally disabled adults, according to SFGATE. In a public meeting comment, he suggested building low-income housing for this population was a better alternative than building housing for neurotypical lower-income residents because developmentally disabled people "don't commit crimes, they don't bring drugs, they don't bring trouble. They

don't bring all the lunatic stuff that goes along with it." They also can't drive, he said, "so you don't have a whole bunch of extra cars and God knows what."

Woodside Councilman Dick Brown proposed something similar in Woodside, arguing that such a facility "will not have much impact on the surrounding community because they are very quiet, crime-free, they generate almost no traffic because almost none of them drive, and they are closely supervised 24/7," according to SFGATE.

Michelle Uzeta, senior counsel at Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund, called the comments such as those made in Hillsborough and Woodside "disturbing, infantilizing, and illustrative of the NIMBY attitudes that are pervasive throughout the state" in an email to SFGATE.

In San Mateo County, the income limit for qualifying for affordable housing as a "low-income" household was about \$149,000 for a family of four in 2022.

No. 5 — Woodside: Backing away from the mountain lion defense

The town of Woodside last year made national headlines when it declared itself a mountain lion habitat that was therefore unable to permit duplexes. As one of the most brazen (and short-lived) attempts to skirt new housing laws, the matter received the "Avocado of the Year" award on CalMatters' housing podcast "Gimme Shelter" for being the most outlandish housing news

story of the year.

The town council decided to send its housing plans to the state without approving them, proposing to add the majority of the mandated new homes as housing at Cañada College and as backyard granny units. "If there's a town or a city with a target on its back, it's us," council member Ned Fluet said. At that meeting, resident Rob Hollister asked the council to include all town-owned sites in the plan in an about-face from some of the community's anti-growth tactics. The town council instead opted to curb the amount of potential housing it would permit on two town-owned sites.

"Let's be clear," Hollister said, "Building these for very low- and low-income homes of this sort in Woodside will be for families making \$80,000 to \$150,000 a year," he said. "They're not drug dealers. They're not gang members. This isn't rental housing. They're teachers, they're retail workers, they're nurses. Let's let some buy homes in our town." ■

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Another person commented that traffic congestion was much worse since the bike lane was put into action. "Between the light at Laurel and the train tracks, the congestion during peak hours is unbearable; my commute time home is nearly doubled when I take this route."

The Complete Streets Commission voted unanimously to make the program permanent, and is set to go to the Menlo Park City Council for consideration. ■

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Charles C. Harwood

September 10, 1927 – March 31, 2023

Charles C. Harwood, widely known as Chuck, died peacefully at his home in Portola Valley, California, on March 31, 2023. He was 95 years old.

Chuck was the President of Signetics Corporation from 1970 to 1985. Signetics was the first company in the world established solely for the manufacture and sale of integrated circuits and would go on to become one of the major competitors that defined the region called Silicon Valley. Prior to his appointment as president of Signetics, Chuck spent eighteen years working at Corning Glass Works in Corning, NY. One of Chuck's proudest accomplishments at Signetics was directing the company to become an early adopter of quality improvement techniques in the IC industry. He then went on to co-found a consulting company in the quality improvement field.

Chuck took great delight in the role of managing people throughout his career. He was gregarious and inherited a wonderful sense of humor from his parents. Of his job leading Signetics he once said, "this job – with its tremendous pace, change, and opportunities – is the most fun game in town."

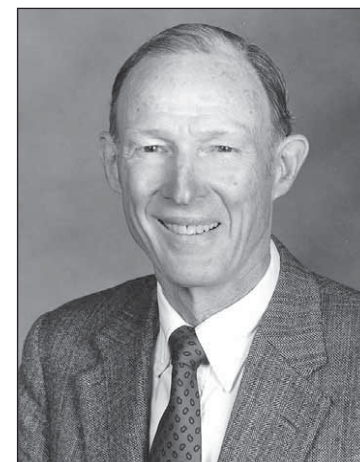
Chuck was born on September 10, 1927, in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. He grew up in Cambridge and Concord, Massachusetts. Chuck attended Exeter Academy for two years before entering Harvard College. After a brief stint in the U.S. Army stationed in post-war Italy, Chuck returned to Harvard and completed his B.A. He married Barbara Stone Chase on June 24, 1950. He completed his M.B.A. at Harvard in 1952. He and Barbara raised six children and he enjoyed quizzing them on history and kidding them endlessly. He was an avid sports enthusiast, both as a spectator and a participant, including track and field, football, tennis and skiing. Chuck thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship at Christ Church in Portola Valley where his ashes will be interred. He was a collector of four-leaf clovers ("foursies") wherever he went, and his favorite numbers were 3 and 7.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Barbara, four daughters, Caroline (Carrie) Harwood, Betty McCarron, Jane Percy, and Katharine (Kit) Thompson, and a son, Charles (Charlie) Harwood Jr. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Weezie Harwood and his granddaughter Barbara Greenberg.

A private memorial service will be held in honor of Chuck at Christ Church in Portola Valley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Washington Barbara Greenberg Endowed Scholarship for Disability Studies in memory of Chuck's granddaughter.

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Teddy Smith

November 12, 1985 – April 9, 2023

We mourn the unimaginable loss of Edward Healy "Teddy" Smith who passed away on Easter Sunday. Teddy was born on November 12, 1985 with bright red hair that would be his trademark. Teddy attended Saint Raymond Catholic Elementary School and graduated as Student Body President in 2000. He went on to Bellarmine College Prep where he competed on the basketball and golf teams and developed lifelong friendships. He built upon his Jesuit education at Boston College, where he continued cultivating friendships and was selected as Most Valuable Player of the BC Rugby Football Club.

Teddy graduated from BC in 2008 and moved to New York City. Teddy's endless ambition and energy embodied New York.

He generously shared his love of the city with his family who visited frequently and will always cherish memories with him there. After moving back to California in 2014, Teddy developed a keen interest in green energy. He achieved tremendous

professional success selling solar panels to residential properties, earning accolades as a top salesperson year after year.

Teddy will be forever loved by his parents Chuck & Maureen Smith, his brother Charlie (sister-in-law Kristinalisa; nephew Salesi & niece Heilala), his sister Mimi, and his extended family of numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, including his special confidants Aunt Sheila, Aunt Coco, and Uncle Joe. He joins in heaven his grandparents Pat & Ted Smyth and Margaret & Charlie Smith, his aunt Peggy Klinge Smyth, and his cousin Jenny Ruth Myers.

Celebration of Teddy's life will be held Saturday, April 22 at 1pm at St. Raymond Catholic Church (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Teddy's memory can be made to:

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Bellarmino College Preparatory
- Boston College



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public and private sectors, can impact wildfire and disaster resilience.

“We need better and better science,” Eshoo said. “We need sophisticated tools to address this. We need the cooperation and the investment that comes from the private sector that is led (by) the investments that have been made by the public sector.”

Many of those private and public partners were at the showcase, along with the tools they’re developing to fight wildfires and other emergencies — or better yet, stop them from happening in the first place. Here are a few of the technologies being developed right here in Silicon Valley.

NASA: Dousing flames with drones

Drones are rapidly becoming a key piece of the fire response puzzle, and scientists at Ames are looking to accelerate that technology by tapping into NASA’s vast aeronautics resources.

Zach Roberts, chief of the Aeronautics Projects Office and part of NASA Ames’ Smart Mobility team, said drones can do “everything from building infrastructure inspection, up to using the thermal infrared cameras for detecting wildfires” — essentially serving as an eye in the sky instead of putting a human pilot’s life at risk during unsafe conditions.



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A Menlo Park Fire Protection District drone used for firefighting efforts on display at a wildfire technology showcase at NASA Ames in Mountain View.

Rain: ‘The thing that everyone prays for’

Alameda-based company Rain aims to make catastrophic wildfires in California a thing of the past.

“Essentially what we’re doing is enabling automated aircraft to join the fire fight,” said Ephraim Nowak, chief engineer at Rain. “Our company is called Rain — it’s the thing that everyone prays for when there’s a wildfire.”

The piece of technology that Rain brought to the April 13 showcase looked like a small white helicopter, but it packs a big punch when it comes to fire suppression: the unmanned aircraft can release water or fire retardant on fires in remote locations. Rain’s long term vision is to station their

automated aircraft in high wildfire risk regions, so they’re never more than a few minutes away from potential ignitions. The company believes that a network of about 200 Rain Stations could end catastrophic wildfires in California by 2030.

“So if you think about it kind of like how fire sprinklers revolutionized firefighting against buildings, and cut down 95% of structure losses, we’re essentially building fire sprinklers for the forest,” Nowak said.

Aero Systems West and Komodo: Stopping fires before they start

Morgan Hill-based Komodo has developed liquid and powder products that put out flames more



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Lauren Claudatos, a research psychologist with the Human-Systems Integration Division at NASA Ames, describes the ACERO project, NASA’s Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response Operations project.

effectively than water. Right now, the company is developing a product that can be sprayed on the land and makes it resistant to catching fire.

“As the green hills start to dry up, and they become fuel,” explained Shawn Sahbari, president and CEO of Komodo. “You can put (the product) down in May or June, and it’ll last for the remainder of the year. And you can take a torch, and you won’t be able to burn it.”

That’s where Aero Systems West comes in. The San Martin-based company’s industrial drones that can fly for about 50 minutes without any weight, and about 20 minutes while carrying up to 70 pounds.

CTO Danny Neal brought the company’s largest drone to the showcase. He said that Aero Systems West is currently developing a spray rig that could attach to their drones, allowing it to distribute Komodo’s product onto the land via drone.

“This is a California problem, we’re a California technology company,” said Komodo CEO Sahbari. “So that’s what drives us everyday.”

Menlo Park fire: Revolutionizing search and rescue

Private companies aren’t the only ones innovating: Local public agencies like the Menlo Park Fire District are using drones to keep the community safe.

Technical Operations Specialist Tom Owen said the fire district uses drones in various capacities, from heat mapping a structure fire to constructing aerial renderings of accident scenes.

Drones are also essential tools when making rescues. Owen recalled one incident where a local man purchased a kayak off Amazon, took it out into the Bay, and got stuck.

“He thought he knew where he was, but he was wrong,” said Owen. “I found him with the drone. I can put a dot on him and get the location of the dot, and give the dot to the battalion chief. He radioed the airboat, the airboat came and scooped him up, and everybody slept in their own bed that night.” ■

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Courtesy Peter Daly

Bicyclists gather for memorial ride after fatal collision

Close to 300 cyclists took part in a memorial bike ride in Woodside on Saturday morning, April 15, to honor a man who was killed in a traffic collision near Filoli on April 10. Lester Legarda, 37, was hit by a car heading north on Cañada Road. The ride began at Woodside Town Hall and ended near Filoli, and members of the group Peninsula Velo sought to use the event to honor other bicyclists who have been killed in the area.

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scheduling a tour from a volunteer docent. When Moffett Field Historical Society President Tom Spink gives his tour, it comes with a touch of lived experience.

“I arrived here in 1970 as a 25-year-old kid from Kansas,” said Spink, who served nine years of active duty in the Navy and 21 years in the reserves, experiencing the height of Moffett’s military days first hand. “Basically, I’ve spent my whole adult life here.”

Margolis and Spink said their vision for the museum is to strike the right balance between honoring the history of Moffett Field, while showcasing contemporary STEM innovation.

“If you’re here on a Saturday, it’s always families coming in. And there’s interest in our traditional displays, but it’s also a little bit foreign to them,” Margolis said. “In our lease with NASA, we’re cited as a STEM training partner of theirs. So to me, I want to push that. I want us to be known as the STEM place.”

The Moffett Field Museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Since it’s located on a federal airfield, visitors are required to present identification at the gate. The Museum can be found on Severyns Avenue in Mountain View, building 126. ■

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Teacher Daran Reinholm, far left, looks over her preschool students while they enjoy milkshakes at Woodside Parents' Nursery School in Woodside.

NURSERY SCHOOL

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“as many senses as possible” and engage a wider range of learning styles.

“It’s a school where they’re definitely allowed to be kids,” Cohen said. “My daughter loves the yoga. She’s been teaching her dad to take big, big breaths to calm down.”

“Not at all patronizing,” she added.

Compared to other co-ops, WPNS is “kind of light on the parent participation,” Cohen said, only requiring parents to volunteer at school a couple of times per month. They are also asked to serve on a school committee, attend community events and help with fundraising.

In exchange, tuition is cheaper than a typical drop-off program — ranging from \$375 to \$700 per month, based on the age group — which makes the school affordable for more income levels. Currently, roughly 40% of the 50 enrolled families live in Woodside, with others coming from Portola Valley and Redwood City.

“We’ve got a really good mixture of working-parent families and stay-at-home parents because it’s quite a flexible situation,” Cohen said. “We’re a community, so we all help each other out. It really does lend itself to every kind of family.”

Out front, the slightly older kids were learning about the alphabet. In celebration of this week’s letter — “m” — they were

making milkshakes from scratch. Or, rather, furiously whipping flavored syrups into cups stuffed with ice cream.

‘It’s a school where they’re definitely allowed to be kids.’

—RACHEL COHEN,
PARENT AND BOARD PRESIDENT

“Say milkshakes!” instructed Mike, one of the parent volunteers, snapping a photo from his phone.

Mike stacked paper cups and mopped up sticky pink spills as the children scampered off to their next activity. A full-time surgeon at a nearby hospital, he



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Teacher Nohemy Godinez hands a bead and some string to Margot during a class activity.

was still wearing his scrubs as he cleaned.

“Surgeries were canceled today!” he yelled, happily on dad duty instead.

Meanwhile, the 2-year-olds transitioned, with only minimal herding, into the classroom where the teachers had organized more Easter-themed activities.

Henry sat studiously by his teacher’s side, swirling colors into a plate of shaving cream; later he’ll smash a paper cut-down face down into the mush to make a tie-dye bunny. Meanwhile Aldi filled a basket with plastic carrots and multicolored eggs, yelling enthusiastically as he skirted around a potentially hazardous coffee bean spill that has just occurred. Margot, unfazed, quietly slipped

beads onto a string.

One of the joys of play-based school, Cohen said, is she never quite knows what the kids are going to get into from one day to the next.

“Or what they’re going to come home covered in,” she added, laughing. “It’s wonderful!”

To celebrate its 50th year, community members are invited to gather for a celebration on Saturday, April 22, in the courtyard on the campus, located at 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside. Tickets are limited. Contact communications@woodsideparents.org or go to woodsideparents.org for more information. ■

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High-spirited students at the preschool can be heard “from a mile away” when they play outside, teacher Daran Reinholm says.

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A message from our Editor, Andrea Gemmet

I'm Andrea Gemmet a news editor for Embarcadero Media, a small local news organization on the Peninsula that covers news for the Palo Alto Weekly, the Mountain View Voice, The Almanac and Redwood City Pulse.

It was a typically busy Tuesday afternoon in June when one of my reporters called to tell me the power had gone out in Emerald Hills and she planned to take her laptop to a coffee shop to finish working. We were still on the phone when she realized a wildfire had broken out.

In that moment, our conversation shifted. Smoke was in the air, firefighters were racing to the scene and she needed to evacuate. As she and her family scooped up their dogs and headed to safety, the rest of the newsroom team sprang into action. There was no telling how fast or how far the fire would spread, and we wanted to make sure the rapidly changing news about road closures and evacuation areas reached our readers as quickly as possible.

Being familiar with the steep, narrow, and winding roads in the area, I was worried about the havoc a large-scale evacuation might cause, and had been frantically posting emergency information on our social media channels in an attempt to reach as many people as possible.

As the Edgewood fire spread, our reporters worked the phones, our visual journalist hurried to the scene and I ended up grabbing a notebook and heading a press conference at Woodside Fire Protection District's Station 19. On the way there, I called friends to tell them that they were in the evacuation zone and needed to leave.

After more than a decade as the editor of the Mountain View Voice and more recently, The Almanac, it had been a while since I'd been out covering a fire. I vividly remembered being a pregnant reporter, eyes stinging and throat raw from the smoke as I walked all over Woodside on the sweltering day in August 2002 when wind-blown embers spread a six-alarm fire that started on the grounds of the Fleishhacker estate. Once the flames were quenched, I covered the efforts to make Woodside, Portola Valley and Emerald Hills more fire-resistant and better prepared for the next wildfire.

As journalists from this community, the work isn't always easy. These stories affect us, our families, and our neighbors. Yet, it gives us the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of local issues, and a responsibility to enhance our reporting with context. We wouldn't be able to do that without the ongoing support of our members.

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IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

More can be done to protect bicyclists from fatal collisions

By Andrew Hsu

GUEST OPINION

On Monday, April 10, bicyclist Lester Legarda was fatally struck by a driver on a Cañada Road, a rural road popular among walkers, hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists in San Mateo County. Details of the crash scene suggest that the collision was at high speed and the result was so gruesome the coroner advised the surviving family members not to see the remains. The cause of the collision is still under investigation, however, visibility along Cañada Road that afternoon was excellent and the posted speed limit was 50 mph.

Unless you are an active cyclist yourself, and given the dominance of cars in our culture, I'm sure your immediate reaction to this senseless tragedy focuses on blaming the victim: Was he wearing a helmet? Did he wear brightly reflective clothing? Was he riding along the shoulder? Was he a good bike handler? Not surprisingly, the answer to all this is 'yes.' You see, Lester was a member of Peninsula Velo, a large competitive cycling club and community of riders. Our team uniforms and helmets (which Lester wore when

he was struck) are a highly visible bright orange and yellow. Being a competitive bike racer, Lester was comfortable handling his bike at high speeds among large packs of other cyclists. But more importantly, as a member of PenVelo, he abided by our rules of road etiquette — always “be nice” and share the road with others. What's more, Lester was also riding with a Garmin Varia, a car-sensing radar device with a rear-facing bright red light. I have no doubt that Lester was as visible, protected, and experienced as any cyclist can be, and following the rules of the road.

So then why did over 500 cyclists from the Bay Area, family, and close friends gather on the following cloudy Saturday morning to honor the passing of Lester Legarda? Because Lester was struck at a speed that made survival from the collision nearly impossible. It is a simple matter of physics that the faster an object moves, the more collateral damage it will cause upon impact. Data from the National Transportation Safety Board show the risk of death for a pedestrian struck by a car traveling 40 mph at over 85%! Yet, at 30 mph the risk of death drops to 45%. Clearly, even a 10 mph increase in collision speed dramatically increases risk of death for walkers and cyclists.

One solution for preventing future tragedies along Cañada

Road is tantalizingly simple — reduce the 50 mph speed limit. Sure, drivers will still likely exceed the speed limit. But just like the lines of paint that define which lane cars are supposed to drive within, posted speed limits set expectations for accepted driver behavior along a route. Despite generous lane widths and long sight lines, there is absolutely no need for a speed limit as high as 50 mph. First and foremost, Cañada runs parallel to the Interstate 280 freeway, a route that allows even faster speeds, with a limit of 65 mph. While Cañada may have been needed as high-speed thoroughfare prior to 280's construction, today, there is limited need for thru-traffic to utilize Cañada. Only the Filoli estate and the SFPUC Pulgas Water Temple park require travel along Cañada. Further, Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) collision data confirms that Cañada continues to be one of the most dangerous roads in the county. It is no surprise that the portion of Cañada Road under the jurisdiction of the town of Woodside now has a 35 mph speed limit. Sadly, this reduction resulted from residents demanding a lower speed limit after an earlier tragedy on Cañada. My guess is that lowering the speed limit on Cañada has never been a priority for San Mateo County.

So please, I urge you to write/call/email your county supervisor and demand action to prevent further tragedies along Cañada Road through the simple act of reducing the speed limit there. It is rare that such a simple act can result in a dramatic improvement in road safety with only modest inconvenience to most drivers. I acknowledge that other measures can and should be done to improve road safety; changing the speed limit is only the first step. However, other changes, based on my own experiences in road safety advocacy, often require much more time and significant funding. A simple reduction in posted speed limit could be done fairly quickly, given enough civic will. By lowering the limit, we acknowledge the inherent dangers of automotive vehicles traveling at high speeds and can significantly lower the chances of another fatality on Cañada Road.

County supervisors, especially Ray Mueller (supervisor for District 3, which covers Cañada Road), the bicycle community will be forever grateful to you for helping lower the speed limit on Cañada in honor of Lester's untimely passing. ■

Andrew Hsu is the director of advocacy for Peninsula Velo and a board member of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

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LETTERS

Our readers write

Anomalous weather and superbloom can be traced to climate change

Spring 2023 is proving to be one of the most beautiful we've experienced in quite a long time here in the Bay Area. After all the recent rain, the hills are now a lush green with scores of wildflowers brightening the landscape. Add to that all the beautiful trees in full bloom and this season seems to be one for the record books.

Unfortunately, though, many of us are paying the price for all this incredible beauty. Seasonal allergies are peaking right now due to the intense amount of pollen in the air from all the trees, grasses and flowers.

An NBC Bay Area news interview with Dr. Robert Torrano of the Allergy and Asthma

Associates of Northern California concluded, “New government research suggests pollen season is starting 20 days earlier, and lasts 10 days longer than usual. There is 21% more pollen in the air than in 1990, largely fueled by the carbon dioxide from man-made climate change.”

If we don't do more to reduce global warming, allergy season will continue to worsen over time, making life miserable for many. However, to reduce carbon pollution, we must speed up the pace at which we build and connect new clean energy projects.

Permitting reform is critical if we're going to make the clean energy transition happen fast enough to meet our climate targets. If we don't start building clean energy infrastructure faster, we will only achieve about 20% of the potential carbon pollution reduction from climate policy already in place (specifically, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022). Sen. Josh Becker's SB 420,

the California Transmission Prioritization Act, will make it easier and quicker to build the 15,000 miles of new transmission lines California is estimated to need to modernize its power grid — a win for all Californians.

Paula Danz

*Volunteer,
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Comstock Act should not be applied to abortion

Having ruled that abortion is the province of the states, it would now seem impossible for courts to legitimately apply a 19th-century federal law, the Comstock Act of 1873. Of course, the reverse may be true also; if sanity prevails, and Congress enacts legislation permitting abortion, the Comstock Act must be nullified — but until it is, I don't see how it can be applied.

*Don Barnby
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Artscene

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Debbie Chinn wants to give you goosebumps

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's new head talks about the transformative power of the arts

By Karla Kane

For Debbie Chinn, the arts industry has always been “the business of making goosebumps,” she said. And as TheatreWorks Silicon Valley’s new executive director, Chinn is largely responsible for the, well, business side of that business, overseeing the marketing, fundraising, facilities, external relations and more (alongside Artistic Director Tim Bond, who steers the company’s creative direction and programming).

Chinn said the arts are about far more than entertainment value in a recent interview with this news organization. Reflecting on TheatreWorks’ recent production of “Fannie,” a tribute to civil rights icon Fannie Lou Hamer, she spoke passionately about the role of the arts in preserving history, shining a light on relevant issues, challenging stereotypes, and fostering empathy, especially in the current political climate.

“I hope that we’ve gone past the narrative of ‘arts as a luxury.’ Arts is a necessity more than ever,” she said. “You can transform a human being through some compelling performances.”

As a longtime advocate, Chinn has testified nationwide about the importance of support for the arts.

“We’re the counter-narrative to censorship; we’re essential,” she said. “It’s the arts that’s going to save democracy.”

Chinn, who joined the company in November, comes to the role with high energy, enthusiasm, and the tireless track record to back it up, boasting a distinguished history of leadership.

Before coming to TheatreWorks, she worked as managing director for Anna Deavere Smith’s “Pipeline Projects,” and her long resume includes stints at California Shakespeare Theatre, Opera Parallele, the Carmel Bach Festival, San Francisco Symphony, Center Theatre Group and The Music Center of Los Angeles, to name but a few. She’s also served on the board or leadership council for many organizations including Theatre Bay Area, Association of California Symphony Orchestras, and the Chinese Cultural Center of San Francisco.

“Her experience in community building, as evidenced by her extensive work with the Carmel Bach Festival in expanding its reach into the nearby Salinas Valley, gives us confidence that she will provide the outreach we are looking for to further engage our entire Bay Area community,” TheatreWorks Board of Trustees Chair Holly Ward said in the press release announcing



Courtesy David Allen

Debbie Chinn began serving as TheatreWorks Silicon Valley’s executive director in November.

Chinn’s appointment.

After wrapping up her time with Smith, Chinn was pondering her next move while observing how devastating the COVID-19 pandemic has been for the theater world in particular.

“I asked myself, do I want to sit on the sidelines and watch or do I want to get in there and help?” she recalled. “I couldn’t imagine myself not jumping in and bringing to an organization anything I had of value.”

Chinn said she’d long admired the “top-notch” caliber of the Tony Award-winning theater company, particularly its annual New Works Festival.

“I’m so aligned with New Works because I think more than ever we need to encourage and coax forth stories from people who see the world very

differently,” she said. “Our industry is crucial for bringing people together, for threading our communities a little tighter, for coming out of this with an understanding of cultures and voices that are not like our own.”

While TheatreWorks has had a “rousing start” to its season so far, Chinn said the industry is still struggling in the pandemic’s wake, and will continue to do so for some time.

“I’m really looking to move us toward recovery. We talk about pivoting — well, this great team of ours did a lot of pirouetting to keep audiences engaged, to keep entertaining,” she said. “We have a great staff, we just don’t have enough staff. I really want to work to getting this company the infrastructure it needs to get up on its feet again.”

In her view, “the most important stakeholders are the people who work for our organization. If we don’t take care of them, we don’t have a product.”

Chinn grew up in Long Island, New York and is the daughter of Chinese immigrants. Her parents owned a restaurant, which evolved into a Polynesian nightclub, and from a young age, Chinn was involved in the family business and “surrounded by music and culture” (including performing as a hula and sword dancer by the time she was in middle school).

The arts world, she said, “was always the place where I felt accepted as a person of color, growing up in a homogenized community. The groups I fit in were the choir and the drama club.”

Chinn headed out west for college, studying theater at the University of Southern California, where she became especially interested in stage management. Upon graduation, she worked in a department store coat department. That’s not the easiest sell in the warm Los Angeles climate, she said with a laugh, but by making friends with a few HVAC engineers, she was able to get the air conditioning turned up and thus make coats a bit more appealing to customers — an early lesson in the power of relationship building.

She worked other 9-5 jobs, at banks and insurance companies, all while spending her



Courtesy Debbie Chinn

Debbie Chinn with Vincent Price at an ACT Murder Mystery fundraiser 1989.



Courtesy Debbie Chinn

Debbie Chinn, far right, with composers (from left) Laura Kaminsky, Philip Glass, Chris Pratorius-Gomez.

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free time volunteering at “any theater company that would have me,” she said. Chinn built sets, poured coffee, helped with producing and eventually all that volunteering paid off when she was offered a job in special events and development at San Francisco’s American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.).

“I said, ‘I don’t know what development is,’” she recalled, but was told it involved bringing people together, and that she’d been doing it naturally for years. She traveled north to the Bay Area, was hired on the spot and never looked back.

“I never sold coats again,” she noted, adding that all the skills she’d learned working in retail and offices have been invaluable in her subsequent roles. Her advice to those starting out in

their career? “Always build up your networks. Always say yes to something,” she said.

Chinn published her first book “Dancing In Their Light: A Daughter’s Unfinished Memoir,” last year. It started out as a collection of entertaining memories of growing up “as a restaurant kid” in the 1960s and ‘70s



Courtesy David Gordon

Chinn’s first book, “Dancing in Their Light,” shares memories from working in her family’s restaurant and also explores her parents’ story as immigrants.

(Chinn’s first duty was selling cigarettes, at age 3). “It was like ‘Cheers,’” she said, of the quirky characters who frequented her family’s House of Mah Jong. But in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election and its anti-immigrant and racist rhetoric, and especially once the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, Chinn was horrified by the subsequent surge of hatred, abuse and violence against Asian Americans.

“Why are we the enemy?” she wondered, noting that her family had made many impor-

tant contributions to society, in various fields, and were integral members of their communities.

“I was so undone by the hatred toward immigrants. I began to meld the immigrant story with the restaurant story, which became one book,” she said, chronicling her family’s history, work ethic and community spirit. Also an in-demand public speaker, Chinn has been gratified by reader response.

“I never meant to be an author! I’m so delighted that it’s found a readership that’s across the country and still has some staying power,” she said.

Chinn moved to the Peninsula when she started her job with TheatreWorks a few months ago, and said she’s looking forward to getting to know the local community better.

“I’m eager to find out what resonates,” she said. “We do shows, yes, but I want audiences to not just see a show. I want them to be inspired to do something when they get home,” she said. “It’s all about getting people in; the next step is getting them to take action.”

More information is available at debbiechinn.com and theatreworks.org. ■

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ARTS BRIEFS



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Jazz violinist Regina Carter plays Stanford on April 21.

Regina Carter

Gentrification might not seem like an obvious subject for a concert, but in her multimedia project, “Gone in a Phrase of Air,” jazz violinist, composer and MacArthur Fellow Regina Carter explores both its troubling history as well as the forces that can help build thriving communities: key among them, the arts. Through Carter’s original music, along with narration and visual media, the project delves into how urban renewal policies, particularly in the early and mid-20th century, destroyed neighborhoods that were home to predominantly Black and immigrant residents, as well as the music and art that sustained these communities. Carter has toured the country with the project, meeting up with musicians and highlighting the history of such neighborhoods around the U.S.

April 21, 7:30 p.m. at Bing Concert Hall at Stanford. Tickets are \$32. live.stanford.edu.

Bud. E Luv 35th anniversary

Well, ring-a-ding-ding — Bud E. Luv is now old enough to be president. The smooth, singing lounge lizard is celebrating 35 years on Bay Area stages, playing lounge-inspired covers of favorite songs and telling some — literally — unbelievable tales about his antics with the Rat Pack, back when he was just a tyke. Luv is actually the alter ego of Robert Vickers, who’s marking his persona’s milestone anniversary at a show at The Guild hosted by former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and featuring the Bud E. Luv Trio and Big Band.

April 21, 8 p.m. at The Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Tickets are \$28-\$43. guildtheatre.com.

Nellie McKay

From soulful interpretations of standards to sharp social critique wrapped up in lively and bright original tunes, singer-songwriter Nellie McKay channels, in both her aesthetic and sound, midcentury chanteuses like Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee and Doris Day — in fact she’s recorded a tribute album to Day. But she re-imagines that buttoned-up genre with an edge, particularly in her original songs. Her latest release, “Bagatelles,” highlights standards such as “The Best Things in Life Are Free” and “How About You” in stripped-down arrangements with backing from piano and ukulele that showcase her rich, silky vocals. McKay performs in a show presented by Earthwise Productions. With The Corner Laughers (featuring vocalist Karla Kane, a regular contributor to The Almanac).

April 23, 7 p.m. at Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$20. eventbrite.com.

Wildflower Mimicry

The pandemic shutdown spawned many unique art projects; among them Berkeley-based landscape architect Barnali Ghosh found a new way to celebrate the beauty of native wildflowers she saw in her neighborhood.

Ghosh made a series of self-portraits in which she wore sari fabrics and posed in classical Indian dance movements, recreating the wildflowers’ colors and shapes through her clothing and poses. The photos have been so well-received that she made the results into a calendar, as well as posters and art prints.

Ghosh discusses her “Unfaithful Re/creations” photo series April 26 at an in-person talk for the California Native Plant Society.

April 26, 1 p.m. at Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District offices, 5050 El Camino Real, Los Altos. Admission is free. cnps-scv.org. RSVP requested, if possible, to ykishimoto@openspace.org. ■

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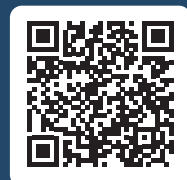
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Food & Drink

Plant-based dining takes root in Burlingame

New restaurant Twelvemonth offers dishes like celery root crème brûlée and black pepper miso tagliatelle



Devin Roberts

By Kate Bradshaw

Hillsborough resident Bob Trahan's career trajectory is an unusual one. He worked as director of engineering at Menlo Park-based Meta, then attended culinary school, worked at a Michelin-starred restaurant in San Francisco and ran a home bakery. Now he's the owner of a new plant-based restaurant in Burlingame called Twelvemonth.

So what drove the former tech executive to change course, not just toward the culinary arts, but the vanguard of plant-based cuisine?

Part of it was getting burnt out working in tech and deciding to go to culinary school, but another facet was the joy he found from creating things that improved people's lives, first through software and then through food, he says.

"(There's) something special about making something and you give it to someone else, and they're genuinely grateful when it makes their life better," he says. "Food is that, it's just a tighter loop."

As a culinary school student at the International Culinary Center in Campbell — which had as its dean Manresa's David Kinch but shuttered in 2019 — Trahan picked up tips on nutrition, sustainability and flavor, lessons he's taken into his next step as a restaurateur.

A pivotal part of his journey toward plant-based eating happened while he was traveling in New Zealand and came across a field of happy-looking cows, he says.

While admiring how well cared for the cows seemed — a very different image than

the stockyards he'd passed along Interstate 5 in central California — he was surprised to see a group of people protesting the cows' presence. He later learned that despite the humane conditions the cows lived in, their manure was seeping into the groundwater and poisoning local wells.

It was a moment that forced him to reflect on the ways that his previous diet of eating humanely raised beef may have had unintended consequences.

"To some degree, even that's unsustainable," he says. "It's hard to do these things and not harm people."

Along the way, he married a woman who is passionate about animal rights. As a gift to her, he decided to go vegan for a month, he says.

Having trained as a French chef, he initially worried about how he would cook without butter. But he decided to embrace the challenge and says he was pleasantly surprised that some dishes came out even better than the originals. He successfully modified an Alton Brown chocolate chip cookie recipe by replacing the egg with walnut oil and plant-based milk, he says.

"It made me question my assumptions, but also dive one layer deeper in and always be thinking about, 'What was that animal product doing specifically and why?'" he says.

While his culinary program didn't often explicitly talk about sustainable cooking, he says, elements of this ethos were embedded into the best practices he learned. For instance, when learning about the business side of a restaurant, he was taught to avoid wasting food. If you can figure out how to



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Above: Celery root crème brûlée and the Shasta Daisy cocktail at Twelvemonth. Top: Bob Trahan of Hillsborough is the owner of the new Burlingame restaurant Twelvemonth.

use a whole stalk of broccoli instead of just the top half, you're getting twice as much out of your purchase, Trahan explains." You just paid for that, so you've got to turn it into something. For me it's a really fun challenge, but it's also the future of food."

From culinary school, he went on to work as a chef at AL's Place, a Michelin-starred San Francisco restaurant by chef Aaron London that closed this past August, where he found a mentor in the current Twelvemonth chef, Leo Batoyon.

The whole time, he says, "I was dreaming of having a restaurant someday."

As Trahan made his way through various

kitchens, he'd stay until he felt he wasn't learning as much and then move on to the next project. "I felt like I had to understand every level to run a restaurant successfully," he says.

After AL's Place, he launched a home baking business with a cottage food operation license. As the baking business grew, he began to search in earnest for a potential restaurant location. But it was difficult to find a space, because restaurant spaces are often handed off within the private market, he says. And he was especially interested in bringing an exciting new dining option to Burlingame or San Mateo.



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The Japanese curry at Twelvemonth is made with sweet potato croquettes, winter roots, pickles and koshihikari rice.

“It always felt like this area was a real dry spot. It just didn’t make sense to me ... many of the (restaurants) are fast-casual focused,” he says. “I really wanted to build this physical space that would be amazing, and people would come together and have a good time, make some connections and just build more community.”

On the second day of the pandemic lockdown, Trahan knocked on the door of Steelhead Brewery in Burlingame and was met with someone who said that the brewery was likely to shut down during the pandemic. Seeing if that the space could become available, Trahan tracked down a series of phone numbers from the San Mateo County Assessor’s Office and just kept calling. Eventually, he was able to get in touch with the family that had controlled the property for decades and he successfully made his pitch.

Getting the owners on board was only the beginning. From there, he dealt with a series of pandemic-related construction setbacks while working to bring his vision to fruition. Contractors would catch COVID-19 and work would stop for days at a time; wood prices went through the roof — a problem while he was selecting which wood to place on the ceiling; and supply-chain delays slowed the process and led to considerable cost overruns, he says.

“It’s a beautiful result...(but) this is as ugly as construction gets,” he says.

Twelvemonth is now in its soft opening, offering an array of plant-based dishes intended to be shared, from the mushroom chawanmushi (a steamed custard) and celery root crème brûlée to larger dishes like the “paella,” made with roasted brassicas, broccoli aioli, bravas sauce and pickled mushroom seeds, or the tagliatelle with black pepper miso, the restaurant’s take on the traditional Italian cacio e pepe dish. One of the byproducts of

the miso is tamari, which the restaurant hopes to use to serve a smaller number of visitors through the chef’s tasting menu when it debuts.

To drink, there are a number of beer and cider options on draft, a selection of wines and several mocktails and cocktails. The 1908 cocktail is made with golden raisin bourbon, vermouth torino, amaro, pear liqueur and orange bitters, while the zero-proof Cara Cara Creamsicle has cara cara orange juice, vanilla bean, lemon stock and effervesces.

Desserts include malasadas, fried cookie dough, brownie batter, coconut rice pudding and soft serve.

Trahan isn’t done developing the space: Coming next are a bakery, private event options and tasting menus.

The restaurant is actually made up of two adjoining spaces, and one is going to become an in-house bakery called Bakehouse, which will begin to serve baked goods in the morning sometime in the second quarter of the year.

The bakery will also offer a barista station for coffee drinks alongside goods from the restaurant, including the house-made black peppercorn miso and other sauces, dressings and condiments,

plus dry pasta.

In the next couple of months, the restaurant also plans to begin to offer private events with a prix fixe menu.

And in the third quarter of the year, the restaurant aims to debut an eight-course chef’s tasting menu showcasing the restaurant’s “vegetable-first creativity,” Trahan says.

He advises people who are skeptical about plant-based eating to first try out the bar menu, and if they like that, they can come back to experience the a la carte menu or the tasting menu.

“We’re hopeful that you’ll be able to get a morning coffee and a pastry, and then maybe a happy hour beer and slider, and you can come into the restaurant proper and sit down at our chef’s counter for an eight-course meal. So we really have a variety of experiences all under one roof,” he says.

Twelvemonth, 330 Lorton Ave., Burlingame; 650-443-7111, Instagram: @twelvemonthburlingame. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 5-10 p.m. ■

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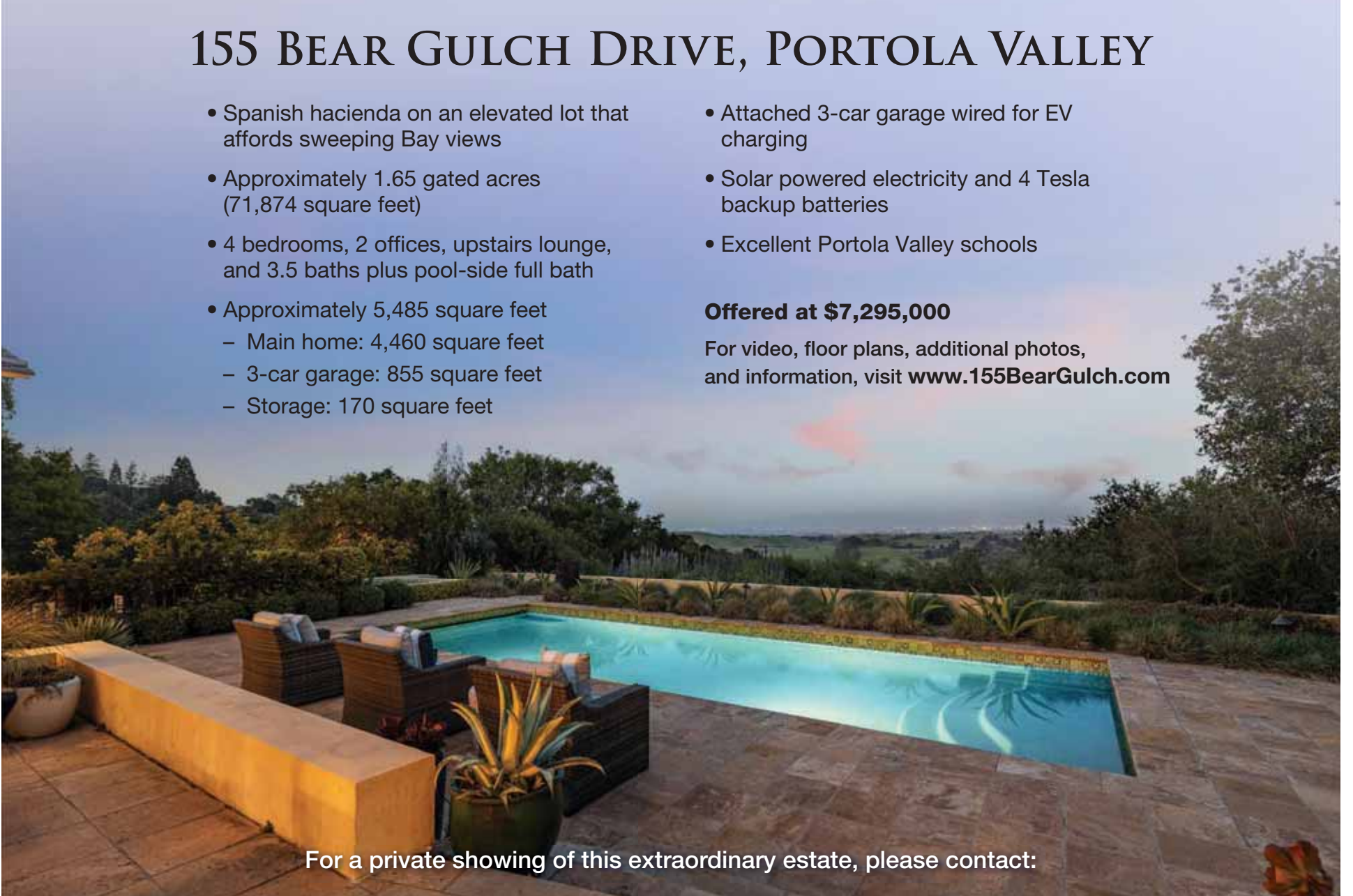
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