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Kaiser to pay \$49 million after investigators find environmental, patient privacy violations

State's largest health care provider allegedly illegally disposed of body fluids and parts

By Sue Dremann

Kaiser, California's largest healthcare provider, has agreed to a \$49 million settlement with the state Attorney General's Office and six district attorneys, including in San Mateo County, for illegally dumping hazardous waste, medical waste, and the protected health information of more than 7,000 patients at Kaiser facilities statewide, Attorney General Rob Bonta announced on Friday, Sept. 8.

The improperly dumped items posed a serious risk to anyone who might come into contact with them, Bonta said.

Undercover inspections between 2015 and 2017 were initiated by district attorney's offices in Alameda, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo and Yolo counties. The California Department of

Justice joined the district attorneys and expanded the investigation of Kaiser's disposal practices further throughout the state. The lawsuit, which was filed in San Joaquin County Superior Court, named Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals as defendants.

Kaiser failed to properly characterize waste generated at its facilities, did not properly contain and label waste, use registered transporters, prepare required shipping and tracking documentation, train employees and shred or destroy papers with protected health information, Bonta said.

The investigators monitored dumpsters from 16 Kaiser facilities, including in San Mateo County. They found large quantities of improperly discarded



Kaiser Redwood City's Marshall Street building.

Courtesy Kaiser Permanente

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Australian race car driver charged in fatal crash is out on bail

Court grants prosecutor's request for Luke Nardini to surrender passport, remain in San Mateo County until trial

By Andrea Gemmet

The Australian race car driver charged with vehicular manslaughter for a fatal crash on state Highway 84 in San Mateo County made bail and was released from county jail on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Luke Nardini, 31, faces two misdemeanor manslaughter charges for the head-on collision on Sept. 1 on Highway 84 in La Honda, east of Peek-A-Boo Lane. He was being held in jail with bail set at \$20,000.

At a hearing in Redwood City Misdemeanor Court on Monday, Sept. 11, Commissioner Sarah P. Burdick granted two conditions

on Nardini's bail requested by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office: He will have to surrender his passport and he must remain in San Mateo County, but will be allowed to travel to the office of his attorney, John Noonan, in the East Bay city of Dublin.

Nardini was released from jail on Sept. 12, according to Christine Kuchac-Noonan, a legal analyst in Noonan's office. She said she could not comment further on Nardini's case at this time.

The California Highway Patrol said a Ford Taurus was traveling west on a blind curve on the two-lane highway when it collided with an eastbound BMW

driven by Nardini, killing the two backseat passengers in the Taurus, 80-year-old La Honda residents Jack Davis and Linda Davis.

According to prosecutors, Nardini, who had been visiting California, was traveling at about 55-60 mph in the wrong lane because he is accustomed to driving on the left side of the road in Australia. Spotting the oncoming BMW about 10 feet away, the Taurus driver tried to evade the crash but was struck head-on.

The driver and front-seat passenger in the Taurus were taken to a hospital, and Nardini was treated for a back injury.

Nardini is a Formula 500 race car driver from the West

Australia town of Narrogin, according to The Guardian and multiple Australian media reports. His mother Cheryl Nardini said in a Facebook post that the family and Luke are "devastated" that two people died. She and son Jamie visited Luke in jail last Wednesday, Sept. 6, and he "expressed again how sorry he is about what has happened and the pain he has caused," her post said.

According to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, Nardini was driving east on the highway when there was a closure of the eastbound lane so he moved into the westbound lane and apparently forgot to move back to

the right side of the road.

There is more than one area of Highway 84 that has been impacted by lane closures recently, as well as some local debate over that detail in the official account of the accident. Lorrain Rucker, a local resident who drives through the area every day, told this news organization that the closed lane is on the westbound side of the highway, not the eastbound side, as was reported by the District Attorney's office.

A pre-trial hearing is set for Oct. 11, and the trial is set to start on Nov. 17, prosecutors said. ■

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

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Michelle Le

Over objections from Solo Aquatics, Team Sheeper secured a new, five-year contract to run Menlo Park's public swimming pools.

Team Sheeper wins contract to operate Menlo Park's city swimming pools for next five years

By Cameron Rebosio

Menlo Park City Council approved a contract with Team Sheeper to continue operating Burgess Pool and take over operations at the new Menlo Park Community Center pools, after making a change at the request of competing bidder Solo Aquatics, at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Last year's negotiations between Tim Sheeper, CEO of Team Sheeper, and city officials grew contentious, but ultimately resulted in a one-year contract deal in Aug. 2022. Insufficient access to the public pools at Burgess Park was a hot-button topic, with Solo Aquatics and others complaining to city officials about Team Sheeper's management. Solo Aquatics is a nonprofit

swim club that subcontracts space at Burgess Pool.

To continue negotiations, the contract was extended for 30 days to Sept. 31.

Solo Aquatic put in its own bid to operate the city's swimming facilities, both this year and last, but lost out to Team Sheeper both times. A contingent of 15 adults and children

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Menlo Park BevMo! closes after state suspends its liquor license

Store cited on three occasions following underage decoy operations

By Cameron Rebosio

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has barred BevMo! in Menlo Park from selling alcohol for 65 days after selling alcohol to minors on three occasions.

The Menlo Park Police Department conducted a series of Minor Decoy Operations thanks to three one-year grants which were used in conjunction with the

ABC. Underage decoys were sent into Menlo Park businesses to buy alcohol, and businesses that sold to them received citations.

ABC agents posted a 65-day license suspension at BevMo!, located at 700 El Camino Real near Burgess Park, which cannot sell alcohol until Nov. 11. The store's alcohol license will be on probationary status for the next three years, according to a Sept. 7 press release from Menlo Park police. If another violation

occurs, its liquor license could be fully revoked.

On Friday morning, Sept. 8, the Menlo Park BevMo! was closed. Several would-be customers approached the door, read the large sign posted there, and turned away disappointed. Store representative could not immediately be reached for comment. ■

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Nanci Kauffman resigns as head of Castilleja School

The veteran educator became the face of the school's effort to modernize its campus

By Gennady Sheyner

Nanci Kauffman resigned as head of Castilleja School, concluding a 13-year term that was in many ways defined by the school's contentious plan to redevelop its Bryant Street campus.

Kauffman announced her departure in a Sept. 7 letter to the school community.

"Throughout my career as an educator, I have always embraced the unique opportunity for new beginnings that come with the start of the school year. This fall, as I looked toward the paths that lie ahead for Castilleja, I realized it was time to step down and make room for new perspectives," Kauffman wrote. "At this pivotal moment for Castilleja, with so many exciting adventures on the horizon, it is time for new leadership."

A resident of Old Palo Alto, she joined the school as a sixth-grade history teacher in 1999 and ultimately ascended to the top leadership position in the fall of 2010. She referred to Castilleja in the letter as her "element," a word she defined as a "place of joy where your talents meet your passions and where you live your most productive and fulfilling life."

Kauffman could not be reached for comment at the time of filing this report.

Kathy Layendecker, who has served as associate head of school for the past six years and as chief financial and operating officer since 2014, will serve as its acting head, the Board of Directors announced. She will work with the recently retained executive advisor Kathleen O'Neill Jamieson and a soon-to-be assembled Faculty Advisory Council comprising education experts to find an interim head of school, according to a joint statement from board Chair Zac Zeitlin and Vice Chair Odette Harris. That person would lead the school while it conducts a national search for a permanent head.

Zeitlin and Harris credited Kauffman for her role in educating over 1,500 young women who went through Castilleja during her 24 years at the school.

"Rooted in her belief in the power of women's education, Nanci has led with care and compassion through some of the most pivotal academic and social advances in school history," the statement reads. "During Nanci's tenure, Castilleja has built a reputation for pioneering work in innovation and equity with concepts such as the Bourn Idea Lab and the ACE Center. The school has further strengthened its position as a nationally recognized leader in education."

An education veteran, Kauffman began her career in 1979 as a teacher at Marymount School, a girl's school in New York City. She subsequently served as a history teacher, a tennis coach and dean of faculty, among other positions. But in the latter half of her term as head of Castilleja, she increasingly — and unexpectedly — found herself in a new role: as the public face of one of the community's most contentious and polarizing development projects.

The Castilleja project, which went through six years of debate and multiple revisions before winning approval in June 2022, involves rebuilding most of the academic buildings and constructing an underground garage. It also calls for gradually increasing the school's student enrollment — a touchy topic, since 2013; that's when the city learned that the school had been violating its enrollment limit for over a dozen years and ordered it to pay a \$300,000 fine and to gradually reduce its student population from 448 to the allowed limit of 415.

While the violations began well before Kauffman took over as head of school, they overshadowed Castilleja's modernization plans and severely damaged the

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CRIME BRIEFS

Police chase ends with three arrests in East Palo Alto

Three men were arrested in East Palo Alto in connection with a shooting that injured two people in San Jose last week, according to police.

Officers found two injured men in the 100 block of West Alma Avenue after gunshots were reported about 1:12 a.m. on Sept. 6. They were hospitalized with injuries that were not considered life-threatening, San Jose police said.

Officers spotted a dark-colored sedan that had reportedly fled the scene and tried to pull it over. The car didn't stop and while police were in pursuit, the suspects allegedly tossed two guns from the vehicle. The weapons, which included a ghost gun, were recovered by police.

The chase ended in East Palo Alto, where two of the suspects were immediately arrested. A third man barricaded himself inside a home but was taken into custody a short time later, police said.

Search warrants were obtained for the barricaded suspect's residence and for another suspect's home in East Palo Alto. During a search, police reportedly found ammunition and contraband that added additional criminal charges to the three suspects.

The suspects are Fernando Landeros-Noriega, 41, of San Jose, Carlos Garcia-Hernandez, 32, of East Palo Alto and Jesus Arreola-Rodriguez, 24, of East Palo Alto. The trio were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail on suspicion of crimes that include two counts of attempted murder, weapons violations, and reckless felony evading.

San Jose Police Chief Anthony Mata said that officers' "quick response, and subsequent arrest, very likely saved lives and prevented these suspects from hurting anyone else."

Anyone with information about this or similar cases is asked to contact Detective Gaarde #4560 at the San Jose Police Assaults Unit via email at 4560@sanjoseca.gov or 408-277-4161.

—Bay City News Service

Two arrested in armed robbery in parking lot outside Alice's restaurant

Deputies arrested two armed robbery suspects who targeted a victim outside Alice's Restaurant in Woodside on Thursday night, Sept. 7, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office announced.

Around 11:05 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the restaurant after receiving reports of an armed robbery in the parking lot.

"The suspect brandished a knife and stole the victim's gold chains, valued at \$15,000," the Sheriff's Office said in a statement. "The victim, a 50-year-old Redwood City resident, sustained a minor injury and was treated at the scene."

Two suspects were seen fleeing the scene westbound on Woodside Road, according to the Sheriff's Office. They were

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SamTrans votes in new board member

Last week, the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors voted in Brooks Esser to be the newest public member to serve on the board.

Esser's first official board meeting will be Oct. 4. He was chosen from among the 13 people who were interviewed for the seat, which represents all of San Mateo County.

Esser also serves as chairman of the North Fair Oaks Community Council in unincorporated San Mateo County. He will be one of nine directors responsible for setting policy for the transit district, which operates the SamTrans bus service.

—Almanac staff

West Nile virus found in Palo Alto, Mountain View

Mosquitos infected with West Nile Virus (WNV) have been found in parts of Mountain View and Palo Alto, according to a recent Santa Clara County advisory statement.

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District planned to use a spray treatment to target the affected areas on Sept. 14, starting at 10 p.m.

"Any delay in the application would present an imminent threat to public health and safety, exposing the public to potential

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Aging expert and local physician Dr. Walter Bortz II dies at 93

By Malea Martin

Dr. Walter Bortz II didn't quite make it to 100 years old, but his life's work was to help countless others get as close to that milestone as they could.

"His books had a huge effect on people. So many people would say to him, or even to me, that what he's done has changed their lives," said Jeanne Kennedy, Bortz's partner since 2017. "That was a wonderful thing to have."

Bortz died in his Portola Valley home on Aug. 5 after a period of declining health, Kennedy told this news organization. He was 93 years old.

Best known for his research



Dr. Walter Bortz II

and published works on aging and living longer, Bortz worked as a physician at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for decades, where he specialized in geriatrics. His books include "Dare to be 100," "We Live Too Short and Die Too Long" and "Living Longer for Dummies," which explore how physical exercise

and other controllable factors contribute to human aging.

He also wrote 150 scientific articles for acclaimed research publications like JAMA, and articles for publications like The New York Times and The Washington Post, to name just a few.

"My mantra is '100 healthy years,'" Bortz told the Palo Alto Weekly in a 2018 interview. "Our birthright, our warranty is 100 healthy years if we don't screw it up."

Despite his best efforts, Bortz didn't achieve the centenarian milestone he hoped for — as is always the case with health, there are some things that one can't control, no matter how hard they try.

His partner Kennedy said that as he got older, Bortz had to give up running, one of his favorite ways to exercise, due to a neurological issue in his legs. Bortz ran 45 marathons over the course of his lifetime before his health forced him to hang up his running shoes.

"He never wanted a long death, but that's really what he had," Kennedy said. "On the other hand, he never talked about it, he never railed against it. He wasn't depressed by it. He just continued to live as much as he could, and as well as he could, as long as he could."

In addition to his community involvement through his years at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Bortz was known

for his work as a clinical professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

"He was very proud of working up from being an assistant professor, to an associate professor, to a full professor of clinical medicine," Kennedy said. "That meant a lot to him."

In addition to his partner Kennedy, Bortz is survived by his four children, Danna, Gretchen, Edward and Walter. He's also survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife Ruth Anne Bortz, who was also an avid long-distance runner, died in 2015. ■

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A key town staffer is leaving Portola Valley later this month

Planning Director Laura Russell earned praise at a recent meeting for her work on the town's housing element

By Malea Martin

As Portola Valley continues to struggle with getting a compliant housing element approved by Sacramento, another key member of the town's staff has announced their resignation.

Planning Director Laura Russell, who joined the town staff in 2018, announced at a Sept. 6 Portola Valley Planning Commission meeting that it would be her last one. Russell said her final day in town hall will be Sept. 22.

"Our new town manager, Sharif, is on the case," Russell said after announcing her resignation. "He has identified an interim planning and building director, and that is Jon Biggs. More information will be coming out to the community around this,

but he is a highly qualified and very experienced planning and building director."

Russell said that she and interim director Biggs are currently overlapping in the position to get him up to speed on town issues. Biggs has previously served as the community development director in Los Altos, as well as an interim director for the city of Gilroy.

A number of Portola Valley town staffers have left their posts over the past year, while the town is under pressure to get its housing element certified. The state's latest rejection of the town's draft element in July didn't help morale.

Cities and towns that don't adopt a compliant housing element could face legal repercussions and stiff fines, and lose local control of new development projects, state officials have said.

In Menlo Park, the lack of an approved housing element has opened the city to two developments that skirt the city's density and height regulations, using the builder's remedy loophole. One would replace the former Sunset Magazine headquarters along the San Francisquito Creek with high-rise buildings.

Despite the long path ahead for Portola Valley's housing element, planning commissioners praised Russell for getting the document this far.

"I feel like this housing element is amazing, even if HCD didn't see it exactly that way," said Commissioner Anne Kopf-Sill. "But it could never, never have gotten this far and good without you, Laura Russell."

Commission Chair Jon Goulden agreed, saying he was sorry to see Russell go.

"You've been a terrific asset for the town," Goulden said. "Thank you very much for all you've done."

Members of the public added to the positive remarks, thanking Russell for her work.

"You have been an incredibly level head, calm demeanor, intelligently addressed one of the hardest, most complex problems I've ever witnessed, and you've done it with grace," said resident Betsy Morgenthaler. "We will really miss you, I wish you great luck where you're headed."

Russell said that more information should be coming soon from town staff about the transition.

"Obviously, this is all happening right now, so you can expect additional communication to come from the town manager's office," she said.

Portola Valley's new Town Manager Sharif Etman thanked Russell for her five years of service to the town.

"Her work ethic and integrity speaks for itself, and she always went the extra mile for the benefit of all our residents," Etman said in an emailed statement. "She has created a high standard for planning and building in San Mateo County and we wish her the best as she moves on to her next great adventure." ■

Opioid antidote naloxone now available in drug stores

By Sue Dremann

Naloxone, a nasal spray that can reverse the adverse effects of opioids, became available in drug stores last week.

If administered quickly after an overdose, it can counter the effects of fentanyl toxicity and other opioid narcotics in minutes, according to Walgreens, which along with CVS, Rite Aid and other pharmacies, now advertises the drug for sale.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the over-the-counter sale of naloxone hydrochloride, also

known as Narcan, in March. The FDA also approved a second over-the-counter naloxone-based nasal spray called RiVive on July 28.

Opioids, like fentanyl, have become a nationwide scourge in recent times, with many unsuspecting drug users ingesting adulterated party drugs such as Percocet and cocaine. Fentanyl, which is used in hospital settings to control extreme pain, is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more powerful than morphine, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Nationwide, 14- to 18-year-olds

accounted for 94% of overdose deaths in 2019-2020. In San Mateo County, there were 134 overdoses in 2021, and in Santa Clara County, 373 in 2022. Fatal overdoses from fentanyl, codeine and morphine have recently doubled in Santa Clara County, California Sen. Josh Becker said during a recent fentanyl panel discussion he hosted.

Administered quickly, naloxone acts to reverse the effects of opioid compounds that bind to nervous system receptors and cause respiratory system depression, allowing overdose victims

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

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As COVID-19 cases increase, health officials urge people to get updated vaccine

By Kiley Russel/Bay City News Service

Bay Area and statewide COVID-19 infections rates are up over the past couple of months and health officials are advising people to get the updated vaccines when they become available.

In California, 13.7% of people who took COVID tests reported positive results for the seven-day period ending Sept. 6, just a 0.4 percent increase over the previous week, according to numbers posted on the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) website.

The last time test rates were

that high was back on Aug. 1, 2022, when the seven-day test positivity rate was 14%.

And while the current week-over-week increase is small, case numbers have been steadily growing statewide since the end of June, when HHS reported that 4.3% of tests came back positive for COVID.

At the same time, people appear to be getting less sick when they contract the virus, with the seven-day statewide average of new hospital admissions hitting about 375 on Sept. 1, compared to 519 on Sept. 1, 2022.

“It is encouraging that despite this wave, we are not seeing a proportionate increase in the severity of illness compared with prior surges,” said Dr. Stephen Parodi, an infectious disease specialist and clinical lead for Kaiser Permanente’s coronavirus response.

That trend is mirrored in the Bay Area, where every county has seen an increase in positive COVID tests since June 30.

For example, the seven-day test positivity rate in San Mateo County was 6.7% at the end of June but now stands at 16.3%, a 2.6% increase from the previous week.

Additionally, there were 49 new COVID hospitalizations in the county, a 4.3% increase from the previous week, according to HHS.

Marin County’s seven-day test positivity percentage was 15.1 — a 1% decrease from the previous week and a 5.4 percentage point increase from June 30 — and there were 17 new hospitalizations in the county, a 26.1% decrease from the previous week.

The seven-day positive test percentages for Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Santa Cruz and Napa counties all ranged from about 11% to 14.5%, while the percentages for San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Joaquin counties ranged from just over 8% to 9%.

“We continue to encourage people with symptoms to take precautions, mask, and isolate when possible, in addition to

seeking treatment for COVID-19 as appropriate from their providers,” Parodi said. “We also recommend individuals get the anticipated COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available soon so we can continue to protect against severe illness.”

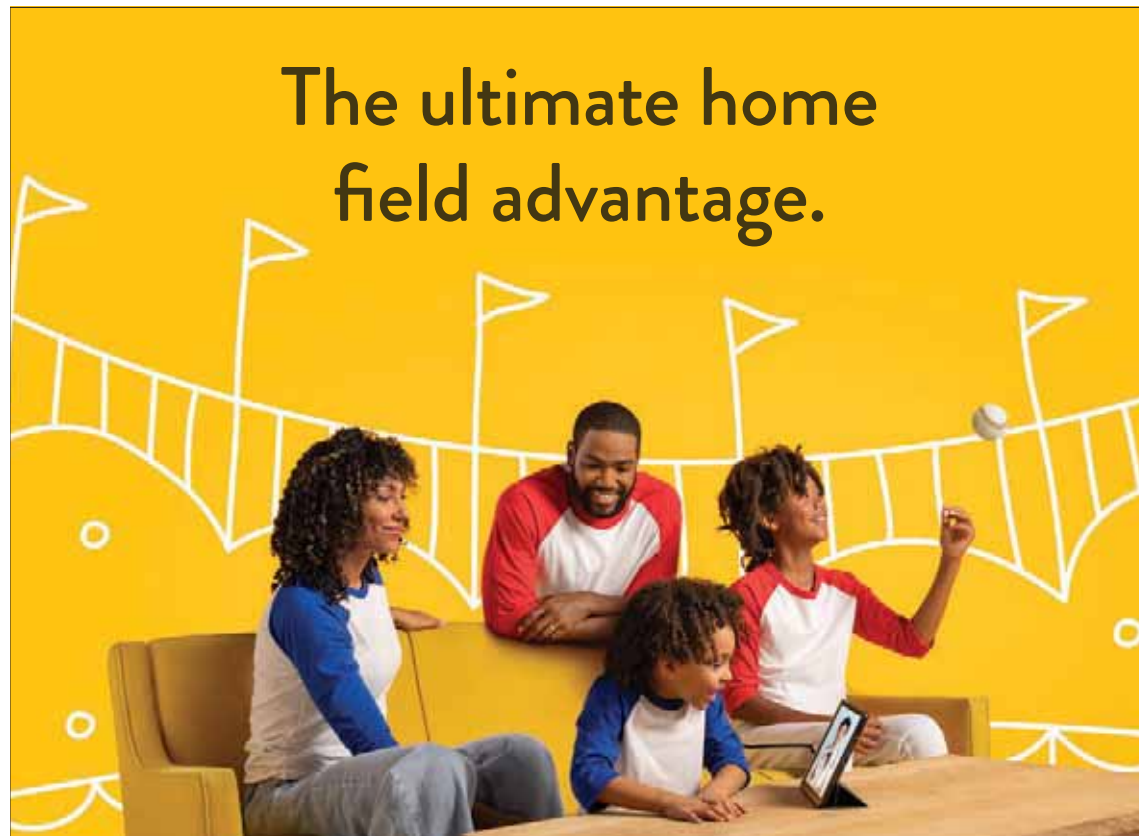
On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that updated vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will be available later this week and the California Department of Public Health said all state residents should avail themselves of the new shots.

State health officials said everyone ages 5 and older should get one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine, as long as it’s been two months or more since their most recent dose.

Recommendations for younger children depend on the number of doses received previously.

“Staying up to date on the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to keep your immunity strong and protect yourself and others from severe illness, hospitalization, and death,” said CDPH director and state public health officer Dr. Tomas Aragon. “As we enter the winter season, it is crucial that all individuals remain up to date with vaccinations when they’re eligible, including flu, COVID-19 and RSV.”

People can schedule a vaccine appointment by visiting [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or contacting their local pharmacy or health care provider. In San Mateo County, residents without health coverage may also contact County Health at 650-573-2877 or email SMCHealth_IZ@smcgov.org to learn how to access flu and COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. ■



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Gov. Newsom signs executive order to study AI use and risks

By Gabe Agcaoili /Bay City News Service

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to study the development, use and risks of artificial intelligence in California and within state government while educating the public about the technology.

Under the executive order signed Wednesday, Sept. 6, state agencies and departments are mandated to analyze potential threats to California’s energy infrastructure through generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), Newsom’s office said.

State agencies will issue general guidelines for the public’s use,

procurement and training on GenAI based on the executive order, which also requires state departments to make a report on uses of GenAI, as well as potential harms and risks for communities, governments and state government workers in California.

According to Newsom’s office, state agencies will train state government workers to use GenAI technology approved by California.

The executive order also pushes for partnerships with University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University to study how California will advance further

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from Solo voiced their concerns about the contract at the council meeting, seeking to be put into the contract so that they cannot be removed without city approval.

“Solo is not only an integral part of the swimming community, but is in fact an integral part of our Menlo Park community, by offering a public service that inspires a passion by young swimmers,” Matthew Pastorino, a swimmer with Solo and a Junior Olympics qualifier.

Several speakers said that Team Sheeper is focused on competitive swimmers and that Solo allows for children to join aquatic sports without pressure.

Sheeper’s original contract from 2006 guaranteed to give Solo Aquatics access to pool lanes, something that has carried over through the years to the current contract that expires this month. In the new five-year contract before the council, there’s no mention of Solo. City staff confirmed at the Sept. 12 meeting that there was no direct outreach to Solo from the city about the omission.

“This (contract) is not ready for prime time,” Mayor Jen Wolosin said. “At least with Solo, given the outreach, or lack thereof.”

Carole Hayworth, CFO of Team Sheeper, said that she was concerned that calling out Solo specifically would be unfair to other pool subcontractors, and that when Solo was written into the first contract, Team Sheeper didn’t have the option to say no.

Council member Drew Combs challenged the idea, saying that Solo was the only subcontractor with a history of being in the contract, giving the organization a reasonable expectation that it would continue.

It is not ideal for the city to enter a contractual relationship with subcontractors, Combs said. The difference in this case is that Solo is mentioned in the current contract with Team Sheeper.

“So what I am uncomfortable with is that we knew that, removed the party, and didn’t really engage them,” he said.

Council members asked for some revisions to the contract, since did not have access the finalized version until the staff report came out for the meeting came out, according to Council member Betsy Nash.

One previous sticking point between the city and Team Sheeper has been the length of the contract. Last summer, Team Sheeper sought a five-year contract, which the city refused, offering just a one-year agreement.

This summer’s deal offered a five-year contract for both the swimming facilities at Burgess Park and the under-construction Menlo Park Community Center (MPCC). Nash, a member of the council subcommittee negotiating with Team Sheeper, suggested a three-year contract with a performance-based option to renew for another year. Nash called the three-year end date a “check-in point” to see how Team Sheeper was faring with the new MPCC pools.

As contract length was a sticking point in the past, Wolosin, Combs and Council member Maria Doerr all said that they preferred to stick with the five-year contract.

The council also requested that Live Scan fingerprinting and background checks be performed on all employees or contractors who might interact with minors, and that Team Sheeper collect information on who is using its services, with an eye toward furthering equity and collecting data about how many pool users are Menlo Park residents.

The council approved the contract with the proposed revisions in a 3-2 vote, with Nash and Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor opposed. ■

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AI STUDY

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as the world’s AI leader. The directive also encourages the state’s engagement with legislative partners and key stakeholders to develop policies on AI deployment.

“This is a potentially transformative technology — comparable to the advent of the internet — and we’re only scratching the surface of understanding what GenAI is capable of. We recognize both the potential benefits and risks these tools enable. We’re neither frozen by the fears nor hypnotized by the upside. We’re taking a clear-eyed, humble approach to this world-changing technology,” Newsom said in a statement.

State Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, welcomed the governor’s executive order, saying California’s leadership is “critically important” for responsible AI use.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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vector-borne injury, or even death,” the district said, adding that since 2003, when WNV was first detected in California, more than 7,000 people have contracted the disease from mosquitoes, with 400 fatal cases.

Typically, the district focuses on early prevention efforts that targets the immature stages of mosquitoes found in standing water. But the presence of WNV has prompted the district to ramp up its control treatments and go after adult mosquitoes to reduce the risk of transmission to humans, according to the statement.

—Emily Margaretten

Menlo Park Public Works open house on Sept. 16

Menlo Park’s Public Works Department is hosting an open house on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees can meet the public works team, take a tree walk with the city arborist, go to a petting zoo, and view public works equipment and tree carving.

The open house will also have

“I look forward to working with the governor to ensure California leads the nation — and the world — on leveraging the benefits of AI while putting in strong safeguards that protect our rights,” Dodd said in a statement.

The California Legislature in August adopted an artificial intelligence-drafted resolution authored by Dodd, expressing the state’s pledge to examine and implement regulations on AI use. It was the first AI-drafted resolution in the U.S., Dodd’s office said.

President Joe Biden discussed the future of AI technology with California Gov. Gavin Newsom and a collective of tech leaders from the Silicon Valley during his visit to the Bay Area in June.

The president pledged to implement safeguards to ensure there are no threats to national security or the economy before AI tools become public. ■

local food trucks and locally sourced and handmade raffle prizes. The event will take place at the city of Menlo Park’s Corporation Yard at 333 Burgess Dr.

All Aboard, Peninsula celebrates electric trains in Menlo Park

All Aboard, Peninsula, an event to showcase electric trains, is coming to Menlo Park on Sept. 23. Attendees will ride Caltrain from Menlo Park to San Francisco, where they can tour Caltrain’s new electric trains.

The event begins at 10 a.m. in Menlo Park with a train-themed story time on the lawn of the Menlo Park Library, where attendees pick up passports and activity booklets. The train leaves at 10:30 a.m. and will take attendees to San Mateo where they’ll complete a scavenger hunt, before hopping on the 12:15 train to San Francisco where they can tour Caltrain’s new electric fleet.

The event is free, but attendees will need to purchase Caltrain tickets to ride the train.

—Cameron Rebosio

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to breathe normally. It usually takes about two to five minutes to work, and the effects last 30 to 90 minutes, but more than one dose might be required. The drug isn’t dangerous if given to someone who isn’t overdosing on an opioid. It doesn’t act on other kinds of drug overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Walgreens has partnered with End Overdose, a nonprofit educational organization, to create

an educational video on how to administer naloxone.

Naloxone is not a substitute for medical care, however. After administering the first dose, call 911 and seek help immediately if someone shows symptoms of an opioid overdose, including unusual sleepiness/inability to wake up, slow/absent breathing, slow heartbeat, low blood pressure, cold or clammy skin, tiny pupils and blue nails and lips, according to Walgreens. ■

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ACTIVE LISTING
Aug: 64 (↑16%)
July: 55

PENDING LISTING
Aug: 26 (↓10%)
July: 29

SOLD LISTING
Aug: 27 (↑23%)
July: 22

AVERAGE SALES PRICE
Aug: \$3,234,074 (↓11%)
July: \$3,651,852

AVERAGE SALES PRICE/SQ FT
Aug: \$1,479 (↑8%)
July: \$1,368

AVERAGE SOLD DAYS ON MARKET
Aug: 31 (↓9%)
July: 34

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Aug: 2.40 (↓4%)
July: 2.50

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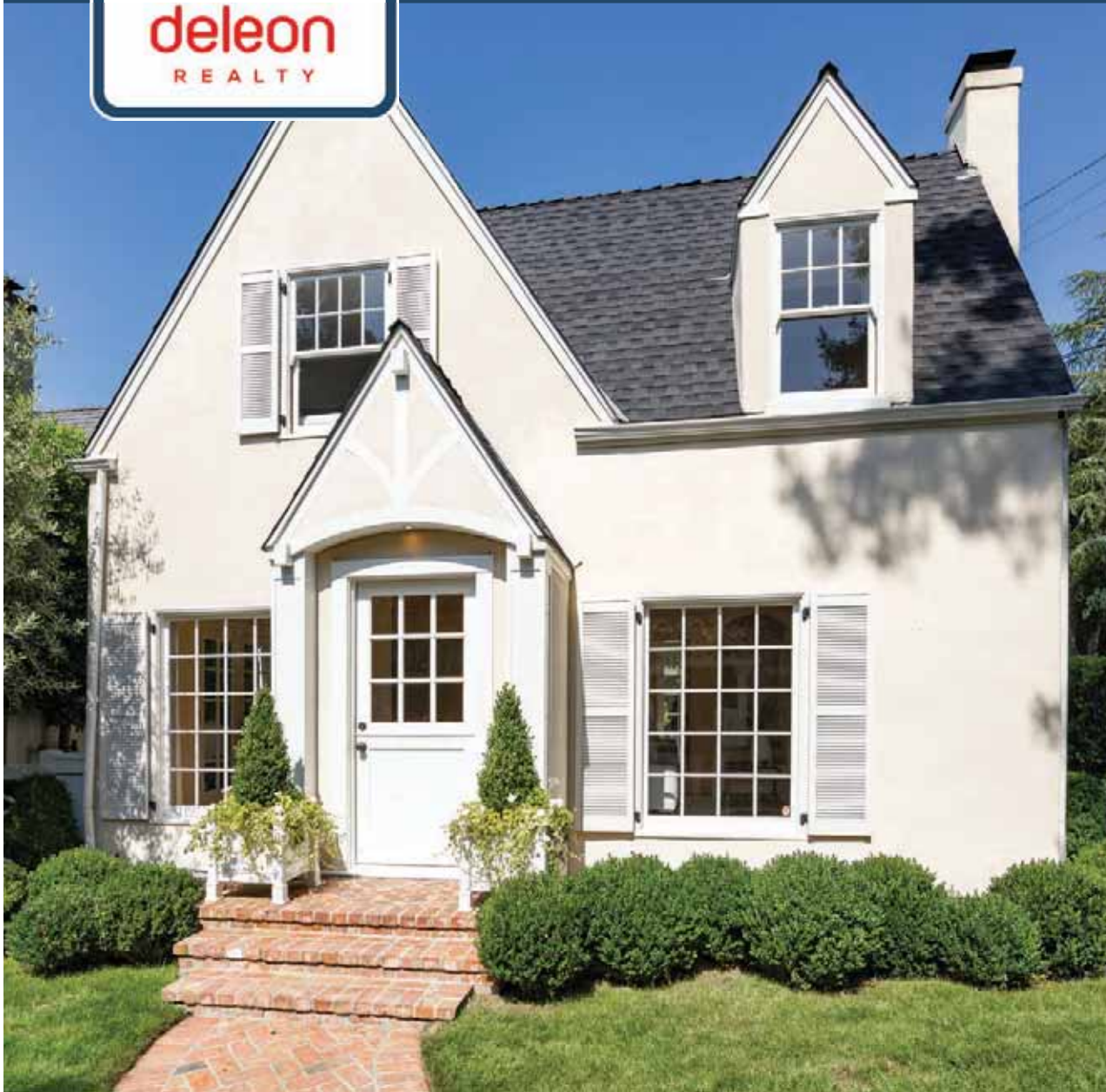
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medical waste, bodily fluids, body parts, syringes, medical tubing, pharmaceuticals, and hazardous items, such as aerosols, cleaning products and batteries. More than 10,000 paper records containing the information of at least 7,700 patients were also found, Bonta said. The dumpsters were destined for

municipal landfills rather than hazardous waste disposal sites.

“Nurses, physicians and patients could inadvertently touch blood or bodily fluids containing dangerous pathogens. Custodians and sanitation workers could be stuck by a needle. An aerosol can that wasn’t fully empty could explode and start a fire in a trash bin or in the back of a garbage truck making its way through neighborhood streets,” Bonta said.

“The hazardous items found in Kaiser’s dumpsters also posed serious risks to our environment, especially if they’re dumped in a landfill that’s not built to contain hazardous waste or that has a damaged lining. Batteries containing toxic, corrosive chemicals could leach into the surrounding environment and pollute the soil and groundwater. Prescription medications could leach into the water table and affect our drinking water.”

He added that hazardous chemicals could start a fire that pollutes the air and harms the local ecosystem. “It also shouldn’t be overlooked that the communities too often who live near landfills and transfer stations are disproportionately lower income and people of color,” Bonta said.

In addition to the hazardous materials, Bonta also took aim at Kaiser’s alleged careless disposal of patient records, which included information about surgeries and procedures that would not have been casually discarded by a patient.

“This is a huge violation of patients’ privacy that also puts them at risk for medical identity theft. All the items I mentioned should have been disposed of in a secure, cautious and specifically regulated way. They were not. They should not have been tossed in an easily accessible trash can or dumpster, or dumped in a public landfill,” he said.

As a healthcare provider, Kaiser should know that it has specific legal obligations to properly dispose of medical waste and safeguard patients’ medical information, Bonta said.

Kaiser Permanente said in a statement that it takes the disposal of materials and patient privacy seriously.

“About six years ago we became aware of occasions when, contrary to our rigorous policies and procedures, some facilities’ landfill-bound dumpsters included items that should have been disposed of differently. Upon learning of this issue, we immediately completed an extensive auditing effort of the waste stream at our facilities and established mandatory and ongoing training to address the findings. All Kaiser Permanente staff and physicians in California take this required annual training. We also introduced specialized equipment, instructions, and receptacles placed closest to where waste is generated to ensure all types of waste are disposed of properly, and we introduced more environmentally friendly products to enhance our long-standing environmental compliance measures,” Kaiser said.

“We are not aware of body parts being found at any time during this investigation. There were isolated examples of what appeared to be small amounts of tissue,” the health care provider added.

Kaiser has developed a three-step approach to remedy the issues that includes: facilities assessments to identify the types of waste generated and to provide the correct receptacles

for staff and physicians; include rounds to observe disposal techniques and “just in time” training to ensure compliance with proper practices; and annual training for every employee and physician in California on proper waste disposal.

“We take this matter extremely seriously and have taken full responsibility to acknowledge and, in cooperation with the California Attorney General and county district attorneys, correct our performance regarding landfill-bound trash where it may have fallen short of our standards. We dedicated many hours to identifying and closing gaps to strengthen our regulated waste disposal program and are confident in our ability not only to meet the monitoring and reporting requirements of this settlement, but to comply with the numerous requirements that apply to the different kinds of waste that result from caring for millions of Californians,” Kaiser said.

Kaiser hired a third-party consultant and conducted more than 1,100 trash audits at its facilities in an effort to improve compliance after being notified of a joint law enforcement investigation. Kaiser also modified its operating procedures to improve its handling, storage and disposal of waste, Bonta said.

“I am pleased that Kaiser has been cooperative with my office and the district attorneys’ offices, and that it took immediate action to address the alleged violations,” he added.

Bonta was joined during the press conference by San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney Ken Mifsud and District Attorneys Pamela Price of Alameda, Brooke Jenkins of San Francisco, and Ron Freitas of San Joaquin counties.

“As the largest healthcare provider in the state, Kaiser has an extraordinary responsibility to the public and to its own patients to ensure that hazardous waste, potentially infectious human waste materials, and highly sensitive patient health information are handled according to state laws and not sent to municipal landfills not equipped to handle those wastes. Our Environmental Unit continues to work with San Mateo County environmental regulators and colleagues across the state to investigate and prosecute entities that break the law and endanger the environment,” San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen M. Wagstaffe said in a statement.

As part of the settlement, Kaiser will pay \$47.2 million, which includes \$37.5 million in civil penalties; \$4.8 million in attorneys’ fees and costs; and

\$4,905,000 for supplemental environmental projects, primarily environmental prosecutor training. Kaiser would pay an additional \$1.75 million in civil penalties if, within five years of the entry of the final judgment, Kaiser has not spent \$3.5 million at its California facilities to implement enhanced measures to ensure compliance with relevant provisions of the law that are alleged to have been violated.

The health care provider must retain an independent third-party auditor — approved by the Attorney General’s Office and the district attorneys — who will perform no less than 520 trash-compactor audits at Kaiser’s California facilities to help ensure that regulated waste, including items containing protected health information, are not unlawfully disposed of; and conduct at least 40 field audits each year for five years to evaluate Kaiser’s compliance with hazardous waste, medical waste and protected health information laws.

Kaiser’s unlawful disposals are alleged to violate California’s Hazardous Waste Control Law, Medical Waste Management Act, Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, Customer Records Law, and Unfair Competition Law. The disposals are also alleged to violate the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, known as HIPAA.

The current action was not the first against Kaiser. The California Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Kaiser in 2014 after it delayed notifying its employees about an unencrypted USB drive that was discovered at a Santa Cruz thrift store. The drive contained more than 20,000 employee records. Kaiser paid \$150,000 in penalties and attorneys’ fees, and agreed to comply with California’s data breach notification law in the future, provide notification of any future breach on a rolling basis, and add additional training regarding the sensitive nature of employee records.

Kaiser has also been the subject of prior enforcement actions by local prosecutors for mismanagement of regulated wastes.

Kaiser, which is headquartered in Oakland, is the state’s largest health care provider, with more than 700 facilities statewide and serving approximately 8.8 million Californians in addition to members of the public seeking emergency care from Kaiser facilities. ■

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A lifelong peninsula resident, he grew up and raised his family in Menlo Park and Portola Valley. As a young man, he was known among friends for his athleticism, as he was a state champion wrestler, and played semi-professional football in later

years with an offer to participate in the San Diego Chargers training camp before injury changed his path. He worked in the sporting goods industry for his entire career and was particularly proud of his accomplishments in the football and boxing industries with Tuf-Wear Inc. and Dial-a-Down. He built strong ties with the NFL, NCAA, as well as the US Olympic Boxing team. He was also proud to have served as varsity softball coach at Menlo-Atherton HS in the late 1980’s for his daughter Nicole’s team.

He was a dedicated husband of 37 years to the late Donna (Skrabo), the love of his life from the time they met as teenagers. He was the adored father of Nicole Hughes, Nino Gaetano, and John-Nick Gaetano. His pride and joy were his seven grandchildren; Carter (23) and Taylor (16) Hughes; Leo (13) and DonnaBella (17) Gaetano; and Grace (12), Eleanor (10), and Lucas (6) Gaetano. His legacy also lives on through his brother and sister in law Paul and Donna Gaetano, and their children Lia and Nick Gaetano.

John’s journey in life may have come to an end, but the impact he had on those who knew him will remain etched in their hearts forever. His kindness, wisdom, and love will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. 243 Highland Terrace VARI2023-0001
Kyle Tran, Kreative Touch Design Development Planner: Melanie Olson, Associate Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to construct a new Accessory Dwelling Unit located as close as 4 feet to the side and rear property lines as permitted by State law. The project requires approval of a Variance for the building to have a rear plate height exceeding the 11-foot plate height maximum required for accessory structures (VARI2023-0001). The overall height at the rear of the building would be approximately 15 feet tall, with the highest point of the structure being 16 feet tall, Both points are under the maximum allowed overall height of 17 feet.

The project is Categorically Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15303(a), which includes a second dwelling unit in a residential zone.

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located a short while later in the vicinity of Highway 1 and Highway 92.

“At the time they were found, the suspects were driving a vehicle that had been reported stolen by the California Highway Patrol in Hayward,” according to the statement. “The suspects surrendered and were taken into custody without incident, and the victim was reunited with his stolen property.”

The suspects, a 23-year-old and 37-year-old from East Palo Alto, were booked into the San Mateo County Jail on five felony charges including armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

—*Malea Martin*

Brushfire near Page Mill Road and Highway 35

Firefighters battled a brush fire on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space land Tuesday, according to an alert from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire).

The blaze, which was started by a non-injury vehicle accident and spread into Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

lands, was called in at about 3:49 p.m. Sept. 12 and spread to about a quarter-acre, according to Cal Fire. No structures were threatened and no injuries were reported.

The fire was spreading north at a slow rate in the location of Skyline Boulevard and Page Mill Road in an area east of Skyline, said Ethan Petersen, San Mateo County Fire and Cal Fire battalion chief. Rangers evacuated and closed Russian Ridge Preserve out of an abundance of caution. Cal Fire asked that people avoid the area until it was declared safe.

Petersen said the fire was on steep terrain and was wind-driven.

Responding agencies included San Mateo County Fire, Palo Alto Fire Cal Fire CZU, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space, Kings Mountain Fire, Woodside Fire, La Honda Fire and CHP Redwood City. A helicopter water drop was used to douse the head of the fire, according to dispatch reports.

At 4:30 p.m., the Palo Alto Fire Department set up a staging area at Alpine Road, and the fire’s progression was stopped at 4:39 p.m. By Tuesday evening, crews were in the mop-up stage, Cal Fire said.

—*Sue Dremann*

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**WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 23-01**

At its regular meeting on September 26, 2023, the Woodside Fire Protection District Board of Directors intends to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FINES, DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-01

The Ordinance is also identified as Ordinance 23-01.

SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE: In November 2022, the Board of Directors approved Ordinance 22-01, which provided a detailed process for the issuing of administrative citations. Ordinance 23-01 proposes an updated procedure, which primarily makes the following substantive revisions to Ordinance 22-01.

- Ordinance 23-01 expands the amounts of administrative fines that can be imposed, consistent with legal limits. The Ordinance allows for an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 per violation when the violation qualifies as a misdemeanor. That is also consistent with the recently adopted Fire Code Ordinance, which says that violators shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.
- Ordinance 23-01 clarifies by ordinance, the lawful authority of the Fire Code Official to, in addition to issuing administrative citations:
 - Be authorized to issue written orders to correct or eliminate a fire hazard or life hazard, in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 13870.
 - Be further authorized to issue criminal citations for the misdemeanors specified in Health & Safety Code section 13871, in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 13872.

CEQA DETERMINATION: The Board of Directors intends to adopt findings that Ordinance 23-01 is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in the ordinance.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT http://www.woodsidefire.org/documents/Administrative_Citation_Ordinance_Ordinance_23-01_-_Final.pdf AND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE FULL AND COMPLETE TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OFFICE, 808 PORTOLA ROAD, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028.

Run Date: September 15, 2023

**WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 23-02**

At its regular meeting on September 26, 2023, the Woodside Fire Protection District Board of Directors intends to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA DECLARING CERTAIN VEGETATION AND WASTE MATTER A PUBLIC NUISANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT AND/OR REMOVAL THEREOF, AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

The Ordinance is also identified as Ordinance 23-02.

SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE: Ordinance 23-02 declares that Hazardous Vegetation, as defined in the Ordinance, is a seasonal and recurring public nuisance and shall be abated to the satisfaction of the Fire Code Official. The Fire Code Official is defined as the Fire Chief or his or her duly authorized representative.

Ordinance 23-02 also declares that Combustible Rubbish, as defined in the Ordinance, is a public nuisance and shall be abated to the satisfaction of the Fire Code Official.

Ordinance 23-02 authorizes the Fire Code Official to abate such nuisances and establishes a procedure for the abatement of such nuisances. It provides for an appeal procedure relating to the abatement of such nuisances.

Ordinance 23-02 also provides a procedure for the recovery of the costs of such abatements, including the placement of the costs for abating the nuisances as special assessments and liens against properties, to be collected in the same manner as County taxes are paid.

CEQA DETERMINATION: The Board of Directors intends to adopt findings that Ordinance 23-02 is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in the ordinance.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT http://www.woodsidefire.org/documents/Nuisance_Abatement_Ordinance_Ordinance_23-02_Final.pdf AND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE FULL AND COMPLETE TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OFFICE, 808 PORTOLA ROAD, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028.

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WAVY TROPICAL FOOD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-295186

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Wavy Tropical Food, located at 2025 AVY AVE UNIT A MENLO PARK, CA 94025.

Registered owner(s):
ETUSZN MEDIA GROUP INC
2025 AVY AVE UNIT A
MENLO PARK, CA 94025
CaliforniaThis business is conducted by: a Corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 25 2023.

(ALM Sep 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

RESSA.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-295195

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) ressa., located at 851 Cherry Ave, Ste 27 #1041, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Registered owner(s):
HSUAN-TING YU
111 Broadway APT 3
Millbrae, CA 94030This business is conducted by: an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 28 2023.

(ALM Sep 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

DESIGN BUILD GROUP

ISMAIL PROPERTIES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-295189

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Design Build Group, 2.) Ismail Properties, located at 1121 Hopkins Ave., Unit B, Redwood City, CA 94062.

Registered owner(s):
AMER ISMAIL
1121 Hopkins Ave., Unit B
Redwood City, CA 94062

ALAA ISMAIL

1121 Hopkins Ave., Unit B

Redwood City, CA 94062

MIMI ISMAIL

1121 Hopkins Ave., Unit B

Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/05/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 25 2023.

(ALM Sep 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

LINK ED SOLUTIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-294971

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Link Ed Solutions, located at 6 Skyline Drive, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
Linked Solutions LLC
3315 S. Cobb Drive,
Smyrna, GA 30081-8501
Georgia

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 03 2023.

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AV CAPITAL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-295156

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) AV Capital, located at 25 Dwight Rd. Burlingame, CA 94010.

Registered owner(s):
AV CAPITAL LLC
25 Dwight Rd. Burlingame, CA 94010
Burlingame, CA 94010
CA

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/21/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 22 2023.

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MI TIERRA LINDA SUPERMERCADO

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-295277

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Mi Tierra Linda Supermercado, located at 1209 Willow Pass Rd. Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Registered owner(s):
QUALITY MARKET CORPORATION
1209 Willow Pass Rd.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/06/2006

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 07 2023.

(ALM Sep 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6, 2023)

FURIA FIGHT CLUB

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M294963

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) FURIA FIGHT CLUB, located at 501 Old County Rd.suit K, Belmont, CA 94002.

Registered owner(s):
ANTONIO ATAHIDE SANTANA
100 N. Whisman Rd. Apt 3412
Mountain View, CA 94043This business is conducted by: an Individual.
Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 02 2023.

(ALM Sep 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: 23-CIV-03999

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Chrispus Alexander Easley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHRISPUS ALEXANDER EASLEY to JACE ALEXANDER WILLIAMS

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 10/24/2023, 9:00 a.m., Southern Branch: Hall of Justice and Records of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
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(ALM Sep 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023)ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 23CIV03781
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: Blake Andrew William Binkley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BLAKE ANDREW WILLIAM BINKLEY to BLAKE ANDREW ROSE

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 10/11/2023, 9am, MC of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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Courtesy Castilleja School

Nanci Kauffman resigned as head of Castilleja School after 13 years.

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school's reputation among its neighbors. Its plan to redevelop the campus ran into a torrent of neighborhood opposition, with critics pointing to the school's checkered history of compliance and lobbying the council to either downsize the project or reject it altogether.

The conflict grew increasingly intense, with project supporters and opponents flocking en masse to public hearings and blanketing the neighborhood with posters advocating for their respective positions. While project advocates emphasized Castilleja's sterling reputation as an education institution and wore T-shirts that read "When women thrive, all of society benefits," members of the group Preserve Neighborhood Quality of Life Now argued that its plans are incompatible with the single-family neighborhood around it. Some called for Castilleja to build a second campus elsewhere or to leave Palo Alto altogether.

Rob Levitsky, a vocal opponent of the Castilleja project, was among those who framed it as a money grab that tramples over both zoning laws and neighborhood expectations.

"Money is why the school has cheated on enrollment for the last 20 years," Levitsky told the council at a May 2022 meeting, two weeks before the project received its final approval.

In countering these criticisms, Kauffman pointed to the school's recent efforts to reduce traffic and parking impacts. This includes an ambitious transportation-demand-management program comprising carpooling plans, shuttles and requirements that limit the number of days school staff can drive to work solo. It will have to redouble these efforts in the coming years thanks to a "no

net new trips" requirement that the council included in its approval of Castilleja's redevelopment plan.

"When you consider how dramatically we have reduced our impact on the neighborhood over the last 10 years in terms of reducing trips, reducing events, reducing noise, reducing parking — we feel we have earned our right to be trusted at this point," Kauffman told this publication in an April 2022 interview.

The council's approval allows Castilleja to raise its student enrollment to 450 and creates a path to ultimately get to 540 if the school proves that it could keep its traffic impacts minimal. Layendecker indicated in a response to this publication that Kauffman's resignation will not impede the redevelopment proposal.

"The leadership transition does not change Castilleja's long-standing commitment to modernizing our campus," she wrote in an email.

Layendecker also vowed in a letter to the school community that she will keep everyone apprised of developments related to Castilleja's academic and co-curricular programs, as well as the new campus project. She also said she will "seek input on important decisions" facing the school, which includes partnering with Jamieson and the Faculty Advisory Council.

"I take on this role knowing that I am among outstanding educational professionals who will partner with me in delivering on our mission and providing an outstanding and joyful learning environment for our students," Layendecker wrote. "I also know I can rely on our strong parent and alumnae communities; both are deeply committed to Castilleja's past, present, and future." ■

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Viewpoint

IDEAS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

LETTERS

Our readers write

The failure of one-party government

By any measure California's one-party governance has failed to address the state's major problems. We've seen this in other states with longtime one-party governance. Our founders designed a two-party system as a check against one party gaining too much power.

Voters should focus on electing the moderates from each party to break up the political cabal in Sacramento that's running California for their own political gain. The consequences of one-party government in San Francisco should be a wake up call for all of us.

Ed Kahl

Whiskey Hill Road, Woodside

Solar panels and PG&E fees

I write in response to Robert Cronin's letter to the editor (Aug. 4), "PG&E Plan for Solar Panels Fee Raises Questions."

For the last few years, I have paid more for the services of PG&E and Peninsula Clean Energy than I have for the energy I use — gas and electricity. I do not have solar panels. In the winter the house is COLD because I am surrounded by shade trees, and they are not mine. It does not seem that PG&E is encouraging people to conserve energy or be a good neighbor. Why not be charged for the energy one uses?

Solar panels are a good investment, but first, one must make sure one has a good, tight, fitting foundation. No air leaks, depend less on technology and more on the direct rays of the sun. This is another way to help fight/eliminate global warming and be more independent in everything we do. It does not cost a penny to receive the benefits from the sun. When we feel the warmth of the sun on a cold winter day, we usually are happier, more productive, caring and selfless. When property owners take more responsibility for the care of their trees, keep them short, open and on one's own property, we will all have the opportunity to see smaller PG&E bills and know we are doing something good for our community and we will be comfortable in the winter time.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

Fixing Menlo Park's downtown

Once again, I see another article about the city of Menlo Park and the problems on Santa Cruz Avenue.

It looks like another case of gross City Council mismanagement, causing the demise of a wonderful downtown in the city of Menlo Park. They need to first concentrate on cleaning up the filthy sidewalks. A possible solution would be to super-steam clean the sidewalks at least twice a month to begin attracting pedestrians and new business.

The vacancies will continue on Santa Cruz as long as the sidewalks continue to be filthy.

Jim Collins

Sharon Park Drive,
Menlo Park

An invitation to Portola Valley

Oscar Martinez' account of his treatment (Letters to the editor, Aug. 18) at Portola Valley's Town Center was very distressing. It is bad enough that any town resident would behave as he described; it is worse that such small-minded behavior was meted out by someone purporting to be a former Portola Valley officeholder.

As one who actually is (without doubt) a former town and San Mateo County officeholder, I want in some small way to make up for the harm done to Mr. Martinez. I invite him, his dog, and any guests he would like to bring, to join me and Luke (who is the pup I belong to), as our companions for a tour of our beautiful Town Center and as much of Portola Valley's public open space and trails as stamina allows.

All must be welcome in Portola Valley without regard to residency, ethnicity, national origin, religion or political views.

As a firm believer in vaccines, and spaying or neutering of mature dogs for safer social interactions, these two things are my only requirements.

Luke and I look forward to meeting Mr. Martinez, and his adorable dog. I also have optimism that by doing this we will make (at the very least) two new friends.

Such a result would be a small ray of light to come out of the dark and despicable treatment that Mr. Martinez depicted. In our current unhappy times that feature all too much hate and distrust, friendship and enlightenment are what we all must strive for.

Jon C. Silver
Portola Valley

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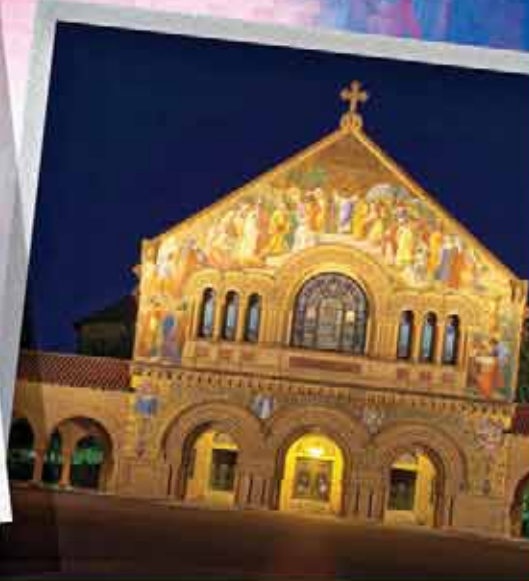
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LONGTIME SOUTH BAY JOURNALIST'S BOOK OFFERS A DEEP DIVE INTO AN INFAMOUS PENINSULA MURDER

By Karla Kane

In the autumn of 1974, the Peninsula was shaken by a horrific crime. Arlis Perry, the 19-year-old wife of a Stanford undergraduate student, was found slain in the university's historic Memorial Church. The prayerful place in which the devoutly religious young newlywed sought solace became the site of her demise, and her body was positioned with what seemed to be eerie ritual significance. The murder captured the attention of the media and local community, and frustrated law enforcement agencies as a cold case for decades. Scott Herhold, who joined the San Jose Mercury News' Peninsula bureau in 1977, became fascinated by the story and followed it closely as a reporter and columnist over his 40-year career with the paper.



Scott Herhold

"I always said that if they solved this, I was going to quit my day job and write a book. It had so many twists and turns; it was something that touched a campus and a community and wouldn't let people go. You had all sorts of people trying to chip in and solve this crime — and in a sense, I was one of those people," he said. "The fact that it happened in a church with a very innocent victim, in a layout that was just gruesome, it was a story that beckoned to be written about and explained."

Herhold's book, "Murder Under God's

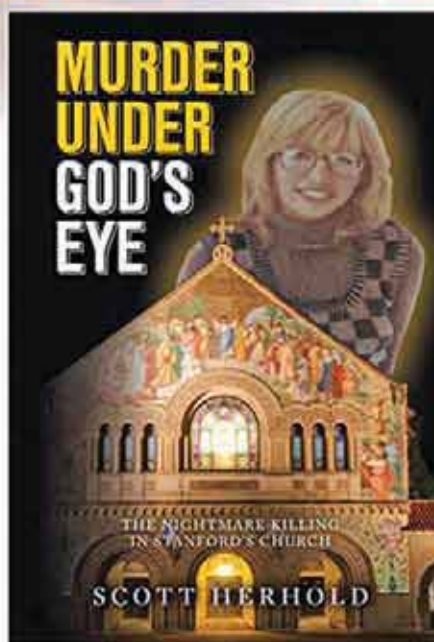
Eye: The "Nightmare Killing in Stanford's Church" was published this year. Over the course of more than 400 pages, Herhold draws on his years of journalism expertise and delivers a deep dive on the case, introducing readers to a plethora of colorful characters along the way.

Police (and amateur sleuths) considered many potential suspects over the years, from Perry's husband to harmless campus eccentrics to nationally infamous serial killers of the era, including the so-called "Son of Sam," David Berkowitz. Herhold's father, a Lutheran pastor in Palo Alto, used to urge his son not to overlook Memorial Church's ministers in the investigation. Perry's death also came on the heels of several other mysterious murders in the Stanford area.

The case involved both Stanford's own police department, during a period of upheaval and reform, and Santa Clara County sheriffs, which at the time of the case's conclusion was helmed by Laurie Smith, who was later found guilty in a civil corruption trial.

The relationship between law enforcement and the media has changed over the years, Herhold said, noting that at the time of Perry's murder, "so many of the gruesome details of the killing became public so soon." Today, he said, police departments are much less inclined to share information on cases, at least at in the early stages of investigations.

The case was finally declared solved by the sheriff's department in 2018, thanks to DNA evidence pointing to longtime suspect Stephen Crawford — the Stanford security guard who first reported finding Perry's body. "We got a stiff in here," he radioed campus dispatch, Herhold notes in the book's opening. Crawford died by



Courtesy Scott Herhold

Above: Journalist Scott Herhold wrote the book "Murder Under God's Eye" about the murder of Arlis Perry in Stanford's Memorial Church. Top, left, DNA evidence pointed to Stanford security guard Stephen Crawford as the killer. Top right, Arlis Perry was 19 years old when she was killed.

suicide before being arrested, when police arrived with a search warrant.

"That shocked me," Herhold said of Crawford's sudden death, recalling that he received the news while he was visiting his mother at Palo Alto's Channing House.

"As odd as this is, and as probably unwholesome as it is, it did a lot of favors for people. It allowed the sheriff to proclaim the case solved, it allowed the district attorneys to avoid trying the case with loose ends, and allowed me to write with freedom about Steve Crawford," he said.

With the perpetrator identified, Herhold was able to progress with his research on the subject in a clearer way. "That moment really crystallized and

changed things for me," he said.

Herhold said that while Crawford was always his prime suspect, not all are fully convinced of the former security guard's guilt, despite the evidence. Some, including some of the original detectives on the case, remain skeptical, believing Crawford, "just did not have the wherewithal, the gumption, the fortitude to commit murder," he said. "It's hard for them to change that point of view."

Crawford did not exactly stay under the radar, either. In later years, he was found to be stealing valuables from the university, and, as Herhold noted, even stole a blank diploma, took it to a print shop and conferred upon himself a fraudulent Stanford degree.

It also surprises people, he said, that Crawford did not, it seems, commit additional murders.

"That's one of the central mysteries; we're used to thinking of sex-motivated murderers (though Perry was not raped, her body was sexually violated) as serial murderers," Herhold said. "Everything we know indicates it was a one-off. I've given up trying to explain the man's psyche but I think that's a question a lot of people ask."

As for Herhold, now that the case is closed and his long-term goal of completing a book on Perry's case has been achieved, the San Jose resident and retiree said he's in "recovery mode."

He's proud of his extensive and in-depth research — "I tried to run down every little lead. That's one of the things you can do in retirement because you have the time" — he said. "Murder Under God's Eye" is a fitting finale on the topic, for now, at least, from the longtime journalist. "The idea here was never to make money on it; the idea was to tell the story as well as I could," he said. "I think people appreciate the amount of reporting that went into this."

More information is available at murderundergodseye.com. ■



Courtesy Caitlin Stone-Collonge

Actors from left, Kristin Walter (Belinda), Judith Miller (Dotty), Natalie To (Brooke), Kyle Dayrit (Lloyd), Michael Rhone (Frederick) in The Pear Theatre's production of "Noises Off." With the show's off-the-cuff comic nature, the production sought actors with strong improvisational skills.

Full farce

The Pear opens season with longtime favorite comedy 'Noises Off'

By Karla Kane

When you think of the word "farce," what comes to mind? Slamming doors, probably. Comedic intrigues, mixups and earnest humans finding themselves in ridiculous situations? Check. Michael Frayn's 1982 hit British farce "Noises Off" has all that and more (including a vexing plate of sardines), and has become a classic of the genre — perhaps one of the quintessential theater comedies. The Pear Theatre is currently offering its own take on the perennial favorite through Oct. 1.

"Noises Off" is in fact a farce-within-a-farce, following a fairly hapless English theater troupe as they attempt to stage and tour the risqué comedy "Nothing On." While the show-within-a-show may be a cornball flop, the real laughs come from watching the fictional cast and crew behind the scenes, as they struggle to contain their foibles, screw-ups, struggles and, well, drama — both on stage and off. The amusement that ensues is not just fun for the audience but also for the real-life cast, all of whom have no doubt experienced at least some degree of theater-related mayhem over the course of their careers.

In the Pear's production, Kyle Dayrit (double cast with Bryan Moriarty) plays the leading role of Lloyd Dallas, the troupe's fiery-tempered director.

"He's a hotshot in the theater community in the '70s, in London, and he is very good at what he does. He's kind of a cheater, ultimately, which we learn throughout the show. He's a womanizer, and short-fused," Dayrit said of his character's frustrations. "He's dealing with actors who are older, some who are not as quick to the draw, and trying to balance it all."

One of Dayrit's favorite scenes is when Lloyd has to work with one of his actors, Freddie (Michael Rhone), trying to help him understand his character's motivations. As an actor who's been on the receiving end of such advice in the past, Dayrit said he enjoys the chance to perform in the director's role. "I thought, 'Oh yeah, I've done this before,'" he laughed. "It's really fun to play the other side of it. I think directors are amazing at what they do."

"Noises Off" is directed by Katie O'Bryon Champlin, who's become something of a go-to expert for farce on the local theater scene. Earlier this year, she directed "The Play That Goes Wrong" for Palo Alto Players, another uproarious British play-within-a-play, which also counted Dayrit among its cast members. That positive experience was part of what inspired him to join "Noises Off" and have the opportunity to create comedy gold with Champlin again.

"I love working with Katie; she just understands comedy so well. 'The Play That Goes Wrong' was a big undertaking and after doing that one I really trusted her," he said, adding that it's a joy witnessing "a master at their craft."

Joining Dayrit, Moriarty and Rhone in the cast are Judith Miller, Chris Mahle, Kristin Walter, Natalie To, Vivienne Truong, Jordan Goodwin, Tannis Hanson, Brandon Silberstein and Ken Boswell, many of whom are also familiar faces to local theatergoers (double-cast members also serve as understudies for other parts). When putting together the cast, actors were tested on their group improv skills. Finding the right balance of chemistry, flexibility and demonstration of emotion was key, particularly for the critical second act, which Dayrit

said Champlin likens to a ballet, and relies on the performers "showing the audience something without saying anything. It's really fun," he said.

There's fun to be had in the staging as well, with the theater's intimate space being used "in innovative and unprecedented ways," according to the show's press release. The Pear is a small-yet-flexible black-box — something the Mountain View theater company has been able to leverage when making production decisions, allowing unique configurations. For "Noises Off," which usually requires replacing or rotating the entire set between acts (the story vacillates from taking place on stage and backstage) Dayrit said Champlin and The Pear's artistic director, Sinjin Jones, had a different idea: Instead of moving the set, they could move the audience. The theater usually seats around 100, so by limiting tickets to about half that per performance and migrating the audience members from one side to the other over the course of the show, the labor-intensive set issue is dealt with and a novel audience experience is provided to boot. Dayrit also said there are some other elements that help immerse audience members in the show's late 1970s setting.

He spoke with this news organization at the start of the show's sold-out opening weekend, after having successfully completed a preview performance the evening before.

"The energy was palpable. 'Noises Off' is really well known ... but we had a lot of people who had never seen it on stage before. Everything was fresh for them," he noted of the preview night's crowd. "Just having those laughs go on the whole time is amazing." ■

"Noises Off" runs Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Oct. 1 at the Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Tickets are \$38-\$40. thepear.org.

Worth a Look



Courtesy Stanford Live

REZZ plays at Frost Amphitheatre on Sept. 15.

REZZ

Canadian DJ and music producer REZZ returns to Stanford's Frost Amphitheater this fall for a night of thumping electronic tunes. Adept at both bass-heavy EDM hits and minimal synth soundscapes, she is known for unique compositions that lie at the intersection of these two electronic worlds. A seasoned performer who has headlined numerous festivals globally, she is set to bring her unique digital compositions and engaging live performance style to the Peninsula. DJ Fresch, Ivy Lab and SFAM will open.

Friday Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m. at Frost Amphitheater, 351 Lasuen St., Stanford. Tickets start at \$49.95. live.stanford.edu.

Amendola Vs Blades, Eric Person Quartet

Prolific local presenter Earthwise is back with another free concert to close out the summer. This jazz double bill is set to showcase a star-studded lineup of musicians from the Bay Area and beyond, featuring "Amendola Vs Blades," with Scott Amendola and Sylvia Cuenca on drums, Eric Person and Raffi Garabedian on saxophone, Wil Blades and Adam Klipple on organ, Marcus Shelby on bass and Cyro Baptista on percussion. The show will also feature Person's quartet, with Shelby, Klipple and Cuenca. This free outdoor concert is sure to engage jazz lovers and general audiences alike, as the diverse cast of musicians brings their funk, rock, Latin and blues influences to the show.

Sunday Sept. 17, 2 - 5 p.m. at Mitchell Park Bowl, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Tickets are free. eventbrite.com.

Lupita Infante

Grammy-nominated Mexican-American singer and songwriter Lupita Infante is slated to bring her modern take on traditional Mexican music to the Bay Area this fall, headlining a concert at the Fox Theater in Redwood City. Infante draws influences from mariachi, norteño, Sierrano and ranchero musical styles, while recasting these traditional musical genres within a modern context, engaging fans of all ages. She brings her unique take on traditional Mexican music to local audiences with a concert that celebrates both her cultural identity and artistic autonomy.

Friday Sept. 15, 8 p.m. at the Fox Theater, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Tickets are \$30-\$45. foxrwc.showare.com. ■

Food & Drink

FIVE WAYS TO CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST 2023

PARTAKE IN THE GERMAN TRADITION AT PENINSULA PARTIES THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

By Zack Fernandes

If you've found yourself unable to travel to Germany for Oktoberfest this year, the Bay Area has you covered with events and celebrations designed to provide a slice of the traditional Bavarian Oktoberfest experience right in your backyard.

The mirth and revelry of Germany's flagship drinking festival are coming to life at bars, restaurants and town squares across the Peninsula. And though each one promises to bring its own distinct twist to Oktoberfest celebrations, you're certain to find the holy trinity of elements that make Oktoberfest one of the best times of year—classic German food like pretzels and sausages, a wide range of delicious German beers, and tons of live, traditional music and dance.

We've put together a roundup of Oktoberfest events coming up, so mark your calendars, dust off your best German attire and raise an overflowing beer stein to another exciting Oktoberfest in the Bay Area. Prost!

OKTOBERFEST IN DOWNTOWN REDWOOD CITY

Oktoberfest in downtown Redwood City is returning Sept. 20-24, celebrating its ninth year as the largest Oktoberfest celebration on the Peninsula.

The town's Courthouse Square, usually a wide-open space, will look a lot more like a traditional Oktoberfest beer hall with large tents, community tables and plenty of bench seating to sit, sip, and savor the flavors of Bavaria. If you fancy yourself a singer, clear your throat and sign up for the festival's yodeling contest.

The event's organizers recommend purchasing tickets ahead of time online before they sell out, but remaining tickets will be sold at the event. Prices range from \$16 to \$27 depending on the day and time, and the cost of admission includes a commemorative beer stein, as well as one free drink ticket. Those under 21 or attendees who

aren't planning on drinking can purchase an all-ages ticket for between \$10 and \$17, which also includes a commemorative glass and non-alcoholic drink ticket.

Besides beer, event attendees can expect a variety of German fare from vendors spread throughout the square. Live music from several German bands will provide the soundtrack to the festivities, along with performances from traditional German Bay Area dance troupe Nature Friends Schuhplattler.

Redwood City Oktoberfest, Sept. 20-24 at Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Afternoon seatings noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 23 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24; evening seatings 5-9 p.m. Sept. 20-21, 5-10 p.m. Sept. 22, 5-9 p.m. Sept. 23 and 4-8 p.m. Sept. 24. redwoodcity.org.

LUDWIG'S BIERGARTEN, MOUNTAIN VIEW

Ludwig's annual Oktoberfest celebration returns this year with a spate of events at the end of the month at their downtown Mountain View biergarten. The events will run Sept. 22-23 and Sept. 29-30. Tickets are available on Ludwig's website for a flat price of \$140, which reserves a table that seats up to eight people, so bring your friends and family.

Food and beverage aren't included in the ticket price, but the biergarten will be selling classic German beers alongside German grub like Nürnberger Bratwurst, baked chicken and the Bavarian classic Schweinshaxe—a crispy roasted pork knuckle.

Ludwig's will have a steady stream of traditional Oktoberfest music playing, courtesy of a DJ, with live bands also scheduled to perform each day.

Guests who arrive in their finest German dirndl and lederhosen can compete in Ludwig's best-dressed contest, as well as a stein-holding competition to see who can hold a full liter mug of beer the longest. Beyond bragging rights, Ludwig's says there



Courtesy Joel Wade Photography

Traditional German music and dancing will be part of the Oktoberfest celebration in downtown Redwood City later this month.

will be prizes as well, yet to be determined.

Ludwig's Biergarten, Sept. 22-23 and 29-30 from 4-10 p.m., 383 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-230-4575, Instagram: @ludwigsmv. ludwigsmv.com.

TAPLANDS TAPROOM & BREWERY, SANTA CLARA

In Santa Clara, Taplands Taproom & Brewery will be hosting an Oktoberfest celebration Sept. 24.

The bar, which usually dedicates its taps to local craft beers, will be pouring a number of classic German beers — from full-bodied golden Helles lagers to rich, malty Märzens, and festbiers brewed specially for Oktoberfest.

Taplands will also serve German sausages and pretzels to stave off your hunger. *Taplands Taproom & Brewery, Sept. 24, 1171 Homestead Road, Suite 110, Santa Clara; 408-709-2990, Instagram: @taplandssantaclara. Check their Instagram for a time to be announced. taplands.com.*

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S OKTOBERFEST AT STEINS BEER GARDEN

Mountain View's Oktoberfest celebration, hosted by Steins Beer Garden, takes place Oct. 7-8. The event marks the

eight year of the Mountain View Oktoberfest celebration, which returns after a three-year hiatus.

You won't need a ticket to attend the free event, but attendees 21 years of age and up will be able to purchase commemorative glassware to buy beer. The festival will be held in the parking lot at the corner of Dana and Bryant streets in Mountain View, which Stein's will convert to a tented beer garden.

Though details of the event, including food vendors, are still being finalized, Stein's says you can expect food trucks, live music from traditional German band Deutscher Musikverein of San Francisco, and of course, plenty of German beers on tap. Check out the event's website or Instagram account for more details closer to the event. *Steins Beer Garden, Oct. 7-8, 895 Villa St., Mountain View; 650-963-9568, Instagram: @steinsbeergarden and @mvoktoberfest. Check the event website or social media for times to be announced. steinsbeergarden.com.*

OKTOBERFEST IN DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL

If you're willing to travel just a little bit south of the 650, downtown Campbell's streets will transform Oct. 21-22 for

the city's 28th annual free Oktoberfest celebration.

At the heart of the festival area, which occupies four blocks of East Campbell Avenue, is the festival's Biersch Garten. The tented area will hold one of the festival's four event stages and play home to the Oktoberfest stein-holding and best-dressed competitions. German food including brats, pretzels and other fare will be available for sale.

Avid homebrewers should note that this Oktoberfest celebration is also hosting a Braumeister competition. Brewers can apply online, and 20 applicants will be selected to submit their finest Oktoberfest-style Märzen beers, with the top three beers to be announced at the Biersch Garten stage Oct. 21.

Outside of the main festival tent, plenty of food vendors offering a variety of cuisine from Caribbean jerk chicken to doughnuts will line the streets, and a dedicated Kids Zone will offer children's activities and performers for younger festival attendees. *Campbell Oktoberfest, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Campbell. campbelloktoberfest.com. ■*

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ATHERTON

Offered at \$14,500,000

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Gated grounds of ~1.1 level ac. | 6 bed, 7 full baths, 2 half baths
Office, multiple flexible-use rooms, recreation center with bar,
wine cellar, theatre, and fitness center with both
Pool, vast entertainment terrace, fireplace terrace, outdoor kitchen
and playground | Detached 3 car garage with EV charging
Las Lomas schools



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Offered at \$3,380,000

Located in the heart of downtown Menlo Park
Penthouse living, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths | 1,917+/- sf
~1,215 sf of terrace | Contemporary Style with to-the-floor
windows and continuous expanses of sliding glass doors
Extraordinary wraparound terraces with unrivaled
outdoor space | Sleek, modern kitchen
2-car underground parking GULLIXSON.com



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