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Workers: Animals abused at shelters

Peninsula Humane Society accused in three dogs' deaths

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A group of union employees at the Peninsula Humane Society claims the animal shelter is condoning animal abuse.

According to phswhistleblower.com, the Peninsula Humane Society has foregone important upgrades at its shelters at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame and 12 Airport Boulevard in San Mateo, resulting in the deaths and injuries of multiple animals. The website is run by shelter employees who belong to Teamsters Local Union 856.

The union is also working with the Humane Society on a new contract for the employees.

Claim: Dog died in hot truck

The website gives examples of animals wrongfully dying or being injured at the shelters, including two dogs being "erroneously euthanized" in December of 2013 and December of 2015.

The site also alleges that a stray dog died when it was left in a dogcatcher's hot truck for a lengthy period of time. The site says this death could have been prevented had the Peninsula Humane Society upgraded such trucks with air conditioning.

The Peninsula Humane Society said the San Mateo shelter needs upgrades, but it blames the deaths and injuries on employees who were not following instructions, according to a news release from Michele Moyer, communications director.

The release also says no dog was wrongly euthanized in December 2013 and that the employees who caused animals to die were fired.

Workers seek raises

The other issue that the union employees' website brings up is how much workers at the two Peninsula shelters are paid versus other counties.

According to the website, Peninsula Humane Society workers are paid \$16.36 an hour, while Sunnyvale pays their workers \$32 an hour.

Moyer's press release does not address pay, but she does say that 96% of the positions at the Peninsula Humane Society are staffed.

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Sales tax hike sharply divides town leaders

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Leaders and former leaders in Belmont are sharply divided over Measure I, a half-cent sales tax that would raise \$1.3 million a year to pay for improvements to streets and storm drains.

The opponents, including four former mayors, say the city is misleading voters about the amount of repairs necessary and that the measure lacks a detailed plan.

"It seems like they're telling us 'give us the
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Height limit sp

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The long-standing debate in Palo Alto over development is dividing the 11 candidates in the race for City Council.

Five of the candidates are in favor of keeping the city's 50-foot building height limit, while the other six candidates are open to exceeding the limit.

Here's where the cour the 50-foot height limi

Candidates are also split when it comes to the city's annual 50,000-square-foot cap on the construction of new office space.

Candidates Lydia Kou, Arthur Keller, Stewart Carl, John Karl Fredrich and

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