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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

City leaders hope to spark civic debate with new website

Some say new forum is too secretive and simplistic

by Gennady Sheyner

When Aristotle, Thomas Jefferson and sociologist Robert Putnam preached greater public participation, they certainly didn't have Open City Hall in mind.

After all, the new website — which Palo Alto leaders hope will boost their effort to promote “civic engagement” — allows people to

opine on local issues without leaving their homes, facing their city leaders or even releasing their names to the public.

And even some members of the City Council who support signing on to the site have misgivings about the prospect of pranksters and hooligans shooting rhetorical darts at their opponents from behind a

cloak of semi-anonymity. A few ill-mannered posters, they argued, could deter their more civil neighbors from contributing to the site.

“As economists know, bad money drives out good money out of circulation,” said Councilman Greg Schmid on Monday, quoting the famous Gersham's law.

Despite these concerns, the council voted 8-1 to sign on to Open City Hall, a service provided by Berkeley-based Peak Democracy to

give citizens too tired or too busy to attend their local council meetings a new way to discuss the top issues in their communities. Sid Espinosa was the lone voice of dissent.

Six California municipalities — Arcata, Berkeley, Emeryville, Eureka, Kensington and Trinidad — and Williamsburg, Va., already use the program. City leaders from other cities, including Oakland and Santa Clara, have used the site's prototype, Kitchen Democracy, to take

the pulses of their communities on specific issues.

Unlike Kitchen Democracy, which promoted a more bottom-up approach, Peak Democracy emanates from City Hall. As soon as the city publishes its agenda for an upcoming meeting, staff members in the City Manager's office will select two or three agenda items and post them on the site. Residents will be

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Rachel Palmer

Members of the Gunn High School Robotics Team put the finishing touches on the Scaremeadow Haunted House.

SCHOOLS

Gunn students create scary times for Fairmeadow

High school robotics team and elementary school gear up for 'Scaremeadow' haunted house

by Susan Robles

Disembodied heads, a floating hand and a clock with 13 numbers await thrill-seekers at Fairmeadow Elementary School, thanks to the Gunn High School Robotics Team.

For the third year in a row, the team will use its technical knowledge to stir up a cauldron of fright-

ful sights at Fairmeadow, which is offering its “Scaremeadow” Halloween event this Friday and Saturday.

“This is not your grandma's haunted house,” said Allen Hall, a former PTA member and a mastermind behind Scaremeadow, now in its 15th year.

Bill Dunbar, director of the Robotics Team, said a team of 45 students has been working on a robotic haunted mansion that will sit directly outside of the main haunted house. The students formed teams, each taking a specific area of the mansion to work on.

“The Fairmeadow haunted-house project ... is much more than just a technical challenge for the students,” Dunbar said. “It is good training for our teamwork and problem-solving skills.”

Team members gathered at Fairmeadow Sunday to assemble the 22-foot-tall mansion, which they drove in two parts from Gunn.

Members of the team climbed ladders as they placed the roof on top of the mansion and checked

their equipment to make sure it survived the 2-mile drive. Inside the mansion lie the controls to all of the pneumatic apparitions. Thrill seekers will walk around the outside of the attraction.

Gunn High School junior Paige Fitzmorris, a first-time member of the Robotics Team, found working on the mansion a good opportunity to use her imagination.

“It's a really fun way to be creative,” Fitzmorris said. Her team upgraded a pop-up head that had been used last year, adding a small trough filled with fake blood. “I was sure that it would work, and now it does!”

Gunn senior Abhimanyu Belani, a three-year Robotics Team

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CRIME

Communities jolted by recent string of robberies

Police and residents swap crime prevention tips

by Gennady Sheyner

Sometimes, it's the fine details that scare.

To be sure, Palo Alto has had a problem with street robberies in the past few months, but as police quickly point out, crime surges are far from rare even in affluent communities like this one. Other spikes have come and gone and this one will likely do so, too, they say.

And when the full spectrum of serious crimes is taken into consideration (a group that includes homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, car theft and arson), the total number of incidents is, in fact, the second lowest in six years.

But as Wednesday's meeting at Duveneck Elementary School between community residents and police made clear, statistics aren't always the most soothing remedy for post-crime panic.

When a senior citizen gets knocked down to the pavement and has her purse snatched in broad daylight (as happened on Newell Road last month) or when the strong-armed robberies involve more than strong arms (the recent wave included incidents involving knives, a bat and a pair of gardening shears), feelings of safety can quickly evaporate.

The meeting was originally set up to discuss a string of paint-ball vandalisms that occurred in August. But robberies quickly began to dominate the discussion.

Residents offered officers a spectrum of advice for reducing crime, including setting up cameras (both real and dummy ones) on city streets,

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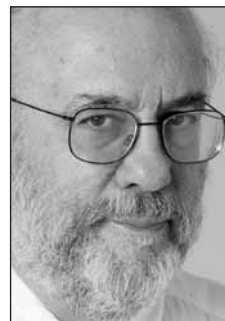
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Our Town

by Don Kazak

Lives hanging in the balance

Karla, a pleasant but shy woman, doesn't look like a drug dealer. Her two small girls play nearby as she talks through an interpreter.

Several weeks ago, Karla received a three-day notice from Woodland Park Management, owner of the East Palo Alto apartment complex where she lives.

The notice gave her three days to cease being a drug dealer or eviction proceedings would start.

"I was surprised and scared," she said. She went to her apartment manager, who told her she had always been a good tenant.

Then she was given an explanation.

Another apartment manager saw some young men in the parking lot of Karla's building and questioned them. One said he lived in Karla's apartment, although he didn't. Karla didn't even know the young man.

That's why she was accused of dealing drugs.

There were two other cases where Woodland Park (formerly known as Page Mill Properties) gave three-day notices to tenants the property company accused of being drug dealers. All were rescinded.

But Karla said no one ever apologized for wrongfully accusing her.

East Palo Alto and Woodland Park/Page Mill have been entangled in a bitter legal fight for almost 11 months over the city's application of its Rent Stabilization Ordinance. The lives of many tenants are hanging in the balance.

Woodland Park owns about 1,750 apartments in East Palo Alto west of U.S. Highway 101, which is two-thirds of the 2,600 apartments in the city.

The city and Woodland Park have sued each other, with the company winning nearly every court decision so far.

Woodland Park says the city has no right to limit rents, under state law. The company has won nearly every time in court because the city's ordinance, written more than 20 years ago, hasn't been revised to keep up with changes in state law.

"We just keep losing," Mayor Pat Foster said. "Page Mill is trying to get people out of those buildings."

Jim Shore, general counsel for Woodland Park, says his company is using the revenue from the increases to make the buildings more pleasant and safe for the tenants.

"Nor are we trying to evict peo-

ple," he added.

But many families have left because they could not pay rent increases levied in April and again in September.

"Children are dropping out of school, families are disappearing and no one knows where they've gone," Foster said. "We have an obligation to fight for our tenants."

"I know at least five families in two buildings who have left," Susan Martin, a tenant, says. "Some just

"We have an obligation to fight for our tenants."

—Mayor Pat Foster

couldn't afford the new rents and just left."

The rent increases were limited to 3.2 percent by the city's rent board early this year and to 2.9 percent since, based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index. Woodland Park's rent increases have been greater than those allowed by the city's rent board. That's why the city and Woodland Park have been in court.

Some tenants also are fighting the increases. The Stanford Community Law Clinic in East Palo Alto represents 136 tenants who have filed petitions with the city's rent board protesting their most recent rent hikes. Those cases will be heard together by the rent board in November.

In addition, 18 other tenants had filed petitions earlier this year and won their cases before the rent board, although those cases still may be appealed by Woodland Park to San Mateo County Superior Court.

The situation between Woodland Park and the city is ugly.

Woodland Park issues statements that it wants to negotiate with the city, not fight in court. But Foster said Woodland Park refuses to talk about the rent increases.

"We are willing to talk about any subject," Shore counters.

The two sides haven't talked directly since late September.

"When all is said and done, we will lose the low-income housing in this city," Foster said. ■

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Rachel Palmer

For the third year in a row, members of the Gunn High School Robotics Team are creating a Halloween treat for Fairmeadow Elementary School.

Scaremeadow

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member, said his favorite part about the project is seeing how the current team improves upon the previous year's work.

"I think the students really look at this as a build(ing) project," as opposed to solely a robotics project, Belani said of the mansion. "The fact that it's for the community is the purpose behind the project."

The Robotics Team also contributed to a room inside the main haunted house, the "Human Food Factory." The room features people trapped in chain-bound crates and dismembered heads sitting on a conveyor belt. Creator and parent David Scheiman insists the haunted house is "not necessarily gross, but a lot of startle."

Scheiman, who wanted to work for Disney as a young boy, started Scaremeadow when his son was in third grade. He met with Hall, and seven other PTA parents, in February to begin discussing the floor plan for Scaremeadow.

Both he and Hall take two weeks off from work each year to make sure every ghost and ghoul is in its proper place.

"This is my Disneyland," Scheiman said. "It takes a lot of time, but it's pretty magical when we open those doors."

He said having the Robotics Team add their talents to the project brings a whole new dimension to the haunted house that was not there before.

"This is one of the few times, maybe the only time, this group gets to show off their talents to the public," Scheiman said.

Sponsored by the Fairmeadow PTA, the haunted house is a volunteer effort. Local companies also participate, such as Palo Alto Hardware, which donated more than 10,000 square feet of black plastic wrap and 4,000 yards of duct tape.

Fairmeadow PTA parent Len Filppu has taken his two children, 8-year-old Arthur and 5-year-old Dori, to see the haunted house in the past.

"It's a very sophisticated volunteer haunted house, and it's become somewhat of an institution for Palo Alto residents," said Filppu, who decided to participate this year as the promotions chair.

A silent auction will be held during Scaremeadow, and the winner will be able to display the Robotics Team haunted mansion on their front lawn Halloween night.

Scaremeadow will be held at 500 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, and open Friday, Oct. 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“At the risk of sounding corny, people have been hungry for this.”

—**Debra Satz**, associate professor of philosophy, Stanford University, on the avid interest shown on ethical food choices. See story on page 24.

Around Town

WOULD ALL THE REAL BUSINESSES PLEASE STAND UP?

With the nation staggering toward a possible depression, the prospect of new taxes probably seems about as enticing to business leaders as a bad case of indigestion. But that doesn't necessarily mean that the City of Palo Alto is looking to ditch its plan to institute a "business license tax" any time soon. According to Director of Administrative Services **Lalo Perez**, city officials are still working with consultants on a plan to institute the tax. But first, they must determine how many businesses Palo Alto has, a process that's about as simple as counting rain drops in a puddle. Perez, who gave a brief presentation on the tax proposal to the Government Action Committee of the city's Chamber of Commerce this week, pegged the number of businesses in the city at about 21,000. The number jolted a few people present, including Board of Directors member **Lee Wieder**, who noted that the number of businesses stood at about 13,000 by last count. Even Perez said he was a little shocked by the high figure, which he said the city arrived at through seven or eight different data sets. Officials are still sifting through the data and trying to identify duplicates, nonprofits, home-based businesses and tax-exempt businesses. "When we saw the numbers, they staggered us," Perez told the committee. He noted that the city expects to get more information from its consultants by the middle of December. Once that's done, the city could start thinking about the details of the new taxes.

ORANGE MARKS THE SPOT

... Jack-o'-lanterns won't be the only orange items displayed around California Avenue this Halloween. Area merchants will continue their 14-year-old tradition of inviting Trick-or-Treaters to stop by for their fill of candy between noon and 4 p.m. Participating stores will be branded with orange fliers. The event is aimed for children 10 and younger, though visitors of all ages are welcome. "All they

have to do is bring their bags or their baskets and have fun," said **Ronna Devincenzi**, president of the California Avenue Area Development Association. She said 44 stores have signed on to participate so far.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN ...

If city departments were graded like students, at least four would graduate with high honors. City officials announced this week that Palo Alto was one of four cities in the state, and one of 14 nationwide, to receive a **Voice of the People Award** for excellent government services. The awards, issued annually by the National Research Council, are based on surveys of residents in each municipality. This year, Palo Alto took awards for excellence in fire services, emergency medical services, recreational services/parks and garbage collection. The surveys indicate that Palo Alto is in the 90th-plus percentile in each of these categories compared with other sampled jurisdictions. The city's park services are in the 99th percentile, with 90 percent of the sampled residents ranking them as "good" or "excellent."

OH OFFICER, WHERE ART THOU? ...

If Palo Alto residents have a hard time finding police officers this week, it won't be because the department is on vacation. Rather, the department is undergoing routine maintenance around its front desk area. The area will be cleaned and painted and a few new cubicles will be installed, police Agent **Dan Ryan** said. There will be reduced staffing in the department's lobby during regular business hours, but the public is asked to use the Forest Avenue entrance. Handicapped access will still be available from the City Hall entrance on Hamilton Avenue. Residents enamored with the department's lavish collection of vintage shoulder patches and officer photos need not worry. Ryan noted that these items will continue to be displayed after the makeover is complete. "This will not affect our current layout," he said. The maintenance project is expected to be completed between Oct. 24 and Oct. 29. ■



Public Notice

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THIRD: This ordinance shall not be deemed to authorize compensation for more than a total of ten (10) days in any calendar month.

FOURTH: This ordinance shall become effective not less than 60 days from the date of its final passage, which final passage must follow a public hearing thereon.

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New policy aims to keep kids in neighborhood schools

Board of Education to consider school sizes Tuesday

by Megan Rawlins

With new housing developments continuing to rise in Palo Alto — and with them concerns among parents about school overcrowding — the Board of Education is expected to present a revised policy on school-enrollment sizes next Tuesday.

In 2006, the school board created policy guidelines for enrollment: Elementary schools had a soft cap set at 450 students, allowing the board to grant exceptions up to 520 students. Middle schools were capped at 950 students and high schools at 1,950.

Now, only two years later, one-third of the elementary schools have topped that 450 student threshold. And both JLS and Jordan middle schools are teetering on the brink of 950.

There have been increases in enrollment almost across the board in Palo Alto schools from Fairmeadow and Walter Hays to Jordan and Palo Alto High School, according to the school district.

Ohlone Elementary School has grown beyond the targeted range of 300-450 students, and Escondido Elementary's population now surpasses the hard cap of 520 students, beyond which the school board can't officially grant further exceptions.

"We have had some growth in housing and some people moving to

Palo Alto because of the schools," Kevin Skelly, Palo Alto Unified School District superintendent, said. "As enrollment continues to grow we haven't been able to enforce those caps."

This year's total enrollment for the district, at 11,329 students, is lower than some projections but still an increase of 273 over last year.

Tuesday's school board discussion follows a presentation earlier this month, at which staff outlined an updated policy that focuses much more on the qualitative aspects of school size than hard and fast numbers.

The proposed policy "places a high priority on having students attend their neighborhood schools," if at all possible, or — failing that — a nearby school "in their cluster of geographic area."

Ideally, children would attend neighborhood schools with small classes within safe walking distance from home. But overcrowding has sent some students into schools outside of their neighborhood. This school year, 3.4 percent of the 5,175 elementary school students are affected by the overflow problem, or nearly 175 kindergarten through fifth-grade students.

"I don't think there is an ideal size for a school," Skelly said. "I'm not convinced that school size is

the biggest determinant of performance. It's more about capturing the values we want in the schools. The proposed policy captures the values the board places around personalized education."

"School size," the policy reads, "should be determined by multiple criteria, some of which include play space, school acreage, and school boundaries not easily adjusted because of natural neighborhood divisions."

This implies a more organic growth of schools, based on educational values and physical space rather than numerical targets, Skelly said.

Comments on Town Square, the Palo Alto Weekly's online forum, express a high degree of frustration about the overflowing problem, with some parents complaining that they have young children attending different elementary schools.

"Things have gotten so bad that the school secretaries are scared to give parents any expectation of when they can be placed in their neighborhood school," said one frustrated parent. "We moved to Palo Alto this year, and our child has been overflowed to a school across town. ... There's little chance we'll get in this year, and I'm doubtful we'll get in

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Robberies

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launching an advertising campaign to encourage residents to report suspicious activities, streamlining the process of reporting burned out street lamps and using bait cars to lure robbers into police traps.

Karen White, president of the Duveneck/St. Francis Neighborhood Association, said she has been getting calls from anxious area residents since the string of robberies began.

"The daytime robbery on University Avenue was particularly chilling," White said, referring to the Oct. 13 incident in which a victim was struck with a bat from behind and had his money stolen. "Some people were afraid to leave their homes."

Other neighborhood leaders expressed similar sentiments. Annette Ashton, who chairs the Palo Alto Neighborhoods Emergency Preparation Committee, said people have been scared by the recent robberies. And Ray Bacchetti, who is active in Palo Altans for Government Effectiveness (PAGE), a local organization that promotes civic engagement in the city, said he has heard similar comments from some of his neighbors at the Channing House.

"We're a community of older people and, from the chatter I hear, people are more fearful than they

used to be about going out at night," he said.

On Wednesday, police officers tried to assuage the community's jitters by discussing the department's efforts and offering crime-prevention tips to those in attendance. Residents were urged to lock their house and car doors, keep a record of serial numbers of their valuable possessions and, when walking on city streets, to do so against traffic.

The most often-repeated tip, however, was to immediately report suspicious activities in their areas. And while this bit of advice may sound like common sense, officers recounted numerous cases in which incidents weren't reported until days after they occurred, or not reported at all.

In some respects, then, the recent wave could have the unintended effect of strengthening the line of communication between police and the general public. Police Capt. Bob Beacom, who led Wednesday's community meeting, said there's been a noticeable increase in tip calls from city residents since the robberies started occurring. And Susie Ord, the department's community service officer, said crime waves like the current one have a way of shaking people out of complacency.

"People here have always been well aware of what's happening," Beacom said. "It sounds cliché, but they are our eyes and ears. And when they sense in their gut that

something's wrong, it usually is."

Still, some community relations work apparently remains to be one. Earlier this week, Duveneck residents were alerted on a neighborhood e-mail list about at least one "suspicious character" lurking on the streets. In one case, the stranger reportedly identified himself as a contractor, in another case the "character" claimed to be canvassing for the Democratic Party.

Residents quickly circulated messages about these cases in which they described the lurkers and warned each other to be on the lookout. Before long, other neighbors chimed in with descriptions of similar incidents.

The quick flow of information supported Ord's observation that crime can bring communities closer together. The neighbors displayed vigilance, quick thinking and concern for their area. The only thing they failed to do was call the police. ■

Palo Alto police are offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person responsible for the street robberies. Police Chief Lynne Johnson and City Manager Jim Keene will hold a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 in the City Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Ave.

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able to post their thoughts and vote on these issues.

Posters will be required to submit their names and e-mail addresses to the site, though they will have the option of posting anonymously. Each poster will only be able to post once per topic to prevent the sort of heated exchanges that often dominate the blogosphere. Council members will not be allowed to post.

Kitchen Democracy enabled posters to vote “Yes” or “No” on each item. Peak Democracy adds “Neutral” and “Maybe” to the menu of options.

Patricia Kernighan, who sits on Oakland’s City Council, used Kitchen Democracy to determine whether the residents in her district supported a Fatburger restaurant opening in town. She received nearly 400 responses to her posting, with opponents of the proposal narrowly edging out the supporters.

Kernighan said she was pleased with the heavy turnout because it helped her measure the sentiment

among her constituents. She noted, however, that most of the issues she and the council deal with are too complex to lend themselves to a “Yes or No” format.

Ultimately, she said, she could not justify spending the city’s money to continue using the site.

“The site is trying to create something that would help decision makers and bring out the average people, the silent majority,” Kernighan said. “It’s a great goal, but I kept trying to find other situations to use the site, and I found that many of the choices before me weren’t appropriate for this forum.”

Robert Vogel, who co-founded Kitchen Democracy and Peak Democracy, said this system of semi-anonymity and posting restrictions has so far been effective in deterring ill-behaved users.

“When a person writes a statement, they may choose to withhold their names, but they’re known to Peak Democracy,” Vogel said. “We know who they are and that in itself has proven to be effective.”

Most of the hundreds of postings on the two sites appear to be both civil and sincere, though on rare oc-

casions a poster’s passion trumps his or her manners. When Oakland residents, for instance, were asked on Kitchen Democracy whether the Oakland community should work with the Guardian Angels to help deter crime, one poster referred to the Angels as “paramilitary crazies” while another one described them as “photo-op hacks” (not surprisingly, both were anonymous).

But, as Vogel noted, the overall level of discourse had turned out to be much higher than he envisioned when he launched his two sites.

“It has surpassed our wildest dreams,” Vogel added. “Of course, people get excited and have heated discussions, but we almost never have problems.”

The Palo Alto City Council, for its part, expects a few posters to take liberties with their semi-anonymity and to push the bounds of proper behavior. Mayor Larry Klein and Councilman Jack Morton echoed Schmid’s concerns about a few hooligans monopolizing the site, but noted that the relatively low cost (\$6,200 for the six-month trial period) and lack of long-term commitment make Open City Hall a program worth supporting.

But Espinosa noted that Palo Altans who wish to post comments about local issues can already do so at the TownSquare Forum on the Weekly’s website. If city officials wish to set up a new forum, they should integrate it into the city’s website, which is in the process of being revamped, he said.

He also argued that the new forum may not be representative of the city’s population and may set up false expectations about council responses.

“I agree that this would provide a very visible platform for the squeaky wheels, but I’m not sure it would enlighten us across Palo Altans’ opinions and perspectives,” Espinosa said.

Better ways to foster civic engagement, he said, include encouraging residents to get involved in neighborhood councils, participate in disaster-preparedness work and elect block captains to promote street safety.

But most council members agreed that while the on-line system isn’t perfect, it’s a positive step in the city’s effort to promote civic engagement, which Palo Alto made one of its four priorities for this year. And they expressed confidence that any wrinkles that the city may encounter during its learning process with Open City Hall could ultimately be smoothed out. Councilman Patrick Burt argued against the notion that just because the new program isn’t perfect, it shouldn’t be pursued. Klein agreed.

“There’s certainly concerns, but it’s worth taking a risk,” Klein said. ■

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Corrections

The Oct. 10 Around Town column misidentified the director of the movie “Immaculate Confession.” Her name is Simone Grudzen, the daughter of the nun featured in the film. To request a correction, contact Managing Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-326-8210, jdong@pawekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

News Digest

Craigslist scam ends in shootings

A 32-year-old man was found suffering from gunshot wounds in an apartment complex parking lot at 1928 Cooley Ave. in East Palo Alto, Detective David Carson said.

The man, who lives in the complex, had been taking out his trash when he heard gunshots. He then realized he had been shot but did not see the shooter, Carson said.

When the man was transported to Stanford Hospital for his injuries, police found another victim who had been shot at the same location. Neither victim’s injuries were life-threatening and both were in stable condition.

Investigators discovered that the second victim, a 21-year-old man, had driven from his home in Stockton to buy a car he had seen advertised on Craigslist, Carson said.

He had been in contact by phone and e-mail with the people who were allegedly selling the car, Carson said. The sellers knew the man was driving to East Palo Alto Wednesday with the intent to buy the car, and when he arrived the “sellers” took the man’s cash at gunpoint and shot him.

“It was basically a setup,” said Carson, adding that he has leads in the case and expects to find the suspects.

“It’s quite solvable,” he said, adding that the man who was shot while taking out his trash appears to have simply been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Carson said Wednesday’s shootings were not connected and the proximity of the shootings is a coincidence. He added that while East Palo Alto has occasional bouts of criminal activity, two shootings in one day is unusual.

“We have our flare-ups, where things go sideways, but as a norm it is unusual for this to happen,” Carson said.

In an unrelated incident, another shooting occurred in the Cooley area sometime before 3:20 p.m., when police were called to Stanford Hospital after a 22-year-old man arrived at the emergency room suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, Carson said.

The man was in stable condition and lucid enough to tell hospital staff his name and that he lives in Redwood City, but details about the shooting were unclear, Carson said.

The man told police he was in his car in the area of Cooley and Scofield avenues when a car containing two or three people pulled up behind him, then drove up along his driver’s side and fired several rounds into his vehicle.

“We need his cooperation to find out exactly what [happened],” Carson said. “His information was vague at best.”

Anyone with information about the shootings is asked to contact Detective Carson at 650-521-3505, East Palo Alto police dispatch at 650-321-1112 or the police tip line at 650-853-8477. ■

— Don Kazak

Property company builds illegal alley gates

Woodland Park Management, which owns 1,750 apartments in East Palo Alto, has been issued a “cease and desist” order by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District for building gates on two public alleys near its properties.

The gates have since been removed.

The two alleys are located behind Manhattan Avenue and behind Woodland Avenue, west of U.S. Highway 101.

The stop-work order was issued last week, Fire Inspector John Johnston said.

“They built the gates without permits,” Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said. “The work was illegal.”

Additionally, Schapelhouman said that the gates were too narrow, meaning the district’s trucks and engines were blocked from entering the two alleys. “We’ve had problems with alley access before,” Schapelhouman said, including parked cars blocking the right-of-way.

Woodland Park has submitted new plans to build the gates on the two alleys, Johnston said. He added that the city and the property company “are working out” who owns the alley rights-of-way.

Mayor Pat Foster said that Woodland Park filed two lawsuits against the city on Monday, trying to gain ownership of the two alleys, which are public property.

“This is public property but they feel they can do what they want to do,” Foster said.

Woodland Park Management officials could not be reached for comment. ■

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An aerial rendering depicts the five massive structures that compose a majority of the planned expansion of Stanford Hospital.

STANFORD HOSPITAL

Hospital designs differ, with a common purpose

Stanford Hospital and Clinics plans unveiled this week, showing sharp contrast to Children's Hospital

by Jay Thorwaldson

Stanford University's \$2.5 billion dual hospital-replacement projects are anything but twins, design concepts unveiled this week reveal.

Architects and Stanford officials Monday disclosed a massive main-hospital building complex featuring four large square structures — called patient-care “pavilions” — rising above a three-level structure, plus another pavilion off one corner. All would be connected by walkways.

Designs for a separate Lucile Packard Children's Hospital — disclosed last month — reveal a design with sweeping curves and circular elements. The Children's Hospital would be constructed along Welch Road, a short distance east of the main hospital.

What the two hospitals have in common, officials and architects emphasized, is an overriding commitment to creating the best possible environment for both patients and staff. They would also incorporate operational efficiencies, earthquake-safe structures, flexibility to anticipate new technology and practices, “green” design elements and outstanding designs to reflect the next half century of patient care.

The combined costs of the hospitals is estimated at about \$2.5 billion, with \$1 billion for Children's and \$1.5 billion for the main complex. But those are subject to change as designs move forward and costs of materials change, officials caution.

The new plans for the main hospital feature three lower levels surrounding a dramatic fan-shaped cascading waterfall, the core of the “soothing” feeling architects say they have been striving to create throughout the building.

Each pavilion would be square and rise either six or seven stories to a maximum height of 130 feet. The new pavilions replace an earlier conceptual design showing three rounded patient-care “towers,” also about 130 feet high.

Much of the existing medical center, designed by Edward Durell Stone and opened in the late 1950s,

would remain for the immediate future. In the longer term, officials said, additional pavilions could be added to the new main hospital to replace the old buildings.

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Stanford, city host community meetings on redevelopment.

About 120 community leaders were given their first glimpse of architectural designs for the massive rebuilding and expansion of Stanford University's hospitals and medical center Monday. On Tuesday, officials continued informational-outreach meetings to neighborhood groups in Palo Alto.

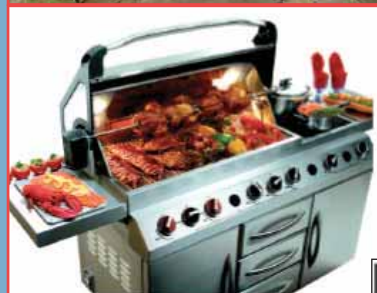
“I’m a real believer in treating the whole person,” Martha Marsh, president and CEO of Stanford Hospital and Clinics, said of the underlying design concepts, which architects repeatedly called “soothing.” She hosted the Monday reception at the Garden Court Hotel in downtown Palo Alto, along with Christopher Dawes, president and CEO of the Children's Hospital.

Architects for both the main hospital and a new Children's Hospital took questions from the audience, including numerous city officials and community leaders.

The Children's Hospital design is being done by William Pedersen of

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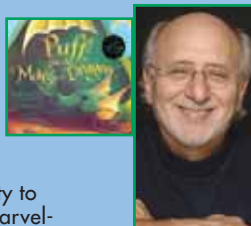


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Therese Poletti

Art Deco San Francisco: The Architecture of Timothy Pflueger

Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

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GO-GREEN: Laura Stec & Dr. Eugene Cordero

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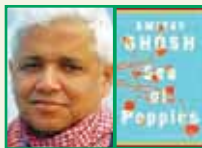


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Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

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Wendy Northcutt

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Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

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Dr. Irene Pepperberg

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Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

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Online This Week

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Police mount efforts to stop street robberies

Saying that "catching these guys is our number one priority," Palo Alto Police Chief Lynne Johnson said late Thursday afternoon that the department has taken steps to stop a rash of strong-arm street robberies that have occurred since early September. (Posted Oct. 17 at 9:27 a.m.)

VTA has highest ridership in its history

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority announced Friday that this September had the highest average weekday ridership in the agency's history. (Posted Oct. 17 at 11:09 a.m.)

Deputy chief catches purse-snatch suspect

A woman walking home from her downtown Palo Alto job Thursday night was accosted by a man on a BMX-style bicycle who first tried to talk with her and then grabbed her blouse, snatched her purse and pedaled away. But a suspect was chased down by Deputy Police Chief Dennis Burns, a former sprinter. (Posted Oct. 17 at 2:02 p.m.)

Mountain lion alert issued in Portola Valley

The carcass of a partially consumed deer found in the front yard of a Portola Valley home Saturday morning prompted the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office to issue a warning to residents in light of recent mountain lion sightings, a police sergeant said. (Posted Oct. 19 at 4:43 p.m.)

EPA youth stabbed Saturday in Redwood City

Redwood City police are seeking suspects in connection with the Saturday night stabbing of an East Palo Alto male juvenile victim, police said. (Posted Oct. 20 at 8:47 a.m.)

SLAC by any other name is still SLAC

The Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) has gotten a new name, Stanford officials have announced, which will sound familiar. (Posted Oct. 20 at 10:11 a.m.)

County voters to consider hospital bond measure

Santa Clara County voters on Nov. 4 will decide whether to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to upgrade the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and make it seismically sound. (Posted Oct. 20 at 3:25 p.m.)

Times changed, Mervyns didn't, founder says

Mervyns founder Merv Morris of Atherton Monday expressed "great sadness for the several thousand employees" impacted by the final closure of Mervyns chain of department stores — along with gratitude "for all the good" that came of the stores. (Posted Oct. 21 at 12:16 a.m.)

Palo Alto Council talks of trash and rights

For the first time in more than 50 years, Palo Alto will have a new trash collector effective July 1, 2009: The City Council Monday approved an eight-year contract with Green Waste Recovery, Inc. (Posted Oct. 21 at 3:56 a.m.)

Despite Caltrain-area crimes, robberies down

Despite concern about a recent wave of street robberies, the overall number of 2008 robberies is likely to be the second-lowest in six years, the Palo Alto City Council learned Monday night. (Posted Oct. 21 at 4:05 a.m.)

Mountain View book club to nominate 'Top Ten'

The Mountain View High School Book Club is one of two teen reading groups in the Bay Area selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association to participate in the nomination of books for the group's annual "Teens Top Ten" reading list. (Posted Oct. 21 at 8:57 a.m.)

South Palo Alto blaze sparked by soldering iron

A homeowner doing his own remodeling touched off a fire at 9:17 a.m. Tuesday when he was using a soldering iron that ignited flooring insulation. (Posted Oct. 21 at 11:12 a.m.)

Families hoping to join district hit setback

Despite the Palo Alto school board's resolution last week to reject a petition by 18 families to transfer into the district, the families are vowing to fight on. (Posted Oct. 21 at 12:19 p.m.)

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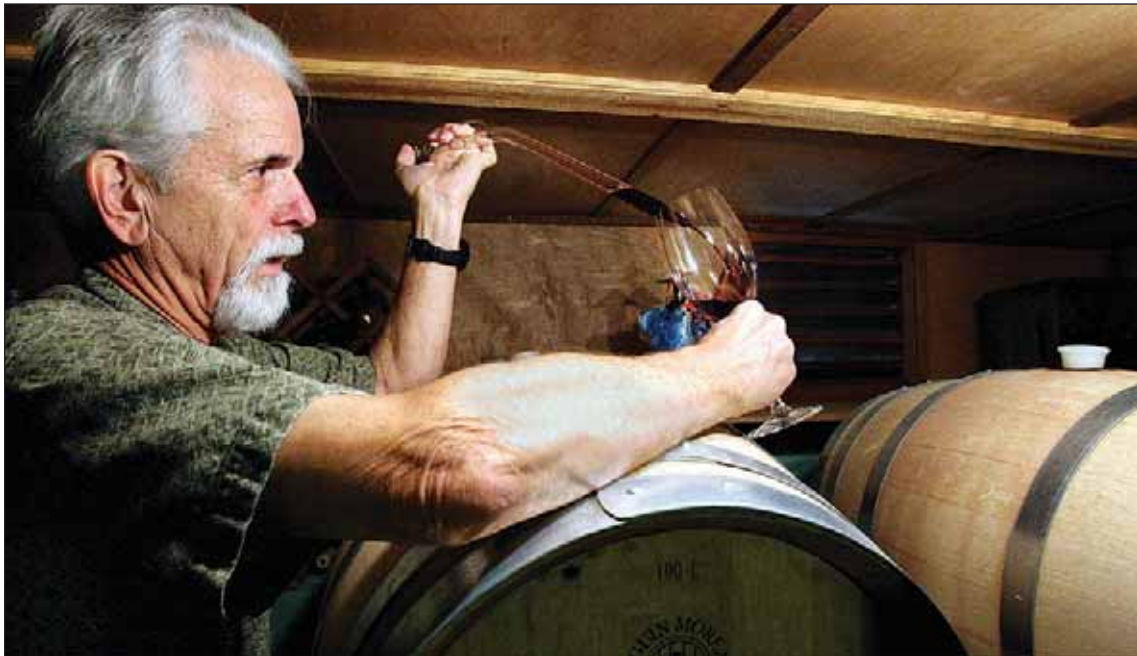


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Neighborhoods

A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann



Gary Bacon, cofounder of the Forest Avenue Wine Co-op, takes a barrel sample of the Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine co-op is lifeblood of neighborhood

From harvest to bottling, residents find camaraderie in Cabernet

by Sue Dremann

Good spirits are flowing in Crescent Park.

Every fall for the past seven years, a giant plastic hose has snaked over backyard fences, carrying purple liquid through windows and into basements.

This autumn has been no different.

Wine, the precious fluid flowing into basement barrels, has brought neighbors in the Crescent Park neighborhood together since 2001, when the Forest Avenue Wine Co-op was started.

Back then, three neighbors founded the group as a way to make use of the 4-acre harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes on residents Mark Holler and Cindy Bickerstaff's 25-acre Napa property. Soon, the group grew to six families. Now it has 14 members, according to Gary Bacon, a co-op founder.

Bacon was attracted to the wine

co-op project primarily because of its neighborhood-building possibilities, he said. A retired Los Altos High School teacher, Bacon has a history in community building — he started the high school's Learning Community in 1972 for a student who wanted to help create a better world. He was also a member of the Briarpatch Co-op in Menlo Park.

Bacon describes the wine they make as akin to their neighborhood: "good, friendly and generous."

Every October neighbors gather for a trip to the Mt. Veeder vineyard. Snipping clusters of the globular red fruit from vines, the neighbors gather nearly a ton of grapes, loading the harvest into pickup trucks.

"The No. 1 priority is to taste the spirit of the grape. We work a half-day to pick the grapes, then drink wine and have a picnic," Bacon said.

Back in the neighborhood, family and friends help crush their harvest.

The mashed fruit ferments in Holler's garage, where neighbors take turns "punching down" the mix, stirring it for two weeks. Neighbors gather for the pressing, as the liquid that will become Cabernet Sauvignon wine is separated from its seeds and skins, pushed through the wine-press slats by a giant expanding bladder.

In two months' time, the liquid will begin its journey from stainless-steel holding cylinders through the plastic hose, coursing through yards and over fences into the basement barrels of one neighbor or another.

"It's like a lifeline, and you can watch it flow from the fermentation cylinders into the oak barrels," Bacon said.

Each year, Bacon and co-op member Tim Guilford take turns as keepers of the wine — 200 gallons in all — that will be shared among

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AROUND THE BLOCK

MARSH MADNESS ... The Palo Alto Family YMCA and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital will host the **Second Annual Marsh Madness 10K/5K Run and Walk**. The dog-friendly event takes place at the Palo Alto Baylands Oct. 25. The event raises funds and promotes community awareness to fight an increasing number of youth health problems, including poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, youth obesity, and adult-onset diabetes. The event begins at 8 a.m. with a 3K dog

walk, followed by the 10K run at 8:20 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 8:25 a.m. The adult entry fee is \$30, and for ages 17 and under, the fee is \$10. YMCA members receive a \$5 discount. Entertainment, food and awards follow. Marsh Madness is a professionally timed event on a USA Track and Field (USATF)-certified course. To register, visit www.marshmadnessrun.net. ■

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CityView

A round-up of government action this week

Architectural Review Board (Oct. 20)

Stanford Hospital: The board held a special meeting to hear about Stanford University Medical Center's expansion project. The board took no action and will discuss the project again at its next meeting, tentatively set for Nov. 20. **Action:** None.

City Council (Oct. 20)

Garbage collection: The council approved an eight-year contract with Green Waste Recovery, Inc., a trash collecting company based in San Jose. The deal ensures that more local trash will be reused or recycled, but it also means a 14.2 percent increase in garbage rates. **Yes:** Unanimous.

Open City Hall: The council voted to sign on to Open City Hall, an online forum aimed at encouraging civic engagement. Residents will be able to chime in and vote on agenda items on the new site, which is operated by Berkeley-based Peak Democracy. The program will cost \$6,200 for the six-month trial period. **Yes:** Barton, Burt, Drekmeier, Kishimoto, Klein, Morton, Schmid, Yeh. **No:** Espinosa.

Homeland Security: The council approved a resolution urging the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency's "Operation Return to Sender" to uphold Constitutional laws protecting individuals from unreasonable searches and seizures. **Yes:** Drekmeier, Espinosa, Kishimoto, Morton, Schmid, Yeh. **No:** Klein and Barton. **Abstaining:** Burt.

Finance Committee (Oct. 21)

Transmission Project: The committee agreed to recommend that the City Council approve an agreement for a long-term assignment of the city's share of transfer capability on the California-Oregon Transmission Project. **Yes:** Unanimous.

Landfill: The committee adopted a resolution approving a contract with Ameresco Butte County Landfill Gas to purchase up to four average megawatts of renewable energy over 20 years at a cost not to exceed \$71 million. **Yes:** Unanimous.



LET'S DISCUSS: Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues at Town Square at www.PaloAltoOnline.com

The Public Agenda

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The board will discuss the Wildlife Fire Management Plan and hear a presentation about recreation programs offered at the Mitchell Park Community Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PALO ALTO BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The board plans to discuss a summer school update for the 2008 session and a proposal for 2009. The academic calendar for the 09-10 and 10-11 school years is up for approval. The board will also address enrollment and school-size policy and vote on the authorization to seek bids for the industrial arts building at Gunn. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the board room at the District Office (25 Churchill Ave.).

PALO ALTO PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hold a preliminary design session regarding the Police Safety Building. It will also discuss 488 W. Charleston Road, the proposed "Tree House" affordable-housing project. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

Enrollment

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next year either."

"I was told there would not be room for my first grader at Addison until fourth grade," wrote another.

Recognizing that neighborhood schools help students and parents foster community, the policy also codifies efforts to "build a sense of community and individual belonging in the schools."

The proposed policy is vague, giving the district a wide berth to maneuver in the future. If the attendance numbers continue to grow at current rates, this maneuverability and flexibility will be necessary for the district to adequately deal with enrollment issues, Lawrence said.

There won't be any immediate change at schools based on the new

policy, Skelly said. The new policy is more a case of matching policy with reality than a shift in philosophy.

"The best way to address the overflow problems in the district is to match enrollment with neighborhood boundaries, taking into account physical space available," he said.

To this end, new buildings are being proposed, Garland Elementary School will be re-opened, and portable units have been placed at every school. According to a report to the board, with more space and a revised school size policy, the district will be better equipped to adjust and adapt to enrollment numbers that are expected to continue to rise into the future. ■

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Wine co-op

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co-op members after proper aging. The barrels must be topped off with additional wine as evaporation takes place — oxygen is the enemy of wine, Bacon said.

"One year we didn't have enough topping wine. Mark bought 45 bottles at Trader Joe's to taste for topping off," he said. The group picked the best and bought enough to add to the barrels.

Neighborhood character is built into each glass of wine, as members gather monthly to taste the vintage and coax it along, deciding in an annual blind tasting how much sugar, tannin and other characteristics they want in the wine.

Six oak barrels share space with steamer trunks and the basement furnace in Bacon's wine cellar, where a small tasting table and stereo that plays jazz and R&B music allow for a comfortable setting in which to sample the wine. Bacon collects songs with a wine theme: Eric Burdon's "Spill the Wine" and Nina Simone's "Lilac Wine" being two examples.

Bacon drew wine from a barrel with a "wine thief," a glass instrument that allows for sanitary removal of liquid from a barrel.

"Mt. Veeder is regarded as producing some of the best (Cabernet) Sauvignon grapes in the world. The wines we get are influenced by we who pick them and shepherd them along," he said.

Bacon swirled the wine in a class, holding it up to the light.

"This wine has legs," he said, referring to the streamers of clear liquid that break out and flow down the inside of the glass. "Legs" are an indicator of wine quality and alcohol content, he said.

Each batch is barrel-aged for two years before bottling and distribution; then, it's time for bottle washing, filling and labeling — another excuse for a party, he said. Up to 80 cases of wine are created. Bacon designs the labels, and the co-op has a calendar with photographs of members as they work to create the wine. One year a Halloween costume party created the ambiance for tasting.

Co-op members Holler and Bickerstaff, Bacon, his wife Carmen Gomez, Tim and Glista Guilford, George and Susan Clark, Mike and Greta Jawetz and Mice Occhiolini and Wendy Hofenberg gather for an annual party once the vintage is ready to go. Old bottles from previous years' vintages are brought out and everyone imbibes in food and wine.

This fall will probably be the last the co-op will formally share wine. Holler and Bickerstaff have more commercial plans for a winery, and most neighbors have all the wine they can drink — for now. But Bacon said he would still like to produce wine in perhaps smaller amounts to keep the camaraderie alive.

And if wine tasting isn't in the mix, there's always his annual film festival in his back yard or the Labor Day party — other opportunities for neighborhood friendship and connection, he said. ■

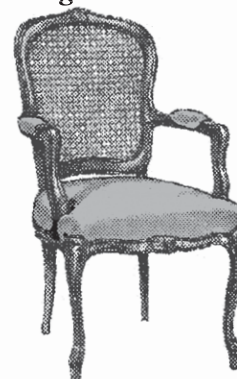
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Approval of minutes of Historic Resources Board meeting of October 15, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearings

1. **345 Lincoln [08PLN-00323]:** Request by Monty Anderson Caw Architects, on behalf of Carolyn Foss, for Historic Board Review for a water tower renovation for a category 2 single-family residential property. Zoning: R-1(10,000)

Questions. If interested parties have any questions regarding the above applications, please contact the Planning Division at (650) 329-2441. The files relating to these items are available for inspection weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and staff reports will be available for inspection at 2:00 PM the Friday preceding the hearing.

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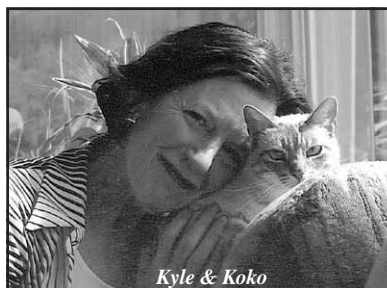
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Upfront

Stanford hospital

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Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF), who will be working with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc.

The design for the main hospital complex is by Rafael Vinoly of Rafael Vinoly Architects, based in New York with offices in London and Los Angeles. Vinoly will be working in association with the California-based architectural firm Lee, Burkhardt, Liu, Inc.

The associated firms have separate expertise in hospital and medical-center operations.

Models and renderings of the hospitals at the unveiling showed dramatically different concepts for the main complex and the separate Children's Hospital, which featured sweeping curves and rounded ends, with "tree house" areas looking over gardens where families could gather.

Stanford faces a mandate to replace by 2013 the existing hospital buildings, part of which date back to the late 1950s when earthquake standards were less sophisticated.

An environmental impact report is targeted for completion in early 2009, and hospital officials hope for approvals from the city and state agencies by 2010, in time for construction to be completed by the 2013 state mandate. ■

Weekly Editor Jay Thorwaldson can be e-mailed at jthorwaldson@paweekly.com. Images of both hospitals can be viewed at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.



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Health Notes

FLU SHOTS ... The following local facilities are offering **flu shots**: **Avenidas** flu-shot clinics for seniors 60 and older and people with chronic conditions will take place on Oct. 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$2. No appointment needed. 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5400. **Peninsula Volunteers Little House** clinic for seniors is on Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon. Donation \$5. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025.

Palo Alto Medical Foundation will offer an early flu-shot clinic for at-risk patients from Oct. 26 to Nov. 1. Shots for others not at risk will begin Nov. 2. Flu shots will be given at the Palo Alto Center, 795 El Camino Real, Third Floor, Conference Center. The schedule is based on people's surnames. Call 650-321-4121 for details.

OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA ... A special talk sponsored by the Stanford Health Library, **"The Solution to the Omnivore's Dilemma,"** will take place Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. The speaker, **Christopher Gardner**, is a nutrition scientist and associate professor at Stanford's Prevention Research Center. Gardner will discuss how nutrition-based diets don't work and how social and political consciousness might have a lasting effect on diet and health. The talk is free and will take place at Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez St., Stanford. To register, call 650-498-7826.

MOVING WITH PARKINSON'S ... A pilot program for people with **Parkinson's** disease that uses movement to music to provide recreation, exercise and socializing will take place Nov. 1 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at **Peninsula Volunteers Little House**, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. The classes are free. To arrange a visit, call Tryphene at 650-326-2025.

MEMORY SCREENING CORRECTION ... A story in the **2008 Living Well**, a senior-oriented publication of the Weekly, mistakenly listed a **memory screening** at **Peninsula Volunteers Little House** as taking place on Nov. 13. The screening, which is by the Stanford/VA Aging and Clinical Research Center, is actually happening on **Nov. 18** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the **Palo Alto VA Hospital**, 3801 Miranda Ave., Bldg. 5, Fourth Floor Conference Room, Palo Alto. There is no event at Little House. Call 650-852-3287 to register. ■

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A monthly section on recreation and health, edited by Sue Dremann

Friends Program, book, help children with Asperger's to reason everyday rules

by Sue Dremann

It's a familiar refrain heard between parent and child: "Why do I have to turn off the TV?"

"Why do I have to take turns?"

"Why do I have to share my toys?"

For parents of children with autism, that question can turn life upside down. Children with Asperger's syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism, have difficulty comprehending social and family rules and understanding empathy, according to Laurie Leventhal-Belfer, a Palo Alto psychologist and author of the recently published "Why Do I Have To? A Book for Children Who Find Themselves Frustrated by Everyday Rules."

Leventhal-Belfer's new book isn't just for children with Asperger's, although its wisdom comes out of that experience. The book is really written for children who have limited flexibility and difficulty coping.

Parents with children for whom "because I said so" just won't work will find the book useful, she said.

The book empathizes with children's wishes to do things their way and explains why their way does not work. It offers a list of practical suggestions to avoid feelings of frustration, and the stories can be adjusted for each child's individual needs.

Leventhal-Belfer also created The Friends Program, an innovative therapeutic program in Palo Alto that helps preschool and early-primary grade children with high-functioning autism learn skills for following rules and making friends.

In a spacious play room at the University Lutheran Church near Stanford University, three young boys, "Mike," "Timothy" and "Jack," sat on bright blue carpet squares, accompanied by psychologist Luisa Montaini-Klov Dahl and co-therapist Monika Perez, a young child specialist. The blue squares were the children's personal oceans, Montaini-Klov Dahl said.

"What would you be like if you were a fish? What would it look like if we were swimming by big, long seaweed?" she asked.

Jack rose from his carpet. "I'm going to make myself into a stingray," he said, running around the room.

Montaini-Klov Dahl called him back to his blue square, back to his ocean.

"Sea creatures can't live outside the ocean," she explained.

The therapists used the underwater theme to help the children build core interpersonal skills and awareness: making eye contact, developing empathy and curiosity about peers, reading non-verbal and verbal cues and learning symbolic play — skills lacking in autistic children, Montaini-Klov Dahl, who illustrated the new book, said.

On a recent morning, the children pretended to be medusas.



Darlene Bouchard

Andy, 6, explains how his roller coaster works to psychologist Luisa Montaini-Klov Dahl. She is helping him develop reciprocal social playing skills.

"May I gently touch you with my tentacles?" Montaini-Klov Dahl asked Jack.

Some children with autism-spectrum disorders have sensory regulatory issues. They can get overloaded and may be sensitive to touch or invade another child's personal space. "Touching is often an inability to keep yourself in control in relation to others," Perez said.

Graduate student and assistant Hiroko Tanaka held up a board with pictures and words that illustrated each of the

table. Skills such as eye contact, asking a peer what they are doing (interaction and empathy) and complimenting each other are reinforced.

The children colored cut-outs of sea creatures. Mike wanted to paint some of the tentacles on a paper jellyfish, but Jack was already painting it. Again, Montaini-Klov Dahl encouraged dialogue, suggesting that Mike ask Jack if it is OK if he paints where Jack has been painting.

Tanaka held up a colorful board bearing each child's name. The children receive colorful stars for achievements such as making good eye contact or complimenting another child.

"We have simple goals, such as listening and being in control of your body. We reinforce it again and again. We want them to know it's highly valued in society," Perez said.

Children with autism are often highly intelligent and have excellent language skills. But they lack an understanding of social reciprocity and make-believe play, which are important at the preschool and early elementary ages, Leventhal-Belfer said.

Often called "little professors," they can focus on one area of specialization, charming adults with their precociousness.

"They are a grandparent's dream," Leventhal-Belfer said.

But being an expert won't get a child far with other children at play time, she added. Leventhal-Belfer observed one boy who set up dinosaurs but wouldn't interact with the other children.

"His was a vegetarian and it couldn't interact with the carnivores," she said.

Leventhal-Belfer meets separately with parents while the children play. In the group setting, parents discuss how to communicate with teachers, how things went that week, and strategies for coping with rigid eating patterns or changing social situations, such as going to a party or having a play date.

Sometimes, it may feel as though parents are alone. But they aren't.

"Palo Alto has a very large number of children on the autistic spectrum," Leventhal-Belfer said. The national estimate is that one child in 150 has autism-spectrum disorder. ■

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Why?
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morning's activities.

Children with autism respond well to images. The children have trouble processing large amounts of information at one time. Breaking down tasks and activities into small, visual chunks helps the child follow what is happening.

Montaini-Klov Dahl and Perez point to the images and accompanying words. The next activity, art time, could be indicated by an image of a table and a drawing, indicating that the children will leave their places on the carpet to go to the play table for art time. Other images indicate outside play time, snack time back at the table or meeting in a circle to say goodbye.

Tanaka becomes the "big fish" and the children become fish in a school, following her to the art

Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Deaths

Alan G. Marer

Alan G. Marer, 74, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died in his home Sept. 19.

He was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Omaha, Neb., to Jack and Anita Marer. He graduated from Central High School in Omaha and received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1955. In 1956, he was drafted and spent two years in the U.S. Army 11th Armored Cavalry, first at Fort Knox and then on the Czechoslovakian-German border.

Upon discharge from the Army, he attended Columbia Law School in New York City and received his law degree in 1961. He always believed that his "real" legal education began in the appeals and research section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department, where he worked as an attorney from 1961 to 1967. During those years, he and the other few men and women of the Civil Rights Division were instrumental in helping enact into law the major civil rights acts of the 1960s: the Public Accommodations Act, the Voting Rights Act and the Housing Act.

After leaving the Justice Depart-

ment, he was appointed General Counsel of the Western Region of the Office of Economic Opportunity, where he worked until 1969. After a few years in private practice of law in San Francisco and Palo Alto, in 1974 he returned to Washington, D.C., as a supervising attorney on the impeachment of President Nixon at the request of John Doar, Special Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. He concluded his professional career practicing appellate law with his brother, Gerald Z. Marer, who predeceased him.

He is remembered as a good man, husband, and devoted father, friends and family recall. He battled to overcome depression in his latter years, though never lost his wit, humor and dedication to bring about the well-being of others.

He is survived by his wife Alison Marer of Palo Alto; two sons and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Marer of Palo Alto, and Stephen and Angelica Marer of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; two grandchildren; nieces and nephew; and other relatives.

A memorial gathering will be held at the family home Nov. 15.

Memorial donations may be made to civil rights organizations or to mental health and dementia research organizations.

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Born in North Plainfield, NJ, Bud was a WWII veteran (117th Cavalry) who served in North Africa, Italy, and France, where he was wounded. He is an alumnus of Princeton University (class of 1951), and did graduate work at USC in Los Angeles, CA. In 1953, Bud moved to San Diego, where he worked as a marine biologist for Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and subsequently as an engineer with General Dynamics Corp. In 1961, Bud moved to Palo Alto, where he worked as an aerospace engineer for Lockheed, a medical technologist at the Veterans Administration Medical

Center, and a physiology research assistant at Stanford University.

Bud was predeceased by his daughter Danza in 1996. He is survived and missed by his wife Judy; son, Richard; stepdaughter, Laurie; three grandchildren; sisters, Ann Luley and Betty Bann; brother, Dave, and devoted friends. Bud's friendly nature charmed and delighted everyone he met. We will miss his brilliant mind, wit, stories, and loving kindness.

Donations in the name of Elmer K. Squier can be made to the Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203

PAID OBITUARY

STEVE ROGAWAY



Steve Rogaway, 58, a long time resident of Palo Alto passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Steve grew up in Palo Alto, attended Palo Alto schools and was on the Paly track team. He then went on to UC Berkeley where he was on the Berkeley track team.

He then got his MBA and worked for Williams Sonoma, Wordstar, and Oracle (marketing director and did some international traveling). He left Oracle to do consulting.

Most recently, Steve was on the Eddie Hart

Advisory Board. Eddie Hart, former Olympic Gold Medalist (1972), established this organization to help make a positive difference in the lives of youth. Eddie Hart recently presented Steve's sister with a Proclamation recognizing Steve's many contributions to youth and to the organization.

Steve is survived by his sister, Kathy Rogaway Farrell Poulson and his nephews Ryan Farrell and Dylan Farrell. He was the beloved son of the late Betty Rogaway.

Steve will be remembered for his quick wit and humor. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Steve's life has been held.

PAID OBITUARY

HOBERT W. BURNS

OCTOBER 13, 1925-OCTOBER 14, 2008



Hobert Warren Burns, former Academic Vice President and Acting President of San Jose State University and former Interim President of Sonoma State University, died on October 14 in his home in Los Gatos after a short battle with cancer.

Bert, as everyone called him, said the turning point in his life was in middle school when the principal referred him to renowned Lowell High School in San Francisco. He claimed that this rich educational experience made him see potentials in life he had not seen before.

He graduated high school in the middle of World War II and joined the Coast Guard. He rarely spoke about his war experience, but proudly wore his Purple Heart lapel pin. His long time friends learned that Bert was awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest award for bravery. His reference to the medal was, "I was just a dumb kid."

The G.I. Bill enabled him to earn an A.A. in 1948 from Menlo College, where he also served as student body president. His B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Stanford University followed in 1950 and 1951, and an Ed. D. in 1957. He also met Patricia Rowe at Stanford, marrying her in 1954.

Bert held college teaching and administrative assignments in New Jersey and New York from 1957 to 1966. He was a Fulbright scholar in Chile from 1959-1960. He joined Syracuse University in 1960 as chair of the Department of Cultural Foundations. In 1963 he was named the first dean of the College of Education of Hofstra University in New York. Bert and Francis Villemain established the Studies in Philosophy and Education in the 1960's.

In 1966, SJSU President Robert Clark invited Bert to return to the West Coast to hold the new post of Academic Vice President. He immediately began strengthening the general education program, the role of school deans, and acted as a strong voice for the administration in the Academic Senate. The entire CSU system adopted the model for general education he created.

Bert was named Acting President of SJSU for the 1969-1970 academic year, coinciding with the protests against the Vietnam War. He was credited with forging a student-faculty-community coalition that helped spare the campus the tumultuous unrest other schools experienced.

Bert regularly voiced his personal anti-war views, yet resigned on principle as Acting President in May 1970, after the faculty voted to relax academic requirements to give students time to protest the Vietnam War. While he and then Governor Reagan did not always see eye to eye, they later built a friendship based on mutual respect.

Bert returned to administrative and teaching posts from 1970 to 1983. In 1979 he received the faculty honor society's first Exemplar Scholar Award recognizing outstanding teaching. Bert was an early supporter of women's sports, Title IX, and athletics in general.

Bert's well-composed memos to various administrators and faculty members were legendary. They could be frank, thoughtful, humorous, supportive, and sometimes biting. He devoted special attention and effort to the Spartan Foundation to encourage community involvement and support of the University.

In 1983 CSU Chancellor Ann Reynolds appointed him interim president for one year at Sonoma State University. Retiring in 1984, he and Patricia devoted time to the golf course, a longtime passion. Bert also took great pleasure in civil war and genealogical research and his buddies in the "Over the Hill Gang".

Bert's lifelong commitment to educational reform was reflected in his publication of nine books and 99 scholarly articles. Even during his administrative career he always taught classes. As he once wrote, "A wonderful school experience at Lowell High led me to conclude I wanted to become a teacher. I've never regretted that conclusion and the life to which it led."

He and Patricia became strong supporters of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. They jointly funded an annuity for a Special Collections Endowment. Recently, Patricia made a donation to the library for a California history collection. Ruth Kifer, university library dean, said, "Both Bert and Patricia have been such strong supporters of the library from its initial opening because, as Bert told me, 'I just love libraries.'"

Bert is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia, daughters Carol and Janifer, son and daughter-in-law Charles and Annie Liedstrand. Other survivors include four grandchildren, Donna, Monica, Ryan, Clare, god daughter Cecily, brothers- and sisters-in-law Charles and Merle Burns and Katharine and James Bower. Bert dearly loved his cat and dog family, especially OJ, Wilbur, Aqui, Alla, and Poco.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on the corner of San Fernando and Fourth Streets in San Jose. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of the Valley in San Jose.

PAID OBITUARY

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Editorial The Weekly recommends ...

A summary of recommendations for the Nov. 4 election

U.S. President

Barack Obama (D)

Congress (District 14)

Anna Eshoo (D) Incumbent

State Senate (District 11)

Joe Simitian (D) Incumbent

State Assembly (District 20)

Ira Ruskina (D) Incumbent

East Palo Alto City Council

Doug Fort, Carlos Romero, Goro Mitchell

Ravenswood School District

Saree Mading, Sharifa Wilson

Superior Court Judge (Office No. 8)

Lane Liroff

SC County Measure A: YES

Authorizes a 1/8-cent sales tax increase to finance \$840 million in bonds to rebuild and expand the Valley Medical Center to meet state-mandated earthquake standards and assure medical care for all patients. Two-thirds majority required.

SC County Measure B: YES

Authorizes a 1/8-cent sales tax increase to finance the operation over 30 years of a 16.1-mile extension of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system into San Jose and Santa Clara to link to the Caltrain system to create a transit loop around the bay. Two-thirds majority required.

Palo Alto Measure N: YES

Library upgrade and expansion bonds to raise \$76 million over 30 years — two-thirds approval needed.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1A: YES

Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century

Authorizes general obligation bonds to fund \$9 billion in pre-construction activities and construction of a high-speed (speeds of over 200 mph) passenger rail system, and \$950 million in capital improvements to passenger rail systems that expand capacity and/or enable train riders to connect to the high-speed rail system.

Proposition 2: YES

Treatment of Farm Animals

Prohibits the confinement on a farm of pregnant pigs, calves raised for veal, and egg-laying hens in a manner that does not allow them to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs. The Humane Society of the U.S. is promoting this proposition and is joined by the California Veterinary Medical Association, Center for Food Safety, Union of Concerned Scientists, Sierra Club and Consumer Federation. Large egg producers oppose it.

Proposition 3: YES

Children's Hospital Bond Act

Authorizes \$980 million in general obligation bonds for capital improvement projects at children's hospitals. The measure specifically identifies the five University of California children's hospitals as eligible for 20 percent of bond funds. The remaining 80 percent would go to other non-profit hospitals. The list of supporters is broad, beginning with hospitals and doctors.

Proposition 4: NO

Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy

Amends the State Constitution to require, with exceptions, a physician to notify the parent or guardian of a pregnant unemancipated minor at least 48 hours before performing an abortion. This amendment is similar to others defeated by voters in 2005 and 2006. It is proposed by the same backers, and creates additional barriers for pregnant minors seeking medical assistance and creates potential penalties for doctors who attempt to serve them using their best medical judgment.

Proposition 5: YES

Nonviolent Offenders. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation.

Proposition 5 would (1) expand drug treatment diversion programs, (2) modify parole supervision procedures and expand prison and parole rehabilitation programs, (3) allow inmates to earn additional time off their prison sentences for participation in rehabilitation programs, (4) reduce some penalties for marijuana possession from misdemeanors to infractions, and (5) make changes to state law mainly affecting rehabilitation and parole programs.

Proposition 6: NO

Criminal Penalties and Laws. Public Safety Funding

Increases a long list of criminal penalties, establishes new crimes, and requires new state spending on various programs to combat crime and operate our prison and parole systems. Cost is estimated to exceed half a billion dollars annually not counting capital outlay for new prison facilities. Its approach is a sharp contrast to Proposition 5. Proposition 6 is supported by a broad range of law enforcement groups and opposed by the League of Women Voters, California Democratic Party and the California Teachers Association, among others.

Proposition 7: NO

Renewable Energy

Requires all utilities, including government-owned utilities, to generate 20% of their power from renewable energy by 2010. It requires all utilities to achieve 40% renewable energy by 2020 and 50% by 2025 and imposes penalties for noncompliance. We like the goal of Proposition 7 and are tempted to support it because we believe that climate change is serious, oil is peaking, and our prosperity will continue to suffer until we wean ourselves from fossil fuels. However, this measure is opposed by the League of Women Voters, the California Labor Federation and major environmental groups including: the League of Conservation Voters, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council as well as the Union of Concerned Scientists. You might think it would be supported by renewable energy producers. It's not. Among the opponents are: California Solar Energy Industries Association, California Wind Energy Association, Large-Scale Solar Association and Independent Energy Producers Association. They all argue that Proposition 7, because of its flawed drafting, will set back the cause of renewables rather than advance it.

Proposition 8: NO

Limit on Marriage

Amends the California Constitution to specify that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. It would reverse the California Supreme Court ruling earlier this year and limit marriage to include only individuals of the opposite sex. We see this is as an equal rights issue. We believe that all California citizens, regardless of sexual preference, should be treated equally, and entitled to the same rights and status. We believe that society as a whole benefits when more individuals, of whatever sexual preference, commit to love and support each other.

Proposition 9: NO

Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole

Amends the State Constitution and various state laws to (1) expand the legal rights of crime victims and the payment of restitution by criminal offenders, (2) restrict the early release of inmates, and (3) change the procedures for granting and revoking parole. This measure is promoted by Henry T. Nicholas III, who provided almost \$5 million for the campaign in addition to

the \$1 million he gave to Proposition 6. Nichols is a billionaire who has funded multiple anti-crime measures over the years. We don't believe it's a good idea to pass comprehensive and complex crime legislation through the initiative process and lock it into the state constitution. The fact that so much of the funding for this measure comes from one person, Nicholas, and that he was indicted this summer by a federal grand jury for 21 counts related to conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud and separately for narcotics crimes, raises additional questions.

Proposition 10: NO

Bonds. Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy

Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds for various renewable energy, alternative fuel, energy efficiency, and air emissions reduction purposes. The majority (58% in cash payments of between \$2,000 and \$50,000) would go to purchasers of certain high fuel economy and alternative fuel (especially natural gas) vehicles. 20% is allocated for incentives for research, development and production of renewable energy technology. We're not convinced that California citizens should subsidize his large scale natural gas vehicle plan. Prop 10 is opposed by a number of consumer groups including Consumer Federation and TURN in the Bay Area. While it may seem attractive on the surface, there are many reasons to be troubled by this initiative: its narrow support and benefit, focus on fossil fuel use subsidy, and long term public cost.

Proposition 11: YES

Redistricting

Creates a 14-member redistricting commission responsible for drawing new lines for State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts. The measure establishes standards for drawing lines that require respect for the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and that encourage compact districts. The State Legislature would still draw lines for congressional districts but must adhere to the same geographic standards. The measure is supported by the League of Women Voters, California Common Cause, AARP and many business groups as well as Governor Schwarzenegger. While it has picked up support from Democrats such as Steve Westly, Gray Davis, former Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, former Assemblymen Fred Keeley and Tom Bates, and more than a dozen Democratic clubs as well as, it is opposed by the state Democratic Party, Don Perata, Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi who fear losing Democratic seats if it passes. Other support includes such diverse interests as ACLU in Southern California, the California Democratic Council, the California Police Chiefs Association, the Bay Area Council and the California Taxpayers Association. This measure is not perfect, but it's the best we've seen, and it's time for change in Sacramento.

Proposition 12: YES

Veterans' Bond Act of 2008

Authorizes \$900 million in general obligation bonds for the Cal-Vet program, which allows the State Department of Veterans Affairs to purchase farms and homes and resell them to California veterans. These bonds would provide sufficient funds for at least 3,600 additional veterans to receive loans. Each participating veteran makes monthly payments to the Department. According to the Legislative Analyst these payments are sufficient to (1) reimburse the department for its costs of purchasing the farm or home; (2) cover all costs resulting from the sale of the bonds, including interest; and (3) cover the costs of operating the program. This is a proven program which helps deserving Californians at little or no cost.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Letters

End inhumane treatment

Editor,

This November 4, I urge all California voters to vote yes on Proposition 2. This is a very modest measure that will end the cruel and inhumane confinement of egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs and veal calves.

Prop. 2 will require that such animals be given enough room to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up and turn around. Such farmed animals are currently forced to live under conditions that are so inhumane that they cannot even make these minimal body movements.

It is common sense that no living creature should be treated in such a manner. Unfortunately, factory farms do treat animals in exactly this way, with complete disregard for the wellbeing of their animals, the quality of food they produce or the impact that they have on human health and our environment. We wouldn't force our pets to live in filthy, cramped cages for their whole lives and we shouldn't force farm animals to endure such misery, either.

Prop. 2 is endorsed by the Humane Society of the United States, the Palo Alto Humane Society (as well as other humane societies throughout California), the Center for Food Safety, the California Veterinary Medical Association, Consumer Federation of America, United Farm Workers, more than 100 California farmers and numerous California businesses and elected officials.

Please vote yes on Prop. 2. It is a reasonable and common-sense reform that prevents cruelty to animals and will improve food safety. Prop. 2 is better for the animals — and for us.

Jennifer Knapp

Page Mill Road, Palo Alto

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Guest Opinion

It's long past time to renew libraries

by Alison Cormack

I support Measure N because it is a reasonable plan to fix our embarrassing libraries. And, it's past time to renew our libraries in this city!

Our libraries are heavily used, even in this era of computers and the Internet. Our circulation is up 45 percent in the past seven years and totaled 1.5 million books, DVDs and other materials in the last fiscal year. Our five libraries have 2,400 visitors every day.



Yet our two primary libraries opened in 1958. Main and Mitchell were built with proceeds from a bond passed in 1956. They were under construction in 1957, the year that Sputnik was launched and Fairchild Semiconductor was founded.

If you think about how much has changed in the world and Silicon Valley since 1957, and you know that our libraries have essentially stayed the same, you can appreciate the problem we have.

We've got Sputnik-era libraries in the age of the iPod and Google.

What do our neighbors provide? Since Measure D failed in 2002, the following communities have built new libraries: San Francisco, Millbrae, Belmont, San Mateo, Redwood City, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Cupertino, San Jose and Morgan Hill. Our city auditor determined that our "cramped and dilapidated" library facilities are in poor condition and the worst in the area.

What does Measure N do? More than 90 percent of the money will be used to build a new, energy-efficient Mitchell Park Library and Community Center and renovate and modestly expand Main Library. Downtown Library will also be renovated using Measure N funds. (Children's Library has already been renovated and expanded and College Terrace will be renovated and brought up to code next year using city funds.) For detailed plans, please visit www.betterlibrariesforpaloalto.com.

How much does it cost? The median assessed home in Palo Alto will pay \$139 a year. After the federal income-tax deduction, that's about a latte a week to bring all of our libraries into the 21st century. (The tax is assessed at \$28.74 per \$100,000 of assessed

We've got Sputnik-era libraries in the age of the iPod and Google.

value). It is a 30-year bond to raise up to \$76 million, and works just like the school bond passed in June or a home mortgage.

Will we get more books and services? The bond will give us room for 70,000 more books at Mitchell Park, which will be available to everyone in the city with the click of a mouse. We'll also get three kinds of spaces we don't have today:

- 1) Small rooms where students can prepare oral presentations, tutors can work with English language learners, and entrepreneurs can collaborate on new business plans.
- 2) Computer training rooms where classes

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Guest Opinion

Measure N won't provide better libraries

by Richard C. Placone

The Palo Alto Weekly in endorsing Measure N concludes that with all of its flaws this is a now-or-never proposal and to have improved libraries in our lifetime we must vote Yes. This is a scare tactic if I ever heard one.

Those of us opposing Measure N are doing so for one primary reason: We believe it is fiscally irresponsible and echoes the general mismanagement of public funds under the control of our City Council. We are not opposed to libraries. We would support a library bond — even one of \$76 million dollars plus interest — if the proposal included closing little-used branches, a modern technology plan to meet the needs of our children and grandchildren, devoted the funds to the improvement of the library system, and a detailed plan specifying ALL available public spaces in the city, including schools, private developments and community centers.

The issue of the branches is important. Claims are being made that Palo Alto residents insist on having all its branches, yet surveys carried out by the library itself show that of all library users, only 6.3 percent use the College Terrace branch, while 9.8 percent use the downtown branch.

Even the Weekly in its excellent summary of the history of the branches illustrates that the subject has been contentious for many years. The single exception to the branch system



is the recently upgraded Children's Library, which should remain as a special library devoted to the specific needs of young children. Library directors, council members, and even members of the Library Advisory Commission and Friends of the Palo Alto Libraries agree that operating five branches is costly and inefficient — yet the council has been unwilling to follow the lead of the experts.

College Terrace, Downtown and Mitchell Park could remain as local community centers. As of now, none are adequate libraries or community centers. These sites could be renovated with general funds, and not bond money, over the next few years, with Mitchell Park in particular becoming a fully expanded community and teen center without new buildings.

Those of us opposing Measure N are saying that the time has come for Palo Alto to ... give residents a single superb library.

Moreover, the current branch system is grossly unfair to the large majority of residents, in that only small numbers of us are actually within reasonable walking distance of any library branch. We'd all be better served with a library bookmobile operating out of a single fully complete library, as is being successfully done in Mountain View.

I asked a former council member if Measure N was going to give us five "Centers of Library Excellence," meaning would all five branches become complete libraries with each

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Streetwise

What eating behaviors have you changed to be more environmentally conscious?

Asked around University and Hamilton Avenues in downtown Palo Alto. Interviews by Rachel Palmer. Photographs by Veronica Weber.



Daniel Chui
Banker
Webster Street, Palo Alto

"I'm not particularly picky, there's no game plan with food. I'm not pro-organic or against it, it's just expensive. I go where the prices are good and sometimes it's organic."



Rob Carpenter
Student
Scentre Street, Mountain View

"I like to go to go Trader Joe's because they're trying to be green. We use green bags, too. Also, I love Nalgene bottles because they're efficient and you don't have to buy bottles all the time."



Alexis Austin
Student
Broadway Avenue, Redwood City

"I buy all my veggies at the Farmer's Market so I don't have to pay for the shipping or gas costs that go into delivering to the stores."



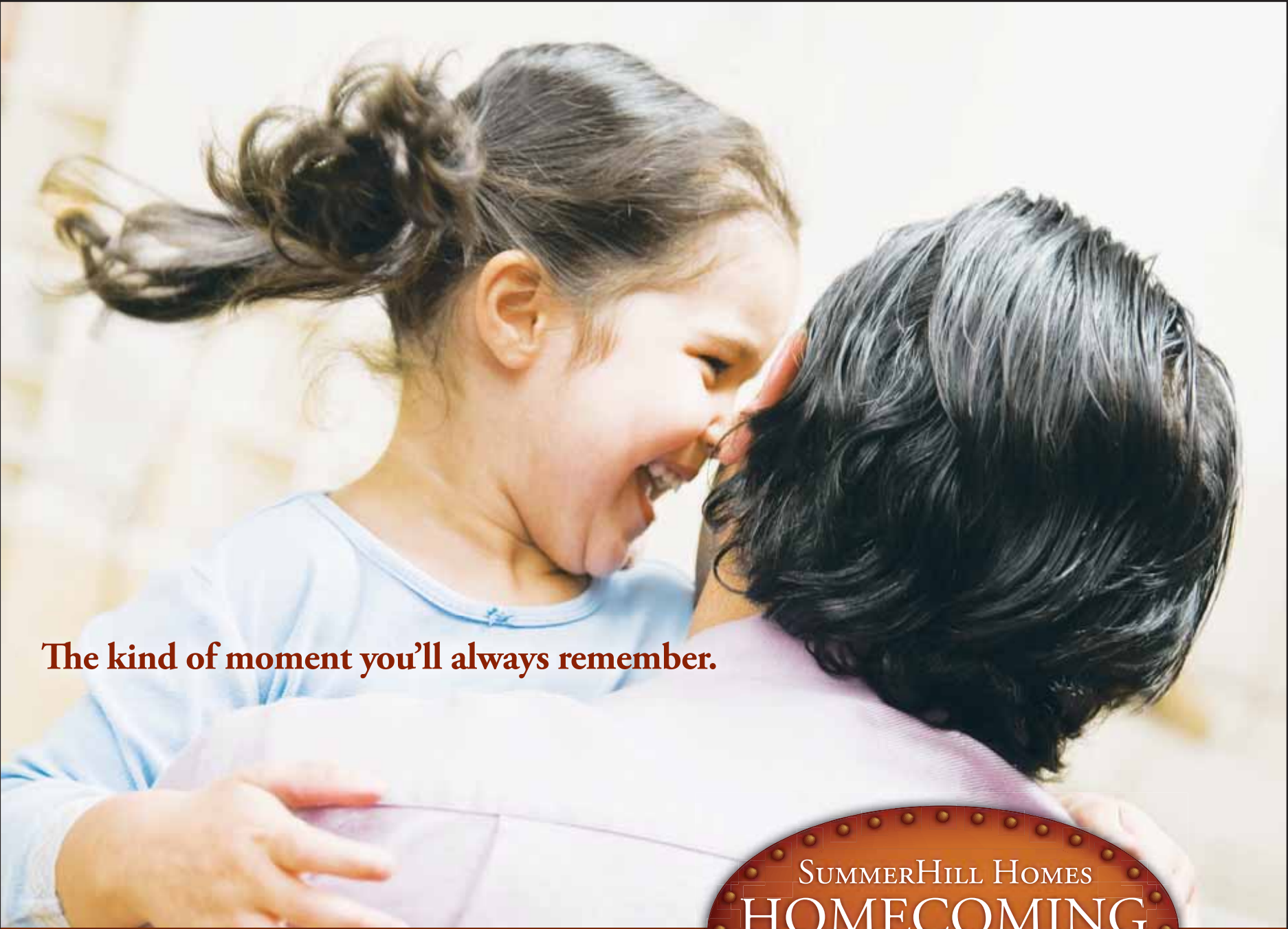
Mark Gonzales
Bartender at Mantra
Sherman Street, San Jose

"I make more healthy choices. I'm not completely vegetarian but but definitely animal-rights conscious and try to eat organic."



Soctt Herscher
Software Engineer
Homer Street, Palo Alto

"None. I'm a vegetarian and eat at Whole Foods all the time. I'm already conscious."



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on the library's databases and the Internet can be offered to help with genealogy research, students' homework, travel planning, and much more.

3) A larger program room at Main and Mitchell that is available for author lectures and other community events.

What can't the bond pay for? By law, bond funds cannot pay for staff, books, computers, furniture or maintenance. The Palo Alto Library Foundation is laying the groundwork to spearhead a private fundraising campaign to fill the library with the books, furniture and computers we will need. The City Council will use general funds to pay for the staff and utilities costs. The Council understands this bud-

get challenge and has repeatedly supported this plan unanimously.

Those 1,200 orange lawn signs you see all over town are the result of months of outreach at events, the work of our schools team and the word-of-mouth effect from more than 25 presentations I have made in neighborhoods across the city. Our endorsement list of more than 1,100 supporters includes a wide range of organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of PreSchool Family, Friends of the Palo Alto Library, Addison Elementary PTA, the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation, the Gunn High School Parent Teacher Student

Association, the Chinese American Librarians Association, and Stanford University.

This tremendous support demonstrates how committed this city is to renewing our libraries. It has been an honor to be the chair of this important campaign and I ask for your "yes" vote on Measure N.

Please join our team and make better libraries for Palo Alto a reality on Nov. 4. ■

Alison Cormack is chair of the Better Libraries for Palo Alto campaign and also the President of the Palo Alto Library Foundation. She can be e-mailed at acormack@sbcglobal.net.



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having all the amenities of a state-of-the-art library? He could not or would not answer the question.

Those of us opposing Measure N are saying that the time has come for Palo Alto to step up to the plate and give residents a single superb library — not continue along the path of mediocrity with plans and programs that are from the past. The No on Measure N website (www.paloaltansforcommonsense.com) offers several videos, ideas and information how this might become so, with supporting data.

As for the claim that this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, that is bunk. What is needed is council and staff leadership and no more "followship." Leadership is sadly lacking in our city, as illustrated by the serious infrastructure deficiencies totaling a half billion dollars per the city manager's report, obscene bonuses paid to managers for mere satisfactory performance, utility and theater operational scandals, inaction on the San Francisquito Creek flooding problem and more.

In addition, we face funding for an \$80 million public safety building; we have just approved a \$378 million dollar school bond. Even the City of Palo Alto needs to be concerned about funding all of these needs.

With real leadership and public education to its benefits for the entire city, we could be offered a library bond that we believe a very large majority of voters would approve and it could be done in reasonable time, well within the lifetimes of most of us.

We have a new, progressive city manager. I'll bet he could come up with a viable plan that would well serve the community for the next 50 years.

For these reasons, Measure N is NOT the way to go — vote No. ■

Richard Placone is a 46-year resident of Palo Alto, with a background in health care management at Stanford University and with his own company. He is a Barron Park resident, and was active in the creation of Bol Park and annexation of Barron Park to Palo Alto. He can be e-mailed at rcplacone@sbcglobal.net.

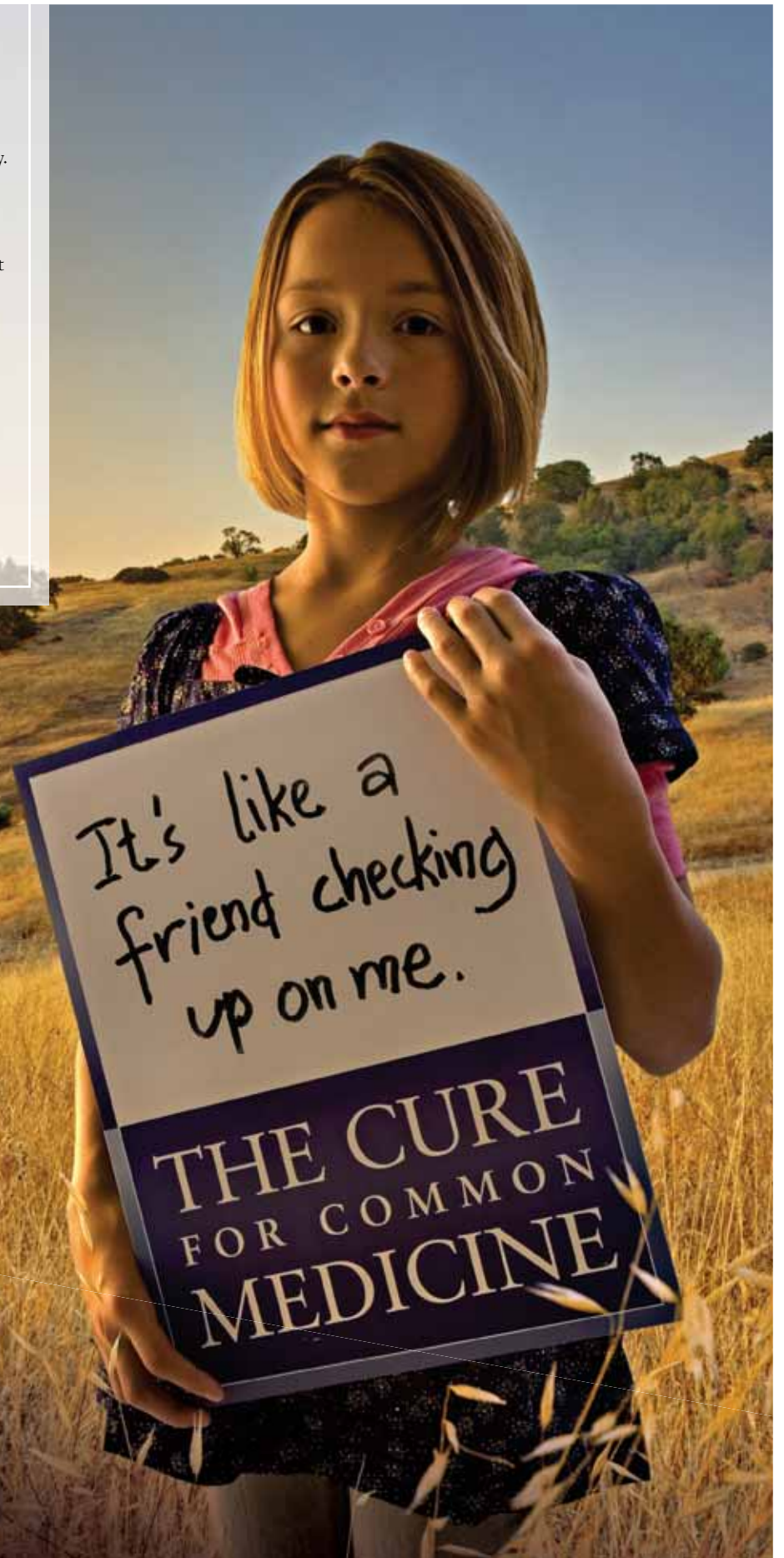
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After The Worst Happens: Top Care Is Right At Hand But Pressed to Limits

Myron Hollister is a lucky man. Lucky enough to survive being hit hard by a car while riding his bicycle. Lucky to have been injured less than a 10-minute drive from the Stanford Hospital & Clinics Emergency Department. And lucky enough to arrive there on a quiet morning.

Hollister, 75, was quickly evaluated. He'd come away from the crash with five broken ribs, a punctured lung, a concussion, sprained shoulder and very nasty cuts and scrapes on his hands. His treatment proceeded quickly and deliberately.

"Everyone was very calm," said Hollister's wife Linda. "Everything was very efficient."

A week later, the Emergency Department was a very different place. A truck whose brakes had failed plowed into a car in the parking lot of a local grocery store. One person was fatally injured. Three others suffered serious injuries. They were all brought to

Stanford, the only Level 1 Trauma Center between San Jose and San Francisco.

"We provided excellent medical care, but our resources were stretched absolutely to the max."

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More Patients, Same Space

"Right before that happened, we had two motorcycle crashes come in, one with a cracked liver. Then immediately afterwards, gunshot wounds came in," said Dr. Bob Norris, who heads the Hospital's Division of Emergency Medicine. "We provided excellent medical care, but our resources were stretched absolutely to the max. We had to take care of trauma patients in rooms that weren't designed for trauma care. If that accident had been twice as big, it would have been nearly impossible for us to have dealt with that."

When Norris talks about stretched resources, he means square feet more than medical staff. Built in 1976, the Emergency Department, where the trauma center operates, now handles more than 46,000 annual visits in a space designed for less than half that number. Over

the course of 24 hours, between five and six trauma patients will arrive. Overall, patient arrivals at Stanford's Emergency Department are going up by about five percent each year.

Being Best Under Any Condition

What also stresses the current space is Stanford's status as a Level 1 Trauma Center. That is the highest care quality designation achievable, but it also means Stanford is ready to treat the most seriously injured patients, like Hollister. One of every three people who arrive at Stanford requires admission to the Hospital. The national average of hospital admissions at non-trauma emergency centers is just 13 percent.

As a Level 1 Trauma Center, Stanford is required by the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to meet a long list of care criteria. It must have 24/7 availability of resuscitation equipment, specially trained trauma surgeons, other medical specialists in anesthesiology, orthopedics, neurosurgery and other fields, including nursing. The center must also serve as a regional resource and provide leadership in education, research and system planning.

In its most recent review of Stanford, the ACS team gave it perfect scores in all 176 criteria.

Comfortingly Close

The benefit to Stanford's neighboring communities is clear: Being treated at a trauma center improves a patient's chances of survival by 20 to 25 percent. And if a

patient's injuries are of the most severe kind, treatment at Stanford raises that survival rate to 83 percent compared to the national average of about 68 percent. And Hollister is one of the 21 percent of Stanford's Emergency Department patients who come from either Palo Alto or East Palo Alto, brought by ambulance or coming directly from their homes.

"It takes a lot of work, logistics and team effort."

— Dr. David Spain, Chief of the Hospital's Trauma, Emergency and Critical Care Surgery Program

Stanford's Emergency Department is also certified as a Level 1 pediatric trauma center, one of only a few in California. About one in four of Stanford's emergency patients are children.

Several years before Linda Hollister got the phone call about her husband's crash, she'd paid a couple of visits to Stanford for emergency treatment for two of their children. "And I was glad then, too, for Stanford's closeness," she said. The Hollisters have lived in Palo Alto since the 1960s.

Creative Logistics Can't Always Beat Frustrating Space Crunch

After his swift initial evaluation and treatment, Myron Hollister came up against both the Hospital's and the Emergency Department's space crunch. No bed was then available for him in the Hospital, nor was one to be had within the core Emergency Department. He was wheeled off to wait in a nearby 11-bed care unit, a coping strategy in response to a landlocked department that already has seven patient beds in its hallways. The Emergency Department typically runs at 90 percent of its capacity and its treatment rooms can quickly become as densely packed as a rush hour train car, especially when a trauma patient arrives. As many as 10 people will speed into a space no bigger than a typical bedroom, one already congested by built-in cabinets. It becomes denser still when the essential tools of emergency care must also be squeezed in – IV pole,

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What is trauma?

Traumatic injuries are the leading cause of death in Americans over one year of age but under age 45. The following conditions require trauma care:

- penetrating injuries to head, neck, chest, back, abdomen, groin or extremities near elbow or knee
- suspected pelvic fracture
- been in an automobile crash with speed over 40 mph
- been a pedestrian hit by a car going greater than 20 mph
- fall of more than 15 feet if an adult

cardiac monitor, procedure boxes and trauma cart.

"It takes a lot of work, logistics and team effort," said Dr. David Spain, the Hospital's Chief of Trauma, Emergency and Critical Care Surgery. It also takes speed, skill, judgment, timing and collaboration, added trauma center program manager Janet Neff, a veteran of 20 years in emergency and trauma care.

Norris has frequent reminders of the impact of the space squeeze. When the Hospital does not have beds immediately available for emergency patients and the 11-bed unit is full, not only must new trauma patients be diverted, but Norris also knows that there



One room, three beds, dozens of carts, built-ins and shelves equals very cramped quarters.

What can you do to prevent a visit to the Emergency Department?

One of the most common reasons people come to a hospital for emergency care is a fall. The SHC Trauma Center created a Farewell to Falls program to help seniors avoid falls. Falls can be prevented by balance, mobility and strength training programs geared specifically at averting falls, medication review and home modifications. For more information on the program, phone (650) 724-9369. For a list of other prevention and safety programs, visit www.stanfordhospital.com, select Clinical Services, then A-Z guide and click on "T" and select "trauma services."

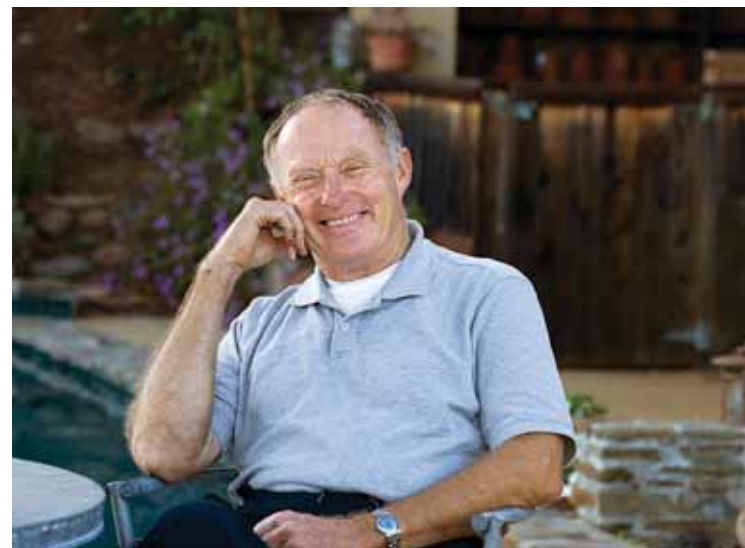
are people in the waiting room who will get tired of waiting and leave.

"We have a phenomenal team that really cares about our patients," Norris said, but the crowding and the waiting upsets patients and their families. It takes an emotional toll on the staff, too, he said. "They know how hard they are working, but sometimes it's very hard for patients to come away feeling satisfied about the overall experience."

Promise of Renewal

Norris and Spain are eager to move into a new, three times larger Emergency Department that will be part of the new Stanford Hospital, which will have the capacity to respond to a surge of patients from a natural or man-made disaster.

Myron Hollister is at home again, still a bit stiff and tolerating the pain of his still-healing ribs. Those are "coming along quite nicely," he said. His family is pressuring him, as is his doctor, not to get another bike.



After Myron Hollister, 75, was hit hard by a car while on his bike just a few blocks from his Palo Alto home, he went straight to the highest degree of emergency care at Stanford Hospital's Level 1 Trauma Center.

Landlocked and always growing...



Computers are as close as can be to save space, but when all are in use, there's not much room for their users.



Treatment rooms are already packed with equipment and supplies – add a patient and medical staff and there's not much room to spare.



When shifts change, the only place for updates is between two doorways.

Stanford Hospital & Clinics is known worldwide for advanced treatment of complex disorders in areas such as cardiac care, cancer treatment, neurosciences, surgery, and organ transplants. Consistently ranked among "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report, Stanford Hospital & Clinics is internationally recognized for translating medical breakthroughs into the care of patients. The Hospital is part of the Stanford University Medical Center, along with the Stanford University School of Medicine and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.



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Lou Ann Glader, right, visits the California Avenue Farmers' Market on Sundays to buy rotisserie chicken that Oscar Privado, left, and his coworker Paul Kuria sell.

The power of food

As part of new food movement, more consumers consider ethics when choosing what to eat

by Sue Dremann

Lou Ann Glader handed over a \$20 bill at the California Avenue Farmers' Market in exchange for a locally raised rotisserie chicken earlier this month. Hot off the spit, the juicy bird sizzled, filling the air with an herby aroma. Glader stuffed the chicken into a cloth grocery bag, nestling it in among her other purchases of ripe organic produce.

"I live to buy locally," she said.

Choosing food from the local radius allows Glader to have a better handle on what she's putting into her body — and how her choices affect the environment, she said.

While harkening back to days of yore, farmers' markets today are part of an ever-expanding movement that is injecting social conscience into people's dietary choices.

In the Bay Area, and in Palo Alto in particular, consumers are buying food based not just on eye-appeal or convenience but on the effects their choices have on the world, from global warming, fuel costs and environmental preservation to fair-trade wages and an array of social issues.

"Food is a choice we make three times a day. It has a huge impact on social and environmental justice in the world. It's a really powerful way to make a difference," said Susan Stansbury, executive director of Conexions, a Palo Alto nonprofit.

The group runs Valley of Heart's Delight, a project that teaches about local, seasonal and organic food choices, and Getting Going Growing, a schoolyard garden program in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Others have been quickly climbing on board.

More than 60,000 people attended September's Slow Food Nation gathering in San Francisco, which focused on cultural, local and socially responsible eating.

Last year, Debra Satz, a Stanford University associate professor of philosophy, decided to host a series of lectures, "Ethics of Food and

the Environment." She expected to attract only a handful of academics, but 500 people showed up for every lecture.

When famed food reformer Michael Pollan spoke, 2,000 people turned out, she said. The series was so popular it is now in its second year.

And witness Pollan's Oct. 12 open letter in the New York Times to the yet-to-be-chosen next United States president, in which he called for the transformation of the entire American food system.

Closer to home, attendance at the Valley of Heart's Delight's "100-mile Thanksgiving" dinner, in which all food originates from within a 100-mile radius, is expected to double to 80 people this year. In 2007, the event sold out three weeks in advance, Stansbury said.

"A typical ingredient in a modern meal travels at least 1,500 miles from farm to plate," she said, noting the environmental impacts of transporting food.

Other ways that people are getting involved include starting garden co-ops, visiting and supporting local farms and talking with fishermen about the impact of land use on food sources.

For those inclined to get their food even more locally, the Valley of Heart's Delight is also planning to start a chicken-coop co-op in 2009. Palo Alto residents can have six hens, but no roosters, according to city ordinances.

When Conexions (then Foundation for a Global Community) started in 1999, eating locally was an avant-garde idea, Stansbury said.

"We asked the question, 'What do we need for a sustainable region?' The general populous didn't see a connection between food and ethics," she said.

But books such as "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver and Pollan's "In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto" and "The Omnivore's Dilemma" have helped raise public interest in food



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Clockwise, from top left: Paul Kuria switches the racks of rotisserie chicken at the California Avenue Farmers' Market; Debra Satz, associate professor of Philosophy at Stanford University who lectures on ethical food choices, stands before a mural of poppies on California Avenue; Susan Stansbury, executive director of Conexions, pauses beside a bed of winter greens and veggies at the community Midtown garden; and organic tomatoes from Early Girl Farms are offered at the California Avenue Farmers' Market.

consciousness, she said.

The level of interest has surprised academics like Stanford's Satz.

"What's for dinner, dear?" is a moral question. Food is shot through with ethics issues, but no one's talking about the myriad ways that we're engaged in moral choices. We get great pleasure from food, but it does involve more choices — of being more reflective and getting people to think, 'Here's a decision, not just a taste resource for food consumption,'" she said.

"At the risk of sounding corny, people have been hungry for this."

Rob Reich, a political theorist and director of the Program in Ethics in Society at Stanford, found "The Omnivore's Dilemma" and Peter Singer's "The Ethics of What We Eat — Why Our Food Choices Matter" a springboard for thought beyond vegetarianism, which he viewed as an exhausted argument.

Vegetarianism addressed ethical issues of the treatment of animals and impacts on the environment but failed to connect with the mass public.

"I thought, 'Now I understand that it's not just ethical. It's about what choices we make collectively,'" said Reich, whose course is called "Food and Politics." More than 100 students apply to take the class when it's offered.

"Simply making different choices as individuals is important, but we can't limit what we do to our consumption choices. ... There has to be political action at the same time. One thing I've taken to heart is that at book signings, Pollan signs books, 'Vote with your fork,'" Reich said.

Reich acknowledges that the issue of food, and its impact, could be overwhelming.

"There are so many ways of coming at it," he said.

But if approaches like vegetarianism are about adhering to a strict regimen, and thus daunting to many, the new food movement is more forgiving — and flexible.

"What you should care about here isn't absolute fidelity. If you do, then when you can't achieve it, you will feel awful about yourself — or give

up. ... Aim for moral decency, which allows you to be a flawed person without feeling like a failed project," he said.

Stansbury agreed.

"It's incremental. We ask people to try to make positive changes in what they eat. If you eat meat, eat less of it. Go to the farmers' market. Shop there. Make an effort to source your food locally," she said.

There may be no more local source than one's backyard, and thanks to a Valley of Heart's Delight initiative, dozens of Barron Park neighbors have taken up that form of "eating locally."

The group started neighborhood gardening circles eight years ago that have become so popular that three now function in Barron Park with as many as 22 people per group. A fourth circle is about to get started, according to Mark Georgia, a member of the first gardening circle.

Georgia's home garden sprawls across his front yard, where trellised 4-foot-long Tromboncino squashes mingle with beans, tomatoes and greens. He's starting an orchard on the side of the house. And a few years ago, he added a neighborhood garden bed where a boy and his father come to plant and harvest vegetables.

It's not unusual for Georgia to find people sitting in his garden porch under the pink bougainvillea, taking in the ambience of the vegetables and flowers and the insects and birds attracted there, he said.

Georgia discovered the benefits of local eating by having it shoved down his throat, he said.

Thirty years ago, a landlord in Princeton, N.J. forced Georgia to plant a garden at the home he was renting.

Georgia balked, but the landlord, an avid gardener, insisted.

"After a bite of my first homegrown tomato, I was hooked. I've had gardens everywhere I've lived," Georgia said.

"The big thing now is sustainability. You can have an organic garden, but you have to build sustainability into it," said Georgia, who seeks ways to create his own compost and to produce as much sustenance for

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the garden on his property as possible.

Georgia said the rocky economy is influencing the food movement as well, not just ethics.

"You're hearing the terms 'victory gardens' and 'Depression gardens' now," he said.

Ann Burrell, who is helping to start the fourth garden circle, thinks the local-food movement is more than just a fad. The confluence of multiple socio-economic ideas is contributing to the sustainability of a movement with far-reaching implications, she said.

"It's not just one thing, but a lot of different things all together. I'm hearing the same issues. When people start thinking the same way, things start happening," she said.

If responsibility — or guilt — is at the heart of some of the motivation of ethical food choices, pleasure is bringing them to new audiences.

The Slow Food Movement has combined a love of local, artisanal food with moral consciousness. It was no coincidence that the Slow Food Nation event, a major gathering of slow foodies, took place in San Francisco this year, according to Ann Duwe, a leadership-team member of Silicon Valley Slow Food.

"The issue of labor and social justice came up again and again. ... You couldn't have an organization based on sustainable foods without a fair return to the farmer. ... Whatever job is along the cycle, from earth to table, people need to be fairly treated and fairly paid," she said of the group's evolution from its public perception as a gourmet-food club to a movement with ethical concerns.

The Slow Food movement began in 1986, when an Italian named Carlo Petrini became disgusted with the American fast-food industry's erosion of the local culture. Petrini organized a rebellion against building a McDonald's near the Spanish steps in Rome. Protesters armed themselves with bowls of pasta.

Three years later, the International Slow Food Movement renounced the pace of "fast life" and the fast food that is its consequence. The organization issued a manifesto, calling for protection of local economies and the preservation of local gastronomic traditions. It advocated ecological consumerism and a return to traditional recipes, food and wines.

The movement has grown to more than 75,000 people, forming chapters throughout the world.

Duwe traveled to the Italian town of Bra in 1999 to join the Slow Food trend.

"I arrived on the opening day of Slow Cheese. The tiny town was covered with white umbrellas under which were the most amazing array of artisanal cheeses that were very local to a particular region of Italy," she said.

Duwe has organized progressive dinners, where groups explore one local food source after another, learning about the farmers, ranchers

and fishermen and eating along the way. On Oct. 12, the group toured the San Mateo County coast, meeting a fisherman and learning about how changes people make on land can affect the fish.

Duwe's group has also visited a farmstead that makes quiche, honey and hand-made cheese. A cow provides fresh milk and chickens; geese and ducks lay eggs for sale.

Duwe said she was inspired by the book "Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future," by Bill McKibben, who chronicled his year of living locally in Vermont.

"I thought, 'Why aren't all of us doing that here?' ... I was amazed by how he discovered how many edibles there were within 100 miles [in Vermont, where there is a short growing season]. And we could be doing the same here," she said.

If anyone doubts the effectiveness of conscientious eating, they need look no further than back at the farmers' market, where supporting local farmers is beginning to have an appreciable change.

San Luis Obispo County rancher Bob Blanchard and his wife, Terri, have switched from the factory-farm model to organic and ecologically sustainable ranching.

The couple used to poison the flies in their pastures to keep them from bothering the cows, but then, they learned, the insects are the chief food of tree swallows, the populations of which were diminishing. And the swallows are the chief food of two pairs of peregrine falcons that nest on the Blanchards' property. Without the swallows — and a lot of them — the falcons could not reproduce.

"To lay two eggs and raise two chicks, a peregrine falcon will kill 2,000 birds in a season," he said.

Since he's switched to organic ranching methods, the birds have been coming back, he said.

"The wildlife has become so amazing. The birds and the diversity of the population of birds are unbelievable," he said.

And shoppers are clamoring to his California Avenue Farmers' Market stand to purchase steaks, pork, lamb or goat meat from the organic rancher.

"It tastes just amazing," Clarina Bradshaw said, forking over \$12 for a steak.

The Blanchards display a binder of photographs of their Old Creek Ranch in their booth. Cows gaze lazily at the camera lens on wind-swept bluffs above the Pacific coast. But it's the other critters of which the Blanchards are most proud and best show the fruit of the ethical-food movement: Foxes slinking in the grass and numerous birds of prey perched on fence posts and flying over the open fields. ■

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Clockwise, from top left: Barron Park resident Mark Georgia fills his compost bin with soil and food scraps that take about a month to break down before the compost is distributed in the garden; this trombone squash in Georgia's front garden will grow to 4 feet; Georgia converted his front yard into a garden that grows fruits, vegetables and herbs.

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Bob and Terri Blanchard, left, of Old Creek Farms in Cayucos, Calif., sell organic grass-fed beef, as well as orange juice, jams and meat stock for cooking, at the California Avenue Farmers' Market on Sundays.

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Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, movies and more, edited by Rebecca Wallace

Below: Arthur Krakower enjoys one of the many pieces of art in his Atherton home, a painting by Tom Lieber. Right: In his studio, Krakower looks through his creations. The cheerful flower images are characteristic of his floral work. Bottom: The artist in a pensive moment.



Marian Sadoughi



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The ghost in the print

Octogenarian artist mixes the bittersweet and the joyful in his work

by Rebecca Wallace

At the end of a long Atherton driveway, Arthur Krakower seems to find perfect tranquility among the art books and family photos in his garage studio. Jars of paintbrushes await his next move, along with canvases, palette knives and a sheaf of French drawing paper, soft as cotton.

"Doing art is a respite from this busy world," Krakower says. "To be able to sit by yourself, alone, and create. It's essential to our life."

It's a respite well earned. Although Krakower has been a weekend painter for decades, it was only after two other careers



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that this octogenarian has devoted himself to painting, drawing and printmaking.

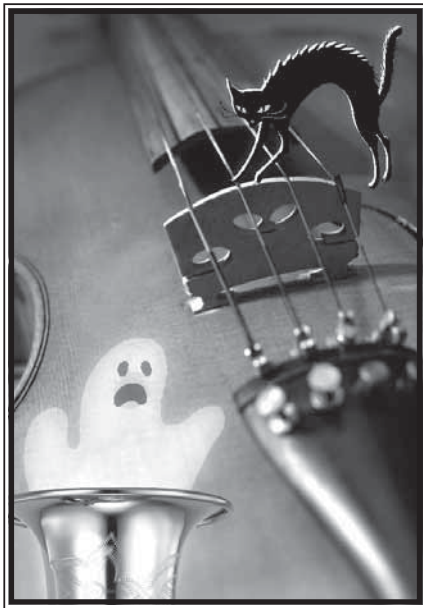
First, he was an executive at Macys for many years, but wasn't ready to slow down when he hit the mandatory retirement age of 65. So he went into real estate in the '80s.

When the call of art became too strong, Krakower's life took another turn: He went back to school to study art at San Jose State University. Then at the age of 80 in 2001, he earned a master's degree in painting and drawing from the California College of the Arts in San Francisco.

"I love doing art," the courtly Krakower

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says with a broad smile and a New York accent. “It’s better than playing golf.”

Krakower’s art has been warmly received in the creative world. People taken with his work include Palo Alto’s Paula Kirkeby, who has shown his prints at her Smith Andersen Editions gallery. His work is also in the permanent collection of the de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University.

In downtown Palo Alto, Mahmut Keskekci rarely holds exhibits at his RS Gallery — he says it’s much easier to earn a living doing quality framing than selling expensive art. But this fall he’s giving Krakower a solo show.

Although the exhibit doesn’t officially open until Oct. 30, Krakower’s oil paintings and monotypes already fill the gallery walls. Earlier this month, Keskekci said: “I sold 21 pieces already. In the past, if we sold four or five in a show, it’s a success.”

Keskekci’s exuberance bursts out as he gives a visitor a tour of the 40-some works. “This makes you so happy,” he says, adjusting the cheerful “Flowers in the Castle” canvas. Holding his heart, he adds, “Living with these pieces for two months (in the gallery) is just a bonus.”

Keskekci says he’s drawn to the innocence of the work, the bold strokes that leave thick layers of oil paint and reveal many colors in their depths. The confident hues, especially in the many images of flowers and nature, remind him of Matisse. In “Peonies in a Vase,” the background could be mint-chip ice cream until Keskekci turns on a strong overhead light; then lavender shimmers in the pale green.

Many of Krakower’s works have this hopeful, bright feeling. Titles include “The Geraniums Were There When We Fell In Love” and

“What A Great Day.” “Flowers On the Road to Rome” and “The Garden At Beaulieu,” of course, are inspired by his travels, and “Smile” is named for the song in the soundtrack of the Charlie Chaplin film “Modern Times.”

But there are also ghosts in his art. One type of specter is merely an art term. When Krakower makes his monoprints, he does a painting on a piece of plexiglass, then prints it onto a piece of paper. Whatever paint is left on the plexiglass can be used to make a second and sometimes even a third print: a ghost. Several ghosts are up at RS Gallery.

To demonstrate, Keskekci points to both the original and the ghost of “Women In the Garden,” one vivid, the other shadowy. Both can have appeal, he says. “I like the ghost better. It’s very mystical to me,” he says. “There’s less paint, and it’s less defined.”

Krakower also delves into the past. Ghostly family figures from his childhood are common subjects, with the ocean a regular background. When he was 10 years old, the family moved from Manhattan to Long Beach, New York, transplanting a city kid to a wide-open world. Perhaps that’s why flowers recur so often in his work. Flowers, he says, represent more than blossoms; outside the urban grit, they were “an introduction to life.”

In his studio, Krakower recalls the move with pleasure. “I found out I could run. I found out I was fast,” he says. “When you’re 10 years old, it’s like a new awakening in life.” Happiness is blue water in “A Summer Day At Long Beach,” and his family is all vivid stripes and old-fashioned bathing suits.

But another painting, “Aunt Jean At Long Beach,” is melancholy, with the young Jean looking plaintively over her shoulder. Decades after her short life, she is a repeating motif in Krakower’s work. “Aunt Jean died of opium at age 30,” Krakower

says.

He also notes, without pathos: “My father was a gambler; he wasn’t around much.” Instead, his uncle became a father figure, and one of Krakower’s paintings got named “Papa Never Came Home.”

“You’ve got to put out what you have in your heart,” Krakower says.

The artist’s influences are myriad, stretching well past Matisse. A walk through the Atherton house where he lives with his wife — who is also named Jean — reveals works by Lichtenstein, Rauschenberg, Diebenkorn. One wall boasts a linocut print by Picasso that the couple bought in 1964.

“Imagine! A Picasso for 250 dollars!” Krakower marvels.

Those influences are always filtering in: Krakower can typically be found in his garage studio for three hours each day. He’s also fond of plein-air painting.

In September of 2007, when he was out painting at San Gregorio State Beach, two dogs knocked him over, and he injured his hip and back. That forced him to paint sitting down for a number of months, and he concentrated on small oils and a lot of palette-knife work. Now Krakower is back up, and grateful for the chance to create art without having to worry about making money at it.

“I’ve been lucky. I’ve had two careers I’ve loved,” he says. Then he looks at his collection of art books, picks up a Picasso volume, and is instantly lost in its pages. There’s still plenty of work to be done in career number three. ■

What: “Wild and Lovely,” an exhibit of monotypes and oil paintings by Arthur Krakower
Where: RS Gallery & Framing, 628 Emerson St., Palo Alto
When: An opening reception is set for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m., with the exhibit continuing through Dec. 24. (Many works by Krakower are already up.) Show hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Sarah Barber stars as the fiery Carmen in West Bay Opera's production.

Lusty, bold and beautiful

A must-see 'Carmen' at the Lucie Stern

by Jeanie Forte

Wow. I've seen lots of productions of "Carmen" in my lifetime; it's one of my favorite operas, so I'm usually happy to see yet another rendition of the gypsy girl's tragic love affair with her corporal. But the current staging by West Bay Opera hit a new watermark for me, for one of the most robust and viscerally powerful stagings I've ever witnessed. This one knocks it out of the park, with great voices, great acting and terrific stage action.

Carmen is one of the major roles of opera repertoire, but requires a singer who is also a consummate actress, capable of bringing off her sexual nature as well as her more subtle shifts of emotion. West Bay scored large in casting Sarah Barber, new to the company, who is sultry, steamy, sensuous: a vixen with a calculating heart. Yet she has her vulnerable side, which Barber also shows us, with a toss of her head and a wistful look. Her voice captures the sultriness in spades, but also reveals raw power in several scenes of confrontation with her jealous men.

Barber is well-matched in her male castmates. Benjamin Bongers, last seen as Erik in "Der Fliegende Hollander," returns for another tour de force performance as the hapless Corporal Don Jose, who abandons his sweet love Micaela for the tempestuous Carmen. It's a story that ends in tragedy. Bongers throws caution to the winds, using his powerful tenor to portray the terrible emotions and conflict that Don Jose goes through, with palpable effect.

Jason Detwiler charms as the arrogant toreador, Escamillo, wooing Carmen with his velvet vocals and macho posing. The role of dragoon captain Zuniga is amply filled by Carlos Aguilar, who shows off delightful acting skills as well as a beautiful, resonant bass. Another new voice for West Bay is Rebecca Sjowall in the role of Micaela. Her gorgeous liquid soprano perfectly matches the melancholy innocence of her character.

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physical. The final tragic scene pulls no punches, as Carmen is relentlessly pursued and bullied by Don Jose. The last few moments supply horrible clarity in the tragedy of her death. Cox should be invited back often; the originality and complexity of his staging is superb — fresh and exciting.

Conductor Michel Singher is also to be commended for the outstanding orchestral sound and for his work with the singers. Jean-Francois Revon creates a simple but effective series of ramps and steps that serve as the foundation for each setting, giving us sumptuous visual detail with splendid economy. Costumes by Beth Gilroy and lighting by Robert Ted Anderson add wonderful texture and atmosphere.

In short, this is a fabulous production — memorable and full of the magic of an exceptional performance. ■

What: Georges Bizet's opera "Carmen," presented by West Bay Opera

Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

When: Through Oct. 26. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays.

Cost: Tickets are \$55 in the front of the theater and \$45 in back, for general admission; \$40/\$30 for seniors; and \$25/\$20 for youth and students.

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Please be advised that Thursday, November 6, 2008, the ARB shall conduct a public hearing at 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Any interested persons may appear and be heard.

2785 Park Blvd [08PLN-00286]: Request by the Public Works Division, on behalf of the City of Palo Alto, for Preliminary ARB review of a proposed three-story 48,500 square foot public safety building (police building), detached four-level parking garage, and other site improvements.

278 University Avenue [08PLN-00082]: Request by Ken Hayes on behalf of Roxy Rapp for Architectural Review Board review of a new four story, retail/office building to replace a two story building. The application includes variances or a special setback encroachment and to exclude basement floor area from floor-area-ratio calculations. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a Draft Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Zone District: CD-C (GF) (P).

200 University Avenue, Lytton Plaza Park [08PLN-00200]: Request by the Friends of Lytton Plaza Park, L.L.C., on behalf of the City of Palo Alto, for Architectural Review for park renovations including the installation of new paving, landscaping, fountain, and other site amenities. Zone District: PF Public Facility.

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Amy French
Manager of Current Planning

Arts & Entertainment

Frightful festivities

Haunted houses, concerts and suspense authors planned for Halloween

by Rebecca Wallace

Sure, you can turn off the porch light and hoard all the candy corn. But there are plenty of other ways to spend Halloween.

Events on and before Oct. 31 on the Midpeninsula include a haunted lake, a haunted 1902 house and a haunted robotic mansion. Here are some of the local festivities coming up:

Fairmeadow Elementary School hosts its **haunted house** at 500 E. Meadow Drive in Palo Alto, with a robotic haunted mansion outside built by the Gunn High School robotics team. Open Oct. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m., and Oct. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. Go to www.fairmeadow.pausd.org.

The movie **"Young Frankenstein"** will be shown at 8 p.m. Oct.

24 at Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Admission is \$1. Go to www.redrockcoffee.org or call 650-967-4473.

Dragon Productions Theatre Company executive producer Meredith Hagedorn tells ghost stories at a **children's Halloween storytime** on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. The theater is at 535 Alma St. in Palo Alto; admission is \$5, with cookies and punch. Call 650-493-2006.

The Palo Alto Family YMCA at 3412 Ross Road hosts a free family **Halloween party** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25, with a magician, carnival games, crafts and costumes. Go to www.paloaltofamilyymca.org or call 650-856-9622.

Kids have a costume parade downtown, trick-or-treat, and play



carnival games at Menlo Park's **"Halloween Hoopla,"** held mostly at the Burgess Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St. Festivities go from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25. Admission is \$3 for kids; adults are free. Call 650-330-2200.

Palo Alto's Gamble Garden is hosting a **haunted house** at its 1902 mansion on Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Held at 1431 Waverley St., the event includes games and trick-or-treating. Admission is \$10 for Gamble members, \$15 for non-members. Go to www.gamble-garden.org or call 650-329-1356, extension 201.

The Foothill College Author Series presents **"Murder, Mayhem & Mystery Guest Readings"** from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 29, with suspense authors Michelle Gagnon, Liz Jasper and Simon Wood. The free event is in the campus center student lounge at 12345 El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills. Go to preznet.fhda.edu/fas.html or call 650-949-7408.

James Welch plays his 16th annual **pipe organ concert** at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. The program includes works by Bach and St.-Saëns and a Beatles song played in baroque style. Suggested donation is \$10; call 650-326-3800.

The Stanford Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble play **spooky music** at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on campus at 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 for students. Go to music.stanford.edu or call 650-725-2787.

The Lytton Gardens retirement home hosts its annual free **"Safe Halloween"** on Oct. 31 from 6 to 7:30. Young kids through fifth-graders can come to 656 Lytton Ave. for trick-or-treating, spooky stories and face painting. Go to lyttingardens.org or call 650-328-3300.

Foothills Park at 3300 Page Mill Road in Los Altos hosts the **Haunted Lake** on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, starting at 6 p.m. Ghost stories, crafts and other activities are open to Palo Alto residents and their guests. Admission is \$10 for non-residents and \$8 for residents in advance. Go to enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org, or call 650-463-4900.

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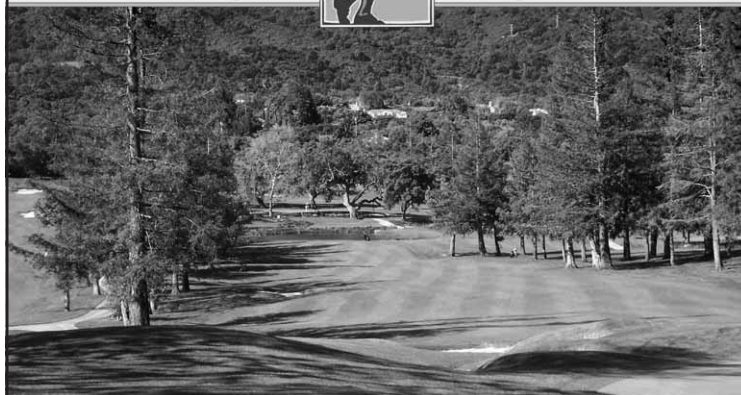
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Worth a Look



"Odalisque au Coffret Rouge" by Henri Matisse, an aquatint on paper, will soon be seen at Lyons Ltd. Antique Prints in Palo Alto as part of a 40th-anniversary exhibit for the firm.

Art

Lyons Ltd. marks its 40th

Works by Matisse, Renoir and Dürer will be on public view soon as part of an exhibit celebrating Lyons Ltd. Antique Prints' 40th anniversary. The show, "Forty Years of Collecting: Favorite Prints from Rembrandt to Picasso," opens Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Palo Alto firm.

Everything begins with a reception on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m., where founder Leila Lyons will speak about the exhibit and share stories from 40 years in the art and antique world. Pieces from her private collection are being shown, with some for sale. Singer-songwriter Nya Jade will also perform with her band.

Because the event is a champagne reception, attendees must be 21 or over; RSVP to 650-325-9010 or info@lyonsltd.com.

Lyons Ltd., which sells antique etchings, lithographs and engravings from 1490 to 1920, is at 10 Town & Country Village in Palo Alto. The exhibit is open through Dec. 31.

Leila Lyons founded the firm in 1968 with her late husband, Charles. She is the author of the book "Collecting Prints." Go to www.lyonsltd.com for more information.

Theater

'Nickel and Dimed'

How far would you go for a good story? Would you clean toilets, or work for pennies for a bullying boss? Perhaps it's all worth it if it helps you gain true understanding of the working poor — how this class really lives.

That's the premise behind journalist Barbara Ehrenreich's best-selling book "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America," which was adapted into a play in 2002. It had a preview last night on the Pear Avenue Theatre stage in Mountain View, and opens tonight, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m.

The play is directed by Ann Kuchins; its cast members are Cara Arellano, Michael Champlin, Elizabeth Coy, Jackie O'Keefe, Kendra Owens and Patricia Tyler. Performances are at 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Thursday through Sunday through Nov. 9.

Tickets are: \$30 general and \$25 for students and seniors on open-

ing night; \$20/\$12 on Thursdays and Sundays; and \$25/\$20 on Fridays (except opening night) and Saturdays. Go to www.thepear.org or call 650-254-1148.

Family

Doctor Noize

Cory Cullinan may go by a pseudonym on stage — Doctor Noize — but he doesn't seem to be trying to hide from his past. The Colorado resident frequently returns to Los Altos, where he grew up.

This Saturday, Oct. 25, the energetic children's entertainer plays a concert at the Bus Barn Theatre at 97 Hillview Ave. in Los Altos, at the family-friendly hour of 10 a.m. His show puts his Stanford music degree to use as he sings and plays a variety of instruments. Cullinan also often enlists a laptop computer in his act, creating songs live on stage with the help of his improvising young audience.

Tickets to the concert are \$10. For more, call the theater at 650-941-0551 or go to www.busbarn.org or www.doctornoize.com

Music

Palo Alto Philharmonic

Life is but a dream at the Cubberley Theatre this Saturday, Oct. 25, when the Palo Alto Philharmonic takes on the "Symphonie Fantastique" by Hector Berlioz. The early Romantic symphony, composed and revised in the 1830s, is full of both dreamy sadness and passion.

Also on the program is the Elgar Cello Concerto in E Minor, with cellist Lawrence Granger. He solos with many Bay Area groups and is a member of the San Francisco Symphony.

A pre-concert talk by Thomas Shoenbotham, music director of the Palo Alto Philharmonic, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with the concert starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 general, \$15 for seniors and \$8 for students. Go to www.paphil.org.

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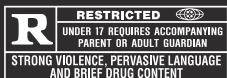
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Body of Lies (R) ★★★	Century 16: 12:55, 3:55, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 1:15, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.
Burn After Reading (R) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 8 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.
City of Ember (PG) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:45, 3:05 & 5:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:55, 2:35 & 5 p.m.
The Duchess (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 20: 12:50, 3:55, 6:45 & 9:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.
Eagle Eye (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 1:15 & 7:15 p.m. Century 20: 1:50, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 11:05 a.m.
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. at 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Fri. & Mon. - Thu. at 12:25, 1:10, 1:50, 3, 3:50, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:15, 9:50 & 10:35 p.m. Sat. & Sun. at 11:10, a.m.; 12:25, 1:10, 1:50, 3, 3:50, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:15, 9:50 & 10:35 p.m. Mon. - Thu. at 2:25, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 12:15, 12:55, 1:35, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55, 5:40, 6:15, 6:55, 7:35, 8:20, 8:55, 9:35 & 10:15 p.m.
Max Payne (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:35, 1:55, 3, 4:20, 5:30, 6:50, 7:55, 9:30 & 10:25 p.m.
Morning Light (PG) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:30, 3 & 5:35 p.m.
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 16: 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45 & 10 p.m.
Pride and Glory (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 1:05, 4:05, 7:25 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 7:25 & 10:20 p.m.
Quarantine (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 10 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05 & 9:20 p.m.
Rachel Getting Married (R) ★★★★★	Guild: 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
Religulous (R) (Not Reviewed)	CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:25 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:55 p.m.
Saw V (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 12:45, 2, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35, 7, 8, 9:25 & 10:25 p.m.
The Secret Life of Bees (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 16: 1:30, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.
Sex Drive (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 4:10 p.m. Sun.-Thu. also at 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 8 & 10:35 p.m.
Tell No One (Not Rated) ★★★★★	Aquarius: 2 p.m. Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 5 & 8 p.m.
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Aquarius: 1:30, 4, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
W. (PG-13) ★★★	Century 16: 1, 2:25, 4, 5:20, 7 & 8:15 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 11:15 a.m. Century 20: Noon, 1:20, 3:05, 4:25, 6, 7:25, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m. Sun. also at 10:30 a.m.
What Just Happened? (R) ★★★	Century 16: 7:45 & 10:10 p.m.

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CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (266-9260)

Internet address: For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more information about films playing, go to Palo Alto Online at <http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/>

NOW PLAYING

Body of Lies ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Entrenched CIA operative Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) travels from Iraq to Jordan to hunt down violent fundamentalist Al-Saleem (Alon Abutbul), who is eager to punish infidels in the name of Allah. Ferris' superior in the U.S. is pompous Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe). Ferris connects with Jordan security chief Hani (British actor Mark Strong) to help keep tabs on a terrorist safehouse. Hani, too, is anxious to bring down Al-Saleem, but his methods strike a contrast to those of Ferris: Torture is fair game in Hani's eyes and deceit is an unforgivable offense. Rated: R for strong violence including some torture, and for language. 2 hours, 8 minutes. — T.H. (Reviewed Oct. 10, 2008)

Burn After Reading ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is a CIA analyst fired for a "drinking problem," at which point he comes unglued. His wife, Katie (Tilda Swinton), feels no pain as she's with U.S. Feder-

al Marshal Harry Pfarrer (George Clooney) on the side. Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand) frets over her insurance company's unwillingness to pay for cosmetic surgery. Hyperactive trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) is her shoulder to cry on. Opportunity knocks when a Hardbodies employee finds a CD of Osborne's tell-all memoirs. Believing they've struck gold, Chad and Linda attempt to blackmail him. Rated: R for pervasive language, sexual content and violence. A taut 1 hour, 31 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Sept. 12, 2008)

The Duchess ★★1/2

(CineArts, Century 20) "Duchess" is classic Keira Knightley, the mostly true story of Georgiana Spencer, a charming extrovert who made an abysmal match to the wealthy and powerful 18th-century aristocrat the Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes). The success of "Duchess" relies on energetic chemistry between Knightley and Fiennes, but it's much ado about nothing. Rated: PG-13 for language, action violence and mature themes. 2 hours, 32 minutes.

— J.A. (Reviewed July 18, 2008)

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Michael Cera is the titular Nick, a high school senior trying to recover from the dumping received at the hands (and heart) of Tris (Alexis Dziena). About the time that Nick is burning Tris another volume of his agonizing break-up mix (aptly titled "Closures"), pals corral him into a night on the town to seek out elusive underground band Where's Fluffy, whose members are dropping baffling clues all over Manhattan. At one such indie rock haunt Nick meets Norah (Kat Dennings), a brainy frenemy of Tris' and head squire in best friend Caroline's (Ari Graynor) quest for maximum attention. Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes. 1 hour, 30 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 3, 2008)

Rachel Getting Married ★★★★★

(Guild) Kym Buckman (Anne Hathaway) has been sprung from rehab into the cozy custody of casa Buckman for her sister Rachel's (Rosemarie DeWitt) impending nup-



Anne Hathaway in the film "Rachel Getting Married," which Weekly reviewer Jeanne Aufmuth gave four stars.

tials. Nine months clean but ever the narcissist, Kym stakes out the arcane rituals of matrimony as a breeding ground for her scathing wit and edgy indictments of family and friends. Director Jonathon Demme's low-budget style perfectly complements the aura of adoration and self-loathing. Rated: R for language, drug use and adult situations. 1 hour, 54 minutes. J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 10, 2008)

The Secret Life of Bees ★★1/2 (Century 16, Century 20) Sue Monk Kidd's heart-wrenching novel gets the big-screen treatment. The Civil Rights Act has just been signed and the climate in the South between blacks and whites is anxious. For young Lily (Dakota Fanning), the new regime has implications as she has to run from an abusive dad (Paul Bettany) with black housekeeper Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson). The two land at the home of the sisters Boatwright (Queen Latifah, Alicia Keyes and Sophie Okonedo), and then it's all about the sisterhood. "Bees" has sweet moments and first-rate performances. The script, though is packed with chestnuts. Rated: PG-13 for adult themes and some

violence. 1 hour, 50 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 17, 2008)

Tell No One ★★★1/2 (Aquarius) Guillaume Canet adapts Harlan Coben's bestselling crime novel of the same name with whip-smart technique and an undercurrent of anxiety. Pediatric surgeon Alex Beck (Francois Cluzet) is going through the motions since his wife Margot (Marie-Josée Croze) was savagely murdered at their lake home near Paris over eight years before. Out of the blue Alex receives an e-mail with a provocative link: a grainy real-time video showing Margot's face and a message telling him that she's still alive. "Tell no one," it says. The police re-open the investigation — or is it Pandora's Box? — as Alex is fingered for the murder while he's trying to solve it. Thriller, love story, whodunit: It's an unwieldy trio made whole by an up-and-coming mastermind. Not rated but should be R for violence and adult situations. 2 hours, 5 minutes. In French with English subtitles. — J.A. (Reviewed July 11, 2008)

W. ★★★ (Century 16, Century 20) Oliver Stone's indictment of the 43rd president of the United States reads more like an SNL sketch than a thoughtful biopic, but it's no less entertaining. Josh Brolin nails George W. to the wall as a party boy with daddy issues. Laura Bush gets the Stepford treatment by fresh-faced Elizabeth Banks, and daddy is played to patriarchal perfection by James Cromwell. This film isn't as accomplished or complex as Stone's "JFK" and "Nixon." Still, Stone's flashback/flash-forward technique is an intriguing foundation for his psychoanalysis of Bush's arrogance and insecurities. Rated: PG-13 for language, alcohol abuse and mature themes. 2 hours, 11 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 17, 2008)

What Just Happened ★★★ (Century 16) Ever wonder what a movie producer does? Barry Levinson's stylishly directed comedy gives an irreverent insider look at the horrors of Hollywood. Robert De Niro gives a spot-on performance as a producer under pressure, wrangling with his two ex-wives (including Robin Wright Penn), his screenwriter friend (Stanley Tucci), a steely studio chief (Catherine Keener) and a mercurial star (Bruce Willis as himself) who refuses to shave his beard. The plot is slim, but the cast's acting chops carry the comedy, perfectly delivering sharp banter. Rated: R for language, some violent images, sexual content and some drug material. 1 hour, 47 minutes. — S.T. (Reviewed Oct. 17, 2008)

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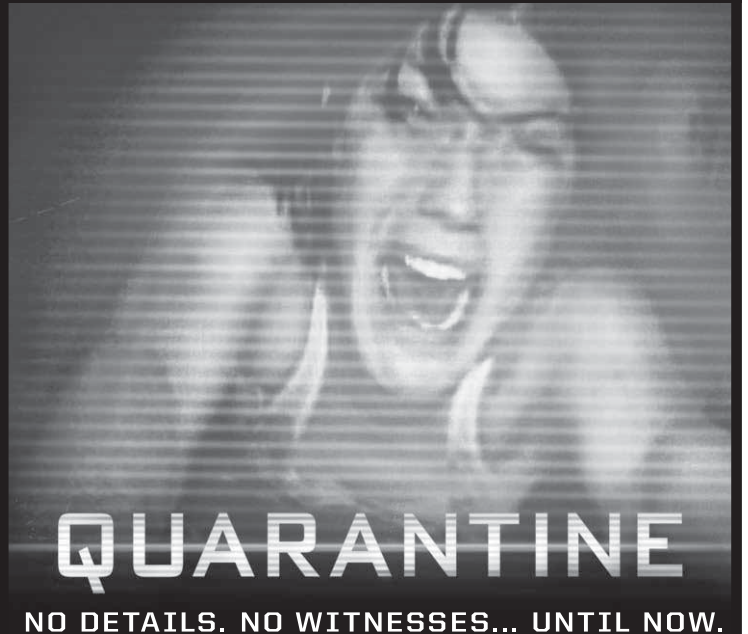
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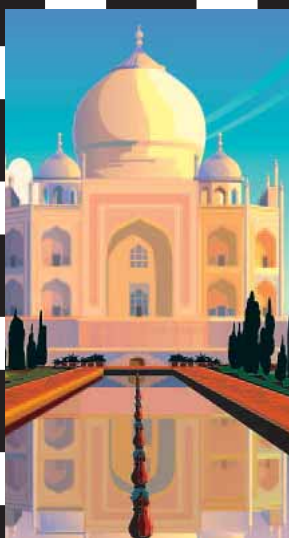
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Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW



Oaxacan Kitchen co-owner Zaida Kent, center, chats with patrons.

Muy delicioso

The Oaxacan Kitchen presents bold, colorful, home-spun southern Mexican fare

by Dale F. Bentson

Comparing Americanized Mexican food to Oaxacan cuisine is like comparing simple wall graffiti to a dynamic Diego Rivera or Jose Clemente Orozco mural. Oaxacan food is multi-textured, complex, colorful and intriguing, so much more than beans and rice and a limp tortilla wrapped around meat and cheese.

Known as the “Land of the Seven Moles (sauces),” the Mexican state of Oaxaca is blessed with an abundance of vegetables, tropical fruit and seafood from the Pacific Ocean. Overall, Oaxacan food is a meld of European and ancient indigenous cultures.

Native species of corn, chocolate, tropical herbs, tomatoes and a variety of chilies are at the core of Oaxacan cooking. It is a labor-intensive cuisine of seeding, peeling, mashing, rolling out, roasting, boiling and sautéing.

Zaida and Ron Kent’s Oaxacan Kitchen in Palo Alto, which opened in mid-July, embodies the best of that south Mexico cuisine. The restaurant mimics a typical Oaxacan marketplace kitchen. The most interesting seats in the house are those overlooking the bustling work area. A glass partition protects diners from getting dusted with corn flour.

Midday, the restaurant is geared towards faster fare: Patrons place their orders at the register and food is quickly brought to the table. There are small signs encouraging eaters to bus their own tables. Unfortunately, the narrow space can become as unwieldy as an understuffed piñata with people moving in opposing directions in the tight space.

It’s more relaxed in the evening with a hostess to intercept and seat diners. Crisp white linens cover

rigid wood tables; lighting is subdued; candles add a genteel glow. The walls are the color of roasted butternut squash, further warmed with the vibrant paintings of Doris Arellano and photos of Oaxacan life captured by Ron Kent.

Zaida Kent is a native Oaxaquena and Ron Kent is a professional chef who received his culinary education while working with some of the region’s most talented chefs. Appropriately, the couple met in a restaurant while Zaida was a student here some years ago. After marrying, they spent five weeks in Oaxaca meeting her family and exploring the native cuisine.

“We met ladies in markets with incredible hand-crafted products,” Ron Kent said. “They invited us into their homes and taught us their age-old techniques.”

“Our dishes are based upon centuries-old recipes, and are incredibly labor-intensive. Fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from local farmers, as well as the most authentic ingredients from Oaxaca, go into our food.”

The menu descriptions at the



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Oaxacan Kitchen do not do justice to the robust flavors, the bold colors, the artistic presentations or the sublime undertones that linger on the palate long after the meal.

Moles are complex sauces that come in a variety of colors: verde (green), negro (black), amarillo (yellow) and coloradito (red). Moles can be flavored with sesame and other seeds, almonds, pecans, roasted peanuts, lemon juice, herbs, tomatoes, garlic, onions, carrots, cinnamon sticks, cloves, chocolate, sugar, chicken broth and chilies of every description: chihuacle, pasilla and guajillo, give or take a few ingredients.

Mole negro with poached chicken breast (\$17) was a complex tapestry of flavors, yet none in conflict. The chicken was really a prop for the sensational sauce. The mole amarillo (\$15), mole coloradito (\$16) and the mole verde all blanketed poached chicken breasts. Each had its own degree of piquancy, aroma and texture; each spoke a language of its own.

Another way of sampling moles is ordering the salsa y mole de la casa (\$5) as an appetizer plate. One evening, the moles were a smoky roasted tomato, a piquant salsa verde and an elusively spicy mole coloradito served with crispy corn chips. The moles whetted the appetite and ignited the taste buds.

I loved the handmade tamale de calabasa (\$7), a corn husk filled with butternut squash, corn, zucchini and guajillo salsa. The mild red guajillo peppers were dried, seeded, soaked and pulverized to a paste, then reduced over heat to a thick, vivid, earthy salsa.

The terrific vegetarian chili rellenos (\$11) were stuffed with butternut squash, zucchini and queso fresco: a creamy, soft, white cheese. The pasilla chilies had been fire-roasted and deep-fried without batter. Oaxacan Kitchen chefs think that batters absorb too much oil, masking the ingredients’ flavors.

Enmoladas with beef (\$16) was a large rolled tortilla, dipped in mole negro, and topped with queso fresco, sliced onion and parsley. The raw onion slowly absorbed

the mole and added another taste dimension to the wonderfully rich sauce.

Desserts are a rare delight. The chocolate experience (\$8) seemed a shortcut to heaven. First, there was the shot of hot chocolate, which prepped the taste buds for the warm-from-the-oven, gooey, delectably silken, flourless chocolate cake. The trio was completed by the luscious, fudgiest chocolate ice cream on the planet. Chocolate had not been my favorite dessert until this.

Also, there was delightful fresh peach almond tart (\$5), with a buttery crust that melted on the tongue. Although late in the season, the chunks of fresh peaches were plump, fleshy and naturally sweet.

The reasonably priced wine list is composed mostly of local wines, many available by the glass. Beers and soft drinks, several from Mexico, are also served.

The Oaxacan Kitchen brings us the dazzling colors, the complex flavors, the stimulating aromas and the vibrancy of Oaxacan culture and cuisine. Being at the restaurant is like stopping by a marketplace in the south of Mexico, where food is passionate self-expression and a labor of love, and links ancient recipes to contemporary tastes. ■

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Elbe, 117 University Ave., Palo Alto (650) 321-3319

Elbe offers German-styled food. The smoked trout and salmon and the potato pancakes are good starters. Wiener schnitzel, goulash and Rahmgeschnetzeltes vom Huhn are good main plates. Desserts are sweet. Lots of beers but small wine list. Segues into adjacent Rudy’s Pub at 9 p.m. to become a comedy nightclub. Can be very noisy at night. Lunch: Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner: Daily 5-9 p.m. (Reviewed July 28, 2006)

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Sports Shorts

MENLO MEMO . . . Senior mid-fielder **Megan Finney** turned one of the few scoring chances the Menlo College women's soccer team had into the game winner, scoring in the final five minutes to lift the Oaks past visiting William Jessup, 2-1, on Wednesday. The win gave Menlo sole possession of second place in the Cal Pac Conference, a point ahead of the Warriors. Senior forward **Megan Gray** gave Menlo the early lead. The Oaks (6-1-1, 9-3-1) host UC Santa Cruz at 1 p.m. on Saturday in a nonconference game. Gray earned California Pacific Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week honors after recording three assists and two goals in two games last week, both Oaks' victories. . . . The Menlo College men's soccer team got a pair of goals from **Julian Baldaccini**, but William Jessup scored more often, taking a 5-2 decision from the Oaks in the second game of the conference doubleheader. Menlo (5-3-1, 6-6-1) travels to Vallejo for a conference match with Cal State Maritime on Saturday . . . Menlo College junior **Deborah Bekowies** earned California Pacific Conference Volleyball Player of the Week following a week in which she had 44 kills and 7 blocks in three matches.

ON THE LINKS . . . Palo Alto Golf Club member **Larry Bazinett** was named the 2008 Player of the Year after finishing third in the club's Tournament of Champions event held last weekend at Palo Alto Municipal. Bazinett was third in low net with round of 74-73-147 to earn 50 TOC points. Over the tournament year, Bazinett placed in 16 events while winning five times. **Clinton Wu** was the overall low gross winner in the TOC event, shooting rounds of 75-73 for a 148 total. **Howard Stein** won low-net honors in the championship division (75-69-144) after winning a playoff with **Brad Miller**. The tourney's overall low-net winner was **Luisito Barron** (65-68-133).

CARDINAL CORNER . . . Stanford grad **Sam Warburg** reached the finals of the USTA Mercedes Benz of Calabasas tennis tournament on Sunday, losing to top-seeded Vincent Spadea, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Prep football: Menlo-Atherton at Aragon, 3 p.m., KCEA (89.1 FM)

Women's volleyball: Stanford at USC, 8 p.m., Comcast Sports Bay Area (40)

Sunday

Women's volleyball: Stanford at UCLA, 12:30 p.m., Comcast Sports Bay Area (40)

Prep football: Cupertino at Gunn, 8 p.m.; Media Center (28) tape delayed.

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Stanford junior goalie Jimmie Sandman has patiently waited for his time to start for the Stanford men's water polo team. After using last season to redshirt, the Menlo School graduate has taken over the starting job and become one of the top goalies in the nation for the No. 2-ranked Cardinal.

Patience is paying off for Sandman

Menlo School grad finally finds himself at home as Stanford's starting water polo goalie

by Rick Eyrer

Jimmie Sandman reached a difficult decision last year, and it worked out for everybody, particularly for the second-ranked Stanford men's water polo team.

Sandman was a high school All-American goalkeeper coming out of Menlo School four years ago. He spent his first two years at Stanford playing behind All-American Sandy Hohener.

Cardinal coach John Vargas had an interesting problem. He had two All-American goalies at the beginning of last season; the senior Ho-

hener and the junior Sandman.

"I made the suggestion (to redshirt) but it was always Jimmie's decision," Vargas said after Stanford (2-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, 16-2 overall) beat visiting Pacific, 10-4, in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match on Wednesday. "He was proving himself last year even with Sandy. He was playing exceptionally well and I thought why have two All-Americans playing when one of them could redshirt."

It was a complicated decision. He had his academic work to consider,

his health (knee) and his competitive spirit, which made it tough for him to sit on the sidelines. It was a close call that eventually came down to doing what was best for the team.

"A little of it was letting my knees get healthier but mostly it was to give Sandy his senior year," said Sandman, who recorded eight saves in the win over the Tigers. "I had no problem putting the season on hold."

After failing to reach the NCAA tournament last year, the Cardinal is firmly in control of its own destiny this year following a big win over

defending national champion California and twice beating UCLA. Both of Stanford's losses have been to top-ranked and unbeaten USC in the two major in-season tournaments.

Stanford gets another chance at the Trojans when they visit on Nov. 15. The game time will be set in conjunction with the football game on the same day against the same opponent.

"We've had two great tournaments but it's time to focus on conference games," Sandman said. "We can't (continued on page 40)

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Palo Alto Knights hoping to keep perfect year intact

by Keith Peters

It was new league with new faces and new teams. It all added up to plenty of unknowns for the Palo Alto Knights' youth football program.

The only known quantity, perhaps, was the step up in competition when the Knights moved to the National Youth Football League (NYFL) over the summer. In fact, two Palo Alto teams finished under .500 this season, perhaps further proving the legitimacy of the new league.

One of the Palo Alto teams that finished above .500 was the Varsity, which capped a 10-0 regular season on Sunday with a 22-6 win over the

Mission Valley Cougars at Palo Alto High.

"This 2008 Varsity team is only the second Knights team over the past 25 years to finish a regular season undefeated. This is a huge accomplishment for these players," says Mike Piha, the Knights' head coach.

The last team to achieve that accomplishment was Piha's Jr. Midget team in 2002.

The Varsity (14-year olds) this year season won the division title and clinched the No. 1 seed for the NYFL playoffs. More impressively, perhaps, the Knights' defense yield-

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Deonte Boyland (9) blocks an extra-point attempt in Palo Alto's 22-6 win over Mission Valley last weekend as the Knights improved to 10-0.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Cardinal women closing in on all-time scoring record

by Rick Eyrer

Call it forward progress. Junior forward Kelley O'Hara and sophomore forward Christen Press already have surpassed their point totals from last year with five regular-season matches remaining to play.

Freshmen Lindsay Taylor, a Castilleja grad, has also surpassed last year's team-leading 23 points (O'Hara) and freshmen Teresa Noyola, a Paly grad, and midfielder Camille Levin are in double figures in points.

The fifth-ranked Cardinal (4-0, 14-0-1) hosts its final two regular-season matches this weekend on pace to becoming one of the school's most prolific scoring teams. Stanford has scored 48 goals this year, two more than it did all of last year.

The combined goals total of the 2004 and 2005 seasons is 48 and both years the Cardinal played in the NCAA tournament.

O'Hara and her teammates find

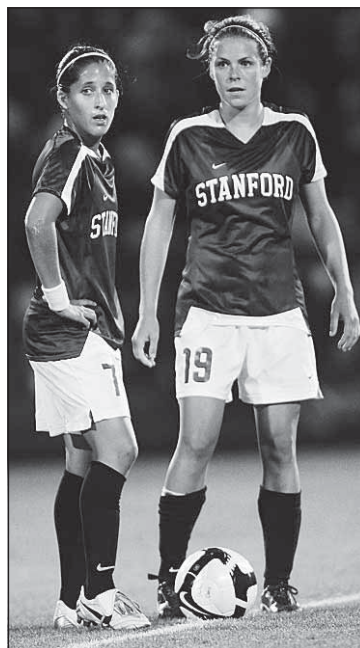
them themselves in rarified air. Stanford has not scored any more than 48 in a season since recording 55 in 2002. The unofficial team record is 67 set in the Final Four year of 1993, and only four teams have scored as many as 50 goals in a season.

O'Hara became the third member of Stanford's forward line to earn a Player-of-the-Week award this year when she was so honored by the Pac-10 on Tuesday.

It's her second career award as she joins Taylor and Noyola as conference player of the week.

O'Hara collected three goals and two assists over the weekend as Stanford beat both Washington, 5-1, and Washington State, 3-0. She moved into the team lead with 28 points.

Arizona visits for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday and Arizona State is in town on Sunday for a 1 p.m. start, which marks the final regular-season home match for Stanford.



Kyle Terada/Stanford Athletics

The offense of Teresa Noyola (left) and Kelley O'Hara has the Stanford women eying scoring records.

Stanford and UCLA remain the only two unbeaten teams in the conference. Should both schools remain that way over the weekend, it would set up a Halloween confrontation in Westwood.■

Sandman

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get caught looking ahead. We don't want any bumps in the road. Long Beach State is just as important as USC."

The 10th-ranked 49ers, currently on a three-game losing streak, visit Avery Aquatic Center on Saturday at noon. Following this weekend Stanford has two home matches remaining before ending the regular season with The Big Splash at California on Nov. 22.

Conference games matter in the MPSF because eight of the nation's top 10 teams are concentrated in the conference, and winning those games are essential for qualifying for the lone at-large berth available to the NCAA tournament.

With the national championships scheduled for Stanford in early December, Cardinal players are hopeful they will end the season at home as one of the Final Four.

"I knew this summer we were going to be good," Sandman said. "The most important part is to be consistent. We only play one game in a day now, so there's no reason to be looking anywhere but to the next game."

The next win will match last season's total, sending a message that Stanford already has erased the feeling of being spectators rather than competitors in last year's finals.

The longest Stanford has gone without winning a national title is six years. The Cardinal won its last championship in 2002, Vargas' first year as coach.

"I'm happy the way we're playing, especially on defense," Vargas said. "Jimmie sets the tone for us. The way he's been playing this year allows us to do things we can't normally attempt. He's a great athlete and a great leader."

Stanford has been a second home to Sandman. He's played with the Stanford Water Polo Club age-group team since his early teens. By the



Keith Peters

Menlo School graduate Jimmie Sandman is enjoying his first season as the starting goalie for the No. 2-ranked Stanford men's team.

time he was a junior at Menlo School, he knew he wanted to continue playing on the collegiate level. Back then it didn't even need to be at Stanford.

"I looked at a lot of other schools," he said. "I know I went to a local school but Stanford was always the ultimate goal. Living so close to home (Los Altos), I can visit my parents whenever I want."

Sandman said that playing at Menlo for Jack Bowen, a former Stanford All-American goalkeeper, was instrumental in his development.

"I'd argue that he made me the goalie I am today," Sandman said. "He put me in the best possible position to be looked at by colleges. He's

one of the best goalkeeping coaches in the country."

Bowen, who recently coached the Knights to their 13th consecutive PAL Bay Division title, said Sandman made it easy during a four-year prep career that saw Menlo go 112-28 with Sandman in the cage.

"He's a lot of fun to be around and to coach," Bowen said. "He was always a serious competitor. He's got amazing leg strength and a knack for getting his big frame across the goal fluidly."

Sandman's efforts on Wednesday were backed up by senior Will Hindle-Katel, who led the Cardinal offense against Pacific with three goals. Redshirt senior Andrew Drake added two scores.■

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Women's volleyball

Stanford travels to Southern California for Pac-10 games at No. 14 USC on Friday night at 8 p.m. and at No. 10 UCLA at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. The fifth-ranked Cardinal (6-1, 15-3) dropped into second place in the conference following its four-set loss to California on Sunday. The Women of Troy are tied for sixth in the Pac-10 with a 3-4 record (10-6 overall) and has lost four of its last six matches. USC does have wins over nationally-ranked UCLA and San Diego. The Women of Troy and the Cardinal have split their last 16 meetings. Stanford won the last time the teams met: in the NCAA Final Four. USC setter Taylor Carico was a high school teammate of Stanford outside hitter **Alix Klineman**, who recorded 21 kills and 12 digs in the loss to the Bears. Both players are returning All-Americans.

Men's tennis

If Tuesday's ITA Northwest Regional championship match is any indication, then Stanford has the making of a championships season. In an all-Stanford singles final, top-seeded and fourth-ranked **Alex Clayton** defeated ninth-seeded **Bradley Klahn** in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, at the Taube Family Tennis Stadium. Clayton advances to the ITA National Indoor Championships in Charlottesville, Va., which begins on Nov. 6. Clayton and Klahn will get another chance to play beginning Oct. 31 at the Gael Classic.

Cross country

The Stanford men's team won its section of the NCAA Pre-Nationals on Saturday in Terre Haute, IN, the site of the national championships in late November. **Garrett Heath** and **Chris Derrick** finished third and fourth, leading the 10th-ranked Cardinal, which will travel to Oregon for the Pac-10 championships in two weeks. Stanford recorded 77 points. Seventh-ranked Iona was second with 123 points. Heath completed the 8,000-meter course in 23:36.4. The Stanford women's team finished seventh, with 248 points, in its section of the NCAA Pre-Nationals. Freshman **Laurynne Chetelat** finished 28th with a time of 20:57.3 for the Cardinal. She's been Stanford's top runner in each of her two races.

Men's swimming

Olympian **Jason Dunford** and **Eugene Godsoe** each swam to a pair of individual victories and participated on a winning relay team as Stanford won Saturday's Pacific Invitational in Stockton with 1,006 1/2 points. The Cardinal won nine of the 10 events, with **David Mosko**, **Nate Cass** and freshman **Bobby Bollier** each winning an event. Dunford won the 100 free with a time of 42.27, and the 100 fly with a time of 49.20. Godsoe

won the 100 back in 49.18 and the 200 back in 1:50.84. Mosko swam 4:34.96 to lead a Stanford sweep (the top eight places) in the 500 free. Cass swam 2:05.14 in winning the 200 breast, just ahead of teammate **Paul Kornfeld**, the defending NCAA champion in the event, who was timed in 2:05.18. Bollier won the 200 fly with a time of 1:50.03.

Women's swimming

The third-ranked Stanford women's swimming team defeated Michigan, 218-82, and fourth-ranked Florida, 178-122, in a double-dual meet on Friday. The Cardinal, stamping itself as a clear national contender, won 13 of 17 events in a meet featuring three teams that finished among the top nine at last season's NCAA championships. Stanford (4-0) swept the back, breast, fly and IM events behind a trio of returning All-Americans in junior **Julia Smit**, sophomore **Liz Smith** and junior **Elaine Breeden**. Smit won all three of her events, swimming the 100 back in 54.70, the 200 back in 1:56.32 and the 400 IM in 4:11.04. Smith won the 100 breast at 1:03.45, and swam 2:15.17 in the 200 breast. Breeden was first in the 200 fly with a time of 1:58.42 and won the 100 fly with a time of 54.45. Freshman **Sam Woodward** won a pair of individual events for the third consecutive meet. She won the 50 free in 23.17, and came back two events later to win the 100 free in 50.34. She also placed third in the 200 fly with a time of 55.34.

Men's soccer

Junior goalkeeper **John Moore** recorded nine saves but Stanford (1-3-1, 3-7-2) failed to muster enough offense in a 1-0 overtime loss to visiting California on Saturday in a Pac-10 contest.

Men's gymnastics

Former Stanford All-American, current U.S. national team member and Olympic alternate **David Durante** accepted the second assistant coaching position at Stanford and will help coach **Thom Glielmi** and first assistant **JD Reive**.

Women's golf

Stanford finished third at its own Stanford Intercollegiate, which was completed on Sunday. The Cardinal moved into third after shooting a 2-over-par on the final day, finishing with a three-round score of 5-over-par 857. UCLA won the team title with an 8-under-par 844. USC was second with a 5-under-par 847. **Rebecca Durham** recorded her second top-10 finish of the season after a round of 1-under-par 70 on Sunday put her in ninth to lead Stanford.

--compiled by Rick Eyrer

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Marietta Tuionetoa
Menlo-Atherton High

The junior tennis standout won a very big match at No. 1 singles to help beat Burlingame, 4-3, then won against Mills to help give the unbeaten Bears their first PAL Bay Division regular-season title since 2000.



Connor Whitlock
Pinewood School

The senior two-way football standout shook off a slight concussion from the previous week to rush for 128 yards on 18 carries, score two touchdowns and throw two TD passes to help the Panthers to a 46-36 victory.

Honorable mention

Emily Dorst

Menlo-Atherton water polo

Lisa Fawcett

Gunn cross country

Rachael Henry

Sacred Heart prep golf

Anne Robson

Sacred Heart prep tennis

Chelsea Sullivan

Menlo water polo

Abby Whelan*

Menlo volleyball

James Balassone

Menlo water polo

Will Brandin*

Palo Alto football

Philip MacQuitty

Palo Alto cross country

Rod Nash

Menlo-Atherton football

Jerry Rice Jr.*

Menlo football

Matt Walter

Sacred Heart prep football

* previous winner

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PREP WATER POLO

Top tournaments offer tough competition

by Keith Peters

Perhaps the closest thing to a state championship in boys' water polo will surface in Atherton this weekend when the North-South Water Polo Challenge is held at the Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo-Atherton pools.

The top team from Southern California — El Toro — will be joined by the top squad from Northern California — Miramonte — in the 16-team, two-day invitational. Both El Toro and Miramonte are undefeated this season. Those teams could meet in Saturday's championship game in the SHP pool at 4:10 p.m.

The field also includes the No. 1 team (Bishop's School) and No. 2 squad (Carlsbad) from San Diego.

Girls

Menlo-Atherton clinched no worse than a tie for its second straight PAL Bay Division regular-season title with an 18-6 thumping of host Aragon on Wednesday.

The Bears (5-0, 15-3) got four goals from senior Vanessa Lane and four more from junior Becca Dorst in the lopsided triumph. Seniors Hannah Breen and Morgan Leech split another four goals.

Menlo-Atherton can wrap up the regular-season title next Wednesday with a home match against Woodside at 3 p.m. Before that, the Bears will compete in the 14th annual Amanda MacDonald Invitational on Friday and Saturday. M-A will play its opening matches Friday at Woodside High.

The top three teams in the section will provide a preview, perhaps, of the CCS playoffs in the MacDonald Invitational. ■

NORTH-SOUTH CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Friday

AT SACRED HEART PREP

Game 1 — El Toro vs. Davis, 9:30 a.m.
Game 3 — St. Francis vs. Mater Dei, 10:35 a.m.

Game 5 — Sacred Heart Prep vs. Bishop's School, 11:40 a.m.

Game 7 — Santa Barbara vs. Acalanes, 12:45 p.m.

Game 9 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 1:50 p.m.

Game 11 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 2:55 p.m.

Game 13 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 4 p.m.

Game 15 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 5:05 p.m.

AT MENLO-ATHERTON

Game 2 — Miramonte vs. La Canada, 11:30 a.m.

Game 4 — Villa Park vs. De La Salle, 12:35 p.m.

Game 6 — Los Alamitos vs. Menlo-Atherton, 1:40 p.m.

Game 8 — Menlo vs. Carlsbad, 2:45 p.m.

Game 10 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 3:50 p.m.

Game 12 — Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4:55 p.m.

Game 14 — Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 6 p.m.

Game 16 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday

AT SACRED HEART PREP

Game 17 — Game 11 loser vs. Game 15 loser, 8 a.m.

Game 19 — Game 12 loser vs. Game 16 loser, 9:10 a.m.

Game 21 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 15 winner (semifinal), 10:20 a.m.

Game 23 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 16 winner (semifinal), 11:30 a.m.

Game 25 — Game 17 loser vs. Game 19 loser (seventh place), 12:40 p.m.

Game 27 — Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner (fifth place), 1:50 p.m.

Game 29 — Game 21 loser vs. Game 23 loser (third place), 3 p.m.

Game 31 — Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner (championship), 4:10 p.m.

AT MENLO-ATHERTON

Game 18 — Game 10 loser vs. Game 14 loser, 8 a.m.

Game 20 — Game 9 loser vs. Game 13 loser, 9:10 a.m.

Game 22 — Game 10 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 10:20 a.m.

Game 24 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 11:30 a.m.

Game 26 — Game 18 loser vs. Game 20 loser (15th place), 12:40 p.m.

Game 28 — Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner (13th place), 1:50 p.m.

Game 30 — Game 22 loser vs. Game 24 loser (11th place), 3 p.m.

Game 32 — Game 22 winner vs. Game 24 winner (ninth place), 4:10 p.m.

AMANDA MACDONALD INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday

AT MENLO COLLEGE

Game 1 — St. Francis vs. Palo Alto, noon

Game 3 — Sacred Heart Prep vs. Gunn, 1:10 p.m.

Game 5 — St. Francis vs. Soquel, 2:20 p.m.

Game 7 — Sacred Heart Prep vs. Menlo, 3:30 p.m.

Game 9 — Soquel vs. Palo Alto, 4:40 p.m.

Game 11 — Menlo vs. Gunn, 5:50 p.m.

Game 13 — Leland vs. Burlingame, 7 p.m.

AT WOODSIDE HIGH

Game 2 — Menlo-Atherton vs. Woodside, noon

Game 4 — Davis vs. Burlingame, 1:10 p.m.

Game 6 — Menlo-Atherton vs. Presentation, 2:20 p.m.

Game 8 — Davis vs. Leland, 3:30 p.m.

Game 10 — Presentation vs. Woodside, 4:40 p.m.

Saturday

AT MENLO COLLEGE

Game 13 — semifinal, noon

Game 15 — 5th-8th, 1:10 p.m.

Game 17 — 9th-12th, 2:20 p.m.

Game 19 — Championship, 3:30 p.m.

Game 21 — Third place, 4:40 p.m.

Game 23 — Fifth place, 5:50 p.m.

Game 24 — 11th place, 7 p.m.

AT WOODSIDE HIGH

Game 14 — semifinal, noon

Game 16 — 5th-8th, 1:10 p.m.

Game 18 — 9th-12th, 2:20 p.m.

Game 20 — Seventh place, 3:30 p.m.

Game 22 — Ninth place, 4:40 p.m.



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Youth football

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ed a league-low 40 points over the 10 games.

The Knights clinched the top seed for the playoffs with their win on Sunday. Leading the Palo Alto offense were running backs Eric Redwood and Dante Boyland, who received some fine blocking from fullback Erik Anderson.

The Knights' defense also was outstanding, holding the Cougars to 63 yards of total offense. In eight games this season, the Knights have held an opponent under 100 yards of offense.

Piha credits his defense for the

perfect record: "Anytime you hold a team under 100 yards of offense you have a pretty good chance of winning the game. We did that eight times this season. Our players really fly to the ball; this is one of the quickest defenses I have ever coached."

The Knights' defense is led by linebackers Redwood, Boyland, Anderson, Dominic Dawkins and Drew Rider; defensive ends Andrew Frick and Mark Duby, defensive tackles Brandon and Michael Jorgenson and defensive backs Justin Mouton, Jayshawn Mouton, E.J. Floreal and Alex Furrier.

"What's great about our defense is we have about 16 players who can

play outstanding defense, so we are always fresh and the depth is key to our success," Piha said.

The Knights' Varsity will have a bye and play the Mission Valley Cougars in the second round of the playoffs on Nov. 8. That winner will advance to the championship game and, possibly, the California State Championship on Sunday Nov. 23 at San Jose City College.

The Knights' Starters team finished 4-6, the Rookies finished 4-6 and the Jr. Varsity finished the regular season at 6-4 as the runnerup in their division.

Those three Palo Alto teams will travel to Brentwood for first-round playoff games on Saturday, Nov. 1. ■

COLLEGE CALENDAR

FRIDAY

Women's Field Hockey

Stanford at California, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Cross Country

Menlo at Holy Names Invitational in Oakland, 2 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Stanford at New Mexico, 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Arizona at Stanford, 7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Menlo at Mills, 7 p.m.

Stanford at USC, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Football

Whitworth at Menlo College, noon

Men's Water Polo

Long Beach State at Stanford, noon

Women's Soccer

UC Santa Cruz at Menlo, 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Cal State Maritime at Menlo, 3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Menlo at Holy Names, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Men's Wrestling

Stanford at Menlo Open, 9 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

Stanford at UCLA, 12:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Arizona State at Stanford, 1 p.m.

Women's Field Hockey

Stanford at Pacific, 3 p.m.

PREP CALENDAR

FRIDAY

Football

PAL Bay Division — Menlo-Atherton at Aragon, 3 p.m.; Menlo at Woodside, 7 p.m.

PAL Ocean B — Half Moon Bay at Sacred Heart Prep, 3 p.m.

De Anza Division — Wilcox at Palo Alto, 7:30 p.m.

El Camino Division — Cupertino at Gunn, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' volleyball

WBAL — Sacred Heart Prep at Castilleja, 5:45 p.m.; Crystal Springs at Pinewood, 5:45 p.m.

Boys' water polo

Nonleague — North-South Challenge: Bishop's School at Sacred Heart Prep, 11:45 a.m.; Los Alamitos at Menlo-Atherton, 1:45 p.m.; Carlsbad vs. Menlo at M-A, 2:45 p.m.; SHP-Bishop's winner vs. Santa Barbara-Acalanes winner at Sacred Heart Prep, 5:50 p.m. (first-round losers play at 4 p.m.); Los Alamitos-MA winner vs. Menlo-Carlsbad winner at M-A, 7:05 p.m. (first-round losers play at 6 p.m.)

Girls' water polo

Nonleague — Amanda MacDonald Invitational: Palo Alto vs. St. Francis at Menlo College, noon; Menlo-Atherton at Woodside, noon; Sacred Heart Prep vs. Gunn at Menlo College, 1:10 p.m.; Menlo-Atherton vs. Presentation at Woodside, 2:20 p.m.; Sacred Heart Prep at Menlo, 3:30 p.m.; Palo Alto vs. Soquel at Menlo College, 4:40 p.m.; Gunn at Menlo, 5:50 p.m.



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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Cross country

Palo Alto, Castilleja and host Gunn will get together for the annual City Championships on Tuesday on the Titans' campus at 3:30 p.m. The course will wind around Gunn's new athletic facilities, due to open in early spring. All three schools tuned up with solid efforts last week. Palo Alto junior **Philip MacQuitty** won individual honors and led his team to the overall victory in the boys' varsity race Friday at the Monterey Bay Invitational cross-country meet at Toro Park in Salinas. With the three-mile course the site of this season's Central Coast Section championships, Palo Alto's team effort and MacQuitty's individual performance perhaps bodes well for the section meet. The Paly boys totaled 55 points to hold off rival Gunn (75). MacQuitty ran 15:43 for individual honors, winning by just one second. The Palo Alto girls ran second, as did Gunn junior **Lisa Fawcett**, to highlight local efforts at the Monterey Bay Invitational. Fawcett clocked 19:16 for second place. Paly senior **Elizabeth Scott** finished fifth in 19:56. Depth proved to be the difference for the Paly girls, who finished with 97 points for second behind Aptos. In a West Bay Athletic League meet last week,

the Menlo girls won their first race of the season, scoring 76 points over the 3.0-mile layout at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. **Amy Ousterhout** finished sixth in 20:25 to lead the Knights. The best local finisher was Castilleja's **Rachel Skokowski**, fourth in 20:18. **Laura Allen** of Woodside Priory was fifth in 20:23.

Football

It's another big weekend for local teams, two of which are riding unbeaten streaks. Those streaks will be tested on Friday when Sacred Heart Prep (3-0, 6-0) plays host to Half Moon Bay (3-0, 5-1) in a battle for first place in the PAL Ocean B Division at 3 p.m. The Gators not only are playing for first place, but a possible seed in the CCS playoffs. With only one automatic berth available for the Ocean A and B divisions, Sacred Heart can't afford more than one loss, if that. The Gators are coming off a 41-26 blasting of host San Mateo last weekend. Junior running back Matt Walter carried 14 times for 134 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Gators while quarterback **Ryan Sakowski** was an efficient 6-of-8 passing for 113 yards and one score. . . . The other streak still intact belongs to Menlo School, which takes a 2-0 mark in the PAL Bay Division (6-0 overall) to

Woodside on Friday for a kickoff at 7 p.m. The Knights disposed of South San Francisco last week, 28-7, as **Jerry Rice Jr.** filled in at quarterback for the second straight week. Rice produced 165 yards passing and 84 yards rushing in addition to throwing for two TDs and rushing for another . . . Palo Alto (2-0, 5-1) puts sole possession of first place in the SCVAL De Anza Division on the line Friday night in its Homecoming game against Wilcox (1-1, 3-3) at 7:30 p.m. The Vikings hold a slim one-game lead over Milpitas, Los Gatos and Saratoga — all of whom have 2-1 marks. Paly must travel to face Milpitas on Oct. 31. "These next two games will tell us where we are," said Paly coach **Earl Hansen**. The Vikings are coming off a 28-14 win over Saratoga, where Paly was able to overcome three lost fumbles and just 37 total rushing yards to win. Paly senior **Will Brandin** completed just six passes, but they went for 218 yards and two touchdowns . . . Menlo-Atherton (1-0, 4-2) is coming off a bye week and should be ready for Friday's big showdown at Aragon (2-0, 3-3) at 3 p.m. If the Bears have any hopes of defending their PAL Bay Division title, they have to win this one . . . Gunn (0-2, 0-6), meanwhile, has a good shot at winning its first game when the Titans play host to Cupertino (0-3, 1-5) on Friday at 7:30 p.m. ■

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