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Simple plans taking shape for Greer Park plot

Commission will forward recommendation to council next month
by Bill D’Agostino

City leaders are now thinking modestly about the future of a 1.5-acre undeveloped spot of land at the southeast corner of Greer Park.

Although a subcommittee of the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission spent many months exploring numerous grand plans for the public tract — including partnering with a private school to develop a gym, constructing a BMX bike park and building tennis courts — the one that is now favored would simply plant grass there and allow park-goers to play as they wish.

“That gives you the option to come back later and do something more elaborate,” subcommittee chair Jeanette Marquess said.

It’s also the cheapest alternative, estimated to cost $250,000. “Given the budgetary constraints we have right now that seems to be the most realistic option,” Marquess added.

The full parks commission was scheduled to hear its subcommittee’s in-depth report last night, and is planning to make its recommendation to the City Council at a future meeting, possibly in December.

“Aesthetically a passive park on this busy, windy corner would give the feeling of quiet open space,” the subcommittee’s 26-page report noted.

City leaders have been discussing the 1.5-acre area — which is now just dirt and weeds on the corner of Colorado Avenue and East Bayshore Road — for more than a year. A 1984 master plan called for tennis courts to be built there, and tennis players have been decriing the city’s consideration of a course change.

But there are other, less costly options for increasing available tennis courts in the city, such as fixing up courts in bad shape and adding lights to others for nighttime play, Marquess said.

The proposal that’s probably received the most attention publicly is a plan to partner with Kehillah Jewish High School to build a bike park and building tennis courts — the one that is now favored would simply plant grass there and allow park-goers to play as they wish.

—Don Kazak

Stanford Stadium demolition begins

Stanford Stadium is going the way of the bulldozer and wrecking ball, figuratively speaking. Demolition of the 84-year-old stadium, designed with engineering techniques unearthed at 2,000-year-old amphitheaters in Pompeii, has begun.

The new stadium, expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2006 football season, will have 30,000 fewer seats, better sightlines, more restrooms and concessions, and better access. The new stadium will have 50,858 seats, compared to the current 85,800.

The stands will also be moved closer to the field, eliminating the current running track that circles the field. The project is expected to cost $90 million.

A 2002 study found that the stadium’s infrastructure had reached the end of its service life. The current earthen berm and landscaping will be retained for the new stadium.

—Jef Warrick

Chinese classes in district’s future?

Conditions right for launching language program, advocates say
by Alexandra Rocha

For four years, Palo Alto parent Grace Mah has fought to bring Chinese-language education to the local public schools. But because of tight budget constraints, she has met resistance every step of the way.

New developments within the Palo Alto Unified School District, however, could give new life to Mah’s plight. A parcel tax approved in June has given the district room to breathe. The two new board members who will take office next month have both said they want the issue back on the table. Last but not least, the district recently took on a year-long review of its attendance boundaries, which could identify a feasible school to host the program.

Mah, who has two sons ages 7 and 2, is planning to introduce a new proposal to the school board in January. Her goal is to have a Mandarin pilot program, modeled after the district’s successful Spanish Immersion program, in place by next fall.

“The timing for presenting the option is good,” said Barbara Mitchell, who, along with Dana Tom, will begin serving on the Board of Education in December.

Chinese-language programs, especially those of Mandarin, the national language of China, are gaining popularity across the United States. With China fast becoming a superpower, schools are implementing programs to help students compete in a global world where job outsourcing is all too common.

The Chinese and American governments are backing the movement.

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Kids helping kids

Katie Ranshoff, 16, and her sister Julia, 14, have never been victimized by schoolyard bullying. But they know a lot about it — enough to visit classes in December at Escondido Elementary School in Palo Alto and La Entrada Elementary School in Menlo Park to talk about bullying.

The Menlo Park sisters, who are students at Castilleja School in Palo Alto, have been collecting information about why bullying is harmful to children and posting it on two Web sites created by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. One of the sites is for teens and one for pre-teens.

“We didn’t see it as being addressed anywhere else,” Julia said of bullying. “We like the whole idea of kids helping kids,” Katie said.

After visiting fourth and fifth graders next month, the girls will modify their anti-bullying message for middle-school students.

“We want to teach kids about positive relationships when they’re young,” Katie said.

The old image of boys knocking each other around is part of bullying, but for girls it tends to be teasing and belittling, called “relational aggression.”

“There’s a lot of different kinds of bullying, even online,” Julia said.

Caring about other kids isn’t something new for the sisters. They are both runners and were recruited to run cross country and track at Castilleja. Instead, they started a running club two years ago to raise money for a San Jose hospice for dying children, after a young cousin died from leukemia.

“We decided we could do that (run for their school), but we wanted not just to run for our own health and benefits but to be able to help other people in our community,” Katie said.

Their focus now is on compiling information about bullying to share with others.

Bullying “is a constant concern for principals when you put that many children together,” Palo Alto school board member Camille Townsend said. “Having a safe school site is a top priority.”

Townsend said principals borrow ideas from each other and tailor them to their schools. “Each principal may handle it a little differently,” she added.

“We try to be proactive” to keep bullying from starting in the first place. Principal Suzanne Barbarash of Jordan Middle School said. “It can be a problem in middle school.”

Derek Chun, now a student at the University of California at Irvine, wrote about being bullied when he was a student (confidentially) at Jordan. He is one of the eight students contributing to the two medical foundation Web sites.

He wrote that another boy teased him “like there was no tomorrow” to the point where he just wanted to keep away from him. His mom encouraged him to tell his teacher. The teacher told the other boy to be nice to Derek. The bullying stopped.

“Holy cow! That’s it? Just like that?” Derek wrote.

“I am in college now, but I still believe that no one deserves to be bullied or teased,” he wrote.

“There are kids who come home not feeling well, and you don’t know why,” Julia said of kids who have been bullied.

Katie and Julia “are just amazing girls,” said Nancy Brown, a developmental psychologist at the medical foundation who coordinates the teen Web sites.

“They’re organized; they’re great students, they fit everything into their lives and they still have time to play,” Brown said. “I mostly just try to guide them and help them prioritize. They’re great role models for their peers.”

Both girls both like biology classes.

“I love biology and science,” Katie said. “I’ve been working on a research project at Lucile Packard (Children’s) Hospital,” which included caring for a baby having a heart operation last summer.

“I would like to be a cardiac surgeon,” she said. “I was moved by seeing a heart beating.”

Julia, when asked what she would like to do after school, is silent for a moment, appropriate for a ninth grader.

“I know I want to go to medical school,” she quietly replied. Well, she only has eight or nine years left to do one on doctor medical specialty.

“We have quite a few M.D.s on both sides of our family,” Julia added.

Of course...

The medical foundation Web sites are www.pamf.org/teen and www.pamf.org/prepare. Senior Staff Writer Don Kozak can be e-mailed at dkozak@paweekly.com.
Chinese classes (continued from page 3)

Earlier this year, three U.S. senators introduced a bill to spend $1.3 billion over five years on Chinese-language programs and cultural exchanges to improve ties between the U.S. and China. Starting next year, advanced placement Chinese classes will be offered in high schools across the states, and, according to the New York Times, Beijing is paying for half of the $1.35 million to develop the curricula.

Locally, a discussion for a new immersion program is also timely as the district begins to review its world-language offerings and considers a Mandarin elective at the high schools.

It could have come earlier for some parents.

Mah helped found PACE, or Palo Alto Chinese Education, in 2002. It has since grown to involve more than 100 families with children who want a Mandarin-immersion program implemented locally. In the past three years, the group has worked toward its goal. Parents have met with school-board members, drafted program proposals, pitched their plan, and at one point, even gathered a list of 800 district residents willing to support such a program.

After a year of unsuccessfully trying to convince the board, members turned toward the idea of a charter school. But they gave that up quickly and decided to focus on applying for grant money for Chinese-language courses — efforts that also proved futile.

Board members have resisted PACE’s efforts for various reasons. About the same time Mah and her cohorts came forward, budget woes hit the district hard and foreign languages suffered. There was a time when Mandarin was offered at the secondary-school level — as were Russian, Hebrew and Swahili — but all were slashed because of sliding property taxes, volatile enrollment figures and a shaky state-budget situation.

“We have responsibilities to maintain the programs we have, and we’re struggling to do that right now,” board member Gail Price had told PACE members.

Today, with a better-funded budget, Mah is certain a Mandarin pilot could work. In fact, if it’s modeled after the current Spanish Immersion program at Escondido Elementary School, it should not be an additional expense for the district, she said.

A provision of the Spanish program when it was adopted in 1999 was that it could not cost more than a regular classroom. The new members’ cautious support, however, is a change from the resistance Mah faced from Barton and Kroymann, who were dealing with a district in a much darker financial climate.

Another issue with implementing a second immersion program would be finding a proper host site. Since the district’s 12 elementary schools are neighborhood schools, there has also been resistance to a Mandarin pilot program because of the increased traffic it would cause from families transporting their students in from all corners of Palo Alto.

But that’s another reason Mah said now is the prime time to reintroduce the idea. With a year-long review of district attendance boundaries about to launch, the district officials and parents involved can analyze which sites might be able to host a new program.

“This would be so great for our kids,” Mah said.

For more information about PACE, visit www.pcecities.com/pacelforkids or call (650) 493-6500.

Greer Park (continued from page 3)

The school board is supposed to remain building-free, unless otherwise approved by voters.

Determining the future of this portion of Greer is one of the neighborhood association’s priorities for the year.

“I would just be so delighted to see that area improved and used,” Ashton said.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

East Palo Alto resident Dennis Parker, on the possible demise of community Web site EPA.net. See story on page 14.

Around Town

BYE-BYE PUMPKIN PIE . . .

The long-ruined demise of Marcie Zacanti’s B.J. Bull pie shop at Alma Plaza has finally happened. Last Thursday, the crusty proprietor sold her last British pasties and pumpkin pies after 24 years in the business. “This is it,” she said to a customer last week. “I’m tired. I’m tired of waiting for someone to come through the door.” Business had dropped precipitously since Albertsons grocery store closed earlier this year, Zacanti said. She demurred when asked about retirement, saying that the word brought up images of sitting on a porch watching people go by. The B.J. Bull name will live on, however, with Zacanti’s son, Paul. He has plans to open a shop in the new year. Only thing is, it’ll be in Elko, Nevada.

DREKMEIER NOW IN SECOND . . .

The Nov. 8 election may have been 22 days ago, but the votes — largely from absentee ballots — are still being counted. Results released Monday morning show first-time candidate and environmental activist Peter Drekmeier now in second place, with 11,158 votes. That means former mayor Larry Klein dropped down a step to third, with 11,046 votes. They both still follow Yoriko Kishimoto, who has 11,705 votes. Three new council members were elected — Drekmeier, Klein and John Barton (who now has 9,419 votes) — on Nov. 8 and will take their seats on Jan. 9, replacing outgoing council members Jim Burch, Vic Ojakian and Hillary Freeman. Kishimoto and Jack Morton were re-elected. With 9,234 votes, Morton remains only 244 votes ahead of Planning and Transportation Commissioner Karen Holman, who had 8,990 votes at last count. The county Registrar Voters has 28 days after the election to count all the votes.

RENO AND EAST PALO ALTO . . .

The East Palo Alto Police Department is trying a new method to attract new police officers: a slogan. The “biggest little police department in the nation” is the new motto for the department, reflecting that East Palo Alto has all the attributes of a big city — a lot of crime, a diverse population — and all the benefits of a small one, Police Chief Ron Davis said. East Palo Alto police “won’t disappear in a bureaucracy with 1,000 officers,” he said.

A BIT LATE . . .

Last week, mailboxes in Palo Alto received a tardy message from the city: a notification about the Architectural Review Board’s public hearing for a new mixed-use development at 260 Homer Avenue, supposedly on April 15, 2004. Actually, the long-planned project will be reviewed by the ARB this Thursday, Dec. 1, at 8 a.m. at City Hall.

STADIUM STRIPPERS . . .

It was a tear-full goodbye to the Stanford Stadium Saturday — in more ways than one. The final football game of the season was full of pomp and circumstance, with fireworks, dignitaries and football players from decades past in attendance. Then after the clock ran down for the final time and construction crews began tearing into the soil, so did the fans. Grabbing handfuls of turf, slivers of the benches, and anything else they could get their hands on, the Cardinal faithful took more than memories of on-the-field action with them. According to one bystander, a male fan carted off a sign, right from under the nose of a police officer. While speculation abounds as to when the pilfered parts will appear on eBay and how much they will command, a check early this week came up empty.
Stanford researcher remains in critical condition

A research scientist injured in an explosion last week in a Stanford University laboratory remains in critical condition at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Joy Alexiou said Monday. By federal law, hospitals are not allowed to disclose any additional patient information, but Valley Medical Center has the only unit for treatment of burns in the county.

Rodolfo Salgado-Rodriguez, 33, was injured in an explosion shortly before 6:30 p.m. Nov. 22 in Stauffer Building III, which contains chemical engineering labs.

He is a visiting scholar from Mexico who has affiliations with labs at Stanford and the University of California, Santa Barbara. Stauffer Building III remained closed until 3 a.m. last Wednesday as hazardous materials teams decontaminated the building. There is no further information on the cause of the explosion.

“Our thoughts and best wishes are with Dr. Salgado-Rodriguez,” said Jim Plummer, dean of the Stanford School of Engineering. “We all hope that he will be able to recover very soon.”

—Don Kazak

Toddler drowns in patio fountain

A 1-year-old child apparently drowned last Wednesday while visiting his great-grandmother in Woodside, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff’s deputies were called to a home in the 200 block of Manzanita Way around 11 a.m. after receiving a report of a child drowning.

When they arrived, Woodside Fire Department personnel were already at the home performing CPR on the unconscious child, according to a sheriff’s report. The boy was transported to Stanford Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:21 p.m.

The San Mateo County Coroner’s Office identified the boy as Zane Harris, who had just had his first birthday on Nov. 13.

Sheriff’s officials said Zane and his family had traveled from Cornelius, Ore. to visit his great-grandmother in Woodside.

An autopsy by the coroner’s office will determine the exact cause of death.

—Bay City News Service

Fatal car accident leads to arrest

A driver who left the scene of a fatal solo-vehicle accident early Saturday morning in East Palo Alto is booked at the San Mateo County jail on multiple charges — including gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, East Palo Alto police reported.

One passenger was killed at the scene and a second was hospitalized with critical injuries.

Officers arrested East Palo Alto resident Silvia Romero around 2 p.m. Saturday on suspicion of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run with injuries, driving under the influence, and possession of paraphernalia.

Romero is suspected of driving a car that was speeding in the 1400 block of East Bayshore Road around 2 a.m., police reported. Romero allegedly lost control of the vehicle, which spun out and hit a telephone pole.

Passenger Larry Glenn Young, 57, of East Palo Alto, was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene, according to San Mateo County Deputy Coroner Kristine Gamble.

A second passenger, a 37-year-old woman, was taken to Stanford Medical Center for treatment and “is not expected to recover from her injuries,” police spokeswoman Alma Zamora said.

A witness told police that the driver, later determined to be Romero, left the scene, saying that she was going to get help.

Children’s Library to begin renovation

Palo Alto’s Children’s Library will close Dec. 18 for a long-planned renovation and expansion. The work will take two years to complete.

While the branch is closed, about one-third of its books, media and other materials will be located at the Main Library, while the children’s section at the Downtown Library will be expanded. Other children’s materials will be available at the College Terrace and Mitchell Park libraries.

Children’s Library, 1276 Harriet St., was designed in 1940 by renowned local architect Birge Clark.

The $2.6 million project includes an expansion of 2,600 square feet and renovations to the library’s mechanical and electrical systems, plus improved accessibility and increased seismic safety.

For information, visit http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library.

—Don Kazak

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Fernando Alegria

Fernando Alegria, 87 — a former chair and professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Stanford University for more than two decades and an internationally renowned Chilean poet, novelist and literary critic — died Oct. 29 at his home in Walnut Creek.

He joined the Department of Spanish and Portuguese in 1967. A mentor to hundreds of literary scholars and authors, he was a pioneer in Latin-American literature studies in the United States.

He was born in Santiago, Chile, on Sept. 26, 1918. After studying at the University of Chile, he earned a master's degree in 1941 from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and his doctorate in 1947 from the University of California, Berkeley, where he began teaching in 1964.

He retired from Stanford University in 1988.

He wrote more than two dozen books, including novels, poetry, essays and literary criticism, and a history of the novel in Latin America. He received many awards and honors, among them the Latin-American Literary Prize and a Guggenheim fellowship. He represented the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language in the United States for years, and Chile appointed him honorary consul to the United States in 1992.

He married Carmen Letona Melendez in 1943, and they raised four children in Berkeley. She died in 1994. He is survived by his four children, Carmen Alegria of Palo Alto, Isable Alegria of Berkeley, Dr. Daniel Alegria of Portola Valley and Andres Alegria of Pinole; and nine grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709; or the Western Institute for Social Research, 3220 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702.

Stephen H. Marx

Stephen H. Marx, 75, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, died Nov. 10 at Stanford Hospital after a short illness.

He was born 1930 in Mannheim, Germany, and moved with his family to Palestine in 1934 before immigrating to New York City. While in high school he met his wife of more than 50 years, Marianne Loeb. From 1947 to 1962 he lived in both New York and Pennsylvania while commuting to school and work.

He worked as an engineer while supporting his young family and attended school at night to earn a bachelor's degree at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Columbia University. After moving his family to Palo Alto, he continued his career as an electrical engineer working in satellite communications. He taught engineering at San Jose State University.

As well as being a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, he was a member of Congregation Beth Am. He loved studying history and enjoyed music, especially the pieces of Johann Sebastian Bach. He was also an avid bridge player and loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Doris Harris of Salt Lake City, Utah; his son, Dan Marx of Pleasanton; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Congregation Beth Am. Those who would like to commemorate his life are encouraged to donate to the Alzheimer's Association, 2065 W. El Camino Real, Ste. C, Mountain View, CA 94040; Jewish Family and Children's Services, 2150 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94115; or to the Rabbi Marder Discretionary Fund of Congregation Beth Am.

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Monroe A. Postrel

Monroe Aaron Postrel, a Palo Alto resident for 43 years, died Monday, November 21, 2005. He was 79.

He was born June 17, 1926, in New York, NY, and moved to California in 1941. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1947.

He worked almost 40 years in the chemical industry, including 28 years at Raychem Corp., Menlo Park, where he was involved in developing hundreds of products for the electronics, aircraft and other industries.

He and his wife of almost 56 years, Naomi, enjoyed travel, and after retiring in 1990 visited Europe, China, Africa, Russia, Australia and New Zealand. He also loved singing, and was a member of a choir made up of Raychem employees and retirees. But his greatest joy was his family, and he particularly cherished occasions when the entire family would gather for holidays.

He spent many hours as a volunteer tutor with Project READ, a literacy program for adults, and received a civic award for this service in 1999.

Survivors in addition to his wife include his sons and their families, Joel Postrel and Raye Lynn Thomas of Petaluma, and Dan and Joyce Postrel of Salem, Oregon; twin brother, Morton, of Burlingame, two grandchildren, and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. A sister, Vera, died in 1941. Those wishing to make donations to honor his memory are encouraged to consider Project READ Redwood City (650-780-7070) or Doctors Without Borders (www.doctorswithoutborders.org).
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Editorials, letters and opinions

Are our kids half fit or half un-fit?

Palo Alto parents can feel good that 47 percent of students pass muster as "physically fit" or worry that about 53 percent aren't — or both.

Results vary by school and grade level, but the news that nearly half the students in Palo Alto schools rank as physically fit can make parents and students feel good. Or not.

Even though the half-fit ranking, based on a series of physical tests for endurance, strength and flexibility, is well above the statewide averages (properly guessed in the Weekly last Friday), it's still a far cry from a passing grade — especially in comparison to the levels of expectation set for academic performance.

Yet physical fitness is at least as important an investment in the future of a young person's life as any classroom instruction or test — with measurable, predictable results in terms of personal health during adult years. The unfit and obese will have far higher rates of premature, often disabling illnesses, such as heart disease, and diabetes.

The annual test is a state requirement for fifth, seventh and ninth graders. The six-part test measures aerobic capacity, body fat, abdominal strength/endurance, trunk strength/flexibility, upper body strength/endurance, and overall flexibility. Compared to Palo Alto's 47 percent, the 2,430 students tested who failed all six parts, only 31 percent of 55,430 students tested in Santa Clara County passed. Statewide things were even worse: only 27 percent of 1.2 million students tested made the mark.

"A silent epidemic of obesity and poor nutrition is endangering our children's health and ability to learn," State Superintendent Jack O'Connell said in announcing the results.

Almost anyone could count off reasons for the fitness slump, from the halving of high-school P.E. requirements in the past several decades to the frightening effectiveness of marketing fast- and high-fat foods. Some would say Palo Alto kids spend too much time studying, while others would simply blame the sedentary lifestyles linked to television or computers.

Nine of Palo Alto's 17 schools had rising fitness scores over last year, but that means the rest dropped. The most dramatic changes were at two elementary schools: El Carmelo, where fitness levels jumped from 26 to 45 percent — reflecting an increased emphasis on fitness and efforts to make fitness more fun — and at Walter Hays, where performance plunged dramatically from 47 percent to 19.5 percent, for some reason or reasons.

But the fact that more than half of Palo Alto students fail the basic six tests in itself is a major cause for alarm and for a district-wide — perhaps community-wide — response.

Such a response could start with a review of fitness programs that really work — there are many that raise an awareness of the forces at work to undermine fitness and how great being fit can feel — and end with stronger parental examples, to everyone's benefit.

Loss of 'EPA.net' would harm community

Most of the stuff that is positive that happens in East Palo Alto is never covered." That is how Esther Wojcicki, longtime journalism teacher at Palo Alto High School and a trainer of writers for the East Palo Alto Web site www.EPA.net assesses general news coverage of the largely minority community.

While there are exceptions, those stories tend to be overwhelmed by the frequency of news about crime, gangs and shootings.

But not on EPA.net, the non-profit community Web site that for the past three years has featured articles that go to the real heart of the community — the many people who literally donate hours of time, efforts and their own money to programs for others.

Now a financial crisis may force EPA.net to close down, despite receiving more than a million online visits last year. It is credited with helping communicate with residents in a variety of areas — as today's cover story indicates.

A major grant that fell through has left the program about $27,000 shy of operating past January 1, and more than $108,000 shy of making it through the year. Unless some individual or organization steps forward to adopt this beneficial community communications effort, the remaining two staff members (who are working without pay) will need to close-up shop after the holidays. It would be a sad loss.

Theatre thoughts

Editor

It is a real loss that the Spangenberg Theatre will no longer be available as a film venue. It has been a joy having this additional theater showing high-quality film.

I often saw movies there that either were not available at other local theaters or missed when they were. The admission and snack prices were low and the staff was friendly. Seldom did I go that I did not see Barron Park neighbors.

The Gunn High School principal took the time to complain about the smell of popcorn but neglected to express even a little remorse that her decision results in fewer movie options for Palo Alto residents. The loss is real and deserved acknowledgment.

Sometime ago, the Spangenberg manager approached the owner of the Park Theatre in Menlo Park about opening the theater as an alternative venue, but was rebuffed. This is a shame, twice over.

In the future, is it possible the Palo High School theater will agree to accommodate film in place of Spangenberg? Or will the Park Theatre be open once more for its one true function — as a film venue? As a New Year approaches, so do new possibilities.

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Police project pride

Editor

I am writing on behalf of a team assembled by Chop Keenan to support Palo Alto in getting a new, modern police building. Chop and I are motivated by a shared commitment to the city that is the center of our personal and professional lives.

Our involvement began last spring after the city rejected a site on a California Avenue parking lot. We suggested that combining public and private land on Gilman Street, on a block across Bryant Street from City Hall, we could save up to $10 million and deliver a completed headquarters. This is primarily because an experienced team can make quality pre-construction decisions, purchase materials at beneficial prices, and achieve both high efficiency and quality in construction.

The team is uniquely qualified. Keenan has developed more than 6 million square feet — 1 million in Palo Alto. Project Architect Ken Rodrigues has designed more than 6 million square feet, including civic buildings — 1 million in Palo Alto. General contractor Devcon, with peak annual revenues of $1.2 billion, has built more than 30 million square feet — 1 million in Palo Alto. They have collaborated on more than 20 projects.

In addition, Ross, Trulis & Cusinberry is a specialist in police build-
Board of Contributors

What’s in a name — homeless or un-housed?

by Jeff Blum

When I was in college, a friend’s brother made a calendar with pictures of “Bowery bums.” I don’t think he made any money selling the calendars, although he tried to.

I realize how offensive it was...

I attended the recent showing of “Not In Our Town,” a powerful film highlighting how communities responded positively to acts of intolerance directed toward them.

I attended an HRC meeting a few weeks ago that I realized acts of intolerance frequently occur against the un-housed.

Several people at the meeting expressed their displeasure with our use of the term “homeless.” A more accurate term for them is “un-housed residents.” Their point was that un-housed who live in Palo Alto are residents. Palo Alto is their home, even if they may not have a permanent dwelling place.

A light bulb went on for me when we discussed how long it took for people to recognize and speak out against the use of offensive names for African Americans. The un-housed can be made to feel more disenchanted than they already feel merely by being labeled as homeless. It connotes someone who does not belong to, or in, the community.

Some people would love to send un-housed residents elsewhere. They consider them to be a nuisance or, worse still, modern-day lepers begging for money, they were referred to as bums — the Bowery bums.

When I was in college, a friend’s brother made a calendar with pictures of “Bowery bums.” I don’t think he made any money selling the calendars, although he tried to.

I realize how offensive it was to refer to the un-housed as “bums” — the Bowery bums. Asking for money, they were referred to as bums — the Bowery bums.

I commend the Community Working Group and others who are making the Opportunity Center possible.

The problems of the un-housed will be addressed in a myriad of ways due to their hard work. We must avoid complacency, however.

We need a central place such as a task force or commission, for developing an overview of the situation of the un-housed. It can be a one-stop planning, fundraising and information center while increasing the attention focused on issues facing the un-housed — including acts of intolerance.

Jeff Blum, a family law attorney practicing in Redwood City, is a Palo Alto resident and member of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission. He can be e-mailed at blumesq@aol.com.
By Bill D’Agostino

Most stories about East Palo Alto have a familiar ring: Someone has been shot, and it’s probably gang-related.

Positive voices reflecting the community’s heart — voices such as the one belonging to Stanford University janitor Doroteo Garcia — rarely get a chance to be heard over that din.

But on www.EPA.net, a community Web site, Garcia presents stories about the immigrant experience, published in both Spanish and English. Garcia, 40, is educating his neighbors about such weighty issues as unionization, immigrants’ need for drivers’ licenses and the importance of voting in upcoming Mexican elections.

“The program is very important for the community here in East Palo Alto,” he said.

Mikaya Strickling, 26, takes a lighter touch. She profiles people she called “treasures,” such as “Dave the Key Man,” a well-known locksmith, and Patrisha Scott, the director of the nonprofit group, “Reclaiming Fatherhood.”

Strickling, a senior at California State University, East Bay, grew up in East Palo Alto. She said she cherishes presenting “people that nobody ever knew in such a beautiful light versus hearing about the next homicide.”

Yet those community voices, and dozens of others, are likely to disappear in January, unless there is a last-minute rescue. The network — which boasts 1 million hits a year — might have to shut down. The nonprofit that runs the site, Plugged In, is facing a financial crisis.

A funding application the nonprofit had been negotiating for months had to be suddenly withdrawn because of differing visions — between the potential funder and the nonprofit — for the Web site, according to Executive Director Magda Escobar, who refused to name the potential donor.

Now Plugged In’s directors are struggling to find new funding sources. All six full-time staff members were laid off earlier this year.
Two of them, Escobar and Content Manager Michael Levin, are continuing to work without pay — but can only do so for so long.

The group needs $27,000 by Dec. 31 to keep operating into next year, and needs $108,000 for the entire 12 months, according to Levin, who oversees EPA.net's content. On Nov. 17, a group of local supporters met in Plugged In's offices at 1836 Bay Road to brainstorm ways to raise support.

It's not just a Web site, Levin said. "It's what we're doing with it that's significant."

The possible end comes just as the program was beginning to expand in other directions, such as podcasting. (A few first attempts — covering such topics as the best places to eat in the city and a Hurricane Katrina fundraiser — can be downloaded at www.EPA.net/podcasts.)

In addition to desperately seeking donors, the nonprofit's leaders and supporters are considering other ways to raise funds, such as advertising.

In 1992, Bart Decrem, a Stanford graduate who later worked at Linux, founded Plugged In to help bring computer access to East Palo Altans. The group succeeded in getting PCs into community centers, such as the East Palo Alto Senior Center, and training numerous youth to be computer literate. Decrem soon left to tackle bigger projects.

President Bill Clinton visited the nonprofit in May 2000, along with the Rev. Jesse Jackson and local business leaders. Clinton praised Plugged In for helping bridge the "digital divide" between richer and poorer communities, calling national attention to the small program.

The Web site was launched in 2002 and presently is one of Plugged In's two primary activities, other than training teens in web and graphic design. Long-term, the group is also hoping to build a permanent home on land it owns on University Avenue.

The community Web site includes dozens of links to government agencies and community groups, ranging from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Collard Greens Cultural Festival. It's updated with

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A NEWSPAPER FOR EAST PALO ALTO?

City may get a page of its own early next year — if enough volunteers sign up to help make it happen

Even as the East Palo Alto community Web site, EPA.net, faces an uncertain future, other locals are trying to gain traction for launching a bi-weekly newspaper, “East Palo Alto Today.”

The idea is the product of Henrietta Burroughs of Palo Alto, who hosts the “Talking With Henrietta” cable-television interview program for the Midpeninsula Community Media Center. She formerly operated the Web site for the Plugged In organization in East Palo Alto — from which she parted company in September 2002 in a policy and censorship dispute that became a public controversy.

Burroughs has been exploring the possibility of doing some type of community-based newspaper for several years, but she recently posted a “volunteers needed” notice in various locations.

Burroughs said the target is to begin publication early in 2006, but that many details remain to be worked out.

The new biweekly paper would be published under the auspices of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, a nonprofit organization based in East Palo Alto.

The paper “will present breaking news as well as feature stories that provide readers with useful information on health, education, housing and legal issues,” a recent announcement said.

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new content most Fridays.

In addition to training, publishing and supporting regular writers such as Garcia and Strikling, EPA.net also has more than 1,500 registered users who can post their own content, announcing events or commenting on local issues.

Resident Dennis Parker, who writes regularly about political and police issues, said the site is important both personally and community-wide.

“It means a lot to me because with the community not having a daily newspaper it’s one of the few ways you can get news out in a timely basis to a pretty large audience,” Parker said.

When the community was debating allowing IKEA to move into town, Parker used the Web site to distribute information about the issue, which voters ultimately (if narrowly) approved in 2002.

The Web site “helped people make a decision,” he said.

“It would be such a tragedy to lose it.”

Local nonprofits and the City of East Palo Alto also use the site to promote programs. As the city was seeking residents to work at the soon-to-open Four Seasons — under a city requirement that at least 30 percent of the jobs need to be reserved for residents — officials used the Web site to announce job openings.

That page, which contained links to forms residents had to fill out, received more than 2,600 hits.

“EPA.net has been very instrumental in helping us get the word out on different programs and benefits the city does,” said Raquel Medina, redevelopment coordinator for the City of East Palo Alto’s Redevelopment Agency. She said many of the applicants heard about them through the site.

The site also has played a role in success of local businesses.

Medina recently wrote and posted a profile of one of the city’s Mexican restaurants, El Galope, which focuses on dishes from Michoacan, and its owner.

“Sue’s been getting a lot more business as a result,” Medina said.

Police Chief Ron Davis also regularly uses www.EPA.net to post letters to the community, updating it on his new crime-fighting techniques — including the enforcement of a curfew for minors and the establishment of a “cold-case division.”

“It’s pretty obvious in my personal interaction with the community that many people visit that site,” Davis said. “It would be a tremendous loss to the community if they had to go away.”

Longtime Palo Alto High School journalism teacher Esther Wojcicki, who has helped train EPA.net writers, said the Web site is clearly needed to balance out the negative view of the city portrayed in mainstream media.

“Most of the stuff that is positive that happens in East Palo Alto is never covered,” she said.

Potential donors can contact Michael Levin at (650) 321-1334 x13 or at mlevin@plaguedin.org. Donations may also be sent to: EPA.net, c/o Plugged In, 1836B Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Staff Writer Bill D’Agostino can be e-mailed at bdagostino@paweekly.com.

—Jay Thorwaldson

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Stanford football building begins

by Rick Eymer

S

enior wide receiver Marcus McCutcheon walked out of Stanford's football locker room on Saturday night but he was in no hurry to walk up the ramp and out of the stadium. McCutcheon took a right turn and headed back toward the field. He stayed in the background and watched as bulldozers began to dig up the turf on the 50-yard line. Others followed, like senior linebacker Taulalai Fonoti, junior punter Jay Otvosgo, and junior long snapper Brent Newhouse.

"I just wanted to get one last look at the stadium," McCutcheon said. "I'm never going to see that again.

And so many players bid farewell to the old place, where 84 years and seven years. I don't know how to deal with the last time I ever put on football pads. I don't know. I'll have to have a discussion with God and see what His plans for me are.

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Palo Alto advances to Super Bowl
by Keith Peters

Four trips to the national championships have earned the Palo Alto Knights’ Pop Warner Football program three second-place finishes and one third. That elusive title is still out there.

The Palo Alto Knights Jr. Midgets hope they can be that title-winning team after advancing to the Pop Warner National Championship Super Bowl following a 12-8 win over the San Francisco Brown Bombers in the Pacific Northwest Regional Championships on Sunday at Townsend Field in Santa Clara.

The Knights’ program will be going to the Super Bowl for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth time in the past seven years, while competing in the most competitive level.

“This is a tribute to the success of our kids and coaches involved in the Knights’ program, to advance another team to the National Championship Super Bowl,” said Mike Pihl, president of the Palo Alto Knights.

They worked hard to earn this opportunity.”

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of the Palo Alto Regional.

Washington earned the No. 3 national seed and Arizona was seeded fourth, but both teams will be on the road for the first two rounds. The Huskies meet Siena at Colorado State while the Wildcats plays Utah State at Utah. The Bears are in Wisconsin to take on Valparaiso.

Perret points Cassie Perret and Atlee Hubbard will also be playing close to home. Perret, the West Coast Conference Player of the Year, is a senior outside hitter while Hubbard is a junior outside hitter for the Hornets. Perret played at Woodside Priory while Hubbard was a standout at Menlo-Atherton High.

Stanford survived two difficult road matches in Los Angeles, but this weekend won’t be much easier. The Broncos are ranked 15th and won 21 of their first 22 matches. They have also beaten Arizona, something Stanford has not accomplished this season.

“We’ll be playing at home which will be a big advantage for us but this won’t be easy,” Stanford junior outside hitter Kristin Richards said.

“Their is some really good teams.” Richards earned the Pac-10 Player of the Week award after matching her career high with 31 kills (hitting at a .379 clip) against USC and then recording a career high 35 kills (on a career-high 72 attacks) the next night at USC. She also had 22 digs against the Women of Troy.

Men’s water polo

Stanford may yet get one last chance at USC this season and it would have to come in the finals of the NCAA tournament this weekend at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

The third-ranked Cardinal (19-6) lost to the Trojans, 8-5, in the championship match of the Mountain Pac-10.

The Brown Bombers scored early in the third quarter on a 45-yard run and kicked a two-point conversion to take an 8-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Palo Alto retook the lead when Bratt hit Romell Hanks on an eight-yard pass and Hanks ran 47 yards to the end zone for a 12-8 game.

The Knights’ defense tightened up and was led by Bratt, Miles Anderson, James Berry and Gabe Manzanares.

Loyola Marymount (and Menlo Park resident Mark Reynolds) in the first round on Saturday.

USC meets Collegiate Water Polo Association Eastern Championship Tournament champion St. Francis College of Brooklyn.

Women’s basketball

Stanford survived a frantic final three seconds and escaped Lubbuck with a 66-63 victory over No. 14 Texas Tech on Sunday.

Candice Wiggins, shut down in the first half, scored 17 of her 18 points in the second half, including a pair of free throws in the final second to clinch the win.

The Cardinal scored early in the third quarter on a 43-yard pass play to give the Knights a 6-0 first-quarter lead. The defense took it from there and blanked San Francisco in the first half.

The Knights’ program, to advance another team to the National Championship Super Bowl,” said Mike Pihl, president of the Palo Alto Knights.

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Paly football

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walk it off on the sideline, he continued to play.

The Vikings’ standout back first twisted the same ankle in Palo Alto 4-0 win over Milpitas in early October.

“(The Terra Nova defense) kept hitting (the ankle), so it hurt badly,” Frazer said. “But I had to fight through it. I’ll rest it and be fine for next week.”

Senior fullback Roger Prince added 58 yards on nine carries and had a 230-pound sophomore back Sione Mataeae, called up from the JV team by Hansen for the playoffs, produced 38 yards and a crucial fourth-down conversions on short-yardage plays.

Just as important, the Palo Alto defense delivered arguably its best performance of the season. The Vikings neutralized the explosive Terra Nova offense, which had been averaging nearly 40 points a contest during the Warriors’ six-game winning streak entering the game.

And Palo Alto, which was shred only a week earlier by South San Francisco’s backup running back, held Terra Nova’s Daniel Porter to his lowest rushing total of the seaon (85 yards).

Porter gained 1.634 yards and 21 touchdowns in the Tigers’ first 11 games.

The Palo Alto defense also forced six turnovers, picking off three passes by Terra Nova quarterback Jack Forbes - one each by defensive backs Maurice Williams, Dennis Prazun and Prince from his line-backer spot.

Two of those turnovers came inside its own five yard-line. First, defensive end Buddy Benaderet forced Forbes to fumble at the Palo Alto three midway through the first quarter. Then Williams stuffed Porter on a fourth-and-two from the Palo Alto three to keep his team ahead 14-0 late in the third.

“Yes, that was the game right there,” Hansen said.

Palo Alto quarterback Jon Koepfgen played his best game since taking over for Goodspeed earlier this month, completing three of five passes — all to fellow senior Coopon Miller — for 70 yards and threw no interceptions. Though it was probably a case of the run setting up the pass, all three of Koepfgen’s completions resulted in first downs.

“I don’t think he threw a bad ball all night,” Hansen said. “He managed the game very well.”

Hansen and company will need more of the same from pretty much everyone as it faces its arch-nemesis with everything on the line.

“The focus (this week) is to stay positive,” Hansen said. “We have 10 wins. We have nothing to lose.”

Palo Alto knows it can have success this Friday if it puts pressure on Los Gatos quarterback Danny Sullivan, who threw for over 300 yards in the Wildcats’ earlier win over the Vikings. Sullivan, however, was limited to just 122 yards in his team’s 3-0-sensial win over St. Ignatius last Friday.

Thus, the Vikings know if they can get to Sullivan, their CCS title might be within reach, as well.

This has been a history-making season for the Castilleja girls’ volleyball team.

The Gators captured their first Central Coast Section Division V championship and advanced to the NorCal Tournament playoff finals for the first time.

Top-seeded Castilleja (35-6) was hoping to register yet another first on Tuesday night, needing a victory over No. 2 seed Woodland Christian (36-5) to advance to its first appearance in the CIF State Championships.

The Division V state finals are Saturday at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo.

Castilleja reached Tuesday night’s NorCal finals with a 20-25, 25-20, 25-16, 25-20 win over No. 5 Turlock Christian on Saturday at Sacred Heart Prep. Senior Ariel Baxterbeck led the Gators with 21 kills, 17 digs and six aces. Fellow seniors Chelsea Otno-Horn and Alissa Flesher contributed 11 kills and 10 blocks. Flesher also had seven blocks.

In the NorCal Division IV semifinals, No. 4 Menlo School was eliminated on Saturday in a 25-21, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22 at No. 1 St. Mary’s (32-6) of Berkeley.

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The Palo Alto City Council will consider adoption of the City's draft 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) during the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider a Zoning Ordinance Update as follows:

Recommendation by the Planning and Transportation Commission that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 18.65 of Title 18 for the purpose of allowing the Auto Dealership Overlay Zone (Combining District) in two Limited Manufacturing LMI Districts located on the east and west side adjacent to Highway 101 at the San Antonio Interchange.

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ADOPTION OF URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Palo Alto City Council will consider adoption of the City's draft 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) during the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto.

The City Council held a Public Hearing on November 21, 2005 to hear public input before finalizing the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. You may view the draft 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which updates the 2000 plan, online at www.cpaqua.com or by viewing a copy of the document at the Main Library on 1215 Newell Road.

DONNA J. ROGERS
City Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Government Code Section 30061, Title 3, Division 3, relating to the Supplemental Environmental Services Fund to consider the Police Chief’s request for funding line law enforcement programs, the City Council of the City of Palo Alto will hold a Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., or as near as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue.

Copies of the City's proposal are available in the Police Department, 275 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, CA.

DONNA J. ROGERS
City Clerk

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Palo Alto Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Please be advised that Thursday December 15, 2005 the Architectural Review Board and Historic Resources Board shall conduct a public hearing at 8 AM in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Anyone interested in the matter concerned may appear and be heard on this item.

3270 W. Bayshore Road [05PLN-003020]: Request by Classics Communities Inc. on behalf of West Bayshore Associates for a Preliminary Review of a new five-story, 96 residential units. A Design Enhancement Exception is requested to reduce the required setback and daylight plane requirements of the northwestern property line in order to allow for tandem parking for 10 units where non-tandem parking is prohibited. An Environmental Assessment is being prepared. Zone District: LM

200 San Antonio Road [05PLN-324]: Request by Toll Brothers on behalf of Hewlett Packard for Preliminary Review for the construction of multiple housing units at the former Hewlett Packard site. The housing units would consist of six two-story single-family detached dwelling units and 42 stacked flats in three separate buildings that would be two to three stories high with partially below grade parking. roadway modifications and other landscape improvements are also proposed. An Environmental Impact Report is being prepared. Zone District: Limited, Industrial/Research Park District Regulations (LM).

901 San Antonio Road [05PLN-296]: Request by Campus for Jewish Life (CJU) for a Preliminary Review of a Planned Community application, including the development and construction of a new facility, approximately 176 residential units, 130,000 square feet of commercial, educational, religious, and parking and landscaping improvements at the former New Jewish High School. An Environmental Impact Report is being prepared. Proposed Zone District: PD 1990.

901 San Antonio Road [05PLN-00420]: Request by Bridge Urban Infill Land Development (BULD) for a Preliminary Review of a Planned Community application, including the development and construction of a new facility on a parcels approximately 98 market rate condominium units, a parking garage, and landscaping at the former San Mirobas site, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared. Proposed Zone District: PD 1990.

Steve Emile Director of Planning and Community Environment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, listening assistive devices are available in the Council Chambers and Council Conference Room, Sign language interpreters will be provided upon request with 72 hours notice advance.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To All Interested Person(s): Pending a Petition filed by RAPHAELLE RISHARDE,Filed 12/5/05, the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, (Case No. 1048207249) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT FROM THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE FILED PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE DISCLOSED TO THE CREDITOR WHO WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: On December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., the Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, at the Courthouse, 190 South 1st Street, San Jose, California 95011, will hold a hearing to consider the following: RAPHAELLE RISHARDE CHOUAIB Application for Change of Name.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES PROPERTY OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES PROPERTY OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the PACIFIC PALISADES PROPERTY OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION, that the Board of Directors will hold an Annual Meeting of the Association at the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, 212 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California on Saturday, July 23, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., for the following purposes: Reorganization of the Association. The meeting will be open to the public. Please provide your participation to the Secretary at least two days prior to the meeting.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

A. Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.
B. Presentation and discussion of the activities and plans of the Association during the current year.
D. Approval of the Annual Operating Budget for the year ending December 31, 2005.
E. Presentation and discussion of the performance of the property officer services provided by the Association.
I. Other business as may come before the meeting.

All members of the Association are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, 212 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California. The meeting will be followed by the Annual Luncheon meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
of the Palo Alto
Planning & Transportation
Commission

Please be advised the Planning and Transportation Commission shall conduct a regular meeting at 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 14, 2005 in the Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Any interested persons may appear and be heard on these items. All correspondence relating to any of the agenda items below or non-agenda items, which were not received by the 2:00 PM deadline for inclusion into Commission packets on the Friday preceding the meeting date, need to be received before 5:00 PM on the date of the meeting for distribution to staff and Commission members.

Interested persons may appear and be heard. Staff reports for agenda items are available via the City’s main website at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org under Agendas/Minutes/Reports and also at the Planning Division Front Desk, 5th Floor, City Hall, after 2:00 PM on the Friday preceding the meeting date. Copies will be made available at the Development Center should City Hall be closed on the 9/80 Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:
Public Hearings.

1. 850 Webster Street Channing House: Request by Channing House for a Planned Community Zone Amendment to modify the permitted uses to include wireless telecommunications facilities. Zone District: PC 4046, Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA per section 15301.

2. Zoning Ordinance Updates Planning and Transportation Commission recommendation to City Council for the approval of an ordinance to adopt a new PCAM 18.66 Pedestrian and Transit Oriented Development (P/TOD) District. The boundaries for the P/TOD zoning district are generally Cambridge Avenue to the north, El Camino Real to the west, California to the east, and Lambert Avenue to the south. Environmental Assessment: Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Report.

2785 and 2747 Park Boulevard: Staff recommendation that the Planning and Transportation Commission initiate 1) amending the land use map of the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the subject site from Light Industrial to Transit Oriented Residential, and 2) applying the Pedestrian and Transit Oriented Combining District (P/TOD) to the subject site which is currently zoned General Manufacturing Combining District (GBM). The subject site is part of Housing Inventory Site 08-11, which included applying RM-40 standards to this site during the Housing Element update of the Comprehensive Plan. Zoning: GM(B).

195 Page Mill Road and 2825, 2865, 2873, 2891 and 2901 Park Boulevard: Staff recommendation that the Planning and Transportation Commission initiate 1) amending the land use map of the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the subject site from Light Industrial to Mixed Use, and 2) applying the Pedestrian and Transit Oriented Combining District (P/TOD) to the subject site which is currently zoned General Manufacturing Combining District (GBM). The subject site is part of Housing Inventory Site 08-11, which included applying RM-40 standards to this site during the Housing Element update of the Comprehensive Plan. Zoning: GM(B).

*Quasi-Judicial Items Subject to Council's Disclosure Policy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for Meetings of October 26 and November 9, 2005


Questions. If interested parties have any questions regarding the above applications, please contact the Planning Division at (650) 329-2550 (voice) or (650) 328-1199 (TDD). Sign language interpreters will be provided upon request with 72 hours in advance notice.

Steve Emslie, Planning Director

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CITY OF PALO ALTO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, to approve a resolution adopting a Palo Alto Annex to “Taming Natural Disasters”, a Multi-Jurisdictional Local Government Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area, prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Adoption of this plan will make the City eligible to apply for, and receive, grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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**ATHERTON**

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Mark Kapielarian

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Michael S. Teymouri

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**Palo Alto**

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**Portola Valley**

Breathtaking views from this completely remodeled 6BD/5BA home in prime Westridge. Fabulous new gourmet kit., dramatic vaulted ceiling living and dining rooms, luxurious master bedroom suite, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout. Gorgeous, private oak studded lot, approx. 3.8 acres on serene cul-de-sac. Beautiful black bottom pool. 4BR/3BA on approx. 1.25 acres.

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$895,000

**Woodside**

Magnificent oaks line the entrance to this family compound, weekend retreat or full-time residence in prime Westridge. Fabulous new gourmet kit., dramatic vaulted ceiling living and dining rooms, luxurious master bedroom suite, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout. Gorgeous, private oak studded lot, approx. 3.8 acres on serene cul-de-sac. Beautiful black bottom pool. 4BR/3BA on approx. 1.25 acres.

Kris Stumpf

$8,995,000

**Sale Pending**

This rare opportunity offered for this classic, custom-built ranch home on approx. 10,000 sq. ft. (approx. 0.24 acres) is situated in a lovely neighborhood of Menlo Park. The ranch-style home has 4BD/3BA and boasts an updated floor plan featuring 4BR/3BA, formal entry way, spacious LR, remodeled kit, LR, master suite and large rear yard. Excellent Palo Alto Schools. Newer construction.

Paul Skrabo

$2,795,000

**Menlo Park**

Enjoy a private cul-de-sac! Lovely landscaping with mature trees, rose & fruit farms around a newly updated 3BR/3BA home. Eat in kitchen, spa-like bath, hardwood floors and double pane windows. Desirable Menlo Park Schools.

Lyn Ashby

$875,000

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This 6BR/3BA home in desirable Barron Park has an Open floor plan, chef’s kit, recently remodeled. Master Suite provides access to pool and spa from private bath. Madera Creek & lushly landscaped grounds. Excellent Palo Alto Schools.

Ginna Lazar

$1,439,000

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Vivian Vella

$699,000

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$1,439,000

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This 3BR/2BA home. Approx. 1420sf on a deep approx. 7.78 acre lot. This 4BR/3BA home is located on a private cul-de-sac and has very nice landscaping. Excellent Palo Alto Schools. 4BD (1 currently used as den) 2.5 bath. Built in the 50’s this house may provide the buyer with versatility in a prime location. Family-friendly in Woodside Heights & Las Lomitas School District. 4 BD (1 currently used as den) 2.5 BA + a separate BONUS room with full bath and private entrance.

Alice Brandt

$2,550,000

**Mountain View**

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Paul Skrabo

$895,000