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Storm drains threatened by skyrocketing costs

Ballot estimates made in good faith, city leaders say

by Becky Trout

With four of seven planned Palo Alto storm drain projects threatened with cancellation or severe cut backs due to escalating costs, Vice Mayor Larry Klein is proposing the city plug the financial hole.

His suggestion comes after a memo from the city’s Storm Drain Oversight Committee last month alerted the community that storm drain projects to be funded by a 2005 ballot measure will likely be affected.

Several other City Council members said they haven’t had a chance to study the issue yet.

The storm-drain committee was set up to ensure the approximately $35 million to be collected over the 12-year life span of the fee increase would be spent properly.

The committee suggests eliminating a project that would link Clara Drive’s pipes to a pump station and leaving the Southgate neighborhood without drainage. A $1.5 million project to improve drainage on Alma Street would be scaled back by 67 percent, while 33 percent fewer pipes on Channing and Lincoln avenues would be lowered, according to the committee’s memos.

Constructing a new pump station for San Francisquito Creek, widely considered the most important of the seven projects, would still be completed as planned, although a preliminary estimate has added more than $1 million to the pump station’s estimated cost of $4.5 million.

Under the adjusted plan, the Matadero Pump Station would also be expanded as anticipated.

“We presented the projects in the ballot in good faith. Events have worked against us,” said John (continued on page 7)

Donations pour in for family facing deportation

Immigrant mother has plane tickets so children can leave country with her

by Sue Dremann

A Palo Alto woman who faced losing her four children to foster care because she is being deported has received help from dozens of Palo Alto residents.

The children, all United States citizens, faced separation from their mother, Isabel Aguirre, because she could not afford plane tickets to take them to Mexico when she is deported on Friday.

After readers learned of the family’s plight in last Friday’s edition of the Weekly, enough money was donated to enable Aguirre to buy plane tickets for the family to go to Morelia, in central Mexico.

At a hearing with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) in San Francisco Tuesday, Aguirre was informed she faces a 10-year ban on returning to the United States.

Outraged over the impending deportation, a Barron Park Elementary School liaison, Marielena Gaona-Mendoza, entered a church sanctuary and began a hunger strike Monday.

“Don’t like to see people suffering. I have to do what I can. I can’t get her a lawyer. Doing this is something I felt like I could do. I felt like if I did this, I would have done ev— (continued on page 7)
Those devilish details

Stanford University was facing a public setback last week. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors was set to reject Stanford’s proposal to build a hiking trail along Alpine Road.

Since Stanford was going to pay $8.4 million to build the trail, including bulldozing part of a hillside to straighten out Alpine Road to make room for the trail, how could the San Mateo County supervisors refuse the offer?

They could and were ready because the trail didn’t make a lot of sense for a lot of reasons. Alpine Road residents were aghast. The Committee for Green Foothills had sued to try to stop the plan. The San Mateo County Supervisors, Rich Gordon and Jerry Hill, as a two-person committee of the five-member board, wrote a memo concluding, “It is not in the interest of San Mateo County and the region to accept this offer.”

Stanford wasn’t offering to build the trail out of altruism. When Santa Clara County approved a new general use permit for future development of the Stanford campus in 2000, it gave Stanford approval to increase its academic buildings by 2 million square feet and to build 3,000 more housing units.

One of the conditions attached to that approval was that Stanford was required to build two hiking trails on its lands, a southern one near Page Mill Road and a northern one, the location of which has always been a revised offer. When Stanford’s idea was to push the northern trail wasn’t going to be built.

The devil is in the details,” Gordon said. Stanford is home to world-renowned scholars and a place of absolute and unending academic wonder and scientific achievement. And it has found a way to potentially set two county governments against each other.

After the second Stanford offer was made public last week, Kniss said that Santa Clara County staff would determine if the second Stanford offer, if accepted by San Mateo County, would meet the legal requirements of Santa Clara County’s 2005 trials agreement with Stanford.

That may unfold before the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meets April 10 to discuss the latest Stanford offer. There is at least caution on the San Mateo County Board about trusting Stanford.

“I am absolutely and firmly convinced in dealing with Stanford that the devil is in the details,” Gordon said.

“San Mateo County needs to get a very airtight agreement,” Lennie Roberts of the Committee for Green Foothills said. “It’s been the hallmark of Stanford to keep things up in the air.”

The Santa Clara County agreement with Stanford in 2000 reads that “Stanford shall dedicate easements for, develop and maintain two trail alignments which cross Stanford lands.” The trail easements were to be agreed to by December 2002. Stanford does keep things up in the air.

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Pacific Art League to leave downtown headquarters

by Molly Tanenbaum

Director Stephanie Demos said. The historic 1929 structure, which the Pacific Art League has occupied since 1965, lacks wheelchair accessibility and enough classroom space, which are additional motivators for looking for a new building, Demos said.

Currently, the art league leases classroom space on Alma Street near Anthropologie. It hopes to find another building so that its classrooms, offices and studios could be under one roof.

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—Stephanie Demos, Pacific Art League executive director

“We’re bursting at the seams. We need some more space,” Demos said.

The plan is a culmination of 20 years of board discussion, she added.

“Our preference very much is to stay in Palo Alto. Our heart and soul is here in downtown Palo Alto,” Demos said.

She said it is important to keep a downtown presence with the first floor gallery but that the art league probably could not afford to have its new building located downtown.

Many, including Scholl and teacher Terry Eden, will be seeing the main operations of the art league leave downtown.

“I think there’s many students that like the idea that they’re asso- ciated with something that is downtown Palo Alto,” said Eden, who has taught intermediate acrylic painting there for five years.

Scholl said she would miss having the second and third floors of the building.

“It’s just really sad. There’s a lot of art communities and print groups that meet up there. It’s sad we can’t find another way to do it so we could keep the building,” she said.

Scholl feels perfectly safe in the building while teaching in the first-floor classroom and does not think it poses a significant seismic risk.

“If we happen to be there in an earthquake, I suppose it might crumble, but if we’re driving along on the freeway we might crash, too,” she said.

Demos said she hoped the art league would find a willing developer in the next four months and that the operations would move to a new building within a year.

“It’s really important that we be good stewards of this legacy. We want to make sure that the art league is here for another 85 years,” she said.

There is also a possibility that the Pacific Art League would be able to add additional classes in a community room planned for the redeveloped Alma Plaza.

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Palo Alto

City leaders reveal income, gifts

Forms, available to the public, required of about 300 local officials

by Becky Trout

Barton accepted a dinner from San Francisco real estate broker Rick Mariano on July 14. Barton said he reported the dinner because he doesn’t know if Mariano has business in Palo Alto. The dinner was to celebrate a business venture of his wife, Lydia Tan, Barton said.

The council members also had to report their income. Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto and council members Dena Mossar and Bern Beecham are full-time council members. They also serve on regional boards and as members of other organizations.

Kishimoto, as well as Beecham and Councilman Jack Morton, reported owning stock in an oil corporation. Morton also owns a small amount of tobacco stock. Morton has extensive holdings in a variety of fields.

Beecham also actively buys and sells stocks.

Councilman Peter Drekmeier reported no income. He was not available for comment.

Mossar turned in her form on previously used paper. She traveled to France in late December as part of her membership in the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources committee. The $4,252 tab was picked up by the French government.

City Manager Frank Benest reported earning more than $3,000 from four training sessions he conducted for the California Municipal Revenue and Tax Authority, the cities of Walnut Creek and South San Francisco, and a city/county in Washington state.

Benest also attended three two-day meetings of the International City/County Managers Association in Washington, D.C. and one meeting of the League of California Cities in Sacramento. Those trips were paid for by the organizations.

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How Did Hannibal Cross the Alps?

For over 2,000 years, nobody has been able to identify with certainty the route that Hannibal used to cross the Alps in 218 BCE with 25,000 men and 37 elephants to the astonishment of the Romans. Now a Stanford team, under the direction of Alpine Archaeologist Patrick Hunt, may be closing in on a solution to one of history’s great puzzles.

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They are symptoms of our broken immigration system.

—Khaled Saeed, president of American Muslim Voice, a faith-based group, on the plight of the Ramirez-Aguirre family. See story on page 3.

Around Town

THE (MUCH TOO) LONG GOOD-BYE . . . Wednesday evening, the Planning and Transportation Commission bid farewell to Senior Planner Beth Bourne, who has been with the city since 2002 and worked on the Alma Plaza project. It was past midnight, and the chambers were empty. Bourne had gathered up her files and was ready to sneak out. Commission Chair Karen Holman asked what she was going to do next. Bourne said her family will return to Davis, so she can spend more time with their child, who — she pointed out — was asleep right now. “I’m jealous,” Bourne said — a hint, surely, that she wanted to leave after a nearly six-hour-long meeting. But the commissioners, a different breed than most, were in no hurry to leave. With well-practiced verbosity, they expressed their thanks, gratitude, appreciation, admiration, commendations and . . . thanks. Wait, we already said that. Maybe verbosity is contagious.

LOCAL HISTORY — ON THE WEB . . . Duveneck Elementary School teacher Matt Bowling has launched the ambitious Palo Alto History Project, an attempt to gather historical photos and descriptions online. Visitors to the site can read about grisly crimes, see “now and then” photos, and check out the Palo Alto hiding spot of a Nazi princess. Bowling’s latest entry addresses the 1981 Medfly invasion, which was finally curtailed by a highly controversial spraying of the town. The tales of times past are at www.paloaltohistory.com.

COOL SCIENCE . . . Curious about just how scientists figure out so much about cells, genetic information and proteins? Members of the public can see for themselves today, at an open house for Stanford’s Beckman Center for Molecular and Genetic Medicine. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with demonstrations, tours, prizes and refreshments. It is located at 270 Campus Drive West in the School of Medicine.

DETOURS AHEAD . . . Embarcadero Road, between Fulton and Emerson streets, will be resurfaced during April and May, the city announced. This week, Middlefield Road traffic will be detoured around the Embarcadero intersection. To check the contractor’s schedule, updated weekly, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/public-works/sm-index.html.

GOLDEN VOICES . . . Ali’s well for those who sing well, as members of Palo Alto High School choral groups found out this weekend at the Anshel Heritage Festival. The Spectrum Singers, a group of 11 women, won first place in its division of medium-size schools for female singing groups, receiving a gold award. The Palo Alto High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael Najjar, swept the choral division. The Concert Choir was awarded first place for choirs in medium-size schools, placing in the gold category. Gold awards are given to choirs who earn more than 90 points on average from the three adjudicators. Not only that, but the choir also earned a special award for averaging 95 points or more. Pal’s choir was the only choral group to win this award. Topping it off, the concert choir was also named the Outstanding Choral Group of the entire event, which consisted of approximately 35 vocal groups from across the country. The Palo Alto program also won the Sweepstakes Award, which is given to the school with the highest average point total earned by multiple groups. According to a press release, “The shower of awards included a plaque and three enormous trophies.” The Concert Choir performed “Et Un Seule Fleur,” “On Danny Boy,” and “Alina That Good News!” in competition. Good news, indeed.

PALO ALTO FIRM FIGHTS PARKINSON’S . . . Federal officials recently announced plans to test whether a creatine supplement developed by Palo Alto’s Avicena helps combat Parkinson’s disease, a brain disorder that affects movement and cognition, among its other effects. The study, which will follow about 1,720 patients for up to seven years, will take place at 51 medical centers in the United States and Canada, according to the San Jose Mercury News. To participate, call 800-352-9424 or visit www.parkinsontrial.org.
Deportation

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everything I could, and she feels like somebody cares, not like people just want her to go away,” Gaona-Mendoza said.

Gaona-Mendoza has been working closely with Aguirre and her children, two of whom attend Barron Park Elementary.

“We don’t come here because we want to take things away. We come here because it is very bad in Mexico,” said Aguirre, who was stopped along with her husband, Pedro Ramirez, by immigration-enforcement officials Feb. 28. He was immediately deported to Mexico, while she received a 30-day reprieve and has had to wear an electronic tracking device on her ankle.

Her greatest concern is for the welfare of the children, she said. They will not be able to attend school and will have to work in the fields, as she did when she was a child.

Aguirre’s oldest son, Pedro Ramirez Jr., 15, said Tuesday he plans to return to the United States and continue school and work so he can send money back to his family.

Aguirre’s case has ignited concern among civil rights and religious groups, who want this week’s decision to place a moratorium on the nationwide deportation campaign by ICE and to change the policy of separating families.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement “action . . . has broken up families, left children abandoned and traumatized whole communities,” faith leaders from the San Carlos-based Peninsula Interfaith Action said in a press release.

The American Muslim Voice, a faith-based group working with a coalition of civil rights and free-speech groups, said in a press release that hard-working families such as the Ramirez-Aguirre family are not the problem.

“They are symptoms of our broken immigration system. . . . ICE presents this lose-lose scenario as a choice: Leave the country or take your children with you or leave the country and leave your children in foster care,” American Muslim Voice National President Khalid Saeed stated in a news release.

A nervous Aguirre and Gaona-Mendoza, acting as her interpreter, rushed to San Francisco last Friday, anxious to show officials that she had obtained the plane tickets.

They made the sign of the cross before entering the offices of Behavioral Interventions, Inc., a private contractor with the Department of Homeland Security. The company oversees the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program, which tracks deportees.

Though the children do not have passports, Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for ICE, said that passports would not be necessary if they are flying. They would need their birth certificates, however.

“ICE has a plan of action from the beginning of the process to place a moratorium on the nationwide deportation campaign by ICE,” she said, “and to change the policy of separating families.”

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Aguirre said she only learned of her attorney’s disbarment when she called him for help after Ramirez’s deportation. The attorney’s disbarment could not be reached for comment.

Back on the street after her Friday appointment, a relieved Aguirre smiled for the first time. Last Wednesday, the family not only faced deportation but also eviction. The landlord, Francesco Carrubba, a Palo Alto restaurateur, served the family with a demand letter for $3,000 for back rent or they would have to vacate the house within three days, she said.

Reached by phone, Carrubba denied he was trying to evict the family.

Ramirez is now making his way south to their home town of Cancita in central Mexico. He will travel the dirt road to their small mountain village, walking for a half-hour off-road over rocky terrain. When he gets there, he will seek out his father’s dilapidated two-room house.

No one lives there now; the walls have fallen in and the thick, corrugated cardboard roof is collapsing, but he will try to fix it, she said.

The family is making an appeal to Senator Dianne Feinstein’s San Francisco office, which handles investigation of immigrant cases.


Storm drains

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Melton, chair of the committee. “With the money available, we can’t do it all.”

Proponents had no way of anticipating cost increases of 30 to 50 percent over three years. City of Palo Alto Senior Engineer Joe Teresi said.

Although the committee and Public Works staff saw construction costs climb soon after the measure was passed, they didn’t know for sure until the first of the seven projects was bid, Teresi said.

It was expected to cost $650,000 to hook up 280 acres in the Charleston Terrace Greenhouse and Greenmeadow neighborhoods with a pump station. The lowest bid came in 58 percent higher than anticipated in August 2006, Teresi said.

Teresi said the costs of fuel, raw materials such as concrete and steel, and the bustling local construction market have worked to push up prices unpredictably.

“China, Hurricane Katrina — you can pick your villain in this thing. It’s a whole worldwide series of events. It’s not a local thing. We’re just caught up in it,” Melton said.

When the costs of the ballot projects were calculated, staff used past projects, cost-estimating guides and information from other projects and agencies, Teresi said.

“The hope is that they are accurate, and maybe even on the high side,” Teresi said. “(But) it is called an estimate for a reason.

He said they felt confident of the ballot estimates at the time.

“None of us really had a sense that this was going to happen before the ballot,” Melton said.

Klein agreed the cost increases couldn’t have been anticipated, but he said the City Council should use some of the $3 million it is setting aside for infrastructure this year to ensure all seven projects promised to the voters are completed.

Mayor Yoriko Ishimoto acknowledged that was an option.

The 2006 ballot measure raised the average monthly fee for a single-family house from $4.25 to $10.

A previous measure failed in 2000. To gain greater approval, the second storm-drain ballot measure included a 12-year time limit, an oversight committee and a cap on fee increases, Teresi said.

The annual fee can be increased by the council only on par with the local inflation rate, Teresi said.

The council boosted the fee by 2 percent last year. This year, staff cost of living for a 3.4 percent increase, Teresi said.

The Oversight Committee’s proposal will go before the Finance Committee in May before it is considered by the council.

A little more than half of the money raised by the fees is slated for the seven projects. The rest is being used to fund maintenance and obviate the need for subsidies from the city’s general coffers. Before the ballot was passed, storm-drain projects that exceeded the budget of the storm-drain fund used general city money.

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**News Digest**

**Three vehicle accidents kill local men**
Four South Bay men died over the past week in vehicle accidents.

- A 27-year-old Portola Valley man was killed just after midnight Sunday morning in a single-vehicle crash in Portola Valley in which the driver was later arrested on drunk-driving charges.
- Marco Hernandez-Lopez was a passenger in a 1997 pickup truck that was found overturned and up against a tree at 1550 Portola Road at 12:40 a.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Lt. Lisa Williams of the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Department.
- Menlo Park firefighters had to use the “Jaws of Life” machine to rescue the driver and a second passenger from the wrecked truck. They were taken to Stanford Hospital for treatment. The driver, Ignacio Hernandez-Flores, 27, of Portola Valley, suffered a broken wrist and a fractured rib. He was arrested for manslaughter, DUI with major injury and being unlicensed to drive.
- The surviving passenger, who is not being identified, is in critical condition.

In a separate accident Saturday morning, two men — Larry Lu, 26, of Fremont and 25-year-old Michael Nguyen Luu of San Jose — suffered fatal injuries when the 2006 Porsche Lu was driving collided with a tree, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner and the California Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred in Los Altos Hills. According to the CHP, Lu was driving southbound on Interstate Highway 280 just north of El Monte Road at around 2:50 a.m. when he failed to make a left turn.

Lu lost control of the Porsche, which then spun out, crossing five lanes of the highway before leaving the roadway and hitting a large tree. Lu and Luu, who was a passenger in the front seat of the Porsche, were both wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash, but both men sustained major trauma and died, the CHP reported.

The CHP does not suspect alcohol or drugs played a role in the crash at this time.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Menlo Park resident Douglas Cowger, 48, was killed by VTA train in Sunnyvale.

Cowger was riding a bicycle when he attempted to cross in front of an oncoming Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority light-rail train.

VTA spokeswoman Jayme Kunz said the investigation of what happened is not complete, but that it appeared that Cowger and a second bicyclist attempted to make a left turn over the VTA tracks at the intersection of East Java and Geneva drives shortly after noon when Cowger was struck by a VTA train.

Kunz said that Cowger and the second bicyclist appeared to have had a red turning signal while the VTA train was going through the intersection on a green signal.

— Don Kazak, with Bay City News Service

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**Palo Alto police cite seven in alcohol sting**
Palo Alto police cited seven people Friday night for selling alcohol to an 18-year-old woman who was a decoy in a police operation, Agent Dan Ryan said.

The woman and officers visited 11 bars and restaurants where she attempted to buy alcohol. She was served alcohol at seven of the businesses.

The seven face fines of at least $1,000. The businesses where the decoy was served were Junnoon, Coupa Café, Lavanda Wine Bar, Rose and Crown Pub, Andale, Zao Noodle Bar and Three Seasons restaurant.

— Don Kazak

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**Corrections**
A March 28 article incorrectly stated that Fred Balin was a candidate for the president and vice-president positions in the College Terrace Residents’ Association. According to Balin, he was not a candidate even though people voted for him. To request a clarification or correction, contact Jocelyn Dong, managing editor, at jdong@pawweekly.com, 650-326-8210 or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto 94302.
Kucinich comes to town

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The plan has drawn strong opposition from both environmentalists and residents of the Happy Hollow neighborhood between Alpine and the creek, also known as Weekend Acres.

Horton said the offer will remain open through 2011 and could be extended to 2014 if two of the three parties to it agree. Gordon and Hill said in a memo that Stanford’s offer is not "adequate and unsafe." The offer "might be disappointing or concerned when they run into the old portion of the pathway/trail, which he termed “inadequate and unsafe.”

Portola Valley town officials have agreed to accept $2.8 million from Stanford to rebuild and expand the trail further west up Alpine Road. In addition, Stanford has budgeted $1.4 million for a connector trail through portions of Los Altos Hills and has offered to build a linking trail over the “horse pasture” property between Deer Creek Road and I-280 freeway to link to the Los Altos Hills trail near the freeway overpass at Arastradero Road.

The cost of the horse-pasture trail could be as high as $1 million to $2 million, Horton estimated, bringing the total funds earmarked for trails as GUP mitigations to between $14.6 and $15.6 million.

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(ages 12 and under)

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Door prizes given out every 10 minutes!

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Kucinich comes to town

A visit from Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich brought about 150 people to the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday. "He engaged with them," said former Palo Alto mayor Jim Burch, who attended the event. "He walked into the crowd a little bit, stood in the middle of the chairs and really conversed with people. People who were there certainly seemed to resonate with what he had to say and were very appreciative of him." Known for his consistent opposition to the Iraq war, Kucinich talked about that topic plus healthcare and economics — "the issues people want to talk about," Burch said. "The point he makes is this election is not about a particular candidate or even a particular party. It’s what’s going to be the direction for the country as it tries to recoup its credibility in the world," he added.

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LOS GATOS REJECT FINDS NEW LIFE IN PALO ALTO . . .

American Apparel, the trendy clothing store with the racy ads, is coming to University Avenue. It will move into the former site of Hatami Rugs at 170 University Ave., and will open next spring, according to the store’s Web site. American Apparel had tried, unsuccessfully, to open a shop in downtown Los Gatos in 2005. After lots of back and forth, the City of Los Gatos finally said, “No thanks,” in 2006. But it wasn’t just because of the controversial, sexually suggestive ads the company is known for. “It was more than that,” according to Bud Lortz, Los Gatos’ Community Development Director. “Although we did get a lot of public comment about the ads, it’s more about that we like to regulate what goes on here,” he said. It’s called the “Formula Retail Ordinance,” which Los Gatos adopted in 2004. It’s a fancy phrase to suggest Los Gatos doesn’t want a lot of chain stores in its downtown area. "Our biggest concern is to maintain the unique mix of shops here. We like to take a look at all businesses before they come in here to ensure we maintain a special blend, that broad diversity of shops we currently have downtown," Lortz said. Palo Alto city officials, are you listening?

MORE HIGH-END SHOPS AT STANFORD . . .

The Stanford Shopping Center continues to evolve. Big time. The latest development is the demise of the Discovery Channel Store, which closes April 15. It will be replaced by Burberry, the upscale standard bearer known for its distinctive plaid trench coat, which can cost upwards of $1,000. Although sales volume at the Discovery store was said to be high, its lease was not renewed. The store is currently offering everything up to 50% of its remaining merchandise. The Discovery staff told last month that the store was closing. “We couldn’t believe it,” said one employee who asked that his name not be used. “They’re making a mistake by shutting us down. There are fewer and fewer stores for kids here. And Burberry? I think they’re going to ‘upscale’ this mall right out of business,” he said.

Another new tenant is a restaurant that will open by the end of 2007. Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar will take over the Piatti’s location, which is next to Palo Alto Creamery. Founded in 1946, the steakhouse has 10 other locations in California and dozens more around the country. Another shift is jeweler Tom Wing, who moved from the prime corner location on the El Camino side of the shopping center to the Neiman-Marcus courtyard. Betsy Johnson, the high-end whimsical clothing store, opened March 31 in the former Tom Wing site. The colorful store has completely transformed the space with a hot-pink interior. One last departure, Furla, the Italian handbag store with the pink interior. One last departure, Furla, the Italian handbag store that lasted five years in the mall, will soon close its doors. No word yet on the new tenant.

MORE INS, MORE OUTS . . .

One of Palo Alto’s narrowest sushi joints is closing. Sushiya, 380 University Ave., will serve its last California roll on April 25. A demolition of the building is the reason. Also vanishing is Vashon, the art gallery two doors away from Sushiya, which will close its doors at the end of April. Poised to open two blocks away, at 516 University Ave., is the scrumptious-sounding restaurant, Shokolat, debuting this summer in the former location of Meadowlark Art Gallery. It will offer contemporary European cuisine in a mostly small-plate format. Pastries and, of course, high-grade chocolates, will be available in a cafe and retail area of the restaurant.

Heard a rumor about your favorite store or business moving out, or in, down the block or across town? Daryl Savage will check it out. She can be e-mailed at shoptalk@paweekly.com.
Peninsula Easter Services

April 1st - Palm Sunday 11:00 am
Children’s Processional and Choir Sings

April 8th - Easter Sunday 11:00 am
Choir and Trumpet Anthem
Amps setting and free childcare available

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST
470 Cambridge Ave near El Camino and Stanford University

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto
(650) 326-6662 wwwfccpa.org

Maundy Thursday, April 5
Soup Supper & Service of Tenebrae, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 6th Service of Silence 4:00pm-6:00pm
Holy Communion at 5:00pm

Easter Sunday Celebration Worship at 9:30am & 11:00am
Oxford Street Brass & The Hallelujah Chorus
Easter Egg Hunt following 9:30 Worship

God Is Still Speaking!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PALO ALTO
April 5, 6PM
Soup Supper & Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Congregations from Jerusalem Baptist, Covenant Presbyterian and University A.M.E. Zion, at First Baptist Church.

April 6, 12-3PM
Good Friday, Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation

April 8, 10AM
EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Easter Brunch & Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

305 N. California at Bryant (650) 327-0561 www.firstbaptist-paloalto.org

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US THIS EASTER SEASON

Maundy Thursday — April 5, 7:30 PM with Holy Communion
Good Friday — April 6, 7:30 PM
Bilingual service — Spanish & English
Easter Sunday — April 8, 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
celebrating Holy Communion

1075 El Monte Avenue • Mountain View • (650) 967-0666 • wwwstpaul.org

ST. MARK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Maundy Thursday— April 5
❖ 6:30pm Agape Meal & Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
❖ Good Friday — April 6
❖ Noon to 2:00pm Stations of the Cross Meditation
❖ 2:00 to 3:00pm Stations of the Cross: A Walking Meditation
❖ 7:30 to 8:30pm Good Friday Prayer and Meditation
❖ Easter — April 8
❖ 5:30am Easter Vigil, Eucharist & Baptism
❖ 8:00am Festive Breakfast & Family Easter Activities
❖ 10:00am Festive Holy Eucharist

600 Colorado Ave, P.A. (650) 326-3800 www.saint-marks.com

Holy Week Worship
Palm Sunday
8am & 10:30am
Maundy Thursday
7:30pm
Good Friday
7:30pm
Easter Sunday
8am & 10:30am
breakfast at 9am

Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA
www.gracepa.org

3149 Waverley Street • Palo Alto, CA 94306
650.494.1212 • Mid-Town Palo Alto

In need of a word of hope this season?
Come to Grace this Holy Week and be inspired in worship intended to bring the whole community together.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday, April 5
7:30 pm – Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 6
Noon – Good Friday Liturgy
1:00 pm – Passion Play with Music
2:00 pm – Stations of the Cross
(Join us for all, or part. Childcare available.)

Holy Saturday, April 7
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8
6:30 am – Sunrise Eucharist
8:00 am – Festival Choral Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am – Family Eucharist (Easter egg hunt follows.)
10:30 am – Festival Choral Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm – Contemporary Eucharist in the Chapel

330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park (650) 326-2083 www.trinitymenlopark.org
Peninsula Easter Services

**Easter Services**
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM • Meditation 9:45 - 9:55 AM
Child care provided
146 Main Street, Los Altos, CA 94022 • (650) 917-0505
www.considerlivingcenter.org

**Holy Week and Easter**
At
St. Bede’s Episcopal Church
2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park
www.stbedesmenlopark.org

- **April 5** • MAUNDY THURSDAY
  12 noon - Footwashing
  12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist & Healing Rite
  7:15 pm - Foot Washing in Narthex
  7:30 pm - Holy Eucharist

- **April 6** • GOOD FRIDAY
  12 noon - Service of music, reflection, and prayer
  7:30 pm - Meditation on the Passion of Christ

- **April 7** • HOLY SATURDAY
  9 pm - Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Baptism & Eucharist

- **April 8** • EASTER DAY
  8 am - Eucharist with Hymns
  10:15 am - Sung Eucharist
  11:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard
  Nursery available 10-11:30 pm

- **April 12** • EASTER MONDAY
  Parish Office closed

**Spring Celebration**
Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto
Saturday, April 7
5:30 pm - Passover Seder
Sunday, April 8
9:30 & 11 a.m. - Easter Services
505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto • (650) 494-0541
www.uucpa.org

**Easter Sunday Schedule**
at Los Altos Union PC
858 University Ave.
8:00 AM or 9:30 AM - Come to either Breakfast@Union Easter service with breakfast and joy around the tables in our Fellowship Hall. Great for families!
11:00 AM - Easter worship with brass quartet and the Celebration Singers in the Sanctuary.
Nursery & Children’s programs all morning.
For all Easter services, bring cut flowers to adorn our Easter Cross!

Christ Episcopal Church
815 Portola Road - Portola Valley
(650) 851-0224

**Holy Week Services**
Maundy Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 pm
Good Friday, April 6th Noon

**Easter Worship Services**
Holy Saturday, April 7th
Baptisms at 2:00 pm
Kidner Easter 3:00 pm followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, April 8th
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am
Choral Eucharist at 10:00 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church
3154 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA
(650) 851-1587
www.woodsidevillagechurch.org

**Holy Week Services**
April  Palm Sunday Worship - 9:30am
April 5, Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm
April 6, Good Friday Worship - 12 noon - 3pm
Stations of the Cross
Good Friday - 7:30 - 8:30pm Service of Darkness
April 8, Easter Sunday Worship - 9:30am
Celebration Reception immediately following in Guild Hall
The Reverend Michael E. Harvey

**Easter Blessings**
Rev. Dr. Isaiah Jones, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Alison Harrington, Assoc. Pastor
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650) 494-1760, covenantpaloalto@sbcglobal.net, www.covenantpresbyterian.net

**Holy Week Services**
April 1
Palm Sunday, 10:45am
April 5
Maundy Thursday, 6pm at First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Avenue
April 6
Good Friday/Sanctuary open for prayer 12 to 3pm
Harpist
April 7
Easter Egg Coloring and Cookie Bake, 2pm Fellowship Hall
April 8
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am (patio) Breakfast to follow
April 8
Celebration of the Resurrection
Easter 10:45/Sanctuary

Woodside Village Church
3154 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA
(650) 851-1587
www.woodsidevillagechurch.org

**Holy Week Services**
April 1, Palm Sunday Worship - 9:30am
April 5, Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm
April 6, Good Friday Worship - 10:30 AM: Worship Service
1667 Miramonte Ave. (Miramonte at Cuesta)
www.fpcmv.org • 650-968-4473

Easter Sunday
St. Bede’s Episcopal Church
April 8
Easter Sunday Worship - 9:30 am
Choral Eucharist at 10:00 am
Peninsula Easter Services

ST. LUKE’S CHAPEL IN THE HILLS
Anglican Episcopal Church • The 1928 Book of Common Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 5
7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 6
Noon - 3:00 pm
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
7:00 pm: Holy Communion
Service
St. Luke's Passion and Tenebrae Lessons

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
10 am: Holy Communion
Family Service
12 pm: Holy Communion
Service

St. Ann Chapel
Traditional Episcopal

Wednesday Low Mass 6pm
St. Luke’s Passion and Tenebrae Lessons

Maundy Thursday Choral Mass 6pm
Stripping of the Altar
Celebration of Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday Good Friday Liturgy Noon
Mass of the Presanctified followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Blessing of the Paschal Candle 6pm
Singing of the Exulter
Litany of the Saints

Easter Sunday Choral Mass 11am
Celebration of the Resurrection

541 Melville, Palo Alto
838 0508
www.saintannchapel.org

Unity Palo Alto
Holy Week Services

Good Friday Service - April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday - April 8, 8:45 & 11 a.m.
Easter Brunch Between Services

Nursery and youth programs available on Sundays.
3391 Middlefield Rd., 650-494-7222
www.UnityPaloAlto.org

Valley Presbyterian Church
Worship in the Redwoods

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY
April 1: Worship at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 5: Dinner, Retelling of Passion Story, healing Vesper
Service at 6:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
April 6: Good Friday, Tenebrae Service at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
April 7: Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm, Improv of Old & New Testament Stories
April 8: Sunrise Service at 6:30 am (meet in parking lot at 6:15)
9:00 am & 11:00 am (Sunday School at 11:00 only)
945 Portola Rd., Portola Valley, CA 650-851-8284

St. Luke’s Chapel in the Hills

First Lutheran Church
1000 Hope, Palo Alto, CA 94301 650-322-6660
www.firstlutheran.org Pastor David Rohrer
Palm Sunday, April 1
9:00 am - Christian Education for all ages
10:30 am - Procension with Palms followed by Choral Eucharist
11:45 am - Coffee and Fellowship

Maundy Thursday, April 6
7:30 pm - Worship with Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday, April 6
7:30 pm - Good Friday Meditation
Easter Vigil, April 7
7:30 pm - Eucharist with Plainchant, Pentecost follows.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, an open inclusive community offering a rich musical and liturgical experience. Wheelchair accessible. Child care for children under five.

First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 5 – Fellowship Hall
11:00 am – Maundy Thursday Service
12:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Choral Mass
12:05 pm – Readings from A Woman’s Voice in Silence
Jesus’ death from Mary’s perspective

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 6 – Sanctuary
6:30 pm – Community Meal – Soup and Bread
7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service & Communion

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 8
Please note that Worship-In-The-Round and the Contemplative Service will not be held this day

11:00 am – Easter Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm – Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

1140 Cowper St. at Lincoln Ave.
Palo Alto, CA (650) 325-5659

Easter Sunrise Service
Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve
6 am
Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve
9 am & 11 am
Easter Services
Easter Brunch & Treasure Hunt for Kids
10:20 to 11 am
Cubberley Community Center Auditorium
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Maundy Thursday
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Easter Vigil
on Holy Saturday
7:00 p.m.

Easter Services
6 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast
7:30 a.m.

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Los Altos Lutheran Church
From death into life, Good Friday into Easter
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Celebration with palms & the passion story
7:30 PM Maundy Thursday
Jesus washed their feet & said, “Love one another.”
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- Atherton
- Palo Alto

**MENLO PARK**

- March 26 - April 1
- Violence related
- Battery
- Theft related
- Fraud
- Petty theft
- Residential burglaries
- Vehicle related
- Auto recovery
- Auto theft
- Driving w/suspended license
- Driving without license
- Hit and run
- Theft from auto
- Vehicle accident/major injury
- Vehicle accident/minor injury
- Vehicle accident/property damage
- Vehicle tow
- Alcohol or drug related
- Drunk driving
- Possession of drugs
- Possession of paraphernalia
- Sale of drugs

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Found property
- Lost property
- Misc. municipal code violation
- Missing person
- Noise complaint
- Outside investigation
- Psychiatric hold
- Suspicious circumstances
- Vandalism
- Warrant/Palo Alto
- Warrant/other agency

**COMMUNITY DAY EVENT**

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL**

**CHARMING COTTAGES OF PALO ALTO**

**INVENTIVE REMODELS OF LOCAL HOMES**

**2007 HOUSE TOUR**

**Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21**

**11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**WALLENBERG HALL**

**BUILDING 160 (Quad)**

For questions or additional information, call 650.725.8400

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Communications theorist
Paul Watzlawick dies

Paul Watzlawick, Ph.D., who in the 1970s emerged as a world leader in the esoteric theoretical field of how humans communicate on multiple levels as well as in family psychotherapy, died Saturday at his home, with his wife, Vera, after a lengthy illness.

Among his 18 books and 150-plus articles and book chapters are several books that were influential worldwide in the field, especially the 1974, “Change: Principles of Problem Formation and Problem Resolution” with John Weakland and Richard Fish.

His books have been translated into 85 foreign-language editions, and continue to be translated — one is planned for a Hungarian translation this year.

He also wrote “The Language of Change: Elements of Therapeutic Communication” (1978) and “The Situation is Hopeless but Not Serious” (1983), a small but popular book that demonstrated his dry wit.

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Editorial

ICE cold on real ‘family values’

Legal issues aside, tearing a Palo Alto family apart, or trying to, is symptomatic of a chilling bureaucracy.

Recent Malpeninsula raids by teams from ICE — the James Bondian-wounding federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency that is part of Homeland Security — could not come at a worse time for the beleaguered Bush administration, with its vaunted emphasis on “family values.”

This issue came home to Palo Alto last week when the Weekly disclosed the plight of the Ramirez family. Parents Isabel Aguirre and Pablo Ramirez are undocumented 20-year residents of Palo Alto with four children who are U.S. citizens.

There is no question the parents were in the United States illegally when they were arrested Feb. 28 — a testament as much to decades of federal ineptitude in securing our borders as to the parents’ desire for a better life for themselves and their children.

But how the case has been handled is a scandal, starting with the reported refusal of ICE’s contracted enforcers to let Pedro even cash a paycheck before shipping him to Tijuana, virtually penniless and with no identification. Why?

Isabel was confined to her home with an electronic ankle cuff, except to meet with ICE officials in San Francisco. When questioned by the Weekly, the agency seemed unaware that the attorney representing the parents in their efforts to gain legal status was disbarred for fraud in 2002, having neglected to inform them (and many other families) of key hearing dates.

Last week, Isabel was sent until this Friday to buy tickets to Mexico for herself and her children, who otherwise would be put into foster care. An outpouring of generosity from Palo Altans enabled her to buy tickets to keep the family together — a case of local humanity overcoming an insensitive bureaucracy.

How many other families have been torn apart in the hundreds of deportations ICE has engineered in recent months from communities adjacent to or nearby Palo Alto — families whose stories will never be told?

By all means, the United States should enforce its immigration laws. But it should do so with common sense, due-diligence care for special circumstances (such as fraudulent, disbarred attorneys) and consideration for individual rights as well.

East Palo Alto’s City Council last month passed a resolution condemning ICE’s tactics in that community. It seems Palo Alto might be well justified in following suit.

Will storm-drain shortfall hurt libraries, police HQ?

When news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005, eyes quickly turned to the next big projects on the horizon: improving libraries and building a new police headquarters.

And well they might.

What happened is that estimates behind a big storm-drain fee increase ($4.24 to $10 per month for 12 years) came up short. Bids came in at 30 to 50 percent higher. The natural conclusion is that someone at City Hall messed up. (See page 3.)

But not so fast. Cost increases for several years preceding 2005 (based on the nationally recognized Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index, or ENR) showed little sign of such an impending surge. For 2001 there was even a .7 percent drop, followed by increases of just 3.3 percent, 1.9 percent and 5.6 percent for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Even after Palo Alto voters approved the fee increase, the ENR index appeared reasonable, for a time, climbing just 2.8 percent in 2005 then jumping 7.6 percent in 2006. The flaw is that the ENR figures measure general inflation while the big increases are unique to construction: materials and the resurgence of a local economy. (Busy contractors submit higher bids.)

Vice Mayor Larry Klein now says the city should finish the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005 when news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005, when news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005, when news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005, when news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005, when news broke that Palo Alto will fall short of completing the storm-drain improvements it promised voters in 2005.

Would cost estimates be done a better job of predicting the storm-drains-cost tsunami? Hindsight is a wonderful crystal ball.

Alma on tap

Editor.

On April 16 the City Council will consider the merits of the current plan for Alma Plaza, a neighborhood-serving retail center. For years developers of this property have consistently ignored residents’ needs and the city’s suggestions as to the size of the market and other retail space.

The current owner’s plan continues this unfortunate pattern by emphasizing housing over retail, much to the frustration of south Palo Alto residents. We have been cycled through a Goldilocks-like dynamic for years, with retail plans that are either too big or too small.

To their credit, residents continue to advocate for a viable plan that is “just right.” We think it unreasonable to maximize an owner’s profit at our expense while there is an economically viable alternative that suits residents’ needs.

Our mayor is an outspoken supporter of walkable neighborhoods and we now ask that she lead the way in retaining this neighborhood retail center which, if lost, will be lost forever. We ask that the City Council support the Transportation and Planning Commission’s recent recommendations attached to the project.

We ask that the council give approval to a plan that supports a reasonable and viable amount of retail space, including a market. We ask residents to be at the City Council meeting on April 16 to voice support for the above.

Winter Dellenbach
La Para Avenue
Palo Alto

Alma clarifications

Editor.

Five out of six commissioners present at the last meeting of the Planning and Transportation Commission agreed on ways to improve the Alma Plaza plan submitted by the developer, and characterized what would be acceptable.

The commission based its recommendations on the City’s Comprehensive Plan, recent changes to commercial zoning and council direction to prevent housing from replacing retail.

First, the redevelopment would need to conform to the rules that the City Council has established for all neighborhood commercial properties. Some additional requirements are appropriate because Alma Plaza is one of just four neighborhood centers in Palo Alto.文化旅游, so the commission recommended adopting the Planned Community (PC) zoning designation requested by the applicant.

The recommendation requires at least 27,531 square feet of ground-floor retail, not the proposed 24,000 square feet that includes a second-story community room, second-sto-

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

The Palo Alto Weekly encourages comment on its coverage or on issues of local interest.

What do you think? Will the storm-drain cost overruns affect your support for a new police building or library improvements?

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YOUR TURN

 Maharshi and I’ll bring you beer.

MARRY ME AND I’LL BRING YOU BEER.
Have you Googled your (huggable) child lately?

by Nancy McGaraghan

When a friend asked me how we managed to raise such good kids — because, they really were good kids — I said that it’s not about never making mistakes, but learning how to get up after you fall. . . . Yet today’s young people and their parents face a new challenge: a future haunted by reminders of youthful misdeeds, dredged from this brave new Google-ized MySpace world.

Knew that if they broke the rules they’d lose their privileges. End of story. (And just maybe, I thought, she had girls.) We had rules, too. Lots of them. But they didn’t always keep our kids in line. To be honest, I guess we didn’t have rules for every possible infraction. How could we or any parent anticipate every wayward move?

In my case, my best offense was a good defense. I prided myself on sniffing out clues to errant behavior and confronting the unsuspecting offender.

I remember sitting in the Palo Alto Municipal Courthouse awaiting jury selection. The case in question had to do with interactions between the defendant and the police. The lawyers were questioning potential jurors about their past experience with the police. I dreaded being called for questioning. Answering these questions would mean dragging family information in front of the entire room full of people. Moreover, I knew the judge from my husband’s law school days. Was I going to have to bare my soul in front of her? I felt like I was the one on trial.

As I slouched down in my seat I heard the judge call out, “Is that Nancy McGaraghan in the back row?” I answered while silently begging for mercy. I must have earned some Brownie points for enduring all the years of lectures and discipline, because the judge said, “I haven’t seen you in ages. Come up to the bench at the break and we can make plans to have lunch.”

Sometimes we get lucky! I’ll never know if that was simply a friendly invitation, a move to alert the lawyers that I wouldn’t be a good choice for the jury or if the judge-turned-angel-of-mercy knew about some of the family skeletons and was trying to spare me embarrassment.

What does any of this have to do with the price of parenting in Palo Alto today? From what I can tell, not much has changed. That includes the power of a warm spring evening to ignite youthful and often foohard creative energies of teenagers.

Norman Rockwell images give way to scenes out of a Dickens novel as kids out in packs cruise the neighborhoods and hang out in that local hot spot formerly known as Burg-er King Plaza. Soon summer will bring more free time and less supervision for some.

Kids will always push the limits and give parents a run for their money — in my experience, even when you have rules. It’s up to parents to pull out every stop imaginable to keep them safe.

But when things go wrong, it is equally important to allow kids and their parents to pick themselves up and move on. When a friend asked me how we managed to raise such good kids — because, they really were good kids — I said that it’s not about never making mistakes, but learning how to get up after you fall.

Part of parenting teenagers is remembering that, even when there are consequences, life goes on. Being stuck in embarrassment or gloating over another’s misdeed is wasted energy.

Friends helped me learn this. Hindsight is also a wonderful teacher. Thank goodness, real life doesn’t unfold on an easel and stretched canvas. We would die of boredom, an even less noble death than trial by fire.

Yet today’s young people and their parents face a new challenge: a future haunted by reminders of youthful misdeeds, dredged from this brave new Google-ized MySpace world.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

of the City of Palo Alto Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Please be advised that Thursday, April 19, 2007, the Architectural Review Board shall conduct a public hearing at 8 AM in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Any interested persons may appear and be heard.

195 Page Mill Road (05PLN-00281), Request by Court House Plaza Company for Architectural Review of a sound-mitigating wall located adjacent to 3270 West Bayshore along US 101.

3270 W. Bayshore (07PLN-00013), Application for Architectural Review of a sound-mitigating wall located adjacent to 3270 West Bayshore along US 101.

**Green Building Alternatives:** ARB discussion of potential programs and final recommendation for amendment to Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 18.76.020 Finding 15 for sustainability.

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**Guest Opinion**

Advice to Palo Altans: Be kind to each other

by Blythe Nilsson

W hen it comes to embracing the greater good, nobody does it better than the people of Palo Alto.

We recycle, support our public schools and parks, buy Girl Scout cookies and Boy Scout wreaths, vote moderate to liberal and celebrate our proximity to one of the best universities in the world. We keep our yards clean and take pride in our homes. If only we were as nice to each other as we are to our causes.

Our everyday encounters are increasingly “nasty, brutish and short,” as the philosopher Thomas Hobbes would say. Too often, we offer each other a riled, self-righteous and profoundly exasperated façade.

We act in ways more appropriate to characters in a bad movie about New York bond traders than to residents of a California college town. It’s time to slow down and to act like the people we think we are.

My favorite example of Palo Alto’s identity crisis occurred three years ago while I was heavily pregnant with my first child. Unwisely, I decided to go grocery shopping in the mid-afternoon at Whole Foods, an overcrowded and organically correct locale that makes a wonderful incubator for the type of behavior I am talking about.

On this particular day a collection of Palo Altans for non-violent action met downtown to test the invasion of Iraq. The march ended around 2 p.m. Low on blood sugar and high on civic virtue, the tee’s slate or as a candidate from the floor. A few unsolicited write-in votes do not constitute a candidacy.

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It was a profound impression that was not reported but will not easily be forgotten by those of us who support a truly representative board.

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Advice to Palo Altans: Be kind to each other

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Our town needs to take a deep breath and practice what we preach.

Our town needs to take a deep breath and practice what we preach. We drive Priuses bearing license plates that boast ALTNROY and NOZGAS, but we also drive dangerously fast on child-populated streets and cut each other off at four-way stops, honking, gesturing and cursing wildly as we go, certain that any transgression is someone else’s fault.

Our town council passes responsible and intelligent civic legislation, but has received international attention for its members’ habits of eye rolling and face making during their opponents’ comments.

On more than one occasion I have received a letter from a neighbor asking me to petition the city to stop construction at a house because the renovation will result in a structure smaller or lower than their own. I love Palo Alto and in some ways can claim it as my native city — my parents graduated from Stanford, I learned to walk at Escondido Villas, No Bethany. In the schools here for six years, two had children at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, and even renovated a home just a block or so away from the place where I was attacked by a peace sign.

I cannot think of a nicer place in which to claim all of these experiences. And I am also as guilty of the sins I describe as any other Palo Altoan. Recently a man driving a van on his license plate read some variation of LYLFLRN stole my parking place, forcing me to park some spaces further from my destination.

It was my first time out of the house after major stomach surgery, so of course, in good Palo Alto form, I hobbled over to tell him off. He pointed out that, while he had knowingly taken the space from me, I had been able to park close by.

We were both right in one way and wrong in another, and we both refused to admit this. Thinking about it afterward, I realized that the message on his license plate, whether it was meant to read, “Love, Laugh, Learn,” or “Live, Love, Learn,” was good advice.

We need to laugh a little more, and be a little more loving and forgiving in this life.

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**Lack of process**

Editor,

“College Terrace affirms leaders” (Weekly, March 28) failed to report that participants were effectively denied the opportunity to participate effectively in the meeting by a lack of formal parliamentary procedures.

The lack of a formal parliamentary process was apparent throughout the meeting. Questions from the floor were ignored and attempts to make general motions from the floor were met with indifference by the chair.

This was my first College Terrace Residents Association (CTRA) annual meeting. When I became concerned about the visible lack of meeting process, I raised a point of order to inquire what parliamentary authority would be used to manage the meeting. When I did not get a coherent answer from the chair, I made a general motion that the meeting be conducted under Robert’s Rules of Order.

Although my motion was formally seconded and open for discussion, the chair failed to manage that discussion. While participants were attempting to speak to the motion, an unidentified and unrecognized person in the back of the room called the question. Although he had not recognized the speaker, the chair immediately closed discussion and my motion failed the vote.

For the record, although I am not currently an active CTRA member, I was an active member during the 1970s and 1980s when I was an active participant in all CTRA projects and occasionally served as CTRA Coordinator.

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THE STUDY of EVIL

Former Stanford professor writes about 1970s prison experiment

“The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil,”
by Phil Zimbardo;
 Random House; 551 pp.; $27.95

by Jennifer Deitz Berry

In 1971, social psychology professor Phil Zimbardo launched a groundbreaking study now known as the Stanford Prison Experiment. He assigned young men in college to the roles of prisoners and guards and set them up in a mock prison, hoping their interactions would help him to gain a better understanding of how prison conditions serve to shape and influence human behavior.

Would prison “guards” become more abusive and autocratic by virtue of role or would they continue to treat the prisoners with respect and courtesy they would normally extend to a fellow college student?

And how would prisoners react if they were treated in demeaning and dehumanizing ways? Would they stage a rebellion or abandon the study if conditions became too onerous, or would they submit to the abusive treatment and whatever personal suffering might follow as a result?

In “The Lucifer Effect,” Zimbardo, a Stanford professor emeritus, revisits the Stanford Prison Experiment, taking readers step-by-step through the twists and turns of an experiment that led to disturbing insights into man’s capacity for evil and also raised difficult questions about the ethical boundaries of social science research.

Zimbardo uses the prison experiment as a jumping-off point for examining ways in which extreme situations can profoundly influence human behavior, leading people to take actions they might not even believe themselves capable of. Zimbardo uses lessons learned from his own research and that of other social scientists to shed light on a variety of atrocities and failures of human morality, including the Rape of Nanking in
NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council is seeking applications for the Historic Resources Board from persons interested in a three-year term ending May 31, 2010.

The Historic Resources Board is composed of seven members appointed by the City Council and who serve without pay. Members shall have demonstrated interest in and knowledge of history, architecture or historic preservation. One member shall be an owner/occupant of a category one or two historic structure, or of a structure in an historic district; three members shall be architects, landscape architects, building designers or other design professionals and at least one member shall possess academic education or practical experience in history or a related field.

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China, the mass murders and rapes of the Tutsis in Rwanda, and most recently, American soldiers’ acts of torture, abuse and humiliation of prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

A good portion of “The Lucifer Effect” is devoted to a comparison between Zimbardo’s prison experiment and the abuses at Abu Ghraib. Zimbardo describes the role he played as an expert witness in the defense of one of the accused military police officers. In contrast to statements made at the time by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld that the abuses were the result of a few “bad apples,” Zimbardo argued that a “bad barrel” — namely, the system and ethos that encouraged and promoted abuse — was more appropriately to blame.

The most engrossing aspect of the book, however, is Zimbardo’s hour-by-hour account of how the Stanford Prison Experiment unfolded. Zimbardo describes in honest and forthright detail his quest to create a simulated prison experience that would mirror as closely as possible conditions in actual prisons. Zimbardo hired a former San Quentin inmate to serve as a consultant on the project to give ideas on techniques used by actual guards and prison systems to humiliate and dehumanize the prisoners.

It ultimately led to having the college student “prisoners” stripped naked and sprayed down with hoses, dressing them in short hospital-style gowns that exposed their genitals when they bent over, having bags placed over the heads of prisoners as they were being marched in and out of the building, binding their feet together with chains, and using buckets in place of toilets in the “prison cells.”

To Zimbardo’s surprise, the guards and prisoners accepted their roles and the conditions he imposed. The interactions that played out were exploitive.

Within a matter of days, the guards and the research team had begun to fear for their safety, becoming genuinely concerned that one of prisoners who had been set free might return with reinforcements and start an violent uprising. Two prisoners suffered mental breakdowns and had to leave the experiment early, and those who remained were subjected to increasingly sadistic abuse at the hands of the guards, including being put into sexually humiliating poses.

Finally, after one of Zimbardo’s colleagues expressed her dismay at atrocities being committed by the guards and the unnecessary living conditions of the prisoners, Zimbardo realized events had gotten out of hand and he brought the experiment to an end.

As the book makes clear, the experiment had a profound effect on Zimbardo and its participants. As he writes in the preface, “I wish I could say that writing this book was a labor of love; it was not that for a single moment of the two years it took to complete, first of all, it was emotionally painful to review all of the videotapes from the Stanford Prison Experiment (SPE) and to read over and over the typescripts prepared from them. Time had dimmed my memory of the extent of the creative evil in which many of the guards had engaged, the extent of the suffering of many of the prisoners, and the extent of my passivity in allowing the abuses to continue for as long as I did — an evil of inaction.”

And yet clearly Zimbardo was guilty of far more than passivity and inaction. In this otherwise deeply thoughtful and meticulously researched book, Zimbardo sidesteps the most delicate question of where his own responsibility in all of this truly lies. While the guards may have acted out the abuse, they did so under direct and explicit instructions from Zimbardo, a man who by virtue of his position as a university professor and scholar, they should have been able to trust to keep them safe from harm.

It is the one issue he seems somewhat reluctant to address. Nonetheless, the Lucifer Effect is a powerful and compelling book that may change the way readers think about our prison system, our military, and our potential for evil and for good.

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NEW & RECOMMENDED

“Bird of Another Heaven” by James D. Houston is a novel set in the 1880s about a young Northern California woman who became the consort of the last King of Hawaii. Houston is a Santa Cruz writer and author of a novel about the Donner Party, “Snow Mountain.”

“Nada” by Carmen Laforet, translated by Edith Grossman was originally published in Spanish in 1945, and is now available for the first time in the United States in English. Long a cult favorite, it is the story of a young Spanish woman who becomes a university student in Barcelona after the Spanish Civil War has shattered the country.


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Living with HIV

Virus no longer a death sentence locally, but it still wreaks havoc — and it’s spreading
by Becky Trout

IV is rampaging its way through Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, killing millions. But here in the Mid-peninsula, in the 26th year of the epidemic, HIV — the human immunodeficiency virus — has become a personalized, mostly private and chronic infection that continues to spread despite intensive public-health efforts.

Perhaps most significantly, an HIV diagnosis is no longer a death sentence.

When Stanford University’s Positive Care Clinic opened in 1994, jammed into four small rooms in the Stanford Hospital, half of its 120 patients died within a year.

“No, if you fast-forward 13 years, we rarely have someone dying of AIDS,” said Dr. Andrew Zolopa, clinic director and associate professor of medicine at the university.

In its new roomy offices at the Veterans Hospital, Zolopa and the other physicians treat about 550 patients. Fewer than 10 patients die each year and not even half of the deaths are caused by AIDS, Zolopa said.

Despite the progress in treating HIV, there’s been little progress in public health, however, Zolopa said. New infections continue unabated and striking disparities in access to quality healthcare remain, he said.

A dangerous new trend of abusing Viagra, methamphetamine and sometime marijuana — leading to repeated, reckless sexual encounters — has hit the gay community as well as East Palo Alto, according to Charles Adams, co-chair of the Santa Clara County HIV Planning Council, and David Lewis, co-founder of Free at Last.

In Palo Alto, more than 200 people are living with the virus, and, at the very least, 200 East Palo Altans are infected, according to estimates by the Weekly based on statistics from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the San Mateo County Health Department.

Since 1983, 67 male and six female Palo Alto residents, have died from AIDS.

Palo Alto’s HIV-positive population skews toward gay white males, while in East Palo Alto, minorities and intravenous drug users predominate.

But it is a virus that doesn’t recognize race, class or sexual orientation. Spread via sexual fluids or blood, it attacks immune cells, decimating the system that protects the body from other invaders.

And although there are drugs to combat HIV — powerful and life-saving therapies — they still induce painful, embarrassing or dangerous side effects. In addition, the drugs only slow the progression of the disease. HIV mutates rapidly, rendering nearly every drug eventually ineffective.

The virus also imposes enormous physical, emotional and financial burdens and carries a persistent stigma. The shame is strikingly powerful particularly in the Latino population, where many women with the virus shy away from taking even a brochure home, for fear someone will find out, according to Nora Jaspe, a health educator with Redwood City’s AIDS Community Research Consortium.

Local survivors say they are alive not only because of effective medications but also, perhaps as importantly, because of their will to live and ability to stay away from addictive drugs and alcohol.

Here are a few of their stories.

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I f you search the Internet for information on AIDS in Santa Clara County, you’ll come across Charles Adams’ name and the address of the north Palo Alto home he shares with his partner, a longtime Palo Alto businessman.

Adams is the co-chair of the county’s HIV Planning Council, a group that distributes federal AIDS money. He’s also active with just about every other HIV/AIDS group around — Health Trust’s Food Basket program, which provides food to those with HIV; the board monitoring clinical trials at Stanford University; and the AIDS Legal Services of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, to name a few.

“Having my partner has enabled me to help,” Adams said. “To me, (HIV) is just part of everyday life, and it’s easy to talk about. I’m really lucky I’m in such a supportive environment.”

Adams — short in stature, with defined muscles and an open manner — hasn’t always been so fortunate.

Just a few years ago, he was using all those services, too sick to work and nearly penniless. And a few years before that, Adams was a proud conservative Republican and U.S. Army officer.

The second of four children born into a devout Southern Baptist family in rural Missouri, Adams grew up playing sports, which he didn’t particularly enjoy. He dreamed of attending West Point Academy.

From a young age he knew he was gay and even tried to tell his parents. In response, they guided him toward religion and more sports, he said. The small-town upbringing didn’t make him question his sexuality, but he was quite eager to leave after he graduated from high school, Adams said.

“I never gave being gay a second thought. . . . It was just part of life. It wasn’t like I flaunted (it). I never drank or did drugs or smoked.”

Selected as an alternate for West Point, Adams attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, graduated with a degree in political science and joined the Army as an officer. He loved it — the routine and discipline, the diversity and travel. HIV wasn’t on his mind.

“We’d all read about something going on (on) the coast. How did that affect me?” Adams said.

It did though. Adams got sick in 1983. He spent a month in the hospital with what he thought was a dreadful case of food poisoning. Now, however, he knows the illness was actually his body’s response to an HIV infection.

Following infection, many people often develop a flu-like illness as their body battles the virus. But then, as HIV buries itself into their immune cells, the sickness dissipates and the virus can remain dormant for more than 10 years.

Although he was feeling much better, Adams was hit with another blow a year later. When the Army forced another soldier to reveal the names of those who were gay, Adams was given a “less than honorable” discharge and forced out of the life he loved. He returned to Missouri.

“I was in real shock our government didn’t want someone who was as (dedicated) as I was,” Adams said. His political views took a sharp turn to the left.

In 1987, HIV tests came out. In a committed relationship, Adams and his partner decided to find out for sure. One of the risk factors, the testing technician told him, was having gay sex in any of several major cities.

“I had sex in almost all of them. . . . By then I knew — I knew HIV was possible.”

Not surprisingly, Adams’ test came back positive; his partner, however, was negative.

The news can evoke powerful emotions — denial, rage, fear, depression, shock. Adams, however, took the news in stride.

“It wasn’t scared. You have to be responsible for your own choices,” he said.

Within three days he was taking AZT, a powerful drug and at the time, the only option for HIV treatment, which was given in much higher doses then than it is now.

“I was really, really tired. I threw up a lot. It was really nasty,” Adams said.

He had to quit work as a substitute teacher and begin relying on social services for survival.

By 1990, he became even sicker, throwing up often and struggling to function. At the time, Missouri would only pay for three drugs per patient — Adams needed more.

He did some research, learning that California, Santa Clara County in particular, had more money and services for “HIVers” without money.

So after a few detours, Adams and his then partner moved to San Jose.

In 1995, Adams was diagnosed with reac- (continued on page 26)
Collie Pierce is HIV positive; David Lewis is not. Pierce has glasses, a pocked face and a single golden earring. Lewis is imposing, with a trademark mustache and graying hair. Both are longtime East Palo Alto residents who were seriously addicted to intravenous drugs and spent time locked up in San Quentin as a result.

And now, they’re both working to help others in the grasp of drugs escape. Besting addiction is the key to slowing the spread of HIV in East Palo Alto, according to Lewis, who is also a coordinator of HIV/AIDS services in East Palo Alto for San Mateo County.

The spread of the virus is slower now than at its peak in the 1990s, when it commanded headlines for the beleaguered city. Now, at least 72 East Palo Altans are living with AIDS, according to the San Mateo County Health Department, and at least several hundred have HIV. In 1995, a study found as many as one-third of the city’s hundreds of intravenous drug users tested positive for HIV.

Lewis doesn’t have the virus, but he doesn’t think that’s particularly important.

“In our community, it doesn’t really matter,” he said.

Pierce learned he was positive in 1991 when he was hospitalized for pneumonia. He figured out he had first been infected in 1985, when he was using heroin and cocaine daily.

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Then Pierce had what Lewis calls a “significant emotional event,” which is critical to recovery from addictions, according to Lewis. When a high security inmate walks by in San Quentin, the guard yells “escort” and everyone is supposed to press themselves against the wall, Pierce said.

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Stanford’s Zolopa, while not Pierce’s doctor, said Pierce is probably part of a tiny percentage of people with HIV who “are not containing the virus perfectly, but their immune deterioration is slow.”

Pierce himself has been fortunate. He hasn’t taken an HIV drug since 1999 and feels fine. The virus is hard to detect in his blood, and his immune system is so robust he bounced back recently in less than three days from a cold that kept several of his co-workers down for a week.

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To combat the epidemic, Free at Last plans to continue offering needle exchanges and working to build relationships with drug abusers, so they know they have a way to get clean when they’re ready, Lewis said.

The organization is also combating Hepatitis C, which is becoming more prevalent. Hep C is a virus, transmitted with dirty needles, that attacks the liver.

Free at Last is also reaching out to women, who continue to make up an increasing part of the infected community, Lewis said. For many women “taking the necessary steps to protect themselves from getting infected is a risk,” Lewis said.
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"What a good thing to be here. What a good thing to have life," Marshall said.

Marshall was tested HIV negative. Marshall said he met his current partner in 1994, the same year he was diagnosed with AIDS.

"Without the advent of (my part in) this world that drives you, I would have committed suicide," Boone said.

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"I've given up the men in my life," Boone joked.

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He finishes the day with "zero energy" and "It's the deadest living person I've ever treated."

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Stephanie Marshall, 38, Hilmar, Calif.

She refused to take AZT, Marshall recalled. Marshall explained she didn't want to take such a harmful drug. In response, Zolopa sent her to Stanford.

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"We get this illness because of our own. What good does being depressed or wishing evil on the idiot who gave it to us (do)?"

"I'm just as much at fault. But finally, I just can't deal with you being sick."

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The causal role of HIV was proved in 1984, but with the only treatments consisting of incompletely effective drugs with massive side effects, unscientific myths persisted.

Marshall went to Stanford for a bit to live with an aunt. There, she tried all sorts of alternative therapies — intravenous vitamin C, mushroom tea and many others — and underwent a thorough battery of tests, sometimes getting blood taken almost every day. Nothing capable of causing her symptoms, other than HIV, could be found.

Marshall began to accept the virus was responsible for her illness.

Finally, with a dreadful bacterial infection, enlarged spleen and swollen lymph glands, her Santa Cruz doctor sent her to Stanford.

She met Zolopa in 1997. At the time, she weighed only 90 pounds and was wasting away, Zolopa said.

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A Palo Alto resident with AIDS manages the disease with drugs, but he is usually depleted of energy by the end of the day.
Dr. Andrew Zolopa is the director of Stanford University’s Positive Care Clinic, which treats about 550 patients. Thanks to new drug treatments, fewer than 10 patients die each year.

Despite the progress in treating HIV, there’s been little progress in public health, however. New infections continue unabated and striking disparities in access to quality healthcare remain.

Where can I get tested?

People can be tested for HIV either anonymously or confidentially.

Anonymous tests are classified by code and do not involve names. Confidential tests use names and personal information that are kept confidential. With a confidential test, someone may contact you with the results. With an anonymous test, you are responsible for finding out the results. Results from “rapid” tests are available within half an hour, rather than several weeks.

During the test, a technician will draw a small amount of blood, which will be analyzed to see if your body is reacting to the presence of the virus. For those who don’t want to have blood taken, oral tests are available.

- San Mateo County has a testing van that provides free, anonymous tests. It usually visits East Palo Alto some Fridays and Tuesdays and Palo Alto some Thursdays. For additional information, call 650-327-8717.
- Planned Parenthood, at 225 San Antonio Road in Mountain View, provides anonymous and confidential testing during business hours on weekdays. For more information, call 650-948-0807.
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The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved plans last summer to boost the number of tests given each year. The county estimates about 900 residents do not know they are HIV positive. Charles Adams, co-chair of the county’s HIV Planning Council, said there is a particular need for sites in the north county where youth can get tested without a parent’s permission.

“Even if you’re having unsafe sex, get tested. How hard is that?” Adams asked.

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Charles Adams
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tive arthritis, a rare and severe form of the condition that can occur after HIV has weakened the immune system.

Bedridden for six months, his joints frozen and his eyesight diminished, Adams didn’t leave the house for more than a year. Adams calls the time “a really weird period.” “I’ve never been the type to get depressed about anything. I never felt sorry for myself. I just thought, ‘I just don’t want to live, if this is the way it’s going to be.’” Then, gradually, life got better. Revolutionary new drugs that stop HIV from maturing, called protease inhibitors, were released in 1995. “Without them, I probably would have died. . . . (They) made all the difference in the world,” Adams said.

He learned to walk again and figured out how to write using fat pens. And he met his current partner. “The reason I liked him so much was he asked, right away, ‘What is your status?’” Adams said. “There is this big ‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’ policy in the gay community.” Adams’ partner is negative. Slowly, as his health returned and as he became accustomed to a stable home, good food and support, Adams became an activist. “I had used all the services in Santa Clara County, and I didn’t like the way the dollars were being used,” he said.

“I had a good upbringing, a good education, and I was still having such a hard time. . . . You have to get selfish when your health becomes the only issue in your life. Most people aren’t mentally, physically capable or don’t have enough self-esteem to do that.”

Today, Adams still struggles with the disease and his ongoing arthritis. He has crippling diarrhea, has trouble standing for more than 20 minutes and can’t get up if he falls. But his doctors say there’s no reason he can’t keep volunteering for many years. “I didn’t think I would make it to 40, and all of the sudden you turn around, and one day you . . . have a life.”

Charles Adams
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STANFORD BASEBALL

For openers, Cardinal’s start leaves room to improve

by Rick Eymer

The first three days of the Pac-10 baseball season for Stanford are in the books. Maybe the Cardinal can ask for the chance to rewrite the first chapter.

UCLA completed a three-game sweep of Stanford with a 10-4 victory on Sunday, sending Stanford to the bottom of the conference standings, tied with defending national champion Oregon State.

Go figure. Stanford and the Beavers matched up in a Super Regional in Corvallis last year to determine one of the eight spots at the College World Series.

“There’s a lot of parity,” Stanford coach Mark Marquess said. “If you don’t play well you’re going to get beat.”

The Cardinal was swept in a three-game Pac-10 Conference home series for the first time since April 11-13, 1997 against Arizona State. The Bruins are the only Pac-10 team to lose an overall record.

It won’t get any easier as Stanford (3-3, 13-12) travels to Tempe for a three-game series with the host Sun Devils, beginning with Friday’s 7 p.m. contest.

Arizona State (4-2, 23-10) is ranked 16th nationally.

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Stanford round-up

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Camarena struggled just to reach 60 feet. When she qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic team, Camarena failed to achieve the necessary “A” qualifying standard and couldn’t compete in Athens.

Camarena’s throw on Saturday not only qualified her for the World Championships this summer in Osaka, Japan, but also for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

“I’ve got my mark for the Olympics,” Camarena said. “I just have to make the team now.”

Given her quick rise in the event and her high expectations, that shouldn’t be a problem. Where a mark of 62-2 1/2 during her Stanford days would have had her doing cartwheels, Camarena is looking ahead to even bigger things for a number of reasons.

One is that she switched from the glide to the spin technique last October and basically is still learning under her new coach Craig Carter, the throws coach at the University of Arizona. Camarena moved from Utah to Arizona in order to train with Carter.

“It took a little bit of time to get used to it,” she said of the spin move, which she first learned from Stanford men’s coach Robert Weir. “It’s like starting over. I don’t have the consistency . . . (but) I can generate so much more power.”

On Saturday, Camarena admitted she was “all over the place.” Still, she produced a throw just four inches off her outdoor best of 62-5.

“It’s new every day,” she said of adjusting to the new technique, “but every day it’s getting better.”

Camarena currently ranks No. 6 all-time in U.S. outdoor history. The American record is Ramona Pagel’s 66-2 1/2 from 1988. It’s a eventual goal for Camarena.

“It’s always in the back of my mind,” she said. “It’s not something to focus on, but it is in the back of my mind. To place in the top three at the Olympics is my goal. That mark (66-2 1/2) will get me there.”

To compete against the world’s best on the biggest stage, Camarena will have to go to Europe. Her world ranking and throw at Stanford on Saturday will help do just that.

“This opens more doors for me to get into those meets,” she said. “This is a good start. It’s going to be a good year.”

On Saturday, Hall went after another barrier in his first-ever attempt at 10,000 meters on the track. He and a standout field went after the Olympic “A” qualifying standard of 27:50. Only 20 American men have ever bettered that time.

That number hasn’t changed. None in the field Saturday night even broke 28:00, with Hall finishing third in 28:07.93 while trailing Nicodemus Naimadu of Abilene Christian (28:06.26) and Stephen Samoei of UTEP (28:07.65). Those times rank 1-2-3 in the world this week.

Despite coming up short of the Olympic time and the 2007 World Championship standard of 27:49, Hall was not disappointed.

“I haven’t done a lot of 10K work,” he explained. “I’m really strong, not super fast. My last lap was really quick.”

Hall ticked off a 60-second final lap after averaging 68 seconds for 24 laps. The qualifying standard, however, was long gone by that time following an opening 5K of 14:02.8.

In other highlights from the two-day meet:

Blake Russell won the women’s 10K in a world-leading 32:31.90. The race produced eight of the top nine performances in the world this season.

Kara Goucher won the women’s 1,500 in 4:11.58, the No. 3 time in the world this season.

Michelle Sikes became the No. 4 world performer in the women’s 5K (15:47.48) as the world’s No. 4-10 performances were registered.

(Stanford grad Lauren Fleshman, by the way, is the 2007 world leader at 15:27.61, ran in Melbourne, Australia, on Feb. 3).

Kelly Strong won the women’s 3,000 steeplechase in 9:47.68 for the No. 2 performance in the world in 2007.

Mart Israel of Estonia moved into the world’s No. 4 ranking in the men’s discus with a U.S.-leading mark of 208-9.

A total of 316 college athletes, meanwhile, posted NCAA Regional qualifying marks during the two days. Stanford had 15 qualifiers, including men’s pole vault winner Graeme Hoste at 16-9 1/4.

Other top Cardinal marks came from Michael Robertson (188-6) and Daniel Schaerer (187-6) in the men’s discus; Feramni Okanlami in the triple jump (49-5); Arianna Lambie in the women’s 1,500 (4:15.75); Me- lissa Yungans in the women’s shot put (50-4 3/4), and Katy Elsbury in the women’s hammer (185-0).

High schools

Some of the top marks in the state were turned in during the high school portion of the Stanford Invitational, including meet records in the boys’ pole vault by Stanford-bound Casey Roche of St. Francis (16-6) and UCLA-bound Tori Anthony of Castilleja (13-0).

Anthony finished the 2006 season as the nation’s top outdoor performer at 13-4 while Roche was No. 2 at 17-5.

Roche’s vault Friday broke the meet mark of 16-0 1/4 by Steve Harris of Del Mar in 1997 while Anthony eclipsed the previous record of 12-6 by Rachel Vauz in 2002.

Roche missed badly at 17-0 while Anthony failed to clear 13-5. Still, it’s early in the year. Roche tied for second at the 2006 state meet at 16-5 and Anthony won the state title at 13-3, thus both are well ahead of where they were last season at this time.

“It’s hard to legitimately to go for a PR,” Roche admitted. “Today, that was something I wasn’t even thinking about.”

Anthony, who broke the all-time national record (indoors or out) earlier this season with a 14-2 1/2 clearance indoors, suffered a quadriceps injury earlier that stopped her training for two weeks. She didn’t start jumping until the bar reached 12-6 on Friday and cleared two heights before missing three times at 13-5.

“It just wasn’t a very good performance,” Anthony said.

Elsewhere, Palo Alto junior Mike Scott was second in the boys’ high jump at 6-4; Menlo-Atherton junior Kim O’Donnell was second in the girls’ 400 hurdles; Palo Alto’s 4x800 boys’ relay was second in 8:00.87, a meet record that lasted less than 10 minutes; and Palo Alto freshman Philip MacQuitty, who ran on the relay Saturday, was third in the boys’ 3,000 in 8:44.49 on Friday. The Gunn boys (fourth) and girls (sixth) showed well in the 4x800 relays.

Mt. Pleasant junior Vashii Thomas set a Central Coast Section record in the girls’ 100 hurdles in 13.46, ranking her No. 4 in state history.

Palo Alto senior Tori Anthony set a meet record in the girls’ pole vault with this clearance of 13 feet on Friday afternoon.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto will hold a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California to Consider Approval of a Record of Land Use Actions (AMT-08-02) which would create two single family residential parcels and a remainder lot at 2429 El Camino Real (Wike Way Homes); and approval of a Negative Declaration.

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BOYS GOLF

PAL Bay Division

Menlo-Atherton 87, Menlo School 82

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Middle Peninsula—Menlo-Atherton has boys' and girls' teams for the first time. The girls' team is coached by Debra Stahley of Sacred Heart Prep.

Mt. Diablo—As usual, the boys are more successful than the girls, but the girls' interest is growing.

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Prep roundup
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Andrew Kim, Matt Hale and Gerald Clark all won two events for the Knights in a 137-30 swamping of visiting Aragon, while Jacob Morton and Jason Kwok did likewise in M-A’s 127-34 sinking of Carlmont.

In the girls’ meets, Menlo-Atherton won only three individual races but swept the relays in a 92-51 win at Carlmont. Menlo, meanwhile, averted an upset at the hands of Aragon and posted an 87-83 win. The Knights never trailed in the meet, but held only a 79-77 lead heading into the final 400 relay. At that point, however, Menlo’s seniors had to leave for a school function, leaving an all-junior team of water polo players — Elise Ponce, Cayley Bowles, Haley Read and Brittany Westerman — to secure the meet. The juniors did, winning the 400 free relay while the Menlo B team took fourth for the final points.

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**Weekend Preview**

Los Altos Hills artist Carol Hake has recreated Stanford’s Sewarville Lake here in an oil painting. Her work, also including sketchbooks in the form of trip diaries from India and Europe, is on exhibit this month at Gallery 9 in Los Altos.

**Thursday**

Carol Hake, a Los Altos Hills artist, is showing paintings with the theme, “Water’s Edge” — along with sketchbooks from her travels — through April 28 at Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. A reception is set for tonight from 6 to 9 p.m., with regular exhibit hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 650-941-7969 or go to www.gallery9losaltos.com.

“Merrily We Roll Along,” a Sondheim musical about three friends navigating several tumultuous decades, previews tonight and tomorrow and then opens Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St., presented by TheatreWorks. Shows are Tuesday through Sunday, through April 20; tickets are $20-$60. Call 650-903-6800 or go to theatreworks.org.

Tracy Ginsberg is showing installations, paintings, photography, earthwork and video through April 28 at SPUR Projects at 888 Portola Road in Portola Valley. The show’s theme is “Viriditas,” which the artist describes as “the notion that nature, creativity and spirit are green, interconnected and divine.” Exhibit hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 650-529-2040 or go to www.s purprojects.com.

Marti Somers is showing paintings during the month of April at the Bryant Street Gallery, 532 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Somers takes her inspiration from life on the California coast. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays until 7 p.m. Call 650-321-8155 or go to www.bryantstreet.com.

The Cantor Arts Center has two prominent photography exhibits on: “In the American West” by Richard Avedon, and “Bare Witness” by Gordon Parks. The Avedon exhibit goes through May 6, and Parks’ work will be shown through July 1. The museum, located at Stanford University, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8. Call 650-723-4177 or go to museum.stanford.edu.

Friday

Akkbar Padamsee, a pioneer in Indian modernist art, is exhibiting paintings, photos and sketchbooks at Aicon Gallery at 535 Bryant St. in Palo Alto, with a reception set for tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. (The gallery formerly known as ArtsIndia West has changed its name after opening a third location — after New York — in London.) The show goes through May 16, open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5. Call 650-321-4900 or go to www.artsindia.com.

The Valparaiso Singers are holding a free 7:30 p.m. concert in honor of the Easter season, with music by Beethoven, Faure and contemporary composers including John Rutter and Dale Wood. The event is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1105 Valparaiso Ave. in Menlo Park. Call 650-856-3780.

Saturday

The Cardinal Classic, an annual ballroom dance competition, returns to Stanford University this Saturday, scheduled from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Arrillaga Sports and Recreation Center at 341 Galvez St. Some 300 competitors are expected, and Linas Koreiva and Ieva Paulsena, finalists in PBS’ “America’s Ballroom Challenge,” are scheduled to perform a showcase dance. Tickets are $10 general and $15-$30 for reserved seating. Go to www.sbcot.cardinalclassic.org.

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**Music**

Renowned flamenco guitarist Paco Peña teams up with the Stanford Chamber Chorale for a performance next week.

**Movies**

Reviews of “The Reaping” and “The Hoax.”

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Ghost Rider (PG-13)
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(Not Reviewed)

Nomad: The Warrior (R)
(Not Reviewed)

Norbit (PG-13)
(Not Reviewed)

Pan’s Labyrinth (R)
(Not Reviewed)

Peanut Butter Jackson (PG-13)
(Not Reviewed)

Pride (R) ★★★

Prince of Persia (PG-13)
(Not Reviewed)

Reign Over Me (R) ★★★

Shooter (R) ★★★

TMNT (PG)
(Not Reviewed)

Wild Hogs (PG-13) ★ ★★

Zodiac (R) ★★★

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Steve Gray $2,750,000

LOS ALTOS

Feel as home in this recently updated 2 BR / 1.5 BA condo tucked away in private seclusion. Cozy LR/DR combo, gas starter fireplace with large picture window looking out to beautifully landscaped patio. Complex amenities include a pool, pool cabana with sauna and clubhouse.
Ginia Arnold-Lazar $588,888

MENLO PARK

Classic 4 BD/3BA California ranch home in West Menlo Park's most sought after neighborhood, near Oak Knoll School. Elegant living room, separate formal dining room, cozy family room with fp, sunny, remodeled kitchen, spacious master suite. Beautiful, private back yard.
Elizabeth Daschbach $1,875,000

Sunnyvale...Beautiful end-unit condo with 3 master bedroom suites. Desirable walk to downtown. Granite kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. Upgraded unit with custom flooring and moldings.
Paul Skrabo $679,000

PORTOLA VALLEY

Nestled among the trees, this home offers privacy in a peaceful setting. Wonderful hardwood floors throughout, new tile flooring, refaced kitchen. Great deck off living and master bedroom and long private driveway. Must SEE!
Greg Damelio $1,049,000

REDWOOD CITY

This 2BD/1BA is in a terrific location! Close to Selby Lane and it is a lovely alternative to a condo. Close proximity to shopping and schools.
Stella Kittemiller $595,000

SAN CARLOS

4BR/3BA Panoramic views from this gorgeous San Carlos Hills Home! Built in 2000, this home has it all, chef's kitchen opens to family room, spacious master suite, 3 car garage, central air, hardwood floors, built in bbq and much more!
Greg & Heather Damelio $2,099,000

SAN JOSE

Enjoy this spacious 4BR/2 SBA home on a quiet street in a great Almaden Valley neighborhood. Numerous upgrades add to the feeling of comfort & tranquility. The flow of the interior floor plan & yard design is ideal for entertaining indoors and out.
Roberta & Jan $1,049,000

SAN FRANCISCO

Charming 2BR/1BA home. Located in desirable Rose Garden area. Lot’s of room for expansion possibilities.
Megan Ferrari $587,950

SARATOGA

Custom built downtown Saratoga 4BR/3.5BA single story w/ excellent floor plan. Formal entry, high Ceil w/beautiful crown moldings. Gourmet kitchen w/S/S appliances. Sep. Family room. Close to downtown Village, Montal & Saratoga Schools.
Michael S. Teymouri $1,925,000

WOODSIDE

Dramatic tree top view lot for lower Park Rd. Plans for a large house are in process, design review complete. Survey, soils, central air, hardwood floors & sep. dining room. Large living room w/wood burning fireplace.
Mark Beson $1,295,000

Exquisitely remodeled 2 BR/1 SBA home set in the Redwoods. Cherry cabinetry, all new appliances and granite counters highlight the chef’s kitchen. All new windows, beamed ceilings, hardwood floors & sep. dining room. Large living room w/wood burning fireplace.
Dana Cappiello $859,000

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