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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Foothill may nix Cubberley in favor of alternate site

After months of talks with city, college district examining other properties for new campus

by Arden Pennell

A possible \$35 million deal with the City of Palo Alto to buy or lease eight acres of Cubberley Community Center for a new campus for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District may not happen after all.

After months of reviewing the city-owned portion of Cubberley, the college district is considering at least eight other sites for a new campus in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

A tour of the alternate sites was

scheduled for the district's five-member board of trustees on Friday but was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

The alternative sites range from a former Hewlett-Packard Company building found to contain industrial solvents in groundwater and soil at 395 Page Mill Road to a parcel of Mountain View's research park at 205 Ravendale Drive, among others.

Even NASA-owned Moffett Field is being considered, according to district spokesperson Becky Bartindale.

Cubberley has never been the district's only choice, but the search for alternatives intensified after Palo Alto City Council members all but recommended the city rent, rather than sell the land, she said.

At a January meeting between district representatives and the

council — a study session requiring no vote — several council members said outright they would not consider selling the parcel.

The district then employed a real estate broker, Kevin Crawford of Ritchie Commercial, to look for other spots, Bartindale said, noting she has not attended talks between the city and district.

The district would prefer to buy
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Norbert von der Groeben

Jon Sandelin reads a newspaper at the College Terrace Library, which may be upgraded in historic status from 'contributing building' to 'major building' of 'regional importance.'

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

City prepares College Terrace library for upgrades

Board recommends upgrade of historic status for 1936 building

by Veronica Sudekum

To pave the way for rehabilitating the College Terrace Library, the Palo Alto Historic Resources Board last week recommended the city upgrade the historical merit of the 1936 structure. Under the new classification, the library branch would be considered a "major building" of "regional importance," one of the "meritorious works of the best architects or an outstanding example of an architectural style or the stylistic development of architecture in the state or region."

The structure at 2300 Wellesley Ave., designed by architect Charles Kaiser Sumner, is currently considered merely a "contributing building"

— one of the "good local examples of architectural styles."

If approved by the City Council, the reclassification would confer certain rights on the building, and those rights — called Transferable Development Rights, or TDRs — would help the city raise funds to pay for other infrastructure projects.

The renovation is scheduled to begin this fall.

As one of five branch libraries operated by the City of Palo Alto and the oldest extant branch library in Palo Alto, College Terrace — with its exposed wood beams and intricate detailing — is a "little gem over there in South Palo Alto," said Historic Resources Board member Roger Kohler. Kohler deemed the structure "well worth" the "major building" designation.

According to member Beth Bunnenberg, Sumner's architectural contribution to the region was under-recognized when the library earned its "contributing building" classification, also called a "Category 4," in 1978.

Additionally, she said past evaluators did not consider the setting of the building, with its surrounding small parks.

"By some miracle, they didn't get sold off and have houses put on them," she said. "These things have really taken on extra significance

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CRIME

Man stabbed to death in Midtown

Girlfriend's son arrested Friday night

by Don Kazak and Becky Trout

A 73-year-old man, identified so far only as "Bob," was stabbed to death Friday night at a Midtown residence, allegedly by his girlfriend's 46-year-old son, Herman Van Bragt of Auburn.

Police received a call from Van Bragt around 9:10 p.m. Friday reporting a knife fight on the 2500 block of Waverley Street, near Colorado Avenue, according to Sgt. Sandra Brown.

Police arrived and found Bob, a Palo Alto resident, dead, and Van Bragt suffering from knife wounds. Van Bragt's girlfriend and his mother, Electra Van Bragt, were out to dinner during the incident, according to Brown.

"The mother doesn't know what happened," she said.

On Monday, a coroner's inquiry determined that the older man died of multiple stab wounds, Brown said. She said she could not release the victim's name.

"This is a tragic, tragic incident," she said.

Van Bragt, 46, was later charged with suspicion of homicide and suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, Brown said. He spent the night at Stanford Hospital for his knife wounds but was released, she said.

Brown said Van Bragt and his girlfriend had driven from Auburn to visit his mother, known as Ellie.

Brown said she did not know if alcohol was involved or if Van Bragt suffered from mental-health problems.

"I don't have anything to say that there is any diagnosis. We just don't know," she said.

Neighbor Sanford Small said
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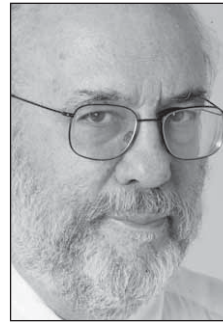
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Our Town

by Don Kazak

A life well lived

Nir Modiano, a Stanford Hospital physician, treated Al Jacobs in the last days of Jacobs' life. He had never before seen such an outpouring of love for a patient from friends, Modiano told Eric Richert, a friend of Jacobs.

Jacobs died Feb. 12 of pancreatic cancer. He was 72.

More than 70 people were on the e-mail list to get updated on Jacobs, Richert, a former Menlo Park planning commissioner, said.

Modiano said that he had wished he knew Jacobs before he became ill.

Jacobs taught English literature at Menlo College for 35 years. His love of books, reading and ideas prompted him to hold readings of his favorite books.

"He would fill the community room at the Menlo Park Library," Richert said. Jacobs also held monthly readings at a Menlo Park bookstore, the Book Rack.

He also held readings in Palo Alto. He had a trove of fans at Channing House and the Jewish Community Center.

"The most amazing thing about his life is that in a totally unintentional and unassuming way, he built a community of friends around books and reading," Richert said.

Oscar Wilde and Shakespeare were among his favorites. He also led a project to gather people's first-hand memories of World War II. He delighted in a 1762 note from John Adams to his wife, Abigail, calling her "Miss Adorable." He celebrated anti-Valentine's Day.

"He was not tied to ideology and not trying to make a point," Richert said.

Jacobs simply loved books, ideas and people.

Joan Marx of Palo Alto first met Jacobs in 1962, when they were both graduate students at UC Berkeley. They remained friends over the years.

When Marx's son, Ben, was a year old, Jacobs left an Easter basket for the boy outside the front door of Marx's home. Ben, who had just started to walk, "grabbed the basket and started running with it," Marx said.

Marx said Jacobs was thoughtful about giving gifts to her two sons and to others. "He thought about what they would like," she said.

Jacobs had a generosity of spirit that touched his friends. He stayed

"At the news of his death, people were literally crying all over town."

— Eric Richert

in touch with many former students and he had a knack of buying books for his friends.

"Unassuming and congenial, he had the rare ability to discern other's interests and meet their imaginations," Marx said. "He was brilliant and extremely well-read."

If the mark of a well-lived life is how we are remembered, Jacobs succeeded beyond measure.

Jacobs grew up in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, graduated from Harvard in 1957 and earned a doctoral degree at UC Berkeley. Before coming to Menlo Park, he taught at Bucknell College, where he directed theater productions. He had acted as a Harvard student.

He got around the old-fashioned way, by walking or taking public transit. He never drove or owned a car. In a modest way, that put him more in touch with other people.

He lived in the same one-bedroom apartment for the last 37 years.

"At the news of his death, people were literally crying all over town," Richert said. "The people at First Union, his bank, on hearing he had cancer offered to 'do whatever we can.' Staff at the Menlo Park Library were crying at the news of his death. Seniors at Channing House were writing him, the waiters at Barrone's restaurant (next to Kepler's bookstore in Menlo Park) all knew him, a women from the Menlo Park Post Office came to his monthly readings and so did a podiatrist from Kaiser."

Richert said Jacobs was a man of encyclopedic knowledge who cared deeply about the people he knew. "How does an unassuming, frugal man, the most non-materialistic person I ever knew, how in the world could he build such a passionate community?" Richert asks.

Jacobs never married and had no children, but he leaves behind many people who fondly remember him. His friends will gather for a picnic in Flood Park in June in his memory. ■

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Police have U-Haul records, but have 'moved on,' Chief says

Nonprofit Friends of PA Children's Theatre may be victims

by **Becky Trout**

As part of the Children's Theatre "financial crimes" investigation, Palo Alto police obtained the rental records for the U-Haul van rented from Amigo Market last summer — so they had no need to question the market's owner, Chief Lynne Johnson said Monday.

The Weekly reported March 7 that a young couple driving a U-Haul van was arrested last June for using traveler's checks stolen from the Children's Theatre. In August, a man who rented a U-Haul van, also from East Palo Alto's Amigo Market, reported discovering traveler's checks in the back.

The market's owner, Ghalib Younef, and a corporate U-Haul spokeswoman Joanne Fried told the Weekly they had not talked to police. Johnson, the sole spokesperson for the case, was out of town last week.

Back in the office Monday, Johnson said officers obtained rental records from the San Carlos Police Department and questioned Abraham Torres and Maria Diaz, the couple arrested for using the traveler's checks.

"They didn't provide much information," Johnson said. Torres told the San Carlos police he found the checks in a trash can outside a gas station in East Palo Alto.

Palo Alto police also questioned the man who reported discovering

\$2,200 of theater traveler's checks in the back of a U-Haul van in August.

"He was not involved in the burglary. He was just renting a truck," Johnson said.

And, it was the same truck, Johnson said. Despite the San Carlos police search of the van, and more than a month of elapsed time, the \$2,200 of checks remained in the truck.

The San Carlos police "didn't do a thorough and complete search," Johnson said.

The U-Haul van lead is not the department's current focus, Johnson said.

"We have moved on to more pressing things in the investigation rather than that," she said.

Police recently reinterviewed theater Director Pat Briggs, and plan to interview Costume Supervisor Alison Williams and Program Assistant Rich Curtis, Johnson said.

The three staff members were placed on administrative leave with pay on Jan. 24 in relation to the investigation, which began in June following thefts from the theater. Assistant Director Michael Litfin, who had cancer, was also placed on leave, but died a week later.

Johnson said police are working with the staff members' attorneys and also trying to schedule interviews with several current and former

board members of the Friends of the Children's Theatre, the nonprofit support group for the theater.

"We just have some process questions" for the board members, Johnson said.

The Weekly learned from former Arts & Culture Director Leon Kaplan that Sgt. Michael Yore, who is supervising the investigation, questioned him in November about the relationship between the Friends and the theater.

Police have also searched storage lockers belonging to both the theater and the Friends.

Asked the role of the Friends, Johnson said: "It's actually possible they could be victims as well."

The department is still waiting on the receipt of bank records, which can take time to process, Johnson said. Investigators recently issued search warrants for additional bank accounts, she said.

Johnson said she "absolutely" remains confident in Yore's handling of the investigation, which he is working on almost full time.

She said she plans to remain the sole source of public information about the investigation.

"I'm trying to give you as much information as I can," Johnson said. ■

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COUNCIL

Palo Alto faces imminent city 'leadership crisis'

Young people don't connect public service with government, City Manager Frank Benest warns

by **Becky Trout**

At least 35 percent of the City of Palo Alto's managers plan to retire within three years, City Manager Frank Benest warned the City Council Monday night.

And there aren't many budding leaders in their wake, creating what Benest called a "tremendous leadership crisis and brain drain."

"In my mind, the talent crisis is the most pressing challenge facing the city because we cannot do anything without talent," Benest said.

The retirements will be disruptive at a time the city is stretching to achieve even more with a limited budget, Benest said.

Benest has warned of the crisis before but it now is imminent, he indicated.

The topic is a passion of Benest's, who has published and lectured extensively on the issue. Councilman Yiaway Yeh said he even studied Benest's work while in graduate school at Harvard University.

Under Benest's leadership, the city

has developed a three-part program to address what he calls the "next-generation challenge."

First, the city has implemented several programs to identify and train future leaders, including conducting leadership forums, allowing staff members to serve in an exchange program with other communities and teaching and encouraging managers how to talk to employees about career goals, Human Resources Manager Heather Shupe said.

It is also trying to retain its institutional knowledge by interviewing departing staff members, publishing a retiree newsletter and creating an online wiki called "Palopedia," which staff members can use to document their knowledge about the city's operations, Accounting Manager Trudy Eikenberry added.

The city is also trying to attract young professionals, Benest said.

Young people care about the social issues and "saving the world," but they turn to nonprofits, not govern-

ment, for employment, Benest said.

Many young adults view government as "bureaucratic, mind-numbing, mindless," Benest said.

"How do we get them to see they can achieve their values and have a good career" with local government? Benest asked.

Baby Boomers, like Benest, who is a few years shy of 60, were drawn to public service in the John F. Kennedy era, he said.

"I did not for a second consider joining the private sector. How boring; how inconsequential."

To attract young adults, the city has developed an internship program for undergraduate and graduate students, hosts an annual job-shadowing day for high school students and provides a fellowship program for recent graduates, Recreation Supervisor Cash Alae said.

Benest briefly brainstormed with the council the city's positive and negative qualities as an employer

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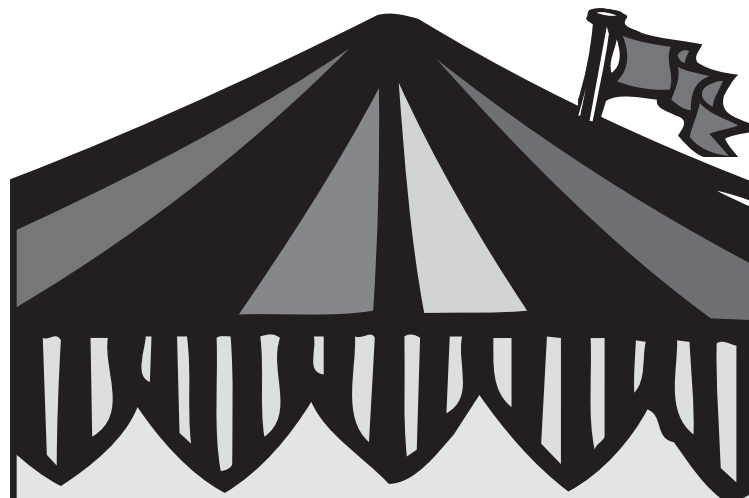
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I did not for a second consider joining the private sector. How boring; how inconsequential.

—**City Manager Benest.** See story on page 5.



Around Town



Palo Alto Mayor Larry Klein ordered a two-paneled sign, listing Palo Alto neighborhoods, installed in the City Council chambers. It was unveiled during his State of the City address on March 3.

KLEIN'S SIGN ... In one of his first acts as mayor, **Larry Klein** commissioned a new sign for the Council Chambers, a two-panel banner with the names of dozens of Palo Alto neighborhoods, which was unveiled last week in time for Klein's State of the City address. Klein said he got the idea from the City of San Jose. The banners were created by city designer Sharon Fox, Darlene Katsanes and program director Linda Craighead. The sign has taken up residence behind the council dais.

FIRE CAPTAIN HONORED ... On calls to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, Fire Capt. **Ken Cardinale** and his crew became inspired to show their appreciation to the young veterans now recuperating at the hospital. After collecting donations within the Fire Department, Cardinale gave \$1,200 of gift cards, an American-flag cake and a \$480 donation to a local volunteer group that supports the veterans. For his efforts, Cardinale will receive the 2007 Peninsula Council of Lions Community Service award at a banquet March 28.

WEBSTER WOODS SPIFFS UP ... Palo Alto's Utilities Department is investing in an energy-efficiency project at the Webster Woods apartments on Webster Street that is expected to save \$120 a year in energy bills for each apartment. The 70 units, which are administered by the Palo Alto Housing Corporation, are getting new lighting, weather stripping and water-saving fixtures, according to a city release. The program is part of the department's Residential Energy Assistance Program, which provides advice and services to low-income Palo Altans.

RUSKIN RECOGNIZED BY NAACP ... California State Assemblyman **Ira Ruskin** (D-Redwood City) was recently named the "Legislator of the Year" by the San Jose/Silicon Valley chapter of the NAACP. "I am deeply honored by this award," Ruskin stated in a release. "The NAACP is a prestigious organization that I have always admired." He will accept the award April 12 in San Jose.

PATRIOT ACT HASN'T HIT PALO ALTO ... According to a report updating the city on the USA PATRIOT Act since 2005, the department has not been contacted by federal authorities about any activities under the act. Federal searches are classified, however, so the department doesn't have any information on recent federal searches, the report states. "No instances of information having been obtained from any public school, college, city library or bookstore is known to have occurred."

WHAT DO YOU THINK? ... There's still time for residents to let the City Council know what type of a city manager they would like following **Frank Benest's** retirement. Why is this important? The manager's interests, and style, will influence life in Palo Alto for the next decade or so, according to council members. For example: Should the city look for someone passionate about ethics, the environment, public engagement, business development or strengthening the city's regional or national reputations? Or how about someone accessible to the press and supportive of open government? Comments may be sent to mgr4-pa@cityofpaloalto.org. ■

Norbert von der Groeben

SCHOOLS

State acknowledges Ravenswood's need

Extra attention, money could help struggling district, superintendent says

by Arden Pennell

East Palo Alto's Ravenswood City School District was listed as one of 97 districts needing state intervention to improve test scores in February. The "intensive" help-needed designation surprised but didn't upset Superintendent Maria de la Vega, who said it could bring more funding and attention to the struggling district.

"Finally the state is recognizing [that] districts in intensive need need financial help," she said.

The list and its intervention recommendations — ranging from "light" to "intensive" — will be voted on at this week's State Board of Education meeting.

The recommendations were written by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and State Superintendent Jack O'Connell after months of negotiation on how to help districts that failed to meet the stringent standards of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, according to Tina Jung, an information officer for O'Connell.

Ravenswood has failed to meet standards because it faces immense challenges, de la Vega said.

Seventy-two percent of students speak English as a second language, she said.

Many struggle with problems ranging from gang violence to poverty at home so severe they can't even afford basic medical care such as a dental work, she said, noting it's hard to concentrate in class when a tooth hurts.

State intervention could bring more money to the district, helping it address problems through additional staff, such as language coaches in classrooms, she said.

Crime

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he was away Friday night but returned Saturday to find crime tape extending into his yard.

Small said Electra had two sons, had divorced some time ago and was now involved with Bob, whom he said he liked very much.

Van Bragt, known as "Tim," moved to Auburn to live with his father, a glassblower who recently died, Small said.

"He and his dad were pretty close."

When Van Bragt was younger, he liked to perform magic tricks, Small said. He said he did not know Van Bragt's occupation.

Small said Van Bragt and Bob knew each other; Ellie Van Bragt and Bob had been together for at least five years, he said.

Small said he had never known Bob to be a heavy drinker.

The incident did not particularly surprise Small.

"Not much surprises me anymore. I don't think I ever would have thought Tim (Van Bragt)

The additional funding could build on improvements made following her summer 2006 arrival to the district and creation of a new strategic plan, she said.

"For us, it's kind of timely. We feel like we've put the pieces in place. If we have additional funding, [we] can move the pieces forward," she said.

Morale has improved, leading the teacher turnover rate to decrease for the first time in a decade, she said.

State inspectors who visited the district recently gave it high marks for adhering to the No Child Left Behind Act's improvement standards, she said.

And while test scores haven't yet risen to the act's rapidly increasing test-score requirements, they have been improving, she said.

She was surprised to learn of the district's place on the state list, she said, and disputed the contention that the 10 districts slated for "intensive" intervention were the worst in the state.

"This is one of the most upcoming school districts," she said.

If the state board approves the list, it's not clear what will happen next.

Under the "intensive" designation, an intervention team from the San Mateo County Office of Education will work with Ravenswood to target the most pressing improvements, according to education-office representative Peter Burchyns.

Yet whether drastic measures such as staff replacement or state takeover of the district — two possibilities under the No Child Left Behind Act — will be taken is uncertain, he said. ■

could lose his temper to that extent. It's funny what you don't know about people."

He called Ellie Van Bragt "a real giving lady."

Ellie and Bob often visited Avenidas, the Palo Alto senior center, he said.

Neighbors Jerry and Lindsay Belden said they didn't hear a fight and only learned of the incident when the police arrived.

They said Ellie Van Bragt was a "night owl" and that Bob kept to himself.

The Waverley Street Van Bragt house is one-story and yellow, with a faded American flag and a dusty front lawn broken by patches of grass. Inside a small gate, a path to the door is lined by tarp-covered pots, papers, books, cans, clothes and other items. In the little-used driveway sits a rusting swing-set and two tricycles. ■

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News Digest

Three gang members arrested after chase

When shots rang out in East Palo Alto at 2 a.m. Saturday morning, the location was immediately known to police because of its new "Shotspotter" system.

That led to a high-speed car chase over the Dumbarton Bridge and the arrest of three men described by police as members of the Taliban, an African-American street gang.

The gunfire was pinpointed at University Avenue and Bell Street and in the 2100 block of Capitol Avenue, Detective Ed Soares said.

A responding officer driving an older police car saw one car driving away from the area and tried to chase it but couldn't keep up, Soares said. A second officer in a new Dodge Charger then gave chase through East Palo Alto, over the Dumbarton Bridge and into Fremont and Union City.

The car being chased stopped after it hit a curb and blew its tires, Soares said. The three occupants fled on foot.

Officers from Fremont, Union City, the California Highway Patrol, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and East Palo Alto set up a perimeter and eventually arrested all three men.

Chester Best, Stoney Gibson and Oliver Ware, all in their 20s, were booked for resisting arrest, evading a police officer and possession of a firearm.

There were no injuries found as a result of the shootings, Soares said. A second vehicle that may have been involved was not located. ■

— Don Kazak

East Palo Alto to remember victims of violence

Candles will be lit and the names of victims of violence will be read at a memorial service Wednesday night, March 12, in East Palo Alto.

The service will be at 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1425 Bay Road.

More than 200 people have died through violence since the city incorporated in 1983.

The service is being hosted by the city and was planned by a committee of residents, clergy and city officials.

The theme of the service is "Remember, Grieve, Unite and Act." It will include a call to action to stop violence in the city. ■

— Don Kazak

Stanford professor wins environmental prize

Professor Gretchen Daily of Stanford University has won the 2008 Sophie Prize for her approaches to and ideas on protecting the environment and animals, the university has announced. The prize carries with it a \$100,000 award.

Through her work, Daily has sought to show that the environment and economics are not at odds, proposing that saving the ecosystem can be profitable. Some examples of her work include showing the economic and environmental benefits of taking care of natural resources, securing people from flooding, ensuring sustainable eco-tourism and protecting cultural values.

The Sophie Foundation lauded Daily for developing a way to use scientific evidence to help decide what to protect and also developing approaches for more sustainable development, according to her Web site.

"I feel excited and grateful that the global movement to make conservation economically attractive, of which I'm a small part, is gaining visibility and momentum," Daily wrote in an e-mail.

With her \$100,000 prize, Daily plans to spend the money on a family vacation, save some for her children's education and give some to people who work behind the scenes.

A prize ceremony is scheduled for June 12 in Oslo, Norway. ■

— Richard To

Stanford receives \$17 million for flight research

The possibility of flying from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia, in 90 minutes may not just be something out of science fiction.

It's called hypersonic flight, or five times faster than the speed of sound, and Stanford will receive \$17 million for its researchers to work on the concept.

The grant is being made by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Security Administration.

Hypersonic flight has been done by fueled rockets but not by air-breathing jet planes except for a NASA experimental craft that has flown at Mach 9.6, or 9.6 times the speed of sound.

Stanford won't be building any jet planes, though.

"Predicting phenomena on a computer using simulation technology doesn't require the humongous expenses of physical flight testing and laboratory testing," said Parviz Moin, a professor of engineering and the project director.

The effort will involve 16 Stanford faculty members collaborating with scientists at the University of Michigan and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. ■

— Don Kazak



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

Wireless not coming to Palo Alto yet

Metro Connect picks San Carlos as sole test site

by Becky Trout

Last February, Palo Alto was selected as a test site for a wireless effort intended to provide wireless data and Internet service valley-wide eventually.

But that project, like many nationwide, faltered when its four corporate partners, known as Silicon Valley Metro Connect, were unable to generate the necessary funds, said Seth Fearey, vice president and chief operating officer of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, a nonprofit organization that promotes regional public-private partnerships.

In late 2007, San Jose-based Covad Communications joined the partnership as the network provider, Fearey said.

Covad said it could only manage one test site and selected San Carlos, rather than Palo Alto, because the city is already a Covad customer and San Carlos provides the desired mix of potential business customers, Fearey said.

Covad plans to target its service to small businesses, which will pay for the service, Fearey said. Last year, the project planned to focus on

public and private entities that have employees outdoors or on-the-go.

Mayor Larry Klein said Palo Alto would have liked to be selected as a test site, but that it wasn't a major disappointment.

"This isn't about testing. This is about having a system" that is open to the public, Klein said.

The original intention of the Wireless Silicon Valley project — initiated more than three years ago by a group of 40 communities and agencies — was to provide basic wireless access for the public, with additional services available for a fee.

But that might not be feasible. "We have always said we want the provider to have a sustainable business model. If it turns out the larger vision is not sustainable, we have to confront that reality," Fearey said. "We want it, but since we're not paying any money, we can't force it."

Meanwhile, Cupertino, Santa Clara and Foster City have had free Wi-Fi since 2006 through provider MetroFi. The service was launched

in Sunnyvale in 2005. Mountain View is blanketed in free wireless Internet access courtesy of Google, whose headquarters are in the city's limits.

In exchange for the free service, MetroFi serves online advertisements to its customers. The company partnered with Microsoft in December to introduce ads via MSN SideGuide, a navigation bar that also features a search box.

After the three-month San Carlos test, Metro Connect might explore broadening the number of services and the geographic area served, Fearey said.

Metro Connect, originally an alliance of IBM, Cisco Systems, Azulstar Networks and SeaKay, won the contract for the Wireless Silicon Valley project in September 2006. Azulstar Networks initially planned to serve as the group's network provider. Now that Covad has joined the partnership, Azulstar will remain with the alliance but serve a different role, Fearey said. ■

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HOUSING

Prendergast to leave Housing Corporation

Fifteen years and 329 affordable housing units later, executive director steps down

by Veronica Sudekum

In April, Marlene Prendergast will depart the Palo Alto Housing Corporation, the private, nonprofit agency established by the Palo Alto City Council in 1970 to develop and foster affordable housing. Prendergast has been the executive director since 1992.

"I've done this now for 15 years. ... I feel like it's time for some new thoughts and new blood in going forward," Prendergast said.

This is an appropriate time for change for her and the organization, she added.

"The Housing Corp. has served the city well for many years, and I'm hoping it will continue to do so. I'm sure it will," she said.

During her 15-year tenure, Prendergast has supervised housing development, property management, the Below Market Rate program administration and resident services.

Under her leadership, the nonprofit added 329 units of affordable housing in Palo Alto, according to a press release. The group's staff also grew from four to 37, with the increase primarily in affordable-housing property management.

"I've been more successful than I thought I would be in building a wonderful organization and a wonderful staff," she said.

Prendergast takes special pride in the construction of two award-winning affordable housing projects — Alma Place, whose "dignified affordable design" won the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County's



Marlene Prendergast is moving on after 15 years as executive director of the Palo Alto Housing Corporation.

Prometheus Prize for Architectural Excellence in Affordable Housing Design, and Oak Court Apartments, whose Craftsman detailing, patios and balconies merited the Premier Building Show and Building Magazine's award for the Attached Residential Project of the Year.

Additionally, Prendergast guided the Housing Corporation's transition from contracting out the management of its properties in the 1970s and 1980s to managing the properties in-house.

As a nonprofit developer, it has a "different attitude" in managing its properties than many for-profit businesses, Prendergast said, indicating the change has benefited residents. The housing group's purpose in

managing its properties is "providing [residents] a stable place to live and assisting them to have a better way of life," she said.

Prendergast graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1979. She served from 1978 to 1979 as editor-in-chief of the "Santa Clara Law Review." A member of the California State Bar Association, Prendergast went on to work briefly at the Palo Alto office of Ware, Fletcher & Freidenrich. She then spent seven years as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Palo Alto and then as a Senior Assistant City Attorney in land use and environmental law. From

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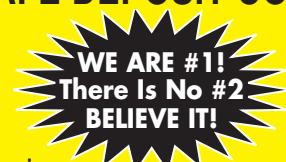
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Upfront



ShopTalk

by Daryl Savage

Forecast for Stanford: Sprinkles ... But cupcakes, not rain. The upscale gourmet bake shop is slated to open in the Stanford Shopping Center this summer. The 2,000-square-foot bakery will be in the fresh market area, next to Schaub's Meats and facing Sand Hill Road. Sprinkles Cupcakes was eyeing a few other sites for its Palo Alto location, including Town & Country Village, but Stanford "seemed like the best fit," spokesperson Victoria Stein said. Sprinkles, started three years ago in Southern California, skyrocketed in popularity after Oprah Winfrey referred to the cupcake on her show. The shop has more than 20 varieties of the designer-baked goods with a price tag of \$3.25 a pop. For those who cannot wait for the famous cupcake, Stanford's Williams Sonoma just started selling Sprinkles new cupcake mix in four flavors. The \$14 mix, sold in a cylinder, yields a dozen cupcakes and comes with 12 colorful sugar dots that top each cupcake and distinguish Sprinkles' from all others.

ANOTHER BAKERY FOR T&C ...

The Town & Country Village shopping center is also getting a bakery. The Mayfield House Bakery and Cafe is aiming for a July grand opening in nearly 5,000 square feet of space on a building corner facing Embarcadero Road, next to Longs Drugs. Mayfield House is the brainchild of Bacchus Management Group, which also owns The Village Pub in Woodside and five other Bay Area restaurants. Bacchus spokesperson Karey Walker calls the food "simple, rustic American." The bakery/restaurant has two separate areas. The restaurant has the majority of space with seating for 80 customers, with an additional 35 outdoors. It will feature local organic ingredients. The full-service bakery has no seating. Conjecture on the street is that any indoor seating on the bakery side could have sparked competition for another T&C shop, Douce France, which also sells pastries, sandwiches and salads. One of the main appeals of Mayfield House, ac-

ording to Walker, is the coffee. "Bacchus has its own coffee-roasting company. It's so new it doesn't have a name yet," she said. Speaking of competition, the bakery/restaurant is directly across the parking lot from Peet's Coffee & Tea. Peet's, meanwhile, is gone, but just temporarily. The entire corner building was razed and will be resurrected in the next few weeks with a complete new look and a cozier atmosphere, one which has more indoor seating.

BOOKS INC. OPENS AT T&C ...

After losing its spot at the Stanford Shopping Center, Books Inc. reopened Feb. 1 at Town & Country Village. Although the space is slightly smaller than its previous location, the store appears larger because its shape is a square instead of the "L" configuration at the Stanford mall. Located next to Kirk's Steakhouses, the bookstore has about the same amount of inventory but in a much more accessible format. And a few doors down from Books Inc. is the surprise vacancy left when Orvis exited. Orvis, the clothing and sports store, shut down just a few weeks ago. It is rumored that a restaurant will fill the space.

PUP BOUTIQUE ON THE MOVE ...

As Town & Country Village continues to put on the dog, Bowlicious, the pampered-pooch pet store, opens its second store there on the heels of its original store at Stanford Shopping Center. Expected to open in the dog days of summer (last pun, promise), Bowlicious has found a niche market in upscale clothing and accessories for dogs. Items such as doggie beds decorated with jewels, chew toys that carry faux designer labels, and rhinestone collars are just a few bells and whistles that can adorn Peninsula pups. Woof. ■

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.

Corrections

A March 5 article incorrectly named the three architectural firms that collaborated in the design of the Yang and Yamazaki Environment and Energy building at Stanford. Portland-based Boora Architects were the project's executive architects. Hargreaves Associates and Arup were contributors. To request a correction, contact Managing Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-326-8210, jdong@paweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

Muddy, messy Gunn fields to get face-lift

Lower fields to be revamped, both high schools to get artificial turf

by Arden Pennell

The assistant principal of Gunn High School, Tom Jacobowsky, stood on a dirt hill behind campus recently and pointed to a row of oak trees near the sports fields.

"We're not going to touch the oak trees," he said.

But everything else will soon change.

In February, the school board unanimously approved a \$6.7 million plan to rebuild fields at both Palo Alto and Gunn high schools — all of which will be covered by donations or funds left over from the 1995 "Building for Excellence" bond measure.

The plan calls for installing synthetic turf on the stadium fields at both Gunn and Palo Alto high schools and rebuilding Gunn's lower fields.

The current lower fields are a messy safety hazard, according to Gunn sophomore and soccer goalie

Brooke Binkley.

"Every time I run, I feel like I'm going to fall because there's so many ditches and little divots that you can trip in," she said.

Diving for balls means leaving every game mud-splattered and filthy, she said.

The fields, dotted with large, murky puddles long after each rainstorm, will be leveled and reengineered for better drainage in the new plan.

The project also includes dedicated fields for soccer and softball, rather than shared spaces now used.

And in a remodeled baseball field, the first baseman won't have to stare directly into the afternoon sun.

The plans are a welcome change, Binkley said.

The district has already accepted \$200,000 of a \$2.8 million anonymous donation for the turf fields.

The Gunn Sports Boosters nonprofit group also contributed \$50,000

for the lower-fields project.

President Bob Cranmer-Brown said the group is appealing to Gunn alumni in the construction industry to donate services to reduce the cost so the money can be used for additional improvements.

Gunn alumnus Mark Harrison graded the new track for free in 2000, he said.

And \$3.7 million is left over from the "Building for Excellence" campaign of the 1995 bond Measure B, including accrued interest.

Of that, \$200,000 will go to the turf installation and about \$3.5 million will fund the lower-fields improvements.

Construction is scheduled to start May 1 and the artificial turf should be installed by Aug. 15, in time for the fall football season.

The lower fields' softball and expanded baseball fields will be finished in time for the winter season start, Superintendent Kevin Skelly

said.

The soccer field may take longer, but players can use the football field in the meantime, he said.

Doing both Gunn projects at once will save the district \$700,000, according to Chief Business Officials Bob Golton and Cathy Mak. Instead of paying to haul away and dispose of topsoil dug to make room for artificial turf in the main fields at Gunn and Paly, the district will use the dirt to level Gunn's hilly lower fields.

The district hopes to finish the projects with money to spare, which could then be spent on additional improvements to Paly's fields, Skelly said.

Possible projects include repairing the blacktop area in front of the Paly gym, leveling the upper field, replacing fencing and improving the batting cages, he said.

The artificial-turf plan also includes meeting with nearby residents of both schools any time new users

apply to use the fields. Neighbors expressed concern about noise at the November meeting when the board first accepted money from the anonymous donor.

Skelly rebuffed questions about the priority of replacing both fields — saying the district should jump at the chance to save money by performing all field work at once.

"Sometimes you go shopping and you find a bargain and it's too good to pass up," he said.

Dodging pools of water on the lower fields recently, Jacobowsky pointed at rusty storage containers in the baseball outfield.

The former trucking containers still have "Radioactive" signs hanging on their sides, though they only hold practice gear.

With the coming construction, those containers may go too, he said. ■

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College Terrace

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since a Category 4 was decided."

Transferable Development Rights have been used by other historic building projects to raise money. The rights, when sold, give another developer greater square footage than would be allowed under zoning.

The first time the City of Palo Alto sold TDRs was in the renovation of the Children's Library, which raised \$237,500 in 2006.

Sales of College Terrace Library TDRs would raise approximately \$230,000, according to the city's Department of Public Works.

The library's sale of rights would not directly fund the renovation — it's being paid for by the city's general fund — but would support future infrastructure projects.

To date, the city has contracted with the KPA Group, Inc. for \$299,661 worth of seismic upgrading and rehabilitation work. An additional \$20,735 is being paid to Garavaglia Architecture Inc. for professional historic architecture consulting services.

The project will close College Terrace — including the childcare facility — for a "year to two years," according to Debra Jacobs, a Public Works project engineer.

Patrons don't appear fazed by the prospect.

"They've been talking about closing it [permanently] for years, so anything that doesn't involve that is a good thing," said Andrew Fetter, a nearby resident who uses the library almost every day. Fetter said that he hopes efforts will be made to keep the surrounding park areas open while the seismic renovation is going on.

The College Terrace Library was constructed in 1936 by laborers from the Works Progress Administration,

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Depression-era building program. A stucco structure of 4,860 square feet, the east part of the College Terrace Library houses and displays a small collection of books, DVDs and periodicals, with reading space, albeit limited, for patrons.

The west portion, which currently contains a daycare center, was originally designed as a community center. According to Garavaglia Architecture Inc., the library's meeting space was once used by organizations including the Mayfield Women's Club, Santa Clara County Federation of Women's Clubs, Peninsula Woodwind Ensemble, Mayfield Service Club, Tri-City Negro Club, the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter and the American Association of University Women, making it a "very popular and much utilized spot."

Sumner, born "Charles Sumner Kaiser," was born in Pennsylvania in 1847. His namesake was Charles Sumner, an ardent 19th-century abolitionist Senator. Charles Kaiser changed his name to Charles Sumner during World War I.

He moved to Palo Alto in 1916, designing approximately 90 buildings in Palo Alto and on the Stanford University campus in a variety of "period revival" styles including Spanish colonial, Mediterranean and Tudor revival.

Prior to designing the library, Sumner worked on the original — now demolished — structure for Walter Hays School. He also designed main-house and carriage house additions to the Elizabeth Gamble property and the Los Altos Golf and Country Club.

The council is expected to vote on the reclassification in April or May, according to Jacobs. ■

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Prendergast

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1987 to 1992, she was Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Mateo, working on land and environmental issues, before accepting the position of executive director of the Housing Corporation.

Her community involvement includes service on the boards of the League of Women Voters, Association for Senior Day Health, YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, the Children's Health Council, the Peninsula Conservation Center and its Trust Fund, the Palo Alto Housing PAHC, the Palo Alto Centennial, Leadership

Cubberley

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land but might settle for a long-term lease of at least 25 years, she said.

The purchase or rental agreement would be funded by \$40 million from 2006's bond Measure C, and the district wants to invest voter money wisely, she said.

Negotiations for Cubberley might be further complicated by the Palo Alto Unified School District's interest in the land, she said. It owns the rest of Cubberley.

The city has been leasing those 27 acres for \$4 million annually for

Council

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and displayed the results of a similar brainstorming session with top managers. The results were strikingly consistent.

Palo Alto has cutting-edge programs, such as its climate initiatives; great weather; strong management; regional and national leadership; an engaged community. It offers advancement opportunities; competitive pay and great benefits. It is not

Palo Alto and Family Service Mid-Peninsula.

In recognition of her participation in the Palo Alto community, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce bestowed her in 1999 with the Athena Award for professional excellence and dedication to the community. In 2003, Leadership Mid-Peninsula awarded her an Excellence in Leadership Award.

One year later, the Palo Alto Housing Corporation received the Tall Tree Award for Outstanding Non-profit Organization, presented by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce.

Candice Gonzalez will take over as executive director of the Hous-

ing Corporation in April. Gonzalez — an attorney like Prendergast — graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law a decade ago. She has experience assisting low-to-moderate income buyers in real-estate financing transactions, contract negotiations and the purchase of Below Market Rate homes. In addition to being sole proprietor of her law office in Daly City, Gonzalez currently is both owner and mortgage broker for a real-estate company active in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas. ■

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its community center, according to City Manager Frank Benest.

The college district already offers classes at its Middlefield Campus at Cubberley, occupying about 55,000 square feet, Bartindale said. Approximately 4,000 students per quarter use the campus.

The current lease is month-to-month, she said.

The district earlier spent months considering Cubberley for the site of a permanent campus, including a November feasibility study and January meetings with neighboring residents to present conceptual sketches of the possible 98,000-square-foot new campus.

too large and not too small. And it is adjacent to Stanford University.

But housing costs are prohibitively expensive, leading to commutes from as far as the Central Valley; the community is "hypercritical"; and the media negative. The council is larger than most; the city has extensive rules and processes; staff members have to attend evening meetings; city facilities are aging and the regional private and nonprofit sectors offer lucrative positions.

Recent or near retirees include

City finance reports indicated selling the land could bring \$35 million to city coffers, while an annual lease could net \$1.4 million.

The future permanent campus, wherever it is located, will accommodate a 2 percent enrollment growth over 10 years, according to Andy Dunn, the district's vice chancellor of business.

Cubberley isn't off the table, Bartindale said.

Discussions are ongoing without a definite timeline, she said. ■

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Community Services Director Richard James; Regional Water Quality Control Plant Manager Bill Miks; Michael Jackson of the Public Works Department; Administrative Services Director Carl Yeats; Real Estate Manager Bill Fellman; and Police Technical Services Manager Sheryl Contois.

With a rare public display of wry humor, Benest added himself to the list, saying he has spent "eight glorious years with the City of Palo Alto." ■

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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

March 1-6

Violence related

Child abuse1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries1
Embezzlement1
Fraud1
Grand theft5
Petty theft6
Residential burglaries4
Shoplifting4

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto1
Abandoned bicycle1
Auto theft1
Driving w/ suspended license6
Hit and run2
Lost/stolen plates2
Misc. traffic7
Theft from auto8
Vehicle accident/minor injury3
Vehicle accident/property damage5
Vehicle impound2
Vehicle tow11

Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public5
Drunken driving1
Possession of drugs2
Possession of paraphernalia2

Miscellaneous

Animal call1
Elder abuse/neglect2
Found property7
Lost property5
Misc. penal code violation3
Missing person2
Noise complaint5
Psychiatric hold2
Suspicious circumstances2

Vandalism6
Warrant arrest1
Warrant/other agency8

Menlo Park

March 3-8

Violence related

Battery1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries1
Fraud5
Grand theft5
Petty theft2

Vehicle related

Auto theft1
Driving with suspended license3
Driving without license1
Hit and run1
Theft from auto3
Vehicle accident/property damage3
Vehicle tow3

Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity1
Drunken driving1
Possession of paraphernalia1

Miscellaneous

Coroner case1
Disturbing/annoying phone calls1
Found property3
Lost property2
Other/misc.5
Outside assistance1
Property for destruction1
Suspicious circumstances2
Vandalism3
Warrant arrest5

Atherton

March 3-9

Violence related

Assault and battery1

Theft related

Attempted burglary1

Petty theft5
Residential burglaries1

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto2
Misc. traffic4
Suspicious vehicle14
Vehicle accident/property damage2
Vehicle code violation4
Vehicle/traffic hazard2

Miscellaneous

911 hang up3
Animal call3
Be on the lookout1
Construction4
Disturbance6
Follow up1
Found property1
Juvenile problem2
Located missing person1
Meet citizen4
Other/misc.17
Outside assistance2
Suspicious circumstances5
Suspicious person5
Vandalism2
Warrant arrest1
Welfare check1

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

Unlisted location, 3/5, 12:48 p.m.; child abuse.

Menlo Park

1100 block Del Norte Avenue, 3/5, 2:02 p.m.; battery.

Atherton

Menlo Atherton High School on Middlefield Road, 3/5, 12:23 p.m.; assault and battery.

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Youth Winner – \$75 Cash, \$25 Gift Certificate to University Art

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Judges

NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Norbert von der Groeben joined the staff of the Palo Alto Weekly as Chief Photographer in July 2003. Prior to working at the Weekly, Norbert spent 17 years as a staff photographer at a daily newspaper, the Contra Costa Times. His photos have also appeared in such magazines as *People*, *Business Week* and *Vanity Fair*.

ANGELA BUENNING FILO

Angela Buenning Filo photographs landscapes in transition, most recently focusing on Silicon Valley and Bangalore, India. Her photographs have been exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the San Jose Museum of Art. She teaches at Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto.

DAVE HIBBARD

David Hibbard, a Menlo Park resident, has photographed natural landscapes and wild places most of his life. He is represented by Modernbook Gallery in Palo Alto. His first monograph, *Natural Gestures*, will be published later this year.

BRIGITTE CARNOCHAN

Brigitte Carnochan's painted gelatin silver photographs have been exhibited at galleries and museums nationally and internationally. A book of her images, *Bella Figura: Painted Photographs by Brigitte Carnochan*, was published by Modernbook Editions in July 2006. Her next show at Modernbook will be in November 2008.



Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Margot Loungway Drekmeier

Stanford instructor was committed to social and environmental issues

Margot Drekmeier, mother of Palo Alto Vice Mayor Peter Drekmeier and founder of the program Social Thought and Institutions at Stanford University, died peacefully Feb. 26. She was 75.



She was born March 14, 1932, in Boston, Mass. She attended Girls Latin School in Boston and majored in history at Oberlin College, where she served as president of the student council in her senior year. She later earned a doctorate degree from Harvard, met and married Charles Drekmeier, and moved to Palo Alto.

The young couple traveled cross-country to Palo Alto in one of the first Volkswagon buses that became popular in the 1960s, her husband remembers.

Together, they founded the program in Social Thought and Institutions, which continued for 23 years. She also taught in the Western Civilization program in the History department after the couple moved to Palo Alto in 1958 and began teaching together at Stanford. "She taught seminars in the History department," Charles said. "She didn't want to be on the tenure track because she had (young) children."

She and Charles, a Stanford University professor emeritus, were to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

In addition to teaching at Stanford, she also taught at Mills College in Oakland.

She was also part of a social justice program at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto and traveled to El Salvador as part of a peace group.

"Margot will be remembered as a loving mother and wife and for her deep commitment to human rights, social justice and environmental protection," her family said.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter, Nadja May; sons, Peter and Kai; two grandchildren; two brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 5, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto.

George Fredrickson

'Remarkable scholar' was an expert in racial issues

George Fredrickson, professor emeritus of U.S. history at Stanford, died of heart failure Feb. 25 at his campus home. He was 73.

He was born July 16, 1934, in Bristol, Conn., and grew up in Sioux Falls, S.D.

He earned bachelor's and doctorate degrees in history from Harvard. He taught at Harvard and Northwestern before coming to Stanford in 1984.

At Stanford he became active in political issues, urging the university to divest its stock in companies that do business with South Africa.

His most recent book was "Racism: A Short History" in 2002.

He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for his 1981 book, "White Supremacy: A Comparative Study of American and South African History," and was the author of several other books on American history and on racial

issues in America.

"The thing I have tried to work on for the last 20 years has been the history of race relations," he told the San Jose Mercury News in 1986. "I tried to study racism in a rather clinical way, but when confronted with racism I have a rather strong reaction."

"George Fredrickson was a remarkable scholar," Hazel Rose Markus, a Stanford professor in the behavioral sciences, said. "The scope and depth of his knowledge was breathtaking."

Fredrickson is survived by his wife, Helene, and their four children, Anne Hope Fredrickson of Grass Valley, Calif. Laurel Fredrickson of Durham, N.C. Thomas Fredrickson of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Caroline Fredrickson of Silver Springs, Md. He is also survived by a sister, Lois Rose, of Great Barrington, Md.; and four grandchildren.

A private service was held for the family.

Deaths

Rosemary DuBois

Rosemary Dolin DuBois, 81, a resident of Palo Alto, died Jan. 28 in Alameda.

Irene and Edward Dolin adopted her at birth in Los Angeles.

She graduated from an all-girls Catholic high school in Tucson, Ariz. At age 17 she lied about her age and enlisted in WAVES, a division of the U.S. Navy for women. She served at the Chicago Navy Pier and the San Francisco Fleet post office.

In 1946 she returned to Arizona to attend U.A., Phoenix, where she met her first husband, Charles Brandes. They both went on to graduate from U.C. Berkeley. She subsequently completed a master's degree in education at Stanford while counseling in the Santa Clara School District.

She spent many years living in South America, where her husband worked as a civil engineer.

After their divorce in 1965 she returned to the Bay Area and began teaching elementary school in Palo Alto.

In 1966 she married Andrew DuBois and a year later she gave birth to a daughter. Two of Andy's four daughters from his first marriage lived with them in Palo Alto until the family moved to Orinda in 1978.

She volunteered in Oakland city schools.

She is survived by her husband, Andy DuBois of Alameda; daughter, Julie DuBois of Redmond, Wash.; and stepdaughters, Jennifer Rogers of San Diego, Barbara DuBois of Mill Valley, Calif., and Amanda DuBois of Mountain View.

Gary Greenberg

Gary Joseph Greenberg, 57, a former resident of Palo Alto, died Jan. 22.

He was raised in Palo Alto and graduated from Palo Alto High School. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University and a doctorate in composition from Harvard University.

He taught in the music department of Yale University and in the Creative Art Education Program at Rutgers University, where he directed the Computer Learning Resource Center.

He went to Northwestern University in 1985 and taught computer music, composition, music theory and a creative-arts approach to computer programming.

He later became manager of the ACNS Advanced Technology Group, which worked with faculty to develop ways of using emerging technologies in instruction and research and, more recently, was executive director for Teaching and Research Initiatives for Information Technology at Northwestern.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Greenberg of Evanston, Ill.; daughter, Julia Greenberg of Evanston, Ill.; son, Jared Greenberg of Evanston, Ill.; parents, Max and Gloria Greenberg of Palo Alto; two brothers; and six nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held May 1 at Northwestern University.

John Warren

John Frederick Warren, 71, a resident of Palo Alto, died March 3.

He was born in San Francisco, where he grew up singing in the Grace Cathedral Boys' Choir. He graduated from the University of Michigan, where he formed lifelong friendships and was a member

of the Michigan Glee Club.

He earned a master's degree in education from Stanford University and then taught English and led student government at Palo Alto High School.

In 1978 he retired from teaching to found J. F. Warren Construction Company, a position that allowed him contact with a great number of people within the Palo Alto community.

He was a member of the First

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Births

Carmen and John Franceschi of Menlo Park, a son, Feb. 17.

Monique and Eliezer Palafox of East Palo Alto, a son, Feb. 20.

Stacey Kimball and Monti

Pellizzari of Palo Alto, a son, Feb. 20.

Aoife and Ryan Maynard of Palo Alto, a son, Feb. 22.

Leticia Cruz and Miguel Maldonado of Menlo Park, a daughter, March 1.

LESTER ANDERSON



Lester Anderson, a resident of Stevenson House in Palo Alto for 17 years, died on February 22 of heart failure. He was 93.

Anderson was a leader of the senior community at Stevenson House. He served as Vice-president

of the Residents' Association and chaired the Food Committee.

He was an avid follower of high school, college, and professional sporting teams, especially the Palo Alto Vikings, the Stanford Cardinal, the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. He regularly attended the College World Series when Stanford was a participant.

Anderson was born on his parents' farm in Ridgeway, Iowa. His grandparents had emigrated to Iowa from Norway in the 1870s. He was a member of the Sons of Norway, and he visited Norway to meet distant relatives there.

After marrying Coral Hovden in 1939, he operated a movie theater in Fayette, Iowa. During World War II, he worked for the Douglas Martin Aircraft Corporation in Omaha, Nebraska.

Anderson moved to Austin, Minnesota in 1946 and worked for the George A. Hormel Company for thirty years, principally as a chef and foreman. He was a member of the Spam Club and the St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

In retirement, he loved to travel. His favorite destinations were Bear Valley, Reno, Norway, Paris, Alaska, and the Panama Canal.

Anderson is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Scott Pearson of Stanford, his granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Sarah Pearson and Evan Seevak of Piedmont, California, and Elizabeth and Dave Garr of Palo Alto, and four great-grandchildren, Emma, Abigail, and Nathaniel Seevak and Katherine Garr.

A celebration of his life will be held at noon on March 16 at Sunken Diamond (Klein Field), Stanford University. Contributions may be made to Stevenson House, 455 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

PAID OBITUARY

WARREN HUBBARD

AUGUST 15, 1924 – FEBRUARY 28, 2008



Mr. Hubbard died peacefully on February 28. He was born in Canada and grew up in North Dakota. He came to Palo Alto in 1940 and served in the Army's 20th Armored Division in WWII where he saw combat in Germany. He graduated from San Jose State University in

1949. He is survived by his wife Nancy of 52 years, son Bradley of Mt. View, daughters Paula Ellis and Kathy Thompson of Pleasanton, also grandchildren Nathan Ellis, Sarah Thompson, Nicole Thompson, Benjamin Thompson along with son-in-laws Tim Ellis and Greg Thompson. Memorial service was held at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church on Monday March 10th at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Friends of Palo Alto Library PO BOX 41 Palo Alto, CA 94302 - In memory of Warren Hubbard.

PAID OBITUARY

PAGE SWIFT WUERTHNER



Music was her life: born March 10, 1930 in Long Beach, died February 29, 2008 in Los Altos Hills. Attended Mills College, transferred to U.C. Berkeley, pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma, graduated 1951 with a music major degree. Her first professional experiences were the Robert Shaw Chorale,

UCLA and Los Angeles City College opera workshops where she sang title roles. She studied under Lotte Lehmann in Santa Barbara at the Music Academy of the West. A Fulbright Scholarship allowed her to live in Germany where she sang lead roles in Munich, Heidelberg, Oberhausen and Lucerne and Basel, Switzerland. On her return to the

United States she sang at various venues in New York City and on cruise ships before enrolling at Indiana University School of Music where she graduated with a Masters in Music in 1974. She taught voice at Oberlin College and the University of Wisconsin. Indiana University awarded her a Doctorate of Music Performance with High Distinction. Vocal performance was her love and more rewarding than academia. She moved to Palo Alto to be near aging parents. Joined the San Francisco Symphony Chorus in 1984 and subsequently accepted a tenured mezzo-soprano position with the San Francisco Opera's Regular Chorus. Her stage presence, features and acting skills stood out in her 1,000 SF Opera Chorus performances over 19 years. She maintained an active private voice studio for young women in Los Altos Hills. A number of her students were members of LAHS's Main Street Choir. Several went on to professional careers. She retired from the Opera December, 2004. She married Ted W. Wuerthner in 1992. She leaves behind her husband, a sister, Sarah Hodgkin of Virginia, five nieces, a nephew and a brother Daniel Swift of Cupertino.

PAID OBITUARY

JANET KELLEY KOHLER



Kohler, Janet Kelley, age 89, passed away in her sleep on February 12, 2008, following a brief battle with pneumonia. Born on August 1, 1918 in Oglesby, Illinois to Dewitt and Blanche Kelley, she was second of four children. She attended the Chicago Art Institute and worked as a fashion designer after graduation and moved to NYC. When WWII started, she studied engineering at Columbia University and worked at Grumman Aircraft, first as a "Rosie the Riveter" and then as a draftsman.

While in NYC she met and married George M. Kohler in 1942 while he was still serving in the Signal Corps in Ceylon. After living in New Jersey after the war for eight years, they moved to Palo Alto in 1954 with their sons, Roger and Marc.

Janet was active in supporting her two son's various activities - Boy Scouts, Palo Alto Children's Theater, their puppet and magic shows, church youth groups and school activities.

She worked for several local electronic companies

and retired from Lockheed in 1982 after 15 years of service. At Lockheed, she designed and holds the patent for an underwater pump used on Polaris submarines.

As a Palo Alto community volunteer, she taught swimming lessons at CAR for 25 years, was an active member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, designed all the costumes for the Palo Alto Elks Lodge "Big Show" annual fundraiser event, and helped teach art at local schools.

Janet is survived by Roger and Debbie Kohler of Palo Alto, Marc Kohler of Providence, RI, grandchildren Heather Kohler Griswold, and husband Devin, of Mt. View, Matthew Kohler of Palo Alto, Anne Kohler Yurasek and her husband Drew, of Chester, Conn., Joshua Kohler of New York City, great-grandchild Kate Yuresak, Brother Dewitt Kelley of Palo Alto, sister Phyllis Stare of Denver, Co. and sister in law Jane Erickson of Evanston, Ill. She was preceded in death by loving husband, George, and younger brother Winslow Kelley of Evanston Ill.

A memorial service will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Dr., Palo Alto on April 12, 2008 at 3pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the Community Association of Retarded, Palo Alto, California.

PAID OBITUARY

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Congregational Church Choir and sang with the Oratorio Society.

He loved sailing his boat in Marblehead harbor and fulfilled a life-long dream of crossing the Atlantic by sail with his son.

He took furniture courses from a master craftsman and reveled in learning new skills. He was an avid gardener, cared deeply for the environment and loved literature and traveling the world.

He served on the board of the Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), participating in particular with the maintenance of Caravan house. He also served on the Canopy Advisory Board and as an active board member of Boy Scout Troop 57.

Most recently, he oversaw the installation of a new organ at the First Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Meredith Warren of Palo Alto; daughter, Louise Warren of San Francisco; son and daughter-in-law, David and Sidonie Warren of Mountain View; and one grandchild.

Donations may be made to the Natural Resources Defense Council (www.nrdc.org) or the special organ fund of the first Congregational Church of Palo Alto.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, March 16, at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Palo Alto.



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Young Nguyen

Young attributes his passion and commitment to hard work, his dedication and perseverance in all aspects of his life as a reflection of his upbringing and experiences immigrating to America. He graduated from UC Davis earning his degree in Engineering with a focus on Economics. Young understands that technology and business is the future for the Valley. Young has made many friends and colleagues in the technology industry who praise him for his astute knowledge in business and technology. Now, his attention to detail and passion for "getting the job done" has led him into the field of real estate.



Babak Massoudi

Babak has been living and working in the bay area for the last 25 years. Having a passion for real estate, throughout the years, Babak has been helping people find their dream homes in the bay area. He believes that buying or selling a home can be a very emotional process and every relationship is unique, therefore it is important to adapt to individual needs. Babak is a graduate of San Francisco State University, with a degree in Business Administration. His integrity, patience, and work ethic are the foundation for providing quality service to his clients. He likes outdoor group sports such as snow skiing, hiking, and bicycling.



Norman Chang

Norman truly enjoys what he does and his passion for real estate assures his clients the service they deserve. He believes in delivering a level of professional service that is of the highest caliber and integrity. As a long-time resident of the Mid-Peninsula for nearly 30 years, Norman understands the history and brings an expertise of the community to his clients. Norman spent over ten years as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing in the semiconductor industry. With years of listening, negotiating and success, you can be sure that he will become your biggest advocate and will draw on his savvy negotiating skills and high energy level with each transaction. Norman enthusiastically looks forward to assisting you with the purchase or sale of your next home or investment.



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The exploration of the role of **sleep** in the health and well-being of women will be explored in a lecture by Dr. Kin Yuen, medical director of the **Stanford Sleep Disorder Center**. Dr. Yuen will discuss research and advice on how women can improve their health through better sleep. The lecture takes place Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez St., Stanford. The lecture is free. To register, call 650-725-0455.

CHRONIC MANAGEMENT ...

The **Stanford Patient Education Research Center** is offering a self-management workshop for people with **chronic conditions**. Participants will set their own goals, design and carry out an individualized management program and share experiences. The workshop takes place Wednesday, March 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Materials fee is \$25. Waivers are available. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call 800-366-2624 or e-mail Jean Armas at jmarmas@stanford.edu.

MEDICATING YOUNG MINDS

... is the topic of a parent-education class at **The Children's Health Council**. Dr. Glen Elliott will discuss the side effects and long-term effects of medicating young children and adolescents with psychiatric medications. He will address disorders such as autism, ADHD, bipolar disorder, anxiety and depression. The class takes place Wednesday, March 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration is required. Class is at the Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Call Sue Garber at 650-617-3845 or e-mail sgarber@chconline.org.

THE HUMAN RACE ... Walk, run, and bring the dog while raising money for the **Peninsula Stroke Association**. Activities include a USA Track and Field-certified **10K run, 5K run and a 5K Pledge Walk**. The race takes place Saturday, May 10, from 8 to 10 a.m. at **Shoreline Park**. The course is flat and **wheelchair accessible**. Roller blades, scooters and strollers are welcome on the walk course. Pledge walkers with dogs have a separate course. The walk benefits programs for stroke survivors and caregivers. To register, visit www.psastroke.org or to receive a pledge form and information, call 650-565-8485. ■

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Going 'gaga' over yoga

Mom-baby yoga classes offer mothers relaxation and exercise

by Veronica Sudekum

Raising her body off the floor into a hovering yoga pose, Lisa Mehta smiled down at her 15-week-old son Jack, blowing him kisses as he nestled quietly on a pillow on the floor nearby. Jack gazed deeply into his mother's eyes as she carefully lowered her face and torso downwards.

Mehta goes to mom-baby yoga classes at Blossom Birth, a nonprofit pre- and post-natal education center on California Avenue. The classes give mothers time to exercise in a relaxing environment — and even the babies pick up a pose or two.

"It's a way to get exercise and not have to leave your baby. You can meet other moms, see other babies and share your experiences. It's a very supportive environment," Mehta said.

And when accidents happen, nobody blinks, said Menlo Park resident Lisa Lynch, mother of 3-month-old Caitlin.

"Your baby can cry. It can explode everywhere with poop, which is what [my daughter] did today, and you can get your changing pad out in front of everybody. You can breastfeed in front of everybody. ... It's relaxed. It lets moms be moms. And, it is a very homey environment," Lynch said.

Nationwide, mom-and-baby yoga is transforming the way some mothers exercise. Spurred by books such as *Itsy Bitsy Yoga* and *Baby Om*, mom-and-baby yoga has become so popular that Disney Family.com, USA Today, People Magazine and others have featured the subject.

In 2005, Business Week went so far as to describe an entire de-



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Yoga instructor Julianne Rice works with 9-week-old baby Graham Vaugham during the mom-and-baby yoga class at Blossom Birth in Palo Alto.

mographic as "Yoga Mamas," an "emerging class of women ... focused on active, fashionable and fit pregnancies."

Locally, several centers offer mom-and-baby yoga. DayOne in Palo Alto offers such classes three times a week, and yoga centers such as Palo Alto's Yoga Source also provide instruction on a weekly basis.

"It's good there are a range of classes available," Palo Alto's Yoga Source instructor Mara Reinin said, noting that women have diverse preferences. Eight years ago, Reinin was trained as a birth doula at Blossom Birth. She frequently collaborates with Blossom Birth staff and clientele, but her classes at Yoga Source differ from Blossom Birth's gentler classes.

"My prenatal and mom-and-baby classes are very challenging. It's basically a regular Vinyasa class, and then I add abdominals and a lot of upper body," Reinin said. She consults with a medical doctor to create a demanding, safe yoga practice.

"I'm trying to build [women's] confidence while building their bodies," she added.

At Blossom Birth, instructor Julianne Rice tries to foster a comfortable environment for yoga mamas and their babies.

"I don't care if the mothers in my class stop to change their kids or feed them. We'll get some exercise done no matter what's going on," she said.

Too often mothers cannot relax in public places such as restaurants and theaters for fear their baby will create noise or disrupt others, she added.

Blossom Birth gives mothers freedom from fear of the inevitable baby social faux pas, mother Katherine Donaldson said.

"[Blossom Birth] provides a place where I can get a little more exercise and not worry about [my daughter] pulling over a table."

On a recent Wednesday morning, six women and their babies gathered under Rice's attentive gaze, stretching to the song "Somewhere over the Rainbow." Babies ranged in age from a few weeks to more than 18 months old.

"When they are little, the babies sleep a lot. You can just put them there, and they won't move. But when they get older, it is hard to concentrate on your own thing because you have to keep one eye on them and one eye inward [on] yourself," Mountain View resident Jie Yao said.

Yao's 16-month-old daughter,

Catherine, enjoys watching other babies and copying her mother's poses.

"She finds it interesting. ... She experiments. She can do downward-facing dog," Yao said proudly.

With lullabies, circle-dancing and socializing in addition to the yoga teaching, Blossom Birth's mom-baby yoga provides more than exercise for herself — it provides a supportive community for her and her daughter, Yao said.

"I have my girl. I have to look around and join groups, find a way to make her life better, and at the same time, enjoy my life, too. ... I heard, before, people saying that their baby is the most important thing in their life, but now I really feel that. ... It is a wonderful time in our lives," she said. ■

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Erectile dysfunction: more dangerous than men think

Common men's condition linked to hidden illnesses

by Sue Dremann

To most men it's the dread "ED."

Erectile dysfunction, the loss of ability to achieve or maintain an erection, may be a warning of serious disease and should not be ignored, according to Dr. Robert Kessler, clinical professor of urology at Stanford Hospital and Clinics.

"Most patients complaining of erectile dysfunction have had it a long time," he said, noting that the two most prevalent underlying conditions causing ED are arteriosclerosis and diabetes. High blood pressure and high cholesterol can injure the arteries that supply blood to the penis. Diabetes injures blood vessels and the nerves that control erections, and alcohol abuse can damage blood vessels and deaden nerves that control erections, he said.

"Erectile dysfunction can be a better predictor of a substantial adverse cardiovascular event than family history of arteriosclerosis," he said.

Psychological factors causing impotence are usually suspected in younger men who cannot perform with a wife or partner but whose impotence disappears under other circumstances, he said.

Taking Viagra isn't a substitute for getting at the underlying problem, Kessler said. Viagra doesn't improve plaque-clogged veins. And Kessler doesn't think tachyphalaxis — when the effect of a drug diminishes after the patient is exposed to it continuously or repeatedly — is the reason for a loss of Viagra's effectiveness in some men. More likely, it is the increase of vascular disease or other medical factors, he said.

Kessler recommends men have a physical examination starting at age

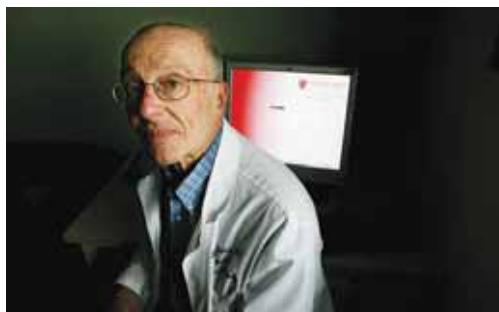
50 to identify underlying diseases. Testing should include a stress test, cholesterol panel, cardiac evaluation, hormone test and screening for diabetes.

ED is more prevalent than the general public might think.

Researchers of the Massachusetts Male Aging Study on Impotence, a 1994 study that looked at thousands of men, called impotence "a major health concern in light of the high prevalence."

The study found that 52 percent of men in the 40 to 70 age group had some form of erectile dysfunction, and as men aged, the incidence of complete impotence tripled from 5 to 15 percent. But age alone was not a factor. Heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, anger and depression, high cholesterol and some medications, including some for treatment of depression and hypertension, are among the underlying causes of ED. Cigarette smoking was associated with a greater probability of complete impotence in men with heart disease and hypertension, the study found.

ED affects an estimated 15 million to 30 million men in the United States, according to the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse, a branch of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The rate of diagnosed cases of ED nearly tripled to 22.3 percent, between 1985 and 1999, according to the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The increase happened gradually, pre-



Stanford urologist Dr. Robert Kessler

sumably as treatments became more widely available and discussing erectile function became accepted, the NIH noted.

Any disorder that causes injury to the nerves or impairs blood flow in the penis has the potential to cause erectile dysfunction. Incidence increases with age, but it is not an inevitable part of aging, according to physicians.

Taboos against discussing erectile dysfunction are less prevalent, but doctors and patients still have a way to go in talking freely about the subject, Kessler said.

"Women do a better job of addressing their issues and getting them evaluated," he added.

Inquiring if a patient is experiencing erectile dysfunction is the first question physicians need to ask. More and more physicians are including the question in their pre-visit questionnaires, he said. But each year Kessler finds one or two cases of erectile dysfunction because of the questions that other doctors didn't ask and the answer patients didn't reveal. ■

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A fascinating new book, "Sex Sleep Eat Drink Dream: A Day in the Life of Your Body" (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2007), reports on the latest scientific developments to explain the ways our bodies work.

Author Jennifer Ackerman uses the construct of a 24-hour day to



explore the rhythmic functioning of human bodies and the importance of living in synchronicity with our bodies' natural cycles.

This author relies on science to support her assertions. The result is a book that is both smart and fun to read — and that is hard to put down. The sections of the book correlate with the day: morning, midday, afternoon, evening and night.

Morning topics include patterns of arousal and the value of caffeine. Midday adds a discussion of appetite and digestion. Afternoon brings on examination of the doldrums, exercise and stress. Social skills, love and sexuality are among the issues of Evening, and Night brings sleep and an explanation of why we become ill.

"Sex Sleep Eat Drink Dream" teaches us what science says about our bodies, but it really is a book that encourages us to think about what it means to be human.

A classic book on the same topic is "The Wisdom of the Body" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1997), which was written by physician Sherwin B. Nuland more than a decade ago. Nuland explains how the human body, made up of complex and unstable parts, can maintain the stability of health and function successfully as a system.

The body's "wisdom," according to Dr. Nuland, is its ability to "maintain the momentum of life," and survive as a biological whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. This book is an inspiring and informative read that encourages readers to ponder the very nature of our selves. ■

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Editorial

'Green' has never been more urgent

At the risk of 'green fatigue' setting in (as it did after Earth Day 1970, 1990 and 2000) local officials focus on lasting efforts communities can make

Despite a few curmudgeonly doubters, there is no question that how we humans exist on Earth today is not sustainable. Our patterns of using energy to fuel our lifestyles will cause catastrophic changes in climate, with unknowable yet fearful consequences.

We'd be happy if we were are wrong. But if the predictions are even partly correct. ...

Just a few predictable consequences are loss of polar ice caps and glaciers, reduced snow packs and water supplies, increasingly volatile weather and more violent storms. Responsible scientists worldwide are virtually unanimous in their belief that climate change will occur due to the temperature-boosting gases, such as carbon dioxide, that will create a "greenhouse effect."

There is also widespread unanimity about our inability to predict accurately the full scope of what may happen, or when we might pass a "point of no return" into irreversible trends.

In our small Bay Area corner of the planet, can anyone imagine the impact on our beloved open spaces and the Skyline Ridge of sustained hurricane-force winds — turning to kindling the millions of oak, fir, madrone and bay trees that dominate our Santa Cruz Mountains?

Can anyone foresee the impact on real estate in lowland Palo Alto with a rise of 3 to 6 feet in sea level, pushed over levees by wind-driven storm surges down the bay? Or in even lower-lying East Palo Alto, where a levee failure would create what we have called a "mini-New Orleans" with people dying in their submerged homes or vehicles?

Further afield, the state's breadbasket of the San Joaquin Valley would, some weather experts predict, become a "Death Valley" of waterless horizons and even-more-baking temperatures.

Perhaps these predictions are wrong, a collection of Chicken Little false warnings of the overly alarmed. But it is foolish indeed to discount them, as too many of our national leaders have done for far too long, favoring instead short-term financial interests and an easy "we need more studies" response.

The time for studies alone is past — although the need for more intensive and targeted studies has never been more acute as we and other world leaders seek to fathom how we can slow and perhaps reverse climate change.

The time for talk alone has passed, although continued discussion is critically urgent. We must enter the phase of making well-founded demands on our local, state and national leadership. All of us individually and collectively, as communities and regions must change our lives in ways that will make a difference.

Technological fixes must be made more rapidly than a foot-dragging patterns of the past. Major shifts will take years to implement on a broad sale — in the kinds of cars we drive, our sources of electricity and the rates at which we squander our resources.

In this week's cover story, the Weekly examines one potentially significant area where we can make a difference locally while doing our bit to increase the viability local farmers: measuring what we eat by "food miles."

We also outline how the "Earth Day" of past years expanded into "Earth Month," five weeks of specific topics covering how to decrease environmental impacts in business, energy, water, waste and transportation.

We have much to do, and experienced people to help. The history of environmental concern in the Palo Alto/Stanford area dates back many decades. At one point in Stanford's early years, the entire campus was designated a wildlife sanctuary. The Sierra Club and Audubon Society carried the banner for decades.

In the 1950s and 1960s, a few Midpeninsula individuals created the Sempervirens Fund to save redwood groves from logging, the Peninsula Conservation Center, the Committee for Green Foothills, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Bay Trail effort, the Environmental Volunteers educational program and other pioneer efforts. Not all those involved have been appropriately recognized for their efforts.

Today's collection of additional environmental groups have picked up the mantle of concern and effort: Acterra on the local scene, locally based Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) on the national front, and others.

Changing the way we live on the Earth is the single greatest priority for mankind today, and we can start right here, and now.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Plastic-wrapped poop

Editor,

Don't get me wrong, the local canine population and I cheerfully co-exist for the most part. They go their way and I go my way, and occasionally it's hats off to each other when we find ourselves face to face (yes, I'm short) on our midtown sidewalks.

I'm old enough to remember a time when attempts at leisurely sidewalk strolls required the agility and grace of a 9-year-old girl playing hopscotch in order to avoid the doggie contributions of compost material trying to decompose on uncompromising concrete. Today's responsible pet owners are continually clearing the path with plastic bags, allowing the "baby-stroller" and "walker-aid" generations to arrive home free of additional weight to their shoes and wheels. This I applaud. My only concern is, are dog owners using biodegradable plastic bags?

That's a whole lot of plastic-wrapped poop being transferred from garbage cans to the dump. Perhaps it could be used for community composting.

Parents of toddlers are being pressured to use cloth diapers. By the time an infant reaches age two, about 13,000 diapers have been put into action. Add to that our pets' excrement, we've got major waste-disposal concerns.

Bottom line: Unless someone comes up with a way to attach cloth diapers to our four-legged friends, pet owners should be encouraged to use biodegradable bags. There are millions of affordable bags waiting for their future to be fulfilled. Just Google "biodegradable dog-waste bags."

John Shaw
Amarillo Avenue
Palo Alto

Keep the fountain

Editor,

Our family would vote to keep the fountain as part of the California Avenue collection of art.

We are just a few of the many people who pass by this busy hub and enjoy the sound, the light passing through the "enhanced" blue water and the opportunity to splash in the germs.

Although the suggested replacement sculpture sounds attractive and valuable, there are so few fountains left for people to enjoy, particularly children. And what is wrong with a little bit of harmless soap and water-color "pranksterism" these days?

Kids need to break the rules and isn't this a great nondestructive opportunity?

I won't go into the lack of humor implied here.

Apparently the fountain needs some repair to properly support the concrete bowl, which is currently reinforced with some steel rods. I

Shokolaat response

Editor's Note: A letter sharply critical of the service at Shokolaat restaurant in Palo Alto published last week violated the Weekly's policy against printing individual-complaint letters against local businesses (because of the difficulty in evaluating the complaint and the one-person's-word-against-another-person's-word situation such letters create). The Weekly apologizes for the error.

In this case, owner Shekoh Moossavi explains that the offended customer had been told prior to his 5:45 p.m. arrival that another party had an 8:30 p.m. reservation — a couple celebrating their 32nd anniversary with two grown children. Contrary to statements in the letter, she said the first customer did not have a "six-course dinner" (as that would have taken three or four hours), and had finished din-

ner, dessert and coffee by 8 p.m. She said the anniversary celebrants arrived about 8:30 p.m. and were waiting for the table to clear, as there were no other open tables at the time.

She said she politely reminded the first customer of the 8:30 p.m. reservation as the group remained at the table with only water glasses, and finally at about 8:40 p.m. offered the party free drinks at the adjacent bar area. The customer became angry and loud, attracting notice of other diners, and warned her that she would regret asking them to leave, she said.

For a thorough assessment of Shokolaat's service and quality, see the review published on Feb. 22, in which reviewer Dale Benson states he was "dazzled" by the restaurant during his pre-review visits, available on www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

would imagine that the repair of this, along with the cost of water, is far cheaper than the labor to remove it and replace it with a new sculpture.

That is our vote.

Star Teachout and Zander,
Leo and Felix Adams
Whitsell Avenue
Palo Alto

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YOUR TURN

The Palo Alto Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest.

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Diana Diamond

Are Palo Alto's utility-rate transfers legal?

by Diana Diamond

It's happening again. Our utility rates in Palo Alto will be going up nearly 10 percent. They went up last year, the year before and the year before that.

The rate increases may or may not be justified, but what really bothers me is the \$20.5 million the Utilities Department sends to the city each year — as a required \$15.1 million “transfer” plus \$5.4 million in rent for the city lands it uses, according to the Utilities Advisory Commission's (UAC) chair, Dick Rosenbaum.

Yes, our very own Utilities Department has to pay \$5.4 million rent this (and past and future) year(s) for substations, reservoirs and a pumping facility on city and Stanford lands. It sure seems to me the city is in the business of making money from its own Utilities Department.

The \$15.1 million transfer fund has been increasing yearly for years. According to Rosenberg, long ago the city council decided it should get a “return on investment” (ROI) for the money it spent to set up its own utilities department nine or 10 decades ago. The council reasoned that since corporations get ROIs for money they invest, then so should Palo Alto. The council established a base amount, and then agreed that each year that amount should automatically go up by 3 percent — conveniently compounded — and paid directly to the city's general fund.

I have two questions about this transfer arrangement: Is it fair? And is it legal?

I think it's unfair because the \$15.1 million



the city gets each year is paid for by utility users — you and me. It's a hidden cost buried in our utility bills each month. So not only do we pay for the electricity, gas and water we use, we also pay for this transfer payment and Utilities Department's rental fees. It's a Catch-22: The city gets its ROI by directly charging utility users (residents and businesses) every month so it can claim it's getting a great return (for residents) on what it invested years ago.

As to the legality of the transfer, I talked to a few UAC members who said the question had not been raised since the mid-1980s, when a “policy” was established allowing the transfer to continue. It has not been discussed since then, Commissioner George Bechtel said.

I remember when storm-drain-fee increases were being proposed in Palo Alto a few years ago — we were assured the money raised from the fees could not go into the general fund, it could only be used for storm drains. So what's the difference between storm drains and utilities?

Second, I feel this is a “tax” that goes directly from the Utilities Department to city coffers — a tax we never approved. In fact, it feels like double taxation since we pay a 5 percent utility user tax on our utility bills.

Furthermore, once in the general fund the money can be used any way the city wants. The bulk of that fund goes to pay for city employee salaries and benefits. But the city can spend it on new sculptures, new consultants or even for funding the proposed new \$80 million public-safety building.

Is it fair that the money residents pay for utilities go to pay for expenses like these? I think not.

Finally, there is that rent. Why the city's

We have been told for years that one of the advantages of living in Palo Alto is that the city owns its own utilities and that our rates are much lower than neighboring communities. But that seems to be history.

own Utilities Department has to pay rent for city lands is a quandary to me, other than it is an easy way for the city to get another \$5.4 million into its general fund.

What's even more exasperating is that some of the lands that the Utilities Department pays rent on are the same lands that the city gets from Stanford for practically nothing. For example, Stanford charges the city \$1 a year for the 950 Hansen Ave. site; the city charges Utilities \$153,669/year for the same parcel.

The city rents a site at 3275 Hanover from Stanford at \$0/year and charges Utilities \$142,560/year. And it rents the Mayfield Reservoir from Stanford for \$10,000 a year yet charges Utilities \$756,000 a year. Wow!

The city argues that it is just applying good business practices by charging the Utilities Department “market rate” for the parcels on the presumption that if Stanford land were not available, then the Utilities Department would

have to find other land to rent.

But why charge Utilities any rent? It's city land! Our very own utilities payments (our monthly bills) are paying for these “market rate” prices. By the city's logic, why not charge the fire department for the land the fire stations occupy?

So our rates keep escalating. Do costs to residents ever come into play in the city's income calculations?

Last week the UAC recommended raising electric rates by 14 percent, gas rates by 7.1 percent and water rates by 8 percent. Last July gas rates went up 9.5 percent (20 percent the previous year), electricity rose 5 percent (11.7 percent the year before) and water rates increased by 10 percent (7 percent the year before). The council will soon vote on these increases.

We have been told for years that one of the advantages of living in Palo Alto is that the city owns its own utilities and that our rates are much lower than neighboring communities. But that seems to be history.

Our water rates are now higher than those of any of our neighbors — Mountain View, Redwood City, Los Altos and Menlo Park. Our gas rates for the first four months of this fiscal year (2007-08) were 12.8 percent higher than PG&E's average customer's gas costs for the same period.

The good news is that our electric rates are still significantly lower than PG&E's. But when compared to Santa Clara, which also owns its own utilities, Palo Alto's rates are higher.

Without those transfers, our utility rates would be much lower. Think about that. ■

Diana Diamond is a long-time resident of Palo Alto. Her e-mail is Diana@Diana-Diamond.com.

Streetwise

How much of an effort do you make to eat locally grown food?

Asked on in front of Whole Foods Market on Emerson Street. Interviews by Richard To. Photographs by Danielle Vernon.



Akeem Seymens
Student
Alma Street, Palo Alto

“I don't know, whatever. I'm not really into anything.”



Pia Aleborg
Mother
Woodland Avenue, Menlo Park

“It's very important for me but I don't do it all the time. I think it's important.”



Mike Quan
Student
Elaine Street, Campbell

“I don't really know where I get my food from. I just eat it. If it's good I'll eat it.”



Paul O'Mahony
Software-company Employee
Pegasus Way, San Jose

“In terms of percentage, I would say 30 percent.”



Amity Hodge
Homemaker
Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto

“I do try to when available, and I try to eat things in season as much as possible.”

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One cow fits all

Editor,
Michael Litfin loved cows and Pat Briggs has reused costumes over and over again.

Michael's memorial service included "Moving Along" from Pecos Bill, the first show my son saw 22 years ago when he was 8.

In 1987, when my son was 10, he was in "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Ohlone School and later in "Places." Those shows included my favorite cow song, "Life's Not Just Chewing Your Cud."

The same cow costume was used in those shows and in other shows since then. I am sure that the same cow costume would have been used in "Places" again this spring, if that show had not been cancelled.

The idea that the sale of surplus costumes is embezzlement is ludicrous.

This investigation has severely damaged the credibility of the police in this community.

Judy Andrews
Santa Ana Street
Palo Alto

Who's minding store?

Editor,
I wonder who is managing the criminal investigation of the four Children's Theatre employees.

The story about Leon Kaplan's interview in Sugar Land, Texas, by Supervising Detective Sgt. Michael Yore and a female forensic accountant seems to me to be a huge waste of taxpayer money.

Certainly police departments cooperate with each other about such interviews and it could have been done much less expensively either on the telephone with the cooperation of the Sugar Land police department or better yet in writing.

Who in our city authorized such an expensive trip for two people to investigate some financial inconsistencies at the Children's Theatre? I very much doubt that Detective Yore was acting on his own, so there must be others higher up who are allowing our city resources to be used for this purpose.

Mr. Kaplan was not being questioned under deposition so this was just a friendly interview. He was extremely nice to cooperate. He could have easily just said to talk to his attorney. Then the trip would have been for naught.

If Detective Yore can suggest that selling some costumes to make a little money for the theater program constitutes a form of embezzlement then what about an unnecessary trip to Texas by two city employees? By the same crude logic isn't this also a form of embezzlement against the citizens of Palo Alto?

I will anxiously await the results of the police findings. The money spent on travel to Texas and the hiring of a forensic accountant must be very expensive.

Who is minding the store? Where are the accounting controls within our police department?

Bill Bauriedel
South Court
Palo Alto



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Guest Opinion

'Return of the native'

by Neera Kuckreja Sohoni

Setting the clock ahead an hour the other night got me thinking on my "revival" here in Palo Alto. I lived in Palo Alto in the 1980s and nearby in the 1990s but then went overseas for almost a decade. Post-retirement, my husband and I are back in Palo Alto to pick up where we left off.

In a way coming back is like a homecoming, a trip back in time. I feel like Michael J. Fox entering a time machine taking me back to the past, or is that future?

Palo Alto has an eternal quality. It grows on you and lies there just below your skin, so when you return you feel as though you never left.

Yet at the physical and material level you can't help noticing changes. The first leap we need to make when we relocate back from India is to drive on the right. The upside to driving here is the well-regulated traffic and people's desire generally to obey the traffic rules.

Though locals complain of the rising magnitude of vehicular flow on 101 and 280, to us it seems a cinch after the crazy zigzagging through the heat and dust of crowded Indian roads where survival truly rests with the fittest — usually the most aggressive rather than the most compliant!

But there is much substance in the locals' misgiving about increased traffic as well as undisciplined road-rage-provoked drivers. El Camino Real, surrounded by newly built condos occupied by two-car, dual-income couples is a jumble of parked or moving cars at almost all times.

There or on the highways, peak hours especially are tough to navigate and much more time is required to reach a destination than when we were last here. Local friends note that congestion has reduced since the dot.com bust when industries were forced to relocate.

Beneath the calm poise of Palo Alto, several mind-boggling changes lurk. The most obvious is the increased cost of living. Gasoline is on a steep upward spiral. Food today is more diverse but also more expensive. Cuisine of every country and ethnicity is readily available, though most restaurants are unaffordable.

Shelter is a basic right but no longer feasible as housing costs are crazy. Though locals speak of a slight and continued decline in real estate pricing due to the economic downturn, home prices are still astounding and the upsurge over the decade untenable. The home we sold at a loss of several hundred thousand can be bought back only with an additional million or two.

There are more than economic costs to the above phenomenon. The impact of ill-afforded housing is felt in the way the city's face looks today. A friend who has lived here since 1970s recalls how the neighborhood has changed. An affordable Palo Alto meant that your neighbor could be a Stanford or HP researcher or a professor or a fireman, school teacher or small-business owner.

Today, most of the above have been ruled out. As Palo Alto has "moved on up," the wealthy have become its common (if not sole) denominator. This is false homogeneity and amounts in fact to callous exclusion. (A happy side to this gloomy wealthy face is the economic transformation of East Palo Alto.)

Economic resurgence always comes at a price. Crime is higher and Palo Altans feel less safe.

Sadly, with many more senior citizens now fending for themselves in emptied nests, and the presence of supremely wealthy "freshman residents," crime's attractiveness and lethality can only grow.

On the personal front, a disturbing change is the upheaval visible in University Avenue. Many of the old stores and their owners are gone, replaced by upscale ones. When our now-grown children return for a visit, we find it hard to take them to our familiar joints. The bead shop, the creamery and a few others are still

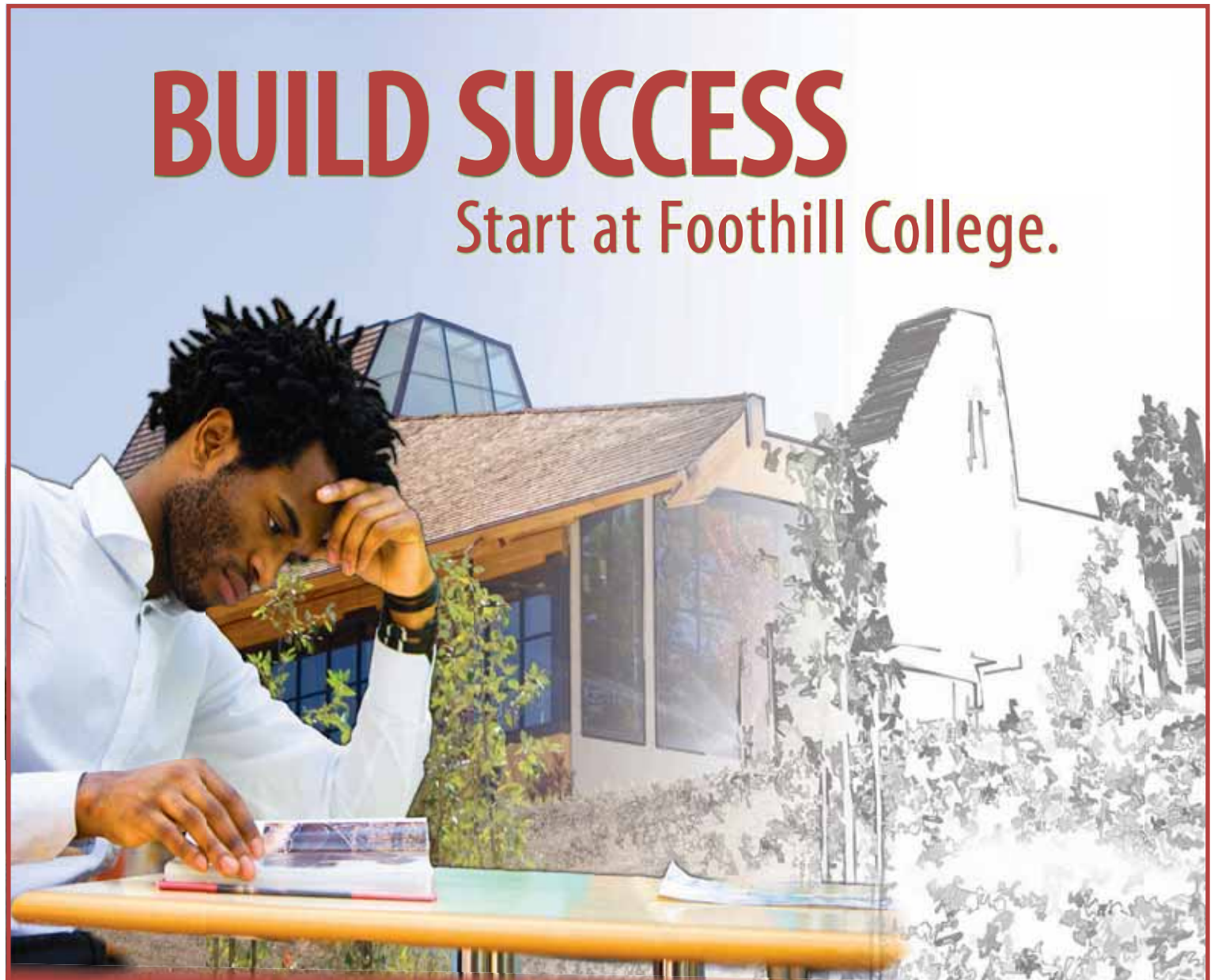
there to warm our hearts but for the rest we have to start afresh the process of creating shared moments and memories.

As I write this piece, I am aware of the loss of some dear friends to cancer or Alzheimer's. A few have fought and overcome life-threatening conditions. One couple moved away to a convalescent home. Standing outside their home, resisting the temptation to knock and ask the new owners for their whereabouts, I fought tears at memories of my littlest kid climbing on a chair to dye Easter eggs with my

dear old friend.

Time in the Indian Eastern perception is circular, unlike the Western understanding of it as linear. So I have hope our paths will cross again somewhere in time's endless cycle, much as Palo Alto recycles itself from decade to decade, generation to generation. ■

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Weekend Preview



Soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian seems all ready to sing in the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra's "Queen of Egypt" concert, which will be performed in Palo Alto this Friday.

Thursday

Maria Kazanskaya, a Palo Alto artist from Russia, is exhibiting gouache paintings on handmade watercolor paper on the 2nd floor of Stanford's Tresidder Memorial Union through March 30. For more information, go to www.kazanskaya.com or call 650-575-1506.

"And Baby Makes Seven," a Paula Vogel play about a lesbian couple expecting their first child (together with their gay friend Peter), previews tonight and tomorrow, then runs through April 6 at the Dragon Theatre, presented by theatre Q. The theater company is in residence at the theater at 535 Alma St. in Palo Alto, sharing space with Dragon Productions. Tickets are \$10-\$25. Go to www.theatreq.org or call 415-433-1235.

Ellen Brook is exhibiting painted silk panels, including framed paintings and "floaters" designed to hang from the ceiling, at Vino Locale at 431 Kipling St. in Palo Alto this month. The wine bar's hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5. Go to www.vinolocale.com or call 650-328-0450.

"Southern Comforts," a Kathleen Clark play about a late-in-life love story, is at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, through March 30. Presented by TheatreWorks, performances are Tuesday through Sunday, with tickets \$20-\$56. Go to theatreworks.org or call 650-903-6000.

"Zuanchō in Kyoto," an exhibit of woodblock-printed books produced in Kyoto circa 1890-1940, is at Stanford University's Green Library through April 16. Artists include Kamisaka Sekka and Kaigai Tennen. The exhibit can be seen whenever the library is open; call 650-723-0931 for hours.

"Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," a play by Terman Middle School students, will be performed tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 at the school at 655 Arastradero Road in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$4/\$8; call 650-856-9810.

Friday

"The Queen of Egypt" is the theme of the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra's concerts featur-

ing Canadian-Armenian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian. Featured are opera arias written for the character of Cleopatra, including "Piangerò" from Handel's "Giulio Cesare." Flautist Janet See also solos. Locally, the orchestra performs at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, after a pre-concert lecture. Tickets are \$30-\$72; go to www.philharmonia.org or call 415-392-4400.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival comes to the Eagle Theater at Los Altos High School tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m., with action, environmental and adventure feature films and shorts. The main feature tonight is "King Lines," about nomadic rock climber Chris Sharma. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door; go to www.snowlands.org or call 650-969-1938.

Esther's Muse, a jazz band featuring pianist Kirk Tamura, bass player Jim Larios, drummer Michael Medwid, and Esther Hartwell on alto sax, plays starting at 8 p.m. at Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Go to www.redrockcoffee.org or call 650-967-4473.

Saturday

The Blind Boys of Alabama stir a blend of blues, hip-hop and other flavors into their gospel music, performing locally at 8 p.m. at Stanford University's Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$24-\$48 for adults and \$12-\$24 for Stanford students, with other discounts available for groups, youths and other students. Go to livelyarts.stanford.edu or call 650-725-ARTS.

The Infamous Stringdusters, a bluegrass band out of Tennessee, is set to play at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. The group is touring on its latest release, "Fork in the Road," and was recently honored with three awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association, including best album. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Go to www.rba.org.

Opera Piccola performs the theater work "Mirrors of Mumbai: A Tale of Modern India," in which playwright Sonal Acharya follows

a contemporary Indian family, at 8 p.m. at the Cubberley Community Center Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$7-\$17; go to www.opera-piccola.org or call 510-658-0967.

Debbi Florence will celebrate the release of "China: A Kaleidoscope Kids Book," which explores the culture of China and contains hands-on activities. The author is bringing dim sum to the 11 a.m. event, which will be at Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Go to www.booksinc.net or call 650-428-1234.

Sunday

Stanford Jazz Workshop Alumni featuring Alex and Max Eckstein of Palo Alto will play from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Mantra Restaurant, 632 Emerson St., Palo Alto. For more



"The Game of Life Suite: #1 Tango," a gouache painting on paper, is among the works by Palo Alto artist Maria Kazanskaya currently on exhibit at Stanford's Tresidder Memorial Union.

information, go to www.stanford-jazz.org or call 650-322-3500.

The Cantabile Chorale sings "In Praise of Mary" in a concert including Gregorian chant, various Ave Marias and works by West Coast composers Frank Ferko and David Conte. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, following a preview lecture. Tickets are \$6-\$20; go to

www.cantabile.org or call 650-424-1410.

The Santa Clara Chorale will give its spring concert, titled "The Glory of Venice," at 4 p.m. Featuring the works of Renaissance composers Monteverdi, Gabrieli and Schutz, it's at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 600 Colorado Ave. in Palo Alto. Tickets range from \$5 to \$25. Go to www.scc.org or call 408-369-1289.



The Blind Boys of Alabama bring gospel with a twist of blues (not to mention hip-hop) to Stanford University on Saturday.

COMING UP IN FRIDAY'S WEEKEND EDITION

Theater

theatre Q, a company that delves into issues facing Bay Area gays and lesbians, is in residence in the Dragon Theatre in downtown Palo Alto.

Music

An 11-year-old Palo Alto pianist and harpsichordist takes playing at Carnegie Hall in stride.

Movies

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Movies

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Sports Shorts

MENLO MEMO . . . Menlo College wrestlers **Robert Davis** (165 pounds) and **Jesse Ruiz** (heavyweight) made school history by winning individual titles in their respective weight classes at the NAIA National Championship in the Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena. The Oaks finished seventh and had four All-Americans. Menlo's two other All-Americans were 125-pounder **Jose Hernandez**, who finished fifth and 157-pounder **Lee Morrison**, who finished sixth. "It was a great event and the guys really wrestled well," coach **Keith Spataro** said. "We have a very young team who learned a lot. We'll only be graduating one senior this year. I am extremely proud of our two national champions and am very encouraged by the team's growth this year." . . . **Mike Ryder** struck out a career-high 15 batters without yielding a walk as the Oaks' baseball team won, 9-7, over Wesleyan University in their first of a three-game series on Saturday. Menlo won Sunday's game, 14-9. Senior **Robert McDonald** and sophomore **Kyle Cowgill** each hit two-run homers. Ryder improved to 4-0 with a 1.92 ERA on the season.

SENIOR GAMES . . . †The third annual Bay Area Senior Games will be held Saturday and Sunday in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties for athletes 50 and older. The Games will feature competitions in swimming, track & field, tennis, table tennis, basketball, cycling and race walking. The softball tournament will be held in mid-May 2008 at Greer Park while a triathlon will be held in early August. The Bay Area Senior Games are a precursor to the 2009 Summer National Senior Games, the largest participatory multi-sport event in the U.S., which will bring an estimated 12,750 athletes to the Bay Area in August 2009. This year is the qualifying year for the 2009 Summer National Senior Games. California athletes will be pointing toward the California State Games to be held in June 2008 in Pasadena.

Sports

Local sports news and schedules, edited by Keith Peters



Stanford's (L-R) Rosalyn Gold-Onwude, Kayla Pedersen and Candice Wiggins had plenty to celebrate on Monday, including a 56-35 victory over Cal that gave the Cardinal the Pac-10 Tournament championship.

Norbert von der Groeben

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Happy times for Stanford

Wiggins leads rout of Cal in Pac-10 tournament finale

by Rick Eymen

Put a basketball in Candice Wiggins' hands in an important game, and magic happens. Tell Wiggins she's the best player to ever don a uniform in the Pac-10, and she responds in grand style.

"I knew this was a big game and I love big games," Wiggins said after Stanford captured the Pac-10 women's basketball tournament title with a 56-35 victory over California on Monday night at HP Pavilion in San Jose. "Coach gave me a good pep talk and inspired me. I was going to leave it all on the court. There was so much at stake and so much going on and I wanted to play a great game."

Named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the third time in four years, Wiggins did play a great game. Now she'll get to take it to another level.

Wiggins, who scored 30 points, represents the heart and soul of the nationally fourth-ranked Cardinal (30-3), which waits for Selection Monday seven days down the road to find out if it's a No. 1 seed, and who else will join the party at Maples Pavilion for the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

"Everybody saw just how talented she is," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "I knew she had a big game in her and she's not going to stop now. Candice put this tournament on her back. There were times we had big leads and she could rest but this time she knew she had to play well. She was awesome."

Stanford scored the game's first eight points, including 3-pointers from Roz Gold-Onwude and Wiggins, and it was never close as Stanford claimed its 18th consecutive victory.

Stanford has won 30 or more games seven times, including four

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Thursday

Men's basketball: Stanford vs. Arizona in Pac-10 Tournament, 8:30 p.m., Fox Sports Net; KNTS (1220 AM); KZSU (90.1 FM)

Friday

Men's basketball: Stanford-Arizona winner vs. Oregon-Washington St. winner, 8:30 p.m., Fox Sports Net; KNTS (1220 AM); KZSU (90.1 FM)

Saturday

Men's basketball: Pac-10 Tournament finals, 3 p.m., CBS (5)

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Stanford's latest Pac-10 swim title provides shining moment

by Keith Peters

The Stanford men's swimming and diving team was stuck in the airport Saturday night when its flight from Los Angeles was delayed an hour. That waiting time, however, was not wasted.

Stanford head coach Skip Kenney, whose team had just won a record-breaking 27th consecutive Pac-10 Conference meet championship, noticed that his freshmen were passing around the trophy — each swimmer getting a few minutes holding it.

"I looked over I saw a freshman with his tie, shining the trophy," Kenney said. "That was just so special to see. It's exciting to be part of college athletics and be around

these young athletes."

After 27 straight conference titles, any coach could get jaded. In fact, there were years when Stanford went into the Pac-10 meet as a virtual lock. This was not one of those years.

"It was scary," Kenney said, "because this was our down year. If anyone was going to make a move on us, this was the year."

Kenney and associate head coach Ted Knapp, in fact, had no expectations of winning.

"It was really a question of whether we were going to finish second or third," Kenney said. "Basically, we had two seniors and one scored."

Thus, Stanford had to get its per-

formances and points elsewhere — including from an untested group of freshmen that had finished the dual-meet season without much fanfare.

"We did not know what to expect," said Knapp, who has been at Stanford for 24 of Kenney's 29 seasons.

Then, it happened. On the first full night of competition last Thursday at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool in Long Beach, Stanford produced 17 lifetime bests in its 19 swims.

"That's the craziness of how we swam," Kenney said.

By the time Saturday night rolled around, Stanford had 865 points to finish 96 points ahead of second-place Cal (769) while pre-meet fa-

vorite Arizona took third with 748 1/2.

Kenney, who guided Stanford to all 27 conference meet titles, said the latest ranks among his greatest.

"The first one (in 1982) was the sweet one, because it was first," Kenney said. "Then there was the one (in 1999) when we won the last relay and won by eight points. This one ranks right up there with the other two."

Kenney attributed the Cardinal's success to his squad's camaraderie.

"Team chemistry is what allows people to reach their potential," he said. "The bottom one-third of the team has to create the atmosphere

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A winning hand to the end

Eastside Prep girls reach championship game before 25-game win streak ends

by Craig Wentz

First-year Eastside Prep girls' basketball coach Donovan Blythe recalled being handed a "deck of cards" in November. It included four freshmen, a sophomore, one junior and one senior.

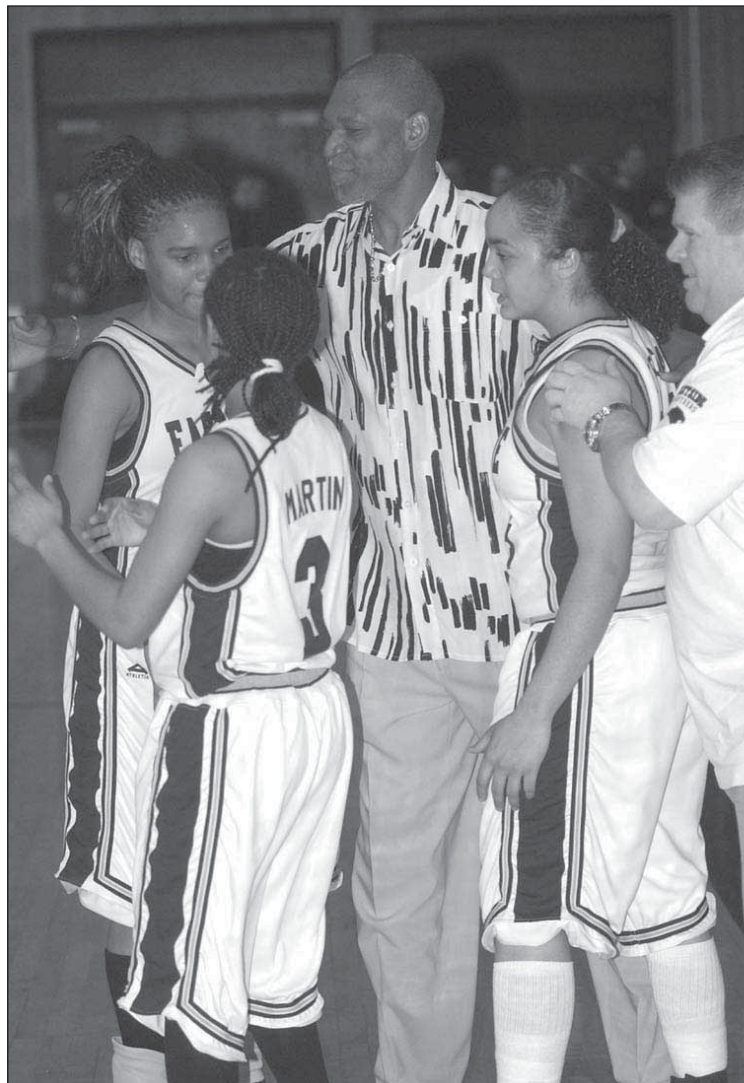
The big question for Blythe was how this hand would play out; just how was he going to incorporate his limited personnel of just seven players with an up-tempo style of play.

By the end of the season, Blythe put his cards on the table and nearly won the whole pot. Eastside Prep was unique like no other school in the state this season and though its remarkable run ended just a step short of the CIF state title game, the Panthers can reflect on a special season that comes around once in a generation.

Eastside Prep's memorable season and 25-game win streak came to a halt on Saturday in a 64-24 loss to defending CIF state Division V champion and top-seeded Branson (28-7) of Ross in the CIF NorCal Division V championship game in Folsom. Eastside Prep finished the season with a 31-2 record, best in school history.

"The girls had a phenomenal season and nobody had us going that far," Blythe. "There were no tears. The girls handled it like professionals."

Eastside Prep's season included its 11th Christian Private Schools Athletic League title, its second-ever CCS crown and baffled many that such a successful season could be achieved with only seven players.



Eastside Prep coach Donovan Blythe (center) said his "girls had a phenomenal season" despite losing the NorCal finale.

"It's rough having a team with seven players," said Blythe. "It's hard in practice because you need bodies. The girls just went out, played hard and competed in every game."

Not only were the Panthers successful on the court, but they were arguably the most entertaining unit in Northern California. Eastside Prep's frenzied play included a dizzying transition game and a bothersome defense that could quickly collapse in the lane or, in a moment, extend to the perimeter. Blythe figured he used an average of 5 1/2 players per game and to play that

up-tempo style with consistent efficiency and succeed for nearly four months was eye-popping.

Blythe and assistant coach Kevin Seiter knew they had some talent at the start of the season and had the lofty goal of seizing the CIF state Division V title. Yet, with such a young lineup, it took Blythe a few games to realize that he had a special unit of players that could go a long way.

"I knew we had something special when we beat St. Francis (Mountain View) in the Palo Alto tournament in December," said Blythe. "That's (continued on page 31

Keith Peters

Pac-10 awards help ease a hoop sweep

Trent Johnson is Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Brook Lopez named to first team but Cardinal men need to regroup

by Rick Eymer

This was not the way the Stanford men's basketball team wanted to enter the Pac-10 tournament that begins Wednesday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles — on a two-game losing slide, a heart-breaking loss and a complete collapse.

Lawrence Hill gave Stanford a two-point lead with 7.5 seconds left in regulation and then made a big defensive stop at the other with 2.7 seconds remaining, only to be called for a foul, giving host UCLA a chance to tie it, which it did.

The third-ranked Bruins took over in overtime, beating seventh-ranked Stanford, 77-67, on Thursday to clinch their third straight Pac-10 men's basketball title.

After that disappointing loss, the Cardinal (13-5, 24-6) was hoping to bounce back. Instead, Stanford fell flat.

"Guys were tired and emotionally drained from Thursday," said Kenny Brown after USC dismantled Stanford, 77-64, on Saturday. "We felt like something was lifted from underneath us. We have to bounce back from this."

Bounce back or face a quick exit, and perhaps momentum for the NCAA tournament.

Perhaps the team can create some excitement from the news that sophomore forward Brook Lopez earned a spot on the All-Pac-10 first team and Trent Johnson was named Coach of the Year, which was announced on Monday.

Junior guard Anthony Goods, junior guard Mitch Johnson and sophomore center Robin Lopez all received honorable

mention, giving the Cardinal four all-league selections for the first time since the 2003-04 campaign.

For the first time since 1986, an All-Defensive Team was picked. Robin Lopez earned a spot on the first team and Brook Lopez and senior Fred Washington received honorable mention accolades.

Johnson became the third Stanford coach to earn Coach of the Year, joining Dick DiBiasi (1976) and four-time winner Mike Montgomery (1999, 2000, 2003, 2004).

Stanford is the No. 2 seed for the

Pac-10 Tournament, which gives it an extra day to prepare. The Cardinal plays its first game on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. against either Arizona or Oregon State.

The Wildcats (8-10, 18-13) are perhaps the toughest team Stanford could face right away. With the highest rated strength of schedule in the nation, Arizona carries an RPI rating of 31. That's higher than any Pac-10 team except for Stanford (16) and UCLA (6). It also means the Wildcats are a lock for the NCAA tournament.

It also means trouble for the Cardinal, which cannot afford to lose three straight and still get a No. 4 seed for the NCAA tourney.

Stanford swept the regular-season series with Arizona, winning at home 56-52, and in Tucson, 67-66. There's really not much separating the two teams. The Wildcats have the speed to burn the Cardinal, though Stanford has the height to complicate things for Arizona.

Chase Budinger was the most consistent producer against Stanford, scoring 13 and 23 points in the two meetings. Jerryd Bayliss score nine and 31, the latter including a 16-of-16 effort from the foul line.

For the Cardinal, Brook Lopez represents the best weapon, but then doesn't he always? Lopez has a combined 42 points and 16 rebounds with eight blocked shots against the Wildcats.

Brown scored his career high of 22 against Arizona last March.

Stanford would like to reach the championship game, and needs to win at least once.

"This is going to be a good test for our team," Brown said. "I think we can do this."

Baseball

Sean Ratliff homered twice, drove in five runs and was the winning pitcher as the Stanford baseball team beat host Texas, 12-9, in eight innings on Sunday to win the series.

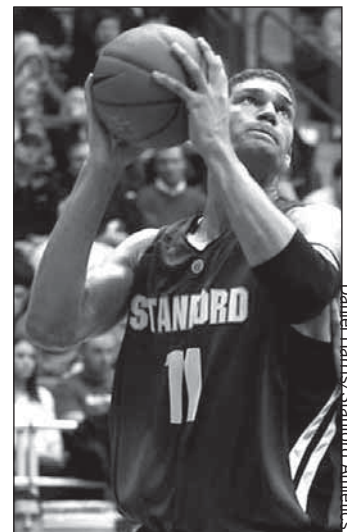
Alex Pratcher recorded a save as he entered the game with one out and the bases loaded before inducing a double play ball. The Cardinal (8-4) turned a school-record six double plays on the day.

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Trent Johnson

David Gonzalez/Stanford Photo



Brook Lopez

Daniel Harris/Stanford Athletics

Gunn's Trainer is youngest SF City golf champion

by Keith Peters

Playing in high school golf matches won't quite be the same for Gunn High junior Martin Trainer, not when you've posted one of the biggest upsets in the recent history of the San Francisco City Championship.

On Sunday, the 16-year-old Trainer defeated Bay Area golf veteran and former champion (1999) Randy Haag, 49, to become the youngest title winner in history. Trainer captured the 92nd annual tourney title, winning 2-up in the 36-hole finale.

Trainer replaces golfing legend Ken Venturi, who won at age 17.

"I use this tournament as my first of the year, hopefully to get off to a good start," said Trainer, who played in the U.S. Junior, U.S. Public Links and U.S. Amateur tournaments last summer. "I was expecting to do well, but to win it is really a perfect start to my year."

Haag and Trainer traded birdies throughout the morning, with only three holes halved. They finished the first 18 holes all square.

Haag got off to a fast start after the lunch break going birdie, par, birdie to put Trainer 3-down, but the precocious Trainer responded by winning the next four holes.

On the 35th Trainer went one up as Haag again missed the green right and failed to get up and down. On the long par-4 36th hole that skirts along Lake Merced, both players hit perfect drives to the center of the fairway. Haag, playing first, found the bunker at the front right of the green. Trainer's 5-iron landed on the front edge of the green and wound up on the collar pin high. Haag's bunker shot came up 10 feet short and his putt missed. That left Trainer two putts from five feet for the triumph. Haag conceded the putt and Trainer was in the history book. ■



Gunn junior Martin Trainer made some golf history.

Paul Trainer

Pac-10 swimming

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for the top-one third to flourish . . . So many of those swims happened because they swam for one another, and not for themselves."

Another reason behind the championship was motivation. Kenney said he talked to a Stanford alum after the meet and the alum noted that "Nobody wants to be on the first team that loses."

Knapp offered a third possible explanation for yet another successful conference meet.

"We put a lot less into the Cal dual meet (on Feb. 23)," Knapp said. "In the past, the rivalry was put too high on the pedestal. This year we tried to de-emphasize it. There was a lot less emotion, which really helped up prepare for this meet."

After all was said and done, held only a 613 to 602 advantage over the Bears with four events remaining Saturday night, and led the Wildcats 661 to 653.5 with three events left.

But Stanford junior Paul Kornfeld helped wrap up the team championship by winning the 200-yard

breaststroke in 1:54.49 — the nation's second-fastest time in the event this year. It was Kornfeld's third straight 200 breast title.

Stanford freshman teammate Jon Criste was second in 1:56.22 while three other Cardinal swimmers finished among the top eight. The Cardinal also placed five among the top eight in the 100 breast.

Kornfeld, who recorded the country's fastest time (52.43) in breaking the Pac-10 meet record for the 100 breast on Friday night, was voted the Swimmer of the Meet by the coaches. The previous meet mark was 52.55 by Stanford's Gary Marshall in 2005.

"It's more about the team for me," Kornfeld said after setting his meet record. "We're in a big team battle right now. Setting the conference record was just part of getting my hand to the wall first for the team."

Another record-setting effort on Friday came from Stanford freshman Austin Staab, who won his first Pac-10 title with a sizzling career-best 45.36 in the 100-yard fly. Staab's time tied the school record and Pac-10 mark set by Ben Wild-

man-Tobriner last season and broke the Pac-10 meet record of 45.44 by Olympian Milorad Cavic of Cal in 2004.

Like Kornfeld, Staab rallied in the final 25 yards of his race to win.

"I've always been a back-halfer in my 100 flys," Staab said of rallying to win. "Probably the biggest thing was my last wall. I stayed under longer than anybody else. The Olympians have proven that staying under water is definitely faster than coming up and swimming. I'm really tall and that really helps."

For the 6-foot-6 Staab, that victory came at the right time.

"It's a real confidence booster because I didn't really have much confidence coming into this meet," the freshman said. "I wasn't doing what I wanted to at dual meets. So it's a huge confidence boost going into NCAAs."

Just getting swimmers qualified for NCAAs was yet another factor in Stanford's success last weekend.

"We needed a lot of qualifying times," Knapp noted. "To get qualified, you're going to be pretty competitive."

That pretty much said it all about Stanford, which put 13 swimmers Friday's finals and 12 in Saturday's.

In addition to Kornfeld's sweep of the breaststroke titles and Staab's victory in the 100 fly, Stanford senior Danny Beal added a victory in the 200 fly in 1:44.68 on Saturday.

Those were Stanford's only victories in the four-day meet. The last time the Cardinal finished close to this year's 865 points was in 2004 (866 1/2 points) when Stanford won five events.

Thus, depth was crucial in playing a huge role in keeping the streak alive.

On Thursday, Stanford placed three in the 500 free, three in the 200 IM, three in the 50 free and took second in the 200 free relay.

On Friday, Stanford had three finalists in the 100 fly, three in the 200 free, five in the 100 breast and took second in the 400 medley relay.

And on Saturday, it was two finalists in the 1,650 free, one in the 200 back, two in the 100 free, five in the 200 breast, four in the 200 fly plus

a third in the 400 free relay.

Not to be overlooked was the contribution of Stanford's divers, who competed a week earlier and gave the Cardinal a six-point lead before the swimming even started. Senior Nathan Kim and freshman Brent Eichenseer qualified on all three boards while providing valuable points to make up for the loss of No. 1 diver Dwight Dumais, who missed the season with a shoulder injury. Also missing the season was standout sprinter Alex Colville.

Stanford, however, filled in where needed with other standout efforts from Jason Dunford, Nate Cass, David Mosko, Eugene Godsoe, Chris Ash and Paul Zaich — all of whom attained NCAA 'A' qualifying standards in individual events.

"I think we came out of this with a lot more confidence and a lot of lifetime bests," Knapp said. "Everybody on our official squad (of 19) scored. We've got 14 swimmers qualified for NCAAs. We're not going to be favored for NCAAs. (But), Basically we just got ourselves back in the game." ■

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Stanford roundup

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Jason Castro hit a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning and Drew Storen threw 3 2/3 innings of scoreless relief as Stanford handed Texas its first home loss, 6-5, on Saturday.

Texas won Friday's opener, 5-2.

Women's water polo

Stanford went 3-1 over the weekend, splitting a pair of Mountain Pacific Sports Federation contests and sweeping two nonconference games.

Kara Hillman, Heather West and Lauren Silver each scored twice but it wasn't enough as the second-ranked Cardinal fell to No. 1 UCLA, 9-7, on Saturday.

Stanford (4-1, 14-3) beat UC Santa Barbara, 14-2, on Friday with Silver getting five goals.

Softball

Missy Penna threw a one-hit shutout and Rosey Neill hit a two-run home run as Stanford defeated visiting College of Charleston, 5-0, in the final game of the Stanford Classic on Sunday.

Maddy Coon doubled home two runs and Alissa Haber singled in another during a five-run fifth. The Cardinal (27-2) got two hits from Haber and Neill.

Melisa Koutz singled home the go-ahead run and Penna took care of the rest as Stanford downed visiting Texas Tech, 3-1, on Saturday.

Also Saturday, Coon hit a home run and freshman Ashley Chinn pitched her first career complete game shutout in Stanford's 5-0 victory over Campbell.

Haber had three hits and drove in three runs and Stanford beat North Dakota State, 7-0, on Friday.

The Cardinal, which opened the tourney with a win over Campbell, went 7-0 last week.

Men's volleyball

Matt Ceran and Evan Romero each had 18 kills as Stanford beat host UC San Diego, 23-30, 30-20,

30-23, 30-23, on Saturday night in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match.

Men's gymnastics

Stanford flipped off visiting California, 356.150-355.650, on Saturday night in the Big Flip Off.

Stanford's Bryant Hadden recorded an all-around score of 87.250.

Women's gymnastics

Tabitha Yim recorded the high scores in three events, while Lauren Elmore and Allyse Ishino won or tied for first in an event as Stanford downed visiting Nebraska, 196.775-196.050, in a tri-meet that also included Alabama (195.775) on Friday night.

Women's tennis

A sweep of the doubles matches set the tone for Stanford's 6-1 victory over visiting Arizona State on Saturday.

Pinewood grad Lejla Hodzic teamed with Jessica Nguyen to win at No. 2 doubles, the first of 10 Stanford victories in Stanford's 7-0 victory over Arizona on Friday.

The Cardinal (10-3) has won 126 straight home matches. Stanford hosts Cal Poly on March 24 at 3 p.m.

Men's tennis

Greg Hirschman won his match at No. 6 singles to clinch Stanford's 4-3 victory over host Arizona on Friday.

Arizona State came back to beat Stanford (5-6), 4-3, on Saturday.

Women's lacrosse

Laura Shane has already been named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Week twice, and was honored on last year's All-American team.

Her encore season seems to be transcending even that. She made 12 saves and No. 20 Stanford upset defending national runner-up Penn, 10-8, on Sunday.

Daphne Patterson led the Cardinal (6-2) with three goals as the Quackers lost for the first time this season. ■

PREP ROUNDUP

Jensen's fast swim times set up a faster season

Palo Alto senior already in shape to take down CCS records; Menlo School baseball shows promise

by Keith Peters

The first swim meets of the season usually are pretty low-key. Times are slow because swimmers are still training heavily for the season's most important meets that are months away.

Palo Alto senior Liv Jensen, however, turned that notion upside down last weekend in the Palo Alto Spring Invitational that attracted some 200 swimmers and divers from teams like Lynbrook, Bellarmine and Los Altos.

Jensen won the 50-yard freestyle in 22.78. She won the 100 free in 50.75, anchored the 200 free relay to victory in 1:39.91 and led off the victorious 400 free relay that clocked 3:47.56.

The 50 free broke her own school record of 22.84, set last spring at the Central Coast Section finals when Jensen tied the section record. The 100 free, Jensen's second-fastest time ever, just missed her school record of 50.60, also set while winning CCS last season. Both times are automatic All-American times and, most likely, the fastest times in the nation this year.

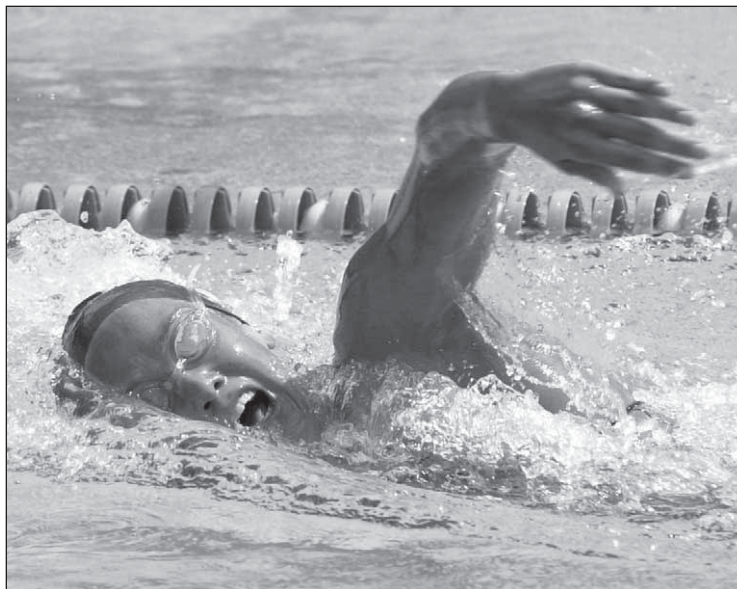
The 200 relay time, while just an

All-American consideration time, still is a sizzler at this time of the season. The team included freshman Sabrina Lee, plus returnees Lizzie Abbott and Colleen Fotsch.

"Liv is getting ready for Junior Nationals (in two weeks)," explained Paly swim coach Danny Dye. "She's been training really hard. That (her times) is the reward of it . . . she just keeps getting better."

The University of California-bound Jensen has been training at Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics (PASA), which she'll represent at the Spring 2008 NCSA Junior Nationals in Orlando, Fla. (March 18-22). She also may swim at the Stanford Invitational Grand Prix long course meet April 4-6. Jensen already is qualified in the 50-meter freestyle for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Dye said he wasn't surprised by Jensen's times last Saturday, perhaps because of what she accomplished a week earlier in a club meet in Clovis when she broke the Pacific Swimming 17-18 record in the 50-yard free by clocking 22.60. That, of course, would have obliterated the CCS record. All CCS marks, however, have to be set in the sec-



Keith Peters

Palo Alto senior Liv Jensen broke her school record in the 50 free with a 22.78 at the Palo Alto Spring Invitational on Saturday.

tion meet.

With Jensen leading the way, the Palo Alto girls won the Spring Invitational with 302 points over runnerup Lynbrook (188). Lee also won the 200 free in a quick 2:00.07 and swam on both relays, while Fotsch won her specialty, the 100 back, in 1:00.86.

The Paly boys took their half of the meet with 264 points while Lynbrook grabbed second with 181. Paly junior Mark Higgins opened with a CCS-leading 1:46.85 to win the 200 free and anchored the winning 200 free relay (1:33.99) and 400 free relay (3:25.50) while senior Michael Fortune swept the 50 (22.31) and

100 free (49.08) and swam leadoff legs on the same winning relays.

Baseball

Menlo opened the PAL Bay Division season by sweeping Menlo-Atherton, 13-5 and 12-6, last week, but perhaps had its best game in 5-4 loss to St. Francis in 12 innings on Saturday.

The Knights (6-1) twice came within one strike of victory while the Lancers had the winning run thrown out at the plate three times in extra innings. St. Francis ended up scoring in the winning run in the bottom of the 12th on a one-out walk, a single, a dropped fly ball

and another walk.

Menlo grabbed a quick 2-0 lead before St. Francis tied it in the bottom of the second. From that point, Taylor Umphreys kept Menlo in the game with outstanding pitching. He threw eight innings and allowed no earned runs.

Offensively, Trevor Williams led Menlo with four hits.

Also on Saturday, Menlo-Atherton (4-4) bounced back from its losses to Menlo when Abe Arias slammed a walk-off solo homer in the bottom of the seventh to give the Bears a 1-0 nonleague win over visiting Lowell (San Francisco).

Track and field

Pinewood sophomore Angela Gradiska won the 100 meters (12.27) and 200 (25.43) to lead local efforts at the annual Kiwanis-Bellarmine Classic last Saturday at Los Gatos High.

At the San Rafael Relays on Saturday, Gunn had two winning relays to highlight the Titans' efforts there.

The boys' sprint medley relay team of senior David Light (100), junior Charles Chisom (100), freshman Josh Jackson (200), and senior Dezmon Hunter (400) took first with a time of 1:38.83, nearly three seconds ahead of second place.

The girls' distance medley relay team of freshman Jackie Evans (1200), sophomore Sunny Margerum (400), senior Kelsey Feeley (800), and junior Allegra Mayer (1600) led from wire to wire to win easily in 12:52.6, over 20 seconds ahead of second place. ■

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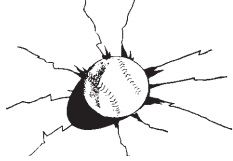
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto will hold a Public Hearing at a Special Council Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California for Approval of : 1) a Tentative Map and a Record of Land Use Action to Subdivide the Elks Lodge Site (4249 and 4251 El Camino Real) into Two Lots; and 2) a Vesting Tentative Map and a Record of Land Use Action for 4249 El Camino Real to Subdivide the Residential Lot into a 45 Unit Common Interest Development.

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City of Palo Alto Environmental Assessment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project listed below. In accordance with A.B. 886, this document will be available for review and comment during a minimum 20-day inspection period beginning March 12, 2008 to April 2, 2008 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon Wednesday, and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at the Development Center, 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

This project will be considered at a **special public hearing** by the **Planning & Transportation Commission** on **Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Civic Center, located at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

3000 Alexis Drive (06PLN-00000-00361): Application for Site and Design Review and an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a new 18,792 square foot two story spa and fitness center building with a basement parking garage, a 2,556 square foot addition to the existing clubhouse building for office and dining uses, and other site improvements. Zone District: OS (Open Space). Environmental Assessment: A notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

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Steve Emslie,
Director of Planning and Community Environment

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Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer enjoys a championship moment with senior Candice Wiggins (center) and junior Jillian Harmon after the Cardinal routed Cal, 56-35, for the Pac-10 Tournament title on Monday night.

Pac-10 hoops

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in the past 11 years.

The Cardinal's 21-point margin of victory was the largest in a tournament title game. Stanford outscored its opponents 198-121 in the tournament (average of 66 to 40).

"We've done a lot this year that we haven't done in years past to deserve a No. 1 seed," Wiggins said. "I think so, but I obviously have a biased opinion."

Cal missed 14 of its first 15 shots (7 percent) and the Cardinal built a 31-8 advantage. Stanford scored more points in the first half (36) than the Bears did for the game.

"We took away the things they like to do," VanDerveer said of her defensive plan. "We wanted to make them beat us doing something different. And they didn't."

Cal coach Joanne Boyle had little to offer to why her team collapsed.

"We just didn't compete," Boyle said. "I'm sure there are reasons we can analyze on film, but we are just disappointed in the outcome."

And Stanford is just thrilled.

"We had a couple of losses early

but we're a different team now," said Wiggins. "We're a lot better and we're peaking at the right time. Most importantly, we're having fun. The Pac-10 is a great conference that I grew up watching. It's been a memorable career."

Kayla Pedersen added 13 points and seven rebounds and Jayne Appel grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds to go with five assists and four blocked shots. Both joined Wiggins on the all-tournament team.

Appel broke the record for blocked shots with 12 during the tournament, four more than Stanford grad Kristin Newlin recorded during the 2004 tournament.

After Lauren Greif hit Cal's first 3-pointer of the game at 10:49 of the first half, Wiggins scored the game's next 13 points to give Stanford a 24-6 lead. Appel tacked on a field goal to make the run 15-0.

"This team is special," said Wiggins, who outscored Cal in the first half with 19 points. "We really have high goals and expectations. We want to keep playing with each other for a while."

With finals coming up, the timing was perfect for the Cardinal. It will be nearly two weeks before Stanford takes the court for its first-round game. Time to rest, relax, and study. And get ready for

"It's about pride, playing well and having some momentum entering the NCAA tournament," VanDerveer said. "If we don't get a No. 1 seed, in my mind it's East Coast bias. It would be different if we lost to Rutgers or to Tennessee, but we won those games. Whatever happens, the most important thing is to be healthy."

Stanford reached the championship game every year of the tournament's existence, the last six years in San Jose after the inaugural tournament in Eugene. The Cardinal has won the final game five times.

The Cardinal won all three contests with the Bears this season and 32 of the past 34. On Monday, Stanford held Cal to its lowest scoring output of the season and the fewest



Kayla Pedersen (left) and Jayne Appel shut down Devanei Hampton.

points ever allowed in the Pac-10 Tournament finals.

Stanford reached the championship game with a 78-45 victory over UCLA on Sunday. Wiggins began the game 0-for-8 and Stanford shot 2-for-11 from 3-point range in the first half. The Cardinal defense stifled UCLA, though forcing 13 turnovers and limiting the Bruins to a 27 percent shooting percentage.

Appel had 14 points and seven rebounds and J.J. Hones added 12 points and six assists in the victory. Wiggins finished with 13 points, six steals and seven rebounds.

Appel made all eight of her field goal tries on the way to 19 points and a tournament record, and also had 10 rebounds and four blocked shots to lead Stanford past Oregon State 64-41 on Saturday in the quarterfinals. Pedersen added 22 points.

On Monday, it was time to celebrate all three victories — and look ahead to a lot more. ■



Candice Wiggins celebrates Stanford's Pac-10 title.

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