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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

195 Page Mill headed for possible lawsuit, again

City asking developer to resubmit mixed-use housing/research & development project

by Becky Trout

Atherton developer and patent attorney Harold Hohbach, 86, is threatening to sue the City of Palo Alto unless it agrees to abbreviate its review of his controversial proposal for a 105,000-square-foot building at 195 Page

Mill Road.

"If we can't come to some resolution that is acceptable to us, that would be the only logical [action]," Hohbach's attorney James Janz said Friday.

The legal threats are the latest

twist in the Hohbach's long, bitterly contested attempt to construct 84 apartments atop research and development space on 2.4 acres at Park Boulevard and Page Mill beside the railroad tracks.

Although the City Council narrowly (5-4) approved the project in November 2006, a residents' group led by Bob Moss and Tom Jordan filed suit, contesting several aspects of the project, including the adequa-

cy of its environmental review.

In October 2007, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Leslie Nichols agreed the city and Hohbach had not adequately examined the project's environmental risks, specifically regarding vapors from groundwater contaminated with the chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) beneath the site.

Nichols ordered the city to "set aside in its entirety its decision to

approve the Park Plaza Project" and to allow for public comments on the environmental study or otherwise comply with state law.

To city attorneys and planners, the meaning of the judge's ruling is quite clear.

"It's as if the project never happened," Assistant City Attorney Donald Larkin said.

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BUSINESS

Facebook goes to Stanford Research Park

Some employees may remain downtown

by Arden Pennell

The Internet firm Facebook, headquartered in downtown Palo Alto with more than 600 employees at five offices, will move all or a substantial portion of its operations to a site at Stanford Research Park, the company confirmed Monday.

To accommodate its rapid growth, the firm will lease 1601 California Ave. — a roughly 8.5-acre, 152,000-square-foot site — and relocate in the first quarter of 2009, Facebook spokesperson Debbie Frost said in e-mail statements.

The company will likely — but not definitely — retain office space downtown, to maintain room for employees that overflow even the new California Avenue site, according to Frost.

The new location is a former Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) building later occupied by HP's instruments-manufacturing spin-off, Agilent. The site is slated for eventual conversion to housing under a 2005 agreement between the city and Stanford University.

Facebook declined to state how long it would remain at the new site but said it is still looking for a major campus to house its growing operations.

The firm's reported target is 1,000 employees by year's end.

The social-networking company and website have ballooned in size since a 2004 move to downtown from founder Mark Zuckerberg's Harvard University dorm room.

Initially, a couple dozen employees worked out of a single University Avenue office.

Now, a swarm of mainly young

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Darlene Bouchard

Bigfoot in Palo Alto?

Just moments before a press conference called to reveal 'evidence' of Bigfoot's existence, Joey Hawilo of Palo Alto held a sign outside the Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto. Indistinct photographs of a body discovered in Georgia by Matthew "Gary" Whitton, a police officer from Clayton County, Ga., and his friend Ric Dyer, were released as 'evidence' of Bigfoot's existence. The press conference offered more questions than answers, attendees said.

CRIME

Man arrested for rape of 94-year-old woman

DNA match triggered manhunt, arrest in 2002 case

by Jocelyn Dong

In an international case involving the FBI, the U.S. Justice Department and Mexican law enforcement, a 40-year-old man has been arrested for the vicious 2002 beat-

ing and rape of a 94-year-old woman in a Palo Alto assisted-living center, Palo Alto police announced Friday.

Roberto Cruz Recendes had been

living in Mexico and was extradited to Los Angeles last Wednesday.

He has been charged with one count of sexual assault during the commission of a burglary and one count of elder abuse with great bodily injury, according to Palo Alto Police Agent Dan Ryan.

On May 10, 2002, the woman was raped and brutally beaten in her ground-floor Palo Alto Commons apartment off El Camino Real in south Palo Alto. Police initially arrested Gunn High School graduate Jorge Hernandez, then 18, following an interrogation that police claimed produced a confession.

He had been linked to the crime based on a ring found at the crime scene, which was engraved with the name "Edwin." Hernandez's brother Edwin lived near the assisted-living facility and had reported the ring stolen the previous year.

Hernandez was exonerated three weeks later by DNA evidence and was released, although then-Police Chief Pat Dwyer previously said Hernandez might still be part of the ongoing investigation.

The false confession became a focus of an inquiry into police in-

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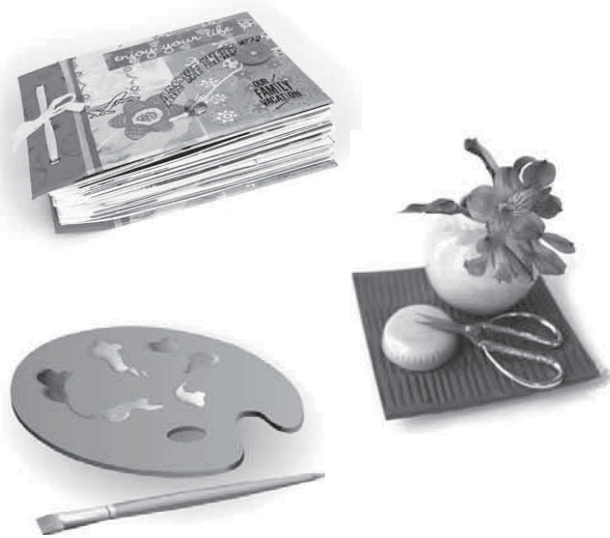
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Our Town

by Don Kazak

Notes from an ancient world

In an upstairs room in Stanford University's Green Library, a half-dozen graduate students sit quietly at tables, engrossed by the texts on their laptop computer screens.

Two professors sit nearby, available for consultation as they, too, study texts on their computer screens.

None of that is out of the ordinary at Green Library, where students and professors are always seeking knowledge.

It's the age of the texts that makes this effort unusual.

The texts are mainly in Greek and Demotic, an ancient Egyptian language, and they are being translated into English.

The words were written in Egypt 2,000 years ago, mostly between 300 B.C. and A.D. 30.

Welcome to the Papyrological Institute, an annual effort that was held for the first time at Stanford during July.

The institute drew 18 graduate and post-graduate students from 15 universities around the world, including John Sutherland, a second-year Stanford doctoral student.

The attraction, for the students and professors, was about 70 texts from ancient Egypt that had been restored well enough to be studied. They were encased in large pieces of glass, resembling oversized photo slides.

They are among hundreds of documents donated to Stanford in the 1920s by a Stanford alumnus who purchased them from an antiquities dealer in London.

The words are written on papyri, an ancient version of paper made from plant stalks that were overlapped and hammered flat. The ink was made from coal and water and written with reeds, somewhat like ancient fountain pens. The ink, the words and the papyri all have endured for 2,000 years, long enough for students to try to decipher their meaning.

But the scraps of papyri weren't recovered from an ancient library. They had a, well, different, slightly spooky origin.

"Most were trashed and wrapped around mummies," Sutherland said.

One small piece is exactly in the shape of a footprint.

So the scraps are part of what could be deemed an ancient recycling program.

The texts include government documents, land deeds, personal correspondence and other writings.

Some come from ancient village associations and record the bylaws and even list fines for violations.

"We're learning how to date them," Sutherland said — the style of writing differs from century to century.

There's a purpose to the research in learning how people lived 2,000 years ago and what was important enough for them to write down. The results will be published in a book co-edited by three professors who conducted the Papyrological Institute. One wonders whether their book will still be readable 2,000 years hence.

Sutherland didn't start out as a college student intending to decipher ancient texts.

"I had planned to go to law school," he said. It wasn't until he was halfway through undergraduate school at Georgetown University that the lure of the study of classics caught him. He also remembered the enthusiasm a high school teacher had for the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Sutherland hasn't picked a dissertation subject yet, but he is interested in Roman socio-economic history. While an undergraduate, he wrote an honors thesis on poverty in Roman Egypt.

"The papyri helped me answer some questions about the common man," Sutherland said. "There was a lot about economics that can be answered or at least approached through the papyri."

What did Sutherland and other students learn in that room in Green Library?

One of the texts set down the rules for an Egyptian village association. It included the amounts of fines for anyone who made a complaint to the Pharaoh before bringing the complaint to the association first.

The message seemed to be: "Talk about it in the village first before you go running to the government."

Somehow, after 2,000 years, modern neighborhood or homeowners' associations may not be that different from what went on in ancient Egypt.

A sense of community is what mattered, then and now.

It is fascinating to see words reflecting humanity's struggle to live together that were written 2,000 years ago, even if they did wrap a mummy's foot. ■

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Neighborhoods

A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann

AROUND THE BLOCK

LIBRARY CLOSURE ... The College Terrace Library will be closed from Aug. 21-22 and possibly through Aug. 23 during removal of a diseased eucalyptus tree. The large tree, which is adjacent to the library, has been declared unsafe by the city arborist. No library items will be due and check-out dates will be extended during the closure. The book drops and Wi-Fi will not be accessible.

BE PREPARED ... While sipping and strolling at the Palo Alto Festival of the Arts, residents can learn more about neighborhood preparedness. The **PAN Emergency Preparedness Committee** will have a table at the Aug. 22-23 event.

EDGEWOOD PLAZA OVERVIEW ... Palo Alto planning department staff members will present an overview of the planning process and timeline for redevelopment proposals for **Edgewood Plaza** on Sept. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Opportunities for public input will also be outlined. The overview will not be a presentation or review of a developer proposal. The meeting will take place at the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

LAST PUBLIC MEETING ON OREGON EXPY. ... The last public meeting on **Oregon Expressway improvements takes place at the Midtown Residents Association** general meeting on Aug. 28 at 7:15 p.m. Santa Clara County and Palo Alto city officials will be on hand to answer questions. Walt Hays will moderate. The meeting will take place at Emerson School, 2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, in the "Red Room." The proposal will go before the Palo Alto Planning Commission in January 2009. ■

Send announcements of neighborhood events, meetings and news to Sue Dremann, Neighborhoods editor, at sdremann@paweb.com. Or talk about your neighborhood news on Town Square at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

Still spreading his wings

Octogenarian takes flight at Palo Alto Airport

by Sue Dremann

Professorville resident Arthur Morse, 86, seemed wistful as he looked back on his life and thought about the opportunities he's missed.

"One thing I wanted to do — but I won't get to do now — is a parachute jump. Somebody talked me out of it," he said.

That was four years ago, when Morse was 82.

"One thing I wanted to do — but I won't get to do now — is a parachute jump. Somebody talked me out of it."

—Pilot Art Morse

A retired mechanical engineer, Morse comes out to the Palo Alto Airport nearly every day. Flying is his passion — or at least, one of them. In his life, there have been many: cruising boats, sports cars, guns and motorcycles to name a few. But perhaps the most long-lasting has been small planes.

"I've limited myself to one expensive toy at a time, by and large," he said with a chuckle.

Morse still flies a plane almost every week, taking a vintage 1962 two-seater Cessna 150 owned by a friend up into the skies above Palo Alto. Sometimes he flies with a friend who is also a pilot to have lunch in Half Moon Bay. Last weekend, he flew to Watsonville to have his favorite bowl of chowder.

At other times, he just takes to the air to see the sights: the small white crests of waves lapping in San Francisco Bay, the cars crawling like legions of ants moving breadcrumbs to a colony; and up over the verdant



Art Morse, 86, takes to the skies in a 1962 Cessna 150. He has flown 3,100 hours since learning to fly at age 22.

Online exclusive:

Hear Arthur Morse talk more about his life and watch him fly at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

2,000-foot Santa Cruz Mountains, the creeks coursing through tan valleys like veins until they empty into the seas.

On a recent Tuesday morning, Morse got ready to fly again. He polished the windshield and removed the wings' tie-downs, checked the fuel gauge and turned on the radio.

"I derive a certain enjoyment from flying. I can look out under the wing and realize that I'm being suspended by an invisible gas," he said.

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Art Morse, in the Navy uniform with his foot on the tire, made a perfect emergency landing in 1945 in downtown Waukegan, Ill. His feat made three newspapers, including this one from the Waukegan News-Sun on Oct. 22, 1945.

UNIVERSITY SOUTH

Residents wary of VA Hospital redevelopment

Federal jurisdiction means city has no oversight of expansion

by Sue Dremann

Feeling noise from helicopters, traffic jams and glaring nighttime light pollution, Barron Park residents are insisting they get a say in the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs' (VA) redevelopment plans.

The City of Palo Alto does not have jurisdiction over federal proj-

ects, such as proposed redevelopment of the 93-acre VA Palo Alto Health Care System, according to Steve Emslie, Palo Alto's interim deputy city manager.

But the size and scope of the redevelopment — and a potential lack of oversight and accountability — will be detrimental to the

neighborhood and environment, residents contend.

The VA is proposing a six-story helipad and 600-space elevated parking garage as part of a \$750 million redevelopment plan. The project will include a new poly-trauma rehabilitation center, blind center, acute psychiatric inpatient facility, rehabilitation and research center and central plant and generator facilities.

"It is approximately 40 percent of what Stanford is talking about [for its redevelopment project]. Foothill and Arastradero get a lot of traffic. Being the federal government, they don't need [environmental reviews] or mitigation," longtime resident Bob Moss said.

Residents haven't been contacted by the VA about the proposed redevelopment, he added.

"They put up a huge tower on the south side of the property with reflectors for communication. It just went up," he said.

Residents sent a list of concerns to Emslie on July 29, including potential noise and traffic problems from more cars and additional helicopter flights, damage to and pollution of Matadero and Barron Park creeks, disruption of Hetch Hetchy water lines adjacent to the VA property, potential disturbance of a nearby Native American site, construction debris and toxic waste,

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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It's as if the project never happened.

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—Donald Larkin, Palo Alto assistant city attorney, on a judge's ruling about a proposed project at 195 Page Mill Road. See story on page 3.

Around Town

SPINNING NEWSRACK NEWS? ... What better way to fill up a daily newspaper during the August lull than to make some news yourself? That seems to be the strategy of **Dave Price's** Daily Post, which is elevating a tussle over newsracks to a battle over Free Speech itself. And, he's pinning the bit of trouble on the Weekly, which — to set the record straight — was only one of several publications that notified the city when Price flaunted established newsrack rules in the downtown area. The city's ordinance, established years ago when too many newsracks cluttered downtown, mandates that all publications must vie for spots in established two-tier mounted displays, banning freestanding single newsracks. Price, then with the Daily News, weighed in on the new ordinance and made sure his paper got lots of prime spots. In May, when the Daily Post started publishing and wasn't immediately given plenty of room by the city, Price disobeyed the city rules and set out his individual racks — which display the newspaper's name and product much more prominently — giving him an edge over papers that were following the rules. The Post has also insinuated in its articles that the Weekly has threatened to sue the city over the issue. But, again to set the record straight, that's not true, Weekly publisher **Bill Johnson** has noted.

TASER TRAILS ... Between April and June, **Palo Alto police** pulled out their electric stun guns 12 times but did not actually shoot anyone, the department reported this month. Three of the officers' targets — including a man who claimed he was Allah and had a bomb in his backpack, a man suffering a manic episode at home and a man at a bus stop screaming racial epithets — were taken to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for psychiatric evaluations. One officer was prompted to point her Taser after a man walked up to her while she was sitting in a car and threw a beer bottle at her.

CAL. AVE. UPGRADES ... Once a town of its own, California Avenue's denizens must now turn to the cash-strapped City of Palo Alto for community projects. A \$335,000 **infrastructure project** is underway, with a top priority to replace the streetlights. The controversial fountain replacement is expected to cost \$50,000. Money leftover will be used for street trees and street furniture. In addition, next summer and fall the street will be resurfaced, following a gas and sewer line project. City planners intend to slim California Avenue from four lanes to two to make way for bicyclists and improve crosswalks.

A PEEK AT THE BALLOT ... Thanks to a highly visible presidential contest, plenty of voters are expected to show up at the polls in November. Palo Altans have plenty of issues that might require a bit of thought. Most local is the **library bond**, which will need more than 66 percent of voters to provide \$76 million to construct a new Mitchell Park Library and Community Center, expand the Main Library and revamp the downtown branch. Voters will also be asked to vote on an \$840 million bond measure for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and a one-eighth of a cent sales tax for a BART extension into Santa Clara County that would link with Caltrain. The ballot will ask for an advisory vote on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) 2035 plan and to decide whether the VTA should need to submit a plan to the Measure A Citizen's Watchdog Committee every six years. Voters in the 14th Congressional District will have the choice between incumbent **Anna Eshoo** (D-Palo Alto); Republican business owner **Ronny Santana**; the Green Party's **Carol Brouillet**, who lives in Palo Alto; and Libertarian **Brian Holtz**. In the 11th State Senate District, incumbent, Democrat and Palo Altan **Joe Simitian** will face Republican **Brian Austin Nathan**. Republican **Annalisa Yenne** plans to challenge Assemblyman **Ira Ruskin** (D-Redwood City) for the 21st State Assembly district seat. A race for a Santa Clara County Superior Court judgeship will pit **Diane Ritchie** against **Lane Liroff**. And, Palo Alto resident **Grace Mah**, an incumbent, will run against **Ellen Santiago** for a seat on the Santa Clara County Board of Education. ■



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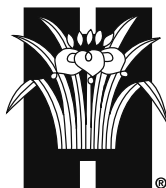
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News Digest



Veronica Weber/The Almanac

Even in the dark, barbers Louis Arenas (left) and Sam Valero continued cutting hair Monday at Golden Shears barbershop in Menlo Park.

Guy wire snaps, cuts power for 21,000

A guy wire attached to a metal power pole apparently came loose, whipped up and hit an electrical transmission line Monday at around 11:45 a.m., cutting power to about 21,000 Pacific Gas & Electric customers in Menlo Park, Atherton, Los Altos, Portola Valley and Redwood City, spokesman Joe Molica said.

All but about 640 customers in parts of Menlo Park and Portola Valley had power restored by Monday night, Molica said.

"Our crews are working as quickly and safely as they can," he said.

Safety equipment on the transmission line near Fremont Road and Junipero Serra Boulevard shut the line down immediately when the guy wire hit and prevented damage to other equipment, he said.

When asked if there had been any danger of fire starting as a result of the incident, Molica said he didn't think that there was and compared the shutting down of the transmission line to "a giant circuit breaker."

PG&E crews left immediately to find the break after system sensors gave them a rough idea of where it was, he said.

"When a situation like this occurs, we will throw the resources at it to get people restored as quickly as possible."

Guy-wire inspections are a regular part of power-line maintenance inspections, he said.

The outage shut many businesses on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. ■

—Bay City News Service

Two men attacked in Midtown Palo Alto

Two Palo Alto men were walking east on Colorado Avenue near Ross Road Monday night when they were attacked by four large men who demanded money, according to Palo Alto police.

"They punched [one man] and knocked him down to the ground and kicked him," Agent Dan Ryan said

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Hohbach must resubmit his project, Current Planning Manager Amy French said.

That would be a setback for Hohbach, however, because his project was allowed back in 2005 under a zoning that the city has since changed.

The housing/research and development space combination was OK'd under a "general manufacturing" zoning that allowed housing, French said.

Since then, the zoning has changed to general manufacturing with no housing.

He is not without options, though. Hohbach could request approval under a special city designation that was created to encourage housing near the train station, French said. That request would require the multiple city bodies to examine the project, she said — Architectural Review Board, Planning and Transportation Commission and the city council.

Or, Hohbach could use the land for manufacturing with no housing, creating a project that wouldn't require city council review, French said.

Hohbach and Janz, an attorney with San Francisco-based Sideman and Bancroft LLP, read Judge Nichols' order differently and call the city's proposed process "overkill."

"There is no legal basis for imposing such a draconian requirement," Janz wrote in a July 30 letter to the city council.

"It's unnecessary. It's extremely time consuming. It would cost the developer a lot of money. The city would lose money," Janz said Friday.

In the July 30 letter, Janz estimates the developer is spending \$100,000 a month just holding the property.

He argued that the city would get additional property tax and needed housing units if it approved the project, Janz said.

Janz and Hohbach want the city to use the existing project, expand the environmental review and allow for public comment, and then have

the council consider the project in light of the new environmental information.

Janz also hopes the council would "give some deference to the actions [of the former council]," which approved the project.

Even if the project were the same, the council has no requirement to consider the 2006 decision, Larkin said.

"The current council can't bind a future council," he said.

Janz said Hohbach isn't giving the city a deadline to avoid facing a lawsuit.

He said he plans to set up meetings with city officials and isn't completely ruling out submitting a new application.

"It would depend upon the terms and conditions the city [imposes]," Janz said.

How the project, in its current form, would fare before the current city council, which has four new members, remains unknown.

Mayor Larry Klein, Vice Mayor Peter Drekmeyer and Councilman Jack Morton voted in favor of the project in 2006, while Council members John Barton and Yoriko Kishimoto voted against it.

Drekmeyer said Friday he voted for the project because it would help satisfy the need for rental housing.

"To me, that location is one of the least controversial in the city," Drekmeyer said. It has few close residential neighbors and is near the California Avenue Caltrain station.

In addition, Hohbach had proposed designating about 16 of the rental units as below-market-rate housing, in exchange for several exemptions provided by state law.

Complicating matters, Hohbach originally proposed the housing as rentals, but last summer, after council approval, he applied to convert the research and development space and the two upper floors of housing into condominiums.

That issue was never decided due to the lawsuit.

On Friday Janz said Hohbach intends to rent out the residences, although they might be legally designated as condos all owned by Hohbach.

"I don't think he's made a final

determination on that," Janz said.

Drekmeyer said the project would have been "much less" appealing to him if it had included condominiums rather than apartments.

Janz said the city, not just Hohbach, is missing out by delaying action on a project that would bring affordable housing, business-generating research space and an attractive design to a key piece of land. The building, which at 451 feet is longer than the 800 High St. condominiums, includes a central courtyard, Janz said. No residences face the train tracks.

It also would have a swimming pool and underground parking.

Although Judge Nichols' decision came 10 months ago, Hohbach continued to appeal, Moss said.

On Thursday, however, the California Sixth District Court of Appeal rejected Hohbach's appeal of the Oct. 9 decision invalidating the city's approval of the project.

A judge also ruled this summer that Hohbach and the city must pay Moss' legal fees, which totaled \$175,000. The city has paid its \$87,500, but Moss said Hohbach has appealed and hasn't paid yet.

Hohbach, a major property owner in the California Avenue area, has a history of taking the city to court. In an attempt to build a 10-story building at 260 Sheridan Ave., first proposed in the mid 1960s, Hohbach appealed the city's rejection twice to the California Supreme Court and three times to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Another Hohbach attorney, Jeffrey Widman, sent a letter on July 28 to Klein's office, bypassing City Hall, asking for a meeting with the city council without any planning department staff, particularly Interim Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie, or any city attorneys.

That meeting hasn't occurred. Larkin said the city doesn't intend to compromise its rules and procedures to avoid a lawsuit.

"The city's going to do what is required by the law. We're not willing to bend any laws. That would be inappropriate," Larkin said. ■

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Many of our employees live in the area and will continue to be a part of the downtown community," according to Frost's statement.

The move shouldn't hurt the downtown economy because other businesses will take Facebook's place, she stated.

"The motivation behind the move was the need to scale the organization while taking into account employee preferences to be located together as much as possible," Frost wrote.

The announcement comes at a time of speculation about investor enthusiasm for the firm.

BusinessWeek reported this month that Facebook executives have been selling their stock in the privately held firm for prices far below the net \$15 billion value projected after Microsoft's 2007 purchase of a tiny 1.6-percent slice of the company for \$240 million.

The current stock-sales prices imply Facebook is worth a third of

that, or even as low as \$3.75 billion, BusinessWeek wrote.

And technology analysts such as the blog TechCrunch have written that advertising on the website — once thought to be an obvious cash cow, given Facebook's ability to scan user profiles and match ads — may do a poor job of attracting customers.

Facebook is also facing a federal class-action lawsuit as of last week, with users alleging the site and advertising partners including Blockbuster and Overstock.com illegally spied on customers through the Beacon application. The Beacon feature sparked outcry last winter when it automatically enrolled users without asking permission and sent information about purchases made on other websites, such as Overstock.com, to friends in their network. ■

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Rape

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interview techniques, discussed at length during city Human Relations Commission meetings.

In December 2004, Hernandez received a \$75,000 settlement from the city.

Ironically, Recendes' arrest in the rape case was due to the same DNA evidence, related to the ring and also a necklace, Ryan said Monday.

Recendes had been living in Palo Alto at the time of the crime and had come into possession of the ring, police said. He was later arrested and convicted on unrelated charges of domestic violence. He served time in state prison but was paroled in 2006, Ryan said.

Under the conditions of his parole, he was expelled from the U.S. and required to provide a sample of his DNA, Ryan said.

A few months after Recendes' parole, the state Bureau of Forensic Services matched Recendes' DNA with the crime-scene DNA.

Then the intensive search for Recendes in Mexico began.

The task of finding him "was like

a needle in a haystack," Ryan said, prompting the department to ask for help from the FBI.

"They used a lot of investigatory time and tracked him to a certain neighborhood and a certain village. We obtained a warrant and asked Mexican officials to pick him up," Ryan said.

Recendes was taken into custody in December 2007.

Then began the delicate 6-to-8-month extradition process, led by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs, Ryan said. Following international protocol, Mexican authorities weighed the charges against Recendes and the evidence against him according to their country's law-enforcement standards.

They ultimately agreed to extradite him.

Recendes is being held in the Santa Clara County main jail without bail and is scheduled to enter a plea on Friday.

The victim has since died, Ryan said. ■

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Tuesday.

The victims, 30 and 43 years old, suffered only minor injuries, Ryan said.

The incident began around 10:25 p.m.

The four men were heading toward Middlefield Road and crossed the street to approach and try to rob the victims, Ryan said.

"I think they were just out cruising around, so they parked and came up to them," Ryan said.

Neither Palo Alto man had any money, and one of the victims tried to escape at the urging of his friend, Ryan said.

The suspects — all black males, taller than 6 feet, heavysset, wearing hooded sweatshirts and dark pants — fled in a white Buick-like sedan with "55" as the last two numbers of the license plate, police said.

Ryan said Tuesday morning that the police have no suspects.

Anyone with information is asked to call the detective division at 650-329-2406. ■

—Becky Trout

Acterra's Michael Closson injured in Europe

Acterra Executive Director Michael Closson, 69, is undergoing surgery today after rupturing tendons in both kneecaps in a fall in France Aug. 8.

Closson, who was on vacation with his partner, Francie Allen, was hiking in the Pyrenees Mountains when he slipped on a steep, rocky trail and fell.

Allen continued on the trail to get help, leaving Closson with provisions and blankets, plus instructions on how to say "I'm injured" in French.

A rescue team reached Closson 12 hours later and stayed with him overnight. He was airlifted to a regional hospital the following morning.

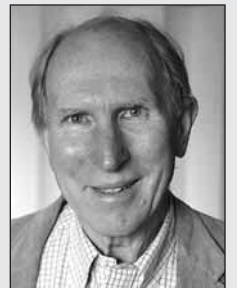
Told he needed surgery and a long recovery time, Closson and Allen made the decision to return to the United States rather than remain in Europe, Allen said. She said no American airlines were willing to transport Closson (who needed to remain flat, with unbent knees) and others would have charged up to \$64,000. Finally they were able to secure a first-class British Airways flight and, after being transported by friends from France to London, returned home Sunday.

Closson underwent surgery Tuesday at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View and is expected to have a six-month recovery period.

Allen said Closson remains in good spirits and is extremely grateful to the "unbelievably generous" friends and officials he met in France.

Closson, an experienced backpacker, would like to return to the Pyrenees next year to hike again, Allen added. ■

—Karla Kane



Michael Closson

Facebook

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hires wearing Facebook logo-gear fill downtown streets on their way to and from offices at 156 and 151 University Ave., 164 and 285 Hamilton Ave. and 500 Emerson St.

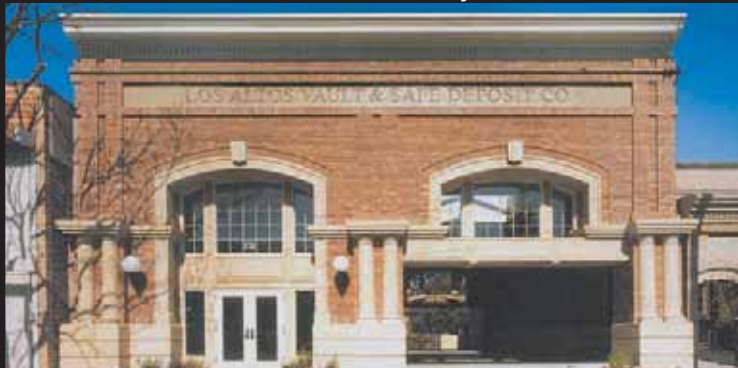
The company's growth follows the trajectory of its social-networking website.

Once confined to users at a handful of elite American universities, Facebook is now publicly available and accessed by more than 90 million people worldwide, according to the firm's website.

In e-mailed responses to questions, Frost declined to give details of which offices, if any, would be retained downtown, but stressed the firm's sentimental connection.

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Wings

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Morse climbed into the cockpit and put on his headphones. Today was a special day. He was taking a photographer with him. He hasn't taken anyone else up in the plane with him for close to a decade, except for frequent flights with a lady friend who is 40 years his junior and is a pilot active in the Civil Air Patrol.

"There's no romance, but it's very pleasant," he said.

His wife, now deceased, went up only once with him, but "she didn't like airplanes," he added. And during his marriage and raising three sons, he knocked off flying for almost 20 years, he said.

Morse maneuvered the plane down the runway with a sense of command. The little plane looked a tad worn, compared to the shiny new ones taking off before it, but the engine roared as the plane barreled down the pavement, lifting off with ease. In a minute, Morse was high and flying

southwest. The plane banked west, then disappeared from view.

It reappeared a half hour later, with Morse landing. The tires made a brief screech as they hit the tarmac.

"We survived," Morse quipped, climbing from the cockpit.

Landings are his favorite part of flying. "When I make a good landing, that's the best part," he said. Tuesday's was a good one, he said, satisfied.

He lifted the plane's tail and yanked backward, moving the Cessna back into its parking space.

The skies are much more crowded now than when Morse first began flying on June 2, 1944, he said.

The first plane Morse flew was an Aeronca Defender, an ex-military plane.

In 1946, he made the papers as far away as Chicago after making a flawless emergency landing in a rented plane in the middle of downtown Waukegan, Ill. Morse dropped the plane into a vacant lot, without hitting so much as a branch or wire, the papers noted.

He was 23 at the time.

Although in his late 80s, the worst discomfort Morse has is carpal tunnel in both hands, he said. He has good blood pressure and low cholesterol, so he "isn't afraid of having a heart attack in the air," he added.

But he laughed at the irony of being a pilot and an acrophobe — he does have a fear of heights.

"If there's a cliff over here, there'd better be a railing," he said.

But it's different looking out of a plane than standing on the edge of a cliff. In the cockpit, he has a sense of control, he said.

The only other regret he has — besides not jumping out of an airplane — is that he didn't get to fly the kit plane he was building. That plane, owned by a friend, ended up in storage out of the area and was never flown.

Morse shook his head.

"I really wanted to fly that plane," he said. ■

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Upfront

VA Hospital

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and glare from lighting of buildings and towers.

"The neighborhood has been assured by Steve Emslie that there will be a community meeting with the VA and the City to discuss the plan and get input from the City and residents," Barron Park neighbor Winter Dellenbach said.

"I do expect that meetings are a two-way street and that our input and concerns will be taken seriously and reasonable changes made where needed by the VA," she said.

Emslie said the city can offer suggestions but has no enforcement ability.

Dellenbach said the city and Barron Park Association had meetings with the VA after the Loma Prieta earthquake caused significant damage and the hospital embarked on redevelopment.

"This effort was successful to a significant degree to mitigate some of the worst impacts on the neighborhood, especially those of residents whose homes are very near the VA," she said.

VA Palo Alto spokeswoman Kerri Childress said the VA would host a town-hall meeting or a public open house to give neighbors a briefing, once the proposed plans are established.

According to facilities manager Jason Nietupski, the design process has just begun and involves 27 full-time architects. The first meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26, he said.

The VA wants to accommodate residents' concerns, he added.

Nietupski emphasized that the current plans are proposals only. How construction of the polytrauma, blind, ambulatory care and research facilities will take place will become clearer in September, he said.

"By September or October we should have a plan of action. There are a lot of components," he said.

Some programs will be displaced

during construction.

Regarding neighbors' major concerns, Childress said the VA has had a helicopter pad for many years. At most, there are two to three flights a month and the VA has no plans to increase flights.

The helipad is currently at ground level but moving it to the parking structure roof or possibly on top of the hospital has been proposed, Nietupski said. No flight-plan changes are anticipated, and the Federal Aeronautics Administration would be involved if any were necessary, he said.

Traffic should also not increase as a result of the parking structure, he said. New building construction displaces stalls in three large parking lots, and the new parking structure represents a reallocation of the lost stalls.

"There would be nominal growth at best," he said.

VA Palo Alto has seen a doubling in its patient population from 24,000 in 1997 to 51,000 last year, but that doesn't have anything to do with the redevelopment, according to Nietupski. The redevelopment is to replace aging structures, not to increase the already existing patient load, he said.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is being engaged regarding any disturbance to the water line, and an archaeologist will be involved at the Native American site, Nietupski said.

He said the VA won't have any toxic building materials on site. Several monitoring wells already keep an eye on groundwater contamination previously caused by Hewlett-Packard Company. The VA would involve HP or any companies responsible for pollution in the clean-up if the redevelopment disturbs the contamination, he said.

Nietupski did not know of any VA-related pollution but said he would welcome seeing any documents of hospital-caused contamination, he said. ■

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Domestic violence3

Theft related

Commercial burglaries1

Credit card forgery1

Grand theft1

Identity theft1

Petty theft12

Residential burglaries2

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto4

Auto recovery1

Auto theft3

Bicycle theft4

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Misc. traffic21

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Vehicle accident/minor injury4

Vehicle accident/property damage8

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Vehicle tow3

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Under influence of drugs3

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Vandalism10

Warrant arrest1

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Menlo Park

Aug. 11-17

Violence related

Battery2

Robbery1

Theft related

Grand theft2

Petty theft4

Residential burglaries1

Vehicle related

Auto recovery2

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Theft related

Grand theft1

Petty theft2

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Suspicious person3

Town ordinance violation2

Tree blocking roadway2

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VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

Weich Road, 8/8, 11:08 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Sutter Avenue, 8/11, 1:20 p.m.; family violence/battery.

Elsinore Drive, 8/12, 6:32 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

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Menlo Park

1000 block Cloud Avenue, 8/13, 1:54 p.m.; battery.

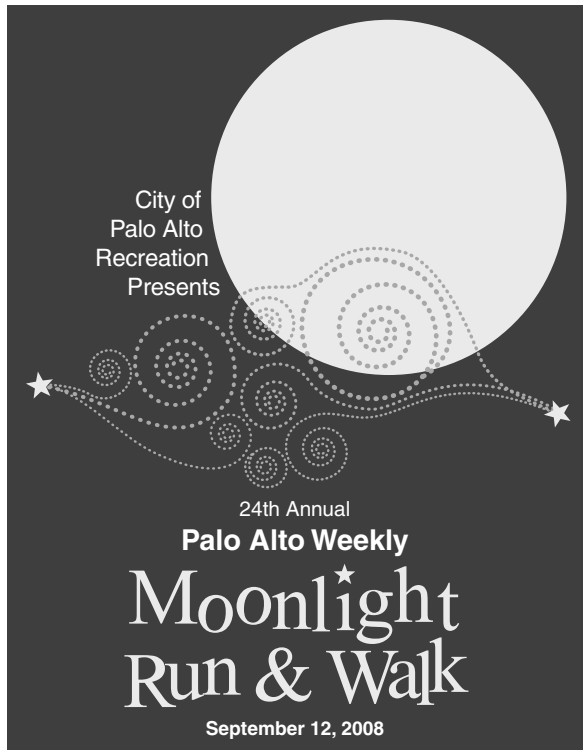
200 block East Okeefe Street, 8/16, 11:07 p.m.; robbery.

500 block El Camino Real, 8/16, 11:08 p.m.; battery.

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Walsh Road/Alameda, 8/14, 11:29 a.m.; simple assault/battery.

The votes are in and the winners will be announced August 27th



City of Palo Alto Recreation Presents

24TH ANNUAL PALO ALTO WEEKLY MOONLIGHT RUN & WALK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

TIME & PLACE

PLEASE NOTE TIMES: 5K walk 7:15pm, 10K run 8:15pm, 5K run 8:45pm.

Race-night registration 6:15 to 8:00pm at City of Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center, Embarcadero & Geng Roads (just east of the Embarcadero Exit off Highway 101).

Parking — go to PaloAltoOnline.com to check for specific parking locations.

COURSE

5K and 10K loop courses over Palo Alto Baylands levee, through the marshlands by the light of the Harvest Moon! Course is flat, USAT&F certified (10k run only) on levee and paved roads. Water at all stops. (Course map available at www.PaloAltoOnline.com)

REGISTRATIONS & ENTRY FEE

Pre-registration fee is \$20 per entrant (postmarked by September 5, 2008) and includes a long-sleeve t-shirt. Late/race-night registration is \$25 and includes a shirt only **while supplies last. A scantron card must be filled out at race-night registration.** **Family package:** Children 12 and under run free with a registered parent. A completed entry form for each child must be submitted with adult registration. **Please indicate on form and include \$10 for an adult small t-shirt. No confirmation of mail-in registration available. Registration also available online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com. Refunds will not be issued for no-show registrations (and t-shirts will not be held).**

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Pre-registration opportunity for organizations of 10 or more runners; contact **Amy** at (650) 326-8210 ext. 285.

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DIVISIONS

Age divisions: 9 & under; 10-12; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69, and 70 & over with separate divisions for male and female runners in each age group. Race timing provided for 5K and 10K runs only; not 5K walk.

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Call (650) 463-4920, (650) 326-8210, email MoonlightRun@pawebly.com. or go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

For safety reasons, no dogs allowed on course for the 5K and 10K runs. They are welcome on the 5K walk only. No retractable leashes! Please bring your own clean-up bag. Jogging strollers welcome in the 5K walk or at the back of either run.

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EMAIL _____

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NAME ON CARD (PLEASE PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____ PHONE _____

Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Deaths

Bing Mock

Bing Thomas Mock, 86, a long-time resident of Palo Alto, died Aug. 9 of congenital heart failure.

He lived in Palo Alto all his life and graduated from Palo Alto High School. During WWII, before being drafted, he worked on a produce farm in Gilroy and then served in the South Pacific.

He married May S. Chan in 1944. Together they owned Mock's Flowers in Palo Alto, where he was the artistic talent behind all the floral designs.

They retired after 40 years in the business. He loved fishing, hunting, his grandkids and especially working in his yard tending his vegetable and flower garden.

Loved ones recall him as a warm, kind and generous husband, father and grandfather

He is survived by his sons, Ted and Jerry Mock; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



He is also survived by his friend, Martha Tarvera.

Private family services were held Aug. 18. Memorial donations may be sent to a charity of choice.

ANN ELIZABETH RAFFERTY



Born Ann Elizabeth Loffland on May 3, 1919 in Newport News, VA; died Aug. 2, 2008 in Mt. View CA. Raised in New Rochelle, NY with her brother Jack by her parents Helen and John Loffland, Ann came to the Bay Area at the onset of WWII. Her father, who was president of the New England Steamship Company, had been appointed West Coast Coordinator of Ship Building, Repair and Conversion by the Department

of the Navy. In 1948 Ann married James Gerard Rafferty in Palo Alto, and the couple eventually settled in Los Altos where they raised four sons: Chris, Jim, John and Kevin. Known as Liz by her many friends in the Catholic Parishes of St. Nicholas and St. William, she worked for over thirty years in the Political Science Department at Stanford and was the recipient in 1993 of the annual Kenneth M. Cuthbertson Award for Exceptional Service to the University by a member of its staff. She is survived by sons Chris, John and Kevin, and one grandson, Trevor. Her husband James and son Jim preceded her in death. A memorial mass will be held at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at St. Nicholas Church, 473 Lincoln Ave., Los Altos.

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MARTIN GIVENTER 1923–2008

Martin Giventer, a retired pharmacist, passed away Thursday, July 31st surrounded by loved ones and friends. He was born in New York City in 1923, went to Brooklyn College of Pharmacy and shortly after, served for two years in WW-II. When he returned to the Bronx, he joined his father as partner in a pharmacy. In 1963, Martin moved to Mountain View with his parents to be near his sister, Charlotte.

A lovely change in his life occurred when he met and married Florence McNeil, joining her in many trips to different parts of the world. His marriage also brought Florence's daughters into his life and as he aged, he grew very close to her daughters, Julie Wiser and Lynn McNeil.

The close bond with his sister Charlotte, her husband Howard and Florence's daughters gave him a reason to live after his wife died. Donations in his memory made be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 131 Steuart St., Suite 520, San Francisco 94105.

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Investing in energy

Editor,
Skyrocketing demand for renewable energy pits city against major utilities providers, reports the Palo Alto Weekly.

We expect to fall short of the 2008 renewable energy goal, says Utilities Assistant Director Jane Ratchye.

A few years ago, we were reminded of the existence of the "Palo Alto Utility Rate Stabilization Fund" when our crack legal team agreed to pay millions of dollars to a bankruptcy court for energy contracts fraudulently negotiated — then cancelled — for energy never delivered by Enron. Of course, the payment didn't do anything to stabilize rates. There must have been a loophole that permitted fiduciaries to use the fund for other purposes.

It wouldn't take a financial genius to think of better uses for so many dollars. I have a couple to float.

The fund invests in interest-free loans for residential installation of solar-power systems with eventual repayment in kind of excess power flowing back to Palo Alto Utilities.

It would remove us from the competition that pits us against other energy providers.

Or, make a \$50 million investment in Nanosolar. Better late than never. Such an investment would give our back-order for their innovative solar technology highest priority. The delay will give us time to engage in the inevitable not-in-my-backyard tug-of-war in which neighborhoods vie to see which generates the most organized and articulate opposition to what some will consider an eyese.

Put on the agenda now, we just might resolve the location issues in time for installation, making us not users of renewable energy but providers.

These seem like obvious ways from a citizen to stabilize utility rates.

Opening up debate could yield other good ideas that would help Palo Alto exceed its goals for renewable energy and stabilize energy rates in the process.

The mere existence of the fund has proven to be an easy target for one bankruptcy proceeding and could again. And, the fund could be devalued by investments in Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Bear Stearns.

Marty Breon
Manuela Avenue
Palo Alto

Sound off

Editor,
The Tuscany quality of Palo Alto living and that of surrounding communities is eroding due to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) air-flight patterns.

We are considered a primary entrance to SFO. This fact is not new. What is new is the altitude at which the flights are coming in.

Though the SFO "Noise Complaint" reports contradict this, I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years and have never heard flights arriving every five-to-10 minutes certain hours of the day. Some flights are so low you can now see the colored stripes and count the lines.

People who move to South San Francisco know the quality of life

is impacted by the airport-noise pollution. They are required to sign disclosures on home sales regarding noise disturbance.

I experienced the month of July 2008 as the worst we have experienced in this area — now continuing into August.

There are many different options to reduce this noise pollution to our communities. Please make a difference and let your voice be heard.

Nothing will be done unless you personally continue to let SFO know how it is unnecessarily polluting the noise level in your community.

Please contact www.flyquietsfo.com and please complain regularly by calling the Complaint Phone line at 650-821-4736. For further information, please visit www.uproar.org.

Deborah Dooley
Webster Street
Palo Alto

No smoking

Editor,
We have banned smoking in all public places in Palo Alto but we still let people puff away at the Palo Alto Golf Course.

I was on the driving range this morning and there are people smoking all over the place. It offends me, is bad for my health and with all the junior golfers there this summer it does not present a good model for adult behavior around a golf course.

Ron Diess
Webster Street
Palo Alto

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YOUR TURN

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

What do you think? Should Stanford provide housing for employees brought in for its planned expansion?

Submit letters to the editor of up to 250 words to letters@paweekly.com or shorter comments to readerwire@paweekly.com. Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted.

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For more information contact Editor Jay Thorwaldson or Editorial Assistant Karla Kane at editor@paweekly.com or 650-326-8210.



Streetwise

Should Stanford provide housing for employees brought in from the planned expansion?

Asked on High Street. Interviews by Monica Guzman. Photographs by Darlene Bouchard.



Marianna Bekhet
Nurse
Wheeler Avenue, Redwood City

"Yes, they do not pay enough for people to buy or even rent in Palo Alto."



Rob Deheer
Software Architect
El Camino Real, Palo Alto

"No, it's up to people to make it work."



Jeff Johnson
Data Center Engineer
High Street, Palo Alto

"Absolutely. People have to commute and this creates traffic problems. Cities never plan these things."



Eugina Brown
Records Assistant
Almanar Street, Palo Alto

"Yes they really should, especially for those with minimum wage. It's expensive nowadays."



Gary Russo
Corporate Interior Plantscaper for Facebook
Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto

"In theory it's a good idea but the practicality is not. I think they should use the land for renewable energy instead."

Check out Town Square!

Hundreds of local topics are being discussed by local residents on Town Square, a reader forum sponsored by the Weekly on our community website at www.PaloAltoOnline.com. Post your own comments, ask questions, read the editor's blog or just stay up on what people are talking about around town!

Guest Opinion

You never miss the water till the well runs dry

by Marianna Grossman Keller

"When the well's dry, they know the worth of water," Benjamin Franklin observed in his Poor Richard's Almanack in the late 1700s. It's still true, even if on a vastly larger scale.

Twice, a few years ago, some workers broke the water main on our Palo Alto street while they were repairing the sewer. In order to protect our health, the water for our street was turned off for several days each time.



The workers put portable toilets on every few driveways to be shared by three or four households. They gave us several gallon jugs of water per house per day. It was shocking to discover how dependent I was on fresh, clean tap water — for cooking, laundry, bathing, cleaning and watering our garden. Even though Adobe Creek runs alongside of our backyard, it is in a 10-foot-high concrete channel and the water in the creek is not accessible.

Is water the next Sub-Prime Mortgage Crisis waiting to happen? Hydrologists know that we are drawing down the water in all the major aquifers of the world faster than they can be replenished. Diminishing snow pack and melting glacial ice is the source of much of the fresh water we rely on in the Bay Area. Sierra water is also the source of hydropower that gives us carbon-free electricity.

Water, along with fertile soil and clean air, is an important source of "natural capital." Just as our economy unwisely rewards short-term exploitation of financial capital, our water-usage practices are profligate. The price of water is so low that most of us never think about how much water we are using or how much that water costs. Many corporations have programs to reduce their use of energy but few have parallel efforts to conserve water.

In contrast, you know how much gasoline is in your car's tank and you know how much it costs to refill that tank. Many of us are changing the way we drive to use less gasoline and save money. The environmental and health benefits of walking, biking, carpooling or taking transit improve all of our lives, but our behavior changes when we have accurate feedback (the gas gauge) and personal accountability (the fuel bill).

In terms of water, in addition to reduced supply, 80 percent of our waterways are contaminated by chemicals, including pharmaceuticals, caffeine, and industrial and agricultural waste. These chemicals get into the aquatic food chain, threatening the health of fish and amphibians and concentrating in hazardous levels in seafood.

The price of water is so low that most of us never think about how much water we are using or how much that water costs.

Only a fraction of 1 percent of venture capital is being invested in water technology. The challenges of measuring how much water we have and how fast we are using it, and of transporting, purifying, heating, cooling and treating water are all fertile fields for innovation.

Few people know that 20 percent of clean water is lost simply due to leaks in our aging water-distribution system.

A first step toward addressing the impending water

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Some wake-up facts about water:

- Goldman Sachs considers water to be the "Petroleum of the Next Century."
- The World Health Organization reports that water scarcity affects every continent and affects four out of every 10 people.
- Demand in the United States has tripled in the past 30 years while the population has grown only 50 percent.
- The world's population is expected to reach about 8 billion by 2025.
- Global warming/climate change is compromising our water supply.
- Two out of three people worldwide may be living in water-stressed conditions by the year 2025 if present global consumption patterns continue.
- An estimated 3,000 liters of water per person per day is required to produce food — 1,000 times what we need for drinking.
- Agriculture represents 70 percent of global water demand.
- Producing plastic bottles for U.S. use alone re-

quires more than 1.5 million barrels of oil, enough to fuel 1,000 cars for a year.

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger says Californians face mandatory water rationing if we do not drastically reduce consumption.
- The production of one kilogram of beef requires 16,000 thousand liters of water.
- The "water footprint" in China is about 700 cubic meters per person per year; the water footprint in the United States is 2,500 cubic meters per person per year.
- Leaks from an aging distribution system cause 20 percent clean water to be lost. Infrastructure repair costs projected to be more than \$150 billion.
- More than 80 percent of U.S. waterways are contaminated by medications.
- Current water-treatment systems are not designed to filter out new micro-pollutants, such as aspirin, caffeine, animal-growth hormones and other emerging contaminants.

Researched by Johanna Johannesson and Marianna Grossman Keller.

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Letters

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The future of water

Editor,

Between population growth and climate change, water is becoming one of the most challenging issues facing our generation.

Rising temperatures are causing more precipitation to fall as rain instead of snow in mountain watersheds, such as the Sierra Nevadas, upon which we rely for natural water storage.

This reduction of future snowpack threatens our freshwater supplies and poses challenges to water-related activities, including recreational skiing and summer rafting.

Yet despite this threat, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing to divert even more water from the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park.

On top of the 59 percent of the Tuolumne's natural flow that is already diverted to farms and cities, the SFPUC plans to divert up to 25 million more gallons of water per day from the river, based on flawed projection modeling that inflates future water demand while underestimating the potential for conservation.

Such water diversion has already caused extensive environmental degradation and species decline within the Tuolumne watershed. We must turn to water conservation to improve our dire situation.

Many simple conservation opportunities exist today.

Individuals can plant drought-tolerant plants, cover pools, use

brooms instead of hoses to clean outdoor surfaces, install faucet aerators and upgrade to more efficient models of toilets, low-flow shower heads and clothes washers. Many more water conservation tips and techniques can be found at <http://watersavinghero.com>.

It is essential we focus more attention on water conservation, not only to protect at-risk resources like the Tuolumne, but also to ensure future water supplies in a time of changing climate.

Will Derwin
Ramoso Road
Portola Valley

Hangar One invaluable

Editor,

Mike McMahon argued in his letter of Aug. 13 that Hangar One at Moffett has little historic value. He is wrong.

It is the centerpiece of the Moffett Historical District, and is recognized as a unique historic structure both locally and nationally.

In the EE/CA for Hangar One issued by the Navy July 30 they discuss extensively the unusual and historic aspects of the structure and the significant loss that the proposed partial demolition would create.

It is problematic that the Moffett Historical District could be retained if Hangar One has the siding removed as proposed.

As for future uses, a number have been proposed but are awaiting resolution of the fate of Hangar One.

The Moffett History Museum occupied part of the hangar until

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Water

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crisis is to reduce waste. Emulating the concept of "NegaWatts" pioneered by energy expert Amory Lovins, we can start by implementing conservation (don't waste) and efficiency (use sparingly and effectively) measures for water. Maybe "NegaGallons?"

There is legislation in Sacramento to require metering for the counties, mainly in the Central Valley, that currently charge only a basic water fee and don't meter how much is being used. It makes no sense to flush toilets with drinking water or to irrigate non-edible landscaping with fresh water.

Why have a shower with more than 1.2 gallons per minute showerheads? Why run the water while you are shaving or brushing your teeth? There are many ways we can save water that don't really impact our daily lives, beginning by waking up to the risk of running out, the cost of waste and available solutions — by simply being more conscious of our collective well.

Second, the market for water is out of balance: The price bears no relation to the true costs of delivering clean water. When the price rises to reflect the risk of severe water shortages and drought, then

farmers will have to switch to drought-tolerant crops and more efficient irrigation methods, such as are being developed at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel.

Smart companies and building owners will anticipate the impending market correction and will install water-saving technology for their buildings, manufacturing processes and irrigation. They will install drought-tolerant landscaping and permeable surfaces to reduce runoff of storm water, and add catchment systems for storing and using rainwater.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has already declared a drought and is encouraging conservation. The State has not imposed rationing or raised water prices — yet. Now is the time to transform our relationship with water from taking it for granted — to seeing water as a precious and sacred resource, that is necessary to life, as well as very nice for a quick shower. ■

Marianna Grossman Keller works with companies and communities to take action to protect the climate. She is the convener of California Interfaith Power and Light's Peninsula/South Bay Working Group. She and her family live in Palo Alto. She can be e-mailed at marianna@kellers.org.

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they were forced out after the toxics were discovered. A nonprofit air and space museum organization was trying to arrange occupancy in the hangar but had to pull back until its availability is resolved.

The sight-seeing blimp that starts service at Moffett this fall is another potential occupant. It is a unique location for technology-related organizations such as Google or Facebook who want to expand here.

Unfortunately it is impossible to get any future tenants to make commitments until the usability of

Hangar One is resolved.

That is why it is vital for everyone to attend the public meeting on Hangar One Aug. 26, 7 p.m., at the Santa Clara American Legion Post and urge that it be retained in useful form.

Bob Moss
Orme Street
Palo Alto



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Date: August 20, 2008

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Support Groups Supply Crucial Help

Sharing and learning for healing

Even before her weight loss surgery at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Clare Sisto was reassured that her physician, John Morton, would prescribe more for her than an operation. He asked her to go to an informational support group meeting before her surgery – and also to a post-op support group meeting, one designed to be a vital and secure platform to manage the big life changes that come with the surgery. Cisto already knew that those changes wouldn't be easy.

“We all had a story to share – and we all really want to help each other and be successful.”

— Clare Sisto, Stanford Hospital & Clinics weight loss patient

At the pre-op meeting, patients receive valuable factual information from Morton, plastic surgeons and a nutritionist. Dana Schroeder is also there and introduces herself as the facilitator for the post-op group, the one that Morton knows is a crucial part of the surgery's success. When Schroeder tells the group that she went through the surgery several years ago, there is a gasp of admiration from the group.

Doctors can physically change someone's stomach, but the patient needs to make big life changes around what kind and how much food to eat – and then maintain them. “It's not an easy thing,” Morton said. “It's not easy at

all.” And it's important, he said, to know you're not alone.

At Stanford Hospital & Clinics, patients and their families can find many support groups, made possible by a firm belief and commitment to the idea that these groups are an essential and effective part of therapeutic treatment for many diseases and conditions, whether cancer, infertility or stroke. The Hospital has also gone one more important step farther, creating supportive care groups for patients' caregivers, in recognition of the valuable role they play.

The proven power of support

Morton patient Clare Sisto went to the support meetings at the Hospital “just to be part of the program,” she said. That changed quickly, however. “I wanted to go,” she said. “I wanted to participate. I wanted to be with other people who had experienced the surgery. We all had a story to share – and we all really want to help each other and be successful.”

The American tradition of people with similar issues gathering together to educate and support



Before her weight loss surgery, Anjanette DeVito wouldn't have been able to walk her dog, Scooter. Now, with the help of support group, she has lost weight and kept it off.

people who don't need to have anything explained. In the Stanford weight-loss surgery support group, Sisto said, she found that comfort. “I felt like they understood. Nobody understands like they do,” she said. “You feel a camaraderie with them – they share something you share, that even your best friend doesn't know what it's like.”

In the group's shelter of acceptance, Sisto felt free to vent about many things, including people's attitudes toward those with a lot of extra weight.

The group also serves as a backstop of accountability. One member told the group about “how she was eating all this bad stuff. We kinda had this little network – one person agreed to call her a couple of times before the next meeting and she agreed that would be a good idea. We were all concerned about her.”

each other through difficult times is one that dates back to the 18th century.

“You don't need to have a randomized trial to tell you that a parachute is helpful when you jump out of a plane,” Morton said. “We all accept support groups as a good thing.”

“Surgery is a tool, not the answer. If you don't fix your head, you won't fix anything.”

— Anjanette DeVito, Stanford Hospital & Clinics weight loss patient

Two years after her first weight loss support meeting, Sisto has lost 120 pounds and the group is a continuing companion of her journey. Losing the weight, she said, “doesn't mean the baggage goes away. It takes mental and physical work.” And the group is there for her when she's having a bad time. An hour with them, she said, and she can “walk away feeling good, and recognized.”

Acceptance and accountability

Transformation from one way of life to another is much easier with

But some people want to do things for themselves – and resist going. Six months after her bariatric surgery at Stanford, Anjanette DeVito finally attended a meeting. She'd lost 100 pounds and “the stages of change were happening quickly,” she said. “I felt like I needed a lifeline. I had to reach out.” She had discovered that “surgery is a tool, not the answer. If you don't fix your head, you won't fix anything. I still struggle with emotional eating and find that if I have an outlet, I do better.”

A circle of understanding

When her mother died unexpectedly, DeVito might have gone back to eating as solace, but she turned to the group. “I knew it would pull me back,” she said. But occasionally, the group serves another purpose – it's a place where she can share freely her challenges without really needing specific advice. Just by verbalizing them, she said, “you take the mystery out of it, you take the fear out of it.”

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For more information about the stroke support group, call Pam Triano, (650) 498-7852.

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The Stanford Women's Health program runs support groups and special workshops. Contact Penny Donnelly, (650) 723-6408.



Jack and Lola Schaefer had shared a long life together before her lung transplant, but they are both grateful for the lessons Jack learned in the Solid Organ Transplant Caregivers Support Group.

Caregivers Need Support, Too

As plentiful as support groups are for many health conditions, one group is usually overlooked – the families and friends who provide very necessary support for transplant patients. Many are thrust into the role, completely unprepared for its strenuous emotional hardships and physical demands, both before and after surgery. That ongoing stress can lead to depression, burnout and post-traumatic stress disorder. And, out of concern for their loved ones, many caregivers bottle up their feelings, reluctant to show

anything other than unwavering strength and patience.

Stanford Hospital & Clinics has long provided support groups for caregivers. “Patients are inundated with care,” said Rodney Plante, one of the several Hospital social workers who lead the group. “Caregivers,” he said, “need a place where it's safe for them to have an emotional meltdown or an epiphany or a gripe session.” And the listeners are people who become friendly travelers on the same road. “You can

And for people who choose not to share news of their surgery with anyone other than their immediate family, the support group offers complete freedom of speech within the understanding circle of the group. Sometimes, said a patient who has kept her surgery private, food “calls your name so loudly,” like any addictive substance does. Then, having

the group to keep her from falling back into bad habits is where its support “comes into play,” she said. “I don't understand how people who don't get to have support groups get through a lot of the bad times.”

The support groups are so popular that the only complaint from members is that they don't meet

feel like you're the only one,” said another group facilitator, social worker Jenny Kwak. “It's isolating.”

Lola Schaefer's husband, Jack, turned eagerly to the group. The Schaefers, long-time residents of Los Gatos, active and enthusiastic about life, had lived for several years with Lola's lung disease, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. In the last winter before her transplant, Lola, 68, went skiing just as always, even though she had to take her oxygen tank with her. Then the disease advanced so quickly her only hope was a transplant.

“Mentally you know there are others like yourself, but it doesn't hit reality until you're sitting in the room – and you all have the same problem.”

— Jack Schaefer, husband of a lung transplant patient

In the long pre-op interview, a social worker told Jack Schaefer about the caregivers support group. “I wanted to go to see what else there was to learn,” he said. And he was well aware that “being a male, you're lacking in that

instinctive thing of taking care of someone.” In the comfort of the group, he could ask the difficult questions and “things you don't even think of” to ask, he said.

The group's common experiences also helped Jack Schaefer cross the hurdle of isolation. “Mentally you know there are others like yourself,” he said, “but it doesn't hit reality until you're sitting in the room – and you all have the same problem.”

He became more empathetic, he said, helped by greater understanding of what transplant patients go through. “Otherwise the only thing you have to measure anything by is how you do it,” said his wife. “Hearing others' experiences opens your eyes – he became a lot more patient.”

And in better understanding, he said, “a lot of stuff that might have been an issue five years ago, you just ignore it.”

His wife's transplant was almost two years ago, but Jack Schaefer still goes to the group, now more for others than for himself. “You try to give encouragement and support for others,” he said, “in a safe place to talk about stuff you wouldn't talk about to anybody else.”



Weight loss support group facilitator Dana Schroeder (l.) consults with bariatric surgery program worker, Marisol Fernando (r.), about the next support group meeting.



Anjanette DeVito loves her dog, Scooter, but to help her through the challenges of weight loss surgery, she turned to a support group.



A quote from Abraham Lincoln welcomes visitors to the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Hospital, which houses the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center.

Setting new sights

VA Western Blind Rehabilitation Center transforms its services to meet needs of vets from Iraq War, as well as WWII

story by Sue Dremann
photos by Marjan Sadoughi

'When this war is over we will ... have a ton of people with strokes. [Before] a lot of people with strokes didn't have vision rehabilitation.'

—Scott Johnson,
coordinator
of the Comprehensive
Neurological Vision
Rehabilitation Program

The hallways were busy with veterans tapping their white canes.

Sliding the red-tipped staffs along polished floors, the men felt their way to rehabilitation therapy, computer classes — and wood shop — at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System's Western Blind Rehabilitation Center.

Marine Corporal Robert Williams sat squarely in front of a light panel, his nose only 11.8 inches away from touching its black surface. Colored lights in rows flashed in preprogrammed sequences before him: red, white, blue, green and amber.

Partially blinded in the Iraq War, Williams counted, comparing the flashing patterns or sorting out the colors, trying to discern the differences.

Williams, 23, has deep-blue eyes and boyish good looks. An avid hunter and fisherman, he lost sight in his left eye in August 2005 after a roadside bomb attack in Iraq. The blast damaged his depth perception.

"I can see flying bugs and can point at them, but I don't know how far they are. I guess my career as a wide receiver is completely squashed," he said jokingly with a smile.

The light panel is helping Williams to learn to scan his environment, training his neck and head to turn and to create a visual list. Williams is learning to gather that information in sync with his brain's ability to process it. The Western Blind Center is the first hospital in the U.S. to have a vision board, rehabilitation specialists said. It is part of a litany of technologies being developed or adapted by researchers at the center.

Adaptive devices such as computers, smart phones, specialized scanning equipment and GPS navigation are helping blind and visually impaired veterans to live independently with greater facility. And younger vets, who are plugged into the digital world, are demanding prosthetics that are tailored for individual needs and ages, such as devices that scan and read menus and interpret them by voice, specialists said.

The center used to focus on eye diseases such as macular degeneration and glaucoma and served an aging population of veterans. It used to only take patients who were legally blind or fit certain criteria. But the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have brought in new, young soldiers whose injuries are changing the way the center treats blindness. Young vets have functional impairments — neurologically based visual problems — caused by stroke, aneurysm and polytraumatic injury, according to Harriet Straus, the center's nurse manager.

In some cases, no injury to the eye is apparent. The veterans can see well, but how the brain interprets what they see isn't the same, according to Scott Johnson, coordinator of the Comprehensive Neurological Vision Rehabilitation Program.

The causes are often improvised exploded devices (IEDs). Some soldiers are being exposed to two, three, four or even seven IED explosions causing repetitive "closed-head" brain trauma from the concussive force, Johnson said. And the



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—Harriet Straus, nurse manager

Left, Marine Corporal Robert Williams, who lost his left eye due to an explosive device in Iraq in 2005, works with a neuro-vision technology machine while Scott Johnson, program coordinator, helps him to understand what he is seeing. Below, occupational therapist Georgette Cyabyab (left) customizes a target while physical therapist Johnny Feng tightens the straps for Minh-Tri Van to get ready to ‘punch’ his target while Geraldine Pagao, who trains the occupational therapist on the machine, observes.



Physical therapist Johnny Fang (left) cheerfully walks toward the traumatic brain injury rehabilitation center at the VA Hospital while Minh-Tri Van (right) and John Kingston, orientation and mobility specialist, follow.



center is bracing for an increase in patients whose visual impairment could come later in life as a result of their head trauma.

“When this war is over we will have a program in place. We will have a ton of people with strokes. [Before] a lot of people with strokes didn’t have vision rehabilitation,” he said.

The center has a “basic training” program that teaches core skills, such as use of optical aids, independent travel, daily living skills, alternative methods of communication, sensory awareness and manual-skill development, and training family members to interact with the veteran at home, according to Lila Jaffray, clinical coordinator. Special programs include computer-access training, GPS, power-wheelchair or power-scooter programs.

Blind Center researchers were forerunners in the development of a power-mobility program, and the center has been a testing site for electronic travel aids and other devices, Jaffray said. The center houses 26 in-patients and in a year 200 are served. The length of stay varies, depending on each veteran’s needs, she said.

“The polytrauma patients have totally changed how the VA does business,” Straus said. “They are doing cutting-edge therapy with patients. ... It’s a pretty phenomenal thing. I’ve been a rehab

nurse for more than 20 years, and I’ve never seen a place like this for the blind.”

Robert Williams messed around in the recreation room, tussling with Mae, a 6-month-old black Labrador retriever that is a seeing-eye dog in training. The dog is blind-rehabilitation specialist Laura Kaehler’s tenth dog in training. Williams has become attached to the dog, which was chasing a rope toy as Williams traced it along the floor.

“The biggest part of her training is socialization. ... She had to learn to not be afraid of the automatic door,” Kaehler said.

Williams is missing 30 percent of his field of view. He has been at the center since mid-July, picking up the tales and wisdom of older vets from older wars.

The recreation room has a pool table and big-screen television.

“I love the irony of walking into a blind school and finding a big-screen TV. It’s like taking deaf people to a ventriloquist,” he said.

But Williams is learning to function again the same as any young man his age: He can drive his truck with the use of bubble mirrors. And the vehicle is equipped with a back-up sensor and GPS navigation to aid backing out of parking

spaces, he said.

Williams wants prosthetics that will help further his education. A Petaluma resident, Williams plans to attend Santa Rosa Junior College and wants to become a physical therapist, he said.

He works with Dan Nakamura, a blind-rehabilitation specialist in computer-access training, to learn how to use the Kurzweil 3000 program, which scans printed text and can read aloud to Williams. Although he has some sight, his vision tires easily. The program can coach him along the way when he becomes too fatigued to read on his own.

Smart phones are another valuable innovation with widespread applications for the blind, Nakamura said.

“Robert doesn’t have to carry seven different things. He’s carrying one thing that does everything for you,” Nakamura said.

Smart phones have GPS, Windows and voice-recording capabilities. The phones are being tested on the completely blind, Nakamura said.

He held up a small black box the size of a point-and-shoot digital camera. “It can take a picture of a menu and read it back to you. It can observe and read a street sign and read it back,” he said.

Williams is excited about the freedom of hand-held technology. “Dan will hook me up

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— Robert Williams, Marine corporal

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On the cover:

Minh-Tri Van gets help finding his way at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Hospital from John Kingston, orientation and mobility specialist. Photograph by Marjan Sadoughi.

New sights

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with Powerpoint, word processing, Google and Wikipedia," he said.

Minh-Tri Van, a gentle and soft-spoken 29-year-old man, was a Navy sonar technician stationed in San Diego when his roommate found him unconscious in his barracks. He developed brain damage in 1998 due to a mysterious episode that caused anoxia — a lack of oxygen.

Van picked at his salad during lunch in the mess hall. A painting of a veteran walking with a white cane adorned the wall. A series of white canes hung from pegs on the back of the mess-hall door as their owners chatted during lunch.

Part of Van's brain has died as a

having speech therapy and learning to clap his hands and punch. Much of that occupational therapy takes place at the polytrauma center. Van tends to fall, so he still uses a walker, but he has made much progress.

Since coming to the Blind Center on July 8 from his parents' home in Columbus, Ohio, he has learned to use a white cane and how to cross a street safely. He wants a GPS system so he can navigate by himself around neighborhoods and will have more independence. He likes Palo Alto, and living here independently is a goal, he said.

"When I came here, I couldn't walk backwards or speak loudly," he said.

Nakamura said devices that enhance communication are crucial for older blind veterans, too, who will rely on computers



Georgette Cyabyab, occupational therapist (left), and Geraldine Pagao, clinical specialist, help tighten the straps around Minh-Tri Van's hand.

result of the episode, causing speech, memory and mobility problems, he said. "My vision is 20/200. Everything is blurry. I can distinguish colors, and I have depth-perception problems."

Since coming to the center, he has been camping, swimming and playing billiards. But he also engages in hard work: training to use a book-scanning device that can read aloud,

for communication with children and grandchildren who are part of the digital generation.

"Sometimes they say they're too old. You're never too old. We had a 99-year-old man here. He was running around here better than I am," Jaffray said.

Older vets can also be the primary caregiver of a spouse, Jaffray said, noting the importance of retaining independence as eye problems from disease rob sight.

Most patients have macular degeneration, glaucoma and retinitis pigmentosa. "But the really big one is diabetic retinopathy," Straus said. Fifty percent of patients have the disease and the center is seeing more Vietnam veterans. Those veterans are more prone to getting diabetes as a result of the war and post-traumatic stress disorder, which can lead to alcohol abuse and depression, she said.

Among older veterans, "one of the biggest problems is reading — just to read a newspaper or look at family photos," Jaffray said. Older veterans use adaptive devices to get mail or to go to the end of the block. "For some, that's a goal," she said. Others want to travel or return to work. The center offers training in touch typing and creating a business plan, she said.

Ron Caravello, 75, a retired New York City police officer and Korean War veteran in the Air Force, lost sight in his left eye 12 years ago to macular degeneration. His other eye



Minh-Tri Van reaches toward a target to improve his motor coordination accuracy and endurance while Geraldine Pagao (left), clinical specialist, John Kingston, orientation and mobility specialist, and Louise Hess, occupational therapist, observe.

lost sight 1½ years ago, he said.

"I can't see straight ahead, but I can see on the side," he said.

Gregarious and energetic, Caravello loves to take visitors to his room to see a portrait taken with his wife, a stunning 68-year-old woman who looks 45. Last year, they celebrated their 50th anniversary, he said.

Caravello arrived at the Blind Center in late June.

"This place is absolutely unbelievable. The attention you get from the start: They teach you how to cross streets; how to cross safely. It's very difficult without training for the things to listen for. They teach you how to use peripheral eyesight," he said, strolling briskly down the hall, his white cane scanning the terrain

ahead of him.

He fingered a finely tooled leather belt he learned to make himself. Halfway through, he learned to work it without looking, he said. With the use of closed-circuit television, he can read newspaper articles.

"It's the first time I've read in 1½ years," he said with satisfaction.

Caravello is learning to type again and wants to learn computer skills so that he can get a job working on a computer, he said.

"They teach you so well you can almost do what a person who can see can do," he said.

While hospital spokeswoman Kerri Childress and a visitor rode the elevator, Caravello took the stairs beating them to the workshop. Table tops and shelves are lad-

en with wooden toys, boxes, frames and candlestick holders, all made by blind veterans. Caravello opens a drawer filled with hammered copper pictures: praying hands and American eagles. He is learning to make frames for each of the craft-works, he said.

Irving Gold, 92, is turning a wooden block on a lathe, turning it into a fine writing pen under the watchful eye of El Gray, a blind-rehab specialist and manual-skills instructor.

"The tools are outfitted differently and set up in ways where they can't hurt themselves," Childress said.

In the manual-skills lab, veterans are doing leather work, creating identification folders or learning

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—Anita Stone, a blind rehabilitation specialist and living-skills instructor

Dean Hale (left), Dewayne Chartier and Irving Gold applaud their fellow classmates at a graduation ceremony held at the Western Regional Blind Center at the Palo Alto VA Hospital in August.



Program graduate Barbara Bowlin holds the hand of classmate Ron Caravell after receiving her diploma at the graduation ceremony in August.



Sara Hudson, occupational therapist, shows Ron Caravello how to cut the bevels for his frame, to improve his manual skills at the wood workshop in the Western Regional Blind Center.

basic skills such as threading laces and using restrooms.

A board mounted with several keys, door knobs and latches provides a platform for learning how to open and close various kinds of door fixtures.

The hallway is lined with photographs and descriptions of different types of visual impairments, each image a reminder of just exactly how veterans with each kind of vision loss really see.

For Anita Stone, a blind-rehabilitation specialist and living-skills instructor, her own blindness is a constant reminder of what her clients experience. Stone was in Navy communications and intelligence. Eight years ago, she developed retinitis pigmentosa and went through a similar rehabilitation program in Tucson, Ariz. She has light perception but is functionally blind, she said.

"I know what it's like. I've been privileged to be on both sides. I tell

them it's OK to be scared. They are out of their comfort zone. I tell them by the second week, they'll be owning the place," Stone said.

"The biggest frustration is transportation. When you lose your vision, it's difficult to cope," she said.

Someone's seeing-eye dog loped around Stone's cramped office. She ate lunch with her husband, Dale Honhoinewa, who has low vision and works in the hospital's intensive-care unit. Both have experienced the frustrations of the public's often well-meaning misconception of blindness, they said.

"When you travel, going to destinations and being in public, a lot of people want to help you. But some people overstep their boundaries. They get angry when you refuse their help. ... Trying to convey to the public that you are OK is especially difficult," she said.

Stone said she assesses each veteran's issues and tries to figure out

what they need. For some, it's typing and Braille, for others, it's about money and identification safety. Some people have health problems. They lose spouses and families and friends due to blindness and many become isolated. "'The best thing,' I tell someone, 'is when you lose vision, is to find others,'" she said.

Tuesday morning is graduation day. It's the time when veterans line up to receive diplomas and speak about their achievements. Each week the ritual is renewed, with a new crop of graduates making their way out into the world — independently.

"When people graduate and they

get their certificate, it means the world to them, and it meant the world to me," Stone said.

Last year, the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center celebrated its 40th anniversary. The center is the second oldest in the country, and is one of 11 regional facilities nationwide. When the Palo Alto VA undergoes a makeover in the next few years, the Blind Center will have a new 64,000-square-foot facility that will nearly double the current amount of space and will possibly include an outpatient center reflecting the changing needs of veterans, Jason Nietupski, facilities manager

said.

Stone said the center's new direction and continuing research take a tremendous effort but are necessary to make the center more challenging. The ultimate goal is how to best serve veterans in a changing world.

"We had a young man who sat in his house for three years and never went outside. He came here and in a short time he was volunteering and going out. This place saved his life," she said. ■

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On the Blackboard

STUDENTS OF COLOR

WELCOME ... Worried their children weren't getting enough support in Palo Alto schools, concerned parents founded the **Parent Network for Students of Color** in 2006. The community group has since partnered with the district to explore in public forums the so-called achievement gap, or why minority students score worse than non-minorities on standardized tests, and offers services for parents. This Saturday, Aug. 23, the network will host the Annual Back-to-School Welcome and Information Faire to answer questions and share ways to support children. The fair will run 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Palo Alto High School (50 Embarcadero Road).

JAMMING AT THE BOARD

MEETING ... Perhaps it will replace finger-drumming and foot-jiggling. To pass time while waiting for a recent Foothill-De Anza Community College District board meeting to begin, district staffers booted up a YouTube video. The subject? Chancellor's Office employee **Jon O'Bergh**, jamming in a blond afro wig and rainbow tie-dye shirt with his band. The video, called "Gemini Soul — Sun Goddess," pairs a funky, jazzy sound with folks breaking moves on the dance floor. O'Bergh laughed — and perhaps blushed — as the video played, while meeting attendees waited for the board to emerge from a property negotiation regarding the fate of its Middlefield Campus in Palo Alto.

A SITE FOR SORE EYES ... Out with the old and in with the new — Stanford University website, that is. The school debuts a new site that's more interactive, simpler to use and just plain easier on the eyes this month, according to Director of Web Communications **Scott Stocker**. The older site, in use since 2002, feels, well, old, Stocker said. The new site features a scrolling series of pictures and articles on the bottom, as well as event blurbs that open on the screen using a technology called light box. That means good-bye to pop-up windows, he noted. It will also be more accessible to those with disabilities, such as those using screen readers, he said. The new site follows on the heels of Stanford's YouTube channel, debuted this spring.

CITIZEN-EDUCATION UPGRADE

... It's not enough to know the colors of the flag and the date of America's independence, according to Stanford University School of Education doctoral student **Jack Schneider. In an op-ed piece for the Christian Science Monitor this month, Schneider wrote in favor of a citizenship test that measures knowledge of principles — not just memorization. The new citizenship test the government will institute in October is an improvement, he wrote. A few questions deal with rights and responsibilities. But there are still**

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School's Out

A monthly section on local schools edited by Arden Pennell



Dwayne Williams, 17, is one of about 20 high school students — many from disadvantaged backgrounds — who were selected to work in Stanford University research labs this summer.

Darlene Bouchard

A scientific partnership

Minority students get boost from lab exposure — and labs get federal money for helping students

by Arden Pennell

Dwayne “DJ” Williams, a soft-spoken teen entering his last year of high school, can talk at length about solar flares, or when the sun’s activity causes a disturbance in Earth’s ionosphere. He spent this summer working at Stanford University’s Solar Observatory Group, building palm-sized monitors to detect the sun’s temper tantrums.

The Stanford program is a chance to do sophisticated lab work. He hopes the research will help him get into a good college. He’ll be the first in his family, which lives in East Palo Alto, to attend.

At first glance, Williams’ story seems straightforward — an underprivileged student benefited from access to the dazzling resources of a world-renowned research institution.

Yet Stanford may benefit from Williams as much as he benefits from the school.

As a minority gaining scientific exposure, Williams represents the “broader impact” scientists must demonstrate when applying for federal grants to fund their research.

Major institutes such as the National Science Foundation (NSF), NASA and the National Institutes of Health often require grant applicants to demonstrate societal impact when applying.

Universities rely on winning such grants to power research.

Grants from the NSF fund about one-third of all science-related research at Stanford, according to Paul Grossi, associate director of Stanford’s Office of Science Outreach.

Researchers in the so-called STEM fields, (STEM for science, technology, engineering and

mathematics) — the same fields in which the U.S. is currently decimated as lagging — are particularly reliant on federal grants, according to Tara Bennett, manager of a Harvard science-outreach program.

But from a grant applicant’s perspective, it may be difficult to describe how studying a certain protein, for example, will ultimately affect millions of people for the better.

At the outset of research, it can be tough to predict a project’s impact, according to science foundation spokesman Bobbie Mixon.

It is perhaps simpler to show that teaching underrepresented minorities about science — one of the ways NSF applicants can meet the impact requirement, according to Mixon — will have a palpably positive effect.

So professors at elite universities such as Stanford and Harvard turn to local high schools for help, creating an unlikely symbiosis between low-income, generally non-white or otherwise minority students and the sophisticated research labs of the academy.

To help link the two parties, universities create offices such as Stanford’s Office of Science Outreach or Harvard’s Life Sciences/HHMI Out-

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Partnership

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reach Program. While also reaching out to non-minorities and teachers, the offices can help professors meet certain grant requirements by finding the right students.

The programs' coordinators visit local schools and develop relationships.

"We have a large bank of teachers willing to bring their students in or recommend students for people's labs," Bennett said, adding she's linked science-minded folks ranging from ornithologists to genetic labs.

Grossi works with principals of small schools throughout the Peninsula to find motivated, bright — yet underprivileged — students to match with Stanford researchers for the program Williams participated in, the Summer Research Internship Program for High School Students.

The lab where Williams worked is funded by NASA under a grant that requires outreach, according to Grossi.

Williams' project itself was part of that outreach.

The red metal monitors he and several other interns built, called Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance (SID) monitors, cost only about \$50 to make and connect easily to a computer. The lab sells them to schools worldwide as a cheap way to bring solar science into the classroom, Williams said.

The practical need to meet grant requirements is matched by lofty, well-meaning goals.

Grossi, a former high-school physics teacher, spoke enthusiastically about helping students feel they belong in academia even if their parents didn't finish high school.

The program also opens eyes in the Ivory Tower, perhaps encouraging professors to change subtle prejudices about which students might make good lab assistants, he said.

Those benefits outweigh any hoped-for productivity, he said.

Students arriving with little experience rarely make a real contribution to labs, according to Grossi.

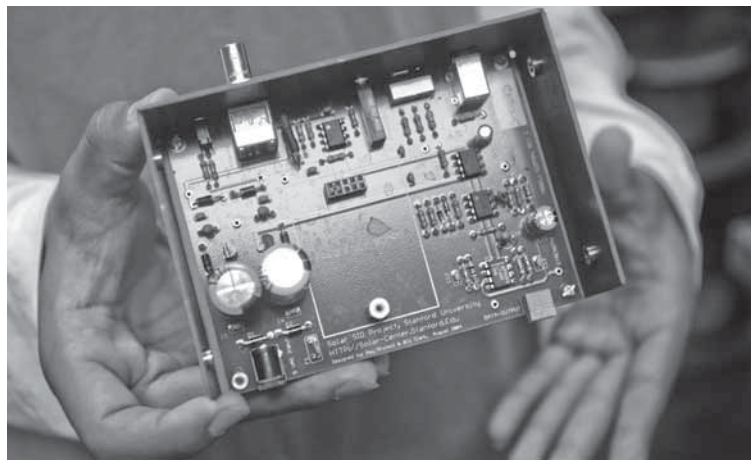
"To get productive work out of it is almost a bonus. ... If you get a drop in the bucket, that would be great. If it doesn't reduce the baseline water level, that's our goal," he said with a laugh.

The practice of turning to high schools has grown more popular recently, with more professors approaching her for help, Bennett said.

Mixon said NSF's requirements haven't changed in recent years, but suggested more and more researchers have discovered outreach as a way to meet the impact requirement.

At Stanford, the need for outreach has blossomed into a full-on program.

Rather than simply match a teen with a lab and leave them to their



Dwayne Williams shows off a solar-flare detection device that he worked on at Stanford University this summer.

own devices, the Summer Research program, now in its second summer, aspires to create a community for students, Grossi said.

Once a week — the program runs eight weeks, June to August — the 20 students are treated to lectures and trips.

One Friday this summer, students toured Stanford marine-research facilities in Monterey. On another day, Nobel Prize-winning geneticists came in to lecture. The students get a broader view of science careers while meeting fellow science-loving teens, according to Grossi.

And they are paid for their time, with a \$2,500 stipend their first year and \$3,000 for a second summer, according to outreach office Director Kaye Storm.

As the program winds down, students make posters of their projects to display in an exhibit for families.

Victoria Vargas, a senior at East Palo Alto's Eastside College Prep like Williams, said the projects often puzzle parents. She added most of her friends at school don't really get why she's so into science, either.

Vargas worked this and last summer studying a microscope designed to detect early signs of cancer. It could replace biopsies, she said.

Regardless of whether her lab work is easy to understand, she knows her parents are proud.

Vargas recalled her mother telling friends: "My daughter's working at Stanford, and she's not working in the dining section. She's working with a professor." ■

On the blackboard

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lightweight, memory-based questions, and the format still asks applicants to answer six out of 10 questions right, from a published list of 100 — a recipe for cramming, Schneider opined. ■

On the Blackboard is a monthly feature announcing news and events related to schools and youth. Send news to School's Out Editor Arden Pennell at apennell@paweekly.com.



NOTICE OF DIRECTOR'S HEARING

To be held at **3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 2008** in the Palo Alto City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public at the Development Center, 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California on:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday	8:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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455 Forest Avenue [08PLN-00000-00151]: Request by David Solnick for review of a Preliminary Parcel Map for four condominium units. Environmental Assessment: Exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15303(b). Zone District: RM-40.

Curtis Williams

Interim Director of Planning and Community Environment

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CARDINAL CORNER . . . Stanford grad **Candice Wiggins** received the WNBA Community Assist Award for July for her effort in the Minnesota Lynx community outreach program. "It's a huge honor to be in a position to help my community," Wiggins said. "It is something I love to do." The WNBA will make a \$5,000 donation to Wiggins' charity of choice in honor of the monthly award . . . The Stanford men's water polo team was picked to finish second in the Mountain Pacific Sports federation in a vote of the conference coaches. The Cardinal returns four All-Americans from a team that finished third last year and won two of three from eventual national champions California. USC was picked to finish first while Cal was tabbed for third. UCLA was fourth, followed by Pepperdine, UC Santa Barbara, Long Beach State, UC Irvine, and Pacific. Stanford opens at the Princeton tournament on Sept. 12 against Johns Hopkins.

SMART SPIKERS . . . The Palo Alto girls' volleyball team was officially recognized by the AVCA for its remarkable collective achievement in the classroom for the second straight year. The AVCA honored the Vikings with one of six Team Academic Awards that are issued to California high schools, and 128 in the nation. Palo Alto earned a combined 3.48 GPA this past school year.

WATER POLO CLINIC . . . The Stanford Water Polo Club are holding two water polo clinics at Avery Aquatic Center on the Stanford University campus for girls ages 8 to 8th grade. Beginners to advance players are welcome. The clinic will be directed by Stanford's **John Tanner** and **Susan Ortwein**. Clinics are Wednesday between 4:30 and 7 p.m. and Saturday between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50 for seventh- and eighth-graders and \$35 for everybody else. There is no advance registration required and players may attend one or both clinics. For more information, please see the website www.stanfordwaterpolo.com or contact Ortwein at sortwein@stanford.edu

ON THE AIR

Wednesday

Olympics: Men's volleyball, 7 a.m.; Women's beach volleyball, 5 p.m., Men's volleyball, 9:35 p.m., NBC

Olympics: Softball, 9 p.m., Women's soccer, 11 p.m., CNBC

Olympics: Women's Soccer, Women's Basketball, Baseball, Tennis, Beach Volleyball; Men's Archery, Cycling, 11 p.m. USA.

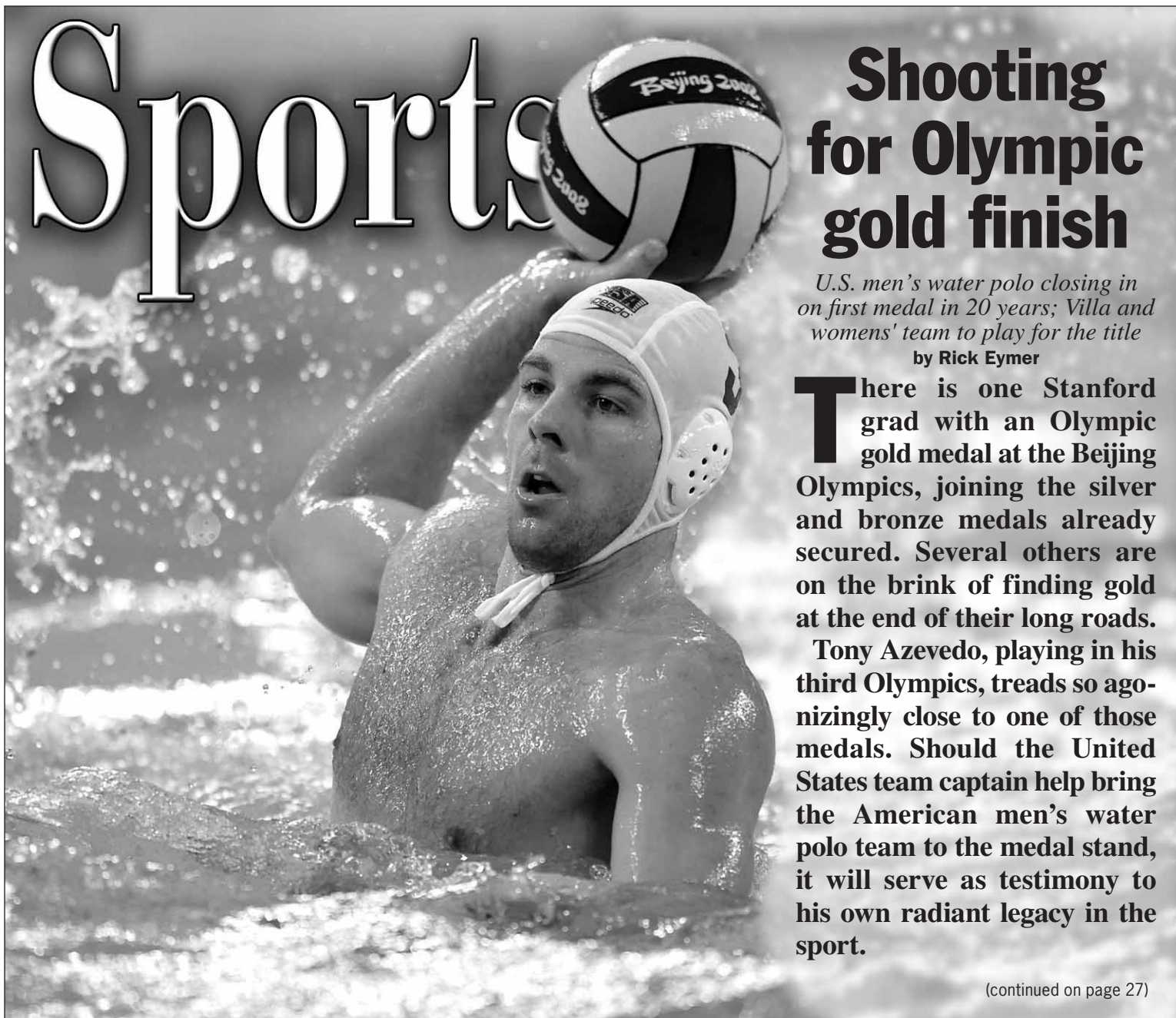
Thursday

Olympics: Women's water polo, softball, 7 a.m.; NBC

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For expanded daily coverage of college and prep sports, please see our new site at www.PASportsOnline.com

Sports



Shooting for Olympic gold finish

U.S. men's water polo closing in on first medal in 20 years; Villa and womens' team to play for the title
by Rick Eymer

There is one Stanford grad with an Olympic gold medal at the Beijing Olympics, joining the silver and bronze medals already secured. Several others are on the brink of finding gold at the end of their long roads.

Tony Azevedo, playing in his third Olympics, treads so agonizingly close to one of those medals. Should the United States team captain help bring the American men's water polo team to the medal stand, it will serve as testimony to his own radiant legacy in the sport.

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Kirby Lee

Stanford grad Peter Hudnut joins former Cardinal pals and current Olympic teammates in the Final Four of the men's water polo competition. The U.S. plays either Serbia or Spain in Friday's semifinals.

SPORTS

Palo Alto reserves itself, makes up lost ground

Boyd puts the hurt on West Fargo, helps erase the pain of Tallahassee in Babe Ruth 14-year-old World Series

by Colin Becht

Two days in and the Palo Alto 14-year-old Babe Ruth all-star team has already given its best Jekyll and Hyde impersonation. The also discovered what a difference a day makes.

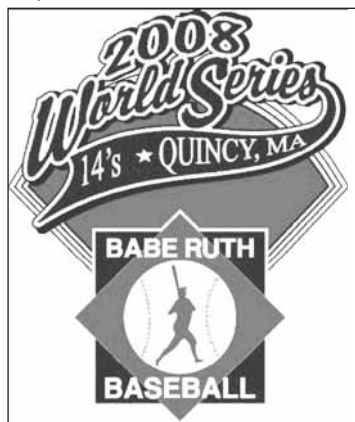
Palo Alto looked sloppy and mistake-prone in an embarrassing 17-4 loss to Tallahassee, last year's 13-year-old Babe Ruth World Series winners, on Sunday in Quincy, MA.

The all-stars regained their swagger with an overpowering 14-3 win over West Fargo on Monday.

Palo Alto has split in its first two games of the World Series with two contests left in pool play. The outcome of those next games will determine whether Palo Alto plays for the title or comes home with a bunch of souvenirs and memories.

A win over Syracuse (2-0) in Tuesday's scheduled contest would likely have been enough to qualify Palo Alto for the next level. The all-stars play again on Wednesday at 5 p.m. against host Quincy.

And to think all it took was one



pitch and one swing of the bat to set things right again for Palo Alto.

Center fielder BJ Boyd, who led off Monday's game with a home run, attributed the dramatic swing (his and the team's) to fatigue.

"I think we were just tired," he said.

They looked anything but after Boyd's blast, the first home run of the World Series by any team. The good people of North Dakota never knew what hit them.

"I think they just settled down



Palo Alto 14-year-old Babe Ruth all-star BJ Boyd watches the flight of his ball after hitting the first pitch of Monday's win over West Fargo at

and had a little focus," said Mike Piha, president of Palo Alto Babe Ruth. "They were just playing like Ö they're capable of playing."

West Fargo advanced to the World Series as champions of the Midwest Plains region.

Boyd's monstrous home run, Piha estimated, traveled well over 400

feet. "First pitch, first swing, I think that kind of set the tone for the day," Piha said.

Boyd's teammates quickly followed his lead as Palo Alto scored five runs in the first inning.

Starting pitcher Jake Batchelder

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Ron Fried



Olympics

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Azevedo would love to join Canadian rower Adam Kreek, a Stanford grad who was part of a gold-medal performance in the men's eight boat on Sunday. Azevedo got a little closer to his dream finish on Monday.

The U.S. defeated Germany, 8-7, in the final game of the preliminary round, securing a spot in the semifinals and guaranteeing, at the least, of matching its best finish since 1988.

"It's one of the greatest feelings," said Azevedo, a three-time national collegiate Player of the Year while at Stanford. "For 10 years, I've been working as hard as I can and have sacrificed so many things. To lose that game over and over again has been just devastating. To come out and be in that final four, it's a great feeling. We're definitely the underdog story."

Stanford grad Layne Beaubien, who earned two All-American honors with the Cardinal, is playing on his second Olympic team.

"I think we've been a team that people have thought could win for a long time," Beaubien said. "We've had talent, we've had strong players. For whatever reason, we weren't able to take that next step. I think now it's just sort of happening. It's not like we're just a bunch of chumps swimming around out there."

Peter Varellas and Peter Hudnut, former Stanford teammates with Azevedo, also join in the fun. Stanford grad Thomas Hopkins serves as an alternate.

Terry Schroeder, the team's third coach since the last Olympics, was the team captain when the Americans won silver medals in 1984 and 1988. There's been a medal drought ever since, although the U.S. was fourth in 1992.

"When I came onboard, it was as close to a dysfunctional family as you could find," Schroeder said. "We'd been through three coaches in three years. There were a lot of individuals, a lot of good pieces. They just didn't really believe in themselves and they weren't really a team. Just to witness and just be a part of how far these guys have come, it really gets me in my heart. They believe now they can beat anybody in the world."

The United States meets either Serbia or Spain in the semifinals on Friday.

Azevedo scored three goals and Varellas added a goal as the U.S. recorded a crucial 7-5 victory over top-ranked Croatia. Varellas' goal snapped a 2-2 tie and gave the U.S. the lead for good.

Rowing

Kreek, a four-time world champion, helped his boat to a 5:23.89 fin-



Brenda Villa has Olympic silver and bronze. This year, the three-time Olympian hopes to bring home a gold medal.

ish. It was the last race of the sport in this year's Olympics.

The 27-year-old Kreek, a Geotechnical Engineering and Hydrology major at Stanford, was joined on the medal stand by Kevin Light, Ben Rutledge, Andrew Byrnes, Jake Wetzel, Malcolm Howard, Dominic Seiterle, Kyle Hamilton and Brian Price.

Schroeder is the third man in America's quadruple sculls boat. He helped the team to a 5:52.81 finish in the quarterfinals.

The U.S. men's four boat, with Stanford grad David Banks and Brett Newlin, missed a spot in the finals by one second.

Newlin is the older brother of Stanford grad Kristen Newlin, who plays women's basketball professionally in Turkey.

American men's four finished third in the 'B' final with a time of 6:07.17, a mark that would have earned the team a silver medal on Saturday. Instead, the U.S. settle for a ninth-place overall finish.

In the women's pair 'B' final, Stanford grad Sabrina Kolker and teammate Zoe Hoskins went 7:37.27 to finish ninth overall for Canada.

Stanford grad Jamie Schroeder rowed in the U.S. men's quadruple sculls boat, which finished the course in 5:47.64. Teammate Scott Gault is a Berkeley native, and his family still resides in the area.

Stanford sophomore Lindsay Meyer's U.S. women's quadruple boat also finished fifth, recording a 6:25.86.

Men's volleyball

The United States got its coach back, and maintained its winning ways.

With Stanford grad Kevin Hansen recording 41 assists, the Americans beat China, 25-22, 25-12, 25-18 on Saturday.

Coach Hugh McCutcheon missed three games following a fatal attack on his in-laws, who were visiting a Beijing tourist site.

Cardinal grad Gabe Gardner, still recovering from an ankle injury, recorded two kills in limited duty.

On Sunday the Americans (5-0) beat Japan, 215-18, 25-12, 25-21.

The U.S. meets Serbia in Wednesday's quarterfinal.

Women's volleyball

The United States beat Italy, 20-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-18, 15-6, on Tuesday to advance to the semi-



Logan Tom, 3-time Olympian is looking for her first Olympic medal. The chance when she plays Cuba in the semifinals.

finals in Beijing against Cuba on Friday.

"I think we all said, 'We still have some fight in us, let's take this thing to a fifth set,'" Stanford grad Logan Tom said about the turning point after dropping the third game. "That was fun."

After the match, Stanford grad Ogonna Nnamani (who else?) began an impromptu victory dance. She was quickly joined by her teammates, who chanted "U-U-U-U-U-S-A!"



Tony Azevedo, 3-time Olympian, looks for an Olympic medal when the U.S. play on Friday. A loss means going home empty-handed.

The Americans have lost just one of its six Olympic matches, but Italy gave them a scare.

Tom had 14 kills and three blocks in the match.

Tom recorded 14 kills in the American's 23-25, 25-22, 23-25, 25-20, 15-11 win over host China, the win that clinched a spot in the quarterfinals.

It was an emotional night for U.S. coach Jenny Lang Ping, a legend in China and credited for giving the Chinese national volleyball team its legitimacy with a gold medal performance in the Los Angeles Olympics of 1984.

Tom had a team-high 18 kills, 13 digs and nine blocks as the U.S. finished pool play with a 4-1 record, second to Cuba's 5-0 mark in Group A, with an 18-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13 victory over Poland. Tom hit at a .460 rate.

Nnamani gave her best performance of the Games to date with 11 kills, nine blocks, three aces and a hitting percentage of .350.

Tom leads the team with 60 kills, five service aces and 13 blocks. She's second with 47 digs. Nnamani has 13 kills, three blocks, six digs and three aces so far.

Women's water polo

Like Azevedo, Stanford grad Brenda Villa, one of the best water polo players the United States has ever produced, has done everything but win gold at the Olympic Games.

Silver — check (2000).

Bronze — check (2004).

Villa's opportunity to make a dream come true arrived again on Tuesday. She scored the winning goal in America's 9-8 victory over Australia in the semifinals.

"I saw an opening and I took it," Villa said. "I knew that was probably the best look we would get."

It's U.S. versus the Netherlands on Thursday for the gold medal.

"This is what we trained for the last four years, to get another opportunity to play for an Olympic medal," Villa said.

Villa scored three goals, while Stanford grad Alison Gregorka and Cardinal junior Jessica Steffens each added a goal.

Villa and Gregorka each scored twice as the U.S. beat Russia, 12-7, in the final game of the preliminary round.

Steffens added a goal for the U.S., which scored the first six goals against a Russian team that was out of contention.

This Olympics marks the first time U.S. women's and men's teams had made it to the medal round at the same Games.

Women's soccer

Stanford grad Rachel Buehler played another full game as the U.S. beat Japan, 4-2, in the semifinals on Monday to qualify for Thursday's gold-medal match against Brazil.

"We're pumped. Bring it on," U.S. midfielder Heather O'Reilly said. "We've played Brazil before and we know they're a pretty awesome team with a lot of great personalities. But this team, player for player, is unified and strong."

Buehler helped limit the Japanese to nine total shots, seven on goal.

"We don't have one star, but we have 18 players, a team," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "That's why it's so fun to be around the players on and off the field. That is a winning feeling and I'm so honored and proud to be coaching this U.S. team."

It's the fourth straight Olympic final for the Americans, and the second straight for Brazil.

Buehler played 97 minutes of

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Babe Ruth

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faced early struggles on the mound, surrendering two runs in the bottom of the first. He recovered magnificently from the early setback — what a difference an inning makes! — and allowed one run the rest of the way.

Batchelder pitched all five innings, giving up the runs on five hits and four walks. He also struck out eight.

With Batchelder locked in, his run support was generous. Palo Alto added to its lead with a run in the second, an overwhelming seven runs in the third and one more in the fifth.

Batchelder even helped out his own cause with two RBI.

In addition to Boyd and Batchelder, Palo Alto received offensive help from Travis McHugh, Drake Swezey, and Tucker Jorgensen.

McHugh tripled and drove in two runs, Swezey had two hits, including a double, and two RBI, Jorgensen added three hits and two RBI.

“They’re back on track,” said Piha. “They just played Palo Alto

baseball.”

Palo Alto’s fielding was flawless, as Monday’s game was error free. A far cry from the five or so errors the team made in the loss to Tallahassee.

Palo Alto opened against the champions of the Southeast region, who were stinging from a 1-0 upset loss to Quincy the previous day. This time it was Palo Alto which needed the mercy rule.

“Our kids have played just great, outstanding baseball for every tournament game they played in the last two months. This just happened to be one of the games where it didn’t all come together,” said Piha.

His son, catcher Jordan Piha, was even more explicit: “We just started out flat,” he said.

Palo Alto greatest struggles were its pitching and defense, and delivered uncharacteristic performance in both aspects.

Palo Alto pitchers walked 10 batters and hit two, and with Tallahassee getting eight hits of its own, well, do the math and that’s a lot of baserunners. Tallahassee mustered two more hits than Palo Alto, but continually received gifts, and wisely accepted them, from the PA

pitching staff.

Palo Alto’s defense suddenly seemed to be missing too. The all-stars committed five errors, or three more than they committed during their run to the regional tournament title.

“You just can’t win baseball games playing like that,” said Mike Piha. “Every team has a bad game and we just happened to have ours.”

After surrendering four runs in the top of the first inning, the Palo Alto offense responded with three runs in the bottom of the first and briefly tied the game at four with another run in the second.

Palo Alto stopped scoring though. Tallahassee didn’t. The team from Florida went on a crusade in the fourth, crushing Palo Alto’s hopes with a nine-spot.

Palo Alto went through four pitchers trying to find a solution to the Tallahassee torrent. Freddy Avis started and went three innings before being relieved by Graham Marchant, Kevin Kannappan, and Sam Falkenhagen.

Falkenhagen had some success, as Tallahassee was held scoreless in the fifth.

All that negativity melted though

Netherlands, 8-0, in five innings.

The Americans came back to beat China, 9-0, and earn a spot in Tuesday’s semifinals.

Team USA has outscored its opponents by a 53-1 margin, with Canada scoring the only (unearned) run and holding the only lead over the U.S. in these games.

Mendoza, a four-time All-American while at Stanford, hit two home runs and drove in four runs in Team USA’s 7-0 victory over Japan in Olympic softball. She added a hit, an RBI and two runs scored in the American’s 8-1 victory over Canada, the conclusion of a weather-suspended game.

Mendoza hit a home run, doubled and drove in two runs as the U.S. downed Chinese Taipei, 7-0, to clinch the top seed in the next round.

“A home run at any time feels good, but in the Olympics, it just feels spectacular,” said Mendoza. “It’s so contagious with this team. Usually when we score, it’s like the floodgates have opened. You never know who’s going to be the spark-plug.”

Cardinal grad Lauren Lappin had a hit and drove in two runs in her first Olympic appearance for the Americans.

The Americans scored all nine runs against China in the first inning, and all with two outs.

“It’s not that I didn’t expect great things out of this unbelievable lineup,” USA catcher Stacey Nuveman said, “but, I mean, nine runs in one inning? That’s just unreal.”

Baseball

Stanford grad John Gall hit a go-ahead home run to start the sixth, and it was enough to send the U.S. Olympic team into the semifinals as the Americans beat Taiwan, 4-2, on Tuesday.

Gall was 2-for-4 with an RBI as the U.S. rallied for a 5-4 win over Canada on Sunday.

He added an RBI double in a 9-0 victory over China. Gall has eight

hits in his last 18 at bats, including four doubles and a home run. He’s hitting .348 overall.

The U.S. has one more preliminary game to play, against Japan on Wednesday. The semifinals begin Friday.

Track and field

Things got started on Friday, although it was a short-lived experience for Stanford grad Erica McLain, who finished 26th in the women’s triple jump qualifying round. She went 44-3 1/2.

“I tore my hamstring (high grade tear) on July 20 and I guess I just didn’t have enough time to recover,” McLain said. “I came out here and gave it my all. This is the Olympics.”

McLain suffered the injury at the KBC Night of Athletics meet in Heusden-Zolder, Belgium. She finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 45-1 1/4. She qualified at the Olympic trials with a 45-9 3/4.

Stanford grad Jillian Camarena, on the other hand, was elated with her 12th-place finish in the finals of the women’s shot put.

“It was awesome to be here,” Camarena said. “To be here after having back surgery three months ago, I’m ecstatic. And to make the final was just awesome. I’ve been having a great time.”

Camarena recorded a mark of 59-8 1/2 in the finals.

Los Altos Hills resident Grace Upshaw will be looking for a medal after qualifying for the finals in the women’s long jump.

“It went well. I got through, that’s what matters. I was happy to get a fair jump for my first jump because a lot of people are having problems with fouling,” Upshaw said after clearing 22-11, the sixth best mark of the qualifying round.”

Stanford sophomore Arantxa King went 19-8 in her first Olympic jump and then fouled twice. She finished 19th overall representing Bermuda.

Stanford grad Michael Robertson



Ron Fried

BJ Boyd gets a hero’s welcome after hitting a home run to lead Monday’s game against West Fargo.

when Boyd stepped to the plate on Monday.

“They’re in good position right now,” said Piha.

Palo Alto needs to finish at least third in its five-team bracket to ad-

vance to a single-elimination tournament, which begins Thursday. ■

“Tuesday’s game is featured in the Palo Alto Weekly’s online edition at <http://www.paloaltoonline.com/sports/>

“We’re leaving China on a high,” Mike Bryan said. “We were obviously disappointed that we couldn’t make the gold medal match, but it’s going to be something really special to us to have that medal back at home.”

The Bryans lost to eventual gold medal winners Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland, 7-6 (6), 6-4, in the semifinals.

“It was a pretty exciting opportunity,” Harmon said. “I think most of us grew up watching these girls. I think I was 10-years-old when Lisa Leslie played in her first Olympics. It was a good experience.”

Harmon, along with Stanford grad Clare Bodensteiner, helped New Zealand in its first Olympic appearance.

Harmon certainly showed she belonged with the elite team. She played nearly 27 minutes against the Americans, scoring four points and grabbing a game-high seven rebounds. She scored in double figures in a pair of games and will likely be remembered as the player who scored the Tall Ferns’ first Olympic points.

The U.S. takes a 30-game Olympic winning streak into Tuesday’s quarterfinals.

New Zealand dropped a 90-59 decision to Czech Republic in another preliminary contest.

Harmon suffered a 2-of-12 night from the floor and finished with five points and three rebounds. Bodensteiner also saw action for New Zealand. ■

Olympics

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the American’s 2-1 overtime win against Canada in the final pool play contest.

Women’s beach volleyball

Stanford grad Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor will defend their gold medals.

The reigning Olympic champions downed a pair of Brazil teams in the quarterfinals and semifinals and will meet the top-seeded China team of Tian Jia and Wang Jie in the championship match on Thursday.

The Americans beat Renata Ribeiro and Talita Antunes, 21-12, 21-14, for their 107th consecutive victory and the guarantee of at least a silver medal.

The United States has reached the podium in all four Olympic tournaments since beach volleyball was added to the games in 1996.

“We’re not done. We are absolutely not done,” Walsh said. “We came here to win.”

They beat Brazil’s Ana Paula Connelly and Larissa Franca, 21-18, 21-15, to advance into Tuesday’s semifinals.

“Our experience together, that’s what makes us so good,” May-Treanor said. “It’s like a marriage: You’ve got to learn to work through the ups and downs.”

Walsh would earn her 100th career title (May-Treanor already has a record 102) with a gold medal.

Walsh, who turned 30 on Friday, has won 99 career titles in her sport. Only May-Treanor has won more at 102.

The American beach volleyball team, defending Olympic gold medalists, beat the Belgium team of Liesbet van Breedam and Liesbeth Moucha in the round of 16.

Softball

Stanford grad Jessica Mendoza hit her fourth home run in three games and Monica Abbott, who prepped in Salinas, pitched a perfect game as the U.S. downed the

Weekend Preview



Willie Nelson lights up a film still from "Delta Rising: A Blues Documentary," which will be shown Aug. 22 and 23 at the Bus Barn Theatre.

performance by blues musician Chris Cotton. Filmmaker Michael Afendakis, who has acted in many Peninsula theater productions, digs into the origins and influences of the blues style, including interviews with Willie Nelson and Morgan Freeman. Tickets are \$15; go to www.busbarn.org or call 650-941-0551.

Saturday

The Palo Alto Festival of the Arts happens on University Avenue from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with some 300 artists in display booths as well as live music, Italian street and plein-air painting, food and thousands of passers-by. Go to www.mlaproductions.com or call 650-324-3121.

The Corner Laughers, musicians who describe their sound as "bouncy, clever melodic pop songs about evolution, mythology, ancient history, and guys who are jerks," play at Red Rock Coffee at 201 Castro St. in Mountain View with the Palo Alto-based Variable Stars, an indie/rock/pop band. The show begins at 8 p.m.; go to myspace.com/cornerlaughers or myspace.com/variablestars, or call the cafe at 650-967-4473.

Houston Jones, an "Americana quintet" playing original folk, blues, bluegrass and gospel music, performs from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Dana Street Roasting Company at 744 W. Dana St. in Mountain View. Go to www.houstonjones.com or call the cafe at 650-390-9638.

A wine tasting and dance party for single professionals is set for 7:30 p.m. at Alberto's Night Club at 736 W. Dana St. in Mountain View, with boutique wines and appetizers. Admission is \$30. Go to www.thepartyhotline.com or call 415-507-9962.

Sunday

A jazz combo of Stanford Jazz Workshop alumni performs from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mantra restaurant, 632 Emerson St., Palo Alto. They're set to play the following Sunday as well. Go to www.mantrapaloalto.com or call 650-322-3500.

The Grant-Matheny Duo and the Dmitri Matheny Quintet play a concert of music billed as flugelhorn and piano mixed with soul, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Tickets are \$50 for Filoli members and \$60 for nonmembers, and include snacks, wine, beer and sparkling water. Go to www.filoli.org or call 650-364-8300.

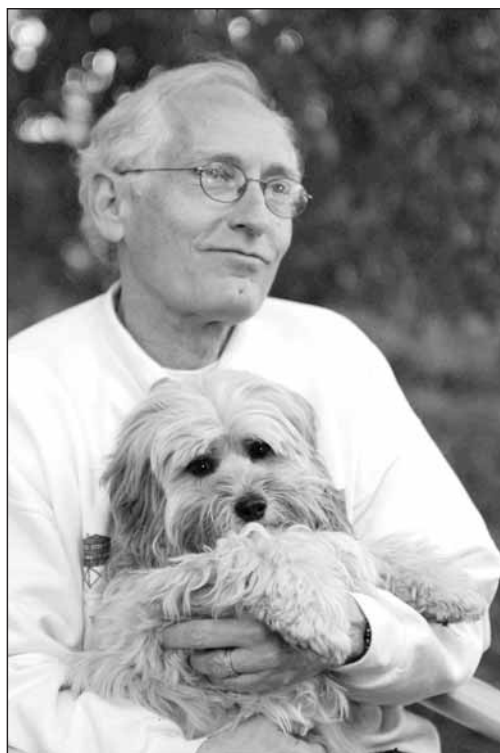
presented by TheatreWorks. The show runs through Sept. 14, with performances Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets are \$26-\$64. Go to www.theatreworks.org or call 650-903-6000.

An exhibit of contemporary glass including works by Dale Chihuly, Mary Ann (Toots) Zynsky, Richard Marquis, Lino Tagliapietra and Dante Marioni, is at the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, continuing indefinitely. Much of the work is influenced by Italian glass; many of the artists have studied in Venice. Go to museum.stanford.edu or call 650-723-4177.

"My Strange Nation" a new musical revue featuring songs by folk singer Susan Werner, runs Thursday through Sunday through Sept. 7. Presented by theatre Q, the show is at the Dragon Theatre at 535 Alma St. in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$25 general and \$18 for seniors, youth and Theatre Bay Area members. Go to www.theatreq.org or call 415-433-1235.

Friday

"Delta Rising: A Blues Documentary" will be shown Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Bus Barn Theater at 97 Hillview Ave., in Los Altos, with a pre-show



Joe Camp, author and creator of the "Benji" series (pictured with the latest Benji), speaks at Kepler's Books on Thursday about his new book, "The Soul of a Horse."

Thursday

Joe Camp, creator of the "Benji" series, brings his dog (the third Benji) to Kepler's Books to speak about horses: his new book, "The Soul of a Horse," to be exact. His free talk is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. Go to www.keplers.com or call 650-324-4321.

"Grey Gardens," a musical about two fallen members of the Bouvier society class, is playing at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St.,

COMING UP IN FRIDAY'S WEEKEND EDITION

Theater

A review of theatre Q's original revue "My Strange Nation: The Music of Susan Werner."

Food

Our critic reviews one of his favorite restaurants in this area: Bistrot Elan on California Avenue.

Movies

A review of "House Bunny."



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Please be advised that Thursday, September 4, 2008, the ARB shall conduct a public hearing at 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Any interested persons may appear and be heard.

653 Homer Avenue [08PLN-00169] Request by Amir Shahmirza for Major ARB review of three, two-story detached residential townhome units and associated landscaping.

801, 841, 853 and 875 Alma Street [08PLN-00094]: Request by Eden Housing, on behalf of the City of Palo Alto, Ole A. Christensen IV, James O'Reilly, and Larry and Penelope Hassett, for Architectural Review of preliminary plans for a mixed use development consisting of an affordable housing/commercial building and a senior housing/commercial building. This review is associated with a request for a Planned Community Zone change and a SOFA Amendment.

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Amy French
Manager of Current Planning

Movies

Movie reviews by *Jeanne Aufmuth, Tyler Hanley, and Susan Tavernetti*

MOVIE TIMES

Updated schedules for the Century theaters were not available at press time. For new information, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

Note: Screenings are for Wednesday through Thursday only.

Bottle Shock (PG-13) ***	CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 1:40, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.
Brideshead Revisited (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 20: 12:35, 3:35, 7 & 10 p.m. CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 9:50 p.m.
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) ***	Century 16: Fri. at 10 p.m.
The Dark Knight (PG-13) ***	Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:25, 2:35, 3:45, 5:50, 7 & 10:25 p.m. Sun.-Tue. also at 9:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 12:25, 2:25, 3:45, 5:45, 7:10, 9:05 & 10:30 p.m.
Get Smart (PG-13) **1/2	Century 12: 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.
Hancock (PG-13) ***1/2	Century 12: 1:30 & 7:20 p.m.
Hellboy 2: The Golden Army (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 12: 1:10 & 7:15 p.m.
Henry Poole is Here (PG) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m. Century 12: Noon, 2:30, 5, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.
House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) ****	Century 16: Sat. at 10 p.m.
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) **1/2	Century 12: 12:05 & 7:05 p.m.
Iron Man (PG-13) ***1/2	Century 12: 12:20 & 7:10 p.m.
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) **	Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. Century 12: 3:20 & 10:10 p.m.
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) (Not Reviewed)	Century 12: 11:55 a.m.; 2:35 & 5:05 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda (PG) ***1/2	Century 12: 12:15, 2:50 & 5:20 p.m.
Mamma Mia! (PG-13) ***	Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 2:15, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:50, 2, 3:25, 4:35, 6, 7:15, 8:40 & 9:55 p.m.
Man on Wire (PG-13) ****	Aquarius: 1:30, 4, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
Mirrors (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m. Century 12: 12:30, 2, 3:30, 4:45, 6:15, 7:30, 9 & 10:15 p.m.

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 1, 2:20, 3:40, 5:05, 6:30, 7:50, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.
Pineapple Express (R) **1/2	Century 16: 12:35, 2, 3:30, 5, 6:25, 7:55, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; noon, 12:40, 1:15, 2, 2:40, 3:20, 4, 4:45, 5:20, 6, 6:40, 7:25, 8:05, 8:45, 9:25 & 10:15 p.m.
Sex and the City (R) **1/2	Century 12: 7:25 & 10:35 p.m.
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. Century 12: 1, 3, 4, 7, 9:50 & 10:20 p.m.
Space Chimps (G) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:30 a.m. Century 12: 12:25, 2:45 & 5:10 p.m.
Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) *1/2	Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8, 9:20 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 & 11:45 a.m.; 12:30, 12:55, 1:35, 2:15, 3, 3:20, 4, 4:40, 5:25, 5:50, 6:25, 7:10, 7:50, 8:20, 8:55, 9:40 & 10:20 p.m.
Step Brothers (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m. Century 12: 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m.
Swing Vote (PG-13) *1/2	Century 12: 4:10 & 10 p.m.
Tell No One (Not Rated) ***1/2	Aquarius: 1, 4:30, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
Tropic Thunder (R) ***1/2	Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 1:05, 2:25, 3:55, 5:10, 6:40, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 12:30 & 1:20, 2:20, 3:05, 3:55, 4:55, 5:40, 6:30, 7:30, 8:20, 9:10, 10:10 p.m.
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:30, 4:55, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. Guild: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
WALL-E (G) ***1/2	Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:10, 6:55 & 9:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 6:55 & 9:30 p.m.
Wanted (R) ****	Century 12: 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.
The X-Files: I Want To Believe (PG-13) ***	Century 12: 3:55 & 9:40 p.m.

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This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 21, 2008. (PAW July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 2008)

CENTER FOR THE WORK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512120
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Center for the Work, 433 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County: HEATH L. WOOD, PHD 433 Kingsley Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301
This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 22, 2008. (PAW July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 2008)

THREE SEASONS RESTAURANT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511542
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Three Seasons Restaurant, 518 Bryant St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County: THREE SEASONS RESTAURANT LLC 488 University Ave.# 219 Palo Alto, CA 94301
This business is owned by a limited liability company. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2-12-2003. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 7, 2008. (PAW Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512536
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, 1.) EZ Business Care, 2.) EZ Office Care, 2368 Santa Ana St., Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County: PATRICIA NA 2368 Santa Ana St. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 1, 2008. (PAW Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008)

BALE HAIR AND NAIL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512663
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Bale Hair and Nail, 2786 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County: MINH EM THI VO 2639 Kendrick Cir. San Jose, CA 95121
HUAN THE NGUYEN 2639 Kendrick Cir. San Jose, CA 95121
This business is owned by a general partnership. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 5, 2008. (PAW Aug. 13, 20, 27, Sep., 3, 2008)

HARTCOM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512724
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Hartcom, 2058 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County: SARA B. HART 2058 Edgewood Dr. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Jan. 1, 1996. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 6, 2008. (PAW Aug. 13, 20, 27, Sep., 3, 2008)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512950
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, 1.) Village HeartBeat, 2.) Village HeartBeat, 3.) Village Heart Beat, 883 Ames Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County: B. ZORINA WOLF 883 Ames Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94303-4134
This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Feb. 8, 1993. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 12, 2008. (PAW Aug. 20, 27, Sep., 3, 10, 2008)

PENINSULA PIANO BROKERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512908
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Peninsula Piano Brokers, 4333 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County: GREGORY WUEM 1600 Alison Ave. Mountain View, CA 94040
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BISTRO D' ASIE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 512923
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Bistro D' Asie, 445 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County: I TAPAS & WINE BAR LLC 620 Yampa Way Fremont, CA 94539
This business is owned by a limited liability company. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 8/28/08. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 12, 2008. (PAW Aug. 20, 27, Sep. 3, 10, 2008)

997 All Other Legals
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: F355267 CA Unit Code: F Loan No: 1190007858/MERCKLING Investor No: 0164840854 AP #1: 127-23-021 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 181 DEL MEDIO AVENUE #102, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA, 94040. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$314,081.24. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: 205-011 OTHER: 3206-69512 A.P. NUMBER 158-15-029 INVESTOR LOAN #: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 10, 2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Community Properties Inc., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Estelle K Balaty married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded on 03/08/2005 as Instrument No. 18262348 in Book - Page - of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 03/18/2008 in Book - Page - as Instrument No. 19780982 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 09/03/2008 AT THE NORTH MARKET STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 190 NORTH MARKET STREET SAN JOSE, CA AT 11:00 A.M. AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1114 Villa Street & 176 Oak Street Mountain View, CA 94041 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,174,029.24 In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. : Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 08/06/2008 Community Properties Inc, as said Trustee 257 E Campbell Ave Suite 3 Campbell, Ca 95008 (408)379-1274 By: ROLAND D KEFFER Agent for Trustee ASAP# 2848086 PAW 08/13/2008, 08/20/2008, 08/27/2008

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. FRANK NO. 1-08-PR-163731 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT E. FRANK, ROBERT EDWIN FRANK. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: DAVID KANNER in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

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that DAVID KANNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Robin D. Faisant
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
(650)328-6333
(PAW Aug. 15, 20, 22, 2008)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RAKHSHPAL S. DHILLON aka RAKHSHPAL SINGH DHILLON
NO. 1-08-PR-162670

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RAKHSHPAL S. DHILLON, aka RAKHSHPAL SINGH DHILLON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: RAVINDER K. DHILLON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RAVINDER K. DHILLON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before

the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
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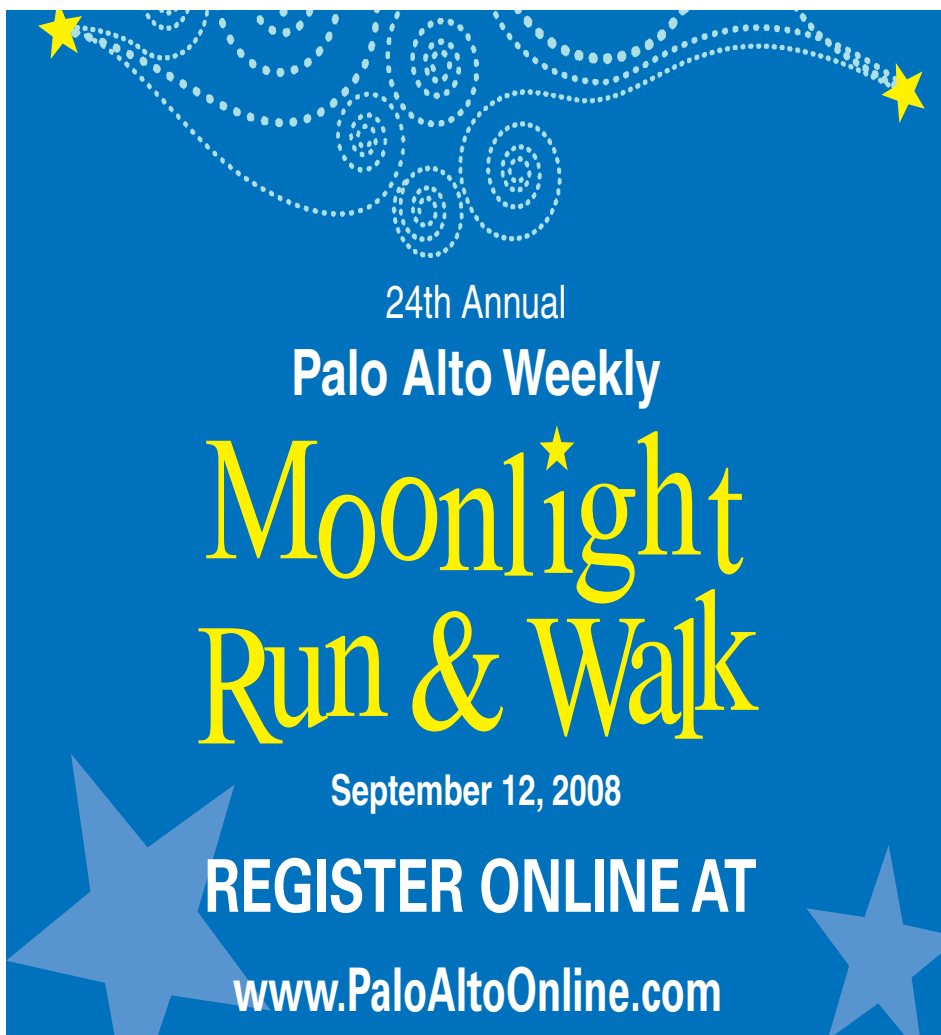
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 5 BR 4.5 BA ~3600sf of living space, open flr pln, 3 levels. Designed: Stephen Pogue; Built: J5 Homes
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 3 BR 2 BA Quiet location on flag this 2-story home offers great family living, spacious kitchen.
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 3 BR 1 BA Charming home with unique wood interior beamed ceilings, lg windows & dramatic skylights.
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 5 BR 4.5 BA Lovely Craftsman-inspired home only 4yrs old, over 1.2 oak studded ac w/sunny lawn & patio
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 4 BR 2.5 BA Dramatic Contemporary home with soaring ceilings and VIEWS. Light-filled kitchen, FR.
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 3 BR 2.5 BA Expanded & remodeled w/3 bd/2.5+office& bonus area.Woodland gardens,brick patio,sunny yd.
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