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Palo Alto pipeline risks still in question

Following San Bruno explosion, PG&E, Palo Alto officials mum on proximity, age and maintenance of major transmission gas lines

by Sue Dremann

The risks and condition of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) aging natural-gas pipeline infrastructure on the Peninsula remain subject to speculation, despite numerous requests by news organizations for details about the age, size and maintenance and replacement schedules.

What is known about Palo Alto's gas system is that three PG&E transmission lines run through or near the city, including down portions of Middlefield Road, Oregon Expressway/Page Mill Road and Junipero Serra Boulevard, according to maps by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the California Department of Conservation. PG&E owns and maintains those lines.

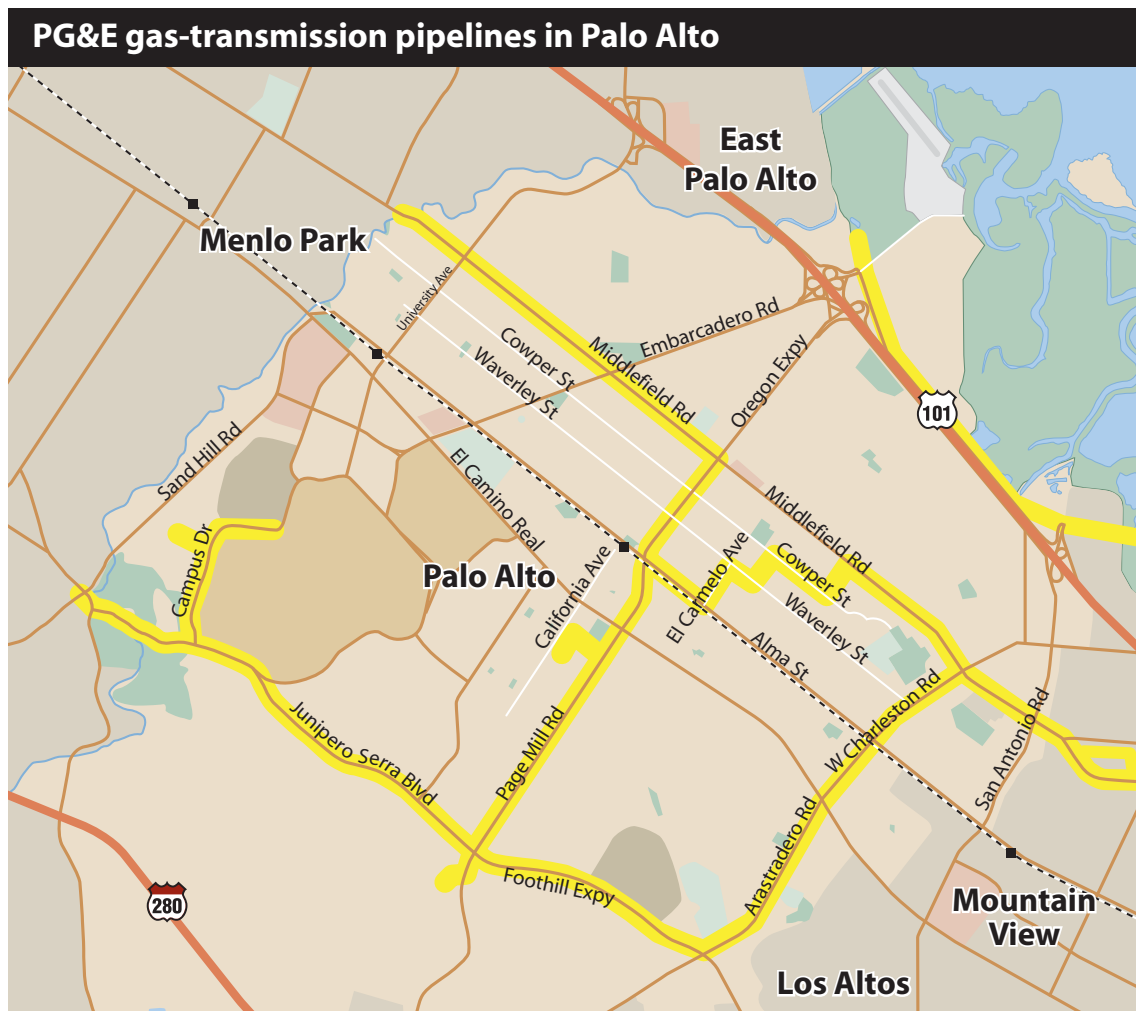
City of Palo Alto Utilities maintains the remainder of the gas system. That includes nearly 70 miles of steel gas mains that are 12 inches in diameter or smaller and approximately 1,152 miles of steel gas-service lines, Utilities Director Valerie Fong said.

During 2009, the department checked all 19,311 gas-service lines for leaks and did a mobile survey of 207 miles of city gas-main pipes, according to Greg Scoby, Palo Alto's engineering manager for water and gas.

The surveys found 75 main and 142 service leaks, which were repaired.

City of Palo Alto Utilities replaces every gas line in the city in 34.5 years (6 miles per year of distribution and 600 service lines); the average expectancy of such pipes is about 40 years, according to the city.

City officials this week sent out a detailed press release in order to quell fears that Palo Alto's gas lines could be unsafe. But the city has refused to provide information and maps regarding PG&E's network, citing



This map, based on one downloaded from the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, shows locations of the PG&E gas mains passing through Palo Alto and delivering gas to the city's Utilities Department distribution system.

terrorism risks and the courtesy between the two utilities agencies not to provide information about each other's property — including maps within the city's possession.

Trying to get that information out of PG&E has also been met with re-

fusal or silence, again citing fear of terrorists over the public's right to know.

PG&E would not provide information about the diameter or age of its transmission lines and did not return e-mails and phone calls request-

ing information about maintenance and service to its lines through Palo Alto.

While the City of Palo Alto Utilities buys gas from PG&E, it refers

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HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Palo Alto wants rail funding withheld

City calls for rail authority to reconsider covered trenches

by Gennady Sheyner

Hours after Palo Alto's high-speed-rail consultant released a report critiquing the California High-Speed Rail Authority's latest design plans, a City Council committee called for state and federal officials to withhold funding for the controversial project.

The council's High Speed Rail

Committee, which two weeks ago passed a resolution declaring "no confidence" in the rail authority, agreed Wednesday night to ask Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Legislature not to release funding for high-speed rail until there is a new governing mechanism for the voter-approved project.

The committee's action came just hours after the city's consulting firm, Hatch Mott McDonald, released its own analysis of the rail authority's latest design plans for the Peninsula segment of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line.

The authority had included only three possible high-speed-rail alignments in Palo Alto in its Supplemental Alternative Analysis Report, which was released last month: aerial, at-grade (street level) and open trench.

The report eliminated deep tunnels and covered trenches, citing constructability issues and high costs.

But Hatch Mott McDonald, a civil-engineering firm that specializes in underground transportation, wrote in its analysis that the cost differences between open and closed

trenches in the authority's analysis report are "simply not believable."

The "construction process for the covered trench is practically identical to that for the open trench," Hatch concluded. It said the cost of covered trenches would be "slightly higher" than for open trenches because of the additional ventilation, fire and life safety-associated costs.

The rail authority, however, estimated that the cost difference between the two options would be more than \$300 million per mile, which the peer review calls not reasonable.

"As the construction requirements and process are so similar, it is not clear how the covered trench can be rejected, and the open trench

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LAND USE

Residents challenge Edgewood 'benefits'

Commission ponders retail center's zoning request

by Georgia Wells

Neighbors are pushing back on Edgewood Plaza rebuilding plans despite substantial changes by the developer, Sand Hill Property Company, which is seeking to amend its planned community (PC) zone.

The "public benefits" that Sand Hill is proposing don't balance the relaxed zoning restrictions that come with the PC zone — including reduced parking requirements.

The zoning amendment was discussed Wednesday night by the Planning and Transportation Commission, which agreed to postpone action on the proposal.

The project calls for redevelopment of the shopping center at 2080 Channing Ave., with construction of 10 new homes. Edgewood is one of the few retail centers designed as part of developer Joseph Eichler's mid-century residential projects. As an amended PC zone, the project would qualify for smaller-than-usual setbacks behind the residential areas and a greater height to the existing buildings.

The project's proposed public benefits include rehabilitating two historic Eichler retail buildings, bringing a grocery store to the community, developing a 10,400-square-foot park and creating a display highlighting Eichler's achievements, according to project architect Kevin Jones.

While commissioners applauded the proposal for a refurbished retail center, Commissioner Susan Fineberg said she didn't see why the same benefits couldn't be achieved under a normal neighborhood commercial district zone (CN). A CN zone would require the project to comply with all zoning regulations, including building height and setback laws.

In an open letter to the city, architect Alan Hess, author of 18 architecture books, wrote that "Edgewood Plaza is of

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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I don't recall David and Goliath doing a lot of negotiating.

— **Larry Klein**, Palo Alto city councilman, on advocating for strong action against the state high-speed rail project. See story on page 3.

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Around Town

SMELLS FUNNY ... Palo Alto residents are trashing the city's plan to start charging more for garbage collection. The city's proposed new rates include a 33 percent spike for 20-gallon mini-cans, which the city encourages residents use as part of its lofty waste-reduction goals. The residential rate for these would go from \$15 per month to \$20. Residents using the standard 32-gallon garbage cart would see a 6 percent increase (from \$31 to \$32.86). **Public Works Department** officials and City Council members hope the new rates will help them close a gaping budget hole in the refuse fund, a hole that was exacerbated by the city's environmentally successful but financially draining green efforts. But many residents find it sadly ironic, and in some cases infuriating, that the customers who see the highest fee increase are those who have heeded the city's call to shrink their waste loads. More than 100 customers had sent official protest letters to the city as of the middle of the week. "Excuse Me?!" wrote customer **Nancy Brown**, who called the fee-increase proposal "ridiculous." "Please think a little more creatively, and if you still feel the need to charge us more — how about charging the people with the most trash the most money — not those of us creating the least trash." Other residents took umbrage at the proposed \$14.42 fee for narrow private streets that the city's trash hauler, **Green-Waste**, deems "hard to service." The City Council is scheduled to discuss the refuse fee increase at its Sept. 20 meeting.

SHOW ME THE MONEY! ... Given its wide array of community services, it's perhaps not surprising that Palo Alto has more than 20 locations where workers regularly process cash. These include the **Development Center**, where builders pay their fees and submit their applications; the **Utilities Customer Service**, where residents pay for their gas and electricity; and Foothills Park, where people can rent a canoe. According to a new report by the **City Auditor's Office**, not all of the workers at these various locations are adequately

trained for handling cash. The audit reviewed 13 cash-handling locations and evaluated their "internal controls" in three areas: segregating cash-handling duties, safeguarding revenues and properly documenting all transactions. The city's Revenue Collection service, which is operated by the **Administrative Services Department** and which handles about \$86.9 million, met the auditor's standards in all three categories. Smaller operations had a harder time meeting the auditor's criteria. The city's Animal Services department failed to meet the standards in all three categories, while the **Children's Theatre** (whose cash-handling operations were at the center of a recent citywide scandal) met the necessary standards in the "segregation" category, but did not meet them in the other two. Moreover, more than half of the areas surveyed had deficiencies related to safeguarding revenue, the report stated.

PLEASE STOP HATING ... Two years ago **Palo Alto City Council** passed a resolution supporting California's massive high-speed rail project. This month, city leaders officially lost that loving feeling. The council's High-Speed Rail Committee passed a resolution declaring "no confidence" in the rail project and then agreed to send state officials a letter requesting that they withhold funding for the \$43 billion project. Now, a pro-rail group is asking Palo Alto and its similarly disillusioned Peninsula neighbors to give the California High-Speed Rail Authority a second chance. The group, **Californians for High-Speed Rail**, is calling for Peninsula supporters of the project to speak up and change the tone of the discussion. "Although we respect the desire of the PCC (Peninsula Cities Consortium) and other Peninsula cities to ensure the HSR project is built in a way that is sensitive to their communities, some city officials have gone too far in their public rhetoric regarding the project, by threatening to hold the project hostage to their particular demands," the group's Executive Director **Brian Stanke** said in a statement. ■



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national significance,” and “the historic measures (the proposed project) endorses are flawed and would not be a public benefit.”

Palo Alto resident Bob Moss also said he did not recognize the plan as a public benefit.

Sand Hill plans to move one of the historic buildings in order to consolidate the parking lot. Market retailers today, architect Jones explained, want “visibility and continuity” in their parking lots. The plan reduces parking spaces from 250 to 168.

Commissioner Dan Garber, however, said Sand Hill should find a tenant who will embrace the shopping center with existing constraints, including the wrap-around parking lot.

The shopping center was built in a time when ideas about retail and neighborhoods were very different than today, Commissioner Eduardo Martinez said: “The idea of a retail center in the middle of a parking lot was what we grew up with.”

The new parking lot may be necessary now, he said, because “retail is different than it was in 1956. It is trying to account for this by clustering parking in front.”

The commission voted unanimously to revisit the matter in the future, when the applicant can continue to move forward on amending the PC zone or request to go with CN zoning. ■

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COMMERCE

New 'Shop Local' program aims to boost Palo Alto business, shopping

Website lists all local businesses, provides coupons, special offers, menus and customer reviews

by the Palo Alto Weekly staff

A new program to connect Palo Alto shoppers with local businesses is launching today at ShopPaloAlto.com. The new website — a directory of nearly all businesses in Palo Alto — features profiles of companies, special offers and coupons, restaurant menus, photos, maps, event announcements and more.

The program is a collaboration of the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, Hometown Peninsula and the City of Palo Alto. Its aim is to raise awareness of the products and services offered by local merchants and their importance to the vitality of the community.

More than 900 Palo Alto businesses have already created their ShopPaloAlto profiles or posted information in preparation for the launch of the site.

"We are excited to launch what will be the most comprehensive and interactive local business directory available anywhere," said Bill Johnson, publisher of the Palo Alto Weekly.

"While there are many other attempts at business directories out there, none offer either residents or business owners the breadth of fea-

tures of ShopPaloAlto.com," Johnson said. "And none are supported by the marketing reach of the local newspaper and the dominant community website."

With ShopPaloAlto.com, any business physically located in Palo Alto can create a free profile, including photos, product offerings, coupons, links to its website, gift certificates and much more. Businesses can promote their special events, create additional web pages and sell merchandise online. Restaurants can upload their menus. A verification process helps to ensure the greatest possible accuracy of the content.

Local residents can search for businesses by name or category, display profiles with maps and contact information, browse special offers of all merchants, buy gift certificates and post comments about individual businesses.

New offers or updates to a business's profile can be quickly spotted through a news feed on the site.

A multimedia marketing campaign will promote ShopPaloAlto.com through the Weekly, with its 70,000 readers; Palo Alto Online, with more than 130,000 unique visitors each month; and Express, the news digest e-mailed to more than 13,000 people

each day.

In addition to ShopPaloAlto.com, similar sites are also being launched in Menlo Park (ShopMenloPark.com) and Mountain View (ShopMountainView.com.). Users of any of the sites can choose to search for businesses in the other communities as well.

The "shop local" movement is gaining visibility and supporters throughout the nation, as studies have shown that communities benefit more from dollars spent close to home. In addition to keeping sales-tax revenue in the community to support the schools and other programs, 68 percent of the money spent at a locally owned business remains in the community, compared to only 43 percent for national chain-store purchases, research has shown.

"This initiative will not only help connect local residents with local businesses, it will educate residents on why locally owned businesses are so important to the character, attractiveness and economic vitality of the community," said Clark Kepler, president and founder of Hometown Peninsula, one of the sponsors of ShopPaloAlto.com and an alliance of locally owned businesses. ■

EDUCATION

Charter school leads the pack in East Palo Alto

East Palo Alto Charter School approaches scores of some top-ranked Palo Alto campuses

by Chris Kenrick

A charter school led the pack as standardized test scores for students in East Palo Alto inched up, according to state results published this week.

Students at the K-8 East Palo Alto Charter School earned an 882 on California's 2010 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) — approaching scores of some schools in the top-ranked Palo Alto Unified School District.

Most other schools in the Ravenswood City School District, which serves East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park, also made gains.

Superintendent Maria De La Vega said the overall results "look very good. Five schools met target. Two schools missed target.

"We are on the right track, but we have some serious work to do with two of the schools."

District-wide, Ravenswood earned a 2010 Growth API score of 688, compared to Palo Alto's 925, on a scale of 200 to 1,000.

Most Palo Alto schools, already operating near the top of the state's academic-performance scale, continued their gains.

East Palo Alto Charter School Prin-

icipal Laura Ramirez attributed her students' success to high expectations and hard work.

"Our students and staff are showing what high expectations, a love of learning and collaboration can do," she said. "I couldn't be more proud."

The 13-year-old EPACS, as it is known, operates on a nearly year-round calendar. Students began the current school year in July.

The 420 students gather in uniform at 8 a.m. each morning in the school courtyard for a brief pep rally before filing to class. They line up behind college banners and repeat the school's mantra "College for certain."

Each classroom flies the colorful banner of the alma mater of its teacher — Arizona, Calvin, UC Irvine, UCLA, Michigan, Northwestern, St. Mary's, Stanford, Vas-sar and so on.

Admission to EPACS, run by charter operator Aspire Public Schools, is by lottery. The school operates under a five-year, renewable charter agreement with the Ravenswood district.

Fifty-five percent of EPACS students are classified as "English language learners," 80 percent are Latino, 18 percent are African-American

and 2 percent are Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Eighty-seven percent have family incomes low enough to qualify for the free or reduced-price federal lunch program.

Aspire also manages a sister high school in East Palo Alto, the four-year-old East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy, which graduated its first class in June of this year. All 21 graduates were accepted to four-year colleges.

The first Aspire school was founded in 1992 by Don Shalvey, former superintendent of the San Carlos School District. It was the first charter school in California.

Aspire now operates 30 public charter schools in low-income communities throughout California.

"These results are an incredible tribute to the determination of our team and their commitment to students. They have refused to let this economic crisis derail our students' journey to college and are truly changing the odds for some of the most underserved students in the state," CEO James Wilcox said. ■

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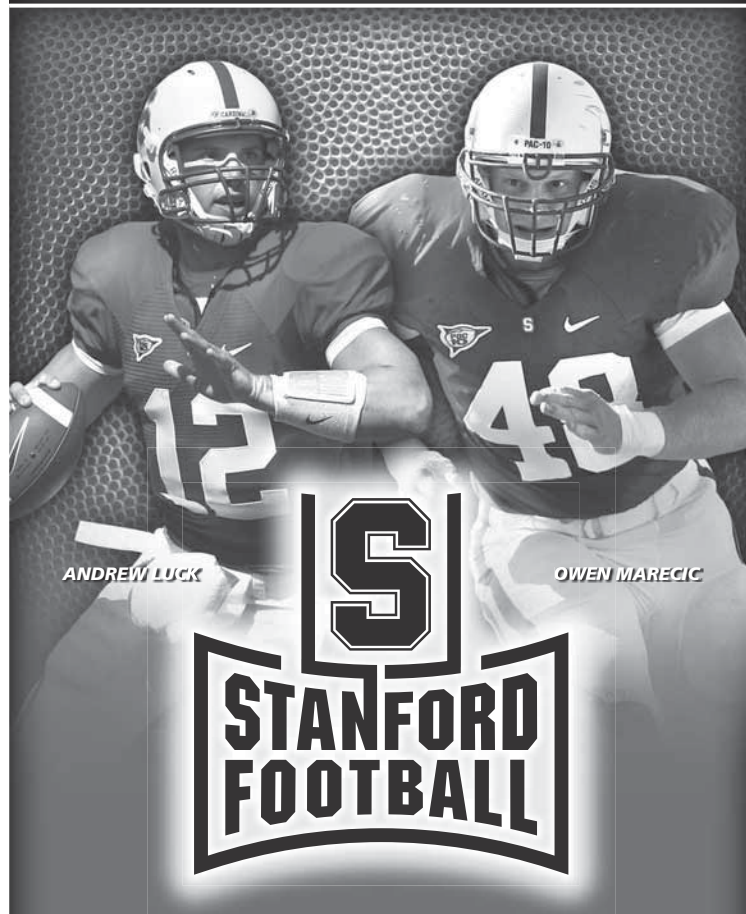


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SOLICITOR ALERT ... Barron Park residents said earlier last week **solicitors** were coming to their doors without a permit whom they suspected might be running a scam. The solicitors claim to have spoken to another neighbor and use the neighbor's name as a reference to appear legitimate. But residents said the solicitors introduce themselves and ask for the resident's name. They also ask if anyone in the neighborhood might be interested in what they are offering. Then they go to the neighbor and say, "We just talked to so-and-so neighbor who said to talk to you." Palo Alto police cited a Grosse Pointe, Mich., resident with soliciting without a permit on Sept. 7.

HARVEST DAYS ... On Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the **Palo Alto Friends Meeting Harvest Festival** will take place at Palo Alto Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave. The more than 40-year-old festival features a giant rummage and book sale, jewelry, live music and entertainment, plants, homemade jams and jellies and local honey. Proceeds support the Friends Committee on Legislation of California. Items can be dropped off before Sept. 19 behind the cargo container in the parking lot at Palo Alto Friends Meeting House. Information: harvestfestfriends@gmail.com.

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

COMMUNITY

Man versus squirrel

*Palo Alto gardens are being plundered,
but who the culprits are is unclear*

by Ryan Deto

Sharleen Fiddaman of Old Palo Alto had her pear trees stripped bare by thieves thrice in the last month.

And more than 100 plums were swiped in the middle of the night from the backyard of a Green Gables resident.

The heists were silent and stealthy; the only evidence of thievery was a few stray fruit that had been squished under the weight

'People pay to garden here. The fact is they put money into the plants and the soil.'

— Catherine Bourquin, Palo Alto's community-garden program coordinator

of what could have been sneakers. "I don't know *who* did it," the Green Gables resident said, noting that the tree was not visible from the street. "I don't think it was animals, however."

Produce pilferers are sneaking through Palo Alto neighborhoods with increasing frequency, residents are reporting on e-mail listservs. Private gardens have been raided; fruit picked from public lands.

In Fiddaman's case, people are the likely culprits. Like nectarine ninjas, humans have the ability to sneak into yards unnoticed, strip a tree in minutes and escape with their stolen goods without leaving a trace.

Local gardener Karen Sundback suggests residents install motion-detecting lights to deter delinquents. The beacons literally "shine light" on thieves — and hopefully on their consciences.

For some people, however, embarrassment does not inhibit snatching habits. Catherine Bourquin, Palo Alto's community-garden program coordinator, said she has talked to residents who take evening strolls through the main community garden on Newell Road, glass of wine in hand, to pick and sample the produce — apparently feeling no guilt about their actions.

But "people pay to garden here," Bourquin said. "The fact is they put money into the plants and the soil."

Broker Carl King said he caught a woman cutting blossoms off a tree near the Art Center in broad daylight. When questioned by King, the woman smiled and said she "was preventing them from going to waste."

There are signs in English and Spanish at the main garden that Bourquin said she thinks deters some pickers. At Eleanor Pardee Park, the garden is gated and locked to make thievery difficult.

Detective Brian Philip said that the Palo Alto police department takes

these thefts with the same seriousness of any other petty theft in the area.

"We don't ignore anything reported by a citizen," he said, "even stolen fruit."

Philip said that most of the incidents go unreported, but police

can increase patrols if they know a certain residence or neighborhood is being targeted.

Locked gates, motion-detecting lights and the police might be able to stop human thieves, but they are ineffective to Palo Alto's real kings of thieves: squirrels.

Cute yet criminal, squirrels are well-known garden raiders.

Retiree Bob Eaton works a 1,000-square-foot plot at Palo Alto's main community garden. Eaton has rarely had problems with people taking his food, but squirrels are the ones who take his tomatoes and corn, he said. Right now there is no way to control the squirrels in the community garden, he added.

Sundback said that cats can help to get rid of squirrels. But ensuring cats stay on constant guard can be difficult.

King said he uses a Havahart Trap to catch and release the animals humanely. However, once a thief, always a thief, and many of the squirrels return to their life of looting. Some gardeners go to more extreme measures to get rid of squirrels, King said. He attended a class in which they taught him to catch the squirrels in a Havahart Trap and then, taking lessons from Tony Soprano, fill a trash bin up with water and send the vermin to a watery grave.

King does not participate in this practice but is no stranger to the prowess of the fluffy-tail rodents.

"My experience with vermin, the squirrels at least, is that they usually taunt by consuming the goods in an obvious visible location," he said. "Then they leave wasteful remnants of one's prized fruit or veggie there."

One time, after coming home from a long weekend, King walked up to his front doorstep and noticed a half-eaten squash lying in plain sight. A squirrel had dragged the vegetable all the way from the garden in the backyard, consumed what it wanted — and then left the remainder to remind King who was the true king of garden thieves. ■

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Edgewood Plaza 'foodie' event attracts 300

One-evening gourmet-food-vendor event to be continued in the coming weeks

by Sue Dremann

For one evening on Monday, Sept. 13, the nearly vacant Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center came alive. An estimated 300 Crescent Park and Duvencck/St. Francis residents attended "Edgewood Eats," a neighborhood-organized event where mobile gourmet-food vendors sold dinner in the parking lot in front of the defunct Albertsons store.

And the event was so well-received that another is planned for Monday, Sept. 20, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Crescent Park resident Susie Hwang organized the event with permission from landowner Sand Hill Property. (See the Weekly's Aug. 20 story, "Turning asphalt into opportunity.")

The "foodie" event was met with enthusiasm.

"All ages, families, folks (were) stopping by after work: pets, food-truck devotees and newbies — the whole range," Hwang said.

"Wow, the best use of Edgewood Shopping Center in a decade. And so much fun. Even waiting 40 minutes for our food turned into a good time to chat with others. And sitting on a curb to eat DELICIOUS food — I felt like I was a kid again," Kay and Bob Schauer e-mailed.

"What a wonderful event," wrote Julie Jerome. "So many neighbors and a lovely choice of interesting



Veronica Weber

Nearby residents lined up for gourmet food-on-the-go outside of food trucks for the first "Edgewood Eats" on Monday, Sept. 13.

food. ... Could we do it again?"

"Will definitely do it again," Hwang said. Probably at the same time next week.

She is working on a Facebook page to publicize future dates (<http://tinyurl.com/2en6prt>). Once evenings get cool and dark, the gatherings will probably move to monthly for the winter.

"Sand Hill Property is happy to let us continue gathering regularly for as long as there is enthusiasm from

the community and the vendors," she said.

"Thanks for your patience as we iron out the kinks. Cannot guarantee that the lines will be short, the skies will be clear, or that the ice cream guy will actually show up, but will do my best!" Hwang wrote in an e-mail after the first event. ■

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BARRON PARK

The cat came back

A feline, once lost in Barron Park, finds its owner — at school



Courtesy of Maggioncalda Family

Seventh grader Lindsay Maggioncalda cuddles 6-month-old Henry, who showed up at Lindsay's school — Terman Middle School — after disappearing for three days.

It might have been love. Or coincidence. Or maybe the cat had a particularly good sense of smell.

Whatever the means, one small, grey striped feline showed extreme pluckiness early this month after he wandered off from his Barron Park home and got lost. Three days later, he managed to find his owner —

not at her house but at her middle school.

Six-month-old Henry normally lives with the Maggioncalda family next to the Gunn High School campus. Lindsay Maggioncalda, a seventh-grader at Terman Middle School, was just starting her fourth-period science class Sept. 3 when

her teacher remarked that a cat was outside in the hallway.

Lindsay went out to look. Could it be?

It was.

"When I saw him, I was really excited. I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I am so lucky. He crossed Arastradero (Road) safely,'" Lindsay said, referring to the sometimes-busy four-lane thoroughfare that separates her neighborhood from Terman.

Henry was equally excited, running up to his owner for a hug-filled reunion.

Apparently, Henry had not been a good hunter during his three-day adventure.

"At brunch I fed him a sausage," Lindsay said. "He was really hungry."

After that, a few Good Samaritans came into play: First, a resource specialist agreed to let Henry stay in her classroom for the rest of the school day, and then a friend of the Maggioncalda's came to pick him up (Lindsay had an after-school meeting, and her family members weren't immediately available).

Lindsay doesn't quite know how Henry managed to find her, but she has a guess: "I think it was scent," she said, noting that he sleeps with her at night, rather than other family members.

Scent? Perhaps. Or maybe heaven sent. ■

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Gas lines

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service calls about PG&E pipelines within Palo Alto to the company. This week the city confirmed that it referred calls about a small leak near Oregon Expressway and Alma Street, reported Sept. 12, to PG&E. The city said PG&E fixed a leak but the company has not confirmed the repair.

In light of the San Bruno accident, however, the California Public Utilities Commission has ordered PG&E to inspect all of its gas lines from Eureka to Bakersfield by Oct. 12.

The aging pipeline that exploded

in San Bruno could also be running through or near Palo Alto.

Line 132, the more than 50-year-old, 30-inch transmission pipeline that exploded on Sept. 9, runs up the Peninsula from San Jose toward San Francisco, according to a 20-year-old gas system map reviewed by Michael Florio, senior attorney for The Utility Reform Network (TURN).

Florio said the pipe likely runs through Palo Alto in or near the Interstate 280 corridor. An unnamed PG&E transmission line is noted on the national pipeline safety administration map running near Junipero Serra.

A 31.9-mile segment of line 132 is

listed for retrofitting or replacement as part of PG&E's In-Line Inspection major capital improvements projects for 2012, according to a 2011-2014 report.

Aged pipes or lines that are convoluted cannot have in-line inspections, also known as "smart pigging." Pigging is an industry term referring to the process by which a data-gathering instrument travels within a pipeline to accurately assess steel-pipe wall thickness and look for weakened metal due to corrosion and damage, according to a PG&E report.

PG&E and City of Palo Alto Utilities won't confirm if the Junipero Serra pipeline is number 132 or when the pipe might have been put in.

Scoby said on Wednesday, however, that online maps by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are inaccurate. The maps were removed from the Internet after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. When the maps were posted again, less-accurate versions were used.

But moving — and the expense of redirecting — the entire length of 24- or 30-inch transmission lines seems

unlikely, although PG&E does note in documents that it moves some sections of pipeline upon request from entities, such as utilities companies.

Gas explosions are not unprecedented in Palo Alto.

In September 2009, a home on Maureen Avenue exploded due to a gas leak. After smelling an odor, the homeowners had consulted with a furnace installer, whom they said dismissed their concerns.

In 1966, El Carmelo Elementary School was damaged when a "shattering explosion and fire that 'burned like a blow-torch'" destroyed most of a wing, according to the Palo Alto Times.

The city had completed its annual survey of gas lines just two weeks prior to the explosion and no leaks were found in the lines, according to a Nov. 3, 1966 article.

From roughly 1958 to 1966, six explosions took place in Palo Alto as a result of leaking gas pipes. Two explosions occurred when workmen lit cigarettes while working in sewer ditches in which gas was escaping and the other four were due to leak-

ing gas ignited by starting electrical equipment, according to the article.

Most unintentional natural gas releases are relatively small and do not cause personal injuries or death, according to a PG&E Sacramento Natural Gas Storage Project report on system safety.

Florio of TURN agreed.

"While the San Bruno incident was a real tragedy ... it is important that people understand that these types of incidents are less common than airplane crashes, and the majority of incidents are caused by construction equipment contacting the lines, not spontaneous explosions. So folks shouldn't panic, even if they have a line in their area," he wrote in an e-mail.

Between 2000 and 2009, there were no incidents of injury or death in Palo Alto from PG&E lines, according to the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

"Significant incidents" — causing more than \$50,000 damage, death or injury requiring hospitalization — occurred in Los Altos in July 2005 (injuring one person, causing \$463,784 in damage and caused by pipe corrosion) and in March 2008 in Mountain View (causing \$104,973 in damage due to miscellaneous causes), according to the report. Five other incidents occurred in San Jose, with only one related to weld or material failure and most others related to excavation accidents. A 2003 incident in Cupertino was also caused by excavation.

Palo Alto residents this week said information regarding pipe age and replacement schedules should be more forthcoming.

"We were told several years ago that some of the gas lines in Barron Park would be replaced, like those under Laguna, but that was delayed because they want to mesh utility line replacement with repaving, and the repaving of Laguna was pushed back," Barron Park resident Bob Moss said.

"Many of the streets in south Barron Park, from Los Robles almost to Maybell, will be dug up this year to replace sewers. I am hoping that when they do that they will also inspect the gas and water lines and make sure they know where they all are, and that they are in good shape.

"Utilities says they are replacing gas lines when they are 33 or 34 years old, which is fine since they should last at least 40 years. Question is how many miles of gas line are 40 years old or more and haven't yet been replaced, since the program takes years to cover the whole system and replacement after less than 35 years is a relatively new policy," he said.

Fong said the city has 2,900 isolation valves to control or stop the flow of gas to city blocks. But Moss voiced concerns that the valves must be closed manually.

"I asked what would happen if many of them have to be closed at the same time due to lots of line failures after El Grande (The Big One). No answer. Another question is, 'Do the crews know where all the valves are?' Probably, but I haven't had any proof of that," he said. ■

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News Digest

Debate on Palo Alto school calendars goes 'viral'

The debate over changing the academic calendar in Palo Alto public schools has gone "viral," Superintendent Kevin Skelly said Tuesday.

Skelly, who has hinted he may recommend moving first-semester finals to before the December holidays beginning in 2011-12, said he's received many e-mails on the matter. The current first-semester final exam period at Gunn and Palo Alto high schools is Jan. 18-20.

Many neighboring high schools — including Menlo-Atherton, Los Altos, Mountain View, Castilleja and St. Francis — have made the switch to December finals in recent years.

"The calendar issue is viral. Lots of people are weighing in," Skelly said.

Some say a December exam schedule would ease academic stress by giving students a clean break over the holidays. Others argue it would load up the pre-holiday calendar and disrupt family summer schedules by pushing the start of the school year to a date too early in August.

The superintendent's calendar recommendation for 2011 to 2013 is due by the end of September. A final school board decision is set for Nov. 9.

"That (timeline) should give families enough time to make plans for the summer," he said.

Once a formal proposal is on the table, the school district will set up a special e-mail address to which community members can send their comments. ■

— Chris Kenrick

CalPERS ordered to release Page Mill documents

CalPERS must release an eight-inch stack of documents relating to its doomed investment in East Palo Alto apartment complexes bought up by Page Mill Properties, a San Francisco judge ruled Tuesday morning.

The giant public-pension fund, which lost about \$100 million in the Page Mill investment, must turn over to the First Amendment Coalition reams of correspondence between CalPERS and Page Mill attorneys, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Charlotte W. Woolard ruled. The San Rafael-based nonprofit sued CalPERS in July after pension officials refused to turn over documents relating to the failed investment.

CalPERS had claimed in a petition last month that some of the records in the information request were the "subject of confidentiality agreements designed to protect trade secret/proprietary information" and to prevent disclosure of "information which would make it more difficult for CalPERS to compete strategically in the investment market..."

But Woolard rejected the argument that CalPERS' agreements with Page Mill allow the fund to withhold the requested documents.

"Assurances of confidentiality cannot convert public records to private records," Woolard wrote.

Woolard acknowledged that some of the documents in the public-records request could be subject to attorney-client privilege. But CalPERS, she wrote, "did not identify which of the request documents may be subject to that privilege." She directed CalPERS to produce a "privilege log" by Sept. 24 identifying exactly which documents could fall into this category. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

Coyote menaces dogs in Arastradero Preserve

An aggressive coyote that has challenged hikers with dogs at Palo Alto's Pearson-Arastradero Preserve has prompted open-space officials to temporarily close trails to dogs in the western side of the preserve.

The city released an advisory Monday (Sept. 13) after four visitors reported the encounters while hiking with their pets from May to September, according to Lester Hodgins, open space division supervising ranger.

The preserve is home to bobcats, mountain lions, snakes, coyotes and other wildlife, and a handful of sightings occur each year, according to preserve officials. But the recent coyote sightings have been described as "aggressive territorial" encounters.

The incidents occurred in the same area: two in May, one in June and one on Sept. 1. The trail was closed in May and reopened in July before recently being closed again, he said.

Hodgins said the coyote is likely a female with a den nearby. She would have given birth in April or May. For a protective female with pups, such behavior is not atypical against dogs. The coyote has not been aggressive to people who are present without a dog, he said.

The animal barked, growled or snapped at the dogs, coming from the side and from behind. One person yelled at the coyote and it departed, he said.

In an effort to protect both visitors and wildlife the following trails are temporarily closed to dogs: De Anza Trail, from the west entrance on Arastradero Road (near Alpine) to Meadowlark; Woodland Star Trail; Ohlone Trail; and Bay Laurel Trail.

Rangers are asking visitors to report any notable incidents to staff at 650-329-2423 or in an emergency, call Palo Alto Police Communications 24 hours a day at 650-329-2413. ■

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Staff reports for agendized items are available via the City's main website at **www.cityofpaloalto.org**, and also at the Planning Division Front Desk, 5th Floor, City Hall, after 2:00 PM on the Friday preceding the meeting date. Copies will be made available at the Development Center should City Hall be closed on the 9/30 Friday.

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A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (Sept. 13)

Emergency preparedness: The council heard a presentation and held a study session on the city's emergency preparedness. **Action:** None

Policy and Services Committee (Sept. 14)

Project Safety Net: The committee discussed Project Safety Net, the community collaboration for youth well being, and directed staff to prepare a report detailing the city's involvement in the effort. The report's recommendations will include adopting an official suicide-prevention policy, selecting a City Council member to serve as youth liaison, and holding additional joint sessions between the City Council and the Youth Council. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education (Sept. 14)

Board goals: The Board of Education approved its list of "focused goals" for the 2010-11 school year, including efforts to "improve student connectedness" and increase the percentage of graduates who complete requirements for admission to the University of California and the California State University system. **Yes:** Unanimous

Public Art Commission (Sept. 15)

Mitchell Park Library: The commission conditionally approved Mark Verlander as artist for a teen-mural project at the Mitchell Park site. The commission also approved a proposal for project involving four to five steel animal sculptures to be placed outside the library. **Yes:** Acebo-Davis, Coleman, Richter, Smit **Absent:** Usich
Filaree sculpture: The commission voted to move the Filaree sculpture from its present location due to obstructed view. **Yes:** Acebo-Davis, Coleman, Smit **Absent:** Usich
Recused: Richter
Collection maintenance: The commission approved a request for \$2,000 for an Art Center exhibition crew to work on installations and repairs. **Yes:** Acebo-Davis, Coleman, Richter, Smit **Absent:** Usich

High-Speed Rail Committee (Sept. 15)

Rail funding: The committee voted to recommend sending a letter to state officials requesting that funding be withheld from the high-speed rail project. **Yes:** Klein, Shepherd, Price **No:** Burt
Alternatives: The City Council committee agreed to oppose elevated and at-grade track alternatives for the Peninsula segment of high-speed rail; to remain open to the open-trench alternative; and to ask the rail authority to reevaluate a covered-trench alternative. **Yes:** Unanimous

Planning & Transportation Commission (Sept. 15)

Edgewood Plaza: The commission considered initiating an amendment to the planned community zone at 2080 Channing Ave., a project that includes a shopping center and 10 homes. The commission agreed to revisit the zoning amendment at a later date. **Yes:** Unanimous
610 Los Trancos Road: The commission recommended City Council approve the new "sport court" roof structure, contingent upon the installation of vegetative. **Yes:** Unanimous
Rail line: The commission tabled a Comprehensive Plan amendment regarding aerial railroad structures. Opponents felt the commission should respond proactively. Proponents felt the Comprehensive Plan was not intended to outline project-level specifications. **Yes:** Garber, Lippert, Martinez, Tanaka, Tuma **No:** Fineberg, Keller

Architectural Review Board (Sept. 16)

797 Matadero: The board approved a proposal by Chamberlain Group to construct four new homes on four parcels at 797 Matadero. **Yes:** Unanimous

High-speed rail

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retained, on this basis," the city consultant's report states. The authority "should clarify the construction issues that resulted in the rejection of the covered trench option."

After receiving Hatch Mott McDonald's report, the High Speed Rail Committee unanimously agreed to ask the authority to revisit the covered-trench option. The committee agreed, over a sequence of motions and votes, that Palo Alto's letter to the authority should also assert the city's opposition to at-grade and aerial alternatives and its openness to further consider an open-trench design.

The four-member committee voted in unison on most issues Wednesday night, though Mayor Pat Burt and Councilman Larry Klein split over whether the city should formally oppose state funding for high-speed rail. Klein and Councilwoman Nancy Shepherd both argued that it should.

Burt urged his colleagues not to commit to such a position, which he said could ultimately reduce the city's credibility and its ability to influence the rail project. He compared the city's negotiations with the rail authority to a poker game.

"What we're doing is shoving all our chips in," Burt said. "Everyone sees our cards and we have no more chips to play."

But the rest of the committee sided with Klein, who rejected the poker analogy.

"We have few chips," Klein said. "This is not a poker game; this is really a fight over the future of our city and our region and our state."

Klein, who authored the "no confidence" resolution the committee unanimously passed on Aug. 30, said the city tried to work with the authority but has been rejected repeatedly. He called the city's negotiation with the authority a "bare-knuckles political fight" and a David-and-Goliath struggle.

"I don't recall David and Goliath doing a lot of negotiating," Klein said.

He also said Palo Alto's neighbors on the Peninsula are becoming similarly disenchanted with the authority. Menlo Park sent a letter to the Federal Rail Administration earlier this week asking the agency to "withhold additional funding for the San Francisco to San Jose segment until the CHSRA completes a responsible analysis of environmental impacts, a sound long-term funding plan, and gains the support of local communities along the San Francisco Peninsula."

The Mountain View City Council this week rejected the idea of having a local high-speed-rail station. Elected officials from other Peninsula cities, including Atherton, Burlingame and Belmont, also sent letters to the authority criticizing the latest design plans.

The Palo Alto City Council is scheduled to dedicate most of its Monday (Sept. 20) meeting to high-speed rail, including a closed session to discuss possible litigation. ■

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The City Council plans to hold a public hearing on the proposed refuse-rate increase and to discuss California's high-speed rail project. The council also plans to hold a closed session to discuss potential litigation against the California High Speed Rail Authority. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to select a recruiting firm to assist the city in its search for the next city attorney. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to discuss a new audit of citywide cash handling and travel expenses. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

CITY-SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to discuss school enrollment projections and the Housing Element of the city's Comprehensive Plan, as well as hear an update on teen mental health. The meeting is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss a possible adjustment to the Mitchell Park Building Plan; hear an update on public art at city libraries; and plan for its joint meeting with the City Council. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

Online This Week

These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news or click on "News" in the left, green column.

Palo Alto councilmen seek rail allies in San Diego

Palo Alto Mayor Pat Burt and Councilman Larry Klein are heading to San Diego to compare notes and share high-speed rail frustrations with elected leaders from around the state. (Posted Sept. 16 at 9:43 a.m.)

Two arrested for taxi-cab driver murder

Two men have been arrested for the July 2 murder of a San Jose taxi-cab driver, the East Palo Alto Police Department announced Wednesday night. (Posted Sept. 16 at 12:50 a.m.)

Palo Alto tries to locate missing 'public benefits'

Spurred by a group of land-use watchdogs, Palo Alto planners are trying to resurrect some of the "public benefits" that local developers were required to maintain but that seem to have vanished over the years. (Posted Sept. 15 at 3:27 p.m.)

Schools to focus on 'student connectedness'

Palo Alto teachers and principals will work to "improve student connectedness," the Board of Education unanimously decided Tuesday night. (Posted Sept. 15 at 9:49 a.m.)

Stricter smoking ban closer in Menlo Park

Menlo Park crept a step closer to expanding its smoking ordinance. After debating a few tweaks to the language and grilling the city attorney on how the ordinance would be enforced, the City Council voted 5-0 at its Sept. 14 meeting to introduce the new regulations. (Posted Sept. 15 at 8:27 a.m.)

Man injured in Mountain View home invasion

A 72-year-old man was injured in a home-invasion robbery Tuesday morning (Sept. 14) on the 1300 block of Phyllis Avenue. (Posted Sept. 14 at 4:22 p.m.)

Senators urge inspection of California pipelines

California's senators urged a federal agency Monday to immediately order inspections of interstate natural gas pipelines — like the one that ruptured Sept. 9 in San Bruno — with a priority on those near residential areas. (Posted Sept. 14 at 9:43 a.m.)

Caltrain wants high-speed rail to start locally

Caltrain has joined a growing swell of Peninsula critics of California's proposed high-speed-rail system. But Caltrain isn't opposing the system; it wants it to start first on the Peninsula — and to resurrect below-grade alternatives it believes are "achievable and constructible." (Posted Sept. 14 at 2:16 a.m.)

PG&E: What gas mains?

PG&E and Palo Alto Utilities Department officials appeared to be playing out their own version of "What's My Line?" with the city's natural-gas pipelines Monday. First, PG&E denied having any gas-transmission mains in the city. But Palo Alto officials said two minor leaks at Oregon Expressway and Alma Street were PG&E's. (Posted Sept. 13 at 10:37 p.m.)

Community Connections expands to colleges

Abilities United's Community Connections program is giving participants from Abilities United (a Palo Alto nonprofit serving people with developmental and physical disabilities) a chance to volunteer at local colleges. (Posted Sept. 14 at 9:53 a.m.)

Resident aims to battle Palo Alto over 'privacy'

Kathleen Jason-Moreau knows that in a dense city like Palo Alto total privacy is impossible to come by. But the Alma Street resident believes a mistake by city planners will force her family to live under a neighbor's constant gaze. (Posted Sept. 13 at 4:53 p.m.)

Mountain View apartment fire displaces eight

A fire damaged all four units in an apartment complex on Sunday afternoon (Sept. 12). The fire started just before 5 p.m. in the kitchen of one of the apartments and spread to a concealed wall space, said Mountain View fire spokeswoman Jaime Garret. No injuries were reported. (Posted Sept. 13 at 3:35 p.m.)

Menlo Park robber rips off necklaces

A 72-year-old woman strolling along the 300 block of El Camino Real on Saturday afternoon in Menlo Park confronted a robber intent on ripping off her necklaces. (Posted Sept. 13 at 12:35 p.m.)

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Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 68

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Deaths

Orlin Patnaude

Orlin Mark Patnaude, 52, a former resident of Palo Alto, died July 6.

He was born in Palo Alto in 1958. He grew up in Los Altos Hills and graduated from Henry M. Gunn High School in 1977. After high school, he attended Butte College and then transferred to Hayward State, where he enjoyed playing on the soccer team.

Beyond college, he followed in his father's footsteps and entered the world of electronics, building transformers. He moved to Belcourt, N.D., in 2001.

His hobbies were sports. He loved playing and watching soccer, football, baseball, tennis, golf, surfing and skiing. He was a happy-go-lucky, fun-loving guy, loved ones said.

Always with a smile on his face, he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with family and friends, who will lovingly miss him and his happy demeanor, they added.

He is survived by his mother Patricia Patnaude of Belcourt, N.D.; stepdaughter Misty Morris of Antioch; wife Susan Patnaude of French Camp; sister Alisa Patnaude of San Francisco; brother Bruce Patnaude of French Camp; brother Donald Patnaude of Belcourt, N.D.; and three nieces.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society in memory of his late sister Janice Patnaude.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Bill Lane

Sunset Magazine publisher and community leader Bill Lane died July 31. A public memorial service for Lane will be held Friday, Oct. 1, at noon at the Stanford Memorial Church. All balconies will be open and a reception will follow at the Arrillaga Alumni Center on campus. Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West has also posted tributes to Lane on its website at west.stanford.edu.

Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

Palo Alto

Sept. 8-13

Violence related

Assault1
Battery1
Child abuse.....1
Domestic violence1
Family violence1

Theft related

Grand theft.....3
Petty theft.....1
Residential burglaries3

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Misc. traffic.....5	Fish and game.....1	
Parking/driving violation.....1	Found property.....2	
Theft from auto.....1	Other/misc.....1	
Vehicle accident/minor injury.....4	Outside warrant.....1	
Vehicle accident/property damage.....3	Penal code/Defrauding.....1	
Vehicle tow.....2	Psychiatric hold.....3	
	Suspicious circumstances.....2	

Unattended death.....1	
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Violence related	
Domestic violence.....1	
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Residential burglary.....2	
Vehicle related	
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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Draft Citizen Participation Plan

This is to notify the general public and other interested parties of a 30-day public review and comment period for the City of Palo Alto's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Draft Citizen Participation Plan. The CDBG program provides the City with annual funding to address housing and non-housing community development needs. The Citizen Participation Plan describes the City's efforts to encourage and engage citizens in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessment of the CDBG Program.

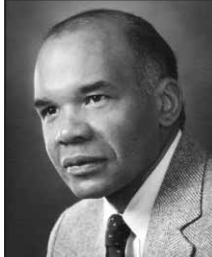
The proposed changes to the Citizen Participation Plan include the coordination of the City's Human Service Resource Allocation Process (HSRAP) with the CDBG funding allocation process by charging the Human Relations Commission, rather than a separate CDBG Citizen's Advisory Committee, with an active advisory role in the CDBG Program.

The public review and comment period for the Draft Citizen Participation Plan will be for a 30-day period beginning September 17, 2010 and concluding on October 18, 2010. Copies of the draft Citizen Participation Plan can be obtained at the City of Palo Alto's Department of Planning and Community Environment, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301, on the City's website at www.cityofpaloalto.org/dept/pln, or by calling (650) 329-2603. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments on the Draft Citizen Participation Plan during the public review period to Suzanne.bayley@cityofpaloalto.org.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider the Draft Citizen Participation Plan at a Public Hearing on October 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA.

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JOEL THOMAS PORTER O'REA, SR., MD



A resident of Palo Alto since 1969, Dr. Joel Thomas Porter O'Rea passed away peacefully on August 20, 2010 at the Palo Alto V. A. Hospital, surrounded by his son, Joel Jr. and close, loving friends. He was born on May 29, 1932 to adoring parents, Flora and Edward O'Rea in Paris, Tenn.

Dr. O'Rea was a prominent Obstetrician and Gynecologist in Palo Alto where he operated a private medical practice for more than 20 years. He delivered hundreds of babies at Stanford and Chope Hospitals and, in addition, was known as a most gentle, caring physician.

A graduate of Meharry Medical College, Dr. O'Rea's further training included an Internship and Residency at hospitals in Syracuse, New York. After doing a stint in the Army, his earlier training also included a degree in pharmacology from Butler University.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and an accomplished skier and tennis player. Dr. O'Rea was preceded in death by his parents, Flora and Edward O'Rea, and his brother Edward, Jr. He is survived by his son, Joel Jr. (Tanya), twin grandchildren, Sara and Jayden; his sister, Constance Dinwiddie, of Indianapolis, an aunt, Janice O'Rea Mosby, an uncle, Harold O'Rea of St. Louis, MO., and a host of nieces and nephews.

To celebrate his life, a memorial service will be held in the courtyard of Tressidor Union, 459 Lagunita Dr. on the campus of Stanford University on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 at 3:00 PM. A meal will be served afterwards. Friends may call (415) 563-1426 for directions or questions and are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes early for the service.

In lieu of flowers, we are requesting that donations be made in Dr. O'Rea's name to Meharry Medical College, Gift Management Services, 1005 Dr. D.B. Todd, Jr. Blvd. Nashville, Tenn, 37208.

PAID OBITUARY

GEORGE E. WENTWORTH



George E. Wentworth, a devoted husband and dad, and respected businessman, died August 21, 2010 in his Palo Alto home, surrounded by his wife, son and daughters. He was 89.

George is survived by Lois, his wife of 59 years; son John of Malmö, Sweden; daughter Linda, her husband Bob Faris and grandsons David and Michael of Saratoga, CA; daughter Carol, her husband Peter Burris, and grandchildren Jackson and Skylar of Palo Alto, CA; brother John of Mitchell, SD; and sister Ima Toland of Sioux Falls, SD.

George lived a long and accomplished life, and was profoundly loved and respected by not only his family, but also by others whose lives he touched professionally and socially. The world is a better place for his having passed through it.

Born on a farm south of Mt. Vernon, SD, George attended classes in a one-room schoolhouse. After graduating from Armour High School in Armour, SD, George hitched a ride with a friend to Los Angeles, CA. George lived and worked in Los Angeles until his 21st birthday, December 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He then returned to South Dakota to enlist in the U.S. Army. During World War II, George served in the Medical Corps and was stationed in Paris, France. After the war, he graduated from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN.

After graduating, George went to work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minot, ND where he met his future wife, Lois Thorsdahl, and they were married in 1951. George then took a position with the Atomic Energy Commission and moved to San Francisco, CA and lived on Potrero Hill. In 1954 they moved to Palo Alto, and George became a Certified Public Accountant in 1956. Soon after, George began working for Lockheed, and in 1960 he received a four-month assignment taking him and his family to Cocoa Beach, Florida to work at Cape Canaveral.

George co-founded Lamont, Wentworth & Co., a Palo Alto-based accounting firm with partner Malcolm Lamont, and was a member of the Certified Public Accountants of America. In 1977, George merged his firm with Hood & Strong LLP, and "retired" in 1980. He continued to work as an independent financial consultant every tax season until he was 85.

Throughout his business career, George was active in the community and held several positions in different local organizations: Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, Downtown, Inc., Grace Lutheran Church, Stanford Hospital Blood Center, and Sunnyview Manor in Cupertino, CA.

George became a professional actor later in life, and in 1997 he had a role in David Fincher's film "The Game," with Michael Douglas and Sean Penn, where he is captured on film giving Mr. Penn a disapproving stare down. He also appeared in a Denny's Restaurant television commercial, KOFY TV-20 Dance Party, and an Apple Mac launch video.

His family is grateful to have known and shared his love, wit, intelligence, charm, humility and passion for music and dancing. He taught and took good care of everyone around him.

A memorial service celebrating George's life has been held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following organizations: Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94303, St. Cloud State University <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/foundation/waystogive/default.asp> or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research <http://www.michaeljfox.org/about.cfm>.

PAID OBITUARY

Editorial

Palo Alto should sue on high-speed rail

Adequacy of environmental review is one of the few legal challenges possible to force the High Speed Rail Authority to address local concerns

Should Palo Alto sue the California High Speed Rail Authority over what it sees as inadequate responses to community comments and concerns in the authority's draft environmental impact report (EIR)?

That pivotal question will be debated Monday night by the City Council, in closed session.

The city faces an Oct. 2 deadline for filing a legal challenge to the authority's latest approval of a draft environmental impact report that, according to city officials, inadequately responds to Palo Alto's criticisms of the draft as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The real dilemma is whether a lawsuit would be effective in forcing the authority to engage in serious discussions over the issues raised by the city.

That depends on how one defines "effective." On one hand, pointing out shortcomings in the authority reports seems to have become a cottage industry in California. Independent critics, organizations (such as Californians Advocating Responsible Rail Design, or CARRD), and independent studies by experts have identified serious flaws in the authority's ridership estimates and business plan.

There also is a growing list of cities up and down the state with serious concerns about the project, ranging from impacts on residents to effects on the environment and farming.

The downside to a lawsuit is that under CEQA even a legal victory only requires that an agency responsible for doing an environmental impact review correct the deficiencies. So even if Palo Alto wins in the courtroom it would not likely derail the project, in and of itself, or force the authority to tunnel or trench the rails through the Midpeninsula, according to experts in environmental law.

Yet there are other factors at play, and a huge one is time. The authority itself has repeatedly cited tight guidelines to qualify for federal funding crucial to financing the project, now estimated at \$43 billion.

The real value of a lawsuit to Palo Alto and other cities would be the leverage it provides in gaining a formal "seat at the table." With time a factor, the rail authority cannot afford delays due to litigation and will be much more motivated to negotiate changes than defend itself in court.

The list of deadlines resembles a train arrival-and-departure schedule: A draft EIR is targeted for completion by this December. The state Legislature, with support from Sen. Joe Simitian of Palo Alto, has set a February 2011 deadline for the authority to produce a "viable business plan" or face possible loss of legislator support.

Additional federal stimulus funds are expected to be announced by January 2011. The environmental review must be completed by September 2011 for the rail project to be eligible for a federal stimulus rebate. Construction must begin by September 2012 to maintain eligibility for federal stimulus funds, and the line must be completed within five years (by September 2017) to retain federal stimulus-fund grants.

So the deeper question for Palo Alto officials to consider Monday night is not whether their possible lawsuit could block the overall rail project or force the authority to put the Midpeninsula segment underground in a deep tunnel or covered trench.

The issue is "delay."

If the city can establish that the authority was deficient not only in its responses to concerns of Palo Alto and other Peninsula cities but also that the underlying EIR is deficient, it could jeopardize the authority's ability to meet the federal deadlines.

The deadlines, of course, could be extended given federal and state support for high-speed rail generally. But a delay would also allow time for rail opponents or tunnel/trench advocates to build their political bases, and coalesce — and perhaps launch an initiative challenge to the 2008 voter approval of the system and \$9.95 billion down payment.

There is a "good government" issue, also. In most CEQA cases, the EIR is produced by a developer and a government agency oversees its adequacy. In this case, the rail authority does both, so the only effective oversight must come from the courts.

Given the alternative of surface rails crowding Alma Street or a huge overhead "viaduct" through Midpeninsula communities, Palo Alto should go full throttle and sue.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Lincoln Avenue

Editor,

I recently became aware of a controversy regarding a house at 405 Lincoln Avenue. The owners want a permit to demolish the house and build a replacement. Several politically well connected preservationists are opposing the permit because the building is listed as a contributing structure in the Professorville Historic District.

I live a block away from 405 Lincoln and walk past it several times a day. It is a pleasant Spanish-style structure; there are thousands of near copies in Palo Alto. The predominant style of Professorville is Craftsman. 405 Lincoln may be the only Spanish-style structure in the district. To consider it a contributing structure is absurd.

Furthermore, the 400 block of Lincoln is completely eclectic and there is no stylistic tie to the rest of Professorville. In fact, the block was not part of the original district and was added a decade later, probably because two City Council members with active preservationist wives live on the block.

I find this very disturbing. The owners have been forced to spend several hundred thousand dollars on legal fees and the development of a full CEQA environmental review. The viciousness of the preservationist lobby in Palo Alto, its lack of concern for the feelings and well-being of others is frightening.

I have read the project documentation. The key document used by the opponents is a historical evaluation prepared (with city funds) by a consultant. The document is simply regurgitated boilerplate produced for hire. It is completely lacking in specific content.

It is time for the city to approve the project. A lecture to the complainants about the limits of power over the lives of others would also be welcome.

David Lieberman
Kingsley Avenue
Palo Alto

Refuse rates unfair

Editor,

The City of Palo Alto says that in order to avoid the extra \$14.42 per month additional refuse charge for people who live on private streets (in addition to the refuse rate increases everyone would pay under the proposed fee schedule), a majority of all utility customers citywide must protest in writing before Sept. 20.

This is unjust, as those affected by the extra fee are only a minority of all customers. This blanket fee would be added on regardless of the size of the refuse bin or how many bins are used. It is a surcharge imposed depending upon where one lives in the city. These customers would pay the increases everyone would plus an additional \$14.42 per month. And it is

factually incorrect to say that all private streets are "hard to serve." They are all assumed to be so because they are slightly narrower than most public streets.

Thus, there are two classes of Palo Alto utility customers, the majority who live on public streets and the minority who live on so-called hard-to-serve areas (mostly private streets). Yet those of the latter class, a minority, are at the mercy of the majority of customers.

The people unaffected by the extra \$14.42/month fee will not care about it and will not protest the refuse fee increases just for that. Since the refuse increases for those living on public streets are relatively modest, the majority of refuse customers may not protest. This surcharge for living on a private street is not a trivial charge for many people.

In the case of my street, Ellsworth, it isn't at all hard to serve. It is a short, flat, straight cul-de-sac right off a main street, and the GreenWaste worker who collects our refuse says it is not hard to serve and that he makes no more trips to the landfill and SMARt station than the larger trucks which serve the wider public streets. He has to back out of our street, but finds that very easy to do. His truck is a smaller one, but GW already has these trucks, probably

purchased from PASCO.

All the 35 years I've been a Palo Alto utility customer we were never charged extra because our street is private. This added on fee is discriminatory and, because it affects a minority, we may well have it imposed upon us. Our protest letters will not constitute a majority of utility customers in the city.

Natalie Fisher
Ellsworth Place
Palo Alto

This week on Town Square

Posted Sept. 13 at 11:16 p.m.
by Diana, a resident of the Duveneck/St. Francis neighborhood:

Wow, what a fantastic community gathering ("Edgewood Eats") Monday night at Edgewood Plaza. It was great to walk with my neighbors to enjoy the gourmet food and it was incredible to see so many people there. I'm not sure if I've ever seen so many cars in the parking lot. This event really brought a lot of vitality to our long vacant shopping center. I hope these types of events can continue!

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Guest Opinion

Businesses can help young persons build personal assets

by Dan Dykwel

Living in Palo Alto for more than 20 years, I have always been involved with youth through the schools, PTA and non-profit organizations.

Now, as chair of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce board of directors, I am involved with the "Developmental Assets" subgroup of Project Safety Net, our community-wide effort to respond better to the needs of young people.

In those roles I increasingly see the value of strengthening the relationship between youth and business, and the need to do so.

"Developmental assets are the positive relationships, opportunities, values and skills that young people need to grow up to be caring and responsible," according to Project Cornerstone, a community-based organization founded in Silicon Valley. The organization surveyed 14,000 4th- through 12-grade students in Santa Clara County in 2005 and found that only 18 percent of middle and high school students feel that the community values children and youth — a sharp drop from the 35 percent support reported by 4th- through 6th graders.

This survey, developed by the Search Institute, will be administered in our schools the first week of October, and is well worth the parental permission it requires in order to derive meaningful results. It will give us an indicator of how well we as a community support the healthy development of our children, or at least how that support is perceived.



A new national study of 15-year-olds by the Search Institute, through the Teen Voice 2010 program, found a persistent gap between what teens need and what we as adults offer them.

The findings showed that three key strengths make a significant difference in teens' lives: (1) supporting their passions and interests; (2) developing their confidence, skills and opportunities to influence things that matter to them; and (3) encouraging positive relationships that teens need to support their growth and well-being.

Last April at the Palo Alto Youth Forum at Mitchell Park, organized by the city's Youth Council, I participated in the group session on relationships with local businesses.

The students chose this area as one they wanted to include in a series of discussions that they hoped would lead to concrete action plans. Their ideas included bringing food from local vendors onto the Gunn campus; student nights at local businesses; and youth activities at Lytton Plaza where they can perform, socialize and just relax.

One of their goals was to identify youth-friendly businesses that would offer youth products and discounts, entertainment and later hours.

They want positive relationships with businesses. An issue that kept surfacing during the discussions was the desire to be treated with respect and friendliness when they patronize a local business. These young people were very much aware that not all their peers exhibit ideal behaviors when visiting stores. But then neither do adults. What they want is to be recognized as valuable paying customers deserving the same level of service as the adult in the business suit or the parent shopping for groceries.

They want to be heard and feel that their voices matter.

The Youth Council members were very interested in collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce to achieve their objectives and the chamber made a commitment to explore ways businesses could interact more meaningfully with youth.

Businesses have supported young people in many ways for decades in this country. Think of all the T-shirts, jerseys, caps and trophies that have been provided to youth sports teams by local business sponsors. And think of the support from many companies that allow their employees to leave work early to coach local youth teams. These adult-to-youth relationships are the really meaningful ones that kids remember throughout their lives, and sometimes the coaches are the trusted people they turn to for guidance.

The Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce does a "shadow day" each year that pairs about 30 students with businesses for a day. The youths experience the work environment and learn about the many aspects that are involved in making a product or delivering a service. These businesses range from local restaurants to microprocessor manufacturers.

The Los Gatos Youth Commission created a program to recognize businesses that serve and support youth. The "Youth Friendly Business" program honors local businesses that are seen as youth friendly by, among other things, providing excellent customer service for youth, funding events, hiring, and accepting young volunteers. It shows how important they feel about businesses as a component of their growth experience and their daily lives. The value to the youth and community is that these relationships build important de-

velopmental assets.

The Palo Alto chamber participates through Nova, a non-profit federally funded employment and training agency, to provide work experience for high school and college students. We had a high school student this summer and currently we have a student from San Jose State University working on a specific project. We hope to expand this program to generate more internships by working with our local high schools and businesses.

The Palo Alto chamber endorses the Developmental Assets initiative being launched in our community this fall. We will provide our member businesses, or any business, tools they can use to participate in the way that best suits their business needs and capabilities.

We will offer encouragement and help connect them to youth in ways that will be meaningful for both.

And we will actively engage the Palo Alto Youth Council, listen to their concerns and suggestions, and work with them to establish meaningful connections.

Most importantly, we must help forge personal relationships with young people so that they develop a stronger sense of self worth and become better individuals who are armed with the traits to cope with the challenges of adulthood and to thrive as members of our community. It's good for youth — it's good for business — it's good for our community. ■

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Streetwise

What would you grab if your home was on fire?

Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto. Interviews by Ryan Deto. Photographs by Georgia Wells.



Mary Russell
Attorney
College Terrace, Palo Alto

"Family photos because you can't replace them."



Jean San Juan
Dance Teacher
Mariposa Avenue, Los Altos

"My dog, Maggie, because I love her and I have had her for two years."



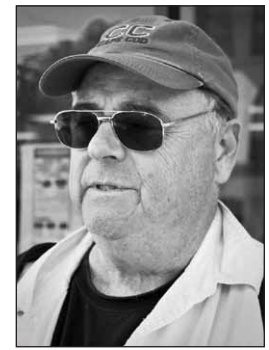
Paul Gowder
Graduate Student
Stanford University Campus

"Duh, this is Silicon Valley, my laptop and my iPhone of course."



Victor Gonzalez
Student
Blenheim Avenue, Redwood City

"I would grab something to eat, just in case. I don't know where I'll be after that."



Hilton Obenzinger
Retired Professor
Ventura Avenue, Palo Alto

"My family and my box of emergency documents, which contains passports, etc."

IS PALO ALTO READY?

City services remain vulnerable even as officials plan for a catastrophe

Part 2 in a series

by Sue Dremann

What if it's 5 p.m. and a 9.0-magnitude earthquake has just hit on the Hayward fault?

Palo Alto children are trapped in a day care center; fires have broken out at Stanford Research Park. Falling bricks have injured dozens on downtown Palo Alto streets. On roads and overpasses, cars have collided. Everyone is calling 911, jamming the city's dispatch center. Cell phones don't work.

But what if only 10 police officers and 29 firefighters — the city's usual personnel levels — were on duty to handle the crises unfolding for Palo Alto's daytime population of 120,000 people?

And what if only 40 electric-utilities workers and 30 gas-and-water employees were on hand to fix downed power and water systems throughout town?

The numbers aren't theoretical. These manpower capabilities were spelled out in spare terms in a 2007 city report.

"The city isn't going to be able to do everything or be everywhere in a disaster. ... We don't have the resources. No city will," Kelly Morariu, assistant to the city manager, said.

Police and City Council members agree, although some say Palo Alto is better prepared than other Bay Area communities.

"By comparison to other cities, Palo Alto is an 8. To where we should be, we're probably

a 3. It means all of us are under-prepared," Mayor Patrick Burt concedes.

City officials and community groups are trying to close the preparedness gap. The Palo Alto City Council chose disaster preparedness as one of five city priorities for 2010. Every department is developing and upgrading its emergency plans.

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It means all of us are under-prepared."

—Patrick Burt, mayor, Palo Alto

Palo Alto has in fact been taking steps to address disaster readiness for the last 20 years, retrofitting some of its buildings in the 1980s and 1990s and taking on disaster-preparedness as a city priority in 2007 and 2008.

Former Mayor Judy Kleinberg convened a Citizen Corps Council, composed of local agencies and organizations, in 2001 in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

The group eventually disbanded and was replaced by a Mayor's Red Ribbon Task Force, instituted by Kleinberg in 2005 to create a work plan. A new Citizen Corps Council has since emerged and is working with the city today.

Since 2001, Palo Alto has developed a terrorism-response plan; adopted a 2006 county-wide pandemic-influenza preparedness and response plan; developed a 2007 city-wide emergency operations plan; and adopted a 2009 foothills fire-management plan.

The city has come a long way since 2005, when nearly all of the city's decision makers, including the city manager and fire chief, were on vacation at the same time during a New Year's Eve winter storm. San Francisco Creek was on the verge of flooding, Kleinberg recalled.

As she stood on the creek's banks watching the waters rise, Menlo Park emergency crews and utility trucks were assembled on the other side of the creek, but there was no emergency personnel on the Palo Alto side.

"I'll never forget seeing this physical divide," she said.

Nearly a decade after she first began looking into the city's readiness, Kleinberg said she still ponders the question: Is Palo Alto prepared?

Manpower

Kenneth Dueker, the city's coordinator of Homeland Security and public outreach, takes Palo Alto's situation seriously. One of his top priorities is ensuring that citizens prepare themselves to cope



Toppled library shelves and books (above) and a crushed vehicle (below) show the damage wrought by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.



Weekly file photo

during the time when police, fire and other personnel are diverted to major crises such as fires, collapsed overpasses or buildings, and trapped people.

He teaches radio-communication classes and trains residents through the Palo Alto Neighborhoods Block Preparedness Coordinator program, designed to organize and assess neighborhoods in disasters.

"People have this vague sense that we have 1,000 cops in Palo Alto. Odds of getting a police car or fire truck in a disaster, even with 10 times the staffing, are slim. We won't have enough. We have 30 square miles to cover," he said.

It takes 15 to 18 firefighters to respond safely to a structure fire such as a single-family home engulfed in flames. If there are just two fires or two significant search-and-rescue situations, all 29 firefighters would be occupied, he said.

Firefighters won't be able to respond to small fires or conduct searches for one or two missing people. Meanwhile, police won't be available to respond to property crimes, non-injury accidents or other disturbances, according to the 2007 city report.

At city intersections where traffic signals

are down, drivers will be on their own: Officers will not be on hand to direct traffic. They'll be too busy handling life-threatening situations, managing crowds and evacuations and assisting at schools, the report indicated.

Utilities workers similarly will be stretched thin. If the city's electrical system were knocked out and the water supply shut down, only 40 electric-utility workers would be on duty to get the power up again. They first would have to contend with dangling live wires throughout the city that could cause electrocutions and fires after power is restored.

Only 30 gas, water and wastewater personnel would be on hand to check on and repair 9,311 natural-gas service lines and 207 miles of city gas mains, according to the city.

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—Ken Dueker, Homeland Security coordinator, Palo Alto

Meanwhile, there are just nine building inspectors to conduct safety assessments and inspections in a town of 27,000 homes and 8,000 businesses.

One solution Dueker would like to see is more affordable housing for firefighters and police.

In a disaster, under the California Civil De-



Veronica Weber

A plane hit this East Palo Alto tower supplying power to Palo Alto, causing a city-wide outage Feb. 17.



An underground well is being constructed at Eleanor Pardee Park to provide emergency-water storage.

fense Act, all government employees are classified as disaster state workers. They are supposed to report to work. But if they cannot get to the city they work for they are to report to their city of residence, he said.

“If you live in Tracy and all of the bridges fall down, you’re not going to get to Palo Alto to report to your job,” he said.

“It’s really good news for those communities. They’re going to get all of our cops who are trained and paid for by Palo Alto,” he said.

Police and interim Fire Chief Dennis Burns said he is less concerned about staffing deficits caused by personnel living outside the area — he believes the city will manage. What *is* concerning is the finding of a Red Cross report that only about 5 percent of Bay Area residents are prepared with basic necessities, such as food, water, radio and other supplies, he said.

“People should plan not for three days (of surviving on their own) but for two weeks.”

—Dennis Burns, police and interim fire chief, Palo Alto

“In a real emergency, something catastrophic, emergency medical services resources will be spread thin. In a real catastrophe, police and fire aren’t going to be there. People should plan not for three days (of surviving on their own) but for two weeks,” he said.

Dueker and Burns emphasized the critical need to train citizens at a June meeting of the city’s Policy and Services Committee.

“If we fail to engage with the community’s neighborhoods we will fail in everything we do,” Dueker said.

The city is not without its trained residents, however. Palo Alto Neighborhood Disaster Activities (PAN-DA) volunteers are skilled in light search and rescue, first aid and radio communications.

And Palo Alto is not tackling emergency preparedness alone.

The city also is working closely with Menlo Park and East Palo Alto and regionally with Santa Clara County to address cooperative manpower and communications issues.

The city-sponsored Citizen Corps Council — composed of school, hospital, city department heads, neighborhood representatives, emergency organizations and Stanford Research Park personnel — is working to identify and develop a community emergency plan and a community disaster network that could work cooperatively, Burns said.

Communications

When it comes to the city’s communications system, one of the scariest scenarios in Dueker’s view — and played out to some extent during the Feb. 17 plane crash that knocked out power to Palo Alto — would be the loss of the dispatch and emergency-operations centers, located in City Hall.

Neither is adequately retrofitted to remain operational in a major quake, according to the city.

The Civic Center Tower was retrofitted in the 1980s, and the police department and the emergency-operations center were retrofitted between 1992 and 1994. They should remain standing in a large-magnitude quake. But the dispatch center and emergency-operations center facilities might not remain *operational*, according to Glenn Roberts, public works director.

Neither facility complies with the state Standards of Essential-Services Facilities Act, which requires pipes, lights, data systems and water to be secured, he said.

Suzan Minshall, emergency services coordinator, said the emergency-operations center’s telephone and Internet service didn’t work during February’s power outage.

“So many people called the public-information line that it was jammed,” she said.

“We were immediately faced with

a communications issue — how to get the message out. It was real challenging. We tried to get info out to PANDA and Palo Alto Neighborhoods (PAN) groups to find out if electricity was out for dependent neighbors,” she said.

Residential block coordinators set up a radio network in the operations center during the incident and communicated with block coordinators in neighborhoods, who were able to check on elderly and disabled residents to quell confusion and ensure that home medical equipment wasn’t compromised by the outage, she said.

“The biggest gap in technology and communications is when we lose power or the telephone system. To solve that would be a bona fide accomplishment,” Dueker said.

Another problem is what Dueker and Burns call “interoperability,” or the ability of various agencies and municipalities to communicate with one another.

Challenges include having a seamless communications system that connects city to city, city to county and city to neighborhoods, as well as developing agreed-upon procedures and protocol, Dueker said.

Enter Palo Alto’s new Mobile Emergency Operations Center, a motor-home-sized communications center that solves several weaknesses in local emergency operations, Dueker said.

Its state-of-the-art technology surpasses the 1960s and 1970s systems currently in the emergency-operations center at City Hall. It isn’t dependent on electricity; a generator keeps the system functioning and can be refueled regularly. It also won’t collapse in an earthquake, he said.

The center can be driven anywhere. It functions as a community-wide disaster network that can connect with schools, the Red Cross, neighboring cities and even county, state and federal responders, he said.

“People say we don’t invest in infrastructure. This is infrastructure,”

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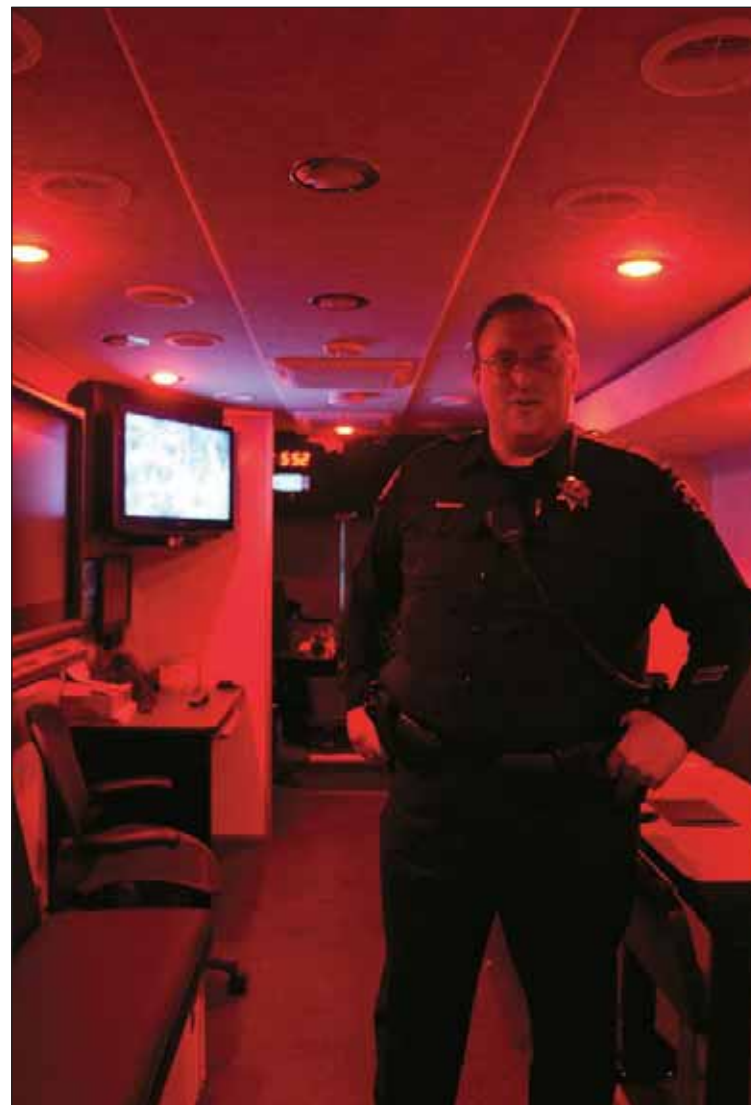
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Above, Officer Kenneth Dueker stands in Palo Alto's new Mobile Emergency Operations Center. Below, the new communications center functions as a community-wide disaster-communications network.



Galen Stoebe

Disaster prepared? Electricity and gas

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Dueker said, pointing to the 28 radio systems, multiple laptop ports, white boards and surveillance cameras that can assess traffic and emergency issues up to one-eighth of a mile.

The mobile center can accommodate up to 16 personnel inside and 25 or more around the perimeter and includes a 911-dispatch center for five operators.

Emergency personnel and police train in the mobile center continually, since the vehicle can be used for day-to-day operations such as major sports events and festivals, he said. The center was used at the opening football game at Stanford Stadium on Sept. 4 to coordinate traffic and crowds, he said.

Power remains one of the city's weakest infrastructure points, according to Burt.

All of the city's electrical power is transported from two lines feeding from the east. A third, supplemental line also supplies power, but there are no connection points from the west, he said.

Morariu shares Burt's concerns. The February plane crash disabled the electrical transmission lines.

It was "a phenomenal test of the system. It was tragic, but if it had gone on beyond the point it did there would have been more significant issues. People were coming home from work just as the power came back on," she said.

Not only are homes and businesses powered by electricity, but city



The Palo Alto Fire Department attends to a March 10, 2006, electrical fire.

systems such as traffic signals and water pumps are, too.

Although adding a western power line may seem necessary, electrical security won't come cheap, Burt and Morariu said.

The western connection could cost an estimated \$50 million to \$200 million, according to Morariu.

The city is investigating other transmission-path options jointly with PG&E, including burying a portion of one of the eastern PG&E lines underground. A preliminary report will take at least three to six months before being presented to the Utilities Advisory Commission for review and recommendations to the City Council, according to Linda Clerkson, communications manager for the city manager's office.

In the last four years, Palo Alto also prepared a preliminary design study for a connection to the 230-kiloVolt system that serves the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

"The system would be sized to serve the entire power needs of Palo Alto. It would be utilized on a normal basis for taking delivery of power to the city, not just for emergency use," she said.

The project is in the discussion phase, she added.

Natural-gas lines are more se-

cure than electrical power, since the city currently has feeds from two separate supply sources, she said.

Though last week's San Bruno explosion has residents worried about the possibility of a similar incident occurring in Palo Alto, the city has more than 2,900 isolation valves in the gas-distribution system, according to Palo Alto Utilities Director Valerie Fong. These valves control or stop gas flow to individual city blocks.

"We can locate individual blocks of the system with existing valves. We can also isolate PG&E supplies to the city at our receiving stations," she said.

The city will be upgrading all four of the gas-receiving stations as part of its current maintenance schedule, including a re-build of the pressure-regulating system. The project will be open for bid by the end of this calendar year. Work on the re-build is anticipated to begin in May 2011 and be completed in October, prior to the start of the winter heating season, Clerkson said.

But the city is vigilant about maintaining and checking its pipes, she said.

"Currently, we are conducting our annual mobile leak survey of all gas mains in the city, which began at the

beginning of September and runs for roughly a month. During 2009, Palo Alto utilities completed its annual walking survey to check for leaks of all 19,311 gas service lines. In addition, an annual mobile survey of all 207 miles of city gas main pipes was conducted.

"These surveys find few leaks — all of which are repaired quickly — and within the timelines required by

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Construction of a new reservoir under the field at El Camino Park is set for 2013.

Disaster prepared?

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the federal Department of Transportation.

"Of the city's 23,502 installed gas meters, fewer than 2.5 percent needed to be leak-tested and repaired," Clerkson said.

The city has been replacing all of its gas, water and wastewater pipelines to reduce seismic vulnerability, she added. There are no unfunded electricity or gas projects in the city's \$500 million infrastructure backlog, she said.

the city, and rehabilitating the city's five existing groundwater wells.

A seismic analysis and upgrades at six existing water reservoirs are currently being performed, she said. A water-pumping system is nearly completed.

The system would provide water supplies for 30 days, with at least 8 hours' worth of water use a day, with four hours of water use a day allotted for fire suppression, according to the city.

Average water usage in the city is about 11 million gallons per day, according to Clerkson, with less during the winter and more during the summer.

How long the backup water supply would last depends upon how much residents would use and how much water is needed to quell fires, Clerkson said.

"To manage an unexpected reduction or disruption in supply, we would immediately ask customers to reduce their water usage, particularly if there was an emergency, such as an earthquake, which could cause longer-term disruptions," she added.

Powering water pumps could be a concern.

At one point during the February

crash, city officials feared the water service would be disrupted because emergency generators that pump 2 million gallons had just six hours of power. The diesel-fueled generators were replenished in time, however, according to Morariu.

The city is planning to add onsite generators at both the El Camino Park site and at its Mayfield pumping station/reservoir site, Clerkson said. All of the wells have the ability to be supplied by portable generators. The city currently has a fleet of three generators dedicated to the water service, she said.

Normal delivery of water from Hetch Hetchy does not require electrical power, as the delivery system is gravity fed. The exception to this hydraulic delivery system is water supplies in the foothills west of Interstate 280. There are several reservoirs in the foothills that should be able to meet the demand until generators are placed at the pumping facilities to supplement the stored water, she said.

As with manpower and communication, the city is not operating in isolation. Palo Alto has water-interconnection locations and agreements with Mountain View, East Palo Alto, Stanford, and Purissima Hills Water District in the event of a shortage. Additional agreements are in development, according to Clerkson. ■

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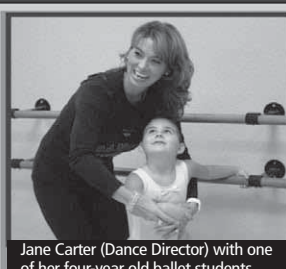
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A weekly guide to music, theater, art, movies and more, edited by Rebecca Wallace

ARTS SEASON KICKS OFF

Museums and collections

Displays of contemporary art have been refreshed for fall at the Cantor Arts Center. Since 1999, the museum has added some 750 works of modern and contemporary European and American art to its collection. Now many of these works are taking the gallery stage in two exhibitions.

Titled "Go Figure," the first show, now open, features artistic explorations of the human body. Twenty-five paintings and sculptures come from artists including Robert Arneson, Terry Allen, Richard Shaw and Viola Frey.

"Extreme Makeover" opens Dec. 15 and includes works by Joan Brown, Manuel Neri, Isamu Noguchi and Jules Olitski.

At the Palo Alto Art Center, a new speakers' series starts this fall, organized with Palo Alto's Cubberley Artists. Next up on Oct. 14 is a talk on animation and storytelling with artists Patricia Hannaway and James Buckhouse.

The art center will have its fall shows up starting Sept. 25. Art includes paintings from Haiti and Colette Campbell-Jones' photographic essay about miners in South Wales.

Anderson Collection

This private Menlo Park grouping of 20th-century art contains hundreds of works by some 220 artists. The public can sign up for free noon tours. 650-854-5160, aacollection.com

Cantor Arts Center

Galleries and gardens, talks and tours give insight into many schools of art. The Cantor also hosts a show opening Oct. 13 of Jean-Dominique Burton's photos of Vodoun practitioners. Lomita Drive and Museum Way, (continued on page 26)

The hip-hop dance company Rennie Harris Puremovement performs at Stanford Lively Arts on Jan. 22.

Students may go back to school in August nowadays, but autumn is still the time when many arts groups roll out their new seasons. Conductors raise batons, curtains go up and dance troupes twirl across the stage.

In this annual fall arts preview, we've listed a multitude of Midpeninsula arts groups and venues, together with out-of-town artists who regularly perform in the Palo Alto area. (A longer list is at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.) Take your pick from film festivals, Haitian paintings, newly discovered Mozart pieces, Israeli musician David Broza, bluegrass by the Punch Brothers, and a new theatrical take on a Truman Capote story ... for starters.



Stanford Hospital Health Notes

special feature

A community health education series from Stanford Hospital & Clinics

Cancer Specialists Collaborate To Analyze Treatment Options Advanced Techniques Refine Choices

Bill Mussone's blood tests showed he was anemic, so his physician did some more testing. "He came out looking like he'd seen a ghost," Mussone said. His doctor had seen cancer. Mussone's next step was a visit to a surgeon, and the message he received there was just as life-changing. "You'll need a colostomy, I'm 100 percent certain," was what Mussone heard.

The surgeon was telling him that the treatment to remove Mussone's rectal cancer would leave him without the ability to have a normal bowel movement, that he would have to live the rest of his life with a bag attached to his abdomen to do that job. "I thought my life was over. I literally felt the weight of the world on my shoulders," Mussone said.

The news was particularly hard for Mussone, then 58, because he had recently married. The wedding had been a joyously large celebration. And Mussone, an endodontist, was looking forward to retirement in just a handful of years. "Now," he said, "I was faced with not surviving."

Mussone, however, was not ready to accept that first opinion. "It's easy just to say, 'We're going to take your rectum out,'" Mussone said. "It's much harder to do the analytics, to look at alternatives." He found Mark Welton, MD, who leads the colorectal cancer team at the Stanford Cancer Center. It is one of only 65 cancer centers in the U.S.

designated for major funding by the National Cancer Institute because of its multidisciplinary research programs committed to improving the clinical care of cancer patients.

"I thought my life was over... The physicians I met at Stanford just lifted my spirits."

— William Mussone, patient, Stanford Cancer Center

As an innovator and expert in surgical techniques to help patients with colorectal cancer avoid colostomy, Welton helped develop the American College of Surgeons program to improve colorectal surgery and serves on the executive board of the American Society of Colorectal Surgeons. The radical surgery Mussone was told he had to have "is not an unreasonable recommendation from a general surgeon," Welton said. In Mussone's case, however, Welton thought the cancer was small and accessible enough to treat with a more conservative surgical removal that would spare Mussone a colostomy.

"He was so kind-hearted," Mussone said. "I walked out feeling hopeful. The physicians I met at Stanford just lifted my spirits."

More Detailed Understanding

Colorectal cancer is the third most common malignant tumor type worldwide

and the second leading cause of cancer deaths (irrespective of gender) in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute. Atypical growths in the folds of the body's 25 to 28 feet of intestines. At first, physicians had to rely on X-rays, using barium to detect colon problems. Not until the 1970s did techniques and devices emerge that could not only visualize in better detail the entire length of the colon, but could also find and remove polyps—benign growths that can develop into cancerous tumors.

As with many other illnesses, early detection is crucial to successful treatment. Colorectal cancer's mortality rate has declined steadily in recent years, the decrease aided by a public awareness and acceptance of colonoscopy that increased how many people are screened. Cancer, however, remains in many people's view a single entity distinguished only by its location. As a group, cancers do share one trait: they are abnormal cells that grow without control. Within that broad description, however, is a multiplicity of cancers with individual characteristics that determine location and behavior.

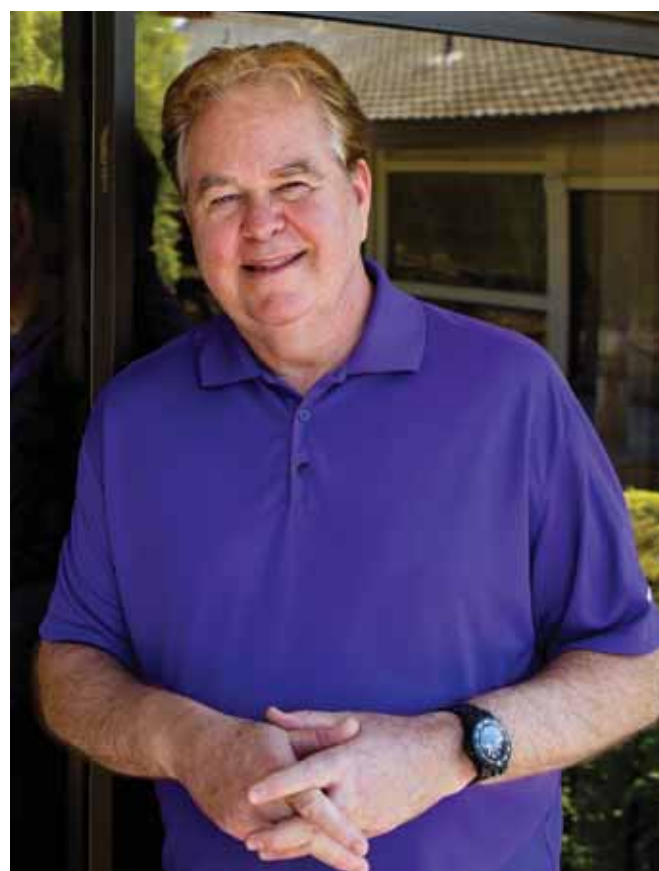
Some colorectal cancers, Welton said, can become quite large but not spread anywhere else. Some go through the lymphatic system to the lymph nodes and the bloodstream. Welton uses a metaphor when he talks with patients about treatment. "If you're trying to figure out how to get to San Francisco, what you really want to know is if you have a car. If the cancer is in the lymph nodes, we can remove that. But we also know that if it's there, it has a car," Welton said.

"As we work together in the same environment, we gather momentum and energy and excitement and this helps us take better care of patients and improve their overall experience."

— Mark Welton, MD, colorectal cancer surgeon, Stanford Cancer Center

If the cancer has moved elsewhere, or grown deeply into the colon wall, then any surgical treatment is enhanced with chemotherapy, a way to take the air out of the tires of a cancer that might have already escaped to another location before surgery, Welton said.

Some of Mussone's colorectal cancer cells had apparently found their way



Five years ago, William Mussone was diagnosed with colorectal cancer and told he needed radical, life-changing surgery. Physicians at the Stanford Cancer Center had other ideas about how to help him.

Norbert von der Groeben



Norbert von der Groeben

With the help of trainer John Angleson, William Mussone is focused on strengthening his overall health to recover from surgery to remove colorectal cancer and to prevent its recurrence. He's made great progress, driven by a determination to live his life to the fullest.

Lower Your Risk for Colorectal Cancer

- Build meals that are low in fat and rich in fruits, vegetables and other high-fiber foods. Exercise is also beneficial.
- If you have a family history of colorectal cancer, let your doctor know. About 20 percent of colorectal cancers are believed to be genetically transmitted.
- At age 40, ask for an annual fecal blood test.
- At age 50, ask for a flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy screening.

When To See Your Doctor

Symptoms of colorectal cancer can include:

- blood in stool
- anemia, fatigue, weakness
- diarrhea, abdominal pains, cramps, constipation
- change in bowel habits

What Can Cause Colorectal Cancer?

The causes of most colorectal cancers are not definitively known. Anal cancer, however, has shown a high association with infection by the human papilloma virus (HPV), the same virus

that can be responsible for cervical cancer in women. Stanford's colorectal cancer specialist, Mark Welton, advocates that men and women at high risk for the disease be screened with a tissue sample similar to the cervical tissue test women routinely undergo. When that test, commonly known as a Pap smear, became routine, 40 women in 100,000 died of cervical cancer, Welton said. Now, the number is 6 to 8 per 100,000

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into his lung before his primary tumor was removed, although growing so slowly they were not discernable until three years after his first surgery. "It was too small to be seen and the chemo didn't kill it," Welton said. When discovered, the tiny lesion was removed. Two years later, another bit of colorectal cancer showed up in Mussone's lung and was again removed. Since Mussone's first meeting with Welton, his cancer has not reappeared in its original location.



Stanford Hospital thoracic surgeon Richard Whyte listens to Mussone's lungs. Whyte is part of Mussone's treatment team which also includes Mussone's colorectal surgeon, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and radiation oncologists.

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As their understanding of cancer increases, physicians hope that more and more kinds of cancer will be manageable in the same way that certain chronic illnesses—like hypertension, diabetes and coronary artery disease—will be kept in check. "You might not be able to cure a cancer," Welton said, "but you could control it so it doesn't shorten your life."

Continuing Care

Mussone has been watched quite carefully, of course, and his two recurrences were disappointing, Welton said, "but fighting cancer is a war, not just one battle. The key players are the physicians who take care of you—and a patient who bounces back after a couple of bumps in the road."

Welton looks at Mussone and sees someone who is being treated by a group of physicians who know his case well and who watch him closely. "Maybe we do take little things out every three or four or five years," Welton said, "but he's getting more years of life."

Mussone, who knows how different his life would be if he had had a colostomy, is clearly on his best game. "I'm on board for whatever," Mussone told Whyte at a recent check-up. "You keep saving my life!"

Managing cancer will be much easier as research works out techniques to identify whether a par-



Mussone is an endodontic dentist. Five years after he was first diagnosed with colorectal cancer, his work continues.

Norbert von der Groeben

Productive Synergy

From the very start, Mussone's treatment was a collaborative enterprise. Stanford's history of innovative cancer treatment springs in large part from its tumor boards, Welton said. "You've got 15 other physicians in the room, all experts, who might say, 'It's time for you to push the envelope. Our radiation is better now, our chemo is better now. This is something we might have always thought non-operative, but maybe we need to push this.'"

Disease-specific tumor boards meet weekly. A board may include surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists and hematologists. Mussone's treatment has involved several physicians, including Welton, medical oncologist George Fisher, radiation oncologist Albert Koong and thoracic surgeon Richard Whyte.

"Many of the successes we've had in cancer management come directly from the successful interaction of the specialists," said Richard T. Hoppe, MD,

Stanford's Chair of Radiation Oncology. "And the majority of cancers we treat at Stanford we treat with more than one modality."

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— Mark Welton, MD, colorectal cancer surgeon, Stanford Cancer Center

"I think it's well documented," Welton said, "that as we work together in the same environment, we gather momentum and energy and excitement and this helps us take better care of patients and improve their overall experience."

Mussone's treatment also included chemotherapy and radiation. The Stanford Cancer Center was one of the first medical centers to use chemotherapy before surgery to prep the cancer cells to be more sensitive to radiation that would follow. The approach has proven very effective. The Center's radiation therapy is directed by the most ad-

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Computer History Museum

The museum will debut its 2,000-square-foot exhibit "Revolution: The First 2,000 Years of Computing" in January. 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. 650-810-1010, computerhistory.org

Museum of American Heritage

Besides hosting classes and workshops, this historic building also houses exhibits. Opening Dec. 3: "The Cabinet of Curiosities." 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. 650-321-1004, moah.org

Palo Alto Art Center

Exhibitions, school programs, talks — and the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch starting on Sept. 28. 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. 650-329-2366, cityofpaloalto.org

Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo

Exotic and native animals keep company with science and math exhibits. 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-329-2111, cityofpaloalto.org

Galleries

One could refer to the October-November exhibition at the Community School of Music and Arts as "Thoroughly Modern Karimi."

Prints and paintings by Pantea Karimi include the watercolors "Add as Friend," with a blue Facebook "f" floating in repeating patterns; and "SkypeMe," where winged beings fly around Skype logos.

Says Karimi, "To me, symbols are universal, poignant visual communication tools transcending language, culture, and borders." She'll give an artist talk at the Mountain View

Above: This untitled Gustavo Rivera collage is part of the current group show at Smith Andersen Editions in Palo Alto. Below: "Aquarium Man" by Viola Frey is part of the current figurative-art show at the Cantor Arts Center.



school on Oct. 8.

Meanwhile, a new exhibition at Smith Andersen Editions in Palo Alto has an especially cooperative spirit. Called "FIVE From Folsom Street," it features about 40 collages made in group studio sessions by five San Francisco artists: Theophilus Brown, Matt Gonzalez, Kathryn Kain, Glenna Putt and Gustavo Rivera.

"This collage collective fosters friendship and fresh perspectives on found materials," an exhibition press release reads.

Several area galleries are listed below. City halls, businesses and schools also display visual art.

Allied Arts Guild

Galleries, studios and shops include the Portola Art Gallery, and the studio of jewelry maker Davide Bigazzi. An open house is set for Oct. 23. 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. 650-322-2405, alliedartsguild.org

Anita Seipp Gallery

Professional artists and students show artwork in shows throughout the year. Castilleja School, 1310 Bryant St., Palo Alto. 650-328-3160, castilleja.org

Art For Well Beings

Palo Alto artist Judy Gittelsohn's art center hosts art classes for students with and without special needs. 2460 Park Blvd., No. 3, Palo Alto. 650-776-8297, artforwellbeings.org

Bryant Street Gallery

Modern and contemporary works, exhibitions and custom framing. 532 Bryant St., Palo Alto. 650-321-8155, bryantstreet.com

Gallery House

Palo Alto public-art commissioner Nancy Coleman shows digital art with ceramics by Kiyoco Michot from Sept. 21 through Oct. 16. 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. 650-326-1668, galleryhouse2.com

Gallery 9

Paintings and drawings by Palo Alto artist Naomi Mindelzun through Sept. 26; Japanese ceramics and glass art by Shigemi Sanders in October. 143 Main St., Los Altos. 650-941-7969, gallery9-losaltos.com

The Great Frame Up

This framing shop also displays art, with watercolors by Judy Sherman on exhibit through Oct. 30. 1047 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. 650-323-1097, menlopark.thegreatframeup.com

Kimura Gallery

In addition to its Japanese prints, antiques and folk art, Kimura also offers framing. 482 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. 650-322-3984, kimuragallery.com

Phyllis and Harvey Koch Art Gallery

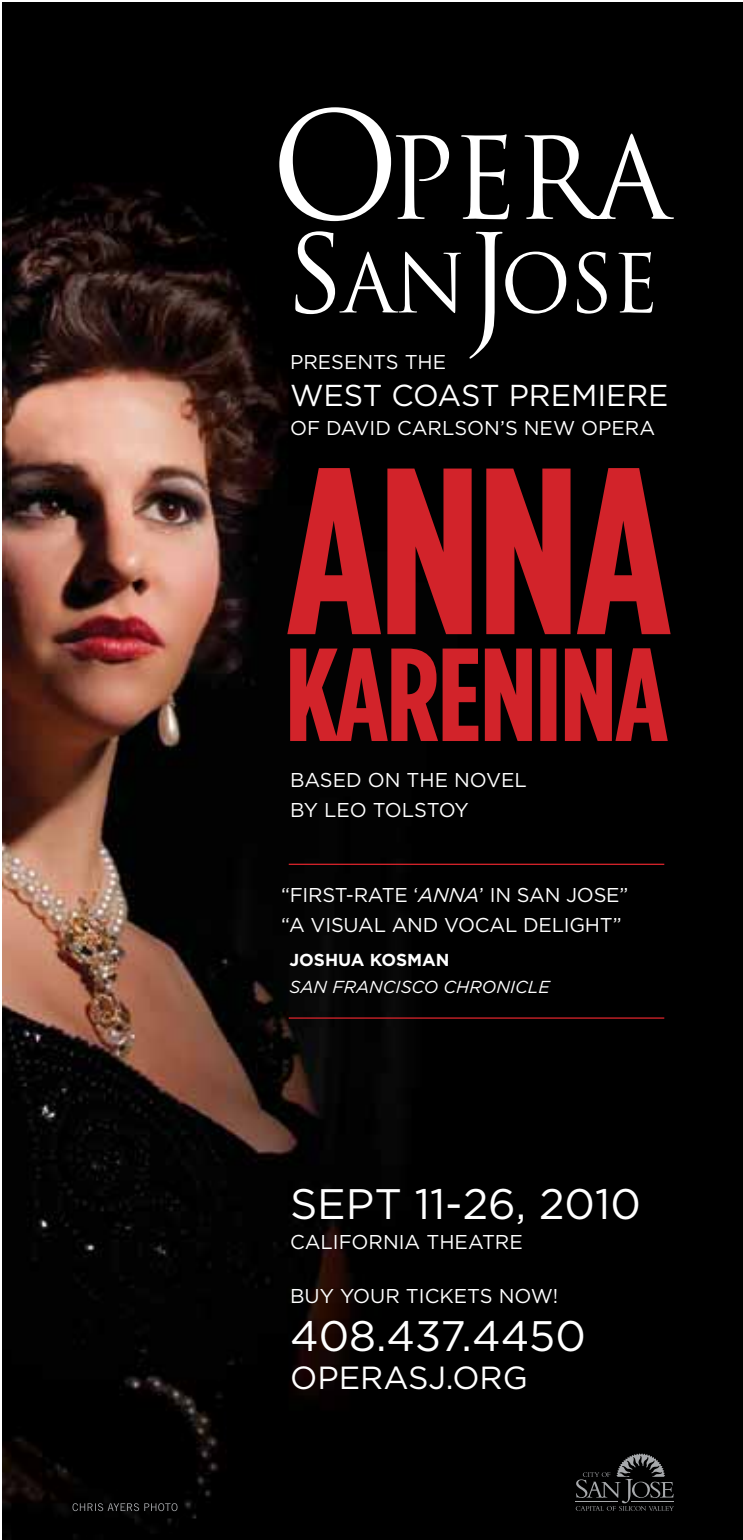
Planned exhibits at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center include "Jewish Witness to a Polish Century," with elderly Jews' photos and stories, through Nov. 29. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 650-223-8700, paloaltojcc.org

Little House Gallery

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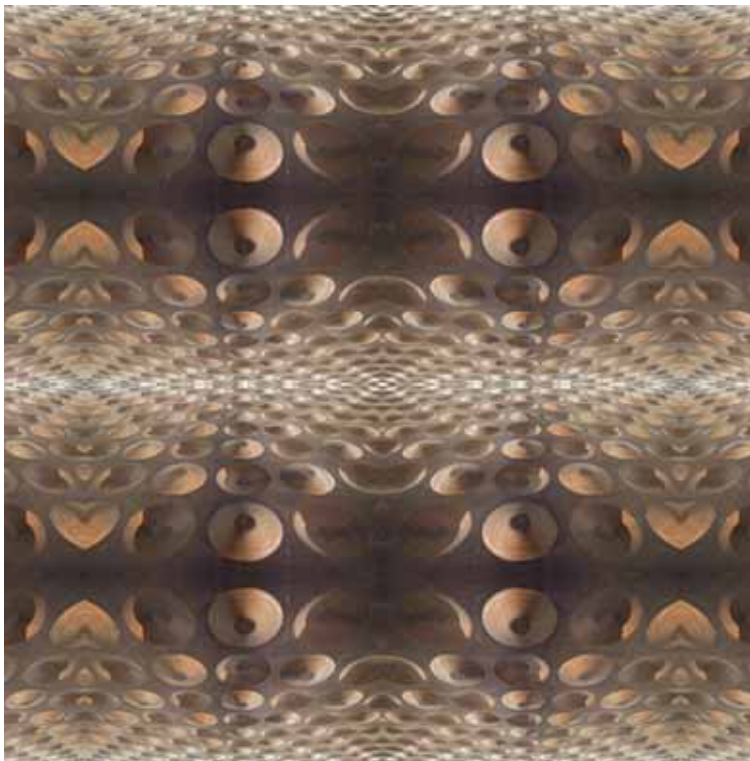
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These and other "photographic Impressionism" images by Ken Holden are on exhibit at Stanford Art Spaces.



A show opening in October at the Cantor Arts Center features Jean-Dominique Burton's photos of Voundon priests and priestesses with their shrines.

in the form of carvings, jewelry and sculpture. Fine art and jewelry made from amber, fossils and minerals are the focuses here. 87 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. 650-327-8700, nature-gallery.com

Pacific Art League

Artists displaying work this season include painter Mei-Ying Dell'Aquila this month and nature photographer Joe Decker in November. 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. 650-321-3891, pacifi-cartleague.org

Peabody Gallery

Contemporary art by such artists as Janis Joplin, Grace Slick, Markus Pierson, Dr. Seuss and Chuck Jones. 603 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. 877-778-7546, peabodygallery.com

RS Gallery and Framing

Besides hosting the occasional exhibition, the shop also sells antiques

and vintage posters. 628 Emerson St., Palo Alto. 650-322-3330, rsgallerypa.com

Shady Lane

Ceramics, jewelry, art glass, carved animals and other items, many crafted by locals. 441 University Ave., Palo Alto. 650-321-1099, shadylanegallery.com

Smith Andersen Editions

The latest exhibition at this fine-arts press is "FIVE From Folsom Street," up through Oct. 13. 440 Pepper Ave., Palo Alto. 650-327-7762, smithandersen.com

Stanford Art Spaces

Real-yet-surreal photos by Ken Holden, animal-inspired paintings by Gianna Marino, and abstracts by Pat Sherwood and Neal Boor through Oct. 28. Paul G. Allen Building, Stanford. 650-725-3622, cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

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Stanford Theatre

Movie posters and memorabilia are ready for their close-ups in an annex to the main lobby. 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. 650-324-3700, stanfordtheatre.org

Thomas Welton Stanford Art Gallery

While this space often displays work by Stanford students, other exhibitions this season include "The Art of Dislocation" by visiting British faculty member Faisal Abdu'Allah, opening Sept. 28. 419 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. 650-723-2842, art.stanford.edu

Viewpoints Gallery

Fourteen artists own and operate this 38-year-old gallery, with water-media paintings by Barbara von Haun-alter featured in September. 315 State (continued on next page)

ocean and marine life are featured through Sept. 30. 10 Town and Country Village, Palo Alto. 800-LYONS-LTD, lyonsltd.com

Mohr Gallery at the Community School of Music and Arts

The gallery's stated goal is "to bring an eclectic mix of fine art" to the school and Silicon Valley. 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 650-917-6800, arts4all.org

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

Visual art joins the stages here; shows are in the lobby, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 and one hour before each public performance. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, mvcpa.com

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Smuin Ballet dancers perform the work "Bluegrass/Slyde."

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Dance

San Francisco's Smuin Ballet brings new choreography to the Peninsula with its Mountain View performances, with new works by Amy Seiwert and Amy London in December and a world premiere by Trey McIntyre in February 2011.

Also included in the February program is "Bluegrass/Slyde," a work choreographed by the late company founder Michael Smuin and set to bluegrass music by bassist Edgar Meyer and banjo player Béla Fleck.

Ballroom dancing parties

Drop-in lessons in such styles as the waltz, fox trot and swing are followed by dance parties. Peninsula nights include Fridays and Saturdays at the Cubberley Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cubberleyballroom.com

Bay Area English Regency Society

The group hosts Palo Alto dance parties with live music on the second Friday of the month at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 600 Colorado Ave. baers.org

Mountain View Center for the



Victoria Smith

Songwriter Steve Krause performs at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center on Dec. 2.

Performing Arts

Besides its regular visits by Smuin Ballet, the center hosts companies including Dancers Group and ZiRu Productions (Nov. 5-6) and contemporary-dance company TDC (Jan. 29-30). Two "Nutcrackers" are planned: Pacific Ballet's (Nov. 26-28) and Western Ballet's (Dec. 3-5). 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, mvpca.com

Red Thistle Dancers

This Scottish dance and music troupe periodically performs, rehearsing at the Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

redthistledancers.org

Smuin Ballet

The San Francisco company has December 2010 and February 2011 performances scheduled at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Company contact: 415-556-5000, smuinballet.org

Zohar Dance Company

Performances and classes at Zohar feature modern dance, ballet, jazz, tap and musical theater. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Suite L-4, Palo Alto. 650-494-

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Music

Do you call him a fiddler or a violinist? Either way, the New York City composer Mark O'Connor — known for his distinctive blend of American folk, jazz and classical — has a lot of big music names calling him. They include the cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the soprano Renee Fleming, who have both recorded his compositions.

This season, O'Connor heads for Palo Alto twice with San Francisco's New Century Chamber Orchestra. On Nov. 19 at the First United Methodist Church, he's scheduled to solo with the group in a program that includes his work "Strings and Threads." On May 20, the orchestra will give a world premiere to a new O'Connor piece that it commissioned from him.

In other local news, the Music@Menlo chamber-music festival is expanding beyond summer with a new "Winter Series" that starts in the fall. Scheduled players include the Emerson String Quartet on Oct. 3, and pianists Alessio Bax, Anne-Marie McDermott and Wu Han on Jan. 16. All concerts are at Menlo-Atherton High School's new theater.

Below, many of the music groups that regularly perform in the Palo Alto area are listed. After that are some of the local venues for live tunes, including bars and cafes.

The Aurora Singers

This community chorus gives a holiday (Dec. 18) and spring concert each year at Unitarian Universalist Church, where it rehearses. 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. aurorasingers.net

Bay Choral Guild

The Los Altos group sings classics and new works, performing locally at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. The March concerts focus on music by West Coast composers, including Eric Whitacre, Frank Ferko and Trevor Doherty. baychoralguild.org

California Bach Society

This 30-voice chamber chorus focuses on Renaissance and Baroque classics. Based in Palo Alto, the group starts its season with a program of Purcell and Handel on Oct. 23 at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. 415-262-0272, calbach.org

California Pops Orchestra

The Palo Alto-based Pops play "shows," not "concerts," and they focus on having a good time. The music comes from Broadway, Hollywood, Big Band, TV, pop, jazz and comedy. 650-856-8432, californiapopsorchestra.com

California Youth Symphony

The young players in this Palo Alto group perform at Foothill College and other Peninsula and South Bay locations. 441 California Ave. #5, Palo Alto. 650-325-6666, cys.org

Cantabile Youth Singers

Children ages 4 to 18 sing in five choirs for different ages and levels, performing in joint and separate concerts. 953 Industrial Ave., Suite 122, Palo Alto. 650-424-1410, cantabile.org

Cantate Dolce Children's Chorale

This new children's choir is for Menlo Park-area kids in grades 3, 4 and 5. Director Maureen H. Fromme (continued on next page)




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Jim McGuire

Above: Composer Mark O'Connor comes to Palo Alto twice this season to perform with the New Century Chamber Orchestra. Below: Singer Ruth Gerson plans a Dec. 5 concert at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center.



Joyce Goldschmid

From left, Tony Di Corti, Will Perez, Mark Alabanza, Monique Hafen and Russell E. Johnson in Bus Barn Stage Company's "Smokey Joe's Cafe," which runs through Oct. 2.



Lisa Mazzucco

Fall arts

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plans to have the kids sing and perform folk and world music, new works and classics. Based at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. bethany-mp.org/kidschoir

Chamber Music San Francisco

As part of the February-May series in Palo Alto, pianist Louis Lortie plays the complete Chopin études on March

14. Concerts are at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 415-759-1756, chambermusicsf.org

El Camino Youth Symphony

This student symphony is made up of several orchestras and ensembles, including flute and percussion ensembles. 4055 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 650-213-7111, ecys.org

Fortnightly Music Club

Founded in 1908, the club presents

free Sunday concerts October through May, with performances by members and guests. The season starts Oct. 10 at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. fortnightly musicclub.org

Ives Quartet

A new Eli Armer composition joins the Palo Alto-based quartet's repertoire this season; the group will perform it with Jerome Simas on clarinet in May. Concerts in Palo Alto and San Jose. 650-224-7849, ivesquartet.org

Jazz Concert Series

Concerts and events at the First Congregational Church include a guitar master class and performance by Alex De Grassi on Nov. 7. (Call 650-776-7899 to register for the class.) 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. fccpa.org

Menlo Park Chorus

This community group has a varied repertoire and rehearses at the Burgess Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. 408-314-7589, menloparkchorus.org

Music@Menlo

Big-name chamber musicians perform at this mostly summer festival along with up-and-comers. Concerts

are in Palo Alto and Atherton, with the festival based at Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. 650-330-2030, musicatmenlo.org

New Century Chamber Orchestra

Mark O'Connor is the featured composer this season. Other soloists include the classical bassist Edgar Meyer, set to perform with the group Sept. 24 at First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. 415-357-1111, ncco.org

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

The youth orchestra's season includes a Dec. 18 concert marking Beethoven's 240th birthday with the "Pastorale" Symphony (No. 6). While this and other concerts are at Los Altos High School, PACO is based at 4000 Middlefield Road #M1, Palo Alto. 650-856-3848, pacomusic.org

Palo Alto Philharmonic

The Oct. 30 concert includes "A Field in Pennsylvania" by Palo Alto composer Nancy Bloomer Deussen. Performances are in various halls; the Oct. 30 one is at Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org

Peninsula Symphonic Band

This woodwind, brass and percussion band is planning a Nov. 21 concert to honor the late Norbert Molder, the group's longtime conductor. Concerts at Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. 408-910-1830, psb-paloalto.com

Peninsula Women's Chorus

The world-premiere piece "The Jumblies" by Judith Shatin is part of the group's December concerts. The Palo Alto chorus performs in various locations, including St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 600 Colorado Ave. in Palo Alto on Dec. 5 and 11. 650-327-2095, pwchorus.org

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra

New works by Mozart? Robert Levin is featured on fortepiano, playing recently discovered Mozart fragments that Levin arranged. The Sept. 28 concert is at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. philharmonia-baroque.org

Redwood Bluegrass Associates

Palo Alto's Tuttle family performs with singer AJ Lee on Oct. 23, kicking off the 20th season of local bluegrass concerts held by RBA. Shows are at the First Presbyterian Church at 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. 650-691-9982, rba.org

Saint Michael Trio

Besides holding Peninsula and South Bay concerts, the trio is in residence at Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. saintmichaeltrio.com

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra

The season includes a Feb. 19 concert with new silent-film music by Donald Sosin, accompanying the 1922 Harold Lloyd short "Now or Never." Local concerts are at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Orchestra contact: 415-692-5297, sfchamberorchestra.org

San Francisco Early Music Society

The German theorbo — a stringed instrument — is the focus of an April 15 concert featuring Hopkinson Smith. The Berkeley-based society gives local concerts at First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. SFEMS contact: 510-528-1725, sfems.org

Schola Cantorum

The chorus joins The Whole Noyse (which plays modern versions of 16th-century instruments) for a Renaissance program on Oct. 17. The chorus often performs in Palo Alto and is based at 2218 Old Middlefield Way, Suite G, Mountain View. 650-254-1700, scholacantorum.org

Soli Deo Gloria

On May 21, the chorus takes on "Bach's ultimate choral work," the Mass in B minor. Based in San Francisco, SDG performs locally at First Lutheran Church at 600 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. 888-SDG-SONG, sdg-loria.org

Stanford Jazz Workshop

Summertime tunes swing in concerts and workshops, played by students and pros at Stanford University. 650-736-0324, stanfordjazz.org

Stanford Music Department

Bassist Buster Williams is featured Nov. 10 with the Stanford Jazz Orchestra; electronic music, classical recitals, choral sing-alongs and others are also planned at Stanford University. 650-725-ARTS, music.stanford.edu

TOPAZ

Chamber and jazz ensembles founded by Palo Alto violist and composer Mimi Dye. 650-380-0962, topazmusic.org

Trio Jubilee

This chamber-music trio has a self-professed love of "unusual and exotic classical music." An Oct. 17 concert is

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The musicians of eighth blackbird, pictured, perform at Stanford Lively Arts on March 5, collaborating with composer Steve Mackey and director-singer-actor Rinde Eckert in a new work called "SLIDE."

planned at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Trio contact: triojubilee.com

Twilight Concert Series

The City of Palo Alto hosts a free outdoor summer concert series in parks and other spots around town. 650-463-4940, cityofpaloalto.org

World Music Day

The free outdoor music festival that brings myriad musicians to downtown Palo Alto is scheduled for its third year. Organizers are looking ahead to June 19, 2011. pamusicday.org

Some of the area's other venues for live music include:

The CoHo Stanford Coffee House

Indie rock, comedy, jazz, folk, a cappella, hip hop and other kinds of music. Josh Zaldana performs acoustic pop, folk and rock on Sept. 22. 459 Lagunita #1, Stanford University. 650-721-2262, coho.stanford.edu

Community School of Music and Arts

Stanford Lively Arts musicians and CSMA faculty and students give regular free concerts. Vocalist Shubha Mudgal sings Hindustani classical music on Oct. 19. 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 650-917-6800, arts4all.org

Dana Street Roasting Company

Live music of many types, including a ukulele play-along and sing-along on the second Monday of the month. 744 W. Dana St., Mountain View. 650-390-9638, danastreetroasting.com

Fandango Pizza

In between slices, musicians jam in bluegrass, klezmer and Balkan, old-time and Irish sessions. 3163 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-494-2928, fandangopizza.com

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

Events this season include the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir's holiday concert on Dec. 17. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, mvcpa.com

Oak City Bar and Grill

While Marqs in Menlo has closed, some of the musicians made their way to the nearby Oak City. Performers include the College of San Mateo Big Band and jazz pianist Marty Williams. 1029 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. 650-321-6882, oakcitybarandgrill.com

Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Besides hosting author talks, classes, films and athletics, the JCC presents concerts; this season includes kids' musician Elana Jagoda on Nov. 14 and Israel's David Broza on Dec. 18. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 650-223-8700, paloaltojcc.org

Red Rock Coffee

Open-mic nights are regularly scheduled, along with performances by musicians of many stripes. Folk-pop songwriter Andrew Plan plays the cafe on Oct. 22. 201 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-967-4473, redrockcoffee.org

Theater

Texting meets classical mythology this season at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, as Palo Alto author Betsy Franco teams up with the troupe to produce the first stage production of her young-adult novel "Metamorphosis, Junior Year."

The protagonist is high school junior and artist Ovid, who, as Franco puts it, "records his classmates' dramas as modern-day Roman mythology" and uses mythology to clear up his own issues. Performances are set for March 3-12, 2011.

Meanwhile, the Pear Avenue Theatre in Mountain View kicks off its season with an unusual pairing of plays performed in repertory (the same stage setting and lead actors in both productions). Tony Kushner's "Angels in America (Part One): Millennium Approaches" opens tonight, with Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" opening Sept. 24.

The Pear also brings its annual batch of new short plays to the stage in Pear Slices 2011 in April.

Other world premieres include TheatreWorks' "A Christmas Memory," based on the Truman Capote short story. It opens in December, with book by Duane Poole, music by Larry Grossman and lyrics by Carol Hall. Then, in March, the new Rajiv Joseph psy-



Alyson Noël comes to Kepler's Books this Saturday with several other young-adult authors.

chological thriller, "The North Pool," takes the TheatreWorks stage.

Bus Barn Stage Company

"Smokey Joe's Cafe" (through Oct. 2), "A Tuna Christmas," "Sylvia," "Camping With Henry and Tom," "Moon Over Buffalo." 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. 650-941-0551, busbarn.org

Dragon Productions

"Love Song" (through Oct. 3), "The Turn of the Screw," "Private Eyes," "Bad Dates," "Tongue of a Bird," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Sister Cities," "Stones in His Pockets." 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. 650-493-2006, dragonproductions.net

Foothill College Theatre Arts Department/Foothill Music Theatre

"The Winter's Tale," "Working." 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. 650-949-7360, foothill.edu/theatre

Palo Alto Children's Theatre

Mainstage season: "Cinderella," "Madeline's Christmas," "Ferdinand the Bull," "Metamorphosis," "Charlotte's Web," "Lord of the Flies." 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-463-4930, cityofpaloalto.org

Palo Alto Players

"Dead Man's Cell Phone" (through Sept. 26), "Sunset Boulevard," "Shad-

owlands," "Altar Boyz," "Blithe Spirit." 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-329-0891, paplayers.org

Pear Avenue Theatre

"Angels in America," "Our Town," "CTRL + ALT + DELETE," "No Good Deed," "Death of a Salesman," "Pear Slices 2011," "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," "A Raisin in the Sun." 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. 650-254-1148, thepear.org

Peninsula Youth Theatre

"The Wizard of Oz," "Annie Get Your Gun," "My Son Pinocchio: Gepetto's Musical Tale," "Stuart Little" and "Stories on Stage" short shows for kids. Performs at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts; based at 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. 650-988-8798, pytnet.org

Stanford University Department of Drama

Shows around campus include: "No Child ...," "All's Well That Ends Well," "The Body and What It Carries," "The Diaspora Project," "Major Barbara." Based at 551 Serra Mall, Memorial Hall, Stanford. 650-723-2576, stanford.edu/dept/drama

TheatreWorks

"The Light in the Piazza" (through Sept. 19), "Superior Donuts," "A Christmas Memory," "The 39 Steps," "The North Pool," "Snow Falling on Cedars," "[title of show]." Shows at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto; and at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Company contact: 650-463-1950, theatreworks.org

Opera

West Bay Opera has woven together its upcoming season from premieres — of a sort. While its first opera, Verdi's "La forza del destino," had its world premiere in 1862, October 2010 marks its premiere on the West Bay stage.

Also new to the Palo Alto-based company this season: Puccini's "Turandot" in February and Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," paired with Manuel de Falla's "La vida breve," in May.

San Francisco Opera Guild, Peninsula chapter

Preview lectures for San Francisco Opera productions are given by various musicologists. Timothy Flynn speaks on "Madama Butterfly" on Oct. 5. Local talks are at First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St. sfopera.com

Stanford Savoyards

This mostly student group performs light operas from Gilbert and Sullivan on campus, with "Princess Ida" scheduled for January. ASSU-Tresidder Memorial Union, Stanford. stanford.edu/group/savoyards

West Bay Opera

"La forza del destino," "Turandot," "Dido and Aeneas," "La vida breve." Performances at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-424-9999, wboopera.org

Potpourri

The works are new, but they also look back. This season's theme for Stanford Lively Arts is "Memory Forward," with many premieres falling under that header.

Stanford composer Jonathan Berg-

er, for example, will see his piece "Memory Slips" premiere in the U.S. on March 4, performed by Trio Voce (violin, cello, piano). The work is said to explore "aspects of musical memory from personal and scientific perspectives."

In dance, the Butoh company Sankai Juku will perform its newest evening-length work, "Tobari (As if in an inexhaustible Flux)," on Nov. 9. The piece looks at cycles of birth, death and rebirth.

The whole season leads up to a May 14 performance by Seattle sound sculptor and inventor Trimpin. The artist will premiere his piece "The Gurs Zyklus (The Gurs Cycle)," about the Gurs camp where many Jews from Trimpin's German hometown were sent during World War II.

Author talks

Many local bookstores — and Stanford University — host author talks and readings, including: Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650-324-4321, keplers.com); and Books Inc. at 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto (650-321-0600) and at 301 Castro St., Mountain View (650-428-1234, booksinc.net).

French Film Club of Palo Alto

Friday-night French movies (all with English subtitles), served with aperitifs, a French buffet, dessert and discussion. Scheduled for Oct. 8: the 1986 film "Jean de Florette." Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road. frenchfilmclubofpaloalto.org

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

The Cupertino-based festival has five screenings in Palo Alto this fall, starting with "Zrubavel" on Oct. 16. Made by Ethiopian Israelis, the film is about family and assimilation and will be screened at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Festival contact: 408-899-6013, svjff.org

Stanford Lively Arts

Artists this season include the Punch Brothers, Midori, Chanticleer, Toshi Reagon, eighth blackbird, the Mingus Big Band and the St. Lawrence String Quartet. Performances happen around campus; Lively Arts is based at 425 Santa Teresa St., Stanford University. 650-725-ARTS, livelyarts.stanford.edu

United Nations Association Film Festival

The theme of this year's festival, which runs Oct. 22-31, is "Population-Migration-Globalization." Opening night in Palo Alto starts with "Climate Refugees," about people losing their homes to "climatically induced environmental disasters." Other screenings in East Palo Alto and Stanford. 650-724-5544, unaff.org

Theater reviews online

Two new reviews by Weekly theater critics are also online this week: Jeanie K. Smith's write-up on "Love Song" at Dragon Productions, and Chad Jones' review of "Dead Man's Cell Phone" at Palo Alto Players. Go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com, click on "Palo Alto Weekly" in the left column, and go to this week's issue.



CITY OF PALO ALTO
"MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following measure is to
be voted on at the Special Municipal Election in the
City of Palo Alto on Tuesday, November 2, 2010:

Resolution No. 9089

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Calling a Special Election for November 2, 2010 Submitting
to the Electorate for Special Election an Initiative Measure to Amend the Charter of the City of Palo Alto to
Specify Minimum Staffing and Service Levels for Fire Department Personnel and Require a Referendum
Vote for any Proposal to Reduce Such Levels

WHEREAS, an initiative petition to amend the Charter of the City of Palo Alto Municipal Code to
specify minimum service and staffing levels for Palo Alto Fire Department Personnel and require a
referendum vote for any proposal to reduce Fire Department service or staffing levels, or close or
relocate a fire station has been submitted to the City in accordance with the requirements of Article
IX of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, elections will be held on November 2, 2010, in certain school districts and certain
special districts in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5342 and Part 3 of Division 10 of the Elections
Code commencing at section 10400, such elections may be partially or completely consolidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Palo Alto does hereby RESOLVE as
follows:

SECTION 1. Special Election. Pursuant to Elections Code sections 1405 and 9255 there is
called and ordered to be held in the City of Palo Alto, California, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 a
special municipal election. Pursuant to Article IX of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto, this Council
orders the following question to be submitted to the voters at the Election:

CITY OF PALO ALTO CHARTER INITIATIVE MEASURE "R":

Shall the Charter be amended to require the City to continuously maintain in all
budgetary years at least the number of Fire Department Personnel authorized
in the 2009-10 Annual Budget, and to prohibit the City from implementing any
proposal to reduce fire staffing levels or close or relocate a fire station unless
the City Council holds two public hearings, submits the measure to voters, and
a majority of voters approve the proposal?

For the Amendment
Against the Amendment

SECTION 2. Adoption of Measure. The measure to be submitted to voters is attached to this
Resolution as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference. If a majority of qualified electors
voting on such measure shall vote in favor of City of Palo Alto Charter Initiative Measure "R", it shall
be deemed ratified and shall read as provided in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

SECTION 3. Notice of Election. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby
given, and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of
the election in time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 4. Impartial Analysis. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9280, the City
Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The
City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length,
showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit
such impartial analysis to the City Clerk on or before August 17, 2010.

SECTION 5. Ballot Arguments. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9286 et seq., August 10,
2010 at 5:30 p.m. shall be the deadline for submission of arguments in favor of, and arguments
against, any local measures on the ballot. If more than one argument for and/or against is received,
the priorities established by Elections Code section 9287 shall control.

SECTION 6. Rebuttal Arguments. The provisions of Elections Code section 9285 shall control
the submission of any rebuttal arguments. The deadline for filing rebuttal arguments shall be August
17, 2010.

SECTION 7. Consolidation Request. The Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the
Governing Body of any such other political subdivision, or any officers otherwise authorized by
law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections and to further provide that the canvass be
made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, except that
in accordance with Article III, section 4, of the Palo Alto Charter, the City Council must meet and
declare the results of said elections; and that this City Council consents to such consolidation.

SECTION 8. Request for County Services. Pursuant to section 10002 of the California Elections
Code, the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara
County to permit the Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Palo Alto relating to the
conduct of Palo Alto's General Municipal and Special Elections which are called to be held on
Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

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applications, mailing and receiving absent voter ballots and opening and counting same, providing
and distributing election supplies, and furnishing voting machines.

Subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County of the foregoing
request, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to engage the services of the Registrar of Voters of the
County of Santa Clara to aid in the conduct of said elections including canvassing the returns of said
election. Further, the Director of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the cost
of said services provided that no payment shall be made for services which the Registrar of Voters
is otherwise required by law to perform.

SECTION 9. Transmittal of Resolution. The City Clerk is directed to submit a certified copy

of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara and to the Registrar of
Voters.

SECTION 10. Exemption from CEQA. The Council finds that this is not a project under the
California Environmental Quality Act and, therefore, no environmental impact assessment is
necessary.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: August 2, 2010

AYES: BURT, ESPINOSA, HOLMAN, KLEIN, PRICE, SCHARFF, SCHMID, SHEPHERD, YEH

ATTEST:

/s/ Donna J. Grider

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Melissa Tronquet

Senior Deputy City Attorney

/s/ Patrick Burt

Mayor

APPROVED:

/s/ James Keene

City Manager

/s/ Lalo Perez

Director of Administrative Services

EXHIBIT "A"

Article IX

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Minimum Protection

Sec. 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this measure to assure continuing minimum staffing and
emergency medical service levels for the Fire Department as set forth in Section 3, below, and to
further assure that any closure or relocation of a fire station and any reduction in the staffing and
emergency medical services levels in the Fire Department must first be approved by the voters.

Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Article only, the following terms shall be defined
as set forth below:

(a) "Fire Department" shall mean the public organization within the City of Palo Alto providing
rescue, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and related activities to the public.

(b) "Staffing" shall mean a particularized number of City of Palo Alto Fire Department sworn
uniformed personnel required for the purpose of operating rescue, fire suppression, emergency
medical services and related apparatus and services.

(c) "Rescue" shall mean those activities directed at locating endangered persons at an
emergency incident, removing of those persons from danger and treating the injured.

(d) "Fire Suppression" shall mean the activities involved in controlling and extinguishing fires.

(e) "Emergency Medical Care" shall mean the provision of treatment to patients, including
advanced life support (at the paramedic level), and other medical procedures and providing for
transport to a health care facility.

Sec. 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING. The number of Fire Department personnel authorized
by the City of Palo Alto in the 2009-2010 approved Annual Budget for the Fire Department shall be
continuously maintained as a minimum number of Fire Department personnel in all subsequent
budgetary years.

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Sec. 4. REFERENDUM VOTE. Any proposal by the City Council or staff of the City of Palo
Alto to reduce the minimum service of staffing and/or emergency medical service levels in the Fire
Department and any proposal to close or relocate a fire station shall be the subject of two public
hearings before the City Council of the City of Palo Alto. Any such proposal(s) that have been
approved by a majority voter of the City Council shall be submitted to the voters for approval at the
next regular municipal or general election. No such proposal shall be implemented until approved
by a majority of voters voting in said election.

Sec. 5. SUPERSESION. The provisions set forth in this Article shall supersede all general and/
or specific provisions that may be contained elsewhere in this Charter. The provisions set forth in
this Article shall also supersede any and all general and/or specific provisions in any ordinance,
resolution, rule or regulation that may have been adopted or that may be adopted by the City
Council or by administrative action.

Sec. 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, paragraph or part of
this Article is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or
invalidity shall affect only such provisions, sentence, clause, section or part of this Article. It is
hereby declared to be the intention of the City of Palo Alto that this Article would have been adopted
had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid provision, sentence, clause, sections or parts therefore
not been included herein.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Copies of
the resolution placing this matter on the ballot is available in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall,
250 Hamilton Avenue, 7th Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

DONNA J. GRIDER, MMC
CITY CLERK



**CITY OF PALO ALTO
"MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON"**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following measure is to
be voted on at the Special Municipal Election in the
City of Palo Alto on Tuesday, November 2, 2010:**

Resolution No. 9091

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Calling a Special Election for November 2, 2010 Submitting to the Electorate for Special Election a Measure to Amend Article III, Section 3 of the Charter to Change City Council Elections to Even-Numbered Years and Extend the Terms of Current Council Members to Five Years

WHEREAS, Article IX, section 1 of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto authorizes the City Council to propose and submit Charter amendments to the voters of the City for approval at any established municipal election date; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, the City has faced budget challenges and has extensively examined ways to reduce costs in all areas of City operations; and

WHEREAS, expenses to the City for election costs to place local measures on the ballot in odd-numbered years are generally higher than they would be in even-numbered years because costs for local measures are reduced when they coincide with countywide and statewide general elections, which occur in even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to propose a Charter Amendment to change council election years from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years in order to help reduce election costs to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment also proposes extending the terms of current council members by one year in order to implement the proposed change to even-numbered years, as the Council has determined that the most practical transition is to allow current Council Members to continue in their offices until their successors are elected and qualified in an even-numbered year, so that the terms of Council Members Burt, Espinosa, Schmid, and Yeh would be extended from 2011 to 2012, and the terms of Council Members Holman, Klein, Price, Scharff, and Shepherd would be extended from 2013 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, elections will be held on November 2, 2010, in certain school districts and certain special districts in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5342 and Part 3 of Division 10 of the Elections Code commencing at section 10400, such elections may be partially or completely consolidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Palo Alto does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. Special Election. Pursuant to Elections Code sections 1405 and 9255 there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Palo Alto, California, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 a special municipal election. Pursuant to Article IX of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto, this Council orders the following question to be submitted to the voters at the Election:

CITY OF PALO ALTO MEASURE "S":

To consolidate with county and State elections and help reduce the City's election costs, shall Article III, section 3 of the Palo Alto City Charter be amended to change the City's general municipal elections to each even-numbered year, with the next election scheduled for 2012, and to extend the terms of all current council members by one year in order to complete the transition to even-numbered year elections?

For the Amendment _____
Against the Amendment _____

SECTION 2. Adoption of Measure. If a majority of qualified electors voting on such measure shall vote in favor of City of Palo Alto Measure "S", the amendment to Article II, Section 3 of the Charter shall be deemed ratified and shall read as follows:

Section 3. Time of Election

A regular election shall be held in the city of Palo Alto on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, commencing with the year 2012, and the same shall be known as the general municipal election. All other municipal elections that may be called under the authority of this charter, or by the general laws, shall be known as special elections.

Notwithstanding four-year city council member term limit set forth in Article III, section 2 of this charter, any city council members whose term of office would have expired prior to 2012 shall continue in their offices until December 31, 2012 or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Notwithstanding four-year city council member term limit set forth in Article III, section 2 of this charter, any city council members whose term of office would have expired prior to 2014 shall continue in their offices until December 31, 2014, or their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. Notice of Election. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election in time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 4. Impartial Analysis. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation

of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk on or before August 17, 2010.

SECTION 5. Ballot Arguments. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9286 et seq., August 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. shall be the deadline for submission of arguments in favor of, and arguments against, any local measures on the ballot. If more than one argument for and/or against is received, the priorities established by Elections Code section 9287 shall control.

SECTION 6. Rebuttal Arguments. The provisions of Elections Code section 9285 shall control the submission of any rebuttal arguments. The deadline for filing rebuttal arguments shall be August 17, 2010.

SECTION 7. Consolidation Request. The Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the Governing Body of any such other political subdivision, or any officers otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, except that in accordance with Article III, section 4, of the Palo Alto Charter, the City Council must meet and declare the results of said elections; and that this City Council consents to such consolidation.

SECTION 8. Request for County Services. Pursuant to section 10002 of the California Elections Code, the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to permit the Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Palo Alto relating to the conduct of Palo Alto's General Municipal and Special Elections which are called to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

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INTRODUCED AND PASSED: AUGUST 2, 2010

AYES: HOLMAN, PRICE, SCHARFF, SHEPHERD, YEH

NOES: ESPINOSA, BURT, SCHMID, KLEIN

ATTEST:

/s/ Donna J. Grider _____ /s/ Patrick Burt _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa Tronquet _____ /s/ James Keene _____
Senior Deputy City Attorney City Manager

/s/ Lalo Perez _____
Director of Administrative Services

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Alpha and Omega (PG) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: In 3D at 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:25, 2:40, 4:55 & 7:10 p.m.; In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 1:35, 3:50, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.
The American (R) **	Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 5:20, 8:05 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.
Cairo Time (PG) ***	Guild Theatre: 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Despicable Me (PG) **1/2	Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:40 & 4:15 p.m.
Devil (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 1:10, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 12:40, 1:45, 2:45, 3:50, 4:50, 5:55, 6:55, 8:05, 9:05 & 10:15 p.m.
Easy A (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 12:55, 2:10, 3:25, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 12:30, 1:50, 2:55, 4:10, 5:15, 6:40, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m.
Eat Pray Love (PG-13) **1/2	Century 16: 12:30, 3:40, 6:55 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 7:05 & 10:15 p.m.
Get Low (PG-13) ***	Aquarius Theatre: 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Going the Distance (R) **	Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.
Inception (PG-13) ***1/2	Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 3, 6:40 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 3:25, 6:45 & 10 p.m.
The Kids Are All Right (R) ****	Century 16: 12:50 & 3:50 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.
The Last Exorcism (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 20: 9:25 p.m.
Machete (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m.
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) **	Aquarius Theatre: 2:30 p.m.; Fri., Sat. & Mon.-Thu. also at 5:15 & 8 p.m.
Mosley vs. Mora Fight Live (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: Sat. at 6 p.m. Century 20: Sat. at 6 p.m.
Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) **1/2	Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 2 & 4:30 p.m.
The Other Guys (PG-13) ***	Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.
Resident Evil: Afterlife (R) (Not Reviewed)	Century 16: 12:40, 3:20, 6:10 & 9 p.m.; In 3D at 11 & 11:50 a.m.; 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 7, 8, 9:40 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: Fri. & Sun.-Thu. at 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.; In 3D (Fri.-Thu.) at 11:40 a.m.; 12:45, 1:20, 2, 3:10, 3:45, 4:25, 5:35, 6:20, 7, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m.; Sat. at 12:10, 2:35 & 10:10 p.m.
Salt (PG-13) **1/2	Century 20: 8:15 & 10:40 p.m.
Scott Pilgrim vs. The World (PG-13) **1/2	Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:05, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.
Takers (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)	Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 2:10 & 10:10 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 4:45 & 7:20 p.m.
The Town (R) ***1/2	Century 20: Noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 8:50 & 10:05 p.m.; Sun. also at 8:50 p.m.
Toy Story 3 (G) ****	Century 20: 12:20, 3:05 & 5:40 p.m.
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(CineArts, Century 20) Ben Affleck is all grown up.

The Adonis actor whose career launched so promisingly with "Dazed and Confused" (1993) and "Chasing Amy" (1997) — before nose-diving thanks to critically lambasted films like "Gigli" (2003) — demonstrates his fortitude with this beautifully executed action/drama. Affleck takes the Clint Eastwood/Kevin Costner/Mel Gibson route by directing and starring in "The Town," a taut adaptation of the Chuck Hogan novel "Prince of Thieves."

Doug MacRay (Affleck) is the conflicted leader of a bank- and armored-car-robbing quartet based in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston, Mass. Doug's unfortunate family background (his mother left when he was a toddler and his dad, played by the always excellent Chris Cooper, is languishing in a federal prison) helped create the criminal he has become.

Things get complicated when the gang kidnaps bank manager Claire Keesey (Rebecca Hall of "Vicky Cristina Barcelona") during a brazen robbery, blindfolding the terrified young woman and setting her free at the edge of a river. Doug's right-hand man/best friend Jem (Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner of "The Hurt Locker"), a trigger-happy bruiser, expresses concern when he learns that Claire lives in the same Charlestown neighborhood as Doug and his pals. Doug agrees to keep an eye on Claire, which quickly develops into a passionate relationship between the two. And Claire is oblivious to the sinister doings of her new beau.

Suddenly life isn't so bleak for Doug. He is anxious to run away with Claire, leaving his drug-addicted ex (Blake Lively of "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"), relentless FBI agent Adam Frawley (Jon Hamm of TV's "Mad Men") and Charlestown itself behind him. But bigwig gangster Fergie Colm (Pete Postlethwaite) won't let Doug hit the road without pulling off one last job: a dangerous and profitable heist of Boston's Fenway Park.

"Town" comes across as a sort of cinematic love letter to the city of Boston, where Affleck spent his formative years (he grew up in nearby Cambridge, Mass.). The film is reminiscent of the 1995 Michael Mann drama "Heat," striking a similar tone. The production values — from score to lighting to cinematography — are excellent, demonstrating Affleck's somewhat surprisingly deft hand behind the camera.

Affleck has matured as an actor and serves up what is arguably his best performance to date. Affleck's Doug is a likable bad guy, similar to Robert De Niro's charming lawbreaker in "Heat." But Renner threatens to steal the show as the unpredictable Jem. His portrayal is raw and honest, and both Hall and Lively are in top form as the female leads. Hamm doesn't fare quite as well, which is more a result of his unpleasant character than any problems with his performance.

The script is hit-and-miss. Clever (and often funny) dialogue breaks up the web of foul language, but the quick-moving relationship between

Doug and Claire is a bit unbelievable.

The film is rife with suspense and fast-paced action. Tension builds and builds, culminating in the edge-of-your-seat climax at Fenway. Although pacing lulls on occasion, the overall tension is so good that even a seemingly casual conversation among Doug, Jem and Claire gets the heart racing.

Affleck's admirable second directorial effort (following his 2007 success "Gone Baby Gone") is a "Town" well worth visiting.

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PRO SOCCER . . . The FC Gold Pride enjoyed more success than any other team in Women's Professional Soccer this season, winning the regular-season title with a 16-3-5 record. Thus, it was no surprise when three Gold Pride players won four of the league's seven postseason awards on Thursday. FC Gold Pride forward Marta as named the Michelle Akers Player of the Year as the WPS Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row. She also won the PUMA Golden Boot award as the league's top scorer. Stanford grad **Ali Riley** was named the league's Rookie of the Year. In her first year as a professional, Riley has been an integral cog in the Pride's success in 2010. She was a regular in the Pride's back line, which, with the help of Riley, proved to be the best in the league. Former Stanford keeper **Nicole Barnhart** was selected as the league's top goalkeeper for her stellar performance throughout the season. In her second year with the Pride, the steady play of the U.S. National Team veteran proved to be invaluable as she held opponents to the lowest goals against average in the league (0.88) and posting 8 shutouts, also a WPS-best. In other soccer news, it was a good news-bad news situation for former Stanford All-American **Kelley O'Hara** this week. The good news was that the FC Gold Pride rookie forward was named Player of the Week in Women's Professional Soccer (WPS). The bad news, however, was that O'Hara on Monday discovered she suffered a partial tear of her right quadriceps during last Saturday's 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Independence to close the regular season. The injury likely will keep O'Hara out of the Pride lineup for the WPS Championship game on Sept. 26 at Pioneer Stadium on the campus of Cal State East Bay in Hayward. The recovery time for the injury is three to four weeks. O'Hara remains optimistic that she will attend preliminary training session(s) with the U.S. Women's National Team at the end of the month.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Women's volleyball: Stanford at St. Mary's 7 p.m.; live stats at gostanford.com

Saturday

Football: Wake Forest at Stanford, 8:15 p.m., ESPN2; XTRA Sports (860 AM)

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Sports



The Stanford defense, here celebrating an interception during last weekend's 35-0 Pac-10 win at UCLA, comes into this Saturday's home game against Wake Forest ranked among the country's top 10 in four defensive categories, including seventh in total defense and pass defense.

Stanford defense will be tested by Wake Forest

Cardinal must stop a running game that averages 322 yards per game and ranks fourth nationally

by Rick Eyrer

Even the offensive players were gushing over how well the Stanford defense played in Saturday's 35-0 Pac-10 football victory over UCLA. They have plenty of experience working against them in practice, so they aren't just guessing.

The defense will be put to the test this week, when Wake Forest's ex-

plosive triple-option offense makes the scene at Stanford Stadium on Saturday in an 8:15 p.m. scheduled kickoff.

"Our defense has really grown a lot and the whole nation saw that Saturday," Cardinal senior wide receiver Ryan Whalen said.

The Stanford defense ranks among the country's top 10 in four defensive categories, including seventh in

total defense and pass defense and eighth in efficiency defense.

Wake Forest, though, ranks fourth in rushing offense (322.0), third in scoring offense (53.50) and 11th in overall offense (504.4).

"You look at that offense and they are expert at it," Harbaugh said. "That coaching staff has been together for 10 years and the players are good at executing it. It's re-

ally impressive how good they are at it."

The Demon Deacons have carved their 2-0 record from the carcasses of Presbyterian College (currently on a 16-game losing streak) and Duke (losers of five of its past six games), who were a combined 5-18 last season.

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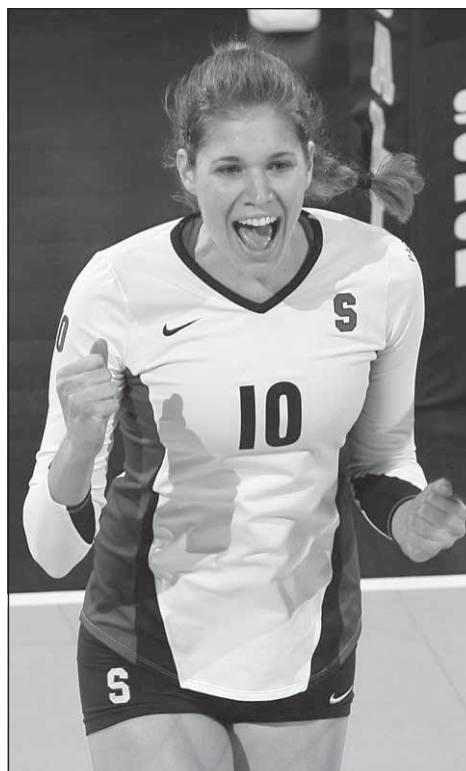
Palo Alto has chance to test the best

by Keith Peters

In the grand scheme of things, the showdown between the Palo Alto and Mitty football teams on Friday likely means less than the matchup appears to be.

While both are ranked among the top five teams in the Central Coast Section and both favored to contend for league titles — and play in the postseason — the outcome probably won't affect any of the aforementioned when they meet at Palo Alto High at 7:30 p.m.

"You play good teams so when you get into league play we're not shocked by the level of competence we're facing," said Palo Alto head coach Earl Hansen. "We have some



Stanford volleyball's Alix Klineman is the National Player of the Week.

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STANFORD ROUNDUP

The race is on to win school's 100th NCAA title

by Rick Eyrer

Eight-five years after the Stanford men's track and field team won the school's first NCAA title, the Cardinal looks forward to No. 100, which could come as soon as Nov. 21 in Maryland.

Stanford, which has won at least one NCAA title in each of the past 34 years — a standing national record — seeks to become the second American university to reach the century mark.

UCLA won its 100th NCAA title at the expense of Stanford in May of 2007 when the Bruins' women's water polo team edged the Cardinal, 5-4, in the 2007 national championship match in Los Alamitos.

At Stanford, 17 different sports have contributed 99 NCAA titles and 82 NCAA runnerup trophies over the years.

Heading into this weekend, Stanford currently has two teams — women's volleyball and men's cross country — ranked first in the nation, while women's soccer is ranked second, men's water polo ranks fourth, women's field hockey ranks 16th and football is No. 19. The men's golf team, which competes at the Fighting Illini Invitational this weekend, was ranked third in the final poll last April.

The football team plays at home Saturday at 8:15 p.m., the

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PREP ROUNDUP

Paly girls keep eyes on prize

Special season still has long way to go despite great start

by Keith Peters

The Palo Alto girls' volleyball team has started the season with 11 straight victories, the best start in school history. Coach Dave Winn wouldn't mind finishing the season that way, either.

Between now and then, the Vikings have plenty of obstacles ahead as they attempt to compile the best record and finish in program history.

With already one tournament title secured, Palo Alto will go after its second championship when the Vikings compete in the one-day Harbor Tournament on Saturday in Santa Cruz.

Palo Alto is the defending champion and goes in seeded No. 1. The Vikings could meet unbeaten Aptos during tourney in perhaps one of the best early season showdowns for both teams.

Another such showdown took place this week when Palo Alto hosted Gunn, matching teams that had won tourneys in the opening two weeks of the season.

Despite the matchup of natural rivals, Tuesday's competition was one-sided.

The visiting Titans, playing without starting setter Monica Cai and without starting outside hitter Julia Maggioncalda, proved to be no match during a 25-10, 25-10, 25-12 nonleague setback to the Vikings.

Palo Alto (11-0) had won the High Sierra Classic with a 9-0 mark two weeks ago while Gunn (12-4) captured the Central California Classic last weekend with a 7-1 mark. That, perhaps, was the only similarities the teams had heading into their match.

Paly was simply too tall and too deep and took advantage of Gunn's missing players, both sidelined by injuries. The Vikings controlled the tempo throughout, due to come balanced attacking from junior Kimmy Whitson's nice setting. She finished with 23 assists, three kills, two aces and three digs.

Junior Melanie Wade had 11 kills for Paly with no hitting errors, producing a hitting percentage of .647 with two blocks and an ace. Senior outside hitter Trina Ohms added nine kills (.350 hitting), five aces and six digs while senior libero Megan Coleman contributed 19 digs. Junior Maddie Kuppe (seven kills, four digs) and sophomore Shelby Knowles (five digs, three aces) also had a hand in the victory.

Molly McAdam, Lisa Yan and Kiana Choroski each contributed two kills on the night for Gunn, and Allison Doerpinghaus had three blocks.

The Titans were unable to put



Palo Alto junior Melanie Wade had 11 kills and hit .647 while leading the unbeaten Vikings to a sweep of Gunn this week.

enough pressure on the Vikings in serve receive or on defense and were forced to go to a two-setter offense in order to get more of a blocking presence and additional offense. Nicole Grimwood performed admirably in her setting duties in the place of the injured Cai, and Alyn Shen played with her usual intensity and effort.

The Titans travel to Fremont next Tuesday and then host Milpitas on Sept. 23.

In other volleyball action this week:

Castilleja (6-1) got 16 kills and five solo blocks from junior Hannah Boland and 11 kills from sophomore Lucy Tashman in a 25-16, 25-18, 22-25, 25-11 nonleague victory over Silver Creek. Hannah Hsieh produced 40 assists and Clare Dreyfus served seven aces while Lindsey Wang had 21 digs and five aces for the Gators.

In Belmont, Sacred Heart Prep dropped a 25-14, 25-22, 25-21 nonleague decision to host Carlmont. Sarah Daschbach had nine kills and six digs for the Gators while Jesse Ebner added seven kills and four blocks with Hannah Elmore contributing 12 assists and seven digs.

On Wednesday, Sacred Heart Prep got 12 kills and 16 digs from senior Daschbach and rolled to a 25-17, 25-10, 25-15 nonleague victory over visiting San Mateo. The Gators (7-4) also got 13 kills and two aces from Sonia Abuel-Saud plus 19 assists from Amelia Alvarez and 18 assists from Elmore.

In Los Altos Hills, Pinewood (2-2) suffered its second straight setback while dropping a 25-15, 25-11,

25-9 nonleague test to visiting St. Thomas More. The Panthers had 34 serve receive errors and hit a negative .269 as a team with eight kills and 22 hitting errors in 52 attempts. Pinewood's Lizzy Fields had three stuff blocks to raise her season total to 21.

Girls' golf

Menlo School opened its West Bay Athletic League season as freshman Chandler Wickers won medalist honors with a 46 to pace the Knights to a 260-322 thumping of host Mercy-Burlingame at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Hillsborough on Wednesday.

Menlo senior Gabby Girard shot a 47 while her sister, Virginia, also contributed to the scoring.

Girls' tennis

Coming off a solid finish at last weekend's California High School Girls Tennis Classic in Fresno, Gunn kept the momentum going with a 4-3 victory over host Los Altos to open the SCVAL De Anza Division season on Tuesday.

The Titans, who went 4-1 in Fresno (finishing 20th out of 111 teams) after losing to eventual runner-up Corona Del Mar in the opening round, found themselves tied at 3 with Los Altos with No. 3 doubles still battling.

Natalie Wilson and Andrea Gonzalez won the first set in a tiebreaker, but lost the second before pulling out the victory, 7-6 (7-1), 1-6, 6-3, and the match.

Gunn had lost three of four singles

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1. Proclamation Recognizing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Existing Building Award for 525 University Avenue
2. Approval of Council Appointed Officers Committee Recommendation to Authorize City Auditor Leave of Absence
3. Approval of Recruitment for Acting City Auditor
4. **Public Hearing:** From Finance Committee: Consider Changes to the City's Refuse Rates, Which, if Adopted, Will Be Effective October 1, 2010 and Adopt a Resolution Amending the Utility Rate Schedules R-1, R-2, and R-3 for a Refuse Rate Increase; Adoption of Budget Amendment Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011 to Adopt Municipal Fee Schedule Increases for the Palo Alto Landfill and Adjust Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures Within the Refuse Fund; and Direct Staff to Apply for a Permit Modification to Reduce Landfill Operating Days From Seven to Five Days Per Week
5. Direction to Staff Regarding High Speed Rail Issues and Adoption of a Resolution Regarding High Speed Rail

CLOSED SESSION

6. Discuss Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): Initiation of Litigation in the Matter of City of Palo Alto; Town of Atherton, a Municipal Corporation, Planning and Conservation League, a California Nonprofit Corporation, City of Menlo Park, a Municipal Corporation, Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund, a California Nonprofit Corporation, California Rail Foundation, a California Nonprofit Corporation, and Other Similarly Situated Entities, v. California High Speed Rail Authority, a Public Entity

(TENTATIVE) AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 - 6:00 PM

1. Interview and Selection of a Recruitment Firm for City Attorney Recruitment

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. regarding 1) Audit of Citywide Cash Handling and Travel Expenses



Keith Peters

Emily Gran scored the winning goal for M-A in overtime.

Prep roundup

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matches with only Peking Lee's 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 4 preventing a sweep. That left it up to the doubles, where Cara Lai-Angela Juang and Natasha Allen-Laura Kidder won in straight sets for Gunn (1-0, 5-2).

In nonleague action, host Palo Alto played without No. 1 singles player Janet Liu (away in New York) and dropped a 4-3 decision to Lynbrook. Paly was swept in all four singles matches.

Palo Alto bounced back from that a tough season-opening loss and blanked host Notre Dame-San Jose, 7-0, in nonleague play Wednesday. The Vikings (1-1) swept every match in straight sets. Senior Mira Khanna led the way with a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 1 singles.

Elsewhere, Sacred Heart Prep (2-1) had only one match go to three sets during a 7-0 victory over Crystal Springs on Tuesday. Only Alex Marshall, at No. 2 singles, was pushed to three sets but she pulled out a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory. Alyssa Kohrs paced the sweep with a 6-2, 7-5 win at No. 1 singles.

In Atherton, Menlo dropped a 5-2

nonleague decision to defending CCS champ Saratoga on Wednesday. The Falcons (5-0) were coming off a big tournament championship at the California High School Girls Tennis Classic in Clovis last weekend, where Menlo finished fifth.

Menlo (4-2) took Saratoga to three sets in four matches, but lost three of them.

"We have to get better at that," Menlo coach Bill Shine said.

Menlo's victories came at No. 3 singles from freshman Christine Eliazo (6-2, 5-7, 6-2) and at No. 4 singles from sophomore Laura Gradiska (6-3, 6-2).

"I was really pleased with how they played," Shine said. "We were not intimidated. The girls grew up a lot since last weekend."

Boys' water polo

The last time Sacred Heart Prep played Acalanes, the Gators captured the victory and the tournament championship of the CCS-NCS Challenge. Sacred Heart Prep went on later in the season to win the CCS Division II crown for a third straight season.

The Gators and Acalanes met again on Wednesday to open the 2010 season, with Sacred Heart Prep

getting off to a good start with an 8-7 nonleague triumph in Atherton.

Senior Philip Bamberg scored in the third quarter to give SHP an 8-6 lead, which held up in the fourth period. He finished with two goals while senior Robert Dunlevie led the way with three tallies. Sophomore goalie Will Runkel, making his starting debut, played very well and finished with 12 saves.

On Tuesday, senior Ken Wattana scored four goals and sophomore Bret Pinsker added two goals plus three steals to pace Palo Alto to a 9-6 victory over host Los Gatos to open the SCVAL De Anza Division season. Junior goalie Daniel Armitano had 12 saves for the Vikings, including two during man-down situations.

In Portola Valley, host Priory dropped a 10-8 season-opening decision to Aragon in PAL Ocean Division action. Michael Wan scored three goals for the Panthers, which fell behind by 7-1 at halftime before outscoring the Dons in the second half. Eric Turnquist added two goals for Priory.

Girls' water polo

Menlo-Atherton got three goals from senior MJ O'Neill in a 6-5 overtime triumph over visiting Los Altos in nonleague action Wednesday. The Bears also got two goals from junior Emily Gran and one from junior Danielle Flanagan.

Gran provided the winning goal for the Bears, who fell behind at halftime (5-4) before tightening up their defense in the second half and holding Los Altos scoreless for the final 14 minutes of regulation and six minutes (two periods) of overtime.

Senior goalie Emily Dorst was a standout on the defensive end for the Bears, who stepped up and fought hard for 34 minutes to post a victory over a tough CCS Division I rival. Menlo-Atherton beat Los Altos in the CCS semifinals last season. ■

as one of the most improved in the section is even better.

The Monarchs (1-1) feature senior quarterback Kyle Boehm, a 6-foot-3, 220-pound prospect who is headed to Cal. He has completed 20 of 28 passes (.714) for 265 yards and two touchdowns. He also has rushed 23 times for 248 yards, leading the team in both categories.

Thus, Palo Alto must find a way to slow Boehm down, like San Ramon Valley did last week in a 16-13 upset. Boehm was shut down as a passer, completing only five of 10 for 39 yards and two interceptions, but rushed 15 times for 135 yards.

That gives Palo Alto's defensive backs hope that they can limit Boehm, as well. Should that happen, the burden will be on the Vikings' defensive line and linebackers to contain Boehm as a runner.

"We'll try to tackle him on every play," Hansen said, alluding to how much Boehm will be involved offensively. "They're pretty limited."

Hansen believes that Boehm will have a hard time running right, against Paly senior Kevin Anderson. That will force Boehm, a righty, to go left.

"We want him to throw, no question," Hansen said.

The Palo Alto defense did its job

last weekend in a 21-9 season-opening victory at Burlingame. But, Burlingame is not in Mitty's league and that's the test for the Vikings.

Paly managed just 65 rushing yards in 34 carries against a team likely to finish in the middle of the PAL Bay Division this season. If the Vikings can't run against Mitty, it will be up to senior quarterback Christoph Bono to move the ball.

Bono completed 17 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns against a very good Mitty defense last season, one that Hansen says has lost a lot to graduation.

"So, they're not the same team," Hansen said.

Bono, meanwhile, got off to a good start against Burlingame despite feeling a little rusty after missing half of last season with a shoulder injury. Bono completed 14 of 23 passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns against the Panthers.

Senior wideouts Davante Adams and Maurice Williams combined for seven receptions for 123 yards.

The Vikings' offense was a little stagnant through much of the first half, but caught a break when T.J. Braff made the first of his two interceptions. It led to the first sustained drive of the game for Paly, with Bono peppering the Burlingame

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Julia Li
Gunn High

The junior libero had 28 digs in a five-game victory over Homestead and then added 33 digs and eight aces while winning MVP honors as the Titans' volleyball team went 7-1 and won the championship of the Central California Classic.



Jordan Williams
Menlo School

The senior running back/defensive back scored two touchdowns, including the winner with 11 seconds to play, and intercepted two passes to spark the Knights to a 34-29 comeback football victory over defending CCS champ Carmel.

Honorable mention

<p>Catherine Donahoe Sacred Heart Prep water polo</p> <p>Nicole Grimwood Gunn volleyball</p> <p>Kristy Jorgensen Menlo tennis</p> <p>Adrienne Thom Gunn volleyball</p> <p>Natasha von Kaepler Castilleja water polo</p> <p>Sallie Walecka Castilleja water polo</p>	<p>Jack Beckwith Menlo-Atherton cross country</p> <p>Christoph Bono Palo Alto football</p> <p>Alex Gow Menlo-Atherton water polo</p> <p>James McDaniel Priory football</p> <p>Beau Nichols Menlo football</p> <p>Colin Terndrup Sacred Heart Prep football</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">* previous winner</p>
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Prep football

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good teams in our league."

Thus, Paly-Mitty is all about preparation for league play.

The teams met last season with Mitty rolling to a 35-13 nonleague victory. Palo Alto committed six turnovers and rushed for just 35 yards. Two games later, the Vikings lost their starting quarterback to a season-ending injury.

So, what happened? Palo Alto won the SCVAL De Anza Division title with a 4-0-2 mark and advanced to the CCS Open Division playoffs, where the Vikings lost to eventual champion Bellarmine.

Thus, the loss to Mitty did nothing to affect Palo Alto season, which ended 7-2-2.

So, what's it all mean? It's just another test in a season full of them.

"We like to play these kinds of games," Hansen said. "The kids definitely are excited to play this week. They (Mitty) are a good team, no question."

For Palo Alto, Friday's game is public school versus private school. Beating a West Catholic Athletic League team is always a good thing. Beating a WCAL squad that ranks

defense with short passes.

Then Bono clicked with Williams, who was open over the middle and Bono hit him in the numbers for a 40-yard touchdown with 19 seconds to spare before halftime.

"It felt good to be out there," Bono said. "I was a little rusty but I got into a little better rhythm. There's still a lot of room for improvement."

Tight end Michael Cullen caught a 23-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Cullen finished with three catches for 50 yards.

Scoring late in the first half seemed to loosen the offense, especially the running game. The Vikings compiled a grand total of one yard on the ground in the first half, but improved that by 67 yards in the final two quarters. Frosh-soph grad Dre Hill rushed for 45 of them.

Palo Alto recovered a fumble on the second-half kickoff and Hill went 15 of the 17 yards necessary for a touchdown that gave the Vikings a 14-2 advantage.

"It was our first game so we needed to get into a rhythm," Williams said. "We need to be tough and work hard. We have Mitty this week, so we really have to be prac-

ting hard."

"It didn't feel like the first game jitters but we were a little slow at the start," Bono said. "We were making some mistakes because they did some things we didn't expect."

Palo Alto knows what to expect from Mitty on Friday night and will be ready for the challenge.

In other prep football games this weekend:

Gunn (1-0) returns from a week off to host Burlingame (0-1) in a rare afternoon (3:30 p.m.) game on Friday. The Titans will face a tough defense, much tougher than in their 39-0 romp over Westmont.

Sacred Heart Prep (2-0) is coming off a big victory over Riordan and will hit the road to face Valley Christian-Dublin on Friday night (7 p.m.) at Chabot College in Hayward.

Menlo-Atherton (0-2) will look for its first victory, hitting the road to face Jefferson on Friday at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Menlo (1-1) will look to capitalize on its big win over Carmel last week when it visits Justin Siena in Napa at 7 p.m. ■

(Rick Eymmer contributed to this story.)

Stanford football

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Stanford (2-0) has elicited its mark out of Sacramento State and UCLA, a combined 12-12 and one bowl game appearance in 2009.

Yet Wake Forest owns the bragging rights over Stanford, scoring in the final seconds of their meeting in Winston-Salem, N.C. last year to secure a 24-17 victory.

"That was a tough loss on the road," Whalen said. "It's one of the games marked on our calendar."

It was one of the rare games in which Toby Gerhart did not reach 100 rushing yards. But Whalen and quarterback Andrew Luck each had big games. Luck was 23-of-34 for 276 yards and two touchdowns, both to Whalen, who caught nine passes for 123 yards.

"We remember that loss," Luck said. "We take that as extra motivation. Hopefully we can turn the tables on them."

Luck's passing statistics against UCLA were a little mundane but he made up for it with his legs, rushing for 63 yards on seven carries, including a 16-yard gain. He raced for a first down four times during an 18-play scoring drive in the third quarter that put the Cardinal in the driver's seat.

"We were a little off timing-wise, nothing huge," Whalen said. "We keep working to refine some of those things."

Luck, as usual, took the blame for completing fewer than 50 percent of his passes for the first time since last year's Big Game.

"I missed some throws I know I can make," he said. "The offense did a good job of slugging it out. At halftime I was thinking if the throwing thing is not working out, maybe my third option would be to run the ball. It bailed me out."

Luck is Stanford's leading returning rusher from last season, though it appears that sophomore Stefan Taylor, with senior Jeremy Stewart sidelined with an undisclosed injury, started against the Bruins and is currently the team's leading rusher. He was third behind Gerhart and Luck last season.

While Luck is urged to run the ball when needed, it still doesn't make it any easier for Harbaugh whenever he tucks the ball down and goes; especially when he was looking to score and lowered his head to meet his assailant's helmet to helmet.



Stanford defender Terrence Stephens (99) and offensive tackle James McGillicuddy (74) joined with their teammates to celebrate a 35-0 blanking of UCLA last weekend to open the Pac-10 season. Stanford (2-0) will host Wake Forest on Saturday night and will need another top defensive effort to improve to 3-0.

"There's more a part of me that cringes," Harbaugh said. "He has this thing about the first hit and the first game. Now he's got to slide more often."

Luck understands his coaches' concern, but with the end zone so close he couldn't help it.

"I wanted to score," he said.

As for the 'first hit' thing, Luck said he doesn't feel like a football player until he absorbs his first contact. In a game last year, instead of running out of bounds untouched, Luck tried to turn it upfield and put a shoulder

into his tackler.

"The quarterback doesn't get hit all spring or in fall training camp," Luck said. "It's nice to get hit. I need to get hit to feel like it's a football game."

The offensive line has allowed one sack this season, so his contact usually comes when he's trying to make a play with his legs. ■

NOTES: A Wake Forest sports forum (<http://mbd.scout.com/mb.aspx?s=192&f=1118&t=6374942>) has compiled "Stanford look-alikes" using mugshots to compare players to other characters.

Brian Bulcke is compared to Mr. Incredible, for example, while Owen Marecic's double is Michael Bolton. Athletic trainer Rob Dalnoki bears a likeness with Wayne Knight's 'Neumann.' The best, of course, was reserved for Harbaugh. Check it out . . . Deacon Demon injuries include backup quarterback Ted Stachitas (bone chip in left hand) and junior safety Josh Bard (hamstring). In addition to true freshman Tanner Price at quarterback, freshman A.J. Marshall may see his first start . . . Stanford is 4-8 all-time against teams currently in the ACC. ■

Stanford roundup

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men's soccer team hosts Santa Clara at 6 p.m. Sunday and the field hockey team meets visiting California in an important NorPac Conference match at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The women's volleyball team plays at St. Mary's at 7 p.m. Friday and the women's soccer team plays future Pac-12 rival Utah at 5 p.m. at Santa Clara.

Senior Alix Klineman and her Stanford women's volleyball teammates made headlines last weekend after ending Penn State's record-setting 109-match winning streak in Florida. The Cardinal (7-0) plays its first match as the nation's top-ranked team against St. Mary's as part of the Pac-10/WCC challenge.

Klineman, a three-time All-American, has shown the makings of having a monster year, earning MVP honors at three tournaments thus far. She leads the team with 112 kills (4.87 per set) and is hitting at a .361 clip, an impressive percentage for an outside hitter.

Senior All-American Cassidy Lichtman does a lot of everything. She leads the team with 21 blocks, is

second with 72 kills, and 134 assists, third with 61 digs and five aces.

Senior libero Gabi Ailes is already Stanford's career record holder in digs, owns three of the top four single-season marks and the three top single-game records.

Before Stanford ended Penn State's landmark streak, it was the Cardinal which handed the Nittany Lions their last loss in 207. That makes the senior class (which includes junior redshirt Stephanie Browne) the only players to have beaten Penn State twice in their college careers. Nebraska is the only other team to beat Penn State since the 2007 season.

The women's volleyball has been responsible for six of the first 99 national titles and would definitely be in contention to secure No. 100 when the national championship is held on Dec. 18.

By that time, however, the women's soccer team could upstage them. The Women's College Cup is scheduled for Dec. 3-5 in Cary, N.C.

Christen Press, Castilleja grad Lindsay Taylor and Palo Alto's Teresa Noyola are well on their way to helping Stanford (4-0-2) reach the title match for a second straight year.

Press has 35 assists for her career,

second on Stanford's career list to Marcie Ward (2000-04), who has 40.

The Stanford field hockey team actually has the first chance at NCAA title No. 100, although the Cardinal (5-1) is a darkhorse at best. Stanford did reach the NCAA tournament last year, however, and there's plenty for which to get excited. It might be a surprise if Stanford is still standing when Nov. 21 rolls around, but there weren't many people who thought the Cardinal women's tennis team would gain Stanford's 99th NCAA title last May.

Perhaps the better bet would be with the Stanford men's cross-country team, which could grab the 100th title on Nov. 22 in Terre Haute, Ind. The 13th-ranked women's team goes off first and could grab the glory.

The men's water polo team, which competes in the NorCal Invitational this weekend in Berkeley, could get a title shot on Dec. 6 at Princeton.

The men's soccer team reached the Sweet Sixteen last year, but is off to a rough start this season. Should the Cardinal regroup, there's always a chance it could find No. 100 on the fields of UC Santa Barbara on Dec. 12. ■



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It's that time again. By the light of the harvest moon, runners numbering in the thousands will be out in force for the 26th annual Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run and Walk at the Baylands Friday, Sept. 24.

The run/walk is a classic Palo Alto tradition (now consisting of 10 and 5K runs and a 5K walk) that attracts runners and walkers from throughout the Peninsula, along with major sponsors. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund for local charitable organizations.

Inside this section is a schedule, map, last year's results and a feature introducing just a few of the many groups harnessing their team spirit and participating in this year's race. On your mark, get set, go! ■

A team effort

Local groups find that at the Moonlight Run, there's strength in numbers

by Karla Kane

The Moonlight Run and Walk is a chance for runners to test their skills, compete against fellow racers and challenge their own personal bests, but it's also a time for teamwork, socializing and fun. Each year, clusters of friends and co-workers muster their team spirit and sign up for the race in groups (registered as "special teams"), showing that at the Moonlight Run, the more the merrier.

The groups are widely varied in type,

size and membership makeup. Eric Wil-murt (Menlo-Atherton High School's cross-country coach), for example, has gotten more than 75 sporty teens to sign up with his group. Castilleja High School will also be represented this year, and a group from Palo Alto's First United Methodist Church will enter a team with members ranging from kids to seniors.

"We like to promote interaction among

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Palo Alto Run Club members meet several times a week to run.

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various generations in the church and it is a great event for that," group leader Michele Conway said.

Several local running clubs consider the Moonlight Run a favorite annual group activity.

"It's Palo Alto's most important running event," said Ron Wolf of the Palo Alto Run Club (PARC), which has participated in the race since the club was formed a quarter-century ago.

PARC, which holds group runs five times a week at Stanford and in town, and monthly trail runs, boasts nearly 300 members.

"I'm really happy with how our membership has developed. There's a good mix of ages, genders; it's very diverse and very representative of Palo Alto culture," Wolf said.

"We have hopes for about 50 (members to do the Moonlight Run) this year, although it's like herding cats to organize them," he joked.

Wolf said while PARC members are dedicated and serious runners (including one recent World Triathlon competitor), what draws them to the Moonlight Run is its unique ambience.

"I think it's just a lot of fun to be out at the Baylands at night. It's a little surreal and

very quiet, with just the sounds of nature and footsteps. It's an experience," he said.

Aragorn Quinn, participating in the race with a group from Stanford, agreed.

"I did it last year and it's one of the coolest races I've ever done," he said. "It's a different feeling out there under the full moon; very peaceful." Plus, he added, its evening start time means freedom from the early wakeups required by some races.

Quinn's team consists of 20 Stanford graduate students brought together by an interest in running for fun and exercise.

"There's not a lot unifying us. We're all from different departments with different interests," he said. "We've got people in history, engineering, law and medicine."

Quinn himself studies Japanese literature in the East Asian languages department. In race experience, his team members run (no pun intended) the gambit from serious athletes to newbies.

"I'm old enough to know I'm never going to win a marathon but I do take it seriously. We have some like me and then some stragglers who thought it sounded cool and they're going to do the 5K walk," he said.

Atherton resident Scott Feamster, founder of the MIT Run Club, now boasting 100 members from San Francisco to San Jose, started his group as a club for run-enthusiast

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7 p.m. 5K WALK BEGINS

8 p.m. Warm-up

8:15 p.m. 10K RUN BEGINS

8:30 p.m. Warm-up

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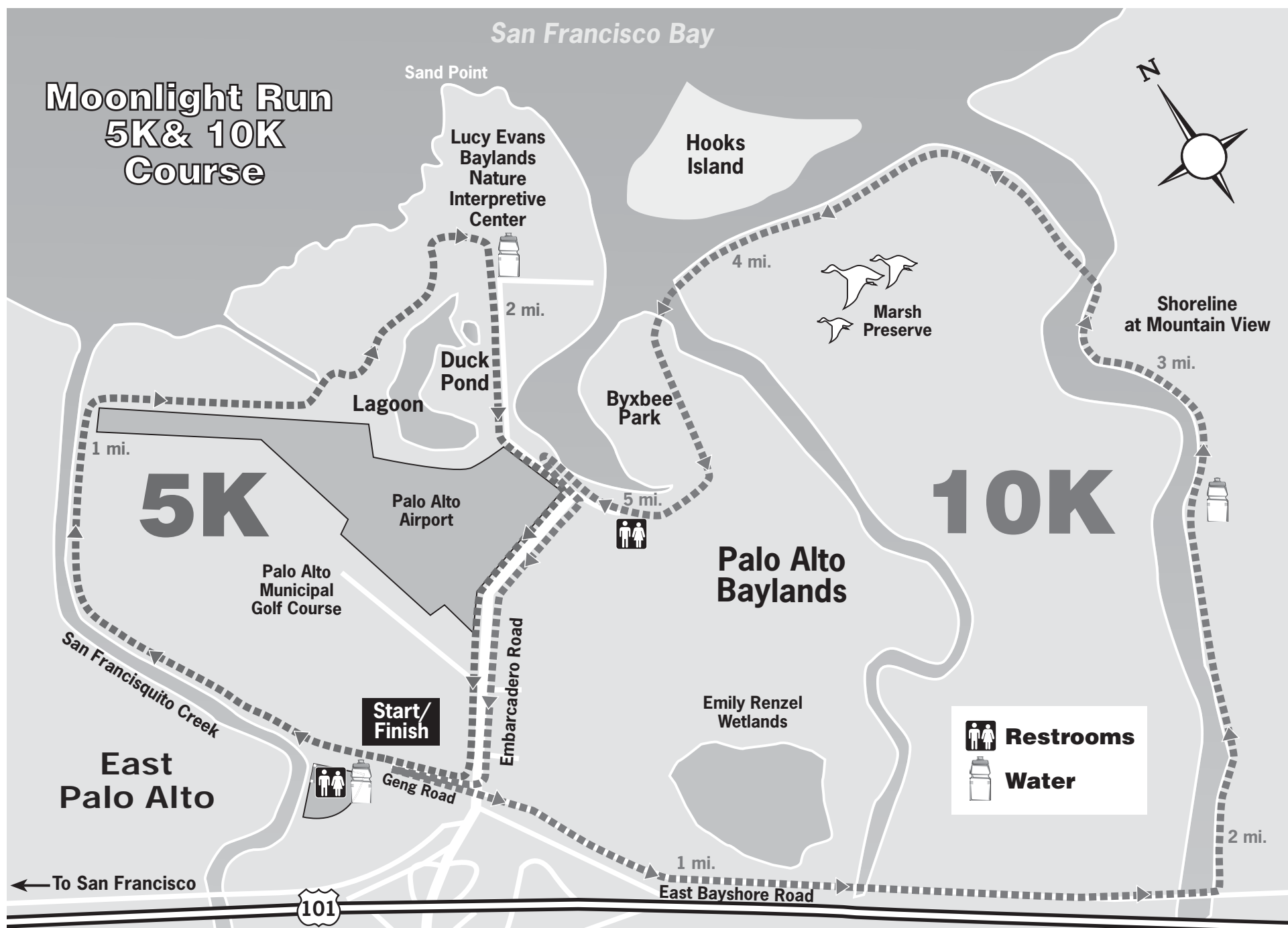
Stick around after the race for prize giveaways, refreshments and an awards ceremony for the top three finishers in each category.

OTHER THINGS YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW

Race results: Posted at www.PaloAltoOnline.com at 10 a.m. Sept. 27.

Parking: Palo Alto Police Department will be directing traffic the afternoon/night of Friday, Sept. 24. Volunteer pick up and drop off at Ming's Restaurant; volunteer parking at 2225 E. Bayshore Road, at "Embarcadero Place."

Course: 5K and 10K loop goes over the Palo Alto Baylands levee, through the marshlands by the light of the harvest moon. The course is flat, USAT&F certified on levee and paved roads. Arrow-head Water will be provided at all stops. Go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com for more run info. ■





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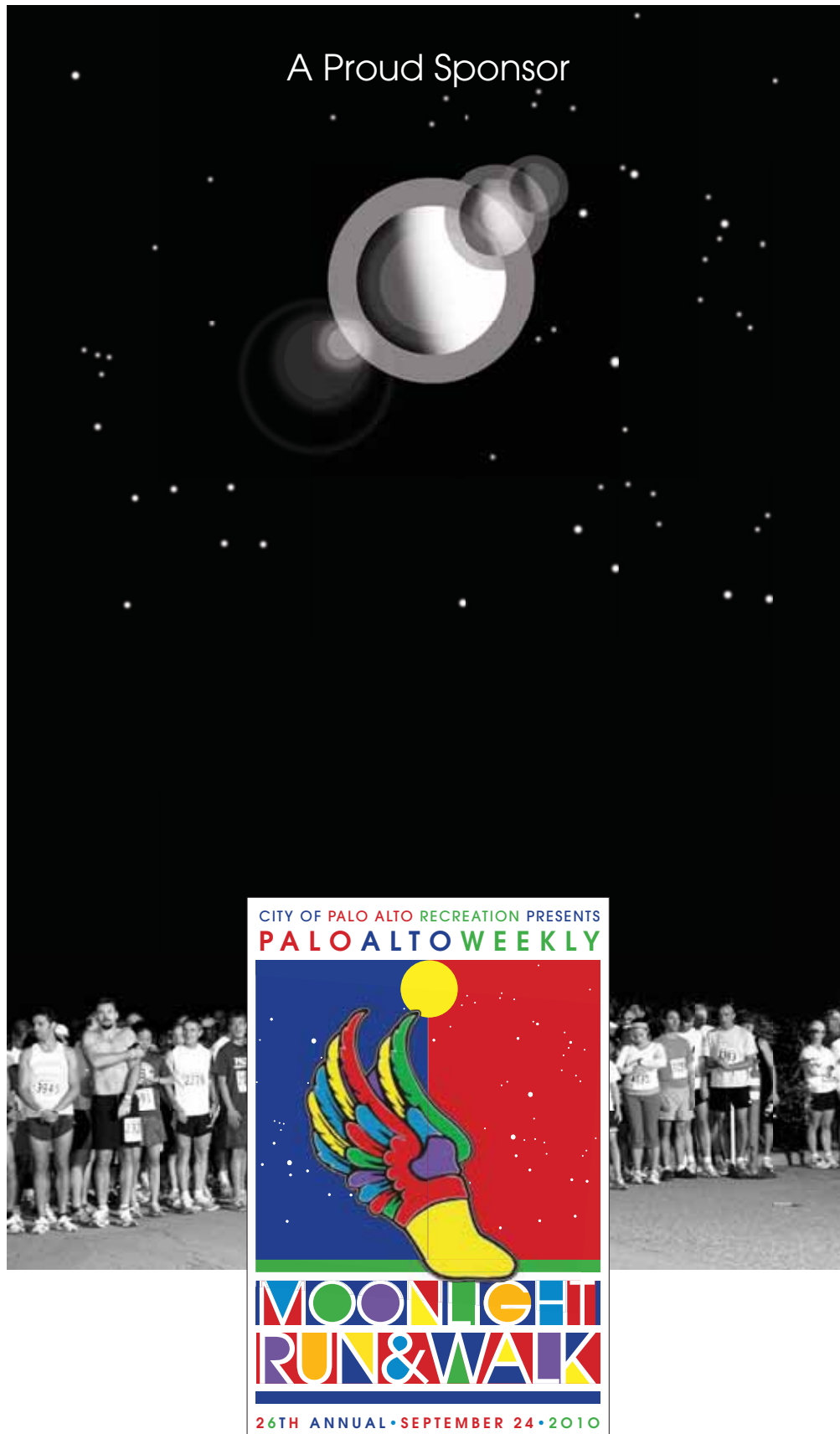
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10K Results 2009 Moonlight Run Overall Leaders
1. Jacob Evans (Palo Alto) 33:57
2. Chris Mocko 33:58
3. Garrett Heath (Palo Alto) 34:02
4. Kevin Schneider (Stanford) 36:57
5. Ben Sklaroff (Palo Alto) 37:04
6. J Jordan Lee (San Leandro) 37:16
7. John Hale (Menlo Park) 37:18
8. Jason Reed (San Bruno) 38:07
9. Jason Golbus (Palo Alto) 38:15
10. Michael Ward (San Francisco) 38:33

5K Results 2009 Moonlight Run Overall Leaders
1. Neville Davey (Menlo Park) 15:58
2. Carl Daucher (Menlo Park) 16:19
3. Nicholas Mac Falls (Menlo Park) 16:46
4. Tye Jones (San Francisco) 16:51
5. Brandon Doble (San Francisco) 16:54
6. Michael Bordoni (Palo Alto) 17:24
7. Michael Kinter (Morro Bay) 17:42
8. Angie Morey 18:29
9. Becca Walker (Palo Alto) 18:43
10. Jarrod Nixon (Fremont) 18:47

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parents of MIT students (his son is an alumnus).

"We don't concentrate on competition so much as on enjoying ourselves" and being healthy, he said of his team.

"The club includes serious runners but we're not out to win trophies, we do it to enjoy and to improve."

The club participates in many local races, including the Bay to

Breakers, but the Moonlight Run is special, he said.

"Running at night is different. It's after work so it doesn't interfere with that, it's a great way to start the weekend, and what better way to celebrate the harvest moon?"

"We like it for the camaraderie, the post-run activities, and of course, the T-shirts!" he added, laughing.

For a list of all the special teams competing this year, see the box to the right. ■

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REGISTRATIONS & ENTRY FEE Pre-registration fee is \$25 per entrant (postmarked by September 17, 2010) and includes a long-sleeve t-shirt. Late/race-night registration is \$30 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 \$15 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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