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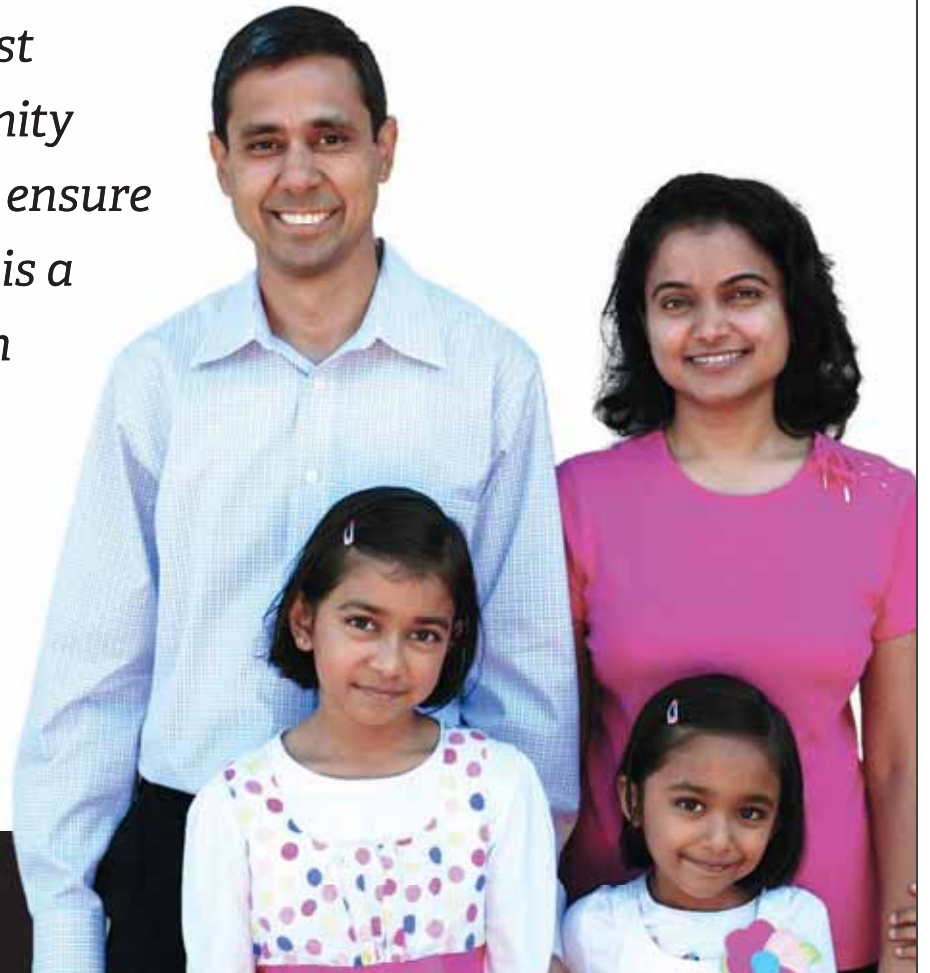
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## Palo Alto searches for downtown parking solutions

City considers zoning changes, new garages, valet parking as it seeks to quell complaints

by Gennady Sheyner

Faced with constant complaints about a dearth of parking on downtown streets, Palo Alto officials are weighing a wide range of dramatic solutions, from building new garages and introducing valet parking to installing more electric-vehicle charging stations and beef-

ing up the parking requirements for new developments.

Downtown's parking pains have been aggravated in recent years by new developments and a strong local economy. On Monday night, the City Council is scheduled to consider a wide range of recom-

mendations for improving the situation. According to a new report from the city's Chief Transportation Officer Jaime Rodriguez, some of these recommendations rely on new infrastructure — garages and bike corrals — while others center on technological solutions, such as parking apps and a garage system that allows users who wish to park beyond the three-hour limit to pay for extra time. Still others target the city's zoning laws.

Rodriguez is recommending that the city conduct a full analysis of downtown's recent and expected development and consider the parking strategies that would be needed to support these buildings. The "Downtown Cap" study, which would cost the city up to \$150,000 and would take about six months to complete, is also required by the city's zoning ordinance. In 1986, when the city revised its zoning code, it created a limit of 350,000

square feet on new development in downtown and specified that the city would have to re-evaluate the cap when development reached 235,000 square feet. The four-story Lytton Gateway project at Alma Street and Lytton Avenue, approved this summer, pushed the city close to the cap. A proposed mixed-use building at 135 Hamilton Ave. would push the city over the cap.

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Veronica Weber

### Here comes the bride

Ohlone Elementary School students Tyler Kramer, left, Owen Yeh-Lee, Nicholas Zinn and preschooler (and bride for the day) Pearl Yeh-Lee walk around school during the annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 31.

### OBITUARY

## Gary Fazzino: 'Once a mayor, always a mayor'

Longtime city councilman, known for his unflagging love of Palo Alto, dies at 60

by Gennady Sheyner and Jay Thorwaldson

Gary Fazzino, a two-time Palo Alto mayor who served 18 years on the City Council, died Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, at his Palo Alto home following a 2 1/2-year battle with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer.

Fazzino had been undergoing a new round of chemotherapy and tests and had returned home from a hospital stay last week.

Known for his intelligence, humor and wide-ranging interests, Fazzino,

60, had an unflagging love of Palo Alto and was recognized as the foremost expert on the city's political history. He had been involved directly or indirectly in local politics since the early 1970s, when he hosted Stanford University's KZSU radio broadcasts of council meetings. At the time of his death, he was working on a history of Palo Alto elections dating back to the city's incorporation in 1894.

He became one of the youngest elected leaders in Palo Alto history

when he joined the council at 24 in 1977. He served on the council from 1977 to 1983 and from 1989 to 2001, and as mayor in 1992 and 1999. Since 2009, he was vice president for government affairs at Applied Materials.

Before that, Fazzino had spent nearly a decade as a vice president for Palo Alto-based Hewlett-Packard Co., working mostly in government and public affairs. Among the people Fazzino hired at HP was Sid Espino-

sa, who himself went on to join the council in 2007 and who served as mayor in 2011.

Espinosa, who sat next to Fazzino at HP, said it was "Gary's encouragement as a boss and as a community leader to get involved that led to me being a council member and eventually mayor."

He recalled carpooling with Fazzino to work. While Espinosa would

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## ELECTION 2012 Donors back repeal of death penalty

Dozens contribute to Proposition 34, but the biggest dollars go to oppose Brown's tax plan

by Gennady Sheyner

Death and taxes may be the only certainties in this world, but when it comes to campaign contributions, Palo Alto residents are far more interested in addressing the former than the latter, finance documents show.

More than 100 local residents have joined the fight to repeal the death penalty, a California state proposition on the Nov. 6 ballot that the Palo Alto City Council voted to support last month. Though the contribution amounts are not huge, their sheer number surpasses those given to other proposition campaigns and stem largely from donors with ties to the legal and faith communities.


By far the biggest campaign bucks, however, support or oppose the two competing tax measures — Propositions 30 and 38 — on the Nov. 6 ballot, campaign-finance documents indicate.

The fight over Proposition 30, Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed tax initiative, has attracted major campaign contributions statewide, with the two sides raising more than \$110 million in cash, according to Maplight, a nonprofit that tracks campaign finances. Most local contributions have been made in favor of Brown's plan, which would increase income tax for those making more than \$250,000 a year and increase the sales tax by 1/4 cent over four years. The sales tax, Brown has argued, is necessary to avoid a series of steep cuts to education and public safety that would be implemented early next year if voters strike down Proposition 30.

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“ He loved the town, and the town loved him. — State Sen. Joe Simitian, a close friend and also a former Palo Alto mayor, on the passing of Gary Fazzino, who served 18 years on the Palo Alto City Council, including two stints as mayor. See story on page 3.

**Around Town**

**LOUD AND CLEAR ...** AT&T scored a major victory last July in its long quest to install antennas throughout Palo Alto when the City Council approved an agreement with the company that effectively authorizes 75 antenna installations. But each phase seems to bring a new obstacle for AT&T, which has long maintained that the infrastructure is necessary to give the city adequate cell-phone coverage and to satisfy its voracious appetite for data. Some residents remain unconvinced that the DAS (“distributed antenna system”) installations — which include placement of antennas on existing utility poles — are the best thing for the city. Resident **Tony Kramer** has filed an appeal against AT&T’s second phase of installation, which includes poles near properties at Homer Avenue, Newell Road, Embarcadero Road and Hamilton Avenue. Kramer is arguing that the project has been violating the city’s noise ordinance. Specifically, he argues that the Planning and Community Environment Department has been applying the looser standard for “public property” noise rather than the more stringent “residential standards” noise. Staff had determined that the stricter standard should apply to some areas, including easements that run across residential property, but not to public locations such as parkland. Planners recommend that the City Council reject Kramer’s appeal and give AT&T the green light for the second phase of its plan. The council will consider this Monday night. The AT&T plan calls for four phases of antenna installation, with the third and fourth phase involving 20 antennas each.

**NEW HEIGHTS ...** The proposal by billionaire developer **John Arrillaga** to create a new “arts and innovation district” next to Palo Alto’s downtown Caltrain station has already generated much enthusiasm among city officials, who often laud its potential to greatly improve pedestrian environment in one of the city’s most prominent areas. But if the Thursday meeting of the Architectural Review Board is any indication, many in the city remain unconvinced. The project includes a theater and an office complex consisting of four towers, one of which would be 160 feet tall. The board did not vote on the project, though members voiced

some concerns about the building designs and the potential parking problems. Board member **Alex Lew** said he didn’t like the massing of the proposal, while **Randy Popp** encouraged Arrillaga’s team to put more thought into the design of the buildings. “This is a tremendous opportunity to do something really interesting,” Popp said. “It takes skill and experience and knowledge to create something here that is sculptural and efficient and beautiful and sustainable and will really set character for this part of town. I’m looking forward to all of the skills coming to the table and to really moving this project in the right direction so that we can see something on par with the rest of the world, frankly.” Residents who attended the meeting expressed a spectrum of opinions. **Carol McLeud** lauded the project’s potential for improving the area around Caltrain. “We’re not talking about Manhattanization of Downtown Palo Alto,” McLeud said. “We’re talking about a very specific area which right now is unsightly. It’s trying to do far too much in far too small an area.” Others were less flattering and characterized the buildings as far too massive and tall (it would far surpass the city’s 50-foot height limit). **Elaine Meyer** was among them. “Just because a developer tells the city to jump, do you have to say, ‘How high?’” Meyer asked the board. “On the other hand, you could, working in the public interest, say, ‘50 feet.’”

**TWEET TWEET ...** Palo Alto Mayor **Yiway Yeh**, who is entering the final two months of his council tenure, will take it to the Twittersphere on Nov. 7 to discuss the city’s recent accomplishments and ongoing projects. Yeh will join City Manager **James Keene** and Chief Information Officer **Jonathan Reichental** in the fifth and final “Twitter Q&A,” which will give residents a chance to ask questions in 140 characters or less. The event will start at 7 p.m. Twitter users are asked to append their questions with #AskPaloAlto or check out the session by following @cityofpaloalto or by typing #AskPaloAlto in the search field of their Twitter applications. In the future, the city plans to invite other department directors to participate in the community conversations and to “explore new ways of engaging our community using innovative technology.” ■

SENIORS

# An experiment in aging gracefully, in place

Local 'village' of seniors helping seniors marks five years

by Chris Kenrick

It's one thing to say you intend to age gracefully in your own home and avoid institutionalized care — and something else entirely to accomplish it.

A group of several hundred Palo Alto area residents this month marked five years of testing the concept through membership in Avenidas Village, a program that's created a community of mutual support for people as they age.

For an annual fee of \$875 — \$1,250 for a couple — members enjoy a social network of fellow seniors, some volunteer services, a 24/7 phone number to call for help and access to a list of nearly 200 vetted local service providers in everything from home maintenance to financial services to transportation.

With a blend of volunteer and paid services, the venture is part social, part practical — and very much a work in progress.

The village's nearly 400-strong membership is broken down into neighborhood "clusters" of about 25 people to foster connectedness and social ties.

If a member needs help turning a mattress, fellow members may volunteer to help. If it's a bigger job, say major landscaping or gutter-cleaning, there's a vetted list of vendors, who may offer discounts.

Transportation, a major issue for many seniors, is handled through paid providers or, sometimes, vol-

unteers.

Two full-time and two part-time staff members coordinate all the moving parts.

Avenidas Village was purely theoretical when interested people gathered in a Palo Alto living room seven years ago in hopes of getting something started. They'd read in the Wall Street Journal about Beacon Hill Village — a Boston venture in mutual aging support launched in 2002 — and wondered whether the model could be replicated on the West Coast.

The founding group of Palo Alto residents formed an alliance with the existing nonprofit senior agency Avenidas, which offered office space and overhead support.

With its launch in 2007, Avenidas Village became the sixth in what is now a movement of nearly 100 senior "villages" across the United States.

"I'd be talking a lot with my neighbors about how we were getting old and what we were going to do," said Palo Alto resident and retired lawyer Mary Minkus, a member of the village from its earliest days.

"We didn't want to have to move."

For Minkus, the village functions both as a social network and an outlet for her considerable volunteer energy. She's part of a group of three volunteers who make five-day-a-week check-in calls to fellow members who live alone and have

requested them.

"I'll also call on a weekend if I think somebody's in a bad spot because weekends can sometimes be the most lonely time," she said.

"I like the volunteering aspect because we need to know that we're still needed. My particular belief is that everybody in this organization who's a member will get more out of it if they also volunteer."

Of the village's 370 current members, about 60 volunteer with the organization, program director Vickie Epstein said. Members range in age from their 50s to their 90s, with the highest concentration ages 70 to 85, she said. Most live in Palo Alto, Stanford and Menlo Park, with some others in Los Altos, Atherton and Mountain View.

For founding member Bob Gee of Atherton, the main use for Avenidas Village so far has been as a social network.

Gee said the Menlo Park cluster gathers about once a month in someone's home or in a restaurant, with about 20 typically showing up. In an online network, they sometimes trade things like extra tickets to the Giants or the opera.

For villagers who are well enough not to need the services, paying for membership is something of a paradox.

"Many join looking at it as an insurance policy," Epstein said.

"They're doing great; they don't really need the services at the time



Courtesy of Avenidas Village

Mary Minkus, lower left, and Bob Gee, are among the founders of Avenidas Village, which is modeled on a Boston program aimed at helping seniors stay at home as they age by offering a social network, volunteer services, and access to local service providers.

they join, but they want to know that when they do need it — if they need it — all the support services are going to be available to them."

But when it comes time to renew, it can be hard for them to see that they're getting value. Nonetheless, Epstein cites a 90 percent membership retention rate.

Despite a determination to remain at home, catastrophic health issues or cognitive impairment have forced some members to move to care facilities. Epstein views help with such moves as being among the village's array of services.

"This has happened to a few of our members, and helping them and their family members with their decision about a greater level of care is one of our services," she said.

The village has forged relationships with local hospitals so it can help to coordinate services needed when a member is discharged.

"My wife and I are both in physically good condition," founding member Bruce Heister said.

"But we have a daughter who works in Manhattan, and we don't want her to have to come running back for things like that."

Heister volunteers as a driver and handyman for fellow villagers. Recently, he helped a widow who had sold the family vacation home in Hawaii re-hang some of the vacation home pictures in her house here.

"One of the great pleasures I get out of driving people, or doing odd jobs in their homes, is that everybody's got a story," Heister said.

"They've had interesting jobs in their lifetimes, interesting travels, and you get into good discussions with them." ■

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ELECTION 2012

## Seven vie for East Palo Alto City Council

Candidates focus on public safety, affordable housing, communication and economic issues

by Sue Dremann

East Palo Alto is at a crossroads, with gentrification, a stalled business-district redevelopment plan and nagging violent crime on the city's streets, according to seven candidates who are vying for three spots on the City Council.

The Weekly asked the candidates to discuss how they would handle three key issues the city faces as it moves forward: crime reduction, affordable housing and economic development.

### A. Peter Evans

**Occupation:** Retired  
**Prior public positions:** City Council member, 2004-present; former board member East Palo Alto Sanitary District; started the first environmental justice organization in East Palo Alto to deal with land use, environmental and hazardous-waste recycling issues

**Crime reduction:** Supports a progressive education and recreation department for youth and also start-

ing a public-safety commission.

**Affordable housing:** Lauds city's rent control but said there is not good oversight. It isn't enforced on a regular basis.

**Economic development:** Council members never pushed the Ravenswood Business District project to make it happen with developers, he said. Evans criticized the council as "nonprofit oriented" and not business-development oriented. He wants to re-institute departmental reports for accountability and better fiscal oversight.

**What's one vote you are proud of casting on the council?** No answer. He said he has only one vote

on the council.

### Bernardo Huerta

**Occupation:** Board member of Nuestra Casa

**Prior public positions:** Planning Commission 2005-12; Public Works and Transportation Commission, 2001-present; Community and Transportation Plan Committee, 2003-present; worked to get grants for Safe Routes to School program

**Crime reduction:** Wants to increase number of police officers and make the department more accountable for solving crimes, especially those that could be easily solved or controlled. Supports increasing the police force by a percentage equal to the number of new homes that are constructed.

**Affordable housing:** Develop an ordinance to stop monopolistic buy-ups of rental properties and to possibly force the breakup of wholesale acquisitions, such as the Equity Residential purchase of the 1,800 Woodland rental units. Sup-

ports finding ways to help residents purchase homes. He would consider legal action against Menlo Park and Palo Alto for impacts on East Palo Alto if those cities don't build a fair share of affordable housing.

**Economic development:** Supports the eventual development of the Ravenswood Business District but is concerned that it is too long-term to have good economic returns. Costs for city staff run at \$600,000 annually, which would cut deeply into the projected annual \$2.5 million revenue. Cutting crime would attract more retailers. Supports creative ways to fund projects, such as a possible increase in car registration fees that could be

directed to the city.

**What's one vote you would have changed if you had been on the council?** "I would have gotten rid of the interim-uses ordinance the council recently voted on for the Ravenswood Business Development area. It's killing local businesses," he said. The ordinance issues a permit for a limited time for light-industrial businesses to occupy the area. Businesses that make large investments to come into the area or upgrade would have to leave in just a few years, he said.

### Laura Martinez

**Occupation:** Program director at East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy

**Prior public positions:** Currently is East Palo Alto mayor; City Council member 2008-present

**Crime reduction:** Favors seeking grants to put more police officers on the streets, continuing the parolee reentry program and youth



Peter Evans



Bernardo Huerta

Donors

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The quest to defeat Brown's tax plan is being led by Palo Alto-based political activist Charles Munger Jr., whose half-sister, Molly Munger, is pursuing a rival tax measure, Proposition 38. Charles Munger's contribution of \$35 million accounts for about two-thirds of the funds in the campaign against Proposition 30.

Munger is the husband of former Palo Alto Board of Education member Mandy Lowell, who on Aug. 21 and Sept. 4 spoke to the board urging their support of Proposition 38. The first of Munger's contributions to the "No on 30" campaign was made on Sept. 17.

The only other multi-million dollar contribution in opposition of Brown's tax measure came from the group Americans for Responsible Leadership, an Arizona-based group that backs Republican causes. The organization contributed \$11 million in opposition to Proposition 38, according to Maplight.

Palo Alto donors have also been largely silent on Proposition 38. Campaign documents show no contributions either in favor or in opposition to Molly Munger's measure, which would increase personal income taxes on a sliding scale and use the revenues largely to fund education.

Though Charles Munger is by far the top contributor to the campaign opposing Brown's tax initiative, he isn't the only affluent Palo Alto donor hoping to defeat Proposition 30. The opposing campaign has received significant checks from several local venture capitalists, including Tench Coxe of Versant Ventures and William Younger of Sutter Hill Ventures, each of whom has contributed \$25,000 to the campaign. Local developer Boyd Smith

chipped in another \$1,000.

On the other side of the spectrum is George Marcus, chairman of the Palo Alto-based real-estate firm Marcus & Millichap. A Democrat and frequent donor, Marcus contributed \$100,000 in support of Brown's tax proposal. His contribution was by far the largest among Palo Alto donors. The pro-Proposition 30 campaign also received \$100 checks from Foothill-De Anza Community College District trustees Bruce Swenson and Betsy Bechtel.

Not surprisingly, Proposition 30 has attracted large contributions from labor unions. According to Maplight, the California Teachers Association gave \$10.4 million to support the proposition, while the Services Employees International Union donated \$9.9 million.

While the Palo Alto City Council has remained on the sidelines for the two tax measures, the Palo Alto Unified School District passed a resolution last month in support of both Propositions 30 and 38. Board member Dana Tom was one of several board members who said he would prefer a more permanent revenue source for education. But while each proposition has its flaws, the consequences of both failing would be severe for schools, Tom argued.

"At the end of the day, the effects of neither passing would be far worse for education in our state and for many other aspects of our state," Tom said at the Sept. 4 meeting.

The showdown between major labor unions and wealthy investors isn't limited to Proposition 30. According to Maplight, Charles Munger is also the top supporter of Proposition 32, which would prohibit unions from using funds from payroll deductions for political campaigns and prohibit unions from making contributions to candidates. Munger's \$36 million contribution to Proposition 32 comprises 60 percent of the campaign's

total war chest of \$59.4 million. Other Palo Alto-based supporters of Proposition 32 include Thomas Siebel, chairman of First Virtual Group, who contributed \$500,000; William Edwards, managing director of Palo Alto Investors, who contributed \$100,000; Boyd Smith, who contributed \$31,000; and Coxe, who contributed \$15,000. Stewart Koch, Mountain View-based investor, contributed \$25,000 in favor of Proposition 32.

Opponents of Proposition 32, meanwhile, have raised \$68.8 million largely through union support. The California Teachers Association contributed \$21 million, with SEIU pitching in another \$13.1 million. The "No on 32" campaign has not, however, received any financial support from individual Palo Alto donors.

The same cannot be said about Proposition 34, which would end California's death penalty; establish life without the possibility of parole as the state's most severe punishment; and create a \$100 million fund to assist law-enforcement agencies with investigations. The Palo Alto City Council has already thrown its unanimous support behind the measure, and campaign-finance documents suggest that local residents largely share that sentiment.

Palo Altans submitted more than 120 checks in support of Proposition 34, with most of the funds coming from local attorneys and law professors. The opposition campaign did not receive a single check from Palo Alto.

The top local donor in favor of Proposition 34 is Michael Kieschnick, manager at CREDO Mobile, a wireless company, who gave \$10,000. Attorney Mitchell Zimmerman of the firm Fenwick & West contributed more than \$6,000, while Ellen Kreitzberg, a law professor at Santa Clara University, contributed

Top Palo Alto donors

State propositions draw big bucks

Proposition 30: Gov. Brown taxes	
Yes	No
George Marcus, \$100,000	Charles Munger Jr., \$35 million
	Tench Coxe, \$25,000
	William Younger, \$25,000
	Boyd Smith, \$1,000
Proposition 32: Union contributions initiative	
Yes	No
Charles Munger Jr., \$36 million	None
Thomas Siebel, \$500,000	
William Edwards, \$100,000	
Boyd Smith, \$31,000	
Tench Coxe, \$15,000	
Proposition 34: Death-penalty repeal	
Yes	No
Michael Kieschnick, \$10,000	None
Mitchell Zimmerman, \$6,000+	
Ellen Kreitzberg, \$2,490	
Thomas Nolan, \$1,300	
First Presbyterian Church, \$1,000	
Frances Kieschnick, \$1,000	
Proposition 38: Molly Munger tax initiative	
Yes	No
None	None

Source: Maplight

\$2,490. Thomas Nolan, a local attorney with Nolan, Armstrong & Barton, LLP, donated \$1,300.

The proposed death-penalty repeal is also drawing support from the local faith community. The First Presbyterian Church has contributed \$1,000, and Frances Kieschnick, an Episcopal priest at Trinity Church, donated another \$1,000.

Local politicians are also coming out in favor of Proposition 34. Santa Clara County Supervisor

Liz Kniss, who is running for the Palo Alto City Council, contributed \$100 while former Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, a Mountain View resident who is running for state Senate, chipped in \$350. Stacy Stern and Timothy Stanley, top executives with the Mountain View-based company Justia.com, also contributed \$500 each. ■

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ELECTION 2012

Hill enjoys fundraising edge in state Senate race

Lieber banks on individual contributions in her quest to score Election Day upset

by Gennady Sheyner

With elections just days away, Assemblyman Jerry Hill is banking on his superior campaign chest to help him carry the day in the state Senate Race, while his opponent, former Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, is hoping that grassroots support from her home turf will help her narrow the gap and score a major upset.

In the closing days of October, Hill had a huge lead in expenditures made and a modest edge in cash remaining. According to campaign-finance documents, Hill has spent \$946,300 since the beginning of the year in his quest to represent the 13th District, which stretches from San Mateo County to northern Santa Clara County and includes Palo Alto, Mountain View, Menlo Park, Atherton and Sunnyvale. Lieber, meanwhile, has spent \$151,572 over

the same period of time.

Hill, a San Mateo resident who has represented his city on the county and Assembly levels, has about \$178,449 in cash remaining, while Lieber has about \$128,085. Hill received nearly 1,500 contributions for his Senate campaign, roughly three times as many as Lieber.

But Lieber, a Mountain View resident and perpetual underdog, hopes she can counteract Hill's financial edge with grassroots support from Santa Clara County, parts of which she has represented in the Assembly between 2002 and 2008. Lieber, whose campaign has been focusing on education and the environment, has received dozens of checks from northern Santa Clara County, including 78 from Mountain View and 51 from Palo Alto. She

also contributed \$100,000 to her own campaign, records show.

Lieber's list of contributors includes local environmentalists, such as former Palo Alto Mayor Peter Dreke and Michael Closson, executive director of the local environmental nonprofit, Acterra. Among her biggest Palo Alto supporters is Michael Kieschnick, manager of CREDO Mobile, who gave her campaign \$1,000.

Hill, despite his huge fundraising advantage, has received only five contributions from Mountain View and 17 from Palo Alto, campaign-finance documents show.

Hill's Palo Alto contributors include City Council candidate Marc Berman, who gave \$250, and former Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto, who contributed \$100. But his campaign also benefited from major support from Hewlett-

Packard Company, which gave \$3,900 along with another \$3,843 in "non-monetary contributions."

Hill, meanwhile, received 264 checks from donors in his hometown of San Mateo. Lieber did not receive any San Mateo checks as of Oct. 25, when the reporting period concluded. Hill also has the endorsement of some of the state's most prominent Democrats, including Gov. Jerry Brown and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Labor unions, political-action committees and major corporations have also contributed mightily to Hill's fundraising advantage. The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California gave \$7,800, as have the California State Council of Laborers PAC and the Plumbers, Steamfitters and Refrigeration Fitters, UA Local 393 Political Action Fund. Hill's other

major backers include the California Healthcare Institute (\$3,900), the California Dental Political Action Committee (\$3,900), the California Beer & Beverage Distributors Community Affairs Fund (\$3,900), the McDonald's California Operators (\$3,900) and Monsanto Company (\$1,500).

Hill's financial lead further cements his status as the heavy favorite in the race to replace termed-out Sen. Joe Simitian. In the June primary election, Hill scored an overwhelming victory when he picked up 55 percent of the votes in a four-way race. Lieber had finished a distant second with 22 percent.

Lieber told the Weekly in a recent interview that her campaign made a decision to be stingy during the primary season so as to have funds available for the general election. ■

## On the trail of an imaginary flu epidemic

More real-world experience a goal in new Castilleja science program

by Chris Kenrick

**B**iology students at Castilleja School scouted out the spread of diseases like flu, tuberculosis and chronic diarrhea this month.

Working with disease-modeling software and a UCSF lab associate, girls experimented with variables like transmission rates and incubation times to re-create the path of disease — represented on students' laptop screens by shifting green, red and blue icons — in an imaginary village.

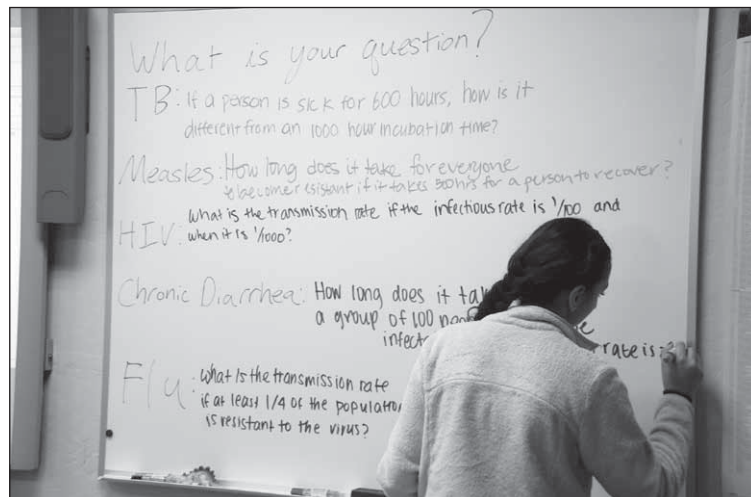
The disease-modeling unit is part of a sweeping revamp of the high school science curriculum at Castilleja, which this fall replaced its Advanced Placement science program with home-grown “advanced topics” in chemistry, biology and physics.

The changes also required a rebuilding of the school's first-year science courses, with an eye toward engaging girls in what it's like to be a real scientist.

“We're trying to get students to do more science as opposed to listening to me talk about science,” said Science Department Chair Jeanne Appelget, who managed the creation of the new courses over the course of the past year.

“It's not science to get you into college — it's science to love science and consider pursuing it and going on to become a scientist,” Castilleja Head of School Nanci Kauffman has said of the new curriculum.

Appelget sought ideas in the 2010



Castilleja School 11th-grader Simran Ghumman writes her group's question on the board during a lesson in disease modeling. Students worked with the disease-modeling software Nova and a UCSF lab associate to explore the way epidemics can spread through a population.

report “Why So Few?” published by the American Association of University Women, which pinpointed specific barriers to women in science and engineering.

She also looked to the National Research Council's Framework for K-12 Science Education Standards, developed by a scientific task force led by Stanford University physicist Helen Quinn, which urged schools across the country to move toward less memorization and deeper engagement.

“The framework affected what we were doing, and how we looked at

our essential questions,” Appelget said. “One of those was, ‘How do students use models in science and engineering?’”

“I wanted to use more modeling in my curriculum.”

Appelget teamed up with UCSF's Nick Sippl-Swezey to use the disease-tracking software Nova to create an accessible, hands-on unit in research.

“Nova is a tool that's visually intuitive and accessible at the high school level,” Sippl-Swezey said.

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DOWNTOWN

## Wave of ‘beautification’ projects heads downtown

Palo Alto looks to repaint Caltrain underpass, upgrade irrigation system along University Avenue

by Gennady Sheyner

**P**alo Alto's busiest downtown thoroughfare will undergo a series of touchups in the coming months, though in some cases the price for beautification will include traffic disruptions and parking restrictions.

The University Avenue projects are neither as dramatic nor as expensive as the city's planned streetscape changes at California Avenue, which include switching from four lanes to two. But at least one of them is expected to impact downtown parking for up to three months early next year.

The most ambitious component of the city's “University Avenue Downtown Beautification Project” involves replacing the 40-year-old irrigation system that supplies water to the 73 planters along University. Starting in January, workers will be going block by block between Alma and Webster streets, removing a section of the curb at most tree wells,

changing the connection between the main water line and each well, replacing the spray heads with drip irrigation and reinstalling the curb.

The curb work will require the city to temporarily limit parking on each block. Peter Jensen, the city's landscape architect, said the \$150,000 project is scheduled to begin in January and last from nine to 12 weeks.

“It will require closing of basically each segment or block for a week or so to parking,” Jensen said at a Tuesday night meeting focused on the various downtown projects.

The outdated irrigation system has been harmed over the years by the very trees to which they are supplying water.

“The trees have gotten a lot bigger and are crowding out everything in the planter, including the irrigation pipe,” Jensen said. “There are consistently breaks in the pipe that require maintenance.”

The project will also involve installing new, hardy planting along University Avenue. The proposed planting palette includes the resilient silver liriopoe, the asparagus fern, the red-hued heuchera ‘Santa Ana Cardinal’ and the pink-leafed nandina ‘Fire Power.’

Other downtown projects promise to be less disruptive. Among them is the repainting of the underpass at the downtown Caltrain station and repairing broken light fixtures. This project, which the city is pursuing after requests from downtown businesses, is scheduled to kick off on Nov. 5 and last two weeks.

The project is included in the city's capital budget as the first phase of planned improvements to the Caltrain underpasses. The Caltrain tunnel will be painted a sandy “golden brown” to match the stone archway near the entrance to Stan-

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## East Palo Alto

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programs. East Palo Alto was one of the first cities in San Mateo County to have converted all street lights to light-emitting diodes (LED) last year to increase visibility at night under her tenure, she said.

**Affordable housing:** As mayor and council member, she supported rent stabilization and a condominium conversion ordinance to protect apartment dwellers. In January 2013, the city is expected to pass a tenant-protection ordinance, which she supports. Favors seeking affordable-housing funding and a program for first-time home buyers.

**Economic development:** Directed the creation of the Community Development Department to seek ways to fund Ravenswood Business District.

**Supports a youth economic-development plan.** Under Martinez, in July the city council adopted a citywide economic plan.

**What's one vote you are proud of casting on the council?** "Early on as a council member in 2008 when Mi Pueblo wanted to establish a local grocery store, there was a lot of pressure from the community. It was a tough vote. Three council members voted 'yes,' and two voted 'no.' I am proud that I voted 'yes.' Now we have a full-service store that offers fresh fruits and vegetables, which we hadn't had in more than 30 years," she said.

### Larry J. Moody

**Occupation:** Board chairman of the nonprofit Making It Happen for Our Children

**Prior public positions:** Ravenswood City School District board member, 2006-10; East Palo Alto Sanitary District board member 2003-06; San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Commission, 2010-12; Sequoia High School Bond Measure Commission

**Crime reduction:** "I would put more police on the streets. We are constantly working on fumes for a long period of time," he said. He would seek \$5 million to raise police

force to levels suggested in a 2008 grand jury report. He would seek technical-jobs training for youth and parolees.

**Affordable housing:** He is concerned about the wholesale purchase of 1,800 apartments by Equity Partners. The city needs to educate

residents about the importance of having affordable starter housing for future generations. He wants to institute jobs training so that residents can make better income to afford housing.

**Economic development:** Commercial development should be "the right match for the present workforce and the future workforce." Supports an economic summit with the city's 500 small businesses. Wants to train a residential workforce for future job trends. Considers Ravenswood Business District is the city's last opportunity to develop revenue to pave streets, replace pipes and develop open space but said the city must be "intentional in who we partner with." He would also consider traffic problems that could be caused by development.

**What's one vote you would have changed if you had been on the council?** "The way we handled the redevelopment issue when the state said it would abolish redevelopment. We erred when we pushed a lot of talented people away (after laying off staff), then we turned around and hired three or four other people," he said.

### Jorge Prado

**Occupation:** Certificated analyst for human resources at the Ravenswood City School District

**Prior public positions:** East Palo Alto Planning Commission, 2006-12; board member, Drew Medical Foundation; Rent Stabilization Board; president of the Comité Latino for East Palo Alto, in charge of the city's Cinco de Mayo celebrations

**Crime reduction:** Increase police force.

Collaborate with San Mateo County to investigate crimes. "Several crimes have not been investigated and we have to avoid letting someone get away with committing crimes," he said. Improve the communications capacity for the police department, which has sometimes been spotty.

**Affordable housing:** Prado supports rent stabilization. He would investigate and stop abuse by landlords who indiscriminately raise rents.

**Economic development:** Prado wants to attract businesses to the community but also businesses that serve the community. He supports giving the people a voice on any major development project.

**What's one vote you would have changed if you had been on the council?** He does not support the University Palms development.

### Donna Rutherford

**Occupation:** Program administrator for a nonprofit

**Prior public positions:** East Palo Alto City Council, 2000-08; former mayor; Ravenswood City School District Board of Education member for 12 years

**Crime reduction:** Would hire more police to patrol the streets.

**Affordable housing:** The majority of individuals in the city are renters. The foreclosure crisis pushed more residents into rentals, which has caused rent increases, she said. Supports more housing for low-income and middle-income residents. Supports developing a plan for the homeless population and their rehabilitation.

**Economic development:** Would aggressively seek money to complete the Ravenswood Business District project. She would seek someone who is skilled in writing grant proposals and to speak on the city's behalf to funders. She also would continue to leverage relationships with legislators and would seek their leadership.

**What's one vote you would have changed if you had been on the council?** "I would not have voted to support (losing) the city manager. He did a good job. I would not have voted to let him go," she said.

### Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier

**Occupation:** Executive assistant for a Foster City venture-capital firm

**Prior public positions:** None. Helped organize a recent peace march against crime in the city

**Crime reduction:** Would organize town hall meetings to talk about issues and how to solve crime problems.

**Affordable housing:** Supports ordinances protecting low-income housing. The city must have employees who understand corporate culture to better deal with large real estate firms buying up housing stock, she said.

**Economic development:** "Public safety has to play a key part in economic development," she said. Supports retaining mom-and-pop retail businesses and would work to attract customers to local stores, such as a Shop East Palo Alto campaign.

**What's one vote you would have changed if you had been on the council?** No answer. "It's easy to second-guess it afterwards," she said.

Additional candidate information is available on the League of Women Voters SmartVoter website at [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) or <http://tinyurl.com/c6dplgg>.

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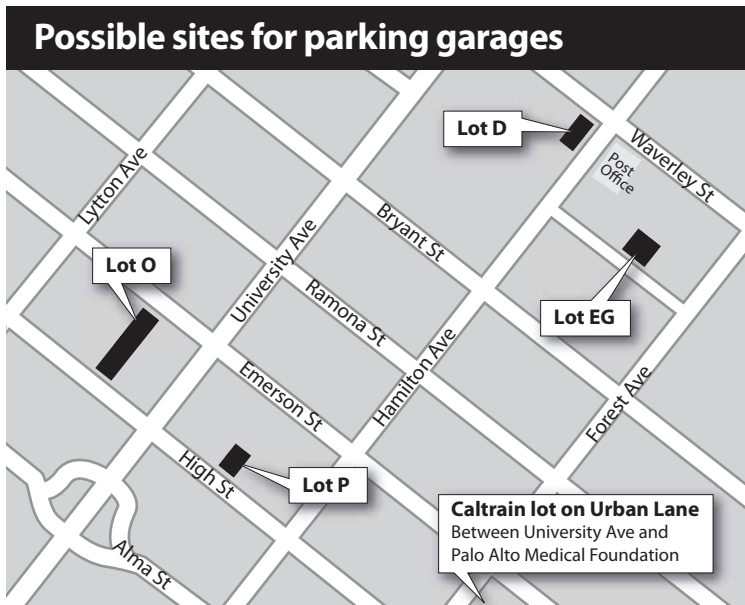
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The city also plans to pursue a separate study to evaluate downtown parking garages and consider an attendant-parking program at these garages. The study would also consider the feasibility of building a new parking structure at one or more of five parking lots: Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street; Gilman Street; High Street between University Avenue and Hamilton Avenue; High Street between University and Lytton avenues; and Urban Lane between University Avenue and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

The study will be partially funded by a \$60,000 contribution from the developers of Lytton Gateway.

“The results of the study will be used to determine whether the city should pursue construction of a new parking structure using its own local funding, enterprise funding to build a parking structure in conjunction with additional office facilities, or to pursue a private partnership with land developers to help build a parking facility,” Rodriguez wrote in the new report.

New garage technology should also be evaluated, Rodriguez wrote. By installing “control gates,” the city could regulate the number of cars entering and exiting the garages and collect revenue for those seeking to stay beyond the existing time limit



Map by Shannon Corey

A feasibility study will take place this fall to determine whether additional parking garages can be built on any of the five parking lots downtown (which includes a Caltrain lot off Urban Lane).

of three hours. Staff proposes to introduce this technology at the Bryant Street garage, though the Alma Street/High Street garage could be an alternative site.

Other proposals that the council will consider aim to make life easier for drivers of electric vehicles and bicyclists. Staff is proposing adding six new charging stations for electric vehicles downtown and up to five stations around California Avenue. These would supplement the four charging stations that would be included as part of

Lytton Gateway. At the same time, staff recommends additional bicycle-parking stations downtown.

The bold proposals aim to supplement a series of less dramatic parking adjustments that the city has recently made. Among them, the city now allows monthly renewals of the parking permit (before, renewals were offered on a quarterly and annual basis) to address the under-use of parking garages. ■

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**REAL ESTATE TRENDS**

by Samia Cullen

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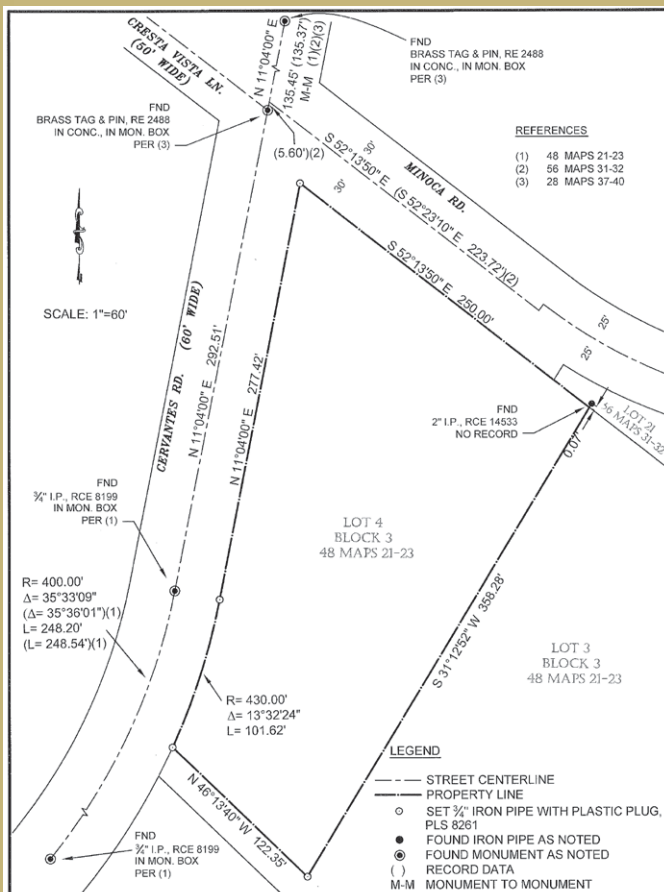
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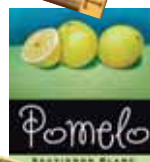


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## Fazzino

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drive, Fazzino constantly would be calling City Hall to talk to officials about building projects and to notify them of cars that had been parked on the street for too long. When Espinosa would remind Fazzino that the latter was no longer on the council, Fazzino would respond, "Once a mayor, always a mayor."

Espinosa, who often traveled with Fazzino and met up with him socially, said he has never known anyone



Palo Alto Weekly file photo

Former Palo Alto Mayor Gary Fazzino in 2001. Fazzino died Oct. 30, 2012, at his Palo Alto home following a 2 1/2-year battle with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer.

with more love for his city.

"He was Palo Alto. He loved Palo Alto. When you love something, you think about it all the time, and you work on it all the time," Espinosa said.

Jay Gellert, CEO of Health Net and a close friend of Fazzino since the early 1970s, said Fazzino changed little in the decades since they first met. Even back when Fazzino was a young KZSU radio broadcaster, he would delve deeply into subjects he found interesting — from sports to theology — and became an expert on these subjects.

"He was a theology major at Stanford and knew more about the history of the Catholic Church than probably the pope did," Gellert said. "He knew more about the history of Stanford sports than anyone in the sports department."

Though Fazzino is well-known locally for his encyclopedic knowledge of Palo Alto (his political history includes, among many other things, an account of where on the dais every council member had sat), his passions extended far beyond city borders. He could, for example, name the top song in America for any month since the hits started to get tracked (Espinosa confirmed this skill). He could also discuss with great fluency an election in Italy or a Senate race in a distant state.

Gellert called Fazzino an "original," a "Renaissance man" and a throwback to an earlier, pre-Facebook era, when friendships were deep and enduring.

"He had old-fashioned, long-term personal relationships with people," Gellert said. "Everyone he knew, he knew forever. He was a great example of everything people valued about an earlier time."

Though his disease caused him pain, it didn't slow down his mind, said Gellert, who had spent last weekend with Fazzino.

"Though he was obviously suffering from a very bad disease, his mind was clear and straight, and he could still talk to you about who will be the quarterback for Stanford next year," Gellert said. "While his body was failing him, his mind was as sharp as it's always been."

Fazzino moved to Palo Alto with his family in 1967, following a year in Santa Clara after a cross-country move from Connecticut in the family station wagon. He attended Palo Alto High School, then a three-year school, and was elected senior-class president.

Fazzino's educational background spanned multiple subjects. He received a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Stanford University in 1974, followed by a master's degree in public policy from Occidental College and an MBA from the University of Washington School of Business. He also interned with the San Francisco-based Coro Foundation, studying public policy.

He was first elected to the council in 1977 but resigned after six years due to a job transfer to Seattle. He returned to the council following the 1989 election and served as mayor in



Courtesy of Sid Espinosa

Gary Fazzino, with son Matthew, poses with his wife Annette and daughter Julia five years ago, soon after the twins were born.

1992 and 1999. Fazzino was forced by term limits to step down from the council at the end of 2001.

During his tenure, he established meetings with the mayors of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto and the president of Stanford to address regional issues. He formed the Red Team in 1992 to aid East Palo Alto, which was then struggling to cope with a wave of murders. He promoted the ban on smoking in public places, the preservation of Arastradero property as open space, the launch of the Palo Alto Shuttle and the establishment of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

In recent years, Fazzino retained his deep engagement in the city's political life, often weighing in on local measures and providing analysis on election results. Over the past two years he promoted a

shift from a one-year mayoral term to two years, opposed the measure that moved local elections to even years (the measure passed in 2010) and, most recently, backed the campaign opposing Measure C, which is on the Nov. 6 ballot and would allow up to three marijuana dispensaries to open in Palo Alto.

Fazzino was preparing to complete his political history of Palo Alto, a comprehensive account of every local election in the city's history and the issues surrounding each election. His unmatched familiarity with local history earned him the moniker of "unofficial Palo Alto historian."

Fazzino's death has prompted an outpouring of condolences from the Palo Alto community, with city leaders and residents sharing their memories of Fazzino. Councilman Pat Burt called Fazzino a "true icon in our community."

"His deep love for his family and for Palo Alto are a model for us all," Burt wrote on Town Square, the online community forum. "Gary has led us with his exceptional combination of passion, civility and self-

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less commitment. We will miss him deeply, but his inspiration will continue. There is only one 'Mr. Palo Alto,' and that is Gary Fazzino."

State Sen. Joe Simitian, a close friend of Fazzino and also a former Palo Alto mayor, said Wednesday that Fazzino and Palo Alto were a natural fit over many decades.

"He loved the town, and the town loved him," Simitian said.

Simitian and Fazzino had been best friends since they met in 1967 on their first day at Palo Alto High and discovered a mutual love of politics. They were roommates for a time after college.

Fazzino was a "wonderfully complicated guy, with wide-ranging interests, from his religious studies at Stanford to his deep interest in public policy-making and politics.

"He had a wonderful mix of old-school values and 21st-Century aspirations. He spent his career in the tech world, dealing with business around the world, but Palo Alto was his home, first and last.

"He was a hometown guy with worldwide sensibilities."

Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss, a longtime friend and council colleague, said he should be considered Palo Alto's "permanent mayor."

"He was one of the giants of our political world," she said of his local and regional impact.

Even those who disagreed with him regarded him with respect.

"Gary Fazzino was a worthy opponent," Palo Alto resident Craig Laughton wrote on Town Square. "He supported the (1999-2000) historic homes measure, and I opposed it. He told me that I was a lone wolf and that I should join the effort to compromise. I said that I would not because it was wrong.

"With a cheerful smile on his face, he said I would lose. Once my side won, he saw me and said, 'There are probably more lone wolves in Palo Alto than I realized.' I thought that was big of him.

"He was a stand up guy who could disagree, with a smile."

Debbie Mytels, a local environmentalist, called Fazzino "an amazing leader from a very young age, always ready to lend a hand, caring

for many aspects of our community, from education to the environment and civic involvement."

"He leaves a legacy of service that will inspire many of us to further work for the common good," Mytels wrote on Town Square.

Fazzino is survived by his wife, Annette; their twin children, Matthew and Julia, 5; and by three siblings: Donna, an East Bay resident, Brian of Saratoga, and Wayne of Nevada.

Memorial services are pending. ■ Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner and Editor Emeritus Jay Thorwaldson can be emailed at [gshyner@paweekly.com](mailto:gshyner@paweekly.com) and [jaythor@well.com](mailto:jaythor@well.com).

## 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](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news) or click on "News" in the left, green column.

### Motorcyclist collides with deer on I-280

A man on a motorcycle was struck by a deer Wednesday, Oct. 31, after the animal ran onto an Interstate 280 exit ramp and into the vehicle, Palo Alto Fire Battalion Chief Niles Broussard said. (Posted Nov. 1 at 9:53 a.m.)

### Peninsula residents volunteer on East Coast

Ten local American Red Cross Silicon Valley Chapter volunteers — including one from Palo Alto — are heading to storm-devastated areas on the East Coast to help with disaster relief after Superstorm Sandy, the chapter announced Wednesday, Oct. 31. (Posted Oct. 31 at 3:50 p.m.)

### Woman steals purse, spends \$2,000 at Nordstrom

A woman walked into a downtown Palo Alto office building, stole a change purse from a desk drawer and promptly went on a \$2,000 shopping spree at Nordstrom, a Palo Alto police spokesman said. (Posted Oct. 31 at 11:14 a.m.)

### Lost-and-found dogs confound neighborhood

Here's one for the Sherlock Holmes case file: In Menlo Park, two dogs vanish from a locked house. They're found, two days later, in the bedroom of a vacationing family's locked home. (Posted Oct. 30 at 8:36 a.m.)

### Alleged bike thieves arrested with burglary tools

Two men who were arrested on El Camino Real for a bicycle theft last Thursday, Oct. 25, have been booked on an array of charges, including possession of burglary tools, Palo Alto police announced. (Posted Oct. 29 at 10:55 a.m.)

### Stanford-affiliated firms generate \$2.7 trillion

Companies formed by Stanford University graduates or professors generate global revenues of \$2.7 trillion annually and have created 5.4 million jobs since the 1930s, according to a study that attempted to quantify the contributions of Stanford-affiliated entrepreneurs. (Posted Oct. 29 at 9:50 a.m.)

### Apple fans crowd new downtown Palo Alto store

Like Steve Jobs before him, Apple CEO Tim Cook on Saturday, Oct. 27, dropped by the new Apple Store in downtown Palo Alto on its opening day, drawing huge applause from store employees and wowing Apple fans inside and out. (Posted Oct. 27 at 5:47 p.m.)

### Palo Alto engineer killed in plane crash

A Space Systems/Loral engineer was one of two men who died when their experimental aircraft crashed near Byron on Tuesday, Oct. 23. (Posted Oct. 26 at 8:07 p.m.)

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**CITY OF PALO ALTO  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Palo Alto to establish Underground Utility District Number 47. The meeting shall take place on Monday, the 10th day of December, 2012, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., in the regular meeting place of the City Council, Civic Center, Palo Alto, California, is hereby fixed as the time and place when and where the Council shall hear all protests and receive evidence for and against the action herein proposed, and when and where the Council shall consider and finally determine whether the public necessity, health and safety require the establishment of the District and the removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication and similar or associated services in the District.

All of the area in the County of Santa Clara, City of Palo Alto, encompassing the areas contiguous with portions of Homer Avenue, Cowper Street, Addison Avenue, Middlefield Road, Channing Avenue & Webster Street - Underground Utility District Number 47, on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

At the Public Hearing, all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by Council.

The Electrical Engineering Manager, Department of Utilities, City of Palo Alto, is hereby designated as the person to answer inquiries regarding the protest proceedings, to be had herein and may be contacted during the regular office hours at 1007 Elwell Court, Palo Alto, California, 94303, or by calling (650) 566-4548.

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City Clerk

**Science**

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“What is unique is that it’s extensible to the level of professional academic research.”

His efforts were funded through a grant from the National Institutes of Health Office for Science Education.

The software allowed the girls to play with parameters and witness imaginary epidemics as they were happening, but Sippl-Swezey reminded them it’s impossible to build all the complexity of the real world into a model.

“It’s good to build in some skepticism and criticism of modeling,” he said. “The 2008 financial crisis was built on faulty asset-pricing models ... so having young students criticize models makes me excited.”

Kauffman said computer modeling is a financially sustainable way to bring real-life science into classrooms across the country, not just the wealthy ones.

“Hopefully, what we are incubating at Castilleja will benefit science education more broadly,” she said.

“Inspiring the scientists of the future ... will only happen when scientists are willing to bring science to life in our classrooms and when teachers are willing to invite scientists into the classroom as partners.” ■

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**News Digest**

**Family surprises burglars on Fife Avenue**

When a Palo Alto mother and her 5-year-old child returned home on Tuesday, Oct. 30, they heard voices in the house. The family fled, only to watch two men leave after stealing their valuables, a Palo Alto police spokesman said.

The burglary occurred at around 12:20 p.m. in the 1000 block of Fife Avenue between Boyce and Addison avenues. The mother had parked the car in the garage, leaving the garage door open. She heard male voices in the house, grabbed her child and fled to a neighbor’s house, where they called police.

The two men exited through the open garage and ran southbound on Boyce. They took an iPad, jewelry and watches of as-yet-undetermined value, the police spokesman said. Police set up a perimeter but the men escaped.

The burglars are described as two Hispanic males about 18 years old. One is 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds and has dark hair; the other is 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, 160 pounds and also has dark hair. Both burglars wore dark, hooded sweatshirts, blue jeans and carried dark-colored backpacks.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the police department at 650-329-2413. ■

— Sue Dremann

**Gas-pipe project could snarl Palo Alto traffic**

A prominent stretch of Junipero Serra Boulevard may see major traffic-backups this month because of an ongoing effort by PG&E to replace a natural-gas transmission line in Palo Alto.

The project targets Line No. 109, which travels through Palo Alto, Stanford and Menlo Park. Work on the replacement project began in late September and is expected to last another month, according to the city’s Utilities Department.

While the work will not close entire roads, the project will lead to one lane being closed, prompting two-way traffic to take turns flowing through one lane, according to the city.

“For Palo Altans this may result in significant back-up of traffic on the Foothill Expressway approaching Page Mill Road and heavier traffic on Page Mill Road heading toward El Camino as some commuters will choose not to continue across to Junipero Serra,” the Utilities Department’s announcement stated. “This will be true especially during the late afternoon/early evening commute hours.”

The city is advising drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to use alternate routes when possible.

Additional information about the project is available on the department’s website, [www.cityofpaloalto.org/utilities](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/utilities). ■

— Gennady Sheyner

**Residential compostables program planned**

Looking to reduce the amount of organic waste that residents end up throwing in their trash, City of Palo Alto Zero Waste will hold a series of public meetings to discuss options for a pilot program that collects compostable materials.

The kickoff meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, will review the options of either bi-monthly garbage collection in addition to the weekly organic-materials pick-up or eliminating garbage cans entirely.

Approximately 44 percent of residential “garbage” is organic material, according to Zero Waste officials. Most of this material can be diverted from landfills and composted to create a useful, marketable soil amendment.

Tentatively scheduled to start next spring, the pilot program would run for one year in a small portion of the city and would include approximately 500 to 600 residences. The location is still under consideration.

The meetings will take place Nov. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road; and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road.

The city and GreenWaste, Palo Alto’s trash-collection contractor and processor, will evaluate the feasibility, benefits, challenges and costs of weekly residential compostables collection along with a change in garbage service. The options were chosen based on Palo Alto City Council direction, study of collection in other communities, and what GreenWaste can accommodate, officials said.

Option 1 offers weekly collection of all organic waste that will rot or smell and yard trimmings in green carts. All other recyclables would be collected in the blue recycling carts. There would be less frequent collection of the remaining non-compostable garbage, such as foil beverage pouches, granola bar wrappers, metallic paper, ceramics, hoses and rubber bands in the black garbage carts.

Option 2 would have weekly collection of all organic and recyclable materials, but the black garbage can would be eliminated. The small amount of non-compostable garbage would be put in with the recyclables, all of which would be sorted out at a processing facility.

More information is available online at [www.zerowastepaloalto.org](http://www.zerowastepaloalto.org) or by calling 650-496-5910. An online survey will also be available for residents who cannot attend the meetings. ■

— Sue Dremann



**California Avenue Area  
CONCEPT PLAN**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Thursday, November 8, 2012  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Lucie Stern Community Center  
Community Room  
1305 Middlefield Road**

You are invited to attend an update on the California Avenue Area Concept Plan, an ongoing effort to develop a community vision for the future of this important area of Palo Alto. At this public meeting, the project team will update the community on the status of the Concept Plan and provide an overview of two alternatives developed on the basis of previous community input. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide input on the two alternatives that will be considered by Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission and City Council later this year. Come and be a part of planning for the future of California Avenue Area!

**For more information contact:**

Elena Lee: 650-617-3196, or  
[Elena.Lee@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Elena.Lee@CityofPaloAlto.org)

**Project website:**  
[www.paloaltocompplan2020.org](http://www.paloaltocompplan2020.org)



## University

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ford University.

"The existing paint is peeling, water is leaking inside the tunnel at the joints, existing lighting fixtures are broken and are in need of repair," the budget states.

University isn't the only downtown street that will see construction in the coming months. The city is scheduled to repave a stretch of Lytton Avenue between Alma and Florence streets in early January, a project that is expected to last two months. And work is proceeding on the recently approved renovation of the long-neglected Cogswell Plaza on Lytton and Ramona Street. That project includes removal of turf, installation of a new seating area and, most critically, the removal of the thick shrubbery that has long shielded the plaza's inhabitants and made the plaza a hot spot for alcohol, drug use and public urination.

Jensen said the goal of the renovation is to "encourage visitors and members of the business community to use that space for dining and broaden the user group of that plaza.

"Just the removal of the shrub has made a big difference on the space and how the space feels," Jensen said.

The renovation of Cogswell Plaza is scheduled to be completed on Nov. 22. ■

Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner can be emailed at [gsheyner@pawekly.com](mailto:gsheyner@pawekly.com).

### Are you a holiday volunteer? Tell us your story.

Do you celebrate the holidays by giving back to the community? Does your family have a tradition of volunteering during the holiday season? The Palo Alto Weekly wants to hear your story. Practices could be anything from ringing the Salvation Army bell to volunteering at a soup kitchen or encouraging your children to perform a random act of kindness. Submit short write-ups (100-400 words) on your personal/family tradition, which will be published in the Weekly at the end of November. Please email Online Editor Tyler Hanley at [thanley@pawekly.com](mailto:thanley@pawekly.com) or contact him by phone at 650-223-6519.



# CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

## City Council

The City Council did not meet this week.

## Architectural Review Board (Nov. 1)

**San Francisquito Creek:** The board reviewed the proposed flood-protection project around the San Francisquito Creek and the project's recreational opportunities and voted to support it. **Yes:** Unanimous

**27 University Ave.:** The board reviewed the proposal by John Arrillaga for an office complex and theater at 27 University Ave. as part of a new "arts and innovation district." The project includes relocation of the Intermodal Transit Center from Mitchell Lane to a transit circle at University Avenue and Urban Lane. **Action:** None

## Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

**CITY COUNCIL ...** The council plans to hold a joint session with the Public Art Commission, consider a colleagues memo from Greg Scharff, Karen Holman and Greg Schmid about downtown ground-floor retail protection; consider a \$5.8 million loan to the Palo Alto Housing Corporation for acquisition of 567-95 Maybell Ave. and a \$1 million loan for rehabilitation of Stevenson House; and hear an update on the city's parking program and the direction of parking-policy strategies. The meeting with the Public Arts Commission will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.). Regular meeting will follow in the Council Chambers.

**UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ...** The commission plans to hear a presentation on standby electric rates for the city's proposed energy/compost facility; discuss Propositions 218 and 26; consider the 2012 Utilities Legislation Policy Guidelines; and consider a proposed reduction in gas rates effective Jan. 2. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**COUNCIL REGIONAL HOUSING MANDATE COMMITTEE ...** The committee plans to review the recent letter of response from the state Department of Housing and Community Development concerning the city's Housing Element. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ...** The commission plans to hear a presentation on the Palo Alto Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team training; hear another presentation about the merger between InnVision and Shelter Network; and get an update on the Human Services Needs Assessment. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).



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### **(TENTATIVE) AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Monday, November 5, 2012 6:00 PM**

#### STUDY SESSION

1. Joint Study Session with Public Art Commission

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Adoption of FPPC reporting process for stipends for Mayor and Vice Mayor
3. Appointment of Two Incumbents to the Parks and Recreation Commission
4. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Amended and Restated Stewardship Agreement Between The City of Palo Alto and Acterra in the Amount of \$10,000 for the Initial year of Services for the Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve
5. Finance Committee Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Approving a Power Purchase Agreement with Brannon Solar LLC for the Purchase of Electricity over 25 Years at a Cost not to Exceed \$91 Million
6. Utilities Advisory Commission and Finance Committee Recommendation that the City Council Approve the Proposed Definition of Carbon Neutrality to Use in the Development of a Plan to Achieve a Carbon Neutral Electric Supply Portfolio by 2015
7. Second Reading: Ordinance to Amend the Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the City of Palo Alto to Implement California Government Code Section 20475: Different level of benefits provided for new employees, Section 21363.1: 3.0% @ 55 Full Formula, and Section 20037: Three Year Final Compensation for Safety Police Employees (1ST Reading- October 15, 2012 7-0 Burt, Schmid absent)
8. Approval of a Conditional Use Permit Amendment Allowing the Operation of a New Pre-Kindergarten Program Within an Expanded Building and an After-School Day Care Program Associated with an Existing Private School (K-8 Program) at 1095 Channing Avenue
9. Adoption of a Budget Amendment Ordinance in the Amount of \$549,000 to Capital Improvement Program Project PE-86070 to be used in the 2012 STP Resurfacing Project: Lytton Avenue / Channing Avenue; and Approval of Contract with JJR Construction, Inc. in The Amount Not to Exceed \$856,716 for the 2012 STP Resurfacing Project: Lytton Avenue / Channing Avenue (CIP PE-86070)
10. Award of Contract to Ideal Computer Services for Computer Hardware
11. Appeal of Architectural Review Approval of the Co-Location by AT&T of Wireless Communications Equipment on 20 Utility Poles
12. Approval of an Agreement Between the JPA and the Media Center for Cablecasting Equipment Support
13. 2011-2012 Annual Public Review of Stanford University's Compliance with Development Agreement for the Sand Hill Road Corridor projects
14. Approval of Contract Amendment No. Six with Group 4 Architecture, Inc. for Additional Design Services for the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center Project, to Add \$452,810 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$8,355,231
15. Approval of Contract Amendment No. 4 for Additional Construction Management Services with Turner Construction, Inc., to add \$2,052,016 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$5,835,761 for all three Libraries Utilizing Bond Funds
16. Adoption of Resolution of Intent to Fix the Employer's Contribution Under the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to Members of Palo Alto Fire Chiefs' Association and Rescinding Resolution No. 8666
17. Approval of Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto on Behalf of the Cable Joint Powers Agency and Comcast Corporation of California IX, Inc. For The Use of Fiber; Approval of Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto on Behalf of the Joint Powers and the Cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, and the Town of Atherton for Storage and Operation of I-Net Equipment; and Approval of Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto on Behalf of the Joint Powers and the Palo Alto Unified School District, the Ravenswood City School District, the Menlo Park City School District, the Las Lomas Elementary School District, and the Sequoia Union High School District Covering Shared I-Net Responsibilities; and Approval of Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto on Behalf of the Joint Powers and Internet Systems Consortium, Inc. Covering the Provision of Internet Services to I-Net Connected Institutions

#### ACTION ITEMS

18. Colleagues Memo Regarding Conversion of Retail to Office
19. \$5.8 Million Loan Request by Palo Alto Housing Corporation for the Acquisition of 567-595 Maybell Avenue
20. \$1 Million Loan commitment for the rehabilitation of Stevenson House
21. Update of Parking Program and Review and Direction on Parking Policy Strategies
22. Status Report on Current High Speed Rail and Caltrain Electrification Issues Submitted for Council Review and Comment

#### STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Regional Housing Mandate Committee meeting will be held on Thursday November 8, 2012 at 4:00 PM regarding; Review of the October 18, 2012 Housing and Community Development Response Letter Regarding the City's Draft Housing Element.

## Editorial

# Our election recommendations

### Palo Alto City Council

(See editorial published Oct. 5)

Marc Berman  
Pat Burt (i)  
Liz Kniss  
Greg Schmid (i)

### Palo Alto Unified School District Board of Education

(See editorial published Oct. 12)

Melissa Baten Caswell (i)  
Ken Dauber  
Heidi Emberling

### Foothill-DeAnza College District Board of Trustees

Joan Barram (i)  
Betsy Bechtel (i)  
Laura Casas Frier (i)

### County Board of Education

Grace Mah (i)

### U.S. House of Representatives

Anna Eshoo (D) (i)

### State Senate

Jerry Hill (D)

### State Assembly

Rich Gordon (D) (i)

### County Measure A (Sales tax increase)

(See editorial published Oct. 26)

Yes

### County Measure B (Water parcel tax extension)

(See editorial published Oct. 26)

Yes

### Palo Alto Measure C (Marijuana dispensaries)

(See editorial published Sept. 14)

No

### State Propositions

(See editorial published Oct. 19)

30 (Sales & income tax increase)	Yes
31 (Political reform package)	Yes
32 (Bans political payroll deductions)	No
33 (Auto insurance)	No
34 (Repeal death penalty)	Yes
35 (Penalties for human trafficking)	Yes
36 (Revises Three Strikes law)	Yes
37 (Food labeling)	No
38 (School tax measure)	Yes
39 (Fix corporate tax loophole)	Yes
40 (Redistricting)	Yes

(i) = Incumbent  
(D) = Democrat

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# Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

### Schools: in good hands

Editor,

In recent days, there have been statements published in the local press expressing concern that Ken Dauber will be a divisive addition to the school board.

As a current school board member who has not publicly endorsed any candidates, I believe that all four of the current candidates — including Ken Dauber — are well-qualified and able to work cooperatively and collaboratively with current and future board members and with Superintendent Skelly and his staff.

Mr. Dauber has been an outspoken advocate at board meetings for certain changes, primarily revolving around academic stress and student well-being. He has been insistent and consistent with his calls for change and transparency. His tone at our meetings has always been civil and his comments have been result-oriented and data driven. In fact, the district has recently moved forward on several of the issues embraced by Mr. Dauber, and his comments have contributed to the depth and breadth of our discussion. He has not always prevailed with the results that he specifically desired, but he has continued to engage constructively and with civility in our public discourse.

If Mr. Dauber is elected to the board, he would be but one of five board members. I expect that he would be an active, result-oriented board member who is smart enough to recognize that collaboration and compromise are necessary components to effecting positive change as a board member. To the extent his calls for change truly differ from his colleagues, they would continue to be tempered by the four other voices on the board.

I leave it to our voters to make their own thoughtful selection of the right mix of incumbents and challengers in order to achieve the kind of governance that will be of greatest benefit to our PAUSD students. We are fortunate to live in a community with great schools and four candidates dedicated to excellence.

Barbara Klausner  
School board member  
Salvatierra Street  
Stanford

### Impressed by Dauber

Editor,

I recently had an opportunity to talk with Ken Dauber, PAUSD School Board candidate, and I was impressed with his commitment, his vision and his knowledge. He has a commitment to deliver excellent educational experience to all students in the district in a fiscally responsible way. He knows that teachers are the key to an excellent learning experience in the classroom and wants to locate decisions as close to the classroom as possible. In his own words, "I am not in favor of top

down control." He strongly believes that teachers should be able to structure their teaching according to their professional judgment.

Ken also served on the District Homework Committee and supports all students getting the benefits of the online homework system that the district has chosen. So do I and so do most teachers.

Ken thinks it is important to survey and assess work that is going on at the school sites to be able to make informed decisions. I agree; we teachers and administrators alike need to know how we are doing. He feels that schools should collaborate and share best practices, if possible, so that students and teachers across the district get the benefits. Sounds like a good plan for everyone. Collaboration is one of the skills we are teaching students in the 21st century so let the district be a model.

I am impressed with Ken Dauber and like his goals for the district. As a teacher in the district, I am endorsing him for PAUSD School Board and encourage Palo Alto voters to consider voting for him.

Esther Wojcicki  
PAUSD Teacher

### Unfounded anti-Dauber

Editor,

A letter by Walter Hays (Oct. 19, 2012) shares concerns about the Weekly's endorsement of Ken Dauber for School Board. I take issue with this letter for two reasons.

The first is the character attack on Ken; this person offers no explanation for their assertion that "his past conduct is probably a better indicator" of how he would act once elected.

Probably? Let's save the baseless character assumptions for national politics. Ken played a strong advocacy role on behalf of PAUSD students when board action was inadequate. He has also demonstrated he knows the difference between issue advocacy and playing a collaborative role as part of a governing body. The only evidence here is that Ken is committed to the students of PAUSD.

The second issue I take is with the author's ideological assertion that maintaining collegiality on the board is more important than addressing areas where PAUSD has major room for improvement: social-

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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

? What's your opinion on separating compostables and changing garbage pick-up?

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## Check out Town Square!

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

## Guest Opinion

# Help Palo Alto Win 8.5 Miles of Trails for the Community

by Greg Scharff, John Etchemendy, Camille Townsend and James Sweeney

**O**n behalf of the Palo Alto City Council, the Palo Alto Unified School District, Stanford University, and Stanford Campus Residential Leaseholders, we are working hard to win a \$10.4 million grant to benefit the Palo Alto and Stanford communities. We



Greg Scharff

are writing to encourage community members to help us in this effort.

We want to take advantage of an unusual one-time funding opportunity. As part of an agreement between Stanford and Santa Clara County related to the 2000 General Use Permit, Stanford offered \$10.4 million to San Mateo County to reconstruct and improve 2.1 miles of the Lower Alpine Trail in unincorporated San Mateo County. That offer, which was made in early 2006, expired on December 31, 2011. This cleared the way for Stanford to give the \$10.4 million to Santa Clara County to provide recreational opportunities for Stanford campus residents and facility users. (A facility user is a person who uses Stanford's recreational facilities that are open to the public.)

Santa Clara County then established a program to award grant funding to government agencies or non-profit entities to provide recreational opportunities for campus residents and facility users.

Working collaboratively to meet the needs of the greater local community, the City of Palo Alto and Stanford University submitted a joint application for a new comprehensive trail

network. It would consist of new trails, a new bike and pedestrian bridge over Highway 101, a new bike boulevard, and widened, improved and linked portions of substandard routes. The result would be an unbroken recreational trail route from the Baylands east of Highway 101 down through Palo Alto and linking up to a new Stanford perimeter trail. The perimeter trail would connect to the existing S1 trail and then to a C2 trail to be constructed next spring that would connect to the Arastradero Preserve. The El Camino Real section of the perimeter trail connects to Palo Alto High School, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and the Stanford Shopping Center.

Not only would this interconnected trail network provide an excellent and long-desired Bay to the ridge recreational route, it would also allow residents and visitors to travel to parks and other recreational facilities along the way. For some, these routes will allow safe bicycling to and from work or to and from school.

The Palo Alto and Stanford proposal — alone of all the proposals submitted — would provide immediate recreational opportunities to precisely the population for whom these funds were intended to serve. Campus and other local residents who use Stanford's recreational facilities will be enthusiastic and frequent users of these trails.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will meet on Nov. 20 to consider ap-



John Etchemendy

plications for these funds. The Palo Alto/Stanford application requests \$4.5 million for the three sections of the Stanford Perimeter Trail and \$5.9 million for the four Palo Alto portions of the network, including an important new bike and pedestrian bridge over Highway 101. Should the cost of the Stanford Perimeter Trail exceed the budgeted amount, Stanford will pay the overruns to ensure that the project is completed. If the Stanford Perimeter Trail comes in under budget, Stanford would like the unexpended funds to be given to Palo Alto to support its portions. Palo Alto has already allocated over \$1 million of its funds to support its program and is prepared to raise the needed funds to complete the project.

The outpouring of support for the Palo Alto and Stanford Trails Program has been extraordinary. The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is in full support. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group supports the county's full funding of the Palo Alto/Stanford application. Palo Alto's Council of PTAs is in full support and notes that portions of the Palo Alto/Stanford program have the happy side benefit of directly supporting the "Safe Routes to School Program." The Palo Alto Unified School District Board voted unanimously on a resolution of strong support for the Palo Alto/Stanford program and sent that resolution to the county. The chief law-enforcement officers for roads covered by the Palo Alto/Stanford program



Camille Townsend

— the local Highway Patrol commander, the Palo Alto Chief of Police, and the Stanford Chief of Police — have all written letters supporting the Palo Alto/Stanford proposal, especially noting its improvements in safety. The Stanford Campus Residential Leaseholders, representing more than 850 faculty and staff homes on the campus, and the Stanford student body co-presidents are in strong support. A number of Palo Alto and Stanford bicycle organizations and bicycle shops have written in support. And, we must acknowledge with gratitude that the Palo Alto Weekly strongly supported the Palo Alto/Stanford program in an editorial in September.

The decision to fund the Palo Alto and Stanford Program rests with the five members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. We urge members of the Palo Alto and Stanford communities as well as other neighbors who will also benefit from the new Palo Alto and Stanford trail network, to write, call or email members of the Board of Supervisors in support of this marvelous, one-time only opportunity to improve our community. ■

*Greg Scharff, vice mayor of Palo Alto; John Etchemendy, provost of Stanford University; Camille Townsend, president of the Palo Alto school board; and James Sweeney, president of the Stanford Campus Residential Leaseholders.*



James Sweeney

# Streetwise

## What's the most important issue on the Nov. 6 ballot?

Asked on Homer Avenue, Palo Alto. Interviews and photographs by Pierre Bienaimé.



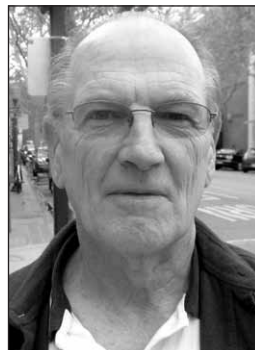
**George Chaltas**  
Technology consultant  
Miramonte Avenue, Palo Alto

"Proposition 37. I do believe that we have a right to know what we're eating. Anybody who would not want to give us that information is hiding something."



**Thea Sewell**  
Business owner (Let Me Help)  
Forest Avenue, Palo Alto

"Proposition 36. I think it should pass because our prisons are pretty full right now."



**Duane Broeder**  
Retired  
Vista Grande Avenue, Los Altos

"The presidential election. We have to get the economy going again somehow. Which deductions are going to be disposed of?"



**Keiko Franklin**  
Retired  
Atherton Avenue, Atherton

"Proposition 39. It should pass, absolutely, because corporations should be paying taxes for California."



**Radhia Jamil**  
Student  
Greenwood Avenue, Palo Alto

"The presidential election, because that's going to decide our leader for the next four years."

## Letters

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emotional support, the achievement gap, and using tech to get parents more involved with their students' education. PAUSD students deserve a board with diverse opinions, and the courage and maturity to find a balance between those opinions by getting all issues — even tough ones — out on the table.

As a former Paly student, my own experience (along with nearly 400 current and former PAUSD students including the editorial staff of the *Campanile*) says that we need a champion with a platform like Ken's.

Trevor Bisset  
Fife Avenue  
Palo Alto

### Dauber cares deeply

Editor,

I have had the privilege of getting to know and the pleasure of working with Ken Dauber for the past couple of years through our mutual quest to improve the Palo Alto schools in the realm of social/emotional connectedness. Ken has shown himself to be someone who cares deeply about all the children throughout our district. I have been impressed with his intelligence, his values and his willingness to jump through what seemed to be unfathomable hoops in the interest of providing a better outcome for students across the district.

What are people so afraid of when it comes to change in the makeup of the Palo Alto Unified School District board?

I have become increasingly alarmed by the falsehoods that have been circulating in Palo Alto. Another type of low-level campaigning is character assassination. I believe

this occurred in a letter penned by Walter Hays and published by two local papers last week. I am surmising that Walt's remarks are based on the opinions of others. It's time to base opinions on facts. I would invite Walt to sit down with Ken sometime and learn something about what Ken stands for. I think Walter would be pleasantly surprised!

I have done the math, I will cast my vote for one candidate and that candidate is Ken Dauber! I wish there were more parents like Ken in the district who would be willing to do the hard tasks of looking at the data the district has collected from the students and using it to steer towards a brighter future for kids across the district.

Barbara Slone  
Barbara Drive  
Palo Alto

### Re-elect Townsend

Editor,

Re-electing Camille Townsend to the Palo Alto Unified School (PAUSD) board is the best choice for our students, teachers and PAUSD.

I am a longtime parent-volunteer whose children, now in college, have been educated in Palo Alto public schools since kindergarten. I first met Camille Townsend while volunteering in the schools and was impressed with her energy and positive attitude. Then, as I continued to see her in meetings and at other school functions, I saw why she deserves to be re-elected.

Camille Townsend listens objectively, considers other viewpoints, is passionate about supporting our children, and cares about making the best decision for the students and schools. She works well with the school community and the other board members.

Although I have not personally worked with her, I have also been impressed by what I have seen and heard from candidate Melissa Batten-Caswell and also encourage you to vote for her.

Mary Dimit  
University Avenue  
Palo Alto

### A seasoned leader

Editor,

I support Camille Townsend for re-election to the Palo Alto Unified School board. We need a seasoned leader. Camille Townsend has ensured that the 12,000 students in the PAUSD are receiving an excellent education and thriving in a supportive learning environment. Her core priorities are strong opportunities and avenues of success for kids of all abilities, hiring top-notch educators, and making sure that our district is fiscally sound. As part of her leadership and despite the budget challenges, our district has managed to keep cuts away from the classroom.

I have known Camille Townsend both personally and professionally in my role as a technology educator. I have seen up close her dedication, decision-making skills, in-depth analysis and boundless energy. Our schools and especially our students would greatly benefit from her re-election. Please cast one of your three votes for Camille Townsend.

Michele Miller  
Coastland Drive  
Palo Alto

### Approach works

Editor,

I am writing in support of Camille Townsend for the Palo Alto Unified School District Board. I know Camille through many channels; as Girl Scout Leaders, parents of children moving through the grade levels of this school system and by following the work that she has done for the PAUSD School Board.

In particular, concerning Camille's work for the school district, I was a regular volunteer in Gunn's Science Prep lab through much of the recent tribulations that the school experienced. As such, I had a first-hand view of the district's problems and discussions toward a solution.

Whether involved in ongoing discussions or actively resolving issues, I have found Camille's approach to concerns at all school levels to be well researched, well thought-out and effective. For this reason, I am voting for Camille Townsend for the Palo Alto Unified School District Board.

Laurie Winslow  
Peter Coutts Circle  
Stanford

### Science supports Prop. 37

Editor,

The Weekly's statement that "genetic engineering has been used for some 15 years to make plants grow bigger, stronger, faster and resist spoilage or insect damage" is inaccurate. Genetically engineered (GE) products, known also as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) were foisted on the public in the early 1990s. GE crops are designed to express two traits: re-

sistance to the herbicide, Roundup, and production of a bacterial toxin within the plant itself.

You say, "40 percent of food products contain some GE ingredients." Actually, the USDA estimates that approximately 80 percent of retail food contains GMOs.

Claims that "no studies have found any health impacts, (but) the industry is too young to know with certainty" reveal a lack of currency on this topic. Many scientists — including those at the FDA — MDs and healthcare experts have expressed concerns about the safety of GMOs.

Food labeling is vitally important to consumers, with polls showing 90 percent of consumers supporting GMO-labeling. More than 60 countries label, many even ban GMOs. So, why doesn't the U.S.?

Is it because certain biotech, chemical and junk-food giants exert enormous influence over the USDA, FDA and elected officials?

Interestingly, lawyer and current director of food safety at the FDA, Michael Taylor, formerly wrote biotech policy for Monsanto, international leaders of GE seed production and creators of Roundup. Taylor's guidelines require no GMO safety testing. Gloomy predicament. But there's hope.

Vote Yes on Prop. 37.

Pete Whelan  
Alma Street  
Palo Alto

### Experience counts

Editor,

Liz Kniss is passionate about Palo Alto. She has proven over and over again, as mayor, council member, school board trustee, and county supervisor, that she has extraordinary leadership skills, a can-do approach to government and boundless energy to serve our community.

One of her most important assets is her regional experience. In the past decade, she has served on multiple regional boards and commissions, from the Association of Bay Area Governments and Bay Area Air Quality board to the VTA and CalTrain boards. Recognized by her peers for her clear thinking and collaborative style, she was named to the chairmanship of many of these groups.

Several years ago, I was privileged to serve not only as mayor of Palo Alto, but also as president of the Santa Clara County Cities Association and the League of California Cities Peninsula Division. So I know firsthand how interconnected Palo Alto is to our neighboring cities, and how important it will be to have someone with Liz Kniss's experience on our council. She already knows and is respected by leaders throughout the valley, which will make her the most effective leader for our city for regional and state issues.

I hope you'll vote for Liz Kniss for Palo Alto City Council because regional experience counts.

Judy Kleinberg  
former Palo Alto mayor and  
City Council member  
Palo Alto

### Berman fits city council

Editor,

As our student population rises and as we continue to rally together as a community to promote efforts to improve youth health and well being, it's important that we elect leaders to the City Council who care about our schools and who understand what it's like to grow up in Palo Alto. This is why we encourage your readers to vote for Marc Berman in the upcoming City Council elections.

As co-chairs of the Measure A campaign to raise funds for our public schools, we worked closely with Marc when he volunteered on the campaign committee of our successful effort in 2010. Marc spent his nights and weekends organizing volunteers and distributing 1,000 yard signs across Palo Alto. Always organized, reliable and upbeat, Marc was an important member of our team.

Marc grew up in Palo Alto, graduating from Paly as senior class president. He chose to move back here after law school because he knows what a wonderful place Palo Alto is to raise a family and he's willing and able to put in the hard work to make sure it stays that way. We know he'll be a great addition to the council.

Tracy Stevens  
Valdez Place  
Stanford

### Support Measure B

Editor,

This week, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority officially certified the environmental review for flood control along the creek from Highway 101 to the Bay. This crucial first step of the process to fix the flooding on the creek that hit in 1998, and in other storms, reminds us how much we need to support the Safe Clean Water Measure B on this fall's ballot.

As a director of the Joint Powers Authority and of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, I've seen the value of safe and sufficient water, protection from flooding, and restoration of our streams and watersheds. Measure B continues the tax-rate structure of the 2000 measure that would otherwise expire — it's not a new tax. Better still is that the renewed measure more than triples the funding for protection on San Francisquito Creek, building on the decision taken this week.

Protection and tidal wetland restoration along the Bay also gets included with Measure B, along with the backup and emergency water supplies that Palo Alto needs, water conservation measures, better flood control throughout our county, and critically important protection of water and habitats in our streams, reservoirs and the Bay. There is no better time than now to pass this measure — it may be hard to impossible to do it when the funding has expired.

I urge your support of Measure B, and learn more by visiting [yeson-safecleanwater.com](http://yeson-safecleanwater.com).

Brian Schmidt  
Director, Santa Clara Valley  
Water District  
San Francisquito Creek  
Joint Powers Authority

## This week on Town Square

*Town Square is an online discussion forum at  
[www.PaloAltoOnline.com](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com)*

### Remembering Gary Fazzino

*Posted Oct. 31 at 10:19 a.m. by Diana Diamond, a resident of the Midtown neighborhood:*

I knew and talked many times with Gary — indeed he was "Mr. Palo Alto," the city's informal historian and his memory was a compendium of all that occurred in town.

When he got multiple myeloma, he talked with a friend of mine who also had it — and because Gary was younger, he hoped he "survived" it. Unfortunately, he did not. It's a terrible disease.

Gary will be long remembered in town and my deep sympathy to Annette and his family.

*Posted Oct. 31 at 10:28 a.m. by John Barton, a resident of the Charleston Meadows neighborhood:*

Gary was a kind and good man who loved Palo Alto and loved his family. I wish his whole family well during a difficult time.

*Posted Oct. 31 at 10:51 a.m. by Debbie Mytels, a resident of the Midtown neighborhood:*

What a loss to our community! Gary was an amazing leader from a very young age, always ready to lend a hand, caring for many aspects of our community, from education to the environment and civic involvement. He leaves a legacy of service that will inspire many of us to further work for the common good. But how sad that his children will only have so few years of memories of their wonderful dad!

*Posted Oct. 31 at 11:15 a.m. by Pat Burt, a resident of the Community Center neighborhood:*

Gary has been a great friend to so many of us and a true icon in our community. His deep love for his family and for Palo Alto are a model for us all. Gary has led us with his exceptional combination of passion, civility and selfless commitment. We will miss him deeply, but his inspiration will continue. There is only one "Mr. Palo Alto" and that is Gary Fazzino.

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## Community Health Education Programs



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Nov. 2012

### Understanding the 2013 Medicare Plans

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and repeats on Thursday, Nov. 15, 3 to 5 p.m.

Palo Alto Center  
795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Presented by Don Rush  
Volunteer Counselor & Community Educator for HICAP, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program  
**650-853-4873**



Changes to Medicare, especially the Medicare Advantage and Drug Plans, happen each year. We anticipate even more changes over the next few years. This presentation will provide information to help you evaluate your options and make informed choices about your Medicare coverage for 2013.

### Living Well with Pre-Diabetes

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto Center  
795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Presented by Jill Christensen, M.S., R.D., CDE  
PAMF Nutrition Services  
**650-853-4873**



Please join us to learn about pre-diabetes. The presentation will include information on important lifestyle strategies to prevent diabetes and heart disease, including diet and exercise guidelines.

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PhD, DABR



Joseph Shrager, MD



Daya Upadhyay, MD



Heather Wakelee, MD

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# Pulse

*A weekly compendium of vital statistics*

## POLICE CALLS

### Palo Alto

Oct. 24-31

#### Violence related

Assault	1
Domestic violence	1
Elder abuse	1
Sexual assault	1

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries	3
Forgery	2
Grand theft	5
Petty theft	4
Residential burglaries	7

#### Vehicle related

Auto recovery	2
Auto theft	3
Driving w/suspended license	1
Misc. traffic	8
Theft from auto	5
Vehicle accident/minor injury	4
Vehicle accident/property damage	10
Vehicle impound	12

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public	1
Drunken driving	4
Possession of drugs	4
Possession of paraphernalia	1

#### Miscellaneous

Animal call	1
Found property	6
Lost property	2
Misc. penal code violation	3
Missing person	1
Outside assistance	1
Psychiatric subject	2
Suspicious circumstances	3
Vandalism	3
Warrant/other agency	6

### Menlo Park

Oct. 24-30

#### Theft related

Fraud	4
Petty theft	4

#### Vehicle related

Vehicle accident/property damage	1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	2
Driving w/suspended license	3
Vehicle tow	2

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunken driving	2
Possession of paraphernalia	1

#### Miscellaneous

Coroner case	1
Found property	2
Other/misc.	1
Warrant arrest	3

### Atherton

Oct. 24-30

#### Theft related

Fraud	1
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#### Vehicle related

Misc. traffic	2
Suspicious vehicle	6
Vehicle accident/minor injury	2
Vehicle accident/property damage	3
Vehicle code violation	10

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public	1
Drunken driving	2
Under influence of drugs	1

#### Miscellaneous

Citizen assist.	1
Disturbance	4
Hang-up	1
House check	1
Juvenile problem	1
Medical aid	3
Outside assistance	1
Suspicious circumstances	1
Suspicious person	2
Town ordinance violation	1
Warrant arrest	3
Watermain break	1

## VIOLENT CRIMES

### Palo Alto

**400 block Hamilton Avenue**, 10/25, 10:21 a.m.; assault.

**Unlisted block Encina Avenue**, 10/25, 12:11 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

**Unlisted block Colorado Avenue**, 10/25, 5:47 p.m.; sexual assault.

**Unlisted block Lytton Avenue**, 10/27, 10 a.m.; elder abuse/physical.

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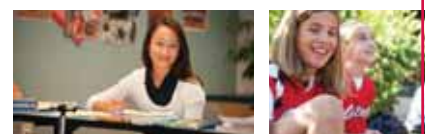
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# Transitions

## Ellen "Sally" Probst

Ellen "Sally" Probst, 93, died Oct. 11 in her Palo Alto home from cancer.

She was born Feb. 12, 1919, in Bessemer, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, to Arthur Redner and Belle (Olson) Redner. She was a lifelong community activist and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.



She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1940, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. There she met Charles "Chuck" Probst; they were married in 1943. They settled first in Dayton, Ohio, then in Northbrook, Ill., and finally in Palo Alto, Calif.

She was president of the League of Women Voters in Palo Alto, president of the League in Northbrook, Ill., and served on League of Women Voter boards at both state and county levels in Illinois. She was the first woman elected as Village Trustee (City Council member) in Northbrook.

In Illinois, and before that in Ohio, her community activism focused on public education and the juvenile justice system. She served on the Illinois Commission on Children (chairing the probation committee) and the Cook County Commission on Family Court. Legislation rewriting Illinois' Family Court act was introduced in 1964, but blocked due to opposition by state legislators from Chicago. She met privately with Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley to explain the bill; soon, all opposition evaporated, the legislation passed and the Family Court was reformed.

After she and her husband moved to California in 1988, she focused on issues of affordable housing and regional transportation. She served on committees overseeing the Housing Element of Palo Alto's Comprehensive Plan, the County/Stanford General Use Permit, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Citizens Advisory Committee, and Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee. She chaired the Santa Clara County Housing Action Coalition and was an active supporter of affordable housing, including 800 High St., Alma Place, Stanford West and other developments in and near Palo Alto. She was a strong advocate for Measure O, allowing Sand Hill Road to be extended, which has enabled the renovation of Stanford Hospital.

In 2004 she was a founding member of PAGE (Palo Altans for Governmental Effectiveness), an organization seeking to improve the tenor of civil discourse in Palo Alto and answer the question: "How can we make a good community better?" She was a frequent speaker at meetings of the Palo Alto City Council and treasured her friendships with local and state politicians.

She served as director of religious education for the Unitarian Church

of Evanston, Ill., and was an active and engaged member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto.

She is survived by her son, David Probst of Montreal, Canada; son, Richard Probst, and daughter-in-law, Deborah Probst, of Palo Alto; grandsons, Stephan Probst of Montreal, Canada, Marc Probst of Los Angeles, Calif., and Reese Probst of Palo Alto; and by her brother, R. David Redner of Philadelphia, Penn. Her husband Charles died in 2000.

## Richard F. Chapman

Dr. Richard F. Chapman 79, died Oct. 12 in Menlo Park after decades adjusting to life with multiple sclerosis.

He was the son of a pediatrician whose father was a Congregational Church minister with deep roots in Old Saybrook, Conn. His mother graduated from Vassar and taught mathematics.

He graduated from Yale University, like his two brothers, Rob and Ned, and received his master's degree from Northwestern University in 1959.

Following his internship at Highland Hospital in Alameda County, Calif., he took his residency training in psychiatry at the Menninger School of Psychiatry. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill where he developed a program of group mental health consultation that was used as a model for the delivery of mental health services to U.S. forces in Vietnam.

He moved to the Bay Area in 1966 with his young family, established a private practice and helped to found one of the first approved psychiatry training programs within a community mental health center. The center was an early model for the national community mental health center movement. He later became a clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University.

He served as president of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and later as dean of faculty of the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, now known as Palo Alto University.


He is survived by his children, Karen and Eric (Sarah) Chapman; grandchildren, Ryan, Katie and Jack; brother, Robert, and sister-in-law, Virginia; nieces, Lucia and Sarah (Barry); nephew, Robert (Laurie); as well as his devoted caregivers, Mercedes, Mildred, Marcia and Ricky.

Family services are private and those wishing to honor him are asked to donate to Palo Alto University ([www.paloalto.edu/](http://www.paloalto.edu/)), an institution he was truly honored to be associated with for so many years.

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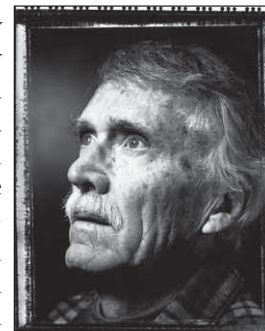
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## Edwin L. Hukill

Edwin Lee Hukill, retired psychiatrist, died at 88 at Stanford Hospital on his birthday, October 22, after a heart attack. Lee had been last employed at North County Mental Health in Palo Alto and San Benito County Mental Health Services for 22 years. Born in Los Angeles, he completed his education at U.S.C. School of Medicine there. He was married to Lorraine Lamy at this time. He served in the Army for 2 years in 1951, in charge of a Mash-like hospital train in Korea and then lived with his family in Japan for the second year. The course of his career involved additional residencies in Ob-Gyn in Seattle, a General Practice in Watsonville and a residency in Psychiatry in Palo Alto, where he eventually moved. One summer he was a cannery doctor in Alaska. Lee's interests and creativity ranged from writing skits for the staff gatherings (with costumes), inventing mad machines at Mental Research Institute,



sailing, flying, scuba diving, photography, genealogy, music and more. In his retirement, he enjoyed playing in the Midpeninsula Recorder Orchestra. He loved playing piano and harpsichord and making instruments. His inventor's shop was his haven. For 20 years, he wrote passionately in Burt Liebert's writing class, turning out short stories that expressed his wild imagination and quirky humor. He is survived by wife, Merry Pat; daughter, Therese Hukill-DeRock, partner, Doug McCreary; Chris Hukill and partner, Lori Hamilton, Warren Hukill and wife, Jane. He has 2 grandsons, Austin DeRock and Max Hukill. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Nature Conservancy.

A Memorial celebration of Lee's life will be held at St. Mark's church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto, at 2:00 PM., November 17, 2012, in the Parish Hall at the back of the church property.

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# Passionate for politics

by Eric Van Susteren

As the daughter of Ned Lamont, a candidate for U.S. Senate and later for governor of Connecticut, Lindsay Lamont grew up in a family “that lives and breathes politics.”

“Every morning at breakfast there would be a summary of the news of the day followed by the question of what President Lamont would do,” said the younger Lamont, a Stanford University senior.

The Connecticut native spent time working in her father’s 2008 campaign against Joe Lieberman for U.S. Senate and unofficially for Barack Obama’s campaign before she was old enough to vote. In 2010 she helped in her father’s unsuccessful Connecticut gubernatorial race.

Naturally, Lamont, who is now the president of the Stanford College Democrats student organization, is campaigning for Obama again.

On Oct. 26 she and 31 other Stanford student Democrats piled into buses to travel to Reno, Nev., to knock on doors, hand out pamphlets and do whatever else the local organization required of them.

“After working on a smaller campaign, I definitely understand the importance of having an on-the-ground campaign,” she said. “It was a big benefit to the Obama campaign in 2008, and it really makes you remember you can make a difference.”

As Nov. 6 nears, out-of-state volunteers such as Lamont and her classmates are flocking to “battleground states” — namely Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, New Hampshire and Virginia — where polls show the fiercest competition in the race for president.

Volunteers from Santa Clara County believe their efforts to elect the next president are better spent out of the area, given the area’s partisan voting history. Nearly 70 percent of county voters chose Obama as president in 2008, while 61 percent of California voters, some 8.3 million people, cast ballots for Obama.

**Local  
volunteers  
travel to  
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Veronica Weber

These out-of-state campaigners aren’t restricted to one political party or generation. The last-minute push to help their preferred candidate win draws Democrats as well as Republicans, the old along with the young.

For Lamont, Nevada was the easiest choice for a campaign location because of its proximity.

“California has a lot of important initiatives, but when it comes to the president, Nevada has a lot more at stake,” she said.

In 2008 Obama won six-electoral-vote Nevada with 533,736 votes or 55.15 percent, while challenger John McCain took 412,827 votes or 42.65 percent. But the race is much tighter between Obama and Mitt Romney.

The student group has other means of outreach; its phone bank calls a few thousand potential voters in swing states each week. But Lamont said nothing compares to the personal touch canvassing brings.

“Families are getting hammered with phone calls, so hopefully it’s a little better to have someone at your door,” she said. “It’s definitely a bit more work, but it’s a lot more fun

*On a recent canvassing trip to Reno, Palo Alto resident Elizabeth DeVries said she felt more effective going door to door where Romney/Ryan signs were prominent.*

to have face-to-face interactions and conversations with people in swing states.

“I’m a firm believer that everyone, in some point of time in their life, should work on a campaign.”

That’s a sentiment shared by Lamont’s Republican counterpart at Stanford, Mary Ann Toman-Miller, the president of Stanford College Republicans.

She spent the summer in Washington, D.C., working in the U.S. Congress, and by the time the summer days cooled from a sweltering 105 degrees, she was spending her evenings in Virginia, assisting the Romney campaign. Much of her time there she made phone calls, distributed campaign materials and helped organize rallies and events for the Women for Romney campaign.

“It was exhilarating,” she said.

“There was palpable enthusiasm from the people making and receiving calls” at the phone banks.

Virginia is also a strongly contested state. According to the most recent poll by





Members of the Stanford College Democrats wait outside in the Tresidder Union parking lot on Oct. 26 for a van pool to Reno, Nev., where they campaigned over the weekend.



Lindsay Lamont, president of the Stanford College Democrats, checks in with Tom Schmidt, a volunteer from the San Francisco Obama campaign office, before their canvassing trip to Reno.

NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist College from Oct. 23 to 24, Obama is holding a three-point lead, with 50 percent compared to Romney's 47. Other polls put the two in a dead heat, and one shows Romney ahead.

Weather permitting, Toman-Miller and a group of Stanford Republicans are hoping to head to Reno this weekend. Like Lamont's group, they will be knocking on doors and talking policy with whomever they can.

"Commercials are generally too short to go into the important differences between the two candidates' policies, so we like to travel and have the opportunity to speak at greater length with undecided voters, face-to-face, one-on-one in the key swing states to explain our positions and our vision for America," she wrote in an email to the Weekly.

"When we discuss Romney's policies in depth, they usually say they will vote with us."

Toman-Miller said she sees canvassing, and campaigning in general, as personally valuable. It's a chance to get out of "the Stanford bubble" and learn about the issues that affect people in other states.

"We talk to people of all ages, from all walks of life," she wrote. "For example, I talked to many veterans who appreciated that young people were willing to listen to their concerns, and I enjoyed it because we don't interact much with veterans at Stanford."

Though she said she had always been interested in democracy and its process, Toman-Miller said she was inspired by her mother, Mary Toman, who was the chair of the Los Angeles County Republican Party, the first woman to hold the

position.

"Breaking that glass ceiling had a great impact on me," she said. "I looked up to her and wanted to emulate her."

The 20-year-old French and English literature double major said this is her fourth campaign. From Stanford to Virginia, there's been an encouraging surge in interest from Republicans in this year's election, she said, which is bolstered by what she sees as a decrease in interested Democrats. Even so, she works to keep out-of-state and on-campus campaign activities from being negative.

"For us, mud slung is ground lost," she said. "We've been trying to keep what we believe in a positive light."

She focuses on issues such as jobs and the economy and on how she

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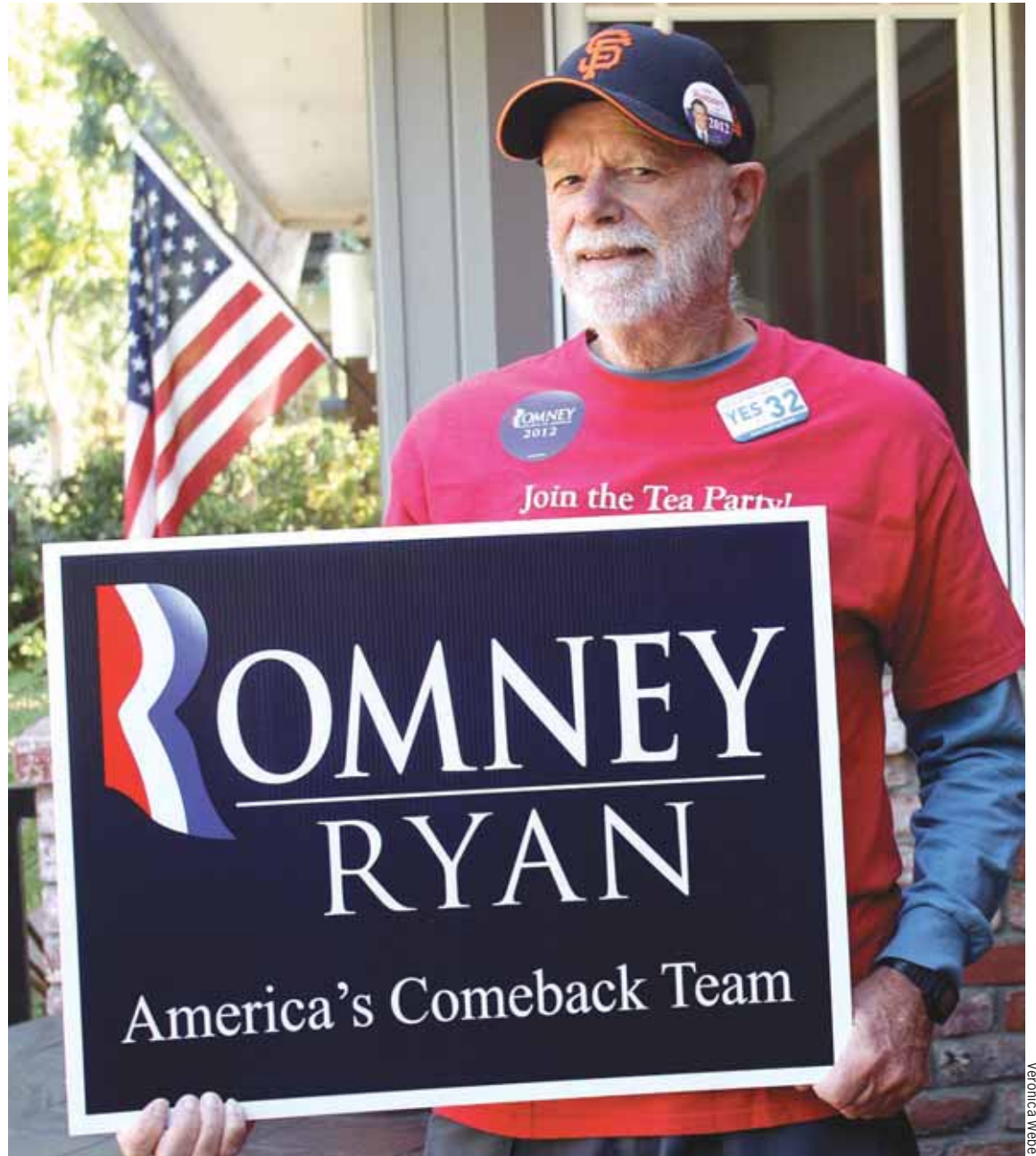
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Los Altos resident and board member of the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition Bob Simmons gave up a more exotic travel experience this year to head to Reno to campaign for Mitt Romney.

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thinks Romney and Ryan are the right candidates to improve them, she said.

Elizabeth DeVries' recent trip to Reno opened her eyes to the issue of unemployment. Washoe County, where the city is located, has an unemployment rate of 11.6 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

DeVries, a Palo Alto resident, said she thought people in the county were "really hurting." She recalled one woman she visited while canvassing door to door who drove home the point to her.

"I asked her who she was going to vote for and she said, 'Romney. Definitely Romney; we're hanging on by our fingernails here,'" DeVries said. "She had this desperate look on her face, and I felt very bad.

"Palo Alto is very upper middle class; Reno is a lot more middle class," she said. "We don't see it as much — the amount of pain and suffering because the economy is so bad."

Aside from her weekend in Reno, DeVries volunteers at Romney events, gives money to the cam-

paign and makes an estimated 25 calls to voters in swing states every day, when her schedule allows. She plans to go back to Reno to campaign this weekend.

She has volunteered in several previous campaigns: John McCain's 2008 presidential bid, Meg Whitman's California gubernatorial run, and Scott Brown's succession of Ted Kennedy for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts. But for her, this campaign is different.

"This really will be the election for the future of our country," she said. "I'm willing to give up my weekends. I'm not willing to give up without a fight."

As a canvasser in Reno, DeVries said she was well-received, particularly since the majority of people she visited — three to one, by her count — were supporters of Romney.

She said she felt she could be more effective going door to door in a place where Romney/Ryan campaign signs were at least as numerous as those for the Obama/Biden ticket.

"In Palo Alto, a Romney yard sign would get stolen; a car sticker would get your car keyed," she said. "This area is predominantly Democratic, and I walk around with all my Romney buttons and that some-

times starts conversations, and I've changed a few peoples' votes but not enough to make a difference."

Though the library specialist said she's always been interested in politics, listening to talk radio while working motivated her to be more active in politics and campaigning.

DeVries' parents were European immigrants who lived through World War II and who had grown up with starvation and death as facts of life. They came to the U.S. for its opportunities, and their gratitude to the U.S. and the freedoms it afforded them had a lasting effect on her.

"We're lucky enough to live in a democracy in which you can make a difference as a voter or as a volunteer," she said. "You can't complain that the situation is bad if you don't take the time to make it better and make an effort to do so.

"I have to do something. I have to make a difference."

Volunteering in her third consecutive presidential campaign, Palo Alto resident Lisa Van Dusen hopes to make a difference as she travels to Ohio to campaign for Obama's re-election.

"The pieces I look for are that it's got to be a place where it's highly likely your efforts will matter, and pretty much everyone is saying

you're going to need Ohio to win this race," she said. "It's best to have a place where I can stay, and my mom and sister live in Michigan not too far away."

"(Canvassing) is 1,000 times more effective going door to door and talking to people than an ad," she said. "It's the most effective."

She has volunteered in the past two presidential elections: in Nevada for John Kerry in 2004 and in Colorado for Obama in 2008. She said choosing the correct location for campaigning is critical.

"It's hard to decide in advance because things can change so fast," she said. "Some people are saying Ohio is safe, but it's my firm belief that some things can change on a dime."

Obama took Ohio in 2008 with 51.48 percent of the vote, or nearly three million people.

Ironically, Van Dusen's father worked as an adviser for George Romney, Mitt's father, during his 1968 presidential campaign. He also worked for George Romney in a variety of capacities, including when he was governor of Michigan.

In the 2008 campaign, her 80-year-old mother, a registered Republican, canvassed alongside Van Dusen for Obama in Colorado.

"She felt that strongly about Obama," she said. "The conditions were pretty pleasant, and she's in pretty good shape. It's a lot of walking, but she has a lot of stamina."

Van Dusen said one of the most

common mistaken impressions about presidential campaigning is that canvassing is the only job a volunteer can do.

"You don't have to be the one to go knock on doors," she said. "There are a lot of different jobs that are critical — data entry, logistics, operational support. You don't have to be that person at the door."

There's also an impression that canvassers talk policy and sometimes get into arguments with people they visit, Van Dusen said. Although she did get into political discussions in 2008, almost none of them arguments, she said much of the work she did was to provide basic, nonpartisan information to potential voters.

"A lot of times there's a lot of confusion about where people can go to vote and about little technicalities, like a ride or if you just need someone to say, 'You know, it really matters that you get out there and vote,'" she said. "I went back to multiple houses again and again to make sure they voted, checking people off the list and leaving no stone unturned."

**B**y this time of year Bob Simmons would usually be someplace like Egypt or South America or Central America for his biannual international trip. But the self-described "tea-party person" and fiscal conservative has been too occupied with politics



Mary Ann Toman-Miller, president of Stanford College Republicans, stands in White Plaza where she often sets up booths to register students to vote and talk about the Republican platform.

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## Slim chances, but worth fighting for

*Third-party volunteers focus on promoting presidential candidates at home*

**W**hen Democratic and Republican presidential or vice-presidential candidates come to the area for their campaigns, they fly in on Air Force One, or something like it, and they ride in motorcades, sometimes slowing traffic for miles.

When Judge Jim Gray, the Libertarian Party vice-presidential candidate, came to speak at Stanford, Greg Coladonato picked him up from the airport in his car. The two men had never met.

Coladonato is the Silicon Valley coordinator for Libertarian Gary Johnson's presidential campaign, and he said this kind of contrast is a symptom of a problem in the U.S. political process.

"Let's start with the fact that the political system is completely co-opted with a duopoly to the extent that third-party candidates can't even get into a debate with the two candidates," he said. "I'd like to see more choice afforded to the electorate rather than, 'Pick one of these two guys' who, when it comes down to it, aren't that different."

Coladonato said he's politically active in the area, mainly hosting and attending events for Johnson's campaign. He said he hasn't heard of any area Libertarians traveling to battleground states to campaign for Johnson.

"Every state has its own activists," he said. "For us there are no swing states, so there's not much reason to go to Ohio or Florida. Why not just stay where it's more convenient and try to get people there?"

In 2008 Coladonato went to New Hampshire to knock on doors for Republican Ron Paul, who he described as "third-party-esque." He said a similar effort for a third-party candidate could be valuable provided the candidate was popular enough in a state to garner volunteer support.

"I think then you'd see a lot of Californians going to Nevada to knock on doors," he said. "It'd probably be good to concentrate there, where the chances are much greater for Johnson to show double digits in the

election, owing to both Nevada's voting habit and to the fact that it's generally easier to change an outcome in a smaller state."

Nevada is home to about 2.7 million people, just 7 percent of California's nearly 38 million.

Gerry Gras, a local volunteer for the Green Party, sees the situation similarly. But he holds different priorities for his party, particularly when it faces what he perceives as a stigma for "spoiling" elections.

"There are a number of people who perceive us as spoilers and would expect us to go campaign," he said. "We're not spoilers. The two major parties aren't solving the problems the average person cares about, and we've got real solutions to them."

Gras sees the group's main goals as getting candidates on the ballot and achieving 5 percent of the total presidential vote, which would give it matching funds for the next election.

That threshold hasn't been reached yet, however. Ralph Nader was the closest with 2.7 percent of the vote in the 2000 election. This year's Green Party presidential candidate is Jill Stein.

Nevertheless, Gras said the party is sponsoring candidates at all levels, from school boards to president. But there aren't a lot of people traveling around to campaign for the party.

He said third-party efforts in California have been hampered by the recently adopted "top-two" election system, in which the two candidates with the most votes in the primary are put on the general-election ballot, regardless of their political affiliation. (The system does not apply to the presidential race but to lower offices.)

"It's been a real hindrance because we don't have so many people on the ballot," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if people are surprised when they see this year's ballot." ■

— Eric Van Susteren

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and campaigning to go anywhere this fall.

Simmons, a retired businessman and software engineer, belongs to four different tea-party groups and is a board member of the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition.

The Los Altos resident first became involved with the political movement several years ago when he grew concerned about the president's focus on the Affordable Care Act. Since then he said he's seen the country get on the wrong track financially and worries that it's heading toward socialism while leaving capitalism by the wayside.

He and more than 100 other Bay Area residents recently drove to Reno to campaign for Romney, using their own vehicles and funds for room and board.

In Reno, he was assigned to walk precincts in a more affluent part of the city, and similarly to DeVries, he found that nearly all the houses he went to were Romney supporters and even more of them were supporting the candidacy of U.S. Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.).

Unlike DeVries, Simmons sees worthwhile work to be done on the home front.

"There's really two Californias," he said. "There's the West Coast California and there's the California over the mountain that's depressed and has high unemployment. You



Stanford College Democrats pause in front of the bilingual (Spanish on one side, English on the other) campaign van.

Courtesy Lindsay Lamont

don't see it here, but that motivates me to want to change things."

He volunteers at a monthly informational dinner meeting for the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition, sits in booths for the Republican party at the farmers markets in Los Altos and Palo Alto, and supports and represents the Republican party and tea party at festivals and events. Recently, he's been canvassing in San Jose to support Johnny Khamis' run for the District 10 seat of the city council.

Despite his fervent support for

Republican and tea-party candidates and causes, he said he'll be relieved once the elections are over.

"I'm definitely ready for that," he said.

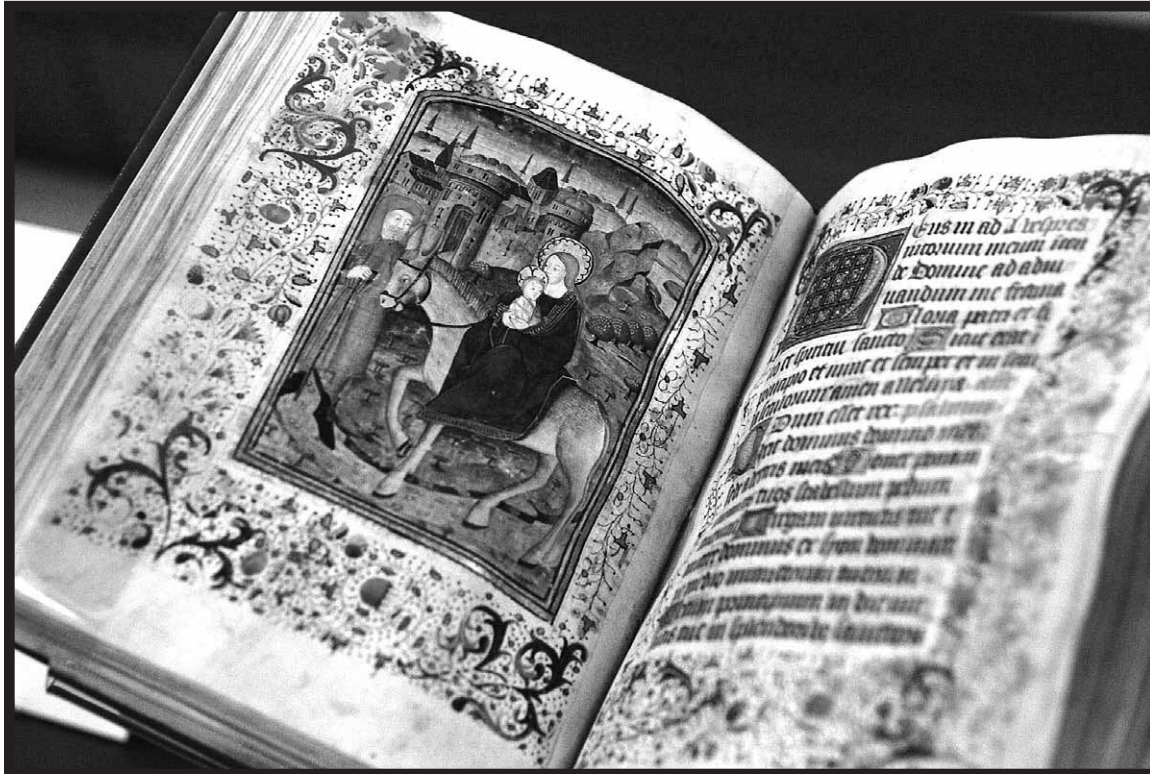
He's already scheduled his next trip in January to Tanzania and South Africa. ■

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# Arts & Entertainment

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



Wealthy people in the Middle Ages would commission illustrated books of hours like this one from Tournai in the late 15th century.

## A wealth of knowledge

Top: This page from *The Life of Saint Catherine of Siena* dates back to Florence circa 1500. Above: Books of hours, like this one from 15th-century Bruges, could be extremely expensive and sometimes used as status symbols.

### Exhibit showcases the treasured books and pages of the Middle Ages

by Rebecca Wallace | photos by Veronica Weber

If you owned only one book in your lifetime, imagine how the experience of reading would change.

A medieval noblewoman fortunate enough to possess a lavishly illustrated book of hours would treat it as a treasure. With real gold leaf and lapis blue, it might be worth as much as her house. She would read the prayers in its parchment pages many times in her life, closely and deliberately. She would pore over it to worship in private, and carry it as a status symbol in public. This was reading as devotion, reading as meditation, even reading as showing off.

There was reading as ritual, too. The text helped the clergy to perform their ceremonial duties, with bolder letters serving as theatrical cues. Here is where to raise your voice; here is where the Mass reaches its climax.

In a world before printing, the reader was closely connected to the person who had meticulously written the words by hand, passing the knowledge on. The very act of reading wove people more closely into their communities, past and present.

"Reading is something we take for granted as something universal through the ages," said Kathryn Dickason, a Stanford University graduate student in religious studies. But scanning a document online and scrolling through an ebook are worlds different from the process in the Middle Ages.

The noblewoman, for instance, would have read her book on many levels, seeing through the prayers to the allegories and other symbolism in the drawings. She would have known that the peacock drawn in the margin symbolized immortality and the Resurrection. Fruits, flowers and herbs had hidden meanings, too.

Today, "we still don't fully understand the decorations," said David Jordan, assistant director for library development at Stanford. "They're often very subtle."

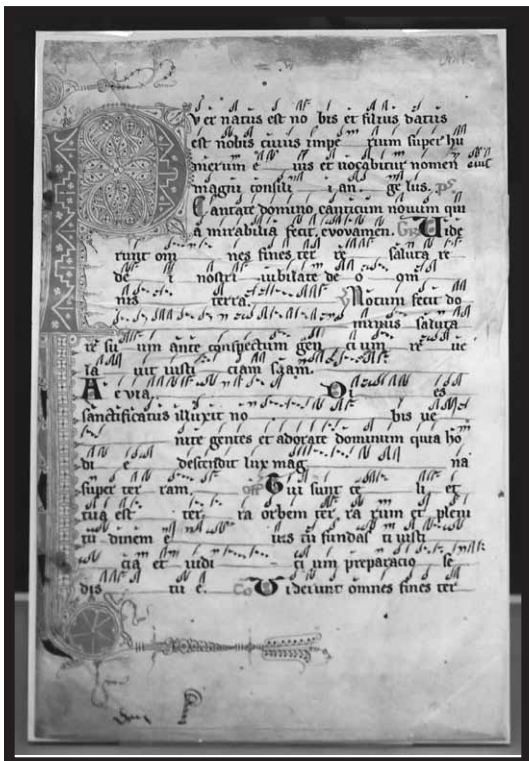
For visitors to the Bing Wing in Stanford's Green Library this fall, the medieval experience of reading unfolds through parchment fragments and codices set out under glass cases. Dickason and Jordan have co-curated an exhibit called "Scripting the Sacred," drawing on the university's collection of medieval manuscripts.

The exhibit focuses mainly on the ninth through the 19th centuries, with many religious books: Bibles, commentaries on the Bible, personal prayerbooks, saints' biographies and liturgical genres. There are also a few ancient papyrus sheets that provide historic context.

In one glass case are medieval parchment pages from a particularly hefty Bible. This was the 12th-century Atlantic Bible from Italy, so called because "only Atlas could lift it," according to an exhibit card. For contrast, a miniature illuminated 13th-century Bible from Paris has impossibly ant-like writing, immediately sparking the question, "How could they read that?"

"One theory is they would place a glass of water ... David, is there any truth to that?" Dickason said, miming using a water glass as a lens over the parchment.

"Maybe," Jordan mused. "By this time there were some mag-



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nifying glasses.”

Dickason started working with medieval manuscripts a few years ago, when she took a Stanford class on the paleography of the medieval and early Renaissance, taught by Jordan and emeritus professor George Hardin Brown. She and Jordan hope that exhibit visitors will gain an appreciation for the medieval art of reading.

Jordan added that the exhibit has been getting two to three class visits per week, including students studying tattoos, Latin and music. “I’d like it to be a meeting place for the local community to discuss medieval manuscripts,” he said.

Under the Munger Rotunda of the Bing Wing, the curators have placed large facsimiles of period manuscripts, because the rotunda gets too much natural light to display originals, Jordan said. The originals are in the neighboring Peterson Gallery, under dimmer light. Elizabeth Fischbach, exhibits manager and designer, was also active in putting “Scripting the Sacred” together, working with preservation staff and advising on exhibit design.

Is it rare to have a student so closely involved in curating a Green Library exhibit? “It’s ideal,” Fischbach said. “We’d like to have more. This year we have three.”

Along with the Bibles, display items include several Missals, the liturgical books used to celebrate Mass. Here it’s easy to see what a dynamic activity reading was. One 14th-century Roman Missal, bound in codex form, in places has bolded text and some words written in red ink, indicating points of emphasis for the clergy reading the text out loud. Musical notes are written in for the Pater Noster. One can imagine a single clergyman sharing these words with a large, rapt audience.

“These manuscripts had meaningful impacts on entire communities ... even though the literacy rate was probably 5 to 10 percent,” Jordan said, referring to a figure often cited for the time period of antiquity through the early Middle Ages. “There’s a parallel here: Our guests probably won’t be able to read these manuscripts, but we still hope to convey some meaning.”

Even if visitors can’t read Latin penned in Gothic miniscule script, they can still see signs of how writing changed over time. One area of the exhibit shows how the letter “A” was quilled in different centuries and places, how it evolved. Paleographers analyze these features in texts to determine where and when they were from.

Other clues come from the books of hours that wealthy people in the Middle Ages commissioned. Books were tailored to individual people, so one would contain different prayers in a differing order from another.

### INFORMATION

For more information, go to [www.sul.stanford.edu/depts/spc/exhibits/](http://www.sul.stanford.edu/depts/spc/exhibits/). David Jordan is also available to answer questions or give tours of the exhibit on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. He can be reached at [dajordan@stanford.edu](mailto:dajordan@stanford.edu).



From left: Curators Kathryn Dickason, David Jordan and Elizabeth Fischbach stand under the rotunda of the Green Library, where Medieval manuscripts are on display.

They also often included calendars with local saints, giving hints about where they were made.

These books are some of the most striking in the exhibit, with their fervent colors, glints of gold and finely detailed illustrations. One 15th-century book from Ghent burgeons with leaves and petals and curlicues, with blue peacocks peeking out of the foliage. Another from 15th-century Italy depicts the crucifixion against a background that looks a lot like Florence. It also has coats of arms from two Florentine families, which means the book may have been a marital gift.

The scribe-artists behind this workmanship were clearly skilled and patient. But everyone’s human. Jordan points out one facsimile of a German manuscript in which the artist painted a beautiful large capital “O,” but then apparently realized it was supposed to be an “M.” Rather than doing the entire page over, he added a peculiar extra leg to the letter.

One 14th-century Bible from France or Flanders seems flawless — except for the extra words on the side. “He left out three separate passages and had to write them in the margin,” Jordan said. “I’m sure he was very unhappy.”

“Maybe he had too much mead the night before,” Fischbach said, laughing.

The last case in the exhibit focuses on the destruction and recovery of the medieval manuscripts. Countless writings have been “lost,

destroyed, or severely damaged,” reads an exhibit card, blaming fire, water, bugs, rats, spilled wine and other culprits. Books have been harmed by collectors cutting out illustrations; parchments have been defaced by scribes scraping off one text and adding another one on top. Sometimes, religious manuscripts were destroyed because a new religious movement came along.

In other cases, people took medieval parchments and used them as bindings for newer books over the centuries. Which might seem like desecration, except that then the old parchments were tucked inside, their words and pictures protected from the sun, just waiting for modern historians to discover them, Jordan said.

He looked at the Atlantic Bible pages, pointing to the center where the text had faded in a line. The parchment had been used to bind another book, with the center becoming the new book’s spine. “That’s the reason these fragments survived,” he said. ■

**What:** “Scripting the Sacred,” an exhibit of medieval manuscripts at Stanford University

**Where:** Munger Rotunda and Peterson Gallery in Bing Wing, Green Library

**When:** The exhibit runs through March 17. Exhibit cases are lit up Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m.

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# Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW



Agave serves grilled salmon on a bed of ardientes (poblano chiles and cream) sauce, topped with confetti vegetables with a side of rice and sautéed cabbage.

## The right place at the right time

*Fiesta del Mar owners' upscale new Agave a good fit for downtown*

by Sheila Himmel

When the restaurant fits, eat there. In downtown Mountain View, a number of mismatches have occupied the northeast corner of downtown Castro and Villa streets, but now we may have a winner. Agave restaurant meets so many needs.

Owners Alejandro and Susan Garcia have long experience running successful restaurants, with Fiesta del Mar and Fiesta del Mar Too in Mountain View, and Blue Agave Club in Pleasanton. The new Agave, which opened in July, is an up-tempo Mexican restaurant with food, service and ambience to justify the tab. Vegetarians will find plenty of choice, and people with food allergies or quirks are invited

to make their demands.

In addition, Agave offers:

- A meeting and party space, with an attractive, non-claustrophobic private room.

- A clean, well-lighted sports bar.

- A cheerfully refreshed patio. That could also be the better venue for a date, because the main dining area is in the bar, and acoustics are not wonderful.

For the World Series opener, people settled in to watch one of four panoramic flat-screen TVs while a Giants party convened in the room next door. Happy hour was featuring a special anti-Detroit margarita and \$5 plates of chicken wings and nachos.

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Michelle Le

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A recent weekday lunch started with palate-tingling, cold marinated red potatoes, carrots, onions and jalapenos. That was complimentary. For chips and salsa, you fork over \$1.95 but they are great, house-made chips and the salsa of the day.

My companion objects to paying \$8.95 for an appetizer of two little chicken tostadas, topped with crunchy shredded cabbage, creamy avocado and tart green sauce. It's a question of quantity vs. quality and table service.

Enchiladas de tinga (\$11.95 for two, \$7.95 for one) do not drown in sauce and cheese. Chicken simmered in chipotle chiles, tomatoes, onions and garlic is wrapped in corn tortillas drizzled in red sauce featuring mild guajillo chile, topped in toasted cheese. The enchiladas, as all lunch entrees, come with moist white rice and excellent vegetarian black beans.

Huevos divorciados (\$9.95) are a perfect marriage of just-cooked eggs with corn tortillas and sauce, one mild red, one tangy green. They come with the best chilaquiles my

well-traveled companion has had outside of Oaxaca.

The server was very enthusiastic about the chef's special dessert, chilindrinas (\$8), puff pastry topped with caramelized apples and vanilla bean ice cream. By now besotted with pleasure, my companion noted, "This feels great in the mouth."

For dinner, the menu expands to include lots of seafood and fish, from ceviche to fried calamari. The Veracruz-style spicy shrimp cocktail (\$8.95) is ample in all departments. An entree of cochinita pibil (\$17.95) featured chunks of pork, slow-cooked to tenderness with a cavalcade of spices, achiote, cumin and tomatillos. It comes with white rice and corn tortillas for sopping.

Service was earnest and friendly, except for one long lapse in waiting for the check.

Agave's tequila menu nears 200 offerings. It may be wise to start with a flight of samples. ■

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Drinks at Agave include a Jamaica, hibiscus-flower margarita.

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# Shop Talk

**SEVEN-YEAR VACANCY ENDS ...**

In what may be one of Palo Alto's longest commercial/retail vacancies ever, the wait is over and a new tenant is preparing to move in. After seven years, the space in Charleston Shopping Center, between Mountain Mike's Pizza and Pet Food Depot, is finally rented. Huntington Learning Center has signed on as its occupant. The space has been dark ever since Neighborhood Liquor and Video moved out in October 2005 after an eight-year-run. The renovation to transform the spot into an after-school student tutoring service is expected to take about six months for a scheduled April 2013 opening. "It's a good location and Palo Alto has a very nice student community," Huntington franchise-owner Harpreet Soni said. The learning center offers academic skills, subject tutoring and exam preparation for students from kindergarten through high school. "We're eager to help every child to do their best. We want our kids to have a better future," Soni said.

**PASTA? RETOOLED ...**

The 15-year-old restaurant whose name asks a question is no more. Pasta?, 326 University Ave., served its last meal on Oct. 28. "But it's not closed for good. We're changing it over completely. It's a brand new concept," Pasta Q Owner Gianni Chiloiro said. One of the numerous changes is the new name, Figo, which means "cool," according to Chiloiro. Another change is the addition of a unique Italian brick oven, which will reach a temperature of 900 degrees and will be able to cook a pizza in 90 seconds. Now that's fast. And cool. The major renovation, which will undergo floor-to-ceiling changes, is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving week. "We're working day and night on this. New tables, new

chairs, new chandeliers, and lots of wood and steel. It's both a modern and a classic design," Chiloiro said. The menu will also see a dramatic change. "You won't find chicken Parmigiana and veal scallopini here. Trends have changed. We'll have lots of small plates," he said. Items such as flan of zucchini, octopus, and gnocchetti with duck ragout will be featured on the menu. There will also be a new chef. "It's my nephew who just arrived here from Italy and he has been working under a master chef. We're going to put some great food out there," Chiloiro said.

**49ERS OPEN FIRST STORE EVER AT T&C ...**

Not to be outdone by the San Francisco Giants Dugout stores, the San Francisco 49ers has opened its first-ever permanent retail store in Palo Alto at Town & Country Village Shopping Center. In addition to 49ers apparel and gear, the store features a "Santa Clara Stadium Interactive Preview Area," where prospective seat buyers can sit down in real stadium seats and test out potential sightline views. "With the grand opening of the 49ers Team Store in Palo Alto, we want to ensure our fans have easy access to all the latest 49ers merchandise throughout the season," said 49ers Chief Operating Officer Paraag Marathe.

**LIVEGREENE TO CLOSE ...**

Livegreene is calling it quits. After just two and a half years, the eco-friendly store at 158 University Ave. will close on Nov. 28. Lots of unusual, recycled items are currently available for as much as half off original prices.

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# Movies

## OPENINGS

### Flight ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Hollywood has given us “Bad Santa” and “Bad Teacher,” but are you ready for “Bad Pilot”? “Flight” puts Denzel Washington in the driver’s seat — with director Robert Zemeckis as his co-pilot — for a dizzying journey into fear.

Zemeckis typically invokes cinematic technique ranging on spectacle, and “Flight” delivers on that promise in an extended and masterful aerial sequence, a crash scenario that characters will parse over the two hours to follow. As scripted by John Gatins, “Flight” begins by establishing Washington’s Captain “Whip” Whitaker as lingeringly liquored up and therefore in need of a leveling cocaine bump before striding confidently to the cockpit.

One can imagine Zemeckis grinning behind the camera: After 12 years devoted to motion-capture CGI moviemaking, including two family-friendly PG adventures, he kicks off “Flight” with Washington waking up to a naked woman and a line of coke. Following an ominously repeated reminder of “102 souls on board,” Whip takes a couple of shots of oxygen, takes to the air, then takes a nap, waking to big trouble necessitating some highly skilled, Sully Sullenberger-style heroics.

What follows is, in part, an exploration of what it means not to be one of those in-vogue superheroes, but a hero in a real world of human frailty and grey areas. “Flight” also concerns the understandably elaborate fallout of an aerial disaster: the investigation, the intense media scrutiny, the judgment within the airline industry and without, in the case of criminal negligence. As Whip’s new defense attorney (Don Cheadle) pithily puts it, “Death demands responsibility.”

In truth, though, “Flight” shows only peripheral interest in those fascinating subjects. Rather, the picture serves as yet another dramatization (historically beloved by Oscar) of the destructive and self-destructive trajectory of the addict. Whip unquestionably is heading for a personal crash of his own, and if he’s to avoid it, he will need to embrace humility and accept help. But the inconvenient truth is that Whip is probably right when he insists, “Someone put me in a broken plane” and that “No one else could have landed that plane like I did.”

Ironically, spectacular disaster has, in many ways, only emboldened Whip’s denial, his self-assurance that he can handle anything on his own. Even as the shadows encroach on Whip and he determines to hide from the world, a ray of light arrives in the form of freshly clean drug addict Nicole (Kelly Reilly), who gently tries to help Whip to see the dead end ahead.

“Flight” has its share of annoy-



Denzel Washington delivers an old-school movie-star performance in “Flight.”

ances: Nicole’s clichéd storyline; an unambiguous endorsement of AA as a one-size-fits-all cure-all; Zemeckis playing into, rather than against, wild detours into comedy (involving John Goodman as Whip’s merry dealer); a lazy over-reliance on source music, and Alan Silvestri’s alternately thudding and mawkish score; and the transparent attempt to lard up the “Forrest Gump” director’s latest with Lieutenant Dans and Bubbas (i.e., colorful supporting characters like James Badge Dale’s voluble cancer patient).

Despite those misguided commercial instincts, “Flight” offers much that’s productively unsettling, anchored by Washington’s old-school movie-star performance, filigreed with some quietly excellent supporting work from the likes of Bruce Greenwood and Peter Gerety, and culminating in a “Scent of a Woman”-style moral climax that offers a more relatable opportunity for modern heroism: the chance to take responsibility.

*Rated R for drug and alcohol abuse, language, sexuality/nudity and an intense action sequence. Two hours, 18 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

### The Sessions ★★★

(Palo Alto Square) Let’s talk about sex, says “The Sessions.” This independent comedy-drama — adapted by writer-director Ben Lewin from Mark O’Brien’s non-fiction essay “On Seeing a Sex Surrogate” — gets it right, in the essence of its true story as well as the social discomforts surrounding disability and sane discussion of sexuality.

U.C. Berkeley grad O’Brien (played in the film by the extraordinary John Hawkes) begins the film as a 38-year-old virgin. As in “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” this is a recipe for gentle comedy edged with melancholy, but the hero of “The Sessions” seemingly has greater cause for despair, since he spends most of his waking hours at home in an iron lung (the result of childhood polio).

A poet and writer blessed and

cursed with curiosity, Mark researches a piece on the sexual activity of disabled folks and, in the process, shames himself into action. His innocent, abrupt declarations of love have thus far been unreciprocated, so Mark considers getting professional help, which leads him to sex surrogate Cheryl Cohen Greene (Helen Hunt).

Cheryl doesn’t stand on ceremony, though there’s a practiced demeanor in her friendly professionalism, a wise caution meant to forestall “typical transference behavior” as she coaches her client through “body awareness exercises” and sexual acts with her. She sets a limit of six sessions: enough to give Mark sexual experience and confidence, but not enough to get in too deep, emotionally speaking. After all, Cheryl has a husband (Adam Arkin) at home.

All the while, Mark confides in local Catholic priest Father Brendan (William H. Macy), from whom Mark hopes he will get humane extra-papal permission for his sexual odyssey. These scenes at times take “The Sessions” into jokey territory, but they also underline the real Mark’s need for affirmation and his faith (“I’m definitely a true believer,” he explains, “but I believe in a God with a sense of humor.”).

“The Sessions” finds firm ground in its exquisitely naturalistic sex scenes that provide a twist on the usual patient-therapist relationship (giving new meaning to “bedside manner”) while also exploring male-female friendship and a kind of spiritual love that, while easily confused with romance — and not only by the sheltered Mark — transcends it (also, three cheers for approaching sex in a realistic and literally shameless manner).

With the benefit of Jessica Yu’s Oscar-winning short doc “Breathing Lessons” as a resource, Hawkes crawls into O’Brien’s skin, changing the timbre of his voice and painfully contorting his body but more importantly feeling each emotional ache; going toe to toe, Hunt subtly teases out her every emotional reaction to Mark’s naked soulfulness. Speaking of naked, “The Sessions” finds both leads frequently in the buff, upping the frankness ante from the sexual therapy in this summer’s “Hope Springs.”

As with that film, this one will meet many people where they live, disabled or otherwise. In a way, “The Sessions” fits the bill of a conventionally inspirational Hollywood picture about a disabled person overcoming adversity, but the film’s Mark (and the real one) would no doubt reject such reduction. It’s the story of a man, one who feels he doesn’t deserve love and will never get it, but discovers he’s wrong. You don’t need an iron lung to make that story inspirational ... but it helps.

*Rated R for strong sexuality including graphic nudity and frank dialogue. One hour, 35 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

### Wreck-It Ralph ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) It’s not easy being 9 feet tall and 643 pounds. And that’s not even the hardest part about being “Wreck-It Ralph,” the leading character of Walt Disney Animation’s 52nd feature.

The hardest part is being an

arcade-game “bad guy,” a professional wrecker tasked with endlessly destroying “Niceland” while heroic Fix-It Felix Jr. saves the day. After decades of knowing his role and dutifully playing it, Ralph (John C. Reilly) has begun to want more out of life, such as it is for an 8-bit video-game character. He attends a “Bad-Anon” meeting with the likes of Clyde the Ghost from “Pac-Man” and Bowser from “Super Mario Bros.,” but no one tells him what he wants to hear: that he could be a hero, that he could dare to be liked.

And so Ralph goes off the reservation, doing the unthinkable by leaving his game. When this very model of a 1980s clumsy oaf gets wind of a hero-certifying gold medal in neighboring arcade game “Hero’s Duty” (a modern first-person shooter), Ralph sets off on his own hero’s journey. In his absence, Ralph threatens the world of “Fix-It Felix” with the undiscovered country from where no traveler returns: “Out of Order.”

Circumstances eventually deposit Ralph into a third arcade game for the lion’s share of the picture. This is “Sugar Rush,” an anime-inflected candy-land kart-racing game, and

it’s home to the annoyingly adorable (or is that adorably annoying?) Vanellope von Schweetz (Sarah Silverman). Branded a “glitch” in her game, Vanellope is on her own quest for validation and thus forms an uneasy alliance with Ralph to get her across the game’s finish line and allow Ralph passage home.

The misfit odd couple — he with ham hands and halitosis, she with her jumpiness and histrionic personality disorder — are comedy gold, given the counterpoint of Reilly’s gravelly warmth and Silverman’s patented little-girl shtick, here skewing away from social satire and toward the literal.

The fantasy’s grounding in real-world concerns (who hasn’t felt jealous of others’ success? Who hasn’t asked, “Is this all there is?”) speaks to all ages, and the story’s creative path to self-actualization with its zeitgeisty anti-bullying theme and conclusion “There’s no one I’d rather be than me” speak eloquently to kids.

Mostly, though, “Wreck-It Ralph” is built for fun, by director Rich Moore (a “Simpsons” veteran) and screenwriters Jennifer Lee and Phil

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- The Flat (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed)**  
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- Fun Size (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)**  
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- The Great Escape (1963) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed)**  
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- The Master (R) \*\*\*1/2**  
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- The Metropolitan Opera: L'Elisir d'Amore (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed)**  
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- The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) (Not Reviewed)**  
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- Seven Psychopaths (R) \*\*\***  
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**Century 16:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m.
- Wreck-It Ralph (PG) \*\*\***  
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Johnston (Reilly also gets a special story-contributor credit), in its dazzlingly elaborate production design and kinetic 3D action. "Wreck-It Ralph" offers perfect casting (including Jack McBrayer as Fix-It Felix, Jane Lynch as a well-armed warrior, and Alan Tudyk — riffing on Ed Wynn — as King Candy), "Who Framed Roger Rabbit"-esque video-game-character cameos, and a cramming of clever comic touches, like the arcade's "Game Central

Station," housed within a surge protector (see "Monsters, Inc.'s "Scarefloor"). Save up your quarters, kids: it's worth it!

(Note: "Wreck-It Ralph" comes preceded by a charming, black-and-white animated short, "Paperman," that skillfully blends hand-drawn and CGI techniques to unfold a big-city romance.)

Rated PG for thematic elements and some perilous action. One hour, 53 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



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# Sports Shorts

**A WIN FOR LIN . . .** Palo Alto High grad **Jeremy Lin** made his debut with the NBA's Houston Rockets a successful one as he scored 12 points and dished out eight assists in a 105-96 win over the host Detroit Pistons on Wednesday. Lin made five of his 12 field-goal attempts, grabbed four rebounds and four steals, committed four turnovers, and had four fouls in 35:27 as the Rockets' starting point guard. Lin came to Houston as a restricted free agent in the offseason after the New York Knicks declined to match the Rockets' offer of \$25 million over three years. Houston and Lin next will play at the Atlanta Hawks on Friday.

**PEDERSON AN ALL-STAR . . .** Palo Alto High grad **Joc Pederson** will be a member of the East Division for the Arizona Fall League's Rising Stars Game on Saturday. Pederson is among 52 players (26 on each roster) who have been selected and the only player from the Los Angeles Dodgers' organization picked. Pederson played the regular season for Rancho Cucamonga in Single A and batted .313 in 110 games with 136 hits, 18 homers, 70 RBI and 26 stolen bases. The 20-year-old Pederson is one of the youngest prospects playing in the Arizona Fall League, and will play for the Chattanooga Lookouts of the Double-A Southern League in April. Pederson was ranked as the Dodgers' No. 4 prospect by MLB.com entering the 2012 season and lived up to that by being named the organization's Minor League position player of the year.

**HOOP RECOGNITION . . .** Stanford forward and 2012 All-American **Chiney Ogwumike** earned yet another honor ahead of the upcoming 2012-13 season, being named to the six-woman Associated Press Preseason All-America Team. Ogwumike, a junior from Cypress, Texas, joins Elena Della Donne (Delaware), Skylar Diggins (Notre Dame), Brittney Griner (Baylor), Odyssey Sims (Baylor) and Alyssa Thomas (Maryland) on the team. Sims and Thomas each earned 19 votes out of 40 to tie for the fifth spot on the team. Ogwumike earned 23 while Della Donne, Diggins and Griner were all unanimous selections. It is the fourth straight year, and fifth time in the past six years, in which Stanford has been represented on the AP's Preseason All-America Team.

## ON THE AIR

### Friday

**Prep football:** Terra Nova at Menlo-Atherton, 7 p.m.; KCEA (89.1 FM)

### Saturday

**College football:** Stanford at Colorado, 11 a.m.; FX; KNBR (1050 AM); KZSU (90.1 FM)

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Menlo-Atherton's winning girls' cross-country team at the PAL Championships on Saturday included (R-L) Annika Roise, Madeleine Baier, Cat DePuy, Taylor Fortnam, Maddie Worden, Katie Beebe, and Annalise Crowe.

## PREP SPORTS

# Historic start for the Bears

Menlo-Atherton's five league titles in the fall is its most ever

by Keith Peters

The Central Coast Section playoffs and championships are just around the corner for Menlo-Atherton, which has enjoyed plenty of success in the postseason over the years.

This fall season, however, is more special than anyone before it as the Bears have won five league titles. No group of M-A teams has ever done that in the 61-year history of the school.

The history-making began Oct. 23 when the M-A girls' tennis team, under the guidance of veteran coach Tom Sorenson, defeated host Woodside to finish with a 13-1 record and championship in the PAL Bay Division.

The success continued last Saturday when the girls' cross-country team and veteran coach Eric Wilmurt. Despite having five freshmen in the lineup, the Bears ran away with the PAL Championships at Crystal Springs in Belmont and ended Carlmont's streak of six straight titles.

On Tuesday, the Bears made history by capturing three league championships within just hours of each other. The boys' water polo team dunked host Woodside, 23-4, for its first league title since 1992. The girls' polo squad then held off host Castilleja, 8-7, to win its sixth straight PAL Bay Division crown. Finally, the girls' volleyball team cruised to a sweep of visiting Mills to improve to 13-0 and defend its PAL Bay Division title with one match (last night) remaining.

In addition, the M-A boys' cross-country team finished second at the league finals, the football team is tied for first place in the PAL Bay Division and Xin Fang competed in the Central Coast Section Girls Golf Championships on Tuesday and shot 77 — just missing

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Morgan Olson-Fabbro helped the M-A boys' water polo team win the PAL Bay Division title.



Erin LaPorte helped the Bears' tennis team capture the Bay Division crown.

## STANFORD FOOTBALL

# Offense may have new look

Hogan's increased play at quarterback could be significant for stretch run

by Rick Eymers

Kevin Hogan has apparently done enough in practice to force himself into the game planning for Stanford football coach David Shaw.

The redshirt freshman quarterback just keeps getting better, forcing Shaw's hand. The second-year coach announced Hogan would have his playing time increased up to 20 plays when the 15th-ranked Cardinal (4-1, 6-2) travels to Colorado for a Pac-12 Conference contest on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Stanford is locked in a battle for the North Division title with Oregon (5-0) and Oregon State (4-1). All three teams still have to play each other. Thus, every game is important and Hogan's role in the final games of the season could be important as his playing time increases.

"He's earning it," Shaw said. "He has done everything we've asked of him exceptionally well." Shaw emphasized that both Josh Nunes and Hogan would play in the contest against the Buffaloes (1-4, 1-7).

"We have packages for both," Shaw said. "I'm not ready to take it away from Josh. We have to be more efficient in the passing game. We can't have another half in which we only run 15 plays."

Hogan has played in four games but hardly has much game experience in the passing game. He completed his only pass for a touchdown and has run the ball seven times for a net 12 yards.

"Kevin is a bigger, faster athlete," Shaw said. "He can run. He is elusive. Kevin's athletic ability in space is special."

Hogan has been given a bigger chunk of the offensive playbook in hopes of sparking the offense, which has averaged just over 15 points in three road games.

"He has played so well I can't not give him more," Shaw said.

Nunes took the news in stride. "He's done a lot of good things on the field," Nunes said. "If he can help us win a game I'm all for it."

Hogan said he spent his freshman season trying to learn as much as he could from Andrew Luck. He apparently paid close attention.

"We have depth at quarterback," Stanford outside linebacker Alex Debnick said. "He can run and he has a gun for an arm."

Guard Dillon Bonnell, who is being used as a tight end lately, said Hogan knows how to run a huddle. "He's a confident kid," said Bonnell. "He knows he can play, what his role is and he knows how to get it done."

Meanwhile, receiver Ty Montgomery

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## It's No. 1 vs. No. 2 as Stanford women's volleyball takes on Oregon in showdown

by Rick Eyrer

The top two ranked college volleyball teams will go at it Sunday in Eugene, and, yes, one of those teams is Oregon.

The Ducks have climbed into the national scene the past several years and until they played at Stanford earlier in the season, were one of the few remaining undefeated teams in the country.

No. 2 Oregon (11-1, 20-1) enters its Pac-12 match with visiting Stanford with a single loss, and that was to the top-ranked Cardinal (12-0, 20-2).

Stanford remains wary of Oregon State, which hosts Friday night's contest in Corvallis. Just as the Ducks understand California could be dangerous.

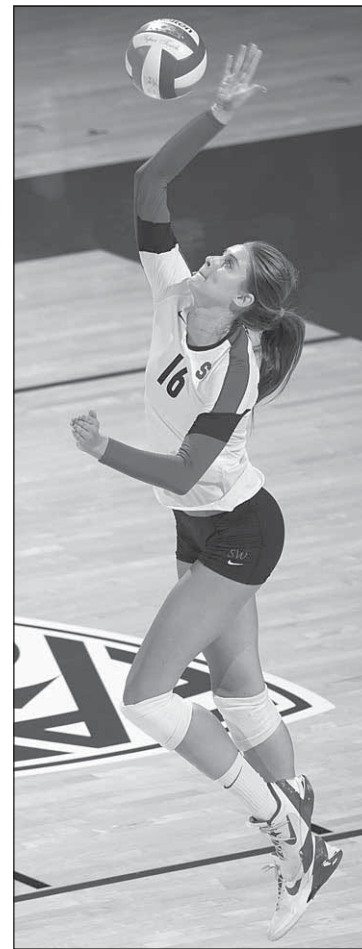
The most intriguing match of the season to date resonates with importance. Should Stanford get by the Beavers on Friday and then beat Oregon, it would carry a two-match lead into the final six contests.

The Ducks could force themselves into a tie for first place with a sweep this week and they have to feel confident after taking Stanford to five sets at Maples Pavilion.

USC and UCLA, in a tie for third, also linger in the background waiting for an opener against the top two teams.

Stanford moved to the top of the rankings last week, its first No. 1 ranking since mid-October of 2010. The Cardinal has won 18 straight, its longest streak since winning 19 in a row in 2001 and the 12-0 start in conference play is its best since 1998.

Stanford's achievement this season has no explanation other than the team has risen to the challenge of a difficult season. The four Car-



Freshman Brittany Howard has played in all 22 matches.

dinal seniors have started a combined total of 19 matches, while freshman Brittany Howard is the lone Stanford player to have started all 22 matches.

Starting a match, of course, can be misleading. It's not always wise to give so much importance to whom is on the court for the first serve. Howard has played in two fewer sets

than Jordan Burgess, for example, and Rachel Williams often acts as a closer in the final sets.

Sophomore libero Kyle Gilbert is the lone Cardinal to have played in all 84 sets.

In other words, Stanford makes use of its entire roster. The Cardinal has shown there are plenty of kills, assists, blocks and digs to go around. No one is being selfish on this team. Five players have at least 123 kills and four of them average at least two kills a set.

The two setters, senior Karissa Cook and Madi Bugg, are each in triple digits in assists and Cook needs two digs to become the fifth Cardinal to reach triple digits in that category.

The Cardinal remained at No. 1 in the latest RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) poll this week, its fourth straight week in that spot. Oregon is No. 6, while Oregon State comes in at No. 43.

Stanford ranks among the top-5 in the conference in digs (1st), kills (5th), assists (5th), blocks (3rd) and hitting percentage (4th). Individually, freshman Inky Ajanaku leads the Pac-12 in hitting percentage (.393) and was named Pac-12 Freshman of the Week earlier this week. Junior Carly Wopat is second in hitting percentage (.386) and third in blocks (1.49), while Bugg is ninth in assists (8.15). Gilbert ranks sixth in digs (4.10).

Stanford has won all 55 matches its played against Oregon State. Earlier this season, the Cardinal swept the Beavers at Maples Pavilion, holding OSU to a .041 attack percentage.

Stanford leads the all-time se-

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## Stanford football

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ery could return to the lineup this weekend. He's been taking part in practice and looks improved. Shaw said a final decision on his availability will be made on Thursday.

Freshman offensive lineman Andrus Peat may not be available, however, because of an injury to a finger earlier in the week in practice.

Stephan Taylor, meanwhile, is 96 rushing yards away from his third straight 1,000-yard season, which would be a first in Stanford history. Darrin Nelson went over 1,000 yards three times, but not in consecutive years.

As for traveling to the high altitude of Boulder, Shaw said the team already has taken some precautions in playing at the elevation.

"We try to go through practice with that shortness of breath that will happen," Shaw said. "We can rotate guys earlier. It usually takes about a quarter and a half to acclimate."

Bonnell hails from Colorado, and said he feels the difference in elevation when he comes to Stanford, where he can achieve better stamina.

"It will be the first time I've played in the area since going to Stanford and I will have a lot of family and friends," Bonnell said. "I've seen the ups and downs of the Buffs."

Bonnell has two numbers, 76 as an offensive lineman and 96 as a tight end. He starts the game with the number 96.

"My role is a big tight end," he said. "It's the first time I've ever played anything other than the OL. You have a lot more freedom when you're blocking. I enjoy getting to full speed at people and throwing my weight around."

Debnia said the defensive line will be challenged by a Colorado team that "has the ability to run the ball as well as anyone in the conference. That poses a challenge for the run defense. We still hope to try to make them a one-dimensional team."

Debnia said the linebackers are an interesting bunch.

"We all have dynamic personalities," Debnia said. "We like to play loud and with a lot of energy. We have a great time as a group."

The linebackers were a major reason why Stanford set a school record with 10 sacks in a 24-17 win over Washington State last week, holding the Cougars to minus-18 yards

of rushing.

The Cardinal defense ranks first in the NCAA in tackles for losses, third in sacks and second in rushing defense.

Stanford has the best turnover margin in the Pac-12, while the Buffaloes are last in the category. Stanford is playing at Colorado for the first time since 1990, when Shaw was a freshman wide receiver. He made that trip before ending up as a redshirt.

"It was the first time I ever suited up and I was the first out of the locker room," Shaw said. "I'm leading the team onto the field and I see Ralphie the Buffalo running right at me. I did not know what to expect and I started to go backwards while all these guys behind me are pushing me forward."

Stanford ended up losing the game, 21-17, on a controversial touchdown with 12 seconds left. The Cardinal can't afford a similar ending Saturday. Too much is at stake.

Stanford still has a shot at becoming the Pac-12 champ and earning a trip to the Rose Bowl. Should Oregon wind up in the national championship game, the Cardinal could still end up in Pasadena.

A loss to Colorado, however, would end that. ■

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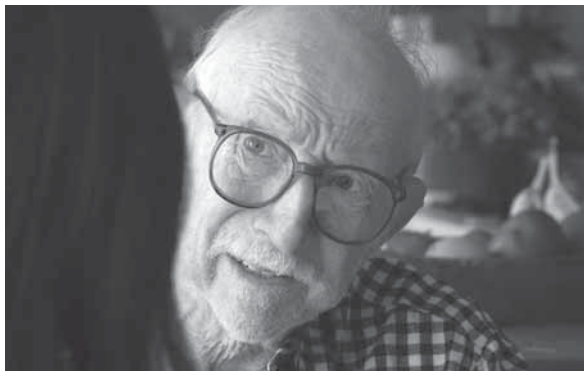


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# Gunn's Zhou wins CCS golf title and helps Titans qualify for the NorCal Championships

by Keith Peters

When Chris Redfield put together the first-ever Gunn girls' golf team, it's doubtful he realized just how good it might be. As it turned out, the Titans were pretty good.

Despite having only two veteran players and a handful of newcomers, the Titans went 10-0 and won the Blossom Valley Athletic League (Santa Teresa Division) title. On top of that, Gunn then captured the BVAL Tournament crown to earn a berth into the Central Coast Section Tournament.

And it gets even better.

On Tuesday, Gunn sophomore Anna Zhou improved upon her runner-up finish from last year and captured individual



Anna Zhou

honors at the CCS Championships on Tuesday at Rancho Canada (East Course) in Carmel Valley. Zhou fired a 4-under-par 68 to help the Titans finish second in the team race with 403 strokes and qualify for Monday's CIF NorCal Girls Golf Championships at Brookside Country Club in Stockton.

Zhou's round included a stretch of two birdies and an eagle —on the 439-yard par-5 16th — in her final seven holes. The 68 was Zhou's best 18-hole score. Her previous best was 69. Zhou shot 70 to finish tied for second at the 2011 CCS finals. Gunn junior Jayshree Sarathy shot 74 and freshman teammate Tiffany Yang added a 79. Lianna McFarlane-Connelly shot 89 and Somina Lee carded a season-best 93 to round out the Titans' historic effort. Gunn was the only public school to finish among the top five teams. "Our team score of 403 was good enough to win the CCS team competition in any other year (but this one)," said Redfield. Valley Christian won the team title with a 402 score. Presentation was third with the same score (419) as St. Ignatius, but won a two-hole playoff (21-19) to earn the third berth for NorCals. Castilleja missed out on advancing by taking fifth (437). Chloe Sales and Nicole Mitchell led Castilleja with identical 83s with senior Taylor Wilkerson (84), Danielle Mitchell (92) and Caroline Debs (95) rounded out the Gators' scoring. Menlo-Atherton's Xin Fang shot a 5-over 77 but did not qualify for NorCals, nor did Menlo School's Jessie Rong (79) and Caroline Broderick (87) or Pinewood's Allison Beers (89).

Every member of the Gunn team will compete as individuals at NorCals, as well, with the opportunity of advancing to the state championships.

## Girls' tennis

It was a big day for local players as three of them captured titles at their respective individual tournaments on Wednesday and one doubles squad reached a championship match.

At the SCVAL De Anza Division

tournament at Monta Vista High, Palo Alto junior Aashli Budhiraja completed her run through the singles bracket by defeating highly regarded Wendi Kong of Monta Vista, 7-5, 2-6, 3-2 (retired). Kong is the No. 1 singles player on the top-ranked team in Northern California.

Earlier in the day, Budhiraja polished off Juliette Martin of Los Altos, 6-0, 6-4, in the semifinals. Budhiraja advanced past the quarterfinals with a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 triumph over Monta Vista's Ruri Kobayakawa on Tuesday.

At the SCVAL El Camino Division tournament at Fremont High, Gunn's Alice Li captured the singles title and teammates Antoinette Nguyen and Anjali Herekar finished third by beating teammates Devyani Bhadkamkar-Ebba Nord.

Li topped Keaensa Snouffer of Los Gatos, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, while Herekar and Nguyen posted a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over their teammates. Li advanced to the finals with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Hannah Huang of Homestead.

At the West Bay Athletic League tournament at Menlo School, sophomore Liz Yao of Menlo needed two days to complete her singles championship match with Paulette Wolak

of Castilleja, but the wait was well worth it as Yao won her first league title with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph.

Yao was leading, 6-3, 2-0 on Tuesday when the match was suspended due to darkness. The two returned to the courts to finish the match less than 24 hours later.

Wolak was the top singles player from the lower WBAL Skyline Division while leading the Gators to the division title — earning Castilleja a promotion to the Foothill Division next season. Thus, it was appropriate that the top players from each division met in the title match.

Wolak showed that she deserved a shot at the overall title by upending three-time champ Giannina Ong of Menlo in the semifinals on Tuesday, 6-0, 6-3.

At the Peninsula Athletic League tournament at Burlingame High, Menlo-Atherton's tandem of Lindy LaPlante and Erin LaPorte won a pair of matches on Wednesday to reach the finals Thursday.

On Monday, the Gunn girls accomplished a number of things by defeating Homestead, 4-2, in a playoff match to decide the SCVAL El Camino Division title at Monta Vista High in Cupertino. The victory gave the Titans the division's automatic berth into the CCS tournament, which begins next week, and moves Gunn (13-8) up to the De Anza Division next season. ■



## City of Palo Alto ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared by the Palo Alto Department of Planning and Community Environment for the project listed below. In accordance with A.B. 886, this document will be available for review and comment during a minimum 20-day inspection period beginning **November 2, 2012** during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Development Center, 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

This item is tentatively scheduled to be considered at a **public hearing by the Planning and Transportation Commission, Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm** in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Civic Center, located at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Written comments on the Negative Declaration should be provided to Russ Reich, Department of Planning and Community Environment, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, or via email at russ.reich@cityofpaloalto.org, by 5:00 PM on November 26, 2012.

**Ronald McDonald House Expansion, 50 El Camino Real [11PLN-00388]:** Request by Huiwen Hsiao on behalf of The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University for a Rezone of a 1.57-acre site from Community Commercial with a Landscape Combining District (CC(L)) to Public Facility with a Site and Design Combining District (PF(D)), an amendment to the site's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation from Streamside Open Space to Major Institution/Special Facilities, Site and Design review of a proposed 70 room, three story, 51,948 square foot building for an expansion to the existing Ronald McDonald House program, and Approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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**Curtis Williams, Director of Planning and Community Environment**

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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING of the City of Palo Alto Architectural Review Board (ARB)

**8:30 A.M., Thursday, November 15, 2012** Palo Alto Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue. Go to the Development Center at 285 Hamilton Avenue to review filed documents; contact Diana Tamale for information regarding business hours at 650.329.2144.

**180 El Camino Real [12PLN-00382]:** Request by Macy's Inc. on behalf of The Board of Trustees to the Leland Stanford Junior University for Architectural Review of a new three story retail building for Bloomingdale's totaling 120,000 square feet, and associated site improvements, located within the Stanford Shopping Center. Environmental Assessment: Exempt per Section 15302(b). Zone District: CC (Community Commercial).

**636 Waverley Street [12PLN-00359]:** Request by David Kleiman for Preliminary Review of a new four story 10,749 sf mixed-use building with two floors of commercial office space (4,903 sf) and two floor of residential (two units, 5, 846 sf total). Zone: CD-C(P).

**135 Hamilton Avenue [11PLN-00463]:** Request by Keenan Lovewell Ventures, on behalf of Hamilton and High LLC, for Study Session review of revisions to a previously unapproved design for a new four-story mixed-use building on an existing vacant lot (approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial area, two residential units, and below grade garage). Zone: CD-C(P). Environmental Assessment: A draft Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Amy French  
Chief Planning Official**

## COMMUNITY MEETING

### Safe Routes to School for Terman, Briones & Duveneck

Review and comment on Draft Walk and Roll Maps and Route Improvements

**Thursday, November 8, 7:00-8:30 PM**  
Terman Middle School, 655 Arastradero Road

**Thursday, November 15, 7:00-8:30 PM**  
Juana Briones Elementary, 638 Maybell Avenue

**Tuesday, November 27, 7:00-8:30 PM**  
Duveneck Elementary, 705 Alester Avenue

The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School program is documenting suggested routes to school and identifying opportunities for engineering improvements and enforcement which, when combined with safety education and promotion activities, will encourage more families to choose alternatives to driving to school solo.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing at the regular Council meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider extending through October 15, 2013 a moratorium on the use of certain parking exemptions contained in Section 18.52.060(c) of the Zoning Ordinance related to the downtown and California Avenue parking assessment areas; and considerations for making exceptions from the moratorium for proposed projects at 135 Hamilton Ave. and 636 Waverly Street.

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## Priory hopes to cap an undefeated season; Gunn takes a shot at first

by Keith Peters

**O**wning a perfect record and having beaten his closest pursuers, Doug Sargent knows his Priory football team has the Mission Trail Athletic League eight-man football title wrapped up.

Yet, there is a goal yet to be achieved and that means pressure remains heading into the final game of the 2012 season.

"League title aside, pressure is on," said Sargent. "We set a goal of (being) undefeated at the end of season party last year and now we are close to achieving that goal. The goal is to finish strong."

Priory (4-0, 6-0) can do just that by beating Anzar (2-2, 2-4) on Friday in Portola Valley at 3 p.m.

"It is a big deal for the Priory community," Sargent said. "Four years ago we started the program with a lot of support but, as always, there are people who questioned our decision. Having a season like this is a way of giving back to all of those who supported us and also rewards the players, past and present, for playing. These are kids/parents without a football background, so going out for football is a big deal and now having success makes everyone happy."

This season definitely has put Priory on the small map that is eight-man football, even though the division is played all around the country. The Panthers, in fact, are ranked No. 593 in the nation out of more than 1,500 teams for 6-, 8- or 9-man football, No. 33 in the state and No. 1 in the Central Coast Section by MaxPreps.

Priory comes into Friday's game averaging 52 points while allowing 23 per game.

"The Priory community has been unbelievably supportive," Sargent said. "We seemed to have more fans last week than the home team and several of the fans were faculty and admin with their families. It meant a lot to us. So yes, it is a big deal for the whole Priory community."

Priory cleared the way for an unbeaten season by sweep-



Keith Peters

*James McDaniel has rushed for 1,070 yards for Priory in 2012.*

ing aside its toughest opposition to date, Stuart Hall, last Saturday on Treasure Island, 46-30. "Did I ever think we'd win a league title? I'd have to say yes," Sargent said. "If I didn't think we could be competitive then we wouldn't have started the program. Consistency has been a key factor. I've had my core coaching staff for all four years, a consistent group of new freshman each year and having James McDaniel has helped." McDaniel, a junior running back, carried 28 times for 175 yards and scored five touchdowns against Stuart Hall. That effort gave him 1,070 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns this season. He's averaging 178.3 yards per game.

Senior Malik Reid and junior Will Latt also have shouldered the offensive load, along with junior Tom Latta and senior Matt Schwab. When they get done running, throwing or catching, most of the Panthers move to defense. Priory has 17 sacks this season and nine interceptions.

Sargent can only hope the stand-out efforts continue for one more game.

"Yes, this game is a big deal for our team," he said. "Undefeated is a lot better than 6-1."

"Anzar may be our toughest opponent. We've had a solid game plan going into every game, but Anzar scares me. They are well-coached and they do so many different things its hard to anticipate how they will come at us. We've had to develop Plans A, B and C. This will be a good football game."

Gunn coach Dan Navarro also expects a good game Friday night when his Titans visit Monta Vista in a showdown for first place in the SCVAL El Camino Division. Both teams are 4-0. The winner will hold a one-game lead going into the final game of the regular season. More important, the league champ gets a berth into the CCS playoffs.

Gunn (6-2 overall) wrapped up its home season by winning their fourth straight game last Friday, 33-6 over Cupertino. On a night where Gunn's 19 seniors were honored, it was ju-



Tim Aiken

*Gunn's Sean Lydster scored three TDs in a 33-6 victory.*

nior running back Sean Lydster who made it a night worth celebrating. Lydster scored three touchdowns, including a 70-yard run that opened the scoring late in the first quarter.

Gunn quarterback Andre Guzman found Kevin Sharp on a 15-yard touchdown pass to put the Titans up 14-0, but Cupertino bounced back with a TD for a 14-6 game at half-time.

Lydster gave the momentum back to the Titans with a 35-yard touchdown run in the third period. The Titans never looked back as two more rushing touchdowns — from Lydster and Marcus Moreno-Ramos — put the game out of reach. Senior linebacker Calvin Membreno sealed the game with his first interception of the season.

There are plenty of other big games on tap Friday, as well.

Sacred Heart Prep (3-1, 7-1) needs a victory at Half Moon Bay (7 p.m.) to remain tied for first place in the PAL Bay Division while keeping its title hopes alive.

Whether that happens will depend on co-leader Menlo-Atherton (3-1, 5-3), which will host Terra Nova (2-1, 4-4) at 7 p.m. Should the Bears win, they'll share the division title with Sacred Heart Prep. The Gators, however, will get a berth into the CCS Open Division playoffs while M-A will be relegated to the Division I postseason due to a tie-breaker.

Should Terra Nova and SHP win, they'll share the Bay Division title but Terra Nova will get the Open Division berth and SHP will play in Division IV — based on the Tigers' win over the Gators.

Sacred Heart Prep helped create this scenario by upending visiting Menlo-Atherton, 14-7, last Saturday while Terra Nova was being upset by Aragon, 32-31. SHP's stingy defense allowed only 177 total yards and had two interceptions while preventing the Bears from taking over sole possession of first place.

With the game tied and less than five minutes left, senior quarter back Kevin Donahoe threw a lob pass to wide receiver Rex Shannon for a seven-yard touchdown that won it for the Gators.

In the SCVAL De Anza Division race, Palo Alto got one result it wanted but not the other as the Vikings' hope for the top seed took a hard hit last weekend.

While Paly did topple visiting Saratoga on homecoming, 51-34, and the victory kept the Vikings (4-1, 6-2) tied for first place in the division, the co-lead went to Milpitas and not Los Gatos.

Palo Alto needed the Wildcats to win on Friday in order to knock Milpitas out of the race for first place. The Vikings, by virtue of their win over Los Gatos the previous week, then would hold the tiebreaker over the Wildcats and earn a berth in the CCS Open Division.

Milpitas (4-1, 6-2) ruined those plans by handing host Los Gatos a 17-15 loss. The Wildcats fell to 3-2 (4-4) as the Trojans took control of the division, by virtue of their ear-

lier win over Paly.

The Vikings did their best by winning their fourth straight since the loss to Milpitas. Junior Andrew Frick scored on runs of four and three yards, the second TD providing the eventual winning points as Paly grabbed a 38-13 lead with 38 seconds left in the third quarter. A 33-yard screen pass from junior quarterback Keller Chryst to senior Matt Tolbert set up the TD by Frick.

Paly senior Justin Gates-Mouton scored on a 50-yard run and returned an interception 66 yards for another score and Chryst tossed touchdown passes of 36 yards to Malcolm Davis and 12 yards to D'Antay Williams.

Chryst finished 17-of-28 for 236 yards and two touchdowns. Tolbert gained 78 yards on 15 carries and caught three passes for 61 yards.

As good as Chryst was, Menlo junior Jack Heneghan was even better. He accounted for seven touchdowns, four through the air and three by rushing, in a 56-21 romp over visiting Sequoia in a PAL Ocean Division game.

The teams entered the showdown with identical records, but the Knights emerged with a 3-1 league mark and are 7-1 overall.

Heneghan completed 31 of 41 passes for 393 yards. His three rushing TDs helped him accumulate 74 yards on the ground.

Connor Stastny caught three of Heneghan's throws for TDs in the first quarter alone. He finished with eight catches for 112 yards. Will King had four receptions for 100 yards and Connor Paterson reeled in six catches for 82 yards.

Menlo will host Jefferson on Friday (2:45 p.m.) while making its final tuneup before a regular-season finale against Sacred Heart Prep next weekend in the annual Valpo Bowl.

Elsewhere last week, Pinewood (3-1, 4-1) moved into a tie for second place in the MTAL eight-man league with a 26-16 win over Trinity Christian. Kevin Tracy completed 10 of 16 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns for the Panthers. Owen Lewis led the ground game with 74 yards on 17 carries in addition to catching five passes for 87 yards. He scored three touchdowns, one rushing, one receiving and one by interception. ■

(Andrew Preimesberger and Pam McKenney contributed)



Keith Peters

Menlo's Jack Heneghan accounted for seven TDs last week.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Shelby Knowles**  
Palo Alto High

The senior led the way during a 6-1 volleyball week that included 84 kills, 66 digs and four aces during two league wins (to stay in first place) and a 4-1 finish and Silver Division title at the Spikefest II.



**Jack Heneghan**  
Menlo School

The junior quarterback completed 31 of 41 passes for 393 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 74 yards and scored three times while leading the Knights to a 56-21 win over Sequoia while improving to 7-1.

Honorable mention

**Aashli Budhiraja**  
Palo Alto tennis

**Katelyn Doherty\***  
Menlo-Atherton volleyball

**Cammie Merten**  
Sacred Heart Prep volleyball

**Becca Raffel\***  
Palo Alto volleyball

**Liz Yao**  
Menlo tennis

**Anna Zhou\***  
Gunn golf

**Jack Donahoe**  
Sacred Heart Prep football

**Justin Gates-Mouton**  
Palo Alto football

**Sean Lydster**  
Gunn football

**James McDaniel\***  
Priory football

**Quinn Rockwell**  
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Please be advised the Planning and Transportation Commission (P&TC) shall conduct a **public meeting at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Civic Center, Palo Alto, California.** Any interested persons may appear and be heard on these items.

Staff reports for agenda items are available via the City's main website at [www.cityofpaloalto.org](http://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 9/80 Friday.

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing

- 50 El Camino Real:** Request for a Rezone of a 1.57-acre site from Community Commercial with a Landscape Combining District (CC(L)) to Public Facility with a Site and Design Combining District (PF(D)), an Amendment to the site's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation from Streamside Open Space to Major Institution/Special Facilities, and Site and Design Review of a proposed 70 room, three story, 51,948 square foot building. Environmental Assessment: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.
- Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:** Review of Vision Statement, Goals, Policies and Programs of the Transportation Element
- 827 Chimalus Drive:** Request by Samir Tuma and Kriss Deiglmeier for a Preliminary Parcel Map with exceptions to create a two-lot subdivision. The requested exception would be for each parcel to have a width of 55.845 feet where 60 feet is the required minimum width. Environmental Assessment: A Negative Declaration has been prepared. Zone District: Single Family Residential District (R-1).

Questions. For any questions regarding the above items, please contact the Planning Department at (650) 329-2441. The files relating to these items are available for inspection weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This public meeting is televised live on Government Access Channel 26.

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Curtis Williams, Director of Planning and Community Environment



## Stanford roundup

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ries with Oregon, 51-4. The Ducks won two of their first nine matches against Stanford, a series which began in 1986. Oregon snapped a 41-match losing streak to the Cardinal in 2009, and has won two of the past seven matches.

### Cross country

After finishing second the past two years, Stanford's Kathy Kroeger captured her first individual title at the Pac-12 Cross Country Championships on Saturday at the Robinson Ranch Golf Club in Santa Clarita.

The senior covered the 6-kilometer (3.73-mile) course in 20 minutes, 6 seconds, to beat runner-up and 2010 champion Jordan Hasay of Oregon by four seconds. Kroeger led the Stanford women to third place in the team standings.

Following Kroeger, the Stanford women got a 10th place from Aisling Cuffe (20:32), 13th from Jessica Tonn (20:37), 22nd from Cayla Hatton (20:52), and 37th from Megan Lacy (21:25) to score 82 points in a tight team competition. The top four teams all were under

100 points, with Oregon scoring 47, followed by Arizona (69), Stanford, and Washington (92).



Kathy Kroeger

Kroeger became the first Stanford woman to win the conference title since Arianna Lambie won the last of her three consecutive Pac-10 championships in 2007. In all, five Stanford women have combined to win eight Pac-10/12 individual titles.

In the men's 8K race, sophomore Joe Rosa paced Stanford to a second-place team finish, behind defending champion Colorado. Rosa's sixth place paced the Cardinal top five to top-30 finishes. Stanford scored 82 points to finish just ahead of third-place Oregon (105) and fourth-place Arizona State (109). Colorado placed six runners in the top 14 on the way to scoring 69 points.

Arizona's Lawi Lalang successfully defended his individual men's title, covering the 4.97-mile course in 22:49, to edge teammate Stephen Sambu by one second. Each ran a 4:36-mile pace.

Benjamin Johnson was 10th (23:43), Tyler Stutzman 17th (24:03), Miles Unterreiner 20th (24:10), and Erik Olson 30th (24:18) to round out the Cardinal scorers.

### Field hockey

On the eve of the 15th annual Nor-Pac Championship, No. 14 Stanford dominated the all-conference voting, as announced Wednesday night at the awards banquet in Farmville,

Va.

Among the highlights: senior Becky Dru repeating as Player of the Year, defender Kelsey Harbin earning Defensive Player of the Year accolades and Tara Danielson claiming her second straight Coach of the Year.

Dru's selection as the West Division Player of the Year represents the fifth straight season a Stanford player has captured the honor (Camille Gandhi in 2008, Xanthe Travlos in 2009 and 2010, Dru in 2011).

Arguably the most accomplished player in conference history, Dru has now earned a total of five Player of the Year awards (2009 Rookie, 2010 and 2011 Defensive, 2011 and 2012 MVP) during her standout career. A 2011 NFCA First Team All-American, Dru career totals in 82 games speak for themselves: 51 goals, 32 assists, 134 points, 293 shots and 14 game-winning goals.

Dru was also awarded a spot on the all-conference list, joining junior Hope Burke, sophomores Harbin and Alex McCawley and freshmen Dulcie Davies and Maddie Secco.

Harbin's contributions were also recognized on a higher level as the recipient of the Defensive Player of the Year award.

Danielson, 44-16 in three seasons on The Farm, has led the Cardinal to its fourth straight West Division regular season title. Danielson has also navigated Stanford to a 12-win campaign despite playing an extremely challenging schedule that has featured three games against the nation's No. 1-ranked team at

the time.

### Women's soccer

Senior captain Rachel Quon and sophomore keeper Emily Oliver earned Pac-12 Player of the Week honors for offense and defense, respectively, after leading Stanford to victories over USC and UCLA last weekend and the team's fourth consecutive conference title.

Quon had a hand in a pair of deciding goals against USC and No. 2 UCLA over the weekend that clinched a fourth straight Pac-12 title for the Cardinal to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Oliver collected 13 saves on 23 total shots and allowed just one goal against two of the conference's top shooting teams in USC and UCLA to earn Defensive Player of the Week accolades.

Top-ranked Stanford (10-0, 16-1-1) will visit Cal on Sunday at 11 a.m.

### Men's soccer

Stanford forward Adam Jahn, who scored the match-winning goal in Stanford's 1-0 away win over No. 25 UC Santa Barbara last Friday, was named the Pac-12 Men's Soccer Player of the Week, the conference announced Tuesday.

It is the second conference weekly honor for the Cardinal this season. The senior forward has registered career highs of nine goals and 20 points so far in 2012. The winner in Santa Barbara was also the 20th goal of Jahn's Stanford career. ■



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## Menlo-Atherton

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a trip to the NorCal tournament.

No other group of M-A teams has ever been this successful at this time of year.

For M-A co-athletic directors Steve Kryger and Paul Snow, having something positive like this is just proof that good things are being done.

"I think there are a few main components to a successful high school athletic program," said Kryger, who came up with three. "One. Dedicated/coachable student/athletes. You don't have to have the best individual players, but you have to have players who are willing to put the team before themselves. Athletes need to allow their coaches to teach/instruct and be willing to do things they may not be used to or comfortable with at first.

"Two. Coaches who are knowledgeable in their sport, coach because of the life lessons athletics teach, are able to relate to their players. A coach has to have a working knowledge of their sport and the ability to make practices fun, interesting, meaningful, productive. A coach who focuses on the team aspects and the life lessons will win many more games than they lose over their careers. We are very fortunate to have so many outstanding coaches across so many of our sports. "Three. Support from parents/faculty/administrators. You can't under estimate how much this

component enhances an athletic program. We have a tremendous amount of support from our parents and we have a number of faculty who coach and value athletics. We are also fortunate to have a school administration that sees the long-term value to the student/athlete and the school as a whole in a successful athletic program. A successful athletic program can bring lots of school pride and enthusiasm to the community. "I believe that right now, M-A has these attributes and it is our job as AD's to do everything we can to support our coaches and student/athletes so they can be successful on and off the playing field."

Added Snow: "I think Steve said it all. It also helps that we have two ADs and an extremely supportive Boosters that are able to fund additional coaching stipends that the district doesn't provide for us. Overall, I'd have to attribute success to our extremely dedicated and experienced coaching staff. We have several coaches with D-I playing experience and one (boys' water polo coach Dante Dettamanti) with several NCAA D-I titles as a water polo coach at Stanford."

Before Dettamanti arrived, Menlo School had dominated the PAL water polo scene with 19 straight titles. This season, the Bears beat Menlo, 11-10, for the first time in league play since 2002 and ended the lengthy drought of league titles.

The victory over Woodside was very routine as Dettamanti was able to give plenty of playing time to his



*Sophia Caryotakis scored five goals to help win the PAL polo title.*

reserves. Junior Dimitri Herr scored six goals while senior Connor Arrington and junior Jake Bassin added five for M-A, which finished 5-0 in PAL while evening its overall mark at 12-12.

While that game was finishing, the M-A girls' water polo team was on its way to keeping host Castilleja (3-2, 11-13) in second place. Junior Sophia Caryotakis tallied five goals for the Bears (5-0, 14-10), who are 39-0 in league matches since losing to Menlo School on Oct. 25, 2006.

Coach Chris Rubin told his players after the triumph: "The first goal

for our season was to win a PAL championship and you did it. It's a huge accomplishment."

But, Rubin added: "We're not going to rest on a PAL championship."

One reason for that is the bar of expectations has been set high since the Bears became an annual contender for a CCS title. From 2007 to 2010, M-A reached the Division I title match all four years — winning in '07 and '10.

Menlo-Atherton fell in the semifinals last season and then graduated nine seniors. Ruben has only 10 players, including only one senior — Jenna Swartz. Thus, the Bears are young and have taken some lumps. Rubin, however, believes if his team can be more consistent and improve in a few areas, that the postseason might provide some interesting results.

Finishing off the day was the M-A volleyball team, which welcomed back four-year veteran Ali Spindt on Senior Night. Spindt, last season's league MVP who has missed most of the league season due to injury, had a solid performance to help the Bears wrap up the regular-season title.

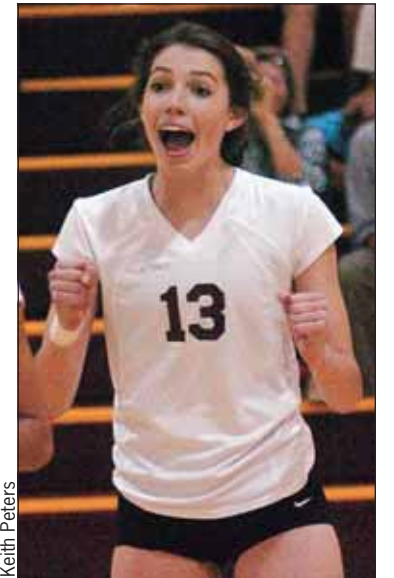
Spindt made her return a good one with 26 assists, 17 digs and eight kills as M-A registered a 25-13, 25-7, 25-11 victory and improved to 13-0 in league (23-7).

"Ali looked good," said M-A first-year coach Ron Whitmill. "She was moving well and appeared to get through the match in pretty good shape. She was actually moving bet-

ter as the match went on. So I think that is a good sign. Obviously, we will be moving forward very carefully with her and are continuing to take it game to game. But, as of now, we intend on her being available for a run at a CCS championship.

Pauli King added 13 kills and nine digs, Mele Moimoi contributed 13 digs, Ally Ostrow had six aces and nine digs and Katelyn Doherty added 18 digs and nine kills for the Bears.

Menlo-Atherton is 31-0 in league matches since last losing in October of 2010. Moreover, the Bears are part of some history-making this fall. ■



*Ali Spindt has returned to the volleyball team for a postseason run.*

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