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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Districts asks: Could middle school expand?

Buying private land adjacent to Terman could stem immediate need to build a new middle school, officials say

by Chris Kenrick

It's far from a done deal, but Palo Alto school leaders agreed Tuesday, Jan. 15, that expanding Terman Middle School through purchase of an adjacent parcel is an idea worth pursuing.

The 1.67-acre Arastradero Road property in question is owned and occupied by the independent Bowman International School, which reportedly is in the market for a larger site.

Any deal with Palo Alto would depend on Bowman securing an al-

ternate location.

"We're in preliminary discussions with Bowman School leadership, and there are issues certainly around price," Superintendent Kevin Skelly said.

"Land in Palo Alto is not inexpensive, but when you consider the ability to acquire a piece of property that's next to our smallest middle school, that has a value to the district. It gives us the ability to expand our middle school

capacity in ways that building a fourth middle school would be considerably more expensive and difficult to find."

Current enrollment in Palo Alto's three middle schools, at 2,733, is fast approaching full capacity — without portable classrooms — of 2,950. Portable classrooms could expand that by several hundred students, officials said.

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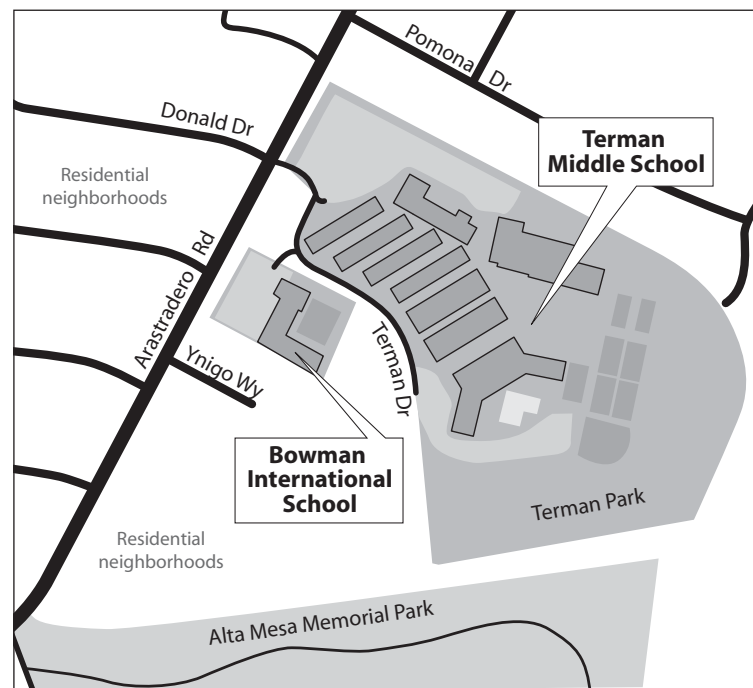
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Veronica Weber

Reporters invited this week to visit the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve look out at the Searsville Dam, left and Searsville Reservoir, right.

ENVIRONMENT

Stanford officials look to solve Searsville conundrum

120-year-old dam created lake that is nearly full with accumulated sediment

by Sue Dremann

Stanford University officials are facing a mountain of decisions regarding what to do with Searsville Reservoir, which is slowly filling up with silt, in addition to dealing with a federal investigation for possible violations of the Endangered Species Act.

Officials took reporters on a tour of the dam and reservoir Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16, to demonstrate the complexities they are up against, with probably 20 years left before the lake might dry up.

The lake is currently about 90 percent full of silt that has washed down from the creeks that feed

into the reservoir west of Interstate 280. Roughly two-thirds of the lake area is now forested wetlands that have been reclaimed by trees and plants after 120 years' worth of silt has filled the valley.

Searsville is located in what is

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Palo Alto to test collection of food scraps from homes

Black garbage bins would be eliminated in zero-waste experiment

by Sue Dremann

Starting in April, some Palo Alto residents will be putting their food scraps out on the curb for pickup by the city's waste-management trucks.

The pilot, residential compost program, unanimously approved by the City Council Monday night, Jan. 14, will add food to the list of items taken away for composting.

The program will last for one year and involve a neighborhood that has yet to be selected by the city's public-works department. If successful, the program could be expanded citywide by 2015.

Currently, the food that people throw out ends up in the landfill. The pilot program will eliminate the black trash carts, and all waste will be placed in either the green, composting bin or the blue recycling bin. Food scraps will need to be bagged, according to staff.

The project's goals are four-pronged: to divert food waste from landfill, thus aiding with the city's Zero Waste goals; save money by eliminating separate garbage collection; reduce the number of garbage-truck trips each week and thus emissions of greenhouse gases; and simplify the sorting of waste for residents, city staff said.

The project was developed out of the council Finance Committee's request to reduce costs to the refuse fund through less-frequent garbage pickup. The collection of food waste and compostable materials is considered the optimal

way to reach that goal, staff said. Approximately 6,000 tons of food scraps and food-soiled paper could be diverted from the landfill annually and turned into commercially available compost.

The pilot program will cover approximately 700 homes on a single garbage route. The neighborhood will be selected based on various criteria, including that it is a mix of single-family and multi-family homes.

The green and blue carts would be collected by the city's waste hauler, GreenWaste, once weekly as required by the California State health code, staff said.

Councilwoman Karen Holman on Monday questioned whether people would comply with one of the program's stipulations: bagging items such as foil beverage pouches, diapers, bathroom products such as dental floss and hygiene items, and pet waste. City staff said that, for the most part, residents already comply with that requirement.

Holman said she supports a stronger backyard composting program, which she said the city has not pushed.

The pilot program is consistent with the city's Zero Waste Operational Plan and Climate Protection Plan. Both were adopted in 2007 to provide for the collection and diversion of all compostable material. ■

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing at the special Council meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, for the Review of the Timeline for Process and Project Alternatives for 27 University Avenue in Response to Council Direction.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Now they can do their work at home, just like everybody else.

—Esther Wojcicki, Palo Alto High School journalism teacher, on the free laptop giveaway program for low-income students. See story on page 6.

Around Town



Left to right: Alec Furrier, Kenny Jones, Yiaway Yeh, Dakota Baker, Caroline Clark and Nitya Kasturi.

INAUGURAL KIDS ... A passion for video became a ticket to next Monday's presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C., for five local high school students. **Dakota Baker** and **Nitya Kasturi** of Gunn, and **Alec Furrier** and **Kenny Jones** of Paly, along with **Caroline Clark** of Woodside, will interview elected officials and create videos during the festivities. The five will be accompanied by former Palo Alto Mayor Yiaway Yeh, Midpeninsula Media Center program manager Becky Sanders and intern Wes Rapaport. Expenses will be paid by Democratic Municipal Officials, a national organization of elected Democratic municipal officials of which Yeh is a board member. The team began creating videos about Palo Alto's infrastructure last year as part of the Mayor's Youth Video Corps program. Inauguration tickets were arranged through the office of U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo. The kids will be blogging their experiences on Palo Alto Online this weekend. To read their blog, visit www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

CATCHING UP? ... After nearly 100 years as the Stanford University School of Education, Stanford's "ed school" this week announced it is changing its name to the **Stanford Graduate School of Education**. At a time when many schools of education are under fire or suffering identity crises, Stanford said inserting "graduate" into the school name will remind people of the important work done there. "Our graduate school has long been a place for educational innovation, the training of expert teachers and the advanced study of pedagogy," Stanford President John Hennessy said in a statement. "Now its name is catching up with its pioneering work." The school has about 400 graduate students. Roughly half of last year's alums headed off to become schoolteachers while others pursued careers in academia, research, business and education

management. Eleven of the 82 faculty members turned up on a list of the 100 most influential educational scholars published recently in Education Week.

SPEECH, SPEECH ... After an evening of speechmaking, Gunn High School students **Divya Saini** and **Anthony Su** and Palo Alto High School student **Ad-die McNamara** were declared winners of the 2012-13 Speech Contest sponsored by the Palo Alto and Palo Alto University Rotary clubs. Topics ranged from volunteer work to what it takes to get into medical school to "conscious consumerism." Contestants, including Gunn's Grace Park, Paly's Maryssa Sklaroff and Castilleja's Izzy Pelosi, Sophie Pelosi and Alexandra Zafran, presented their speeches Jan. 10 in the Palo Alto City Council chamber. "I was awed by their poise, sophistication and content of their presentation," Rotarian Annette Glanckopf said. First-place winner Saini will carry the baton forward to compete in the next level of the Rotary contest, to be held Feb. 7 in Los Altos.

WHAC-A-MOLE, ANYONE? ... That was the way Palo Alto police **Chief Dennis Burns** said he felt about shifting personnel since staffing in his department is down. Burns spoke before the city **Human Relations Commission** on Jan. 10 about the adjustments the department has had to make this last year. Seven positions have been frozen due to budget constraints, which hopefully can be loosened when the new fiscal year begins in July, he said. Five personnel are on disability. The department has moved staff to different shifts based on crime trends, he said. "It's made us a little bit more reactive than we want to be. ... It seems like we're playing Whac-A-Mole," he said of the arcade game in which moles pop up from holes in a cabinet to be whacked down with a mallet. ■

CITY HALL

Menlo Park cop caught with prostitute keeps job

Case sheds light on confidential police disciplinary process

by Sandy Brundage

Hearing a knock at the Motel 6 door, a prostitute wearing a black catsuit answered, \$20 bills stashed in her cleavage. In the bathroom, Sunnyvale police officers found a veteran Menlo Park police detective wearing nothing.

End of his career? Nope.

Officer Jeffrey Vasquez, 48, returned to duty in the Menlo Park Police Department late last year, following an internal-affairs investigation triggered by the bust. He had also been charged with misdemeanor solicitation by the Santa Clara County District Attorney. What internal sanctions he faced remains unknown; the state's confidentiality laws prevent discovery of penalties levied by his employer.

Under California law, internal-affairs investigations — even the fact that an investigation has occurred — are confidential personnel matters. So are complaints of misconduct and police disciplinary records.

But the investigation came to light anyway more than a year later. On Oct. 17, 2012, Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre sat talking about city business with his predecessor, Glen Rojas, at a communal table near the bar at the Menlo Hub, a Menlo Park restaurant. Their conversation carried to an Almanac re-

porter sitting at the other end of the same table.

Part of their discussion involved the city's binding-arbitration policy, invoked when a police officer appeals a disciplinary penalty after failing to convince city management to reverse it. Apparently the city "lost royally" during arbitration, McIntyre said, forcing Menlo Park to reinstate the officer. The city manager said he told the council that paying the officer to leave instead of returning to work would be "a million-dollar check."

He expressed frustration that some members of the City Council wanted to discuss the matter publicly despite regulations prohibiting disclosure.

Without naming Vasquez, the city manager mentioned the officer's length of service and gender. Only two current officers matched the description; a painstaking search of employment data, police logs and court records led the Almanac, the Weekly's sister paper, to a Santa

Clara County Superior Court file that detailed the case against the officer.

"You overheard a conversation between two colleagues," McIntyre told the Almanac during an interview this month. He said he didn't remember precisely what he said at the Hub and stated that it's not unusual for a city manager to consult his predecessor.

As for the case itself: "(City Attorney) Bill McClure said I can't say anything."

Vasquez said he'd been ordered not to talk about it by the interim police chief. At an hourly rate of \$52.40, his annual base wage is approximately \$109,004. Should he retire at age 50 with at least 25 years of service, he'd receive 75 percent of his final salary as a pension; that increases to 90 percent if he retires after 30 years.

Vasquez's attorney did not respond to requests for comment. Neither did Bryan Roberts, who was serving as Menlo Park police chief at the time of the incident.

Vasquez jeopardized his 24-year career with the Menlo Park Police Department when he went to the wrong place at the wrong time on Feb. 18, 2011.

According to court documents, a Sunnyvale police officer acting on a tip was watching a motel room for signs of 32-year-old Natalia Ramirez, who had two outstanding bench warrants. He knocked on the door. Once inside, the officer asked Ramirez what was going on.

"She replied that it was what it

looked like. I asked her if it was prostitution; she replied by saying 'yes,'" the police report stated. Her male companion did not reveal himself as a fellow law-enforcement officer until a check of his driver's license alerted the Sunnyvale police that he was.

Vasquez was in Sunnyvale to serve a subpoena related to a Menlo Park sexual-assault case, he told the officers, "and this was not the first time he had solicited a prostitute for sex," according to the filing. Upon learning that the target of the subpoena wouldn't be home until later, the report states the detective said, "I had an hour to kill," so he called "My Redbook," a site listing local escorts and their phone numbers.

Ramirez confirmed that she advertised on Redbook and said that Vasquez had called her, asking to come over later, according to the Sunnyvale police report. She didn't remember what name he had used.

The Menlo Park police officer "admitted that he was there for sex" and that he had found her on Redbook. They hadn't engaged in sexual activity before Sunnyvale police arrived nor had they discussed specific prices or services, according to the report.

Ramirez, who has a criminal record for drug possession and prostitution, was arrested on the bench warrants. The report noted that Sunnyvale police turned a "dis-
traught" Vasquez over to his Menlo

Park colleagues and forwarded the case to the district attorney.

Charged with misdemeanor solicitation, Vasquez hired Redwood City attorney William Rapoport to handle the case and pleaded not guilty in June 2011.

A month later — on July 11, 2011 — the prosecution asked to dismiss the case. The problem? Prosecutors were notified the day of Ramirez's trial that the officer who had interviewed her was unavailable to testify. According to Deputy District Attorney Rob Baker, who supervised the case, the officer was caring for his wife as she endured a life-threatening medical crisis. A Sunnyvale officer confirmed the circumstances related to the dismissal to the Almanac and said his department had hoped the case could have gone forward.

Losing a key witness left the case against both Ramirez and Vasquez dead in the water. "We couldn't prove the case against the cop because the (officer) who actually observed him in the room with the prostitute wasn't available," Baker said.

The court would regard the confessions recorded in the police report as inadmissible hearsay, he explained, without the testimony of the officer who took the statement.

Compounding their dilemma, Ramirez had not waived her time to a speedy trial. Baker said, "We literally had to go to trial on that day or within 10 days."

His team looked for work-around

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Officer Jeffrey Vasquez

Menlo Park Police Department

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council gives wide berth for possible plant

Palo Alto landfill to remain uncovered for 16 months while the city assesses building composting facility

by Sue Dremann

Fifty-one acres of now-defunct Palo Alto landfill will not become parkland in the coming year, the Palo Alto City Council decided Monday night, Jan. 14.

Council members voted 7 to 2 (Karen Holman and Greg Schmid opposed) to ask county and state regulatory agencies for permission to defer capping of the landfill at the end of Embarcadero Road, a process that would keep methane gas and other pollutants from escaping. Instead, the land at Byxbee Park is to remain untouched until the council can fully explore the idea of building a composting plant there.

The city could be in violation of state law if it does not cap the landfill and does not succeed in convincing regulators to grant a 16-month extension. Those regulatory agencies include the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health and state agencies CalRecycle and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Violations could cost the city up to \$10,000 per day in fines, city staff said.

Mindful of that, council members

also directed staff to explore options for legal or legislative action, should regulators deny the city's request for an extension of at least 16 months.

In postponing the landfill capping, council members said they want to preserve Palo Alto voters' 2011 direction, given in Measure E, to set aside up to 10 acres of the parkland for a plant that would create energy from the city's compostable waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings.

"I believe the vote gave us marching orders ... and we need to take every step we can to preserve this 10 acres," Councilman Larry Klein said.

By its vote Monday night, the council opted not to follow the staff's recommendation to cap 34 acres out of the 51 this summer and fall. The remaining 17 would have been large enough to accommodate a 5-acre composting plant.

City staff said that the regulatory agencies have indicated they might not allow removal of the soil covering the landfill once it is in place because it would disturb the area, a factor that council members weighed in their deliberations.

Cost was also a serious consideration among council members. Removing and reconstructing the cap as part of construction of a composting plant could cost up to \$3 million, staff noted.

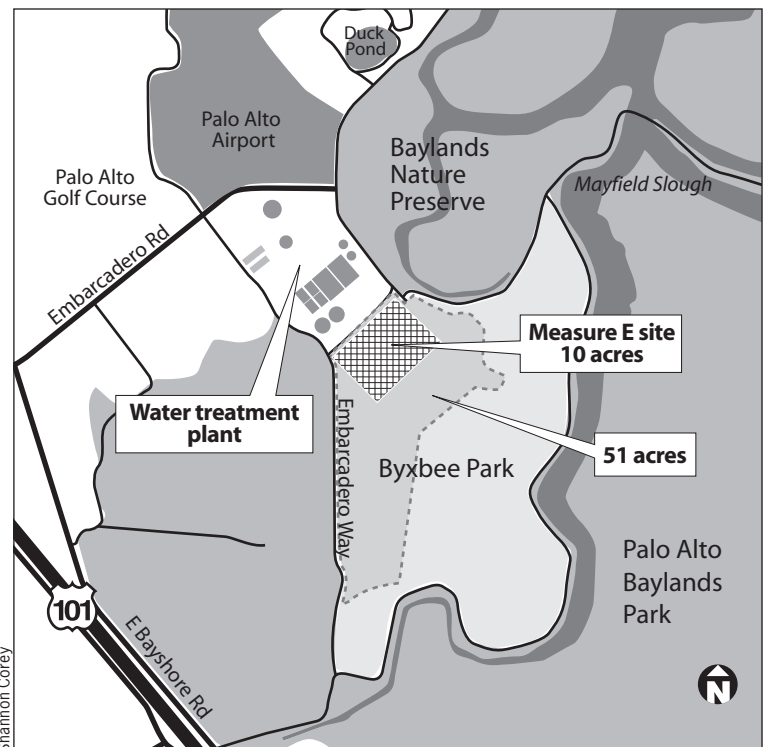
"The cost related to capping or removing the cap later is so significant that it seems appropriate to defer action for this time," Councilwoman Gail Price said.

The landfill closed in the summer of 2011, but the property at the end of Embarcadero has been a source of controversy. Many conservationists want the city to cap the landfill and return the acreage to public parkland as had been planned decades ago.

Former councilwoman Emily Renzel, who opposes a new composting facility, urged the council to cap all 51 acres now and open up the parkland. Delaying would be a violation of the public trust, she said.

"Fifty years after the land has been dedicated, Palo Alto has not been very green with respect to Byxbee Park," she said.

The landfill site previously housed the city's composting operation.



The Palo Alto City Council chose not to cap any of the 51 acres of the defunct landfill at the end of Embarcadero Road in order to buy time for exploring the feasibility of a new composting plant on 10 of the acres.

Now, yard waste is trucked south and ends up at a facility in Gilroy. Measure E supporters fought to have the 10-acre section of landfill set aside for a new composting plant.

Councilwoman Karen Holman, in offering her dissenting opinion, said that voters approved setting

aside only 10 acres, not 51, in approving Measure E.

But former Mayor Peter Dreke-meier, who spearheaded the Measure E campaign, said that leaving all 51 acres uncapped would keep open the most options for siting and building a waste-to-energy facility. ■

COMMUNITY MEETING

Safe Routes to School for Gunn High School

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

Tuesday, January 29, 7:00-8:30 PM
Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road

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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JANUARY 22, 2013 - 6:00 PM

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept the Utilities Reserves Audit
2. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the Audit of Employee Health Benefits Administration
3. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the Contract Oversight Audit
4. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2012
5. Appointment of 2013 Emergency Standby Council
6. Colleagues Memo from Mayor Scharff and Council Member Klein Regarding the Structure of the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Infrastructure

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8. Review and Approval of Rail Committee Guiding Principles
9. Response to Colleague's Memo on Pension Benefits
10. Council Legislative Initiatives
11. Council ACTION Regarding Library Advisory Commission Vacancies
12. Colleagues Memo from Mayor Scharff and Council Members Klein and Price Regarding the Length of Council Meetings

Upfront

EDUCATION

Foundation makes sure no students left behind

Tough childhoods recalled as Brin-Wojcicki Foundation hands out laptops

by Chris Kenrick

Not everybody who lives in Palo Alto is wealthy, even though it sometimes can seem that way.

Palo Alto High School journalism teacher Esther Wojcicki and Paly Principal Phil Winston shared their personal stories of humble beginnings recently as Wojcicki handed out brand-new Chromebook laptops to 40 Paly students in need.

The laptops were provided by the Brin-Wojcicki Foundation, established by Wojcicki's daughter, health care entrepreneur Anne Wojcicki, and her husband, Google co-founder Sergey Brin.

"We both grew up in situations that were not like Palo Alto — probably very much similar to many of our minority students," Winston said of himself and Wojcicki, the daughter of Russian-Jewish immigrants who came to New York City in the 1930s and later moved to Southern California.

Wojcicki recalled her childhood as "very poor."

"My father was an artist, so we had zero money," she said. "I lived in a one-bedroom apartment with four people, and I almost never had a single piece of new clothing until I went to college."

Winston grew up in Milpitas, where he worked as a gardener and custodian through a city program. With a four-year college financially out of reach, he attended Mission College and later California State University East Bay before becoming a special-education teacher.

Knowing nothing of the surprise they were about to receive, 40 Paly



Palo Alto High School Principal Phil Winston, left, and journalism teacher Esther Wojcicki, far right, celebrate the donation of laptops to students at Paly in December.

students were sent call slips the Friday before winter break to come to a meeting in Wojcicki's classroom. Students in need were identified through the federal free-and-reduced-price lunch program and other special programs.

"They had no idea why they were being called in there," Wojcicki said. "It was holiday time, so they thought they were getting pizza or something."

"We said, 'We have a surprise for you,' and we held up a box that looked kind of like a pizza box."

One of the students — correctly — said, "No, it looks like a computer."

"Some of the kids were crying — I didn't expect that. It was incredibly moving," Wojcicki said.

"I can identify with these kids."

"I used education as my way out, and I said to them I wanted them to also use education as a way to improve their lives and lead a really good life. They all seemed to relate to it. It was very inspirational for me."

"Now they can do their work at home, just like everybody else."

Though the vast majority of Palo Alto students have computers at home, all campuses supply computer banks

for use by students who do not.

A computer-lending program run by the school district, iConnect, currently has 143 computers on loan — serving an estimated 400 to 450 students. Households may keep them for as long as they have a child enrolled in the Palo Alto Unified School District.

"The district policy is to provide a long-term loan of a computer to every family in the district with a financial need," Chief Technology Officer Ann Dunkin said.

"Financial need is defined as students on free-or-reduced lunch without a computer at home. Families fund Internet access; Comcast has a program that will provide access to these families for \$9.99 per month."

The Brin-Wojcicki computers come with free Web access for two years through Verizon — and the laptops are for keeps, Winston said.

"It's really nice to go up to those students now and say, 'Do you have your homework done?' because now there's no excuse," the principal said. ■

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Terman expansion

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A Bowman acquisition would allow Terman to grow from its current capacity of 750 to a capacity of 1,100, matching the sizes of Jordan and JLS middle schools.

Traffic disruptions would be minimal since Bowman already is home to 225 students, nearly all of whom are driven to school, Skelly said.

Seismic and other retrofitting would be necessary to bring the 12-year-old Bowman infrastructure to the strict standards required of all California public schools by the Division of State Architect, school officials said.

School planners have said the new space will be needed in eight years — when middle-school enrollment is projected at 3,148 — but several school board members have advocated for a quicker timetable.

"I believe we need to have something in place five to eight years out,

not eight years," member Melissa Baten Caswell said Tuesday.

If current trends continue, a fourth middle school eventually would be needed.

Board members instructed Skelly to pursue talks with Bowman but also to continue a broader search for space.

"In the 1980s the district lost something around 50 acres of school property (when schools were closed and sold for housing), so any time we identify land adjacent to an existing site it provides permanent flexibility ... to the district and families and residents," board member Barb Mitchell said.

"There's no question that Palo Alto is going to continue to grow, and there's going to be an interest in having public services to grow somehow in relation to housing, so I support this." ■

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Neighborhoods

A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann

AROUND THE BLOCK

IF YOU HEAR CHAIN SAWS ... A 100-year-old **California live oak** crashed down in Rinconada Park on Friday, Jan. 11, and landed on Embarcadero Road and the Walter Hays Elementary School grounds. No one was injured, but city officials at Monday night's Palo Alto City Council meeting said that public-works crews would be checking the root systems of other trees in the park to safeguard the public. Trees that are found to have compromised root systems could be culled, officials said.

WEED WAXING ... What's so good about weeds? As the Palo Alto City Council considered its annual resolution Monday night that identifies weedy patches around the city and orders them removed, one member of the public stood up in defense of the sometimes unsightly plants. Not all weeds are created equal, said Bob Moss. Depending on where they are located, weeds can make a property appear more pleasant, covering up otherwise bare patches, for example. Despite Moss' tribute to weeds, the council passed the resolution, and landowners must now whack their weeds or else pay the cost for the county to do it. A list of the 43 properties and their owners can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/paloweeds>.

BURGLARY SPIKE ... Police Chief Dennis Burns gave a rather eyebrow-raising assessment of the state of that crime when he appeared before the city's **Human Relations Commission** on Jan. 10. Burns told commissioners that overall crime was down for 2012, but **daytime residential burglaries** rose by **80 percent**. Six officers were reassigned to cover residential burglaries. There has been some payoff: More arrests were made in 2012 related to the burglaries than in any other year, Burns said.

NEWELL PARKING ISSUES ... Residents living along **Edgewood Drive** and **Newell Road** could soon get a bit of a respite from parking woes. Palo Alto Chief Transportation Official **Jaime Rodriguez** said on Wednesday that some short-term measures include parking restrictions from the west side of the bridge on Newell to Edgewood. Red curbs have been painted along corners and in front of fire hydrants, and a crosswalk will be added at the intersection. Over time, Rodriguez said additional measures could be tried. ■

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



Veronica Weber

Chuck Bradley, left, and neighbor Marc Cervellino stand outside their Waverley Street houses near Matadero Creek, along which a trail is proposed, adjacent to homes.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Matadero Creek Trail project heading to Midtown

Bike/pedestrian trail would run past homes, connect with other bike boulevards

by Sue Dremann

A proposed trail for bicyclists and pedestrians through the center of Midtown Palo Alto is taking some residents by surprise, and they aren't sure whether it will be such a good thing, they said.

The 1.3-mile Matadero Creek Trail would run along Matadero Creek levees and access roads, stretching from West Bayshore Road to Alma Street. City officials say it will be a community asset by providing off-road access to Palo Alto schools, including El Carmelo and Ohlone elementary schools, and parks, including Hoover, Seale and Greer.

The project is part of the Stanford and Palo Alto Trails Program, a plan to expand and create more than 8 miles of recreational corridors in and around the Stanford University campus and Palo Alto. The program would eventually link San Francisco Bay trails to Stanford University and Arastradero Preserve. The trail is also a key element of the city's 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan and would connect with future bike boulevards along Ross, Greer

and Louis roads, city officials said.

The trail's feasibility study isn't even scheduled to begin until this fall, but Midtown neighborhood leaders are already concerned that portions of the trail will come too close to homes.

Sheri Furman, chairwoman of the Midtown Residents Association, last month pointed out homes with backyards adjacent to the proposed path. She said she did not think most people knew the trail would run right past their houses.

Midtown residents have expressed concern about privacy issues, the potential for littering, 24-hour noise, dangerous traffic on streets the trail would connect to, and property devaluation, neighborhood leaders said.

Julie Nolan, a Waverley Street resident whose backyard would

abut the creek trail, said her home has been burglarized, and the robber is thought to have come through the backyard. The trail is located about 6 feet from her home, she said.

"The plan is for a 24/7 lighted trail. There are issues about safety and crime and who will police it. People will go by all the time. It would go along very close to a lot of

houses. How is that managed? Do we really want people to be going past backyards at 2 in the morning?" she said.

Nolan also said that the proposed path would cross four-lane streets, creating danger.

Bicyclists and pedestrians would ride or stroll along the quiet path and then suddenly come upon intersections with heavy traffic, she said.

At Middlefield Road the trail would cross where there isn't a stoplight, although crosswalk markings could be improved and a rapid-flashing beacon is recommended, she said.

"I don't see how that could pos-

sibly be a safe route for any child going to school on a bike," she said, noting that a safer school route is a selling point for the trail.

Chuck Bradley, a 47-year resident whose home also backs up to the proposed trail route, said he and other neighbors were caught by surprise by the proposal. He voiced similar concerns about safety, potential crime and noise.

He said he thinks the side streets do an adequate job of providing access and would link up with the planned Adobe Creek overpass, for example.

"I don't feel there is a strong need to run a hiking and biking trail down the creek," he said.

He also wondered who — and how many people — would benefit from the trail.

"We need to know if this investment is well-spent," he said.

City Chief Transportation Official Jaime Rodriguez said Palo Alto has received a \$1.5 million grant for the project from Santa Clara County. The city could provide about \$500,000 as part of its 2014 Capital Improvement Projects budget.

The majority of the trail would

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Menlo cop

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strategies, but the Sunnyvale officer was key to both cases.

"What's the jury going to think when the primary officer doesn't show up to testify? If I was to dismiss the case against her, his defense attorney would then know we couldn't prove the case against him," Baker said.

In the end they asked the court to dismiss the case for lack of evidence.

The dismissal of the criminal case sheds some light on how Vasquez was able to return to duty. The City of Menlo Park's administrative mechanisms also contributed to his reinstatement.

Personnel procedures separate criminal proceedings from administrative hearings, according to the city's human resources director, Gina Donnelly. "You have to be careful not to impede a criminal investigation," she said.

As with all other city employees interviewed about the case, Don-

nelly said she couldn't talk about Vasquez and could answer only general questions about the disciplinary process.

"An employer can't take disciplinary action based solely on an arrest. It depends on what they're arrested for, if there's a nexus to their employment and whether there's a conviction. All city employees are held to a very high ethical standard, and police officers are held to an even higher standard."

The standard of proof for an administrative hearing is lower than that for a criminal trial. "It's 'more likely than not,' similar to the standard in a civil case," Donnelly said, as opposed to "beyond a reasonable doubt" in a criminal case. But while court proceedings generate public records, administrative hearings don't.

Three levels of discipline exist: a letter of reprimand, suspension, and the most serious, dismissal. An officer may appeal the decision within the department and then to the city manager, Donnelly said. If challenged again, the case goes to

binding arbitration.

Binding arbitration is written into the city's contract with the police unions, according to City Attorney McClure. The contract spells out the steps: The union and city first try to agree on an arbitrator. If they don't, the State Mediation & Conciliation Service supplies a list of five names, and the union and the city take turns eliminating names until one remains; that person then serves as arbitrator.

The contract states: "The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding." In other words, that person can overrule whatever disciplinary decision the city made.

Many jurisdictions in California, including San Jose and Palo Alto, use binding arbitration. Sources familiar with the process said it makes removing a problem police officer nearly impossible. ■

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Creek trail

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follow an existing water-district maintenance road along the north side of the creek, except from Middlefield to Ross roads, where it would run south of the creek, according to Stanford and Palo Alto Trails Program documents.

The existing gravel maintenance road would be replaced with a decomposed granite surface, with decorative railings in places for safety and low-level lighting. New signage and improved crosswalks would be added at intersections with major streets.

The trail was introduced during the overall Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan adopted by the City Council in July. But the configuration is not set in stone. The feasibility study would include identifying preferred trail alignments and an environmental assessment, Rodriguez said.

The city plans extensive community outreach, he added. A preliminary project schedule could be developed this spring as part of the 2014 Capital Improvement Program, but until funds become available in July, no formal project planning will begin, Rodriguez said.

More information about the trail project is available at <http://tinyurl.com/mataderoecreek>. ■

Searsville

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now Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve on Stanford land. The dam was built between 1888 and 1892 by the private Spring Valley Water Company, which was to supply water to San Francisco, Stanford professor David Freyberg said. Stanford acquired the reservoir and dam in 1919, but sediment problems were known even then, said Freyberg, a civil and environmental engineering professor.

In 2014, the university will decide what to do with Searsville — whether to restore the lake through dredging, allow the lake to fill in, partially excavate it, or divert the water to another area such as Felt Lake, officials said.

But aside from the expense involved in removing and disposing of the millions of tons of silt, what happens to Searsville could affect water flows downstream along San Francisquito Creek. Searsville was not built for or intended for flood control, Freyberg said, but it has been affecting the downstream environment for more than a century.

Palo Alto, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto are now all built up with homes and businesses abutting the creek. What effect removing the dam might have on

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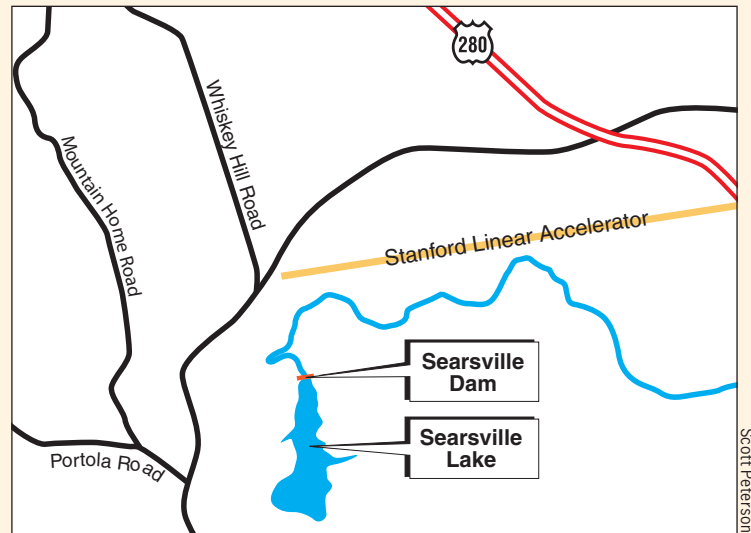
A six-minute explanation of the history and engineering of Searsville Dam and Reservoir by Stanford University professor David Freyberg has been posted on Palo Alto Online.

downstream flooding has not yet been analyzed.

Stanford relies on the reservoir for 20 percent of its non-potable water for irrigation uses. Land-use issues, sensitive archaeological sites, and the effect on 130 migrating bird species, native plants and sensitive and endangered species such as the red-legged frog and steelhead trout, are among many issues related to Searsville, which sits in an environmentally sensitive area.

Because the dam does not allow the steelhead to swim upstream to spawning grounds, some environmental groups have demanded the university remove the dam. Beyond Searsville Dam and other organizations complained to the National Marine Fisheries Service, which has confirmed it is looking into investigating whether the impediment to the fish constitutes a “taking” of the species that would violate the Endangered Species Act.

Stanford spokeswoman Jean McCown, who is on the advisory task force looking into the many alternatives, said the federal investiga-



Searsville Lake is located in the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve west of Stanford University, near the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and Interstate 280.

tion would not sway Stanford from taking a “responsible approach” to seeking a solution that would satisfy the many concerns the project poses. The university has been working regularly with the National Marine Fisheries Service on the project, but the investigation is coming out of a separate law-enforcement branch, she said.

The task force plans to have a list of options by the end of 2014, which would then be sent to university administrators for consid-

eration. Many federal, state and local regulatory agencies will have to weigh in on and approve any plan.

Officials met with representatives of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority on Tuesday to discuss flooding issues related to Palo Alto, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, McCown said. ■

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News Digest

Board backs school-attendance change

Jim Lukash's preschool daughter has looked forward to starting kindergarten at Addison Elementary School in Palo Alto, directly across the street from the family home on Middlefield Road.

But such are the exigencies of school-enrollment demands that the Lukash home, despite its proximity to Addison, will be assigned to Walter Hays Elementary School according to new boundaries expected to be finalized Jan. 29.

"Under this proposal our daughter is banned from attending the school that's directly across the street," Lukash told the Board of Education Tuesday night, Jan. 15.

Board members said they sympathized with Lukash but maintained the boundary is being changed to prevent worse problems for a greater number of families. All five indicated they intend to support the change when it comes up for vote Jan. 29.

With an explosion of young families in the current Addison attendance area, dozens of students in recent years have been "overflowed" to schools across town. At the same time, Walter Hays has had room to spare, officials said.

The boundary change — to take effect this fall — will mean greater certainty that neighborhood families will in fact be able to attend their assigned schools, they said. Current Addison students and their younger siblings will be able to stay at Addison.

The new boundaries will shift about 20 blocks of households, both north and south of Embarcadero Road and east and west of Middlefield, from the Addison to the Walter Hays attendance area.

The shift will mean more children trying to cross Middlefield at Kellogg Avenue and Melville Avenue, and officials said safety protocols are still being worked out. ■

— Chris Kenrick

in a memo to colleagues.

The average length of council meetings — held almost weekly — crept up from about four-and-a-half hours in 2008 through 2011 to five hours in 2012.

Last year, 37 council meetings started before 6 p.m., 27 meetings ended past 11 p.m. and nine meetings went past midnight.

"We believe that these numbers show a disturbing trend," the three said.

"In 2012 we spent 66 more hours in meetings than we did in 2008, a 34 percent increase.

"We acknowledge that there may be many reasons for longer meetings: more extensive reports and more discussions from the public, for example. But the one variable we have direct control over is the time we spend as council members asking questions and discussing issues.

"We risk undermining public confidence in our processes if we can't get this problem under control."

For starters, the three suggested, the council should spend an hour discussing the problem of meeting length at a retreat coming up Feb. 2. ■

— Chris Kenrick

Oshman Family JCC names interim CEO

A seasoned corporate and nonprofit leader will serve as interim chief executive officer at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in south Palo Alto, center officials announced Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Ric Rudman will take charge starting Jan. 28, while a national search for a new CEO is underway.

He succeeds Alan Sataloff, who recently accepted the CEO position at the Chicago Jewish Community Center.

Rudman will manage the day-to-day operations of the JCC. He was executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto until 2006. He has served on many community boards, including as board president at Congregation Beth Am, Hillel at Stanford University and the Albert L. Schultz JCC, the predecessor agency to the Oshman center.

"Ric has deep roots and knowledge of our community as well as a distinguished career in senior roles in corporate and nonprofit businesses. Our board is confident in Ric's ability to manage the center during this transition while we seek an outstanding next CEO to lead and grow the OFJCC," said Daryl Messinger, Oshman's board president.

"It is an honor to serve as interim CEO at the Oshman Family JCC. Our family has deep roots in this community, and with my past JCC board experience, I feel I am 'coming home,'" Rudman said. ■

— Sue Dremann

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Do City Council members talk too much?

Worried that lengthy meetings are "undermining public confidence" in the political process, Palo Alto's mayor and two City Council members have called for possible mandatory limits on council members' speaking time.

If council members do not voluntarily shorten their questions and comments, "mandatory provisions to limit council questions and debate time" should be considered at a mid-2013 retreat, Mayor Greg Scharff and council members Larry Klein and Gail Price said

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COMMUNITY

Where to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Interfaith celebration, community sing-along among events planned for Peninsula

Groups across the Peninsula are coming together this weekend to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Included below are events, celebrations and days of service from East Palo Alto to San Mateo.

Martin Luther King Birthday Community Sing Along!

There will be a celebration of the birthday and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with music from the civil rights, labor and peace movements. Attendees can sing along with the music from Folk This! and friends on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Social Hall, First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Information at www.peaceandjustice.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community and Interfaith Celebration

This celebration will include a speech by Carl Ray, community activist and author of "Cured — The Power of Forgiveness," music by the Eastside Prep Choir and Community Interfaith Choir, with emcee LaDoris H. Cordell. (Singers are welcome to join the Interfaith Choir at 1:45 p.m. for practice). Refreshments will be served. The event is Sunday, Jan. 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

This event is part of a national day of service to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Local activities at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto on Monday, Jan. 21, start at 8 a.m. and continue to 1:30 p.m. Information at www.paloaltojcc.org/mitzvah.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 10th Annual Celebration

Guest speaker Dr. James Abner, pastor of the Revelation Baptist Church in Berkeley, and Rev. Johnie Thompson Jr. will speak on the theme "Dream Realized." The event will be held Monday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at 2201 University Ave., East Palo Alto. Information at www.ccofepa.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day — East Palo Alto

The nonprofit Youth Community Service is holding a day of service on Monday, Jan. 21, at the East Palo Alto YMCA, 550 Bell St. There will be poetry, music, art, workshops, service projects, food and prizes.

San Mateo County Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The 29th Annual Freedom Train will depart from the downtown Palo Alto Caltrain station at 9:59 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21. Peninsula participants will join 1,500 Freedom Train riders to the San Francisco 2013 MLK Jr. Day Community Service for Second Harvest. Special Freedom Train tickets are sold only at the MLK Jr. Day Celebration. Regular Caltrain tickets are not valid. Information at www.caltrain.com.

The 3rd annual MLK Day of Service

Hosted by City of Palo Alto, Youth Community Service and Project Safety Net, this event on Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lytton Plaza in downtown Palo Alto will include service oriented activi-

ties, a "Share your Dream" open mic, and information about ongoing service opportunities in the community. Information at www.youthcommunityservice.org.

MLK Jr. Community Disaster Preparedness Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser starting MLK Jr. Day and continuing through Black History Month in February. The goal is to prevent public and social safety disasters in African American communities across the country. Sponsored by Ravenswood Gardenkits Products and Free At Last Gardening Club. Information is available by calling Leland at 650-461-0276 or emailing freeatlastgardens@yahoo.com. ■

—Eric Van Susteren

Online This Week

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

Mavericks returns to Half Moon Bay this weekend

Surf's up this weekend off the coast of Half Moon Bay, as officials have declared Sunday, Jan. 20, game day for the Mavericks Invitation-al, a world-renowned big-wave surf contest. (Posted Jan. 17 at 8:52 a.m.)

Two armed robbery suspects arrested in Menlo Park

Two suspects in the attempted armed robbery of a jewelry store in North Fair Oaks are in custody and two more are being sought following a car chase and crash in Menlo Park on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16. (Posted Jan. 16 at 2:41 p.m.)

Scholar: education comparisons misleading

Rankings that show U.S. students lagging their international peers in academic achievement are misleading because they inadequately account for social inequality, a Stanford University scholar has asserted. (Posted Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.)

Man killed in East Palo Alto shooting Monday

A 24-year-old man was killed and a second victim was injured in a shooting in East Palo Alto Monday afternoon, Jan. 14, police said. (Posted Jan. 14 at 11:15 p.m.)

Local students advance in Intel science contest

More than a dozen local teens, including three from Gunn High School, are among 300 students from across the country named as semifinalists in the 2013 Intel Science Talent Search. (Posted Jan. 14 at 10:25 a.m.)

Two-alarm fire at Mountain View mobile home

A two-alarm fire damaged a residence in a Mountain View mobile home park Sunday morning, Jan. 14. (Posted Jan. 14 at 8:44 a.m.)

Man arrested for East Palo Alto stabbing

A 34-year-old man in East Palo Alto was injured in a stabbing at an apartment complex early Sunday morning, Jan. 13, police said. (Posted Jan. 13 at 2:36 p.m.)

Caltrain kicks off track-vigilance campaign

After numerous suicides and train-pedestrian accidents, Caltrain is kicking off a year-long campaign to enlist passengers in keeping an eye on the tracks. (Posted Jan. 11 at 4:10 p.m.)

Second indecent-exposure incident in Palo Alto

For the second time in two days, a man has exposed himself to a woman in Palo Alto. Police believe it is likely the same person in both incidents. (Posted Jan. 11 at 9:48 a.m.)

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (Jan. 14)

Weed abatement: The council approved an ordinance to enforce weed abatement against 43 property owners who will receive notices about their violations. **Yes:** Unanimous

Composting: The council approved instructing staff to request a one-year deferment from state regulatory agencies from capping 51 acres of landfill at Byxbee Park. **Yes:** Berman, Burt, Klein, Kniss, Price, Scharff, Shepherd **No:** Holman, Schmid

Residential compostables: The council approved a one-year pilot program to collect food waste from 700 homes by doing away with black garbage bins and separating the waste into other recycling receptacles. **Yes:** Berman, Burt, Holman, Klein, Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd **Absent:** Kniss

Board of Education (Jan. 15)

Staff bonuses: The board approved a one-time bonus for teachers, other staff and most management employees equal to 1 percent of 2011-12 base salary. **Yes:** Unanimous

Real estate: The board indicated consensus in authorizing the superintendent to pursue discussions with Bowman International School about possible acquisition of 1.67 acres adjacent to Terman Middle School. **Action:** None

Boundary change: Board members indicated their intention to support a redrawing of boundaries between Addison and Walter Hays elementary schools when it comes up for final vote Jan. 29. **Action:** None

Historic Resources Board (Jan. 16)

Rinconada signage: The board recommended approval of a new sign program for Rinconada Cultural Park, including Lucie Stern Community Center, which is a Category 1 historic resource. **Yes:** Bernstein, Bower, Bunnenberg, Kohler, Makinen, Smithwick **Absent:** DiCicco

Architectural Resources Board (Jan. 17)

567 Maybell Ave.: The board reviewed a request for a preliminary architectural review of a Planned Community proposal by the Palo Alto Housing Corporation to build 15 single-family homes and 60 affordable rental units for seniors. **Yes:** Alizadeh, Lew, Popp, Prichard **Absent:** Lippert

145 Hawthorne Ave.: The board approved a review for construction of three residential units. **Yes:** Unanimous

135 Hamilton Ave.: The board approved an architectural review for a four-story mixed-use building. **Yes:** Unanimous

Rinconada Park signage: The board approved an architectural review for new signage at Rinconada Park with a recommendation to include Braille. **Yes:** Unanimous

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The city plans to amend the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Palo Alto Rail Corridor Study; review the Rail Committee guiding principles; discuss a colleague's memo on employee pensions; discuss 2013 legislative priorities; and discuss the viability of the Library Advisory Commission. The special meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to select a new chair and vice chair and discuss athletic-field use policy. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board is scheduled to hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hear an update on the Mitchell Park and Main Library building projects; discuss vacancies on the commission; and discuss naming opportunities for library meeting rooms. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Downtown Library Community Room (270 Forest Ave.).

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From our kitchen to yours.

Buon appetito!

Chef Marco Salvi, Executive Chef

Pesce all'Acqua Pazza

Fish in Crazy Water

- 4 T extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves in large dice
- 4 T Italian parsley, finely chopped
- 1 lb ripe cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 lemon, sliced
- Pinch of crushed red pepper
- Ripe black olives
- salt and pepper
- 2 lb white fish, cut into 8 pieces (sea bass or red snapper)



To cook: Place the olive oil and garlic in a large skillet and sauté on medium heat. As soon as the garlic begins to brown remove the garlic, add the pepper flakes and let the oil cool.

Pour water into the pan with the cooled oil, about 1/2" deep. Add half of the parsley, the tomatoes and the lemon slices. Add the fish slices, skin side down, and season the fish lightly with salt; top with the rest of the parsley. Place the skillet back on the stove on medium-high heat and bring the water to a boil cook for about 10-15 minutes, turning the fish to cook on the both sides. Make sure the fish is only half covered by the water. Adjust salt, and add pepper if necessary. Transfer the fish to warm plates, pour a little of the crazy water over and around the fish, making sure to include some tomatoes. Toss in some black olives and serve immediately.

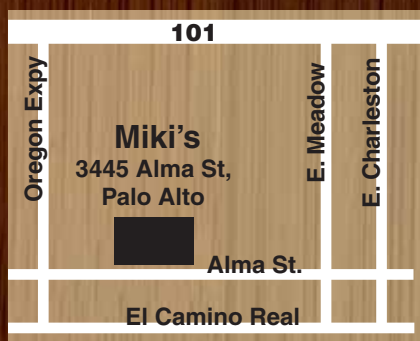
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Stanford Hospital Health Notes

A community health education series from Stanford Hospital & Clinics

Small Changes in Big Network May Signal Autonomic Disorder

At first, Marc Laderriere thought that his decreasing energy was just age catching up to him—he was about to be 50—and that, perhaps, the answer was to slow down. But something about that answer didn't fit the facts. His growing sense of exhaustion “had been going on for a few years,” he said. “At one point, one of my doctors said, ‘This is definitely a little strange. I don't know what you have, but it could be nerves.’”

He was experiencing a set of symptoms that were both ordinary and unusual: Hot weather sapped his strength and made him dizzy, yet he was sweating less and in cool weather no goose bumps ever appeared when he grew chilled.

As a young man growing up in France, Laderriere had always been active. “I did a lot of skiing, a lot of swimming,” he said. When he came to work in the United States, as a director of wine sales for the Vina Robles Winery & Vineyards in Paso Robles, “I became a workaholic. I completely accepted that way of life,” he said. The more he traveled for his job, the less time and attention he paid to his health until he recognized with some discomfort that he was not in such great shape any more. He knew he should add exercise to his daily routine, but the tiredness he felt was overwhelming.

Laderriere, whose home base is in Paso Robles, started first with visits to local doctors. He had a variety of standard tests, with the thought that he might have developed diabetes. That was not the case. When that one physician sug-

gested the nerves problem, he went to see a local neurologist who sent him back to his original physician, still without a diagnosis. His symptoms continued and, finally, his local doctor suggested Stanford Hospital & Clinics.

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At his first visit, he found himself meeting with a group of physicians asking him questions rather than putting him through more physical tests. “They were picking my brain,” he said, “asking me, ‘What's wrong with this?’ I did not think to mention to them that I wasn't sweating, but my wife was with me and she did. One of the doctors said, ‘Hmm, I think you may want to meet Dr. Jaradeh.’”

Knowing what to look for

Laderriere had found the right doctor. Neurologist Safwan Jaradeh, MD is the director of Stanford's autonomic disorders program. Board certified in neurology, clinical neurophysiology, electrodiagnostic medicine and autonomic disorders, Jaradeh is a rare specialist in autonomic disorders. Worldwide, he estimates, there are only about 150 physicians with expertise in a biologic system most take for granted because its activities happen, when all goes well, without conscious thought. Treatment facilities with laboratories set up to test for these disorders are even more difficult to find. With Jaradeh's arrival at Stanford, the tally of such labs on North America's West Coast doubled—to two.

The challenge for diagnosis and care begins with the complexity of the autonomic system.

Only in the last 40 years has its biology, chemistry and interconnections become more known, yet it is the part of the nervous system that develops first. In addition, because the system affects more than one organ, its care requires special knowledge of each of those organs. “In a nutshell, it's responsible for your well-being,” Jaradeh said. “It's the reason your heart beats. It's the reason why your stomach digests food. It's the reason you can hold your bladder if you're busy. It's the reason that you shiver if you're in a cold room and sweat if you're in a hot room.”

Its functions are so ingrained to that sense of normalcy that when the autonomic system begins to malfunction, regardless of which particular organ is affected, “people don't feel well,” Jaradeh said. “They don't feel rested. They're completely drained. The inner balance is completely derailed.”

The system reaches throughout the body and especially crucial in the brainstem, where it connects the upper brain to the spinal cord and sends signals to the deepest parts of the brain. Dysfunction there can cause anxiety, depression and sleep disturbances. The range of symptoms might begin with something relatively small—like Laderriere's inability to sweat—or affect something like blood flow to the heart. “Sometimes patients present with unexplained arrhythmias where the heart palpitates like crazy,” Jaradeh said, “and our cardiology colleagues cannot find a cause.”

Because the autonomic nervous system has a significant presence in the digestive system, some patients develop major gastrointestinal issues, Jaradeh said. “They can't eat very well or they feel bloated after eating a small meal or they eat



At first, Marc Laderriere thought that his decreasing energy was just age catching up to him—he was about to be 50—and that, perhaps, the answer was to slow down. But something about that answer didn't fit the facts.

and pass out or they have constipation for days or they vomit in cycles.” Heat intolerance, such as that experienced by Laderriere, means patients will develop heat stroke very quickly.

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Half of those with autonomic disorders will have more than one part of the system affected, Jaradeh said. And, for a variety of reasons, including the lack of specialists who recognize the



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Cracking the Code of the Autonomic Nervous System

- The autonomic nervous system reaches throughout the body to act as a silent commander of a number of elemental body activities. It controls heart rate, respiration, digestion, salivation, perspiration, pupil dilation, urination and sexual function. It controls all those minute changes in blood pressure and heart rate that keep us from feeling dizzy when we stand up. It triggers us to sweat when the weather is hot and to shiver when the weather's cold, both done to maintain an appropriate internal body temperature.
- Autonomic system disorders can affect one or more of the body's organs whose activity is regulated by the system. Symptoms might include

- dizziness, fainting, excessive fatigue, rapid heart rate, stomach pain, difficulty adjusting eyesight from light to dark, sweating abnormalities, constipation, vomiting.
- Changes in the autonomic system can be triggered by diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Lyme disease, infections, lupus and other autoimmune system diseases or independent of a specific infection or other disease.
- Tests to diagnose autonomic system disorders will include a variety of methods to measure how the heart, blood pressure and other functions its controls react to changes in body position and temperature.

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underlying systemic cause, people with such disorders may go for years without an accurate diagnosis. “Sometimes symptoms can't be well characterized,” Jaradeh said. “A person will say, ‘When I change position, I get dizzy.’ The initial inclination is to say, ‘There is something going on with your inner ear.’ So that person goes to see the ear, nose and throat specialist—who can't find anything. Or it might be suspected that it's medication, so the medication is changed. Finally, somebody will realize that maybe it's the blood pressure that's changing. Then the blood pressure is measured by having the person gets up from a supine position and that's when someone realizes that the blood pressure has dropped—and that there's something wrong with this person's autonomic system.”

Finding a cause

Another confusing factor is the range of triggers for autonomic system disorders. They can be a secondary symptom of diabetes, Parkinson's disease and infections like tick-borne Lyme disease or they can appear independently. Laderriere, it turns out, had had Lyme disease without knowing it.

Like many people who develop an autonomic system disorder, Laderriere



Like many people who develop an autonomic system disorder, Laderriere had gone so long without diagnosis that he had begun to doubt what he felt going on in his body, Jaradeh said. “He clearly has something real, but he was beginning to be concerned that he was imagining his symptoms.”

had gone so long without diagnosis that he had begun to doubt what he felt going on in his body, Jaradeh said. “He clearly has something real, but he was beginning to be concerned that he was imagining his symptoms.” Many patients may also go from doctor to doctor, looking for an explanation for that set of symptoms, which, like Laderriere's, seem simple and complex at the same time. “It is not uncommon for me to see patients who come with a large volume of medical records, that when sifted through, show a common thread,” Jaradeh said. After a bit of education about what's going on, primary physicians and other types of specialists can become “great partners in care,” he said.

“I feel I am in good hands—there's no doubt. We'll get there.”

— Marc Laderriere, patient, Stanford Hospital & Clinics

Another frustration for patients can be the slow rate of recovery. The auto-

nomnic system's nerve fibers do not have a sheath that guides the nerves' growth and acts as a protective layer. Without that protection, they are more fragile and without that guide, they take longer to regain strength and normal behavior. “It doesn't mean that regrowth won't happen,” Jaradeh said. “It's just a long tunnel before you get to the light.”

Trusting in the future

From the various tests that Jaradeh conducts with each visit, Laderriere is showing signs that his system is “on the slope of recovery,” Jaradeh said. He has seen no further spread of disease within the autonomic system and some areas have improved. “I think he will continue to regain function,” Jaradeh said.

For others with similar issues, “the horizon is very promising,” Jaradeh said. “The field is wide open and the opportunities for interactions between physicians are very great and the choice of areas for research is unlimited.” Possibilities include focusing on what neurotransmitters in the brain are active in response to various levels of blood pressure and connecting that to electri-

cal activity in the heart. “Or you could focus on hormones,” Jaradeh said. “We see patients who are sometimes misdiagnosed with early menopause who are actually having an autonomic problem. The ultimate future would be to see if we can figure out something in terms of the genetics of these issues—the sky is the limit.”

Laderriere is willing to be patient. He is working with Jaradeh to see which medications will mitigate as many of his symptoms as possible. “I still don't sweat, so that's going to be the next stage of recovery,” he said. “We're going to have to discover more with Dr. Jaradeh about what's to be done. He's so bright and has so much information. I feel I am in good hands—there's no doubt. We'll get there.”



Laderriere is showing signs that his system is “on the slope of recovery,” Jaradeh said. He's taking medication to mitigate as many of his symptoms as possible. “I feel in good hands—there's no doubt. We'll get there,” Laderriere said. Here, with his colleague at Vina Robles Winery, winemaker Kevin Willenborg, he tastes a young port.

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Palo Alto

Jan. 1-16

Violence related

Armed robbery1
Attempted suicide1
Battery6
Domestic violence8
Robbery/carjacking1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries2
Credit card forgery1
Grand theft5
Identity theft2
Petty theft6
Residential burglaries5
Shoplifting1

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto6
Auto theft11
Bicycle theft2
Hit and run6
Misc. traffic8
Theft from auto6
Vehicle impound1
Vehicle accident/minor injury10
Vehicle accident/property damage22
Vehicle code violation1
Vehicle tow4

Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public8
Drunken driving5
Possession of drugs4
Sale of drugs2
Under influence of drugs1

Miscellaneous

Found property7
Indecent exposure1
Lost property2
Misc. penal code violation7
Missing person1
Other/misc.3
Outside assistance1
Psychiatric hold3
Vandalism2
Warrant/other agency2

Menlo Park

Jan. 1-16

Violence related

Battery1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries1
Fraud5
Grand theft2
Petty theft7
Prowler1
Residential burglaries1
Shoplifting1

Vehicle related

Auto theft8
Driving w/suspended license11
Driving without license1
Hit and run3
Vehicle accident/minor injury3
Vehicle accident/property damage3
Vehicle tow2

Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity6
Drunken driving2
Possession of drugs2

Miscellaneous

Animal call1
Coroner case1

Disturbance2
Found property1
Info. case5
Juvenile problem1
Lost property1
Meet citizen1
Mental evaluation2
Missing person1
Outside assistance1
Other/misc.2
Property for destruction1
Psychiatric hold2
Recovered stolen property1
Resisting arrest1
Suspicious circumstances2
Warrant arrest7

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

Unlisted block San Antonio Road, 1/2, 12:35 a.m.; domestic violence/child abuse.
Unlisted block Coma Verde Avenue, 1/3, 7:33 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.
Unlisted block Cambridge Avenue, 1/4, 9:05 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.
Unlisted block Rickeys Way, 1/5, 1:34 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.
Unlisted block Miranda Green, 1/5, 6:39 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.
Unlisted block California Avenue, 1/5, 9:42 p.m.; robbery/carjacking.
Unlisted block El Camino Real, 1/8, 8:32 a.m.; attempted suicide.
Unlisted block Byron Street, 1/8, 1:39 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.
2400 block El Camino Real, 1/9, 3:35 p.m.; armed robbery.
Unlisted block Encina Avenue, 1/10, 3:03 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.
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Sue Ann Brenner

May 9, 1937 - Nov. 12, 2012

Sue Ann (Best) Brenner died November 12, 2012 at the age of 75 due to complications from Parkinson's Disease and Dementia. Sue was born to parents Ralph Best and Rose Daniels in Redlands, CA, and she spent her childhood on an orange ranch with Rose and her older brother Bob. After graduating from Redlands University, Sue moved to Palo Alto where she met her husband-to-be Bob Brenner. She taught at Cubberly High School before her marriage and then taught and coached at Los Altos High School from 1964 to 1980. After returning from Greenwich, CT in



1982, Sue taught tennis and did volunteer work in the Stanford University Athletic Department.

Sue loved to travel, and her sense of adventure and joy permeated her life and those she touched.

A celebration of Sue's life will be held at the Los Altos United Methodist Church on February 23, 2013 at 2pm with a reception immediately following. If you feel so inclined, memorial donations can be made to the Parkinson's Institute of Sunnyvale (thepi.org), the Alzheimer's Association of Mountain View (alz.org) or the SunnyView Foundation of Cupertino (sunny-view.org)

PAID OBITUARY

Nancy Jane Sutermeister Heubach

August 17, 1934 - December 30, 2012

Nancy Sutermeister Heubach passed away on December 30 following a lengthy illness. She was 78 years old; she led a full life.

Nancy was born in New York City, grew up in Freeport, N.Y., and graduated from Connecticut College for Women in New London, Conn., with a BA in physics. After working briefly at Electric Boat and Grumman Aircraft, she came west to Palo Alto in 1960 to teach physical sciences at Castilleja School. She moved on to Stanford Research Institute to become a scientific computer programmer, where she met Henry Heubach when he joined SRI in 1964. Henry and Nancy were married in 1966. She left SRI to rear their two daughters and later rejoined the workforce as a copy editor for the California Society of CPAs.

Nancy enjoyed skiing, backpacking, soccer, softball, tennis, bicycling, playing bridge, reading, and traveling. She was a member of the Environmental

Volunteers, the Western Wheelers, the "Ramona Street Flying Club," the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, the regulars of the "Deep Water Runners" at the Palo Alto Family YMCA, two local book groups, and a weekly bridge foursome. She coached AYSO soccer for a decade and played soccer into her 60s.



Nancy is survived by her husband, Henry, of Palo Alto; her daughters, Constance (Kirk Malloy) and Margaret, of Encinitas, Calif.; her granddaughters, Margaret and Katherine, also of Encinitas; and her brother, Robert Sutermeister (Joan), of Baldwin, N.Y.

A reception that celebrates Nancy's life will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino Real in Palo Alto on Saturday, February 2, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a contribution in Nancy's memory may be made to the Environmental Volunteers, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

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Transitions

Virginia Hall Stalder

Virginia Hall Stalder, a resident of Palo Alto, died near her English holly farm in Beavercreek, Ore., at the age of 87.

Born Jan. 20, 1925, in Salisbury, N.C., to Hallie Shaver and John Floyd Hall, she grew up in Salisbury and Woodleaf, attending Salisbury and Woodleaf public schools and Catawba College, where she graduated with a degree in physics.

She was employed by NACA, the predecessor of NASA, at Langley Field, Va. Shortly thereafter, seeking adventure, she transferred to Ames Research Lab at Moffett Field, Mountain View. She advanced to the position of "Head Computer" before the advent of calculators and mainframe computers.

At Ames she met and married Jackson R. Stalder, an aeronautical research engineer. She continued to work for various firms on the San Francisco Peninsula, an unusual achievement for women in the 1950s, while raising three children. In 1964, she and Jackson purchased an English holly farm in Beavercreek, Ore. Jackson passed away in 1968 and she managed and developed Beavercreek Farms for 48 years.

She enjoyed three cross-country road trips with her children and grandchildren during her last years.

She is survived by her three children, Suellen Stalder (James Corrie) of Berkeley, Barbara Allen (Judson Allen, deceased) of Palo Alto and Kenneth R. Stalder (Patricia Nassos) of Redwood City; three grandchildren, Suzanne Allen of Portland, Ore., Katherine Stalder of Menlo Park and Julia Stalder of Pasadena; and two nieces, Donna Schulken of Santa Nella and Lisa Simmons of San Mateo. She is also survived by numerous Shaver and Hall cousins in North Carolina.

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Jack W. Witt

Jack W Witt, a father, grandfather, and friend, passed away 12/29/12. Born in 1924 in Fresno, California to Irene and Everett Witt. He is survived by his sister Nancy, his sons John and James, his grandchildren Kelly and Christopher.

Jack served in World War II on a Navy gun crew for the Merchant Marines, and also volunteered for the Armed Guard. After leaving the Navy, he worked as a union electrician, and then worked for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. for 37 years, working his way up from lineman to PBX repair. Jack dedicated much of his life in service others, as Scout Master, Order of the Arrow, to the local Boy Scouts, and later at

the Veterans hospital where he logged over 2000 hours of volunteer time, the Red Cross, and the Presbyterian Church. Jack was also a scuba instructor for NAUI for ten years.



Jack married his first date, Jerry in 1946. They remained married and in love for 53 years until her passing in 1999. Above all Jack will be remembered as a man of his word. He died peacefully in his sleep in Palo Alto where he had lived for fifty six years. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to; Pathways Hospice Foundation. A memorial service will be held at VA Chapel, Veterans Hospital 795 Willow Rd. Menlo Park on Sunday January 20th at 1:00 pm.

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Mary Lois Sharp Wheatley

Mary Lois Sharp Wheatley died peacefully at her home in Salt Lake City, Utah on Friday, January 4th at the age of 86 after many years of physical struggle incident to stroke.

Mary Lois was born on November 27, 1926 in Salt Lake City to Lois Morris Cannon and Ira Bennion Sharp. She attended East High School where she graduated in 1944. Mary Lois went on to pursue studies in painting, earning her Bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Utah in 1948. She further studied art in New York City at the prestigious Art Students League of New York, where she progressed as a highly respected portrait artist studying under excellent artists such as Robert Philipp.

While in New York, Mary Lois met her future husband, Jack Robert Wheatley who was a cadet at West Point. After he served in the Korean War, the two were wed in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on April 11, 1952. The couple eventually settled in Palo Alto, California where they spent over 30 years, and where Mary Lois supported her husband Jack as he served on the Palo Alto City Council from 1967 to 1971, with a term as Mayor during his final year. The couple moved to Carmel, California in 1992 and then later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in 2010.

Mary Lois and Jack brought six children into the world, and her children and their success were the focus of much of Mary Lois' life. Many of Mary Lois' paintings were of her children and grandchildren at various ages and remain as a treasure to her posterity.

Mary Lois fulfilled many assignments for her church, including many years of loving service in the Junior Sunday School where she took particular joy in bringing the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to children. She also served with her husband when he served as President of the Colorado Denver Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1978-1981. She and Jack later served together as missionaries in the Portugal Porto Mission

from 1989-1991. She loved serving the Lord as a missionary, and her missionary service continued throughout her life as she shared her love of the gospel of Jesus Christ with others wherever she went. Sadly, on the last day of her mission in Portugal, she suffered a serious stroke that affected her abilities for the rest of her life.



Although her physical capabilities dwindled in the last years of her life, she courageously endured to the end with a brightness of hope. She will be remembered for her vivacious personality and her desire to see the beauty in everything around her through her paintings and also through her relationships with others. She inspired her husband, her children, and many others to pursue excellence in their lives with a smile.

Mary Lois also developed a love for Brigham Young University and its students. She and her husband Jack were instrumental in the creation of the Museum of Art at BYU and in funding the acquisition of the Museum's signature painting by Carl Bloch, "Healing at the Pool of Bethesda". Her own works of art were featured at the Museum in an exhibition in 2003.

Mary Lois is survived by her husband, Jack; their six children: John (Diane), Victoria (Jeff Schmidt), Elizabeth (Scott Lambert), Robert (Lisa), Charles (Shauna) and Mary Margaret (Tony McQuinn); 31 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and brothers Howard Sharp and Rob Sharp and sister Dorothea Smart. She was a truly devoted daughter, sister, wife and mother and will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 19th at 1:00pm at the Menlo Park Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 1105 Valparaiso Avenue in Menlo Park, California.

In lieu of flowers, friends may wish to contribute to the BYU Museum of Art Endowment in honor of Mary Lois Wheatley by visiting moa.byu.edu/give/ or by sending donations to the BYU Museum of Art at 474 MOA, Provo, UT 84602.

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Editorial

Council follows risky strategy to set aside space for compost plant

Palo Alto could run afoul of environmental regulations by waiting to cover landfill

Harking back to the voters' 2011 decision to set aside 10 acres of the city's defunct landfill for a waste-to-energy plant, the Palo Alto City Council decided Monday to take a precarious path that will delay transfer of any acres of landfill to Byxbee Park for more than a year and risk fines of up to \$10,000 a day for not capping the old dump.

In the 7-2 vote (Karen Holman and Greg Schmid opposed), the council passed up a recommendation from staff to cap 34 acres out of the 51, which in our view would leave plenty of space — 17 acres — if the council were to decide next year to build an anaerobic-digester plant on 10 acres as laid out in Measure E. Instead, the council decided to make sure it had maximum space for the waste-to-energy plant, worrying that if a portion of capped acreage were needed, it could cost up to \$3 million to open it up again.

Staff members said if the city did cover a portion of the landfill, regulators had indicated they would be reluctant to allow the city to remove it. Capping is a state requirement to prevent harmful gases from escaping.

The approval for extending the capping deadline by 16 months must come from regulatory agencies such as the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health and the state's Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as CalRecycle. And if the agencies don't agree, the resulting fine could be up to a hefty \$10,000 a day. Council members said they would appeal to the state Legislature and even the courts if they are not granted an extension.

Emily Renzel, a former council member who supports capping the entire landfill, said the city should immediately add the property to Byxbee Park. Delaying the transfer would be a violation of the public trust, she told the council.

"Fifty years after the land has been dedicated (as a park) Palo Alto has not been very green with respect to Byxbee Park," she said.

The council had no quarrel with the timeline in the report. It would provide vendors until August to submit proposals to develop an anaerobic digester facility that would turn waste, yard trimmings, food scraps and sewage into methane gas that could be converted into electricity. If it performs as well as promised by its advocates, like former Mayor Peter Drekmeier, it could save the city money over the long run and substantially reduce the greenhouse gases produced by trucking the garbage to San Jose or Gilroy.

But there is substantial risk in this strategy as well. The council is betting that a waste-to-energy digester can be built at a reasonable cost and that it would perform as advertised. Until the bids are opened and the plant is up and running, though, there is no certainty that a digester plant can get the job done at a price Palo Alto can afford.

Before embarking on this path and prior to passage of Measure E in November 2011, the council studied a consultant's analysis of the cost of anaerobic technology compared to hauling the waste to San Jose or Gilroy. In some ways the results were inconclusive, finding that the cheapest alternative for a local plant would be \$58.6 million over 20 years. Other options were more expensive, and opponents of the digester technology did not agree with some estimated costs for carbon and contingency fees related to the trucking option.

Drekmeier found the financial projections "very positive for anaerobic digestion," adding that the numbers look even better if the city doesn't charge rent for the landfill site and the facility is publicly owned.

The city will know a lot more beginning in August, when the first proposals are due from companies bidding on the digester plant or hauling the waste products to San Jose or Gilroy. The bids are to be submitted so the city can compare costs, with separate portions for design, construction, financing, ownership and operation of an energy compost facility. The city said it would take four months to evaluate the bids, until January 2014. The proposals would then go to the City Council in February 2014.

If a bid were to be accepted, the city hopes to have a system to export biosolids, food scraps and yard trimmings in operation by 2017, while a waste-energy plant to process the waste on the landfill site would need to be up and running by Jan. 1, 2019, according to the city's latest timeline. ■

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Arrillaga the philanthropist?

Editor,

One of the more striking aspects of the public hearing on Stanford's Arrillaga project was how obsequious the staff and several members of the council were in speaking of John Arrillaga. He was always referred to, in almost hushed tones, as Mr. Arrillaga, often as Mr. Arrillaga the philanthropist. He was never merely the applicant or the developer.

His status was raised when supporters of TheatreWorks spoke of his vision in including a theater shell in his project. They seemed not to know that his original proposal only called for office buildings. It was only when the city planning staff told him that they wouldn't recommend the proposal unless it included a significant public benefit that the theater shell was added. The theater had nothing to do with vision; it was necessity. Nevertheless, he was now referred to as a visionary philanthropist.

The final straw was Robert Kelley, the TheatreWorks artistic director, comparing Arrillaga to Lucie Stern, who donated the money for the community center and theater 75 years ago. If Lucie Stern had been like Arrillaga, she would have built half a theater, and then only on condition that the city allow her to build the 1930s equivalent of four office towers.

Of course, if you want to "think out of the box," imagine that John Arrillaga wanted to be like Lucie Stern. He would go to Stanford, where he is reputed to be quite influential, and say: "You've got this piece of land that you don't have any particular use for. Why don't you lease it to that wonderful theater company, TheatreWorks, at a price they can afford, and I will build them a theater."

Now that would be worthy of praise.

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Smart Voter: Eakins' legacy

Editor,

A legacy of the late Sandy Eakins is her pivotal role as one of two people who created Smart Voter, the system that provides customized online election information to voters.

Initially a project of the Leagues of Women Voters in Palo Alto and South San Mateo County, it draws information from Registrars of Voters to pinpoint an inquirer's precinct, then provides biographical and other information on candidates in each race.

This information is gathered by

league volunteers in each community. Smart Voter is free to candidates, unlike the hefty charge for entry in the official voters guide. It has now spread to communities throughout California and been picked up by several other states.

As a former Mayor of Palo Alto and president of the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto, Sandy had a distinguished career in community service. Smart Voter is an enduring memorial to her vision of the importance of an informed exercise of voting rights.

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Floods should be focus

Editor,

I live around St. Francis/Oregon Avenue area, which was severely affected by the 1998 flood. I pay hundreds of dollars in flood insurance, but what bugs me the most is that 15 years have passed and we have done very little to mend the situation. We still run away from our homes every time 2 or 3 inches of rain

falls over the hills. Why is that? Because we are not focused. We start discussing a flood solution and all of a sudden, it becomes about traffic or separation or safety.

Having our houses not flood is a basic need. Having a convenient shortcut to work is not a basic need. In the face of flood, it is a luxury. For a flood, there is no workaround. That water will come whether we are happy with the traffic or not.

We should trust our engineers to come up with an open-ended design so that the flood problem can be solved as quickly as possible. Then, we can focus on the other problems and solve them in subsequent months or years. For instance, we could remove the bridge but put provisions in place for a new bridge that can be funded/built separately on its own time. We should not put solutions to all other problems ahead of a solution for flood. That's just madness.

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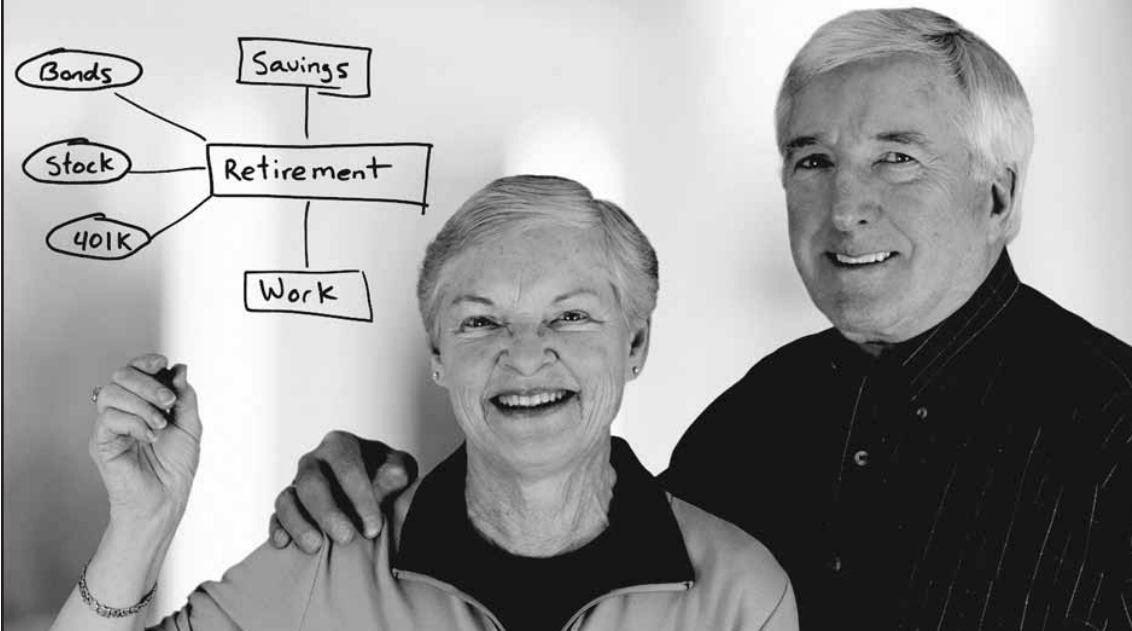
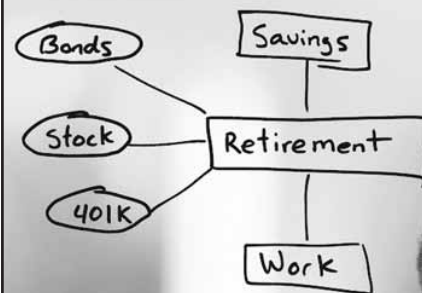
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Most of Palo Alto's water-generated energy comes from the Calaveras Hydroelectric project, which the city co-owns with other municipal utilities and the federal Western Area Powers Agency.



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Solar panels line the roof of the Cubberley Community Center. Next year, the city hopes to expand its solar portfolio to take advantage of lower prices.



GOODBYE, CARBON

How Palo Alto's electric company plans to go 'carbon neutral' — and what that means for global warming



Veronica Weber

Palo Alto Utilities lineman apprentice Kevin Simpson, left, and lineman A.J. Santana replace a distribution power line on Coleridge Avenue on Jan. 8. In recent years the city has signed contracts with wind farms in Solano County.

by Gennady Sheyner

In 2006, a year after Hurricane Katrina brought New Orleans to its knees and six years before Hurricane Sandy transformed New York City's famed subways into fetid swimming pools, a group of Palo Alto's leading environmentalists began a series of meetings to discuss ways the city could fight global warming.

The Green Ribbon Task Force, appointed by then-Mayor Judy Kleinberg, was among the biggest and most ambitious citizen committees in a city with no shortage of them. The 58-member group began meeting in May and, by December, issued a report calling for Palo Alto to undertake a wide range of actions to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, including promoting public transportation, creating a more stringent green-building code, and reducing emissions by the city's vehicle fleet. Among its loftiest recommendations was achieving "climate neutrality" in the city-owned Utilities Department by 2020.

"Local actions are critical to achieving state goals to address a global problem," the task force report stated. "Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and increase energy

efficiency can provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses and its residents. The challenge is to take tangible steps and lead the way in encouraging businesses and residents to do the same."

Since the report came out, Palo Alto has been not only diligent but aggressive in pursuing its recommendations. The city has strengthened its green-building code, installed electric-vehicle charging stations in public garages, began requiring downtown developers to offer Caltrain passes to building tenants; and explored ways to bring smart-meter technology to electricity customers. The city's renewable-energy program, PaloAltoGreen, continues to be the gold standard of the green movement, with a participation rate of about 21

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What does 'carbon neutral' mean in Palo Alto?

Exploring the jargon behind the jargon

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto has been trying to go "carbon neutral" with its electric operation for at least five years, but it wasn't until November that the city finally determined what the term means.

The confusion over the definition of "carbon neutral" — carbon dioxide is the main gas created by mankind that is linked to global warming — isn't exclusive to Palo Alto. In England, the Department of Energy and Climate Change had worked with consultants for several months in early 2009 before coming up with the following definition of "carbon neutrality":

"Carbon neutral means that — through a transparent process of calculating emissions, reducing those emissions and offsetting residual emissions — net carbon emissions equal zero."

Palo Alto's definition, which the City Council adopted in November, isn't as easy on the ears. It reads: "A carbon-neutral electric-supply portfolio will demonstrate annual net-zero greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions, measured at the Citygate, in accordance with The Climate Registry's Electric Power Sector protocol for GHG emissions measurement and reporting."

It's not as complex as it sounds.

Citygate, in the definition, is the main meter through which Palo Alto connects to PG&E's transmission system. Greenhouse gases are measured by multiplying the volume of energy by an "emissions factor," the percentage of gases contained in the energy.

The Climate Registry is a nonprofit operating throughout North America that sets standards for measuring and verify greenhouse-gas emissions. Its Power Sector protocol for measuring greenhouse gases is considered "the industry standard," Senior Resource Planner Monica Padilla told the council's Finance Committee in October.

Among the protocol's requirements, the city must count emissions from renewable sources in its greenhouse-gas calculations. In Palo Alto, relatively small levels of emissions come from combustion in the city's landfill gas and geothermal operation.

The protocol also allows the city to count purchases of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) towards its greenhouse-gas bottom line — a method of buying "credits" to offset emissions from fossil-based energy sources. Palo Alto plans to purchase such certificates until it gets enough carbon-neutral energy sources to accommodate the city's electric load sometime around 2017.

The protocol also requires outside verification of the city's emissions statistics annually.

"Even though we report it, we have to have an outside party come and verify our numbers," Padilla said. "That lends our numbers credibility." ■

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Top: Environmentalist Walt Hays, who chaired the Green Ribbon Task Force in 2006, said Palo Alto's move toward carbon neutrality will serve as an example for nearby municipalities to follow. Above: Environmentalist Bruce Hodges, who also served on the task force, called the adoption of the staff plan for reaching carbon neutrality "a bellwether for change" that will alter the assumptions of other citizens, cities and utilities.

Given the low financial impact and the high prestige of being carbon neutral, the city's Utilities Advisory Commission had few reservations about signing off on the staff proposal. James Cook, who chairs the group, said at a Dec. 5 meeting that the staff plan would not only reduce carbon emissions by more than 100,000 metric tons per year but would also "provide leadership in our area and in the state and, hopefully, move others to do the same."

"In some ways, you can say it's a small step for this city but a big step for our state and for our country and for our planet," Cook said.

ing Stone, climate-change journalist Bill McKibben questioned the 2-degree target and cited numerous leading scientists who argued that it is far too lenient. He also quoted a spokesman for small island nations who said that, with a 2-degree rise, some countries "will flat-out disappear.")

While the Copenhagen Accord cites the signatories' "strong political will to urgently combat climate change," the document is widely seen as a toothless agreement with painfully modest ambitions. Most critically, it does not contain any legally binding commitments for reducing emissions.

Given the lack of real action on climate change on the part of the United Nations or in Washington, D.C. (President Barack Obama's election in 2008 did little to raise the issue's profile), the fight has been left up to individual states, cities and companies.

Palo Alto has stepped up, with the City Council putting "environmental sustainability" on its list of official priorities every year since 2007. It's a designation that's amounted to more than hot air, since the city reduced the community's greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 15 percent between 2005 and 2012. These days, the city is actively promoting new programs for local solar generation, unveiling smart-meter software that allows customers to track the impact of their behavior on their electricity bills and considering participating in the Cool Climate Challenge, under which teams of global-warming evangelists would spread the green gospel to the neighborhood level in hopes of changing behavior one household at a time.

In discussing the city's role in the global battle against climate change, Palo Alto officials often channel New York Times columnist and leading globalization cheerleader Thomas Friedman, who in his 2008 bestseller, "Hot, Flat, and Crowded," made an impassioned plea for tackling global warming. Friedman wrote that "a strategy that depends on outmining, outdrilling, outconsuming, outexploiting your own resources or a global commons

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percent — the highest in the nation.

This year, Palo Alto's battle against global warming will hit one of its most significant milestones yet when the city adopts a plan for making its entire electricity operation "carbon neutral." The term has varying definitions, depending on which body is doing the defining (*see sidebar*), but it generally means that the city's electricity portfolio would have net zero emissions of greenhouse gases by purchasing from clean power sources and buying offsets for standard "brown" electricity. In November, the City Council approved an official definition of "carbon neutral" and in December, the Utilities Advisory Commission signed off on a staff plan to reach this rare and prestigious plateau this year.

If the council approves the plan (it is scheduled to discuss it in March), Palo Alto would join an elite cadre of cities leading the fight against climate change through emission-free electricity. Seattle City Light, which gets most of its energy from hydroelectric sources, reached the goal in 2005, becoming the first major util-

ity in the nation to do so. Last year, Austin, Texas, achieved its goal of powering all city facilities with renewable energy and is working to make transportation carbon neutral as well by 2020. Aspen, Colo., like Palo Alto, is pursuing carbon neutrality exclusively for its electric operation and is slated to get there by 2015.

In the process of getting to carbon neutrality, Palo Alto has upended some deeply held assumptions about what it takes for a city to go completely green with its electricity — namely, that it takes many years to achieve and that it saddles customers with significantly higher bills. Palo Alto customers currently pay far less for electricity than those in areas served by PG&E (as of November, the median residential electric bill in Palo Alto was \$48.49 per month, compared to \$59.98 for PG&E customers). If things go as planned, the Utilities Department estimates that the city's leap to carbon neutrality will cost the average ratepayer between \$2.60 and \$4.20 more a year ("year" is not a misprint.).

Goodbye, carbon

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— without having to pay any of the externalities — is not going to offer a sustainable competitive advantage any longer.” He called for “a different kind of an environment,” one in which “you, your company, and your community are constantly thinking about how to generate more growth, more mobility, more housing, more comfort, more security, more enjoyment, and more packaging from the most innovative use of the cleanest electrons and fewest resources.”

The Palo Alto council — which in 2009 held a special City Hall screening of a video in which Friedman talked about climate change — has gone beyond California’s state requirements in pursuing renewable energy. Last May, when the council directed staff to come up with a plan for carbon-neutrality by the end of the year, Councilman Larry Klein called climate change “the great moral issue of our time.” Klein also said he was disappointed by the fact that the city’s residents — who are rarely shy about making themselves heard on neighborhood issues such as parking shortages or unsightly cell antennas — have been less vocal when it comes to an issue with such global implications.

“We have to keep plugging away and telling our citizens that this is the most serious issue of our lives,” Klein said. “I’m really happy that we’re taking this step, and I’m hoping we can take several more.”

Other council members share Klein’s passion for leading the battle against global warming. In his February “State of the City” speech, then-Mayor Yiaway Yeh highlighted the city’s energy-efficiency programs and the city’s pursuit of a carbon-neutral portfolio as among the year’s most exciting initiatives.

“It’s a very aggressive policy,” Yeh said, referring to a carbon-neutral portfolio. “There are very few electric utilities, particularly municipal electric utilities, that have achieved a carbon-neutral portfolio,” Yeh said. “And Palo Alto is on the cusp.”

The biggest surprise in the discussion over carbon neutrality isn’t how difficult Palo Alto’s trek toward the exclusive plateau has been but rather how smooth. In most major green initiatives, all the low-hanging fruit are plucked early, and every subsequent step requires more effort and resources. In this case, the Utilities Department is confident the city can jump to carbon neutrality almost immediately and, remarkably, with very little impact to ratepayers.

Palo Alto has many inherent advantages when it comes to pursuing renewable energy. It also doesn’t hurt that thousands of Palo Alto residents are willingly paying an extra premium every month to support renewable energy. And the fact that the city owns its utilities means that it has much more power and flexibility than its neighbors in pursuing clean energy sources and experimenting with new modes of generation.

Palo Alto’s electric operation began on Jan. 16, 1900, relying on a steam engine for all of its power. Fourteen years later, the steam engine was replaced by a diesel one.



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City Resource Planner Monica Padilla said Palo Alto has benefited from reasonably priced long-term landfill gas contracts. Above is the Buena Vista landfill gas facility in Watsonville.

Today, the city draws power from all four classical elements — earth, water, air and fire. Palo Alto draws about half of its electric load from carbon-free hydroelectric projects, which don’t qualify under California law as “renewable.” Most of the water-generated energy comes from the Calaveras Hydroelectric project, which the city has co-owned with other municipal utilities since the early 1980s, and the federal Western Area Powers Agency.

Around the time that it went hydro, Palo Alto also joined other municipalities utilities in the Northern California Powers Agency in investing in geothermal energy, which is expected to provide about 3 percent of the city’s electricity load in 2015.

In more recent years, the city signed contracts with generators of other types of renewable energy — landfill-gas facilities in Half Moon Bay, Watsonville and Pittsburg and wind farms in Solano County. Altogether, these renewable-energy sources account for 23 percent of the city’s electric load in 2013 (the figure is expected to rise to 33 percent by 2015, along with the \$91 million solar-energy contract that the council approved in November with the company Brannon Solar) and will account for about 33 percent of the city’s load by 2015 — up from about 18 percent in 2010 and 23 percent in 2013. The rest of the city’s electricity — about 25 percent — comes from the wholesale market, which includes standard, fossil-fueled “brown” energy.

The city’s new plan for achieving carbon neutrality calls for offsetting this brown energy in the short term by purchasing renewable-energy certificates (RECs), a common mechanism used by utilities and companies to support production

of renewable energy in the absence of contracts for such clean power. These certificates are typically tied to green-energy projects elsewhere in the state and around the country. The city’s hugely successful Palo AltoGreen program, for instance, uses voluntary contributions from ratepayers to purchase RECs that support wind energy in Wyoming and, to a smaller extent, solar projects in California.

Different utilities have different philosophies about whether purchasing RECs really constitutes going “carbon neutral.” In Aspen, for example, the City Council decided that these certificates are not in the spirit of what the city is trying to accomplish. In Palo Alto, officials plan to use them to fill the green-energy gap between 2013 and 2016, while the city enters into new contracts for renewable energy. By 2017, the city plans to get about half of its energy from renewable sources, with the other half still coming from carbon-free hydroelectric projects. Only then will the portfolio truly be carbon neutral, by any definition.

Given that the electric supply is already mostly carbon-free, one member of the city’s Utilities Advisory Commission wondered whether the city’s latest step toward “carbon neutrality” has any real significance. Commissioner Steve Eglash said the city is already on a path toward carbon neutrality, whether or not it proceeds with the more ambitious proposal to get there immediately. The new plan, he said “isn’t doing very much because we’re already there.”

“I’m concerned that the reason why it’s so cheap is because the benefit is so small,” Eglash said at the Dec. 5 meeting.

But he voted with the rest of the

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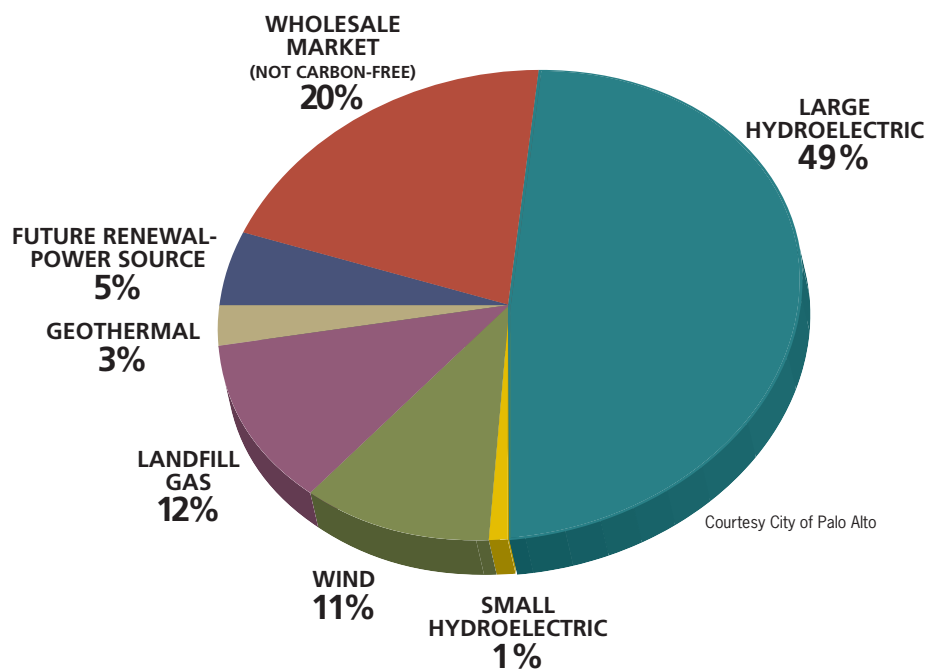
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commission to support the staff plan, with his colleagues noting that the reason the last step seems so simple is because the city has already come such a long way in recent years.

"Why be 'almost there' when you can get there with a relatively minimal additional effort?" Commissioner Asher Waldfoegel asked.

His colleagues agreed, with Jonathan Foster noting that what "seems very easy to accomplish now was not so easy to accomplish three or four years ago, or even one year ago."

"I think we are fortunate that it has become easier to accomplish," Foster said. "It's sort of like climbing Mount Everest doesn't seem so hard once you're at 28,500 feet. And we're fortunate that we've gotten a little boost in getting there."

For Palo Alto, going green has come at a price, albeit a price most residents appear to be willing to pay. The city has been getting its renewable energy at a bargain in recent years, thanks in large part to long-term contracts it signed years ago, Resource Planner Monica Padilla said at an October meeting of the council's Finance Committee.

"We have original landfill gas and wind contracts that were very reasonably priced," Padilla said.

The city hopes to snag more bargains next year, when it expands its solar portfolio. Earlier this year, Palo Alto put out a bid for new renewable-energy contracts and received proposals from a record 57 companies offering 92 projects, 62 of which were for solar power. James Stack, a resource planner at the Utilities Department, noted at a recent meeting of the utilities commission that solar prices have been dropping in recent years and that now is a good time to buy. Stack said staff has narrowed down the proposals to three, which will be presented to the council for approval in the spring.

The buyer's market should spell good news for Palo Alto residents,

for whom the cost of the switch to renewable energy should be much more modest than for PG&E customers. And according to a recent survey, most Palo Alto residents have no problem paying a little extra. The survey, which the Utilities Department issued last year, showed only 27 percent of the 948 residential respondents would not be willing to pay more for renewable energy. Of the 73 percent who said they would pay more, 9 percent said they would be willing to pay \$2 more per month, 22 percent said \$5 more, 23 percent said \$10 more and 18 percent said more than \$10. (It's worth noting that 58 percent of the respondents were PaloAltoGreen customers. The fact that the city's greenest customers were more likely to respond to the survey may overstate somewhat the customers' appetite for paying more for renewable energy.)

Commercial customers proved more reluctant, with 17 of 27 respondents (68 percent) saying they would not be willing to pay any more for renewable energy. Still, staff saw the results as a good sign.

"Most customers who said they're willing to pay are willing to pay 12 times more than what we're recommending," Padilla told the utilities commission.

In October, just before the council's Finance Committee approved the staff-recommended definition of "carbon neutral," Councilman Pat Burt lauded the city's ability to raise its renewable-energy standards without significantly raising electric rates. He compared the city's utility to PG&E, which expects to significantly raise rates to meet state requirements for renewable energy. (In 2008, then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an order requiring all electric utilities to get 33 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2020. Gov. Jerry Brown recommitted to this goal in April 2011, when he signed SBX1-2 into law.)

Palo Alto Utilities Director Val-

erie Fong told the committee that she has heard directly from some investor-owned utilities that "they are really anticipating a lot of upward rate pressure because of their renewables." Burt observed that the city's renewable-energy programs have been more cost effective than those of the utility giant, which serves most neighboring communities.

"We upped our program; they upped theirs. So we have an even more aggressive program, and we're coming in under budget and well below their costs," Burt said.

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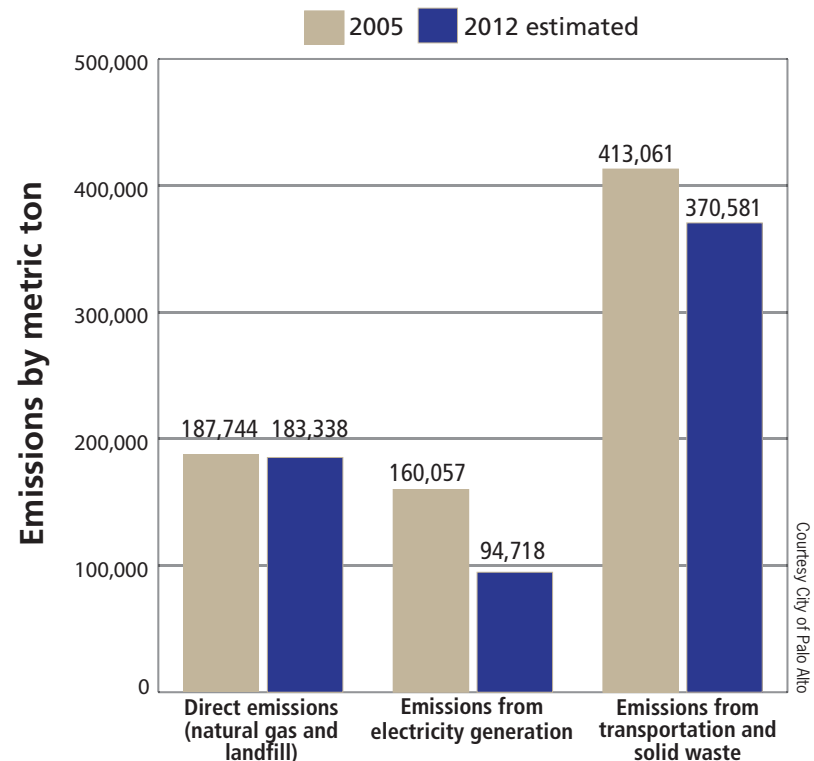
Walt Hays and Bruce Hodge need no help seeing the big picture. Hays, an environmentalist and retired attorney who chaired the 2006 Green Ribbon Task Force, has been calling for the city to take aggressive actions on climate change for more than a decade. Hodge, an environmentalist ever since the first Earth Day, served on the task force and subsequently founded the group Carbon-Free Palo Alto to lobby local officials to pursue the policy.

To them, the seemingly small step of going from really green to completely "carbon neutral" is a giant stride, a culmination of years of work by Utilities Department staff and community volunteers. And even if the step has a heavy symbolic component, the symbolism is powerful because it will set an example for other cities to follow.

"When we had our Green Ribbon Task Force, all of a sudden all the

Palo Alto's greenhouse gas emissions

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surrounding cities did something similar," Hays said at the Dec. 5 meeting of the utilities commission. "We have a role to play here. The sooner we take action and the sooner we get to zero, the better model we are, is the way I look at it."

Hodge agreed and called the commission's adoption of the staff plan for reaching carbon neutrality "the moment many of us have been waiting for."

"Beyond the immediate benefits to Palo Alto, this plan will send a message of hope and change to a much larger audience. This will be seen as a bellwether for change, causing other citizens, cities and utilities to re-examine their assumptions and perhaps to embark on their own solutions to carbon-free electricity. It matters more than you might think."

Bret Anderson, who served on the Green Ribbon Task Force's Transportation Subcommittee, said the new carbon-neutral portfolio will also dovetail nicely with the city's promotion of electric vehicles.

"When I'm thinking of, say, purchasing a plug-in hybrid or an electric car, it's important to me to know my electricity is green," Anderson told the utilities commission Dec. 5. "If I don't, the car is really not much better from a carbon-footprint standpoint than a regular, say, high-mileage gasoline-powered car."

In a recent interview, Hodge recalled 2006 as a time of great excitement for the city's robust green community. Civic leaders, city staff and officials from local tech giants such as IDEO and HP came together as a task force to brainstorm and share ideas. The result, he said, was "a lot of positive energy."

Since then, Hodge has tried to keep the momentum going by launching a group, Carbon-Free Palo Alto, which has been lobbying council members to stay aggressive in fighting climate change. An electric portfolio seemed like a good place to start, he said.

"We thought there was an advantage in that we had our own utility

and therefore citizen input can make a difference," Hodge said.

The Utilities Department's push toward carbon neutrality has been a great success, he said. The city, he said, has "really outperformed just about every municipal utility in the state in terms of setting and achieving renewable energy goals." But Hodge has no illusions about the challenge of engaging the broader public on the topic of climate change — a necessity given the vast amount of work yet to do.

A word like "sustainability" may be a perennial council priority, but it's a tough concept for an average resident to wrap his or her head around, Hodge said.

"Back on the first Earth Day, the general thinking was that we have some water-pollution problems, air problems, maybe we have an issue with people throwing garbage out of cars. If we can just address those issues, that would be a good thing to do," Hodge said. "If you look at what happened, all the environmental issues morphed into gigantic, systemic, global, interconnected problems that are also deeply interconnected with our economic system."

By the task force's estimation, electricity was responsible for only about 23 percent of the city's carbon emissions in 2007, with natural gas making up another 26 percent and transportation accounting for 51 percent. But electricity, Hodge said, is a good start.

"We definitely need more people becoming engaged with this issue," he said. "It's one of the things I'm hoping to do with the Palo Alto group — if this initiative succeeds, to use it as a springboard." ■

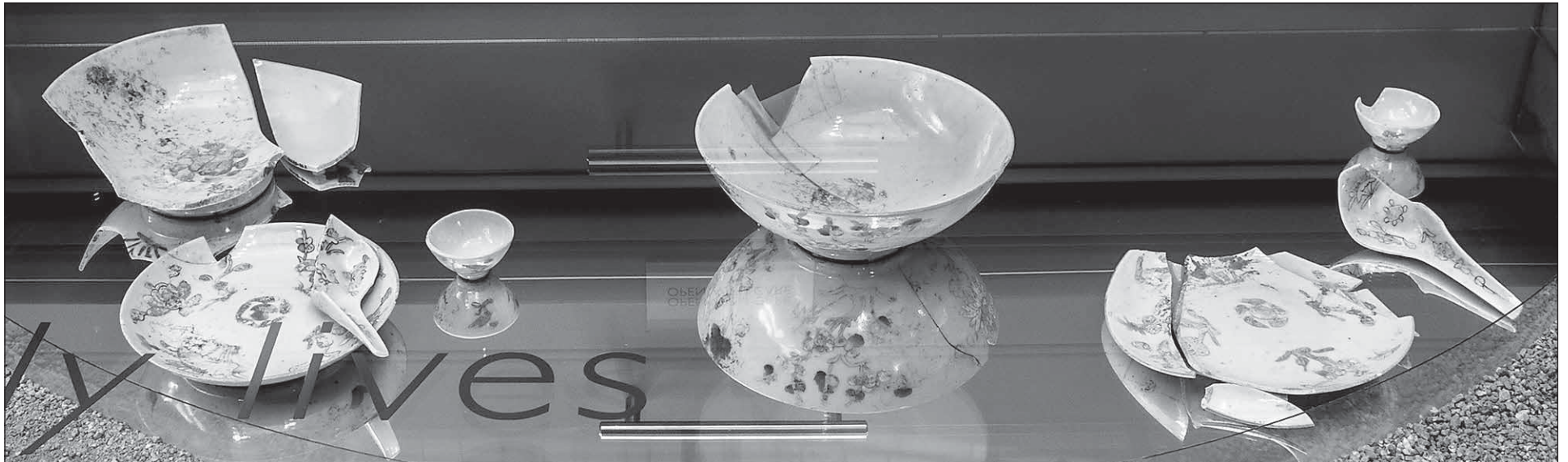
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Cracked bowls and spoons are among the remnants of Market Street Chinatown, which thrived in downtown San Jose before being leveled by a fire in 1887. Many of the artifacts are now on display at the Stanford Archaeology Center.



Artifacts in one case include bottles that once held perfume, hair tonic and beer.



Visitors in the "City Beneath the City" exhibit at the Stanford Archaeology Center.

A LOST CITY REMEMBERED

Artist finds poetry in the fragments
of San Jose's old Chinatown

by Rebecca Wallace | photos by Andre Zandona

What's left of a community when its buildings burn to the ground? Crumbled brick and soil. Iridescent polygons of glass. Perhaps a sturdy, stubborn earthenware bowl that never got to come off the shelf for special occasions. Now it's a survivor.

For a while, in the late 1800s, San Jose had a flourishing Chinatown in the heart of its downtown. Market Street Chinatown, in the area of Market and South First streets, was said to be the second-largest Chinese community in America, after San Francisco's. Residents built shops, restaurants, temples and an opera house.

Then in 1887, the neighborhood was leveled by a fire, said to be arson. San Jose officials voted to build a city hall in the spot, marking the end of Market Street Chinatown.

Traces, though, remain. Those bricks and glass shards and battered bowls from a lost community still tell their stories, quietly and mysteriously, in exhibit cases and drawers at the Stanford Archaeology Center. Artist Rene Yung has curated the artifacts into a poignant installation called "City Beneath the City." The project, she says, explores "the materiality of absence."

To get to the exhibit, viewers go through the center's lobby, passing student displays of Peruvian ceramic vessels and Neolithic daggers. In the small room where Yung's project is on display, sunlight filters down from high windows, with lofty wooden beams giving the room a barn-like feeling.

The artifacts offer wisps of past lives. Among the combs, buttons and porcelain shards are tags with sentence fragments. Yung picked words from a Stanford researchers' report about Market Street Chinatown. Taken out of

context, the phrases are abstract, intriguing: "grocers, barbers, two herb doctors, an astrologer, a butcher, a baker"; "thousands of years"; "partially adopted"; "barber stands, clothing shops and general merchandising stores."

"You really get immersed in these objects that were held and worn and touched by the people who lived in the space," Yung said, adding, "I see in the words a compressed poetry."

One of the tags reads "nuisance." It makes Yung think of the racism of the time, of the people who wanted Chinatown gone. "That word, 'nuisance,' encapsulates the reason that this thriving community became an architectural site," she said.

The departed community has been the subject of renewed interest in recent years. About a decade ago, Stanford's archeological center and anthropology department teamed up with History San Jose, Past Forward Inc., and the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project to study and catalog the artifacts, and make them accessible for teaching and research.

The whole collection fills more than 400 boxes. Before 1985, the artifacts were in the ground. Then construction workers building the Fairmont Hotel and the Silicon Valley Financial Center spotted them. The city hired a private archeological firm to recover and box up the artifacts. The boxes were taken to a city warehouse, where they languished for 20 years until researchers took a new interest in them, according to a Stanford project report.

By the time the artifacts arrived at Stanford in 2002, much work was required to organize them and put them into historic context. Over time, researchers came to find something posi-

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A porcelain doll's leg rests in one of the exhibit's pull-out drawers.

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tive in this lost city, Stanford's Barbara Voss, principal investigator for the archaeology project, wrote in an exhibit statement.

"These objects — simultaneously fragile and durable — echo the struggles of Santa Clara County's early Chinese immigrants, who continued to rebuild their communities despite legal restrictions, racial discrimination, and direct violence," Voss wrote. "In reflecting on their persistence, we may feel hope in the midst of loss."

Art intersected with archaeology last year, when the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art took an interest in the Chinatown project. The group decided to have an installation with some of the artifacts as part of the ZERO1 biennial. Rene Yung seemed a natural fit as the artist.

Born in Hong Kong, Yung came to America in her teens. Her family settled in Palo Alto, and she graduated from Gunn High School and Stanford. With a background in both anthropology and art, she often explores cultural differences and Chinese-American history. Her work has included public-art sculptures, series of drawings, and a storytelling project about the Chinese immigrants who built the transcontinental railroad.

At the ICA, Yung created a much larger version of "City Beneath the City" than now stands at Stanford. She spread out pillars and cases of artifacts in a layout that mirrored traditional Chinese houses and cities, with its bilateral symmetry. Visitors entered the gallery through a portal between two pedestals: one containing shards of glass, one soil.

Under the pieces of the past, the gallery itself remained bright and contemporary. "ICA is a mile and a half from the former Market Street site. You would never guess," Yung said.

Though the Stanford exhibit is smaller, Yung was pleased to have the use of pull-out drawers beneath the glass cases, and used them for gently arranging more artifacts. In some places the aged objects rest on panels of soft, sky-blue felt. Pieces of shattered glass are iridescent as a butterfly wing. A remnant of shoe leather curls in on itself. Leather is not known for surviving the ages; perhaps this shoe was preserved in a trash pit, Yung said.

In one case, a heavily cracked bowl stands above a scatter of fragments from other bowls. It's just barely holding together, but it's together, and a knowledgeable visitor can still easily read the blue Chinese characters: double happiness. ■

What: "City Beneath the City," an art exhibition of artifacts from San Jose's lost Chinatown, designed by Rene Yung

Where: Stanford Archaeology Center, Building 500, 488 Escondido Mall

When: The exhibit runs through April 30, open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend and evening tours are available by request.

Cost: Admission is free.

Info: Go to marketstreet.stanford.edu or contact docent coordinator Meredith Reifschneider at mreifsch@stanford.edu.



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A&E DIGEST

A GRAND OPENING NIGHT ...

After six years in downtown Palo Alto, Dragon Productions Theatre Company will have its first opening night in its new Redwood City location on Jan. 25. The larger theater, 70 seats with a mezzanine, is at 2120 Broadway, close to the Fox Theatre. Dragon bows with the Gina Gionfriddo play "After Ashley," a satirical story about a family dealing with the loss of a loved one while a media storm rages. A ribbon-cutting is planned for 5:30 p.m., followed by free tours of the theater until 7. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2, through Feb. 17. Go to dragonproductions.net or call 650-493-2006.

Corrections

An item in last week's Shop Talk column erroneously stated that Crepes Cafe and Lisa's Tea Treasures in Menlo Park would be closing to make way for the new Bradley's Fine Diner. The two restaurants' owners say they plan to remain open when the neighboring diner sets up shop in their large building on Merrill Street. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@pawebly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

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Movies

OPENINGS

Rust and Bone ★★

(Century 16) In the George Bernard Shaw play “Heartbreak House” one of the characters cracks, “The natural term of the affection of the human animal for its offspring is six years.” Luckily for young Sam, in Jacques Audiard’s “Rust and Bone,” he’s only 5.

And so Sam’s ne’er-do-well father, Ali (Matthias Schoenaerts),

allows himself to be saddled with the boy, prompting a move from Belgium to Antibes in the south of France. There, Ali can again test the kindness of his sister Anna (Corinne Masiero), moving into her humble abode as he seeks his latest odd jobs.

An aspiring kickboxer, Ali begins pulling a legit paycheck as a bouncer at a nightclub, where one night he breaks up a fight involving Stephanie (Marion Cotillard).

Immediately upon this chance encounter, it’s clear that the two share an animal attraction, if a wary one on Stephanie’s part. Soon enough, they begin hooking up, unexclusively.

(If you know nothing about “Rust and Bone,” and wish to know no more before seeing it, skip the next paragraph, which deals with a fundamental and unavoidable plot point.)

The already-high stakes of Stephanie’s greater emotional investment raise precariously when she undergoes a life-changing trauma at work. In her capacity as a smiling, boogie-ing killer-whale trainer at a marine park, Stephanie loses both legs at the knee. To Ali’s credit, his instinctive response to Stephanie’s shamed depression is to reach out to her in friendship and tenderness, and their relationship tentatively moves forward. But Ali’s never been one to put down roots for long, and it’s entirely possible Stephanie is repeat-

ing her workplace mistake by letting her guard down around animal instinct.

Loosely based on Craig Davidson’s short-story collection of the same name, this French-Belgian production isn’t terribly subtle in its theme of “the human animal,” but it’s a notion we’d do well to ponder, and Audiard (“Read My Lips,” “A Prophet”) makes a good match for the material. Though the writer-director has shown an affinity for brutish characters, his empathy for them, unsparing eye and patience with a story constitute a distinctly European approach. In America, this sort of drama has unfortunately become passé.

That Schoenaerts (“Black Book”) isn’t well known on these shores works in the film’s favor. By playing the frequently unsympathetic Ali close to the vest, he productively keeps the viewer guessing — as much as the script does — whether his default selfishness or his capacity for love will win out

where it concerns Stephanie, Anna and Sam.

Cotillard has more overt colors to play, and handles them deftly, as Stephanie must make a choice to keep living in the face of consistently trying physical and emotional challenges. When she makes that choice, her life becomes riskier, but also more full than she had imagined possible.

When all is said and done, “Rust and Bone” has significant blemishes that don’t quite come out in the wash. There are the melodramatic turns some viewers won’t cotton to, a third act that feels aimless, and an ending that feels like a tacked-on reshoot — but the picture persists on the strength of its committed performances.

Rated R for strong sexual content, brief graphic nudity, some violence and language. Two hours.

— Peter Canavese

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A Haunted House (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: Noon, 2:10, 4:25, 7 & 9:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8 & 10:15 p.m.

A Woman's Vengeance (1948) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Amour (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.

Argo (R) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 11:40 a.m. & 5:40 p.m. Century 20: 4:30, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

The Best of RiffTrax Live: Manos, the Hands of Fate (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: Thu. at 7:30 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Broken City (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: In 3D at 11:05 a.m.

The Dark Mirror (1946) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre: Fri.-Mon. at 5:45 & 9:35 p.m.

Django Unchained (R) ★★★ Century 16: Noon, 3:50 & 8:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 2:45, 6:25 & 10 p.m.

Gangster Squad (R) ★1/2 Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 12:20, 1:50, 3, 4:30, 6:05, 7:30, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 12:55, 3:40, 5, 6:20, 7:45, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.

The Guilt Trip (PG-13) ★★ Century 20: 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (Not Rated) (PG-13) Century 16: In 3D Thu. at 10 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 12:15 a.m.; In 3D Thu. at 10 p.m.

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; In 3D at 3:40 p.m.; In 3D Sat. & Sun. also at 7:40 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m.; In 3D at 2:35, 6:15 & 9:55 p.m.

Hyde Park on Hudson (R) ★★ Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:30, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.

The Impossible (PG-13) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

Jack Reacher (PG-13) ★★1/2 The Last Stand (R) Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

Les Misérables (2012) (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 2:25, 6:05 & 9:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2:45, 6:40 & 10:05 p.m.

Life of Pi (PG) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; In 3D at 1:25, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: In 3D at 7 & 10 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. at 1 p.m. (standard 2D); In 3D Fri. & Sun. also at 4 p.m.; Sat. at 4 p.m. (standard 2D)

Lincoln (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:40, 6:10 & 9:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:20, 3:35, 6:55 & 10:15 p.m.

Mama (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 8 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:30, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Les Troyens (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Maria Stuarda (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: Sat. at 9:55 a.m. Palo Alto Square: Sat. at 9:55 a.m.

Monsters, Inc. (G) ★★★1/2 Century 20: In 3D at 11 a.m.; 1:30 & 4:30 p.m.

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Rust and Bone (R) ★★ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:50 & 4:35 p.m.; Fri. also at 7:25 & 10:25 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

Silver Linings Playbook (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 12:10, 3:20, 6:40 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 2, 4:50, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sun. also at 11:10 a.m.

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This Is 40 (R) ★★1/2 Century 20: 1:50 p.m.

To Catch a Thief (1955) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.

Tower of London (1939) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 5:45 & 9:20 p.m.

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) ★★★ Century 16: 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 1:50 p.m.

Zero Dark Thirty (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 12:30, 2:35, 4:10, 6:20, 8:20 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m.; 12:50, 2:30, 4:45, 6:45, 8:20 & 10:10 p.m.

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Sports Shorts

ALL-AMERICANS . . . Stanford senior **Alina Garciamendez** became the 16th Stanford player named to Soccer America MVP's first team, the All-America team for the nation's preeminent soccer publication. Garciamendez is the eighth Stanford player in the past six years to receive Soccer America's first-team honor. Also, teammate **Rachel Quon**, a senior outside back, was named to the MVP's second team, and the Cardinal's other outside back **Laura Liedle**, was named to Soccer America's All-Freshman second team. Garciamendez and Quon were team captains, four-year starters on the defensive line and vital to Stanford's 94-4-4 record, four College Cups and four conference titles during their collegiate careers. Both were first-team NSCAA All-Americans and All-Pac-12 first-team selections . . . Stanford junior **Carly Wopat** has been selected a First Team All-American by Volleyball Magazine, the publication announced Tuesday. She is one of four players from the Pac-12 Conference to earn first-team accolades. Wopat also earned first-team honors from the publication in 2011. She is also a two-time AVCA All-American, earning honorable mention in 2011 and first-team status in 2012.

NEW COACH . . . Former Stanford All-American **Ryan Nelsen** was named head coach of Major League Soccer club Toronto FC last week, becoming the eighth head coach and the youngest, at age 35, in club history. Over his two seasons on The Farm, Nelsen marshaled the Cardinal midfield and helped anchor the defense to a national-best 0.44 goals-against average in 2000. He also scored eight goals with 10 assists on the offensive end. Nelsen earned All-America recognition and was named Pac-10 Player of the Year in 2000 after leading the Cardinal to an 18-3-1 record and NCAA Tournament quarterfinal berth.

CARDINAL NOTES . . . Stanford senior **Eddie Penev** was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week, the conference announced Tuesday. . . . The No. 10-ranked Stanford men's tennis team opened its dual-match season by blanking visiting Sacramento State, 7-0, on Tuesday afternoon at Taube Family Tennis Stadium.

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Palo Alto's Jeremy Lin makes his debut at the Sundance Film Festival

by Keith Peters

Jeremy Lin will be on the big stage both Saturday and Monday as he and the Houston Rockets visit Minnesota and Charlotte, respectively, in National Basketball Association action.

On Sunday, however, the 24-year-old Lin will be on the big screen. The Palo Alto High grad has the lead role in "Linsanity", a documentary that will make its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

The 88-minute film is one of 29 documentaries scheduled to premiere at the Sundance Institute's signature festival, which opened Thursday and runs through Jan. 27.

Other feature films include "JOBS", a bio-pic of the late Apple founder and Palo Alto resident Steve Jobs. Ashton Kutcher will play Jobs.

Lin, of course, will play himself in the film that details the Asian-American's sensational performance with the New York Knicks, in addition to his days of leading Paly to the 2006 CIF Division II state championship as well as his collegiate career at Harvard.

According to the Sundance Program, "Linsanity" is described thusly:

"In February 2012, an entire nation of basketball fans unexpectedly went "Linsane." Stuck in the mire of a disappointing season,

the New York Knicks did what no other NBA team had thought about doing — they gave backup point guard Jeremy Lin an opportunity to prove himself. He took full advantage, scoring more points in his first five NBA starts than any other player in the modern era, and created a legitimate public frenzy in the process. Prior to this now-legendary run, Lin had faced adversity in his career at every turn. He wasn't offered a scholarship by any major university, nor was he drafted by any NBA team after a standout collegiate career at Harvard.

"Director Evan Jackson Leong embarked on this documentary before Jeremy Lin was a household

name, following the future star as he struggled to find his place in a league where Asian American players are few and far between. More than just a film for basketball addicts, "Linsanity" serves as an insightful study of the way we perceive race in America and shows what is possible if someone believes in himself."

The documentary includes interviews with Lin's coach at Palo Alto, Peter Diepenbrock, and Pinewood girls' basketball coach Doc Scheppler, who worked with Lin on his shooting.

Diepenbrock said he was inter-

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PREP SOCCER

Arredondo brothers now face a coaching rivalry

by Keith Peters

It was perhaps fitting when Ramiro and Henry Arredondo took over the Priory girls' soccer program two years ago. The brothers both were Priory alums and Ramiro had an honored spot in the school's athletic Hall of Fame as a standout soccer player in 1997.

Ramiro, the older of the two, assumed the duties of head coach while Henry dutifully became the associate head coach when Sacred Heart Prep grad Armando Del Rio left Priory and returned to Atherton to take over the SHP boys' team.

The Arredondo brothers kept a winning tradition alive by posting a 25-10-6 record over their first two seasons, which included berths in

the Central Coast Section Division III playoffs.

Year 3 of the Arredondo coaching regime is under way and the brothers were back on the Priory pitch Monday for an important West Bay Athletic League (Foothill Division) match with Sacred Heart Prep.

One thing was different, however. While the brothers were on the same side of the field, they were not standing side by side. They were not talking to the Priory players together nor rooting them on in tandem.

For the first time in their high school coaching careers, the two were facing each other.

Ramiro is the new head coach at

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SHP girls' coach Ramiro Arredondo (left) and his brother, Priory coach Henry (behind), are now rivals after coaching together at Priory.

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Basketball teams take shot at some redemption

Cardinal women host UCLA and USC; men host Cal on Saturday

by Rick Eyrer

The Stanford women's basketball team has a new set of streaks to deal with this weekend and it's not all good. A victory or two, however, will go a long way to righting the season's focus.

The sixth-ranked Cardinal (3-1 in the Pac-12, 14-2 overall) finds itself on the wrong end of positive streaks after falling to California, 67-55, last weekend.

Stanford hopes to find some balance when No. 14 UCLA (4-0, 13-2) visits Maples Pavilion for an 8 p.m. tipoff Friday night. USC (4-0, 7-8) come to town Sunday for a 4 p.m. Start.

So far this year, Stanford ended defending national champion Baylor's winning streak and run at the top of the polls in Hawaii and won at Tennessee, ending a long drought.

Stanford returned to Maples Pavilion and had its 82-game home winning streak snapped in a surprising 61-35 rout by Connecticut on Dec. 29.

California ended Stanford's 81-game winning streak against conference opponents and the Cardinal lost back-to-back home games for the first time since Feb. 16 and March 1, 2001, against the Golden Bears and USC.

Losses to the current co-leaders could put Stanford's string of 12 consecutive conference titles at risk. The Cardinal hasn't lost three in a row at home since a four-game slide during the 1985-86 season, Tara VanDerveer's first year as head coach.

In fact, Stanford has had exactly two losing streaks of longer than three games just twice during VanDerveer's tenure and never since 1987.

"We're trying to be more aggressive in practice and trying to em-

phasize things that will make us more successful," VanDerveer said. "We're really learning how teams are playing us, how different teams scout us and what we need to do."

Getting production from someone other than junior Chiney Ogwumike would be a step in the right direction.

Against the Golden Bears, Stanford's points were its lowest at home in a conference game since a 63-54 loss to No. 18 Oregon on March 5, 1987. It also marked the Cardinal's first double-digit defeat at home in Pac-12 or Pac-10 play since losing 72-57 to Cal on Feb. 4, 2007.

Ogwumike scored 18 points against Cal, a third of Stanford's offensive output. She also scored 18 in the loss to Connecticut, just over half of the Cardinal offense.

Toni Kokenis and Amber Orrange added another 21 points against Cal, but on a combined 8-of-23 shooting.

Stanford needs people to step up, something that VanDerveer has been urging all year.

Men's basketball

Stanford's postseason hopes are on the line this weekend when California and former Cardinal coach Mike Montgomery visit Maples Pavilion on Saturday for a tipoff at 1:30 p.m.

The Cardinal (1-3 in the Pac-12, 10-7 overall) has gotten off to an awkward start in conference play and is looking to regain some momentum heading into the heart of the conference schedule.

Josh Huestis and Dwight Powell have been consistently providing Stanford with solid efforts all year. Guards Chasson Randle and Aaron Bright need to return to the level of consistency they displayed in the Cardinal run to the NIT championship last season.

his growth as a player."

The film is by Evan Jackson Leong, who is a Sundance alum as co-producer of "Finishing The Game: The Search For A New Bruce Lee" in 2007. He is a sixth-generation Chinese American from San Francisco who also worked on the action movie, "The Fast and the Furious."

His producers include Christopher Chen, who previously produced sports-themed docs including "The Year Of The Yao" and "Fantasyland", as well as Rian Johnson's "Looper"; Brian Yang, who appeared as an actor in Sundance alum "Saving Face" (2005); and Allen Lu, who is part of Jeremy Lin's business development team. All four are Bay Area products.

The narrator for the film is Hollywood actor Daniel Dae Kim, currently starring in the TV series "Hawaii Five-0." He also starred in the TV series "Lost."

Leong's film has been in the works long before Lin achieved



Chiney Ogwumike

The Bears (2-2, 10-6) have been struggling to gain some consistency this year as well, providing Stanford with the perfect opportunity to slide back into the Pac-12 race.

The Bay Area rivals each split their games last week, beating Washington State and losing to Washington. Stanford beat the Cougars, 78-67, and dropped a 65-60 decision to the Huskies.

Randle and Bright were exceptional against Washington State but not so much against Washington.

California, picked to finish third in the conference, started the year 6-0 but has won back-to-back games only once since then, with three losses over its last five games.

Men's volleyball

Nationally No. 2 Stanford travels for the first time this season when it takes on No. 8 USC and No. 4 Pepperdine in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation action this weekend.

Stanford (1-0 in the MPSF, 4-0 overall) is coming off a dramatic comeback victory over Pacific in an MPSF opener Saturday. The Cardinal fought off six match points after falling behind 14-11 in the fifth set, and rallied to victory, extending its home winning streak to nine.

Friday's Stanford-USC match marks the men's volleyball debut for the Pac-12 Networks. ■

overnight fame. While the phenomenon is documented, the heart of the film is in Lin himself — his background, religious convictions, and early experiences that led up to his big break. It's expected that audiences will connect with his underdog story, the hurdles of racial stereotyping, and the racism he has faced on the court.

Wrote Leong on Kickstarter, the world's largest funding platform for creative projects:

"Lin's story is so improbable, Hollywood couldn't script this for the absurdity of being too unrealistic. Jeremy's career is the antithesis of NBA convention. He grew up as a skinny Asian-American kid in Palo Alto. The more we dug into his story, we saw how each seemingly unconventional turn became the foundation for the next opportunity — each success and challenge became a building block for bigger and better things, weaving together an impossible story that could only

PREP BASKETBALL

Paly, Gunn girls are back in a familiar position

Local rivals rise to the top of SCVAL De Anza Division race

by Keith Peters

The Palo Alto and Gunn girls' basketball teams have carted off Central Coast Section Division I trophies the past two seasons. Paly did the honors in 2011 and Gunn was the big winner in 2012.

Despite graduation losses, injuries and players transferring, both teams have remained very stable. In fact, Gunn and Paly rank one-two in the SCVAL De Anza Division following victories on Wednesday night.

The Titans (3-0, 10-3) hold down sole possession of first place following a 56-45 win over visiting Saratoga. Palo Alto, meanwhile, shook up the standings a bit by handing preseason favorite Wilcox a 43-42 loss in the Vikings' gym.

Palo Alto (3-1, 7-8) trailed by one with 2.5 seconds to play, when freshman Maddie Atwater grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled as time expired. Atwater calmly made both free throws to cap the comeback-behind victory.

"To see our team play hard and fight all the way till the end of the game was critical," said Paly coach Scott Peters. "That is what put us in a position where Maddie could make a play to win the game."

Peters said senior Josie Butler was "under the weather, and yet she came out and gave everything she had for her team and teammates." Butler finished with six points, five rebounds and five blocked shots while helping limit 6-foot-3 Wilcox scoring standout Joeseta Fatuesi to just seven points.

Palo Alto trailed by 10 points to start the fourth quarter, but hit four 3-pointers and went on a 13-3 run to get back in the game. Butler joined with Alexis Harris and Charlotte Alipate in keeping Fatuesi, who had 14 rebounds, from taking over the game. ■

Across town, Gunn got 15 points from Zoe Zwerling and 13 from Claire Klausner while remaining alone atop the standings.

Zwerling also grabbed seven rounds while Sarah Klem had nine points and four rebounds for the Titans, who trailed by 16-14 after one quarter and still were down at the half, 25-24.

Elsewhere in girls' basketball Wednesday, Emma Heath scored 14 points to lead Menlo-Atherton to a 48-32 victory over visiting Capuchino, keeping the Bears (3-0, 7-8) in a four-way tie for first place in the PAL South Division race with Burlingame, Woodside and San Mateo.

In the West Bay Athletic League (Foothill Division), Pinewood took over sole possession of first place with a 57-47 victory over host Castilleja on Tuesday night. Sophomores Marissa Hing and Gabi Bade each tallied 15 points for the Panthers (3-0, 13-3).

Pinewood took over first place alone thanks to Sacred Heart Prep, which made its first WBAL Foothill Division victory a big one by upending first-place and host Menlo School, 48-47. The Gators improved to 1-2 in league (13-4 overall) while the Knights fell to 2-1 and 12-5.

Sacred Heart Prep 5-foot-7 senior Melissa Holland, matched up against 6-4 Menlo senior Drew Eldeman all night, played an outstanding game and led all players with a season-high 29 points and double-digit rebounds. Holland also factored in the winning points, making one of two free throws with 1.5 seconds left.

Boys' basketball

Sacred Heart Prep forged a four-way tie for first place in the West Bay Athletic League with a 56-55 victory over visiting Harker, which came into the game sitting atop the standings. Ricky Galliani led the Gators with 16 points. ■

Jeremy Lin

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view extensively nearly two years ago when the project was just beginning, but that he doesn't expect a lot of screen time.

"I think I might have a 10-second clip," he said. "I got edited out."

While he's not traveling to Park City for the premiere, Diepenbrock plans on seeing the film.

"It will be interesting to see," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. We'll see where it goes."

Scheppler, who was filmed in a shooting workout with Lin and later was interviewed, also will pass on the premiere. But, he too, is interested in seeing the movie.

"It IS a great story and I would pay to see it because it captures the essence of sports on so many levels," Scheppler said. "So many great lessons to learn from it. I'm grateful to help him and I'm excited about

a roster spot in the sport he grew up loving. Days from being cut by the third consecutive NBA team, no one could have ever predicted what was going to happen next. The unassuming Harvard alum would take us on one of the wildest rides in sports history as fans all around the world began to take notice.

"Thus, what began as a film project to document the life of an overlooked NBA walk-on became our all-access pass to one of the unlikely stories ever to be told."

"Linsanity" will screen five times at Sundance. After that, the film could be snapped up by a movie company or be relegated to the circuit of film festivals. Either way, Jeremy Lin has made the big stage and the big screen. It's the stuff of movies. ■

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Prep soccer

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Sacred Heart Prep while Henry is the head man at Priory.

"It was indeed the first time Henry and I have faced each other in a high school soccer match," said Ramiro. "We've coached against each other in club soccer, but high school soccer has a bit more strategy and emotional shifts."

Added Henry: "Both Ramiro and I coach club soccer year around and have coached against each other in the past (on the club level). I always want his club teams to do well."

Monday, however, was a different story.

"Today will be fun," Henry said before the match, "because it's the first time our schools meet with us on opposite sides. Today is the first day that I will be rooting against him."

Perhaps fittingly, the teams battled to a 1-1 deadlock.

"The game was intense from the beginning and Priory got a good break early on," said Ramiro. "I still think we had control of possession on their half of the field and they were looking to counter-attack us with their fast break. They have two explosive players in Mariana Galvan and Caitlyn Teoman, so we had to play extra-cautious in the back."

Galvan set up Priory's goal with less than 28 minutes left in the first half, sending a cross to Sarah Zuckerman that she finished. Sacred Heart Prep equalized in the 72nd minute on a goal by senior Kendall Jager.

"I think being so early in the season, we were trying to figure out what each of us would do to counter the others' strategic move," explained Ramiro. "I think once we go back to SHP (Priory visits on January 31), there will be a bit more on the line. We can already see that Menlo, Priory, King's and us are starting to separate in the standings, so the second round in league is always important."

By that time, the brothers probably will be used to coaching apart. Right now, it's something they're still dealing with.

"Of course it was tough leaving Priory. That's my alma mater," Ramiro said. "I enjoyed coaching the girls at Priory and it will always hold a special place for me. Once the opportunity presented itself at Sacred Heart, I knew I could not pass it up."

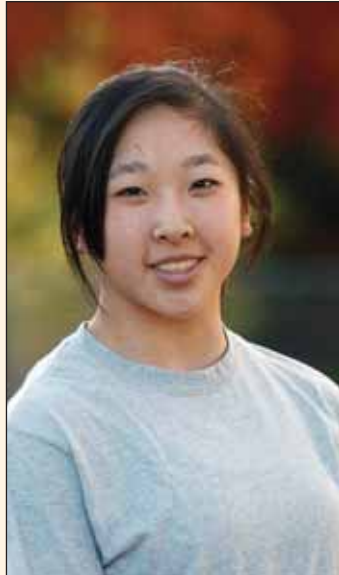
Henry agreed it was tough to see his brother leave.

"I would rather work together than against, but a little competition is always good between siblings," Henry acknowledged. "He's my older brother and I always want the best for him. SHP is a great school with a strong girls' soccer program and now they have one of the top club coaches in the area."

The brothers both coach for the Alpine Strikers. Ramiro has a U15 boys and a U12 girls team while Henry coaches older players in addition to the Redwood City Juventus Firebirds, a girls' U18 squad that includes both Priory and SHP players.

Thus, there were a lot of familiar faces at Priory on Monday.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cadence Lee
Gunn High

The junior won her match by pin in a dual win over Los Altos before going 3-0 to win her division and being named the Outstanding Wrestler for lightweights as Gunn took second at the San Ramon Invitational.



Aubrey Dawkins
Palo Alto High

The senior forward scored 53 points with 12 rebounds and seven steals as the Vikings went 2-0 in basketball against contenders and remained atop the SCVAL De Anza Division standings while improving to 13-1.

Honorable mention

Olivia Biggs

Pinewood soccer

Kelly Branson

Pinewood soccer

Drew Edelman*

Menlo basketball

Emma Heath

Menlo-Atherton basketball

Lindsay Karle

Menlo soccer

Angelina Mapa

Pinewood basketball

Eric Cramer

Gunn wrestling

Ian Cramer*

Gunn wrestling

Ryan Karle

Menlo soccer

Daniel Papp*

Gunn wrestling

Brendan Spillane

Sacred Heart Prep soccer

Ryan Young

Menlo basketball

* previous winner

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The match came down to a tale of two halves. The Panthers (1-0-2, 2-2-4) did a good job controlling the first half. They took advantage of an injury to SHP junior keeper Blair Hamilton, who collided with Zuckerman while making a saving tackle. Hamilton suffered a slight neck injury that forced her to leave the game. Priory scored moments later against SHP backup Mamie Caruso, who was facing into bright sunlight on Zuckerman's goal.

With the sun dipping and temperatures dropping in the second half, Sacred Heart Prep finally got on the board so neither Arredondo brother could earn bragging rights.

"I know our girls were disappointed that we could not finish our shots in the second half," Ramiro said. "We are still getting into rhythm with our front line. Our timing is just a bit off, but I am sure once we get them comfortable together we will create more problems for opposing teams' defenses."

That was the case Tuesday as the Gators (3-0-1, 7-1-2) bounced back from Monday's tie to defeat visiting Crystal Springs, 2-0. SHP got on the board in the 18th minute when Jager assisted on a goal by Alex Bourdillon. In the 65th minute, Jager wrapped things up with an un-

assisted goal.

Also Tuesday, Menlo School defeated host King's Academy, 2-1, to remain unbeaten in WBAL Football Division. Menlo junior Sienna Stritter scored a goal in each half to spark the Knights (3-0, 5-2-4) to their victory.

In the SCVAL El Camino Division on Wednesday, Palo Alto continued its offensive fireworks with a 6-1 victory over visiting Milpitas. The Vikings (4-0-1, 5-4-2) won their fourth straight and now have 20 goals in their past three matches. Nina Kelty scored twice for Paly.

Boys' soccer

Menlo School and Sacred Heart Prep remained tied for first place in the WBAL with victories on Wednesday.

In Los Altos Hills, Menlo (4-0, 7-2-1) handed host Pinewood a 3-0 defeat. Ryan Karle, Max Parker and Jordan Vasquez tallied goals for the Knights.

In Atherton, Sacred Heart Prep (4-0, 7-2-1) found itself in a battle with visiting Eastside Prep, but finally broke through in the 72nd minute on a goal by Andrew Segre off an assist from Nick Salzman to post a 1-0 victory. ■

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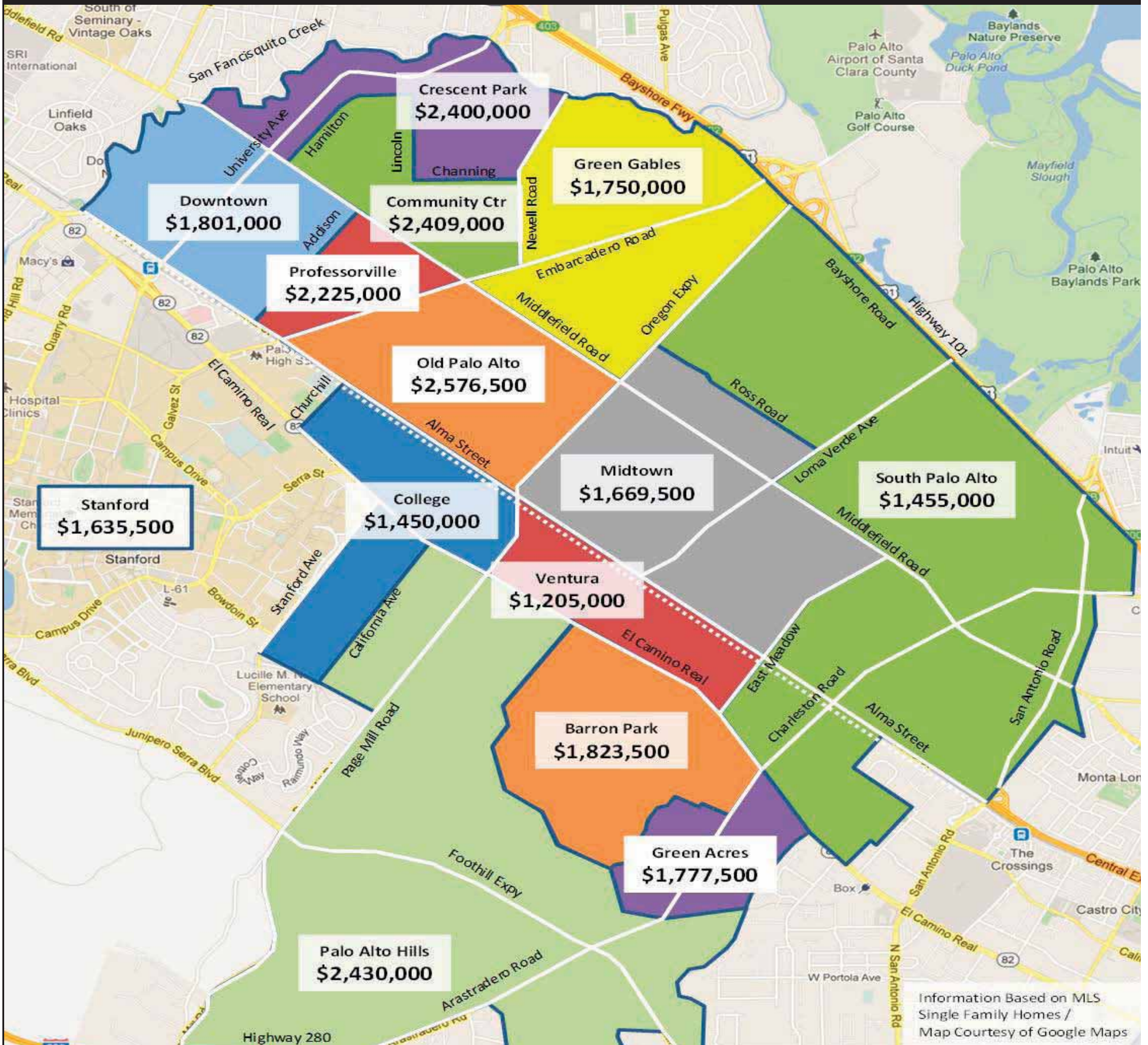
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