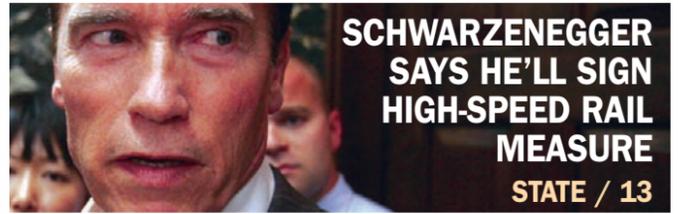
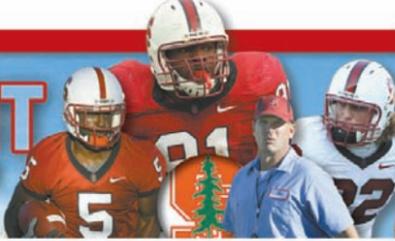


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Board: No compost in park

Parks and recreation officials urge further study of other local sites

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An industrial-strength composting operation does not belong in Byxbee Park Hills, or any other city park, Palo Alto's parks and recreation commission declared unanimously in a recommendation to city council.

The city should take a closer look at alternative sites and technologies for keeping its compost local, the commission added in a separate resolution that passed 6-1.

The recommendations are a blow to those who want the city's temporary green waste facil-

ity in the Palo Alto Baylands to become permanent. Public works staff had suggested retaining the 7.5-acre pile as an environmentally responsible alternative to shipping the city's compost out of town when the surrounding landfill closes.

That would require a public vote, because the site is slated to become part of the park that will replace the 126-acre landfill in 2011. A few commissioners said they'd be open to letting the public decide, but not until other options have been exhausted.

Commissioner Deirdre Crommie said that when the issue first came up, she was "very

much in favor" of keeping the city's composting operation in town.

"It satisfies this desire to take responsibility for our waste," she explained, as well as cutting back on the pollution caused by transporting compost to a regional facility in Milpitas.

But as she thought more about the work that had gone into preserving the Baylands, Crommie changed her mind.

"There are many other ways for the community to reduce our carbon emissions that don't have this kind of impact," she concluded.

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HILLARY SPEAKS

» "No way. No how. No McCain," Sen. Hillary Clinton told the crowd at the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday.

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CONE OF SOLACE

Dana Gawlitsek, a first-grader at German-American International School in Menlo Park, carries her school cone Tuesday. First-graders are given a school cone that includes school supplies and sweets on their first day of school.

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» HANGAR ONE

Public calls on Navy for full restoration

Critics don't want 'birdcage' left alone

BY JASON GREEN
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A proposal by the Navy to rid Hangar One of toxins by stripping its siding and leaving the steel frame in place drew pointed criticism at a public hearing Tuesday evening.

Roughly 100 people gathered at American Legion Post 564 in Santa Clara to give their input on the Navy's preferred action for cleaning up PCBs, asbestos and lead found at the Moffett Field site. The Navy is collecting feedback until Sept. 13.

Most of the roughly 45 people who signed up to speak Tuesday called on the Navy to fully restore the hangar, not leave it a "birdcage."

"It's much better than demolishing the hangar," Palo Alto resident Beth Bunnberg said of the proposal. "But please finish the job."

The Navy announced its proposal in a revised "engineering evaluation/cost analysis" released July 30. In an earlier version of the report, the Navy pointed to demolition as its preferred action, but retracted that proposal in the face of vociferous public outcry.

According to the Navy's most recent report, the PCB-contaminated siding would be removed and the frame coated with an epoxy to trap embedded toxins. It would cost about \$25.8 million, about \$500,000 less than demolition.

But several speakers expressed concern that the hangar, left exposed to winged wildlife and the elements,

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» PALO ALTO CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Ousted theater worker back on duty

BY JASON GREEN
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Embattled Palo Alto Children's Theatre worker Richard Curtis will return to work Friday, according to a settlement signed Tuesday by city officials, Curtis and the local employees union.

Curtis, the theater's box office program assistant, was placed on paid administrative leave along



CURTIS

with three other employees after the Palo Alto Police Department briefly closed the theater Jan. 24 to investigate alleged financial irregularities.

The city terminated Curtis in June for accessing documents on his office computer while he was suspended, said KC Snodgrass, a contract enforcement specialist with Service Employees Interna-

tional Union Local 521.

According to former union steward Phil Plymale, Curtis printed out read-only files to prove he was innocent of mishandling city funds.

Curtis, a theater employee for roughly 26 years, had planned to appeal his termination. Instead, the city and the union opted to work out a settlement to "save the time and expense" of arbitration, according to a

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