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Family ties



Wednesday's crash in Redwood City involved two cars and a SamTrans bus.

Dad helps daughter at crash scene

By Michael McGuire
Times Tribune staff

A Redwood City firefighter was sent to an accident Wednesday involving two cars and a SamTrans bus was shocked to find that his daughter had been driving one of the crumpled cars.

"We got the call to pick up an oil leak at the scene and when we arrived, I saw (her) car," said fire Capt. David Cacciaroni. "It was quite a surprise."

But Cacciaroni's daughter, Dawn, an 18-year-old Sequoia High School senior, said she half-expected to see her dad, considering his profession.

"Well, I figured he'd be there," Dawn said while awaiting treatment for cuts and bruises in the Sequoia Hospital emergency room. She was treated and released.

No one else was hurt.

The accident occurred just before noon at the intersection of

El Camino Real and Brewer Avenue. It blocked the northbound lanes of El Camino Real for more than an hour while tow-truck drivers worked to right the San Mateo County Transit District bus, which had rolled onto its side.

Also arriving soon after the accident was Dawn's mother, Judy Cacciaroni, who said she first panicked when she saw the overturned SamTrans bus and then recognized her daughter's car.

Her husband quickly calmed her concerns.

The family lives on Hopkins Avenue, less than a block away from where the accident occurred, Mrs. Cacciaroni said.

A preliminary investigation by police determined that Dawn Cacciaroni's car and a Camaro driven by Greg Kartz, 19, of Redwood City were headed east on Brewer Avenue with the green

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Officials concerned

AIDS tie to teens analyzed

By Ruthann Richter
Times Tribune staff

More than 1,300 teen-agers in California have tested positively for the AIDS virus and some medical experts fear this age group could become the next major risk target of the deadly disease.

Between June 1985 and January 1986, there were 1,317 California teen-agers who had positive indications for the virus under the California Department of Health Services testing program, said Ron Raglin, field services coordinator for the program.

Nineteen people in the state between the ages of 13 and 19 have been diagnosed with full-scale AIDS, Raglin told the Times Tribune in a telephone interview from Sacramento.

Among the teens who have been found to have evidence of the virus in their systems, many are 18 groups considered at high risk for exposure to AIDS, Raglin said.

In anonymous questionnaires, 519 of the teen-agers with positive indications of the virus identified themselves as homosexuals, 177 as bisexuals, 55 as intravenous drug users and six as hemophiliacs, Raglin said.

Nearly 120 of the teens also reported that they were heterosexuals with multiple partners, while 177 said they had had sexual relations with someone in a high-risk group, Raglin said.

"You can probably assume that those teens that come in for testing

are self-identified for high risk. So it's a very selective population," Raglin said. "It's hard to say that the figure is representative of teens overall."

In San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, health officials disclosed this week that 10 teen-agers, at least half of whom are in high-risk groups, had tested positively for the virus at county test sites.

A positive test means an individual is carrying the virus and could transmit it to others, although he may or may not develop AIDS.

Some local medical experts said they were not surprised by the figures and suspect the virus is even more widespread among teens than the numbers would suggest.

"It's just that these (cases) were publicized. My feeling is there's actually a lot more," said Dr. Robert Frascino, an assistant clinical professor of immunology at Stanford University and a member of the Santa Clara County AIDS Task Force.

"If we were to go into any school and test people at random, the numbers, I think, would surprise a lot of people. Nobody's immune to the virus."

Frascino, who treats AIDS patients in his practice at the Sunnyvale Medical Clinic, said those in the field have worried for some time that the disease eventually would work its way into the ranks of Peninsula youth.

"We tend to feel the teen-age

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Famine not yet out of Africa

Two years ago in April, Maria Eitz was showing photographer Sam Forenich and me around a dusty place of pain in a refugee camp in the Red Sea Hills of Sudan, Africa. Eitz, of German descent and once a refugee herself, and her medical team of nurses and doctors were working from sunup to sundown to save lives.

At the same time, they managed to maintain a kind of spirit that the people of the Hadendowa tribes picked up, despite their suffering.

Sam took a picture of Eitz entertaining a crowd of young people by blowing on a spinning top she had fashioned out of a piece of paper.

Eitz was in the habit of taking a small cache of marbles over to Africa. She would then surreptitiously give one to a sick child or to one who had been especially helpful, or to one whose flagging spirit needed a boost. The marble always was a treasured gift.

Maria dropped me a note last week to say she had just returned from the Red Sea Hills. As always, she talked about how grateful she is to the Times Tribune for its part in the 1985 "Afrifit Africa" project and to this community for its response in sending money to purchase food and medical supplies.

I want you to know that one can see the difference 'Afrifit Africa' has made in the lives of the Hadendowa," she said. "It is true that God did his share by sending rain. All we had to do was keep measles at bay through our successful immunization program. (When we were there, the complications of measles were killing African children by the thousands.) There is still a great deal of need, which is why we have an ongoing program there, but now there is a great deal of hope as well."

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U.S. and Soviets resume medium-range missile talks

GENEVA (AP) — The superpowers resumed talks today on medium-range nuclear missiles, and the United States said it planned to propose new protocols on anti-treaty banning such missiles in Europe.

The talks, which had been recessed for a month, resumed at 10:30 a.m. (1:30 a.m. PDT) with a one-on-one meeting at the Soviet mission between deputy Soviet delegation head Alexei Oukhov and Maynard Gilman, the chief U.S. negotiator on medium-range mis-

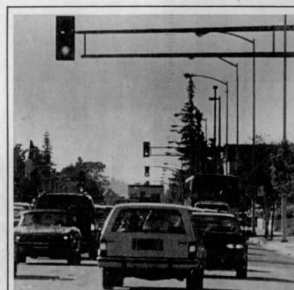
siles. The two men shook hands in bright sunshine outside the mission and answered a few questions from journalists before beginning their meeting.

Gilman said his delegation would present "some additional proposals during this round — on verification points." He did not elaborate.

During the last round, the U.S. side proposed what it said was a full treaty text, including anti-

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Traffic moves along El Camino Real under the synchronized stop lights approved by Menlo Park officials.

Menlo Park synchronizes 8 traffic lights on El Camino

By Marsh McCall
Times Tribune staff

After years of debating how to ease traffic congestion in downtown Menlo Park, city officials finally have seen the light.

Following approval by the city council, officials earlier this month synchronized eight traffic lights along El Camino Real and installed a new signal at the Roble Avenue intersection.

As a result, motorists now have at least a chance of avoid-

ing the traditional blocklong traffic jams. The changes also mean that fewer cars are taking shortcuts through residential side streets, according to City Engineer Lauren Mercer.

"People I've talked to on the street have said how well it's working," Mercer said. "The backup now is not nearly as long. It's just a smoother flow of traffic."

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Stanford land plan weighed

By Mary Madison
Times Tribune staff

Area residents Wednesday urged San Mateo County planning commissioners to help preserve the rural character of Stanford University's rolling foothills in southern San Mateo County.

The county planners are considering a new land-use plan for 2,701 acres of Stanford property in unincorporated county territory.

The Stanford land in the unincorporated section of the county lies on both sides of Interstate 280 freeway, and includes the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Guernsey Field, Jasper Ridge and the Webb March.

Once adopted, the Stanford land-use plan will define appropriate land-use designations, zoning districts and other regulatory mechanisms to handle future development proposed by Stanford for the area.

The university has not publicly announced any planned new uses for its property in southern San Mateo County except for a hotel proposed to be built within the city limits of Menlo Park near Sand Hill Road and Interstate 280.

At a county planning commission meeting Wednesday, area residents expressed concern that more development of Stanford lands would lead to increased traffic, noise and destruction of open space.

Karen Nilsson of Ladera, whose

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Assembly approves extension of bilingual education

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The California Assembly has voted to extend bilingual education and six other programs despite Republican claims that children are kept too long in non-English classes.

Republican lawmakers protest, but fail to derail measure

The bill, AB 37, by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, would extend for five years seven special school programs due to expire this June and next year. It went to the Senate on a 42-31 vote. The only Republican voting for the bill was Bill Filante of San Rafael. All the no votes were Republicans.

committee dominated by Deukmejian appointees that reviewed the program and recommended continuation. The changes include requiring school districts to notify parents before their children are placed in bilingual classrooms, and allowing parents to withdraw their children and put them in other programs that meet less stringent federal regulations.

"We know there are some problems with bilingual education," Campbell said. If the state program were terminated June 30, there would still be a federal law requiring school districts to educate students who can't speak English. The districts would not have to follow state rules and could set up any programs that met the less stringent federal regulations.

Group chooses director

SF environmentalist will lead Sierra Club

Times Tribune news service

SAN FRANCISCO — The Sierra Club on Wednesday named 46-year-old San Francisco planner and environmentalist Michael J. Fischer as the 408,000-member club's new executive director.

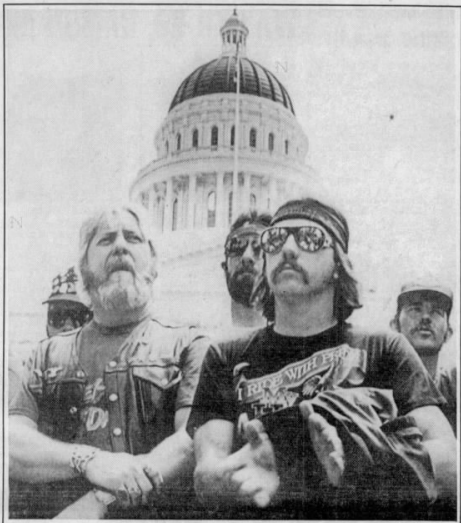
"The club's guiding principles are clear, direct and simply stated," the Mill Valley man told a news conference. "The Earth, its resources and its living species are not commodities to be bargained away."

Fischer was welcomed by Sierra Club Chairman Michael McCloskey, who told the press that one of the chief issues before the club is the protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which Interior Secretary Donald Hodel wants to open to oil exploration.

Fischer, former executive director of the California Coastal Commission, will assume the May 11 as the leading environmentalist organization in the nation prepares to go to court over validity of its last board election.

Fischer, the fourth executive director in the club's 85-year history, resigned the commission in 1983 to become a senior associate with the land-use planning firm of Seawood Associates.

Under Fischer's direction, the California Coastal Commission fought strenuous battles to secure coastal access and encourage local jurisdictions to draw up their own land-use plans and regulations.



Motorcyclists protest

Motorcyclists gather in Sacramento to protest an Assembly committee's approval of a mandatory motorcycle helmet bill. AB 36 by Assemblyman Dick Floyd, D-Hawthorne, won a 10-4 roll call Wednesday of the Assembly Transportation Committee, the first of at least six victories it will need before reaching the governor's desk. AB 36 would make riding on a public roadway without a helmet an infraction punishable by a variable scale of fines. California's motorcycle clubs generally oppose mandatory helmet use as an infringement on their freedoms.

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about a one-mile section of El Camino, beginning at Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto and stretching north to the intersection at Valparaiso Avenue.

The city paid about \$10,000 to install the Roble Avenue light and synchronize the remaining fixtures, with an additional \$11,000 coming from the state Department of Energy and more than \$4,000 from Palo Alto.

The system is designed to allow cars traveling north at 25 mph from Stanford Shopping Center to reach every green light along El Camino until they pass through the downtown area, Mercer said.

"What happened before was that cars were (avoiding the bottleneck) by using side streets. We're bringing traffic back to El Camino that should have been on El Camino in the first place," he said. "Lack of funds and city officials' failure to agree on specific traffic improvements delayed the move for 10 years, Mercer said.

"It took a long time to get all the pieces together," he said. The traffic signal at Roble Avenue should bring more business into downtown from customers who in the past have avoided the dangerous intersection, according to Ray Lagomarsino, manager of the nearby Victoria Lane shopping center.

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husband in Nils Nilsson, chairman of Stanford's Computer Science Department, warned the planning commission "to be careful you know what Stanford you are dealing with."

She called the university "a many-headed fine educational institution" that "gets special treatment along the way."

"My husband regrets my withal of the Stanford decision-making process," Nilsson said.

Commissioner Joe Bergeron replied lightheartedly, "I am a Cal man, and we know how sneaky and ugly Stanford can be."

Vance Miller, representing the Ladera Recreation District, invited all members of the commission to come to Ladera's three-day Fourth of July celebration, which includes a champagne brunch. The commissioners indicated they just might come.

Others urging that special care be taken not to wipe out the rural character of the region included representatives of the Ladera Community Association, the Ladera Recreation District, the towns of Portola Valley and Woodside; Woodside Acres, a small neighborhood located between Alpine Road and the Stanford golf course; the Skywood Homeowners Association of Woodside; and the Committee for Green Foothills.

Commission Chairman Wayne Thomas noted that many people already have in mind what kind of uses they would like to see on Stanford land, but said, "We may run into difficulties when we talk to Stanford."

Commissioners decided not to begin plotting Stanford land designations until after a special meeting to be held May 14 with officials of Woodside and Portola Valley.

Customer makes withdrawal — twice

SANTA ROSA (AP) — A man described as a regular customer at the Exchange Bank made a withdrawal, then returned about an hour later and robbed the bank, police said.

Officers said Michael Wright, 38, was captured by a customer who chased and tackled him. The man showed no weapon during Tuesday's incident, said police Lt. Rod Sverko, but he managed to intimidate two tellers enough to obtain a stack of checks from one and a handful of dollar bills from the other.

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delegation is ready for "serious, intensive and expeditious negotiations," but will not be bound by a timetable. "There are grounds for optimism about the prospects for reaching an INF agreement," he said. "Diplomatic issues remain, however, and much hard work lies ahead of us."

Obukhov said the Soviet draft treaty would detail recent proposals by Soviet leaders for a ban on nuclear missiles, but details shorter-range nuclear missiles. Gorbachev's proposals include a call for eliminating both sides' medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe — a proposal also included in the U.S. draft treaty.

This would apply to U.S. Pershing 2 and cruise missiles and to Soviet triple-warhead SS-20s and similar warhead SS-4s, all of which have a range of up to 3,400 miles. Each side would retain 100 warheads.

The INF headstart is designed to give the two sides more time "for agreeing upon formulations to be included in a joint draft treaty" being prepared, Obukhov said Tuesday. Giltman said Wednesday that his

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population may be our next biggest worry because they don't protect themselves," said Frascino, who chairs the Santa Clara County Medical Society's education subcommittee.

"They're just becoming awakened sexually as it is, and to practice safe sexual techniques is very difficult for them. It's one more thing they have to worry about. It's too much to handle. So we think this is a group that is going to be sexually active."

"Tens feel invincible. When I speak to teenage groups, I ask them what they'd do if they came down with AIDS. The response is, 'I'd get it taken care of.' It just hasn't sunk in that this is incurable. So we've got to break down the barriers and get them to really take responsibility for their actions."

In San Mateo County, six teenage males in the last six months have come to the county Health Department for counseling after learning they had tested positively for the virus, said Ed Hilton, director of the county AIDS Task Force.

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Sixth Ave., San Francisco, 94122, (415) 661-8666, if you are interested.

ETIZ THEN TOLD ME A STORY about a Haden-dow boy named Abdulhali that she said she hoped would make me smile. So I share with you, a community that gave so uselessly, the words Etiz wrote. Perhaps it will make you smile, too.

"Salam Alaykum, Abdulhali." The boy looks up and when he recognizes me, he touches my hands with his hands. "Alaykum Salam."

Last year when we met, Abdulhali did not speak to me, not even when I gave him the blue marble. The marble delighted him. He showed it to every one in the snail (marketplace).

He held it up against the sun to show the blue within the blue. He hopped and skipped, and everyone knew that it was because Abdulhali carried a treasure in the deepest pocket of his jallabes (robe).

Last year, he did not speak to me. He was too shy, but then he was only 7. This year, Abdulhali is 8 years old and much braver. "How are you?" he asks. "I am fine," I tell him. "Thanks be to God," he says.

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MY ARABIC DOES NOT PERMIT

long questions Abdulhali does not seem to mind. He inquires politely after my health, after my children's health. "All is well, Abdulhali." "Thanks be to God. Are you happy?" he asks me. "I am happy, Abdulhali." "Are you glad?" "I am glad, Abdulhali." "Thanks be to God. How many goats do you own?" "I have no goats, Abdulhali." "You have no goats? Impossible. Not even one?" "No Abdulhali. I have no goats."

THE BOY LOOKS AT ME with wide-eyed concern. He frowns. He averts his eyes from my face. He looks down at his feet. He draws his right hand reaches deep into the red dust with his toe. He does not know how to handle this terrible lack of goats.

I am trying to find words to assure him that I am truly, truly happy, even though I own no goats. Abdulhali struggles to believe me. In his culture it is important not to doubt a friend. But to have no goats... to be happy without goats...

Abdulhali stops drawing with his toes. He shifts his position, his right hand reaches deep into the long pocket of his jallabes. He smiles and opens his hand, so that I can see what he offers me to offset the lack of goats. The marble draws blue fire in his palm. "I have two goats," he says. "Soon there will be more. God willing, I give you my treasure so that I may make you rich, too."