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CHP: confused Irish tourist causes crash

A tourist from Ireland — where they drive on the left side of the road — was driving on the wrong side of Highway 1 on the San Mateo Coast when he caused a head-on collision, according to the CHP.

The 34-year-old man from Dublin, Ireland, had pulled over to take pictures on Highway 1 just south of Tunitas Creek Road near San Gregorio at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, said CHP Officer Art Montiel.

When he re-entered the highway, he was [See CRASH, page 18]

Ballots arrive in mail tomorrow

If you're one of the growing number of people who vote by mail, your ballot for the June 5 primary should arrive tomorrow.

In San Mateo County, 74% of voters used mail ballots in last November's election, and 68% in Santa Clara County.

On the right is a preview of

the state Senate race for a newly configured district that encompasses most of the Peninsula.

• **Tomorrow:** the Post will preview the San Mateo County Supervisor race

• **Wednesday:** profiles of the judge candidates in Santa Clara County.

Four running for Simitian's Senate seat

BY KRISTEN PETERS
 Daily Post Staff Writer

The four candidates running for a newly re-configured state Senate seat representing most of the mid-Peninsula are just about as different and diverse as the citizens they'll represent.

The race pits two well-known Democratic

politicians, state Assemblyman Jerry Hill and former state assemblywoman Sally Lieber, against Mountain View high school teacher and first-time Democratic office seeker Christopher Chiang and Libertarian John Webster.

The winner will represent nearly a million [See SENATE, page 18]

THE UPDATE

In the past five sessions

Dow -190.04	Nasdaq -112.86	Oil -6.44
13,038.27	2,956.34	98.46

Gold 1644.70 **-19.30** NY COMEX close courtesy of Mish Int'l (650) 324-9110

National Debt: **\$15,701,029,837,088**
Trillion Billion Million

ROUGH DAY AHEAD: Financial markets are expected to stumble today after elections in Europe yesterday that indicated the continent's debt crisis may not improve. Last night, the euro fell to a five-month low. Japan's Nikkei 225 index plunged 2.6%.

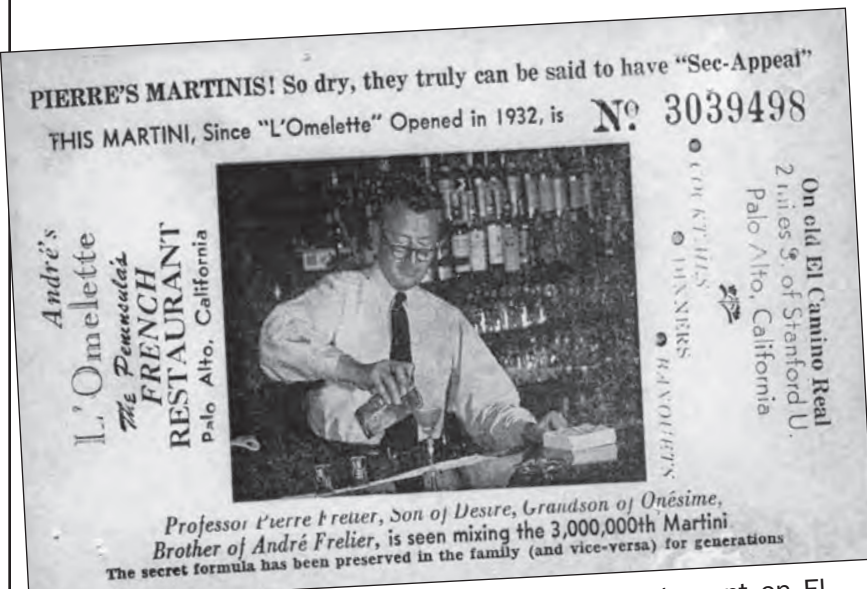
SARKOZY DUMPED: French President Nicolas Sarkozy lost in a runoff election to Socialist candidate Francois Hollande. Hollande has criticized France's austerity program and wants to encourage growth by boosting government spending.

GREEK CHAOS: Greek voters, angry over austerity measures, yesterday voted mostly for two parties that want to change the nation's international bailout terms or even overturn its rescue deal. Greece won't have a government until political parties with divergent worldviews can form a governing coalition.

REDWOOD CITY SHOOTING: Police last night were investigating a robbery at Heller and Chestnut streets in which the victim survived a [See THE UPDATE, page 4]

Take the Palo Alto history quiz

BY DAVE PRICE
 Daily Post Editor



REMEMBER L'OMELETTE? It was a French restaurant on El Camino Real where a Walgreens is now located. This is one of the postcards a customer would get when ordering a martini there. According to Matt Bowling's new book, a future president spent some time at L'Omelette, living the fast life.

Even longtime Palo Altans might be surprised by some of the history Matt Bowling has unearthed in his new book "Palo Alto Remembered: Stories from a City's Past," which goes on sale today. Here are 12 questions based on his book. Answers are on page 18.

1. Which president, as a young man, audited business classes at Stanford by day and lived the fast life at night? This future president, according to Bowling, "was well known on El Camino's restaurant row, entertaining the ladies at L'Omelette and Dinah's Shack regularly. He dated lots of San Francisco girls, driving up and back to the city at dangerous speeds on the Bayshore Highway."

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. John Kennedy
- c. Bill Clinton
- d. George H.W. Bush

2. Palo Alto once had a drive-in theater where families could watch movies in their cars [See QUIZ, page 4]

Alternate graduation requirements eyed

BY JEN NOWELL
 Daily Post Staff Writer

The Palo Alto school district is looking to amp up its high school graduation requirements, but it's also considering allowing alternatives for students whose plans don't include a four-year college degree after high school.

Superintendent Kevin Skelly released a report Friday outlining a plan to employ alternative graduation requirements, given the challenge of having all students meet the new graduation requirements.

If a student and a parent or counselor decide that the student is unable

to meet the graduation requirements, an alternative set of graduation requirements could be developed based on the student's plans after high school, Skelly said.

Skelly said alternative plans:

- must meet the needed graduation [See GRADUATION, page 18]

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QUIZ

and teenagers could make out. It was replaced by a park. Which park?

- a. Foothills
- b. Greer
- c. MacArthur

3. In 1919, Palo Alto High School was called Palo Alto Union High School. Why was that?

- a. The teachers' union controlled things back then
- b. It represented the merger of two cities, Palo Alto and Mayfield
- c. Union Oil Co. was a major donor to the schools

4. What existed on much of the Baylands before 1981?

- a. A yacht harbor
- b. Stanford classrooms
- c. One of California's earliest oil fields

5. What was the name of the Stanford Research Park before the 1970s?

- a. Stanford Industrial Park
- b. Frederick Terman Acres
- c. Palo Alto Country Club

6. Cogswell Park is named for?

- a. H.G. Cogswell, CEO of Cogswell Cogs
- b. The late Palo Alto Times editor Elinor Cogswell
- c. The late Henry Daniel Cogswell, a crusader in the temperance movement

7. In 1931, as the Great Depression resulted in massive unemployment, a Palo Alto woman named Mable Glover became inspired to feed and house the homeless. What radio program inspired her to do so?

- a. "Amos 'n' Andy"
- b. "The Lone Ranger"
- c. H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds"

8. In 1921, Palo Alto established a board that, for the next three decades, would determine what movies could be shown in local theaters.

- True
- False

9. What store used to be located in what is now CVS Pharmacy at 352 University Ave.?

- a. Bergmann's
- b. Woolworth's
- c. J.C. Penney

10. For the first half of the 20th century, Birge Clark was the only architect in town, and designed nearly 400 buildings and 98 homes. Which of the following wasn't one of his buildings?

- a. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road
- b. Downtown Post Office, 380 Hamilton Ave.
- c. Former Palo Alto Medical Clinic, 300 Homer Ave.
- d. City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

11. Which hotel hosted the Beatles in 1965?

- a. Diana's Shack
- b. Hyatt Riskey's
- c. Hotel Cabana
- d. The Cardinal

12. According to Bowling's book, who discovered El Palo Alto, a tall redwood that stands near the city's northern border, in 1769?

- a. Don Gaspar de Portola
- b. Junipero Serra
- c. Juana Briones

Bowling's book goes on sale today at Books Inc., Bell's Books, Kepler's and The Village Stationers.