

MONDAY, April 27, 2015

## Bailiff accused of pulling gun in courtroom

A San Mateo County bailiff has been put on leave after he pulled a gun during a court recess on a custodian as they were discussing the white South Carolina police officer charged with murdering a fleeing black man, according to the Mercury News.

The sheriff's department acknowledged that the bailiff, a deputy sheriff, was put on leave, but isn't discussing the case, saying it's a personnel matter, according to the newspaper. The [See BAILIFF, page 18]

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COMMUNITY TALK

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# Student stabbed to death



DENIS MESHCHSHYN, murder victim

### His family is 'traumatized' — 'He didn't have any enemies'

BY JEN NOWELL  
Daily Post Staff Writer

The family of a 19-year-old College of San Mateo student who was stabbed to death in Belmont said yesterday that the victim didn't have any enemies and they are "traumatized" by the brutal killing.

Denis Meshchshyn, of Belmont, was a "really nice person, very respectful and very organized," said John Gilbert, the boyfriend of the victim's mother.

The teen was stabbed

to death during a fight in a parking lot on the 600 block of Masonic Way at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday, according to police Capt. Pat Halleran. He was taken to the hospital where he died, he said.

Meshchshyn was born in Ukraine and moved to the U.S. with his family about nine years ago, Gilbert said. He had worked for almost four years at Pump It Up in Belmont, an indoor amusement park with inflatable [See STABBED, page 18]



MEMORIAL — Friends gather in the Belmont parking lot where Denis Meshchshyn was stabbed. They put votive candles where his body was found. Post photo.

## THE UPDATE

In the past five sessions

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**CORRECTION:** A story Saturday said that Dr. Alan Fisher, who is accused of shooting his 33-year-old son in their San Carlos home, works at Kaiser Permanente in Redwood City. Fisher actually retired from there more than five years ago, according to hospital spokesman Karl Sonkin.

### QUAKE'S DEATH TOLL RISES:

The death toll from Nepal's earthquake soared past 3,300 today, and how much higher it will rise depends largely on the condition of vulnerable mountain villages that rescue workers are still struggling to reach two days after the disaster. Reports received so far by aid groups suggest that

[See THE UPDATE, page 4]

## City looks at Holly St. fixes

BY JEN NOWELL  
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San Carlos City Council is looking at ideas such as closing off the Highway 101 exit at Holly Street and buying houses to turn into parking lots for residents as the city grapples with the impacts of turning Holly Street into a thoroughfare.

In October, the city went through with restriping the road and enforcing new parking restrictions on Holly Street between Industrial and Old County roads. The removal of parking from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays allowed the city to turn the two-lane street into a four-lane roadway.

Tonight council will receive a

presentation on the results of these changes.

The city's consultant, Hexagon Transportation Consultants Inc., performed traffic counts and travel time runs in August before the change, in November after the change and again in March, according to Jay Walter, the [See HOLLY, page 18]

## One teen suicide different from the rest

BY BREENA KERR  
Daily Post Staff Writer

School pressure, isolation, mental illness and drugs have all been talked about as possible causes for a recent spate of teen suicides in Palo Alto. But after looking at autopsy reports, the Post found no evidence that drugs or alcohol played a role in the last

### Death blamed on an anti-acne drug

11 teen suicide deaths, except one in 2002 that involved a prescription and led to a years-long legal battle over the acne medication Accutane.

In the case of Steven Wert-

heimer, a 14-year-old Palo Alto High School freshman, the coroner's autopsy report contained a brief, one-paragraph "opinion" statement about why the teen had taken his life on the Caltrain tracks.

"There is a history of recent treatment with Accutane. A possi- [See DEATH, page 8]



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