

NEWS

Two public libraries have shortened hours

Citing "unexpected staffing emergencies," Palo Alto Public Library officials said yesterday that the College Terrace library will be closed on Tuesdays and the Downtown library closed on Thursdays.

The closures are effective immediately and will be in place until further notice, library director Paula Simpson said in a prepared statement. "Two employees will be on extended absences, and unfortunately this prevents the

library from continuing to maintain its existing schedule," Simpson said in the release. College Terrace and Downtown are the two smallest public libraries in Palo Alto.

College Terrace, at 2300 Wellesley Avenue, will now be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Downtown branch, at 270 Forest Avenue, will now be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motorcyclist killed, hit by car

Sunnyvale resident Justin Wojdacki died Thursday night in Redwood City when he and his motorcycle were hit by car, police said.

The accident occurred at about 9:50 p.m. Thursday on the University Avenue on ramp to Highway 101 southbound in Redwood City. While entering the highway, Wojdacki's motorcycle collided with a raised concrete curb that separated the on ramp from the highway, police said.

Upon hitting the curb Wojdacki and his 1993 model Kawasaki went down on the highway, directly in the path of an oncoming 2000 model Volkswagen. The front of the car struck both Wojdacki and his bike, police said. "The force of the impact inflicted fatal injuries," California Highway Patrol said in a press release.

The driver of the Volkswagen wasn't injured. It is unknown whether alcohol or drugs played a role in the collision.

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*Regional Water Quality Control Plant	2501 Embarcadero Way (M-F, 8am-4pm). For Palo Alto residents only: Next Household Hazardous Waste Events Saturday, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 (9am-noon)

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