

Peninsula readers' letters: October 9

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Dear Editor: You had it right on the packed trains to San Francisco this weekend. We certainly were "packed chest-to-back into trains."

I took the weekend baby bullet train from Palo Alto and I must say that fellow passengers were enormously kind and courteous as they assisted me in taking my bike off at Hillsdale, as the vestibule area was as crowded as any New York subway car at peak hour. However, regarding the assertion by Caltrain staff that "the railway has limited equipment" and wouldn't run extra trains as both BART and Muni did, I think that statement should be questioned.

Caltrain operates 36 trains on Saturdays, 86 on weekdays. The trains are there but the budget to operate them is not.

Had Caltrain dedicated revenue in the form of sales taxes, property taxes or parking fees like the other two transit systems, it might have been possible to run extra train sets.

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