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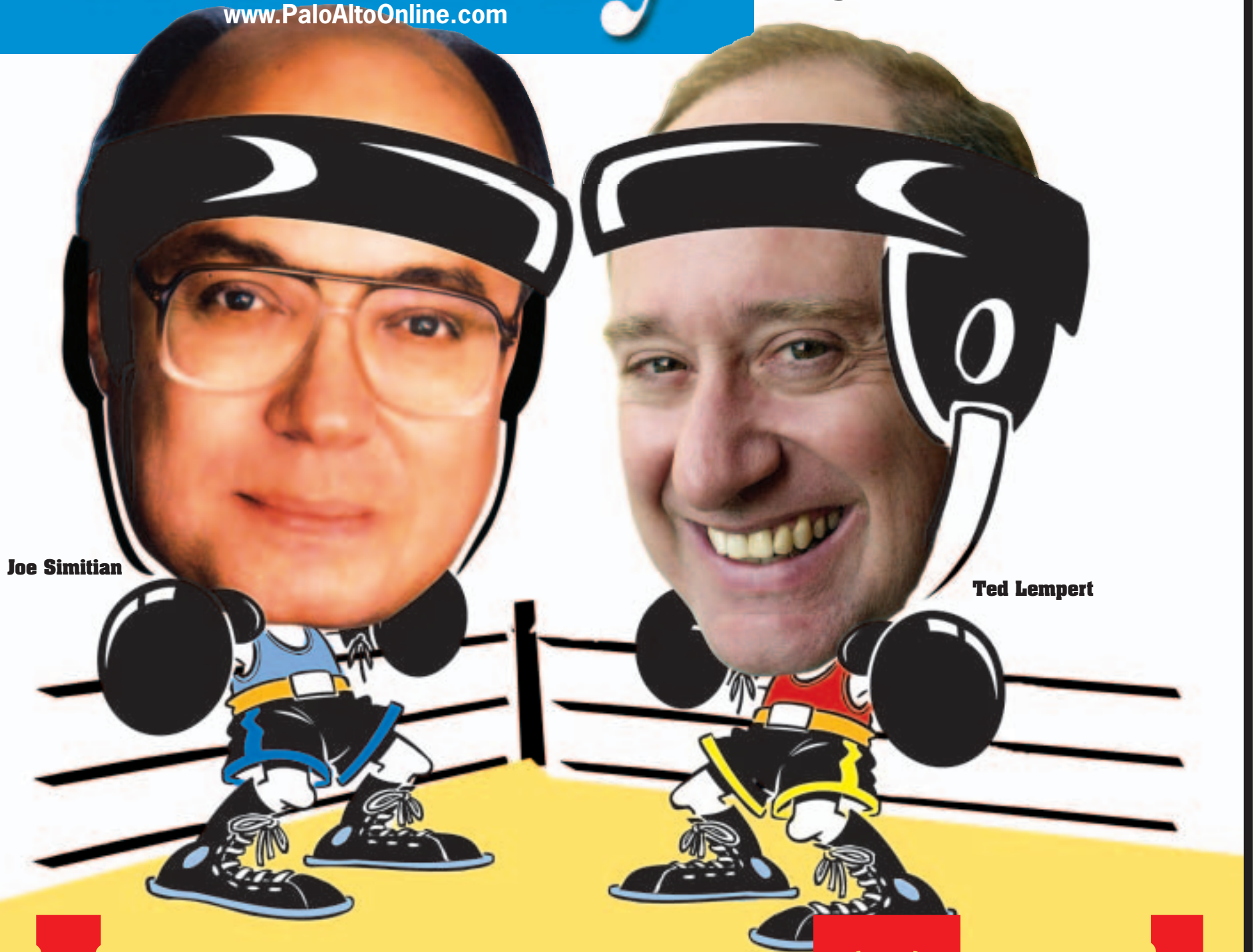
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# Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

## District downcast after latest budget setback

Potential choices for cuts include layoffs, closing elementary campus

by Bill D'Agostino

**H**ow serious has the Palo Alto school district's budget situation gotten? Shutting down an elementary school is on a list of possible choices to close an ever-growing \$4 million shortfall.

An emergency school board meeting was called Friday morning to discuss the deteriorating 2004-2005

budget, after the district learned Wednesday its deficit had grown from \$3 million to \$4 million due to

decreasing property tax revenue.

"I wish we were gathering on a happier note, but that doesn't seem to be the way things have been going this year," board President Cathy Kroymann said at the outset of the Friday get-together.

School board member Mandy Lowell called the announcement a "bombshell."

Although no one directly said it at the meeting, the bad budget news obviously increases the chances of

layoffs in the district. Perhaps cautious of that information, Superintendent Mary Frances Callan told those in attendance Friday that every district employee is valued.

Despite looking into a group of increasingly worried faces, Callan tried to strike a hopeful chord, even as she warned "we still have several more unknowns to face."

"I know that this affects morale," Callan said. "I can't believe that anyone who would have their job in jeop-

ardy ... would feel good about that. If they did, I would question their sanity. No one feels good about this. But we're going to do it, as we did last year, together as an educational community."

After the meeting, the list of "potential choices" was released along with a schedule of public gatherings to hear input on the budget. For the first time in numerous years of budget cutting — and following a

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Chihito Koga

### Soul patrol

The Rev. Michael Johnson of the Union Star Baptist Church and Pastor Larry Goode of St. Francis of Assisi walk the streets of East Palo Alto, striking up conversations with people they meet as part of a new outreach ministry. See story and photos on page 7.

### NEIGHBORHOODS

## Debate in Southgate

Residents consider pros and cons of starting a neighborhood group

by Jocelyn Dong

**T**o form an association or not to form an association — for the neighbors of Southgate, that is the question. Last week, the election of board members for a new Southgate residents' group was suspended two days before its conclusion, following protest by some neighbors who aren't convinced they even want a group of representatives.

Instead, board nominees decided to form a committee that would host a neighborhood-wide meeting on the issue in early to mid-March.

The Southgate debate is especially relevant at a time when neighborhood associations throughout Palo Alto have taken an active role in working with the city — and also taken heat in some cases from residents who didn't agree with their actions.

Last September, a group of residents led by Jennifer Hagan got together to start an association in Southgate — a neighborhood of 230 homes located next to Palo Alto High School and bounded by Churchill Avenue, El Camino Real, Park Boulevard and the train tracks. They spread the word via fliers delivered

door-to-door, posted a Web site and announced an election for board members.

Hagan was inspired to form a neighborhood group after four years as a Palo Alto Parks & Recreation commissioner, during which she heard from representatives of numerous residential groups.

Hagan realized Southgate was "one of the discrete neighborhoods that didn't have a neighborhood association," she said. "There hasn't been a unified voice."

The association, she said, would serve two purposes: To give the neighborhood a "focused, consensus"-oriented group that could interact with city staff and officials,

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### PARKING

## Zoned-out?

Committee will look anew at downtown's color zones

by Bill D'Agostino

**C**ouncilwoman Judy Kleinberg had three meetings in downtown Palo Alto one day, forcing her to repeatedly move her car from one "color zone" to another, to avoid getting a parking ticket.

"I couldn't seem to get out (of) my color zone," Kleinberg said. "I was getting more frustrated and upset."

Love them or hate them, downtown Palo Alto's four-toned color zones (purple, coral, lime and blue) are going to be revisited by the Chamber of Commerce's newly reconstituted Parking Committee.

During weekdays, cars are prohibited to re-park in the six- to 12-block color zones prior to 5 p.m.

The committee's first meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19 at noon at the chamber office, 122 Hamilton Ave. The committee is also looking at whether the city's parking garages should expand their hourly limits.

At a recent City Council meeting, Kleinberg wondered if it was time to abolish the much-maligned color zones since two new parking garages opened late last year.

The city, Kleinberg said, is getting an increasing number of complaints from shoppers who say they received tickets due to the time and zone limits.

In many cases, the shoppers have announced they would never shop in Palo Alto again. The parking zones are confusing, and hurt businesses at a time when retail dollars are scarce, she said. The message is, "it's OK to shop Palo Alto but don't park here."

A South San Francisco resident sent a letter to the council earlier this month saying that the parking

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# Our Town

by Tyler Hanley

## Mirror-image identity

My reflection has a pulse. He strolls the streets of downtown Palo Alto, dines at local eateries and can be spotted catching a flick at the Aquarius Theater.

We have a lot in common, my reflection and I. We appreciate quality films, root wholeheartedly for the San Francisco 49ers and are fascinated by comic-book superheroes.

But if you spot my reflection rambling down University Avenue and shout "Tyler," chances are he won't react.

His name is Nathan.

No, I don't suffer from split personality disorder (I don't think). I'm half of an identical twin set, and the experience of growing up a twin in Menlo Park and Palo Alto was what can only be described as a double-identity crisis, a weird world of twinergy.

Nathan and I are "mirror-image" twins. I'm left-handed, he's a righty. Our hair cowlicks twirl in opposite directions. It's a phenomenon that occurs in 25 percent of the world's identical twins. Only about 5 million of the 6.3 billion people in the world are mirror-image twins. Our uncommon commonality puts us in a group shared by less than one percent of our fellow citizens.

A Northern California "Twin Registry" at SRI International in Menlo Park lists more than 2,000 sets of twins — an aid to studies on health and lifestyle versus genetics. I know other sets of twins are around, but I've only met three sets in the Palo Alto area.

A twin wasn't something I asked for. In my first years I thought creation had played me a cruel joke. Birthdays meant sharing one cake. School years meant shared yearbooks. Shopping for new clothes meant... well, you get the picture. It was as if I watched myself growing up at Las Lomitas elementary school and Menlo-Atherton High.

Nathan and I felt far from unique individuals. The laundry list of "lookalike comments" piled up year after year. Friends unintentionally referred to Nathan as Tyler and to me as Nathan — and eventually gave up, shifting to the always-safe "Hanley." Strangers asked questions with a curious fervor: "Can you feel the other's pain?" or "Do you ever have the same dream?"

Our favorite was when people would ask us to stand back to back (an almost daily request). It ceased

to be entertaining after the second line-up.

But as time went on, I — perhaps we — began to realize that *not* being one-of-a-kind is so one-of-a-kind that it becomes a kind of wonder.

With the mistaken names and girlfriends who found themselves attracted to both of us (go figure) also emerged a dependable confidant and companion.

Want to throw the football around? Grab your twin. Need someone to talk to? Grab your twin. Want someone to take the rap for your bad judgment? Grab your .... Oops, he wasn't supposed to know about that one.

When the hormonal tidal wave of high school hit, new students paced the hallways like a backpack-laden herd. While bigger, older students tossed freshmen into garbage bins, they would usually shy away from Nathan and me out of sheer fascination with our duality. Maybe it was just that there were two of us.

We now both work in Palo Alto and our bond has grown ever stronger since those early days of arguing over cake or fighting about having to wear identical pin-stripe shirts.

Some say being a twin is a blessing, others a curse. They're both right. It's fantastic to have a constant friend, someone who knows what you're going through and with whom you can relate and empathize. On the other hand, being known as an individual rather than a pair does have benefits.

Nathan and I solved the problem by pursuing similar but different interests. He strummed the guitar; I slammed the drumset. He studied screenwriting; I set off for acting school. His superhero star is Captain America; I've stuck to Spider-Man. He wears his hair longer. In high school, Nathan had his left ear pierced and still wears an earring to help people identify him for himself.

Our mutual assertion of individuality during the tumultuous years of high school worked. I can now see the reality of what that long-ago egg splitting meant: My best friend was with me in the womb, and I'm glad he's with me in the world, whether on the streets of Palo Alto or anywhere else our futures take us.

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# Sending out an SOS

Forum focuses on link between budget cuts and students' emotional well-being

by Rachel Metz

**T**here is a direct link between school funding and the emotional health of district kids, according to a group of concerned locals.

The launching pad for this argument is a town-hall style meeting Saturday, Feb. 21 at the school-district office.

"When you cut financially, if you cut staff, you cut programs (and) you cut counselors. It's one less lifeline ... to a child," said Diane Rolfe, an organizer and former Palo Alto teacher.

A group of five panelists will discuss school-district funding, fundraising and the emotional needs of children at the forum sponsored by the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. School board president Cathy Kroymann will moderate.

Rolfe is expecting a full house — around 200 people — especially in light of the most recent district cuts.

"Every seat will be taken," she predicted.

Last year the district cut approximately \$4 million from its budget — some of that in counseling services. This year the district cut \$1.5 million, making reductions in course offerings and staffing levels. Due to an unexpected drop in property-tax revenue, the district may have to cut up to \$1.1 million more.

This trend in school-budget cuts was the impetus for the event, Rolfe said. That, and the fact kids are growing up in a community that is less connected than it was in the '50s and '60s.

"I would say we have bigger problems today for youth in many respects than we did when I was growing up. True, the '50s were very conformist, but I never heard of any child committing suicide, ever," Rolfe said.

After talking about the problem with friends in the association, she thought it was time to mobilize the community against more cuts. The group has a history of social action; Rolfe is the chapter's social-action chair.

"It's time to bring people together so we care about each other — so we can work together focusing on the children and the schools," she said.

The suicides of two Palo Alto High School students over the past year, as well as an impression that alcohol use is high among teens, has gravely concerned many in the district, Kroymann said.

She agreed with Rolfe about a

waning emphasis on support for education and on families spending time together.

In the Baby Boom era "a lot of money went into infrastructure, building new schools and things that supported children and families, and I think we've probably seen a decrease in that," she said.

**"When you cut financially, if you cut staff, you cut programs (and) you cut counselors. It's one less lifeline ... to a child."**

—Diane Rolfe, former Palo Alto teacher

Besides aiming to build community support for students and schools, the meeting is a chance for locals who don't have kids in Palo Alto schools to learn more about funding issues and the district, she said.

The panel was formed with the intent of having both fiscal and emotional needs represented. Speakers include Superintendent Mary Frances Callan, Palo Alto Medical Foundation health education manager Becky Beacom, and All Schools Fund member Geoff Kerr.

Beacom said she'll focus her talk on the emotional health of kids in the school district and the need for the medical foundation to work with the community and schools to further health education.

"We need to be working together if we're talking about the emotional health of kids," she said.

The association also got a bevy of local groups to sponsor the event, including the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Adolescent Counseling Services and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. Getting sponsors was easy, Rolfe said.

"It was like, 'Hey, count me in,'" she said. ■

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## Correction

The review of Mazeh Taste of the World Restaurant in the Jan. 23 issue of the Weekly incorrectly reported that Dahl soup is Indian when, in fact, it is Nepalese. The price of a cup of a soup is not \$2.50, but \$2.75. The house white wine, Rene Barbier Mediterranean White, costs \$5 per glass, not \$3. The correct hours of operation for the restaurant are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays. Mazeh also offers catering, take-out and high chairs. To request a clarification or correction, call Marc Burkhardt, managing editor, at (650) 326-8210, or write to P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto 94302.

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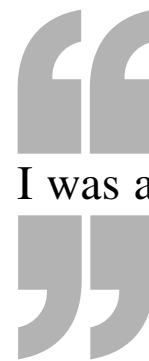
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**Rev. Michael Johnson**, preacher at the Union Star Baptist Church in East Palo Alto, on his life before getting off drugs. He and other clergy are trying to help others do the same. See facing page.

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**FORGED BARRIER VOTES ...**

"Somebody obviously has a sense of humor," said a laughing **Joe Durand**, the leader of Unblock, a group of Downtown North residents who are fighting for the removal of several street barriers in their neighborhood. Durand was laughing because someone obviously forged his vote on a paper ballot the Palo Alto Weekly included in a recent cover story on the traffic-calming measure. The Weekly asked the ballots be sent to the city to unofficially gauge residents' opinions of the barriers. The reason The Weekly knows Durand's vote is forged is that his ballot recommends keeping the test-run barriers intact. "I wouldn't have voted for the trial," he said. Don't worry though, Joe, fate has a way of evening the score. Another ballot with **Dan Lorimer's** name was also sent. He allegedly asked to remove all traffic-altering measures. Lorimer, it should be noted, is the head of the neighborhood association who has been advocating *on behalf* of the barriers. So maybe it wasn't fate that evened the score. Even though one fake ballot is written in all-caps and the other isn't, the "D" in "Durand" and the "D" in "Dan" look similar. Hmm...

**YOUR PRIVATE STREET?**

**UM, NO ...** Last week the Palo Alto City Council elected to put up signs prohibiting parking from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on weekdays on three streets near Gunn High School. The move aims to stop students from parking there all day. Meanwhile, on the corner of **Bryant Street** and **Kellogg Avenue**, someone put up a white homemade "No Parking" sign, claiming that the curb on the bicycle boulevard was for residents only. That's a big no-no, said **Gayle Likens**, the city's transportation planner, who is presumably going to give the homeowner a stern talking to.

**MORE ROOM FOR BOOKS ...**

**The Friends of the Palo Alto Library** is nearing a deal with the city to get more space for its bargain book sales. Currently the sales happen in a cramped room in the E wing of the Cubberley Community Center. The group is hoping to get a much larger spot in the K wing for its sale in March. The main book sale will remain in the trailer in the back of Cubberley. The Friends holds its sales on the second Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS ...**

Palo Alto-based **FriendFinder, Inc.**, a Palo Alto-based dating network, decided to let users vote on their favorite fantasy date for Valentine's Day. Results ranged from "Friends" star **Jennifer Aniston** (in first place with 34 percent of the vote) to actress **Diane Keaton** (in seventh place with 4 percent of the vote). **Demi Moore** took second place and **Meg Ryan** took third. The ages of most winners — five out of seven were 35 or older — surprised the company. "Frankly, we were surprised. In today's youth-oriented culture, you would think that single men would be drawn to younger beauties," FriendFinder CEO **Andrew Conru** said.

**SKIPPING OUT ...**

While attorney **Harold "Skip" Justman** was running for Palo Alto City Council last year, he took heat for skirmishing with planning department officials while saying he wanted to cut that department's budget. Justman's personal scuffle was the result of an illegal apartment on one of his properties. Well, that scuffle continues. Code Enforcement Officer **Christopher Fujimoto** is requesting a hearing next month, asking to fine Justman and his wife \$1,000 a day since July, and \$1,306 in administrative costs for keeping their detached garage as an illegal apartment unit. Justman said he has recently fixed the problem and wants the situation to end. "The work was going to get done, there was no reason to muscle it up and be nasty about it," he said. The city thinks Justman took too long. "We had set deadlines for compliance ... and he didn't make the deadlines," Fujimoto responded. Justman said he plans to run again for council in 2005.

**STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT ...**

Former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** talked to students and faculty at Castilleja School Thursday. Albright answered students' questions about her Jewish ancestry and challenges she faced as secretary of state. She also encouraged students to speak up, saying "Don't forget to interrupt."

**KGO's Len Tillem & Michael Gilfix**

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EAST PALO ALTO

# Street sermons

MINISTERS IN ACTION PROGRAM  
INSPIRES DRUG ADDICTS TO REFORM

by Elizabeth White

**T**he Rev. Michael Johnson stood blocks from his pulpit at Union Star Baptist Church, but his preaching voice boomed while talking to a man on a street corner.

"You have already given me the information that you know God, that you know Christ," Johnson said to Sammy Williams, a man who says he expects to go to hell and wouldn't want to stand before God. "Stir up your faith because you know God. He has a blessing."

Johnson knows what it's like to feel like Williams, having made the transition from drug addict to man of God.

"I was a walking garbage can," Johnson said. "I've kind of had an in-and-out style in the church."

But since he started attending Union Star in 1999, Johnson has risen fast in its ranks, becoming a leader in the church and spending much of his free time ministering on the streets and in drug rehabilitation programs.

Johnson said he's been clean for three years, and is now focusing his efforts on spearheading the Ministers in Action program, a partnership with other church leaders in East Palo Alto who use the Bible to inspire drug addicts to reform.

The program started in response to an outburst of violence in East Palo Alto over the last three months, said the Rev. Bob Hartley, also of Union Star. Hartley one day came home to chaos on his street after gunfire broke out. He immediately got in touch with other religious leaders in the area, and they laid a plan to reach out to the young people of East Palo Alto.

What started as a prayer vigil has grown into a multi-pronged program by multiple faiths from Muslims to Scientologists to Baptists to Methodists. The group not only takes part in the Ministers in Action program, which is led by Johnson and officially launched late last week, but it also helps people on probation and victims of crime.

They visit hot spots in the community — an effort made possible by law enforcement officials, who offered the preachers a vehicle.

"Part of it is communicating to people that there's an end to this; there's a light at the end of the tunnel," Hartley said.

"Praise God," Johnson said to that. ■



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The Rev. Michael Johnson (left) and Pastor Larry Goode (right) talk with Fernando Calixtro in front of the East Side Market on Clarke Avenue (top). Johnson strikes up a conversation with Sammy Williams at the corner of Weeks Street and Clarke Avenue (above). Goode and Johnson say a prayer with Nancy Jones (left).

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## News Digest

### Channing traffic-calming trial begins next week

A four-month trial to slow motorists driving along Channing Avenue is expected to start next week with the installation of seven traffic devices, according to Palo Alto city staff. Two speed tables, two center medians, two median/pedestrian refuges and a raised crosswalk are planned for the stretch of Channing between Guinda Street and Greer Road in north Palo Alto. Another speed table and an electronic speed-limit sign are already in place.

Commuters often use Channing as a way to get from Embarcadero Road, near Highway 101, to Middlefield Road, residents said. Traffic studies have found that 15 percent of vehicles go 33 mph or faster in the 25-mph zone. At past neighborhood meetings, parents have expressed concerns for their children's safety. Duveneck Elementary School and St. Elizabeth Seton School are located on Channing, and children attending other schools in the area use Channing as well.

A final element to the traffic trial — flashing lights that are embedded in the crosswalk pavement and set-off by pedestrians — is expected to be installed after the seven devices are completed.

For information, contact the city's Transportation Division at (650) 329-2520. ■

—Jocelyn Dong

### City revenues down again

City financial forecasters missed the mark for the current fiscal year. The city is receiving \$1.9 million less in sales tax revenue and \$750,000 less in hotel tax revenue than anticipated.

Fortunately, the analysts also did not project an increase in the car tax revenue it will receive from the state. The city will also get a one-time tax spike from the Stanford Shopping Center's lease changing hands and property tax revenue was slightly higher than expected.

"We're just fortunate in the fact that in planning for the budget, we just had not included the VLF (the car tax)," said Charles Perl, the city's budget manager. "Thank goodness we didn't, because we're relying on that now to fix our issues with other revenue sources."

All in all, this year's budget has a \$300,000 shortfall, although no major cuts are expected to balance the budget.

Next year, however, city forecasters are predicting to make some additional cuts, since tax revenues appear to not be keeping pace with the rise of expenses, despite more than \$20 million in cuts the last two years.

The exact shortfall for next year is unknown.

The City Council's finance committee will be discussing the mid-year budget at its meeting Wednesday night, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council conference room at 250 Hamilton Ave. ■

—Bill D'Agostino

### Open Space District expansion supported

The Midpeninsula Open Space District's planned expansion to the San Mateo County coast received two boosts last week, one official and the other more symbolic.

The Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission voted unanimously to approve its expansion, and the commission voted to recommend that the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission, which makes the final decision, also do so. The San Mateo County commission is scheduled to vote on the plan March 17.

Meanwhile, the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group lent its moral support to the expansion, saying the plan will protect both open space and the coastside's agricultural heritage.

"Our program is designed to preserve open space, protect farmland, and save the unique scenic beauty of the coast," said Mary Davey, president of the open space district's board.

The open space district, formed more than 30 years ago, manages nearly 50,000 acres of open space preserves in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. ■

—Don Kazak

### Banking on Wells Fargo

The school district got a healthy gift from Wells Fargo Bank recently. Board President Cathy Kroymann was presented with a check for \$8,050 at a breakfast with Wells Fargo officials.

The bank donated money to the district based on the number of Wells Fargo checking accounts opened in Palo Alto this fall.

"Breakfast is not my thing and getting up early is not my thing, but for this, my pleasure," Kroymann said at last week's school board meeting. ■

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## School budget

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fight last year with the state over basic-aid funding — this year the district has held public meetings on the budget, a further sign of how nervous officials are.

Among the list of other “choices” for handling the newly-expanded shortfall is a proposal to remove one teacher from each high school, lay off a secretary and delete the Spectra Art program.

While the list could change dramatically by the time the district announces its proposed cuts on March 3 and the board votes on the budget six days later, Kroymann said removing one teacher from each high school is “certainly very possible.”

Closing a school would save \$400,000, while removing one teacher per high school would save \$143,482. Ending the art program would save \$65,000. Kroymann said closing a school was not very likely, although she added it was only not likely “in this round of budget cuts.”

Adding anxiety to an already nervous discussion, Deputy Superintendent Bob Golton warned that the \$4 million shortfall could rise again later, as the district gets more property tax data throughout the year.

“The final chapter in this story has yet to be written,” Golton said.

The new “potential choices” are in addition to \$1.5 million in proposed cuts the district announced during Tuesday night’s board meeting. Callan warned on Friday that the

### POSSIBLE CUTS FACING DISTRICT

Potential Cut	Potential Saving
Delete district office secretary	\$53,461
Delete Spectra Art Program	\$65,000
Reduce one teacher allocation at each high school	\$143,482
Close an elementary school	\$400,000
Reduce landscape position	\$51,219
Reduce clerical time at elementary schools by one hour	\$61,522
Reduce clerical time at high schools by eight hours	\$95,360
Reduce clerical time at middle schools by 16 hours	\$95,360

original list was not likely to be as flexible now that even more budget cuts were needed.

The district is hoping the final \$1.5 million of the \$4 million projected shortfall will be made up through private fund-raising efforts.

The superintendent also announced that personnel contracts would not be re-opened this year, despite the recent bad news. “We do not have time to do that in a thoughtful and caring manner,” Callan said.

District officials had earlier proposed unpaid days off for employees to lessen other cuts, but the teacher’s union rejected the notion, refusing to even meet for discussions.

At Friday’s meeting, district officials also announced they are seeking the community’s advice for how to handle next year’s budget, through a series of 13 public and staff meetings.

While parent leaders said they appreciated the chance to give input, they are also concerned the public’s recommendations could get caught in the “trap of the ‘Palo Alto process.’”

“Sometimes it feels that the

process asks for the input and then very politely sets it aside,” PTA President Kate Hill said.

Two public meetings on the budget will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 and Feb 23 in Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School’s cafeteria. Meetings with staff and union officials will be held separately throughout the month of February.

School board member Camille Townsend said people should not edit their ideas for trimming the budget.

“There is nothing too small; there is nothing too large,” Townsend said. “I don’t see the problem going away this year.”

The outreach meetings were planned after the district learned about their worsening budget situation on Wednesday.

More than 30 people attended the 11 a.m. meeting, surprising officials who did not have enough handouts at the beginning.

“We were not anticipating such interest in this meeting,” Kroymann said. ■

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## Neighborhood

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Stanford University and the school district on issues that might affect Southgate; and to disseminate information to residents.

As straightforward as that may sound, some residents, like Marian Krause, question the value of an organization. She asked Hagan last week to stop the election and poll neighbors on whether they want an association.

It’s not that Krause means to be unneighborly. In fact, she’s a block captain for Southgate’s Neighborhood Watch program. But she has mixed feelings about an association.

One of her concerns was for residents whose views differ from a position taken by the group.

“I’m not sure how it all works. If you disagree, what happens?” she asked.

Krause recalled the time when the Midpeninsula Community Media Center considered relocating to Palo Alto High School. She was in favor; other neighbors were staunchly opposed. Holding the minority opinion amid a more vocal majority made her feel uncomfortable, she said.

Hagan, however, said she doesn’t have a particular agenda for the association and just thinks it would be a good idea to have one in place to deal with outside parties.

“The board isn’t getting together to fix neighborhood problems,” she said, even though she acknowledged some neighbors would like to help with cut-through traffic. Neither is it intended as “an internal policing organization. ...We’re not out to tell people their walls should be five feet or six feet.”

Other Southgate residents are feeling *laissez-faire* about the whole idea

— wanting neither to stand in the way of an organization nor to encourage its formation. Some don’t see the need.

“I think individual action can be as effective as group action,” said long-time resident Eugene McDonnell. Most recently, he and his wife voiced their concerns about the neighborhood’s sewer systems at a meeting with the city. “We have confidence that we can make changes, because we have done it.”

Members of the new neighborhood committee include David Vick, Bob Stillerman, John Schwartz, John Klinestiver, Jean Martin and Hagan.

For more information, visit the neighborhood’s Web site at [www.southgatena.org](http://www.southgatena.org) or contact Hagan at 322-8498. ■

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## Parking

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signs are “extremely confusing.” He included a copy of his coral zone ticket, and \$35 check to pay the fine.

“I will not patronize your city due to this event,” the man wrote. “For a 5 dollar item ... it cost me \$40.”

“For our community to have a very strict parking system — when our neighboring communities don’t — seems to me to say, ‘We don’t really care if you shop here or in neighboring cities,’” Kleinberg said.

When Jerry Hsia moves his car from zone to zone every two hours,

he leaves his furniture store Ginkgo (in the coral zone, located across from City Hall) unattended, or temporarily closes up shop. Removing the zones so he would only have to move a few spots away “would make my life a lot easier,” he said.

Or would it? Advocates of the system — yes, there are a few — believe that letting cars have a free-for-all could make it harder for some drivers, especially customers, to find a place to park.

As one parking attendant was walking around checking license plate numbers in the purple zone, she pointed out that there are more

cars than stalls in downtown.

“They’re effective in keeping people who are employees from taking parking spaces that we’d like to be occupied by customers,” said Chop Keenan, a downtown real estate developer.

Before the zones were installed — in 1995 — employees would regularly engage in “sleeper parking” where they’d move one spot at a time, leaving no room for customers, Keenan said.

“In retail or in office, parking is gold,” he said. ■

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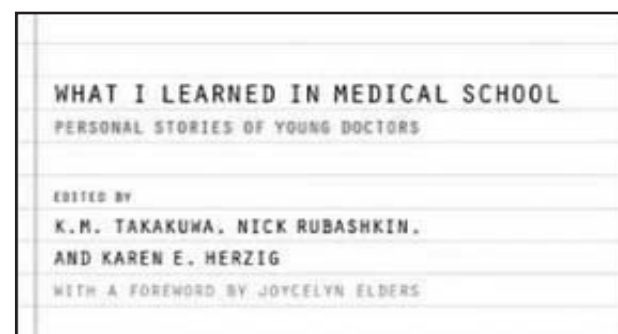
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# Community Pulse

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## POLICE CALLS

### Palo Alto

February 5-11

#### Violence related

Battery	.1
Domestic violence	.2
Elder abuse	.3
Suicide	.2

#### Theft related

Checks forgery	.1
Commercial burglaries	.1
Grand theft	.11
Petty theft	.11
Residential burglaries	.2
Shoplifting	.2

#### Vehicle related

Auto recovery	.1
Bicycle stop	.5
Driving w/suspended license	.1
Hit and run	.4
Lost/stolen license plates	.1
Misc. traffic	.1
Parking/driving violation	.1
Theft from auto	.3
Vehicle accident/major injury	.1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	.4
Vehicle accident/property damage	.10
Vehicle impound	.8
Vehicle stop	.12

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public	.4
Drunken driving	.4
Possession of paraphernalia	.1

#### Miscellaneous

Animal call	.2
Construction	.1
Found property	.1
Medical aid	.1
Meet citizen	.2
Misc. penal code violation	.8
Missing person	.2
Noise ordinance violation	.1
Other/misc.	.3
Psychiatric hold	.2
Stalking	.2
Suspicious person	.1
Vandalism	.4
Warrant arrest	.5
Warrant/other agency	.9

### Menlo Park

February 5-11

#### Violence related

Spousal abuse	.1
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#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries	.2
Fraud	.3
Grand theft	.2
Petty theft	.3
Residential burglaries	.1

#### Shoplifting

.1

#### Vehicle related

Abandoned auto	.2
Auto recovery	.1
Auto theft	.2
Driving w/suspended license	.3
Driving without license	.4
Tow request	.5
Vehicle accident/major injury	.1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	.1
Vehicle accident/property damage	.6

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity	.2
Drunken driving	.1
Possession of drugs	.2

#### Miscellaneous

Disturbance	.2
Disturbing/annoying phone calls	.1
False info. to peace officer	.1
Found property	.2
Indecent exposure	.1
Info. case	.3
Located missing juvenile	.1
Missing adult	.1
Missing juvenile	.1
Outside assistance	.3
Vandalism	.4
Violation of court order	.1
Warrant arrest	.2

### Atherton

February 6-12

#### Violence related

Assault .1

#### Theft related

Fraud	.1
Petty theft	.1
Abandoned auto	.1
Bicycle stop	.4
Hit and run	.1
Parking/driving violation	.3
Suspicious vehicle	.12
Vehicle accident/minor injury	.1
Vehicle accident/property damage	.2
Vehicle code violation	.6

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunken driving .3

#### Miscellaneous

911 hang-up	.1
Animal call	.3
Attempt to contact	.1
Be on the lookout	.1
Citizen assist	.2
County road block	.1
Disturbance	.1
Fire call	.1
Follow up	.2
Juvenile problem	.2
Medical aid	.2
Meet citizen	.1
Missing person	.1
Other/misc.	.1
Outside assistance	.5
Suspicious circumstances	.2
Suspicious person	.4
Town ordinance violation	.4
Vandalism	.1
Welfare check	.6

### East Palo Alto

February 5-11

#### Violence related

Assault w/deadly weapon	.1
Battery	.3
Domestic violence	.7
Robbery	.1
Shooting into vehicle or dwelling	.1

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries	.8
Forgery	.1
Petty theft	.7
Residential burglaries	.2
Theft undefined	.6

#### Vehicle related

Auto recovery	.1
Auto theft	.5
Hit and run	.4
Parking citation	.1
Suspicious vehicle	.1
Traffic pursuit	.1
Traffic stop	.10
Tow truck needed	.11
Vehicle accident/major injury	.1
Vehicle accident/property damage	.2
Vehicle fire	.1

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drug related .3

#### Miscellaneous

911 hang-up	.1
Brandishing a weapon	.1
Disturbance	.4
Firearms discharged	.2
Found property	.1
Lost property	.3
Man w/gun	.1
Man w/knife	.1
Meet citizen	.1
Misc. sex crime	.1
Missing person	.2
Obscene/harassing phone calls	.2
Other/misc.	.11
Parole violation	.1
Restraining order violation	.1
Subject stop	.2
Suspicious person	.4
Trespassing	.2
Vandalism	.4

## VIOLENT CRIMES

### Palo Alto

200 block Forest Avenue, 2/5, 9:50 a.m.; elder abuse.

1900 block Waverley Street, 2/5, 11:25 a.m.; suicide.

3000 block El Camino Real, 2/5, 3:45 p.m.; suicide.

Unlisted location, 2/6, 2:31 p.m.; battery.

Unlisted location, 2/6, 8:07 p.m.; elder abuse.

Unlisted location, 2/6, 8:09 p.m.; domestic violence.

Unlisted location, 2/9, 1:18 p.m.; elder abuse.

Unlisted location, 2/10, 9:20 p.m.; domestic violence.

Menlo Park  
1200 block Henderson Avenue, 2/6, 12:34 p.m.; spousal abuse.

Atherton  
500 block Middlefield Road, 2/10, 1:17 p.m.; assault.

East Palo Alto  
1700 block E. Bayshore Road, 2/5, 4:07 a.m.; battery.

2300 block Oakwood Drive, 2/5, 8:36 a.m.; domestic violence.

Unlisted block Bell Street, 2/5, 2:09 p.m.; assault with a deadly weapon.

1800 block E. Bayshore Road, 2/6, 9:24 a.m.; battery.

1900 block Manhattan Avenue, 2/6, 12:53 p.m.; shooting into vehicle or dwelling.

2700 block Georgetown Street, 2/6, 12:57 p.m.; domestic violence.

1700 block Woodland Avenue, 2/6, 8:55 p.m.; domestic violence.

1800 block W. Bayshore Road, 2/6, 9:14 p.m.; domestic violence.

1700 block W. Bayshore Road, 2/8, 7:44 p.m.; domestic violence.

800 block Donohoe Street, 2/8, 11:31 p.m.; domestic violence.

2100 block Lincoln Street, 2/9, 12:36 p.m.; domestic violence.

1900 block Cooley Avenue, 2/10, 9:15 p.m.; robbery.

First block Newell Road, 2/11, 12:44 p.m.; battery.



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# Transitions

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## Deaths

### Pat Casey

Patricia Ann (Gonzales) Casey, 59, director of business and finance for Stanford Events, died peacefully at her home in Redwood City Jan. 10 after a year-long battle with brain cancer. At her side were her mother, Dorothy, her caregiver, Meleane, and several friends.

During her 37-year career at Stanford University, she worked in a variety of administrative positions for the School of Medicine, the president's and provost's offices, and most recently Stanford Events. Over the years, she oversaw budgets, human resources, facilities management, and grant and contract administration.

"She was the glue that held everything together" during the challenging early days of the Sleep Disorders Clinic and Laboratory where she served as administrative assistant from 1970 to 1977, said William Dement, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and founder of the clinic. "She deserves as much credit as anyone for the fact that there is a health discipline of sleep medicine in America and around the world," said Dement.

Generous with her time and resources, she participated in the Big Sister program and was a longtime volunteer and former board member of Wildlife Rescue Inc. of Palo Alto, specializing in the rehabilitation of raccoons and hummingbirds. She was an avid hiker and birdwatcher, cook and gardener. She was legend in her pursuit of perfecting the art of making the perfect bagel.

She was generous with her time and resources yet enjoyed bargaining at antique and garage sales with the determination of a thrifty Yankee. For the last 14 years, she was seldom seen without her dog Mollie, who died in 2003.

She was born March 8, 1944 in Joiner, Ark., and moved with her family to California when she was an infant. She lived in Sunnyvale and attended Fresno City College before returning to the Bay Area.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy James; a sister, Belinda St. James and brother, Anthony James, all of Fresno. She was preceded in death by her father, Anthony James. A celebration of her life is being planned for the spring. Donations in her memory may be made to Pets in Need, 873 Fifth Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063.

### Julius Clarke

Dr. Julius Clarke, 83, a local



pharmacist, clinical psychologist and resident of Atherton, died Jan. 19.

Born in Waco, Texas, he graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in petroleum engineering. He worked in the oil fields of West Texas before entering the service in 1942. He served in North Africa and Italy during World War II, attaining the rank of major.

After leaving the service, he received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from UC San Francisco Medical Center. He owned Clarke's Pharmacies in Menlo Park, Redwood City and Palo Alto in the 1950s and another in Cupertino in the 1960s.

He later developed his own brand of pharmaceuticals, manufactured under the name of Professional Pharmaceutical Products.

After retiring in 1975, he received a master's degree in psychology and a master's degree in marriage, family and child counseling from the University of San Francisco, and a doctorate in psychology from Saybrook Institute in San Francisco.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol; daughter, Leslie Mullins of Menlo Park; and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held in his honor Saturday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. at the Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. Donations in his memory may be made to Woodside Road United Methodist Church, the American Red Cross, or to a charity of choice.

### Hazel G. Lane

Hazel G. Lane, 74, a longtime resident of Mountain View, died peacefully Feb. 3 at her home.

Born and raised in Derby, England, she emigrated to California in 1960 with her husband, Richard, and their three children, Martin, Marcia and Amanda.

After raising her children, she returned to university and obtained a master's degree from San Francisco State University. A published and award-winning poet, she was active in local poetry and writing circles.

Besides her immediate family, she is survived by five granddaughters; as well as one great-grandson.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Jefferson County Animal Shelter, 112 Critter Lane, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

### Corinne Schultz

Corinne M. (Agrella) Kaylor Schultz, 75, a longtime Palo Alto-area employee, died Jan. 5.

She moved to California from

Revere, Mass., with her family in 1951. She worked for the telephone company in Palo Alto and then in Redwood City from which she retired after more than 40 years of service.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Schultz of Yountville; brother, Robert Agrella of Richmond; daughters, Antoinette Kaylor of San Francisco, Jamie Maryanne Fernandez of Sunnyvale and Carolyn Patterson of Groveland; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, 770 Welch Road, Suite 350, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

### Shirleyann Shyne

Shirleyann Shyne, 78, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, died Jan. 20.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on Dec. 4, 1925. She moved with her family to California in 1960 from Belleville, Mich., when her husband, John, accepted a faculty position at Stanford University.

She was an administrative staff member at Stanford University for more than 15 years, working primarily in the Graduate Dean's Office. After her retirement in 1994 she administered the Mabelle McLeod Lewis Fellowship until 2003.

She was known for her generosity, particularly toward children and those in need. She was called "Nan" by her grandchildren and many other young people who knew and loved her. She was ardently devoted to her family and friends, who gathered often at her home. She also found great joy in her garden in Palo Alto, preferring white flowers above all others.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John Shyne of Palo Alto; five daughters, Nicole Reed of Salinas, Mary Seals of Fitchburg, Wis., Catherine Shyne of Los Altos, Andrea Paulin of Granite Bay, and Patricia Marvin of Cupertino; sons-in-law, Dennis Reed, Douglas Seals, Robert Embry, Richard Paulin and Gregory Marvin; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Nugent of Marine City, Mich., and Geraldine Liedel of Belleville, Mich.; a brother, Richard Savage of Belleville, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in her honor Thursday, Feb. 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Holbrook Palmer Park in Atherton.

### James Edward Stickler

Dr. James Edward Stickler, 71, a longtime resident of Menlo Park, died Feb. 8.

Born in Kirksville, Mo., he attended the University of Missouri where he received his bachelor's and Doctor of Medicine degrees. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity. After an internship and residency at UCSF, he moved to Menlo Park where he lived for more than 30 years.

He was an OBGYN at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for more than 30 years where he was proud to have delivered thousands of babies. He was president of the S.F. gynecological society for a time and served his country in the Air Force in the early 1960s.

He was always active in sports, especially tennis, skiing and golf. His family and grandchildren were his life.

He moved to Carmel Valley more than 10 years ago to his home on the golf course, where he enjoyed playing golf every day.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lois; a sister, Fran Hopkins; his children, Mike Stickler, Kathy Schommer, Debbie Johnstone and Diane Namet; and 7 grandchildren.



## BIRTHS

**Louis and Susan Leon** of Menlo Park, a daughter, Jan. 28.

**Jodi and William Patzer** of Menlo Park, a daughter, Jan. 19.

**Carolyn and Stewart Putney** of Menlo Park, a son, Jan. 2.

**Sonja Pyont and Marcel Van Tuinen** of Palo Alto, a son, Jan. 19.

**Elizabeth and Harlan Radford, III** of Portola Valley, a daughter, Jan. 24.

**Ana Rangel** of East Palo Alto, a son, Jan. 27.

**Daisy Rodriguez and Fernando Mendoza** of East Palo Alto, a son, Jan. 22.

**Cara Smith and Paul Magliaro** of Menlo Park, a daughter, Jan. 9.

**Charlotte and Michael Toksvig** of Palo Alto, a daughter, Jan. 25.

**Sara and Michael Vogel** of Menlo Park, a daughter, Jan. 17.

**Sarah and John Whittle** of Menlo Park, a daughter, Jan. 29.

**Nancy and Daniel Witek** of Menlo Park, twins: a son and a daughter, Jan. 13.

## Wedding

### Miroshnychenko-Sheridan

Dr. Olga Miroshnychenko and Flash Sheridan were married Jan. 3 at the Palo Alto Presbyterian Church. The bride is a researcher at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and a graduate of Kiev State University and the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics,

National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine. She was a Royal Society Fellow at the Glycobiology Institute of the University of Oxford. The groom is a test programmer at PalmSource and a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University. He studied logic at Balliol College, Oxford. The couple will live in Palo Alto.

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## Editorial

# New jolt means all must try harder

*Palo Alto district, teachers' union should convene talks on how best to cut budget with least damage — including furlough days*

**S**tunned Palo Alto school officials wasted no time last week in taking action after learning of a new \$1.1 million-plus slam to next year's already reeling budget.

The district was already embroiled in how best to slash the budget by \$3 million next year, and the added cut makes an already deep cut into a major wound. Now it has to cut \$4.1 million.

The new financial blow comes in two parts: nearly \$900,000 in reduced property-tax revenues and \$250,000 in unexpected cost increases from the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

District officials got the \$1.1 million bad news in a one-two punch last Wednesday, the property-tax projections in a meeting with Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone and the retirement cost increase from the state. Thursday they informed union leaders, principals and administrators and called an emergency school board meeting Friday morning.

The school board had just backed off from a dispute with the Palo Alto Educators' Association when it dropped a proposal for teachers and other staff to take two unpaid "furlough" days next year, saving an estimated \$770,000. Both sides have privately acknowledged that the furlough idea might have been more delicately handled and perhaps the confrontation avoided.

Even with furlough days (or some equivalent), the district would still need to (1) cut another \$750,000, (2) dip more deeply into reserve funds to avoid cuts this year and (3) advance more reserve funds against a pledge by parents to raise the remaining \$1.5 million through a community fundraising campaign. Reserve funds have already been tapped significantly to avoid mid-year cuts for the past two years — dropping from more than \$13 million to just over \$10 million, with more to come.

The community fundraising campaign could be easier said than done — it's substantially more exciting to raise funds for a new science lab and program or new building or playfield than to fill up a gaping budget hole. The challenge will be to translate that "budget hole" into human and educational-program terms.

The district needs to continue to lay out options and seek feedback from parents and teachers on how best to minimize impacts on the classroom and curriculum.

Superintendent Mary Frances Callan and her staff offered a painful but sensible package of cuts last Tuesday night, but that was before they received news of the additional \$1.1 million shortfall.

The most important element that everyone should look at — district officials, teachers, staff, parents — is how we can come together as a community the way we did to fight the threatened basic-aid funding last year. The power of a unified, determined community — especially one with the intellectual resources of Palo Alto — can be immense.

As a start, the Palo Alto Educators Association and district board and administration need to bury the hatchet over the furlough-days issue. There has been far too much finger-pointing, misunderstanding and bad feelings over this already, and it's getting in the way of getting to the best approach for the students, teachers and community.

At the very least, the association leadership and the board/administration should meet to discuss alternative ways of closing the deficit.

Those alternatives should not preclude furlough days, but there should be a crystal clear commitment that the furlough-day reduction in pay would not show up in retirement payments — which would be an unfair double hit on the teachers retiring this coming year. And the union should stop acting like the whole budget problem would go away if a few perks for administrators were eliminated.

The community has a long history of support for the schools and teachers. And the highly dedicated teachers and staff are the ones who continue to make our district so outstanding.

Now is no time to battle over \$500 car allowances. We have a multi-million-dollar problem that will only be solved with the active involvement of teachers, staff and parents, and with great leadership and sensitivity by the administration and board.

As big as they are, our challenges pale in comparison to those of many other districts. But some painful cuts will be necessary, and neither the school board nor administration deserve blame or criticism for this crisis.

If we approach this latest challenge as a unified school community, we can assure that the best and least harmful solutions are found.

# Spectrum

*Editorials, letters and opinions*

## Nuclear powerplant?

Editor,

You ask? Of course, Palo Alto needs to have its own electric-generation powerplant.

What better way is there to keep privately owned providers in line? Only it should be a nuclear plant rather than a gas-fired one.

It needn't be one of those one-of-a-kind humongous multi-megawatt affairs. It can be a small-scale, standard, tried-and-true design, such as must be in use on nuclear submarines and in other countries' power plants.

As far as a site is concerned, put it in the City Hall garage — there must be lots of room there now — directly under council chambers, and rest assured it will be well maintained.

Michael Goldeen  
Tasso Street  
Palo Alto

## Green powerplant?

Editor,

Palo Alto should consider green alternatives to a natural gas-fired electrical power plant. Landfill gas is largely methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, and it can produce electricity at a cost as low as 4 to 7 cents per kilowatt hour.

Rather than building a big power plant (efficiency about 35 percent), we should consider cogeneration plants that use the heat that would otherwise be wasted, achieving an efficiency around 80 percent.

Paradoxically, the "waste" heat can also be used to drive air conditioning systems for cooling buildings. The Cardinal Cogen (cogeneration) plant on the Stanford campus produces 49 megawatts of power, plus heating and cooling for the campus, and was built in 1987 for \$72 million.

Perhaps Palo Alto could do the same for the Stanford Research Park or its own facilities.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.  
Corina Way  
Palo Alto

## Assault on rights

Editor,

Those of us residing in the political bubble of the Bay Area sometimes forget just how extreme the current government's posture towards basic rights has become.

According to reports in the Washington Post, it is expected that the president will soon announce his support for a federal Constitutional Amendment requiring discrimination against same-sex couples and their families.

Amending the Constitution to require discrimination would be unprecedented. By writing discrimination into the Constitution for the first time, an anti-gay Amendment

would contradict the principle of equal protection for all and undermine the integrity of our Constitution.

Because they are not allowed access to the civil benefits of marriage, same-sex couples are currently excluded from more than a thousand legal protections and benefits of marriage provided by state and federal laws. Denying a domestic partner benefits because he or she is the "wrong" gender amounts to a violation of the Equal Protection clause and contradicts the principles on which this nation was founded.

As an evolving social institution, marriage should not be codified in the Constitution. Restricting the definition of marriage in the Constitution would undermine the democratic process and would bind future generations to the current perceptions of one limited segment of society, and would undermine the separation of Church and State.

I personally believe that the civil institution of marriage, whether for gays or straights, should be recast as "civil union" or something similar, in order to make clear that the government is not interested in defining the religious institution of

marriage.

But regardless of how this issue is eventually resolved, a Constitutional Amendment is uncalled for, and *this* Constitutional Amendment is a vicious, radical assault on our nation's values.

R. Michael Harman  
Cambridge Avenue  
Palo Alto

## Underrating Dean

Editor,

The media currently seems bent on profiling Howard Dean as a one-issue and one-event candidate.

But while Dean has consistently spoken out against the Iraq war, and while he did make a speech to rally the troops in Iowa, his candidacy is about so much more than that.

Howard Dean was the first Democrat to say that President Bush was wrong on many counts. Wrong about irresponsible tax cuts, huge deficits and the so-called "No Child Left Behind program," just for starters.

In Vermont, Governor Dean's ability to get results, including balancing the budget, while improving children's health care, education and the environment, meant that he

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## Guest Opinion

# We must work as a team to weather our schools' financial crisis

by Cathy Kroymann

Our schools are the jewels in the crown of our community. They are why most families move to Palo Alto and property values remain high.

Our talented, hard-working teachers and staff are the key to our district's quality. I was a nearly full-time volunteer when my children were students and have continued my involvement by serving on the school board since 1997.

As this year's board president, I am dedicated to supporting our staff and students and providing the highest quality education program possible within increasingly limited financial resources. During difficult times it is especially important to provide accurate information to our community.

Palo Alto over the years has generously supported its schools. In 1995, when funds were needed to renovate buildings to support quality education, the community came through with an 82 percent yes vote on a bond measure. In 2001, there was a 75 percent yes vote on a parcel tax to augment teacher salaries and programs.

I worked on the bond campaign and led the volunteer effort for the parcel-tax campaign.

In the late 1990s the district enjoyed strong property-tax growth, its major source of revenue. The district channeled much of that to teachers and staff. For the five years ending last June 30, the San Francisco Urban Consumer Price Index (the inflation measure used



*I invite students, staff, parents and other community members to participate in a series of meetings to discuss what they value most in our schools — and explore possible additional reductions.*

most often in the Bay Area for planning and comparison purposes) rose by 18.6 percent while salaries for district employees were increased by 36.4 percent. The district also increased benefits and continued individual raises based on years of service and continuing-education credits. It also added to the education program — but the bulk of resources went to salaries and benefits. I am proud of this record.

A first-year teacher now makes \$44,268 minimum; a 10-year teacher makes \$65,010 minimum (with the exception of one who is working under a special credential); and the most senior teachers make \$90,000 to \$96,000.

The district compares teacher salaries with other districts annually to ensure it is fair, competitive and able to attract and retain a quality staff.

But we now confront a situation in which district revenues have been hit hard by the downturn in local and state economies and by increased costs of benefits. In the past 18 months, we have cut \$4.1 million from the budget and have used \$3 million from district reserve funds.

Thanks to the extraordinary work of the administrative team, through reorganization, reassignments and attrition we were able to accomplish the budget reductions with the loss of just two people. While losing even one per-

son is devastating to me, the magnitude of these reductions means it's just not possible to retain every employee.

That is why I asked to discuss the possibility of one or two furlough days. It was never meant as a sign of disrespect, but rather as a way to preserve a job for every person.

We began 2003-04 with expected property-tax growth of 3.66 percent for this year and 2.5 percent for 2004-05. We received information last week that this year's projected growth has plummeted to .16 percent — and to zero next year.

This terrible news raises next year's projected deficit to \$4.1 million. And we still face uncertainties such as the outcome of the March 2 election for the state's economic recovery bond (Prop. 57), possible further declines in property-tax revenues, increased cost of benefits and the long-term threat to our basic-aid tax dollars.

Both last year and this year, we used reserve funds to avoid making mid-year reductions. We began 2003 with \$13.2 million in reserves and we will be down to approximately \$10.9 million at the end of this school year. We must cut even more deeply or develop ongoing sources of revenue for next year to balance our budget.

Parents have pledged to raise \$1.5 million to ease the deficit. We will advance reserve funds to allow them time to accomplish their goal.

At the Feb. 10 board meeting, Superintendent Mary Frances Callan outlined a plan for an additional \$1.5 million in reductions. Again, through reassignments and attrition, nearly every person would be placed in a job next year.

Now, with last Wednesday's jolting news of lowered property-tax revenue and higher state retirement-fund costs, we need to identify an additional \$1.1 million in reductions for 2004-05.

We will again use reserve funds to cover the deficit this year. But to protect the district's fiscal integrity for future generations of students, we *must* balance our budget for 2004-05.

I invite students, staff, parents and other community members to participate in a series of meetings to discuss what they value most in our schools — and explore possible additional reductions.

The superintendent will meet with the staffs and parent leaders of schools throughout the district. In addition, she and I will host two community-wide meetings: Thursday, Feb. 19, to discuss secondary schools and Wednesday, Feb. 23, to discuss elementary schools — both at 7 p.m. at JLS Middle School. Please participate and be part of the solution.

The district Web site, [www.pausd.paloalto.ca.us](http://www.pausd.paloalto.ca.us), will post up-to-date information, with a Q&A. Anyone with additional questions or suggestions may contact me or other members of the board. We need to address this difficult financial time as a team to find the most creative, constructive and responsible solutions. ■

*Cathy Kroymann is president of the Palo Alto Unified School District board. She can be e-mailed at [cathy@kroymann.com](mailto:cathy@kroymann.com).*

## Streetwise

### Where would you put a power plant in Palo Alto?

Question and interviews by Elizabeth White. Photographs by Chihiro Koga. Asked on University Avenue in Palo Alto.



**Elaine Marlow**

Retired  
Corina Way, Palo Alto

Probably out by the dump, I guess.



**Cyndy Kagan**

Full-time mom  
Manzanita Way, Woodside

There's room in Palo Alto for a power station? I'm surprised to even hear they're contemplating it. I'm surprised they even have room.



**Manuel Carino**

Housekeeping specialist  
Dublin Drive, Vallejo

I don't see any vacant lots in Palo Alto where they could put it. I've been here 30 years. I should know.



**Rafael Posadas**

Dessert maker  
Bell Street, East Palo Alto

A power plant? Anywhere.



**Rick Chow**

Delivery truck driver  
McArthur Avenue, Oakland

No, don't build one. Because power plants require power lines. Until we get all the facts, I say don't build one here, because it's a bad idea.

Guest Opinion

Some pros and cons of a city-owned 'fiber-to-the-home' system

by Dexter Dawes

It seems to me that during the six years I have served on the Utilities Advisory Commission, the discussion about a city-owned fiber-optic system of some type has taken more time than any other subject.



But now, at last, we are approaching a decision point.

To clarify things in my own mind, I began comparing some pros and cons. While I tend to lean toward the benefits side, I, like many others, am cautious and a bit skeptical — the estimated installation cost of \$35 million is a big investment. However, it is important to realize the investment will be paid back by the revenues the system generates — not by taxpayers directly.

So here are my thoughts:

The proposed fiber project will increase the appeal of Palo Alto as a place to live, will augment our school system's well-deserved reputation and will tend to increase or maintain property values. The underlying assumption is that increased capability and capacity of two-way communications will enrich our lives.

Both businesses and employees will benefit

as the system expands potential for telecommuting, thereby reducing traffic congestion, pollution, energy use and commuting time.

Small businesses can benefit from a high-capacity system without the expense of T1 lines or their equivalent from the telephone company. High upstream speeds and bandwidth are particularly important to these customers.

Small businesses will settle in Palo Alto, drawn by the capacity and capability of the system.

The basic technology (glass fiber) is the best available cost/capacity trade-off and will continue to be, with upgrades to expand and improve service. The basic fiber plant is incredibly robust with very low rates of outage and it is not susceptible to obsolescence.

WiFi and higher-speed wireless derivatives are important technologies but do not have the inherent performance or dependability to be an acceptable substitute for the foreseeable future. However, they are ideal for many specific applications.

The fiber cable plant is inherently simpler, more dependable and requires less maintenance than competing systems, such as wireless and hybrid.

Internet-protocol (IP) telephony and TV will become the accepted method of delivery and the proposed fiber system will enable these at low cost. High-definition TV will be-

come much more popular in the near future. The system is able to deliver more significant amounts of HiDef than is possible with existing competing commercial providers (except satellite).

The low cost of capital enjoyed by the Palo Alto Utilities Department (tax exempt bonds and no taxes to pay — either property or income) and the willingness to accept a longer payback period than commercial providers gives a large competitive advantage to the Palo Alto system. It will however, pay dividends to the city after it has repaid its investment.

The inexperience of Palo Alto Utilities in providing the service will create inefficiencies and mistakes, but these can be accommodated without disaster due to the cost structure above.

The Utilities Department already has a staff that deals with customer service and maintenance of its electrical plant, key success factors.

The capacity of the system will permit uses not yet imagined, many of which might improve the quality of life in Palo Alto — such as broadcasting school functions and art events.

If left to commercial competitors, a system like FTTH could take decades to come to Palo Alto, particularly since the local cable company has just completed an upgrade to

its hybrid system and thus is unlikely to invest in full fiber in the near future.

Over time, the system will pay for itself and yield returns to the city to help other programs.

But there are some serious downside risks.

Competitors have already invested in systems and will be able to cut prices to a point that makes the new city system unattractive, notwithstanding the long payout and low cost of capital. As pointed out in the staff report, competition in price and capability is potentially a great public benefit to the citizens of Palo Alto, who benefit even if the system struggles financially.

The capacity promotes pooling of signals in neighborhoods through WiFi connections, thereby reducing penetration rates — fewer paying customers increase the financial risk to the city.

The television side of the business is key to the success of the system financially. Palo Alto Utilities has no track record of picking a winning combination of channel offerings, pricing and tiering (packaging groups of channels by price) to make this part of the system a success.

The TV business is changing rapidly with “costs of carry” (the amount content providers, such as ESPN, charge for programs) increasing and the balance of power (continued on next page)



First in a Series

High-Tech CEO-Turned-Teacher Steve Poizner Seeks 'Real Reform' in Sacramento

Assembly Candidate Refuses All PAC and Corporate Money, Vows Real Change

Steve Poizner, 47, has had an eventful 25 years in the Silicon Valley, to say the least. The next chapter in his story might be the most interesting yet.

After being named the Outstanding Student at the University of Texas (graduating number one in his Electrical Engineering class), he came to Stanford, where he earned an MBA, with honors.

Poizner spent the next two decades building high-tech companies in the Silicon Valley.

His most recent company, SnapTrack, developed a technology which enables emergency personnel to locate people who dial 911 from their cell phones. Soon this technology will appear in 50 million mobile phones — thousands of lives could be saved each year.

SnapTrack was sold to Qualcomm four years ago for \$1 billion. At that time, Poizner decided he

wanted to “give something back.”

First he served a year in the prestigious White House Fellows program during the 9/11 crisis. Then he volunteered as a teacher in an inner-city high school in East San Jose.

“Being named ‘Rookie Teacher of the Year’ was a real honor,” according to Poizner.

Now Poizner says he's ready to take on his biggest challenge yet—cleaning up Sacramento. He is running for an Assembly seat in the 21st District, which stretches from San Carlos on the north to the Almaden Valley in the south-Silicon Valley and the Peninsula.

**Fiscal Conservative, Social Moderate**

“I’m a problem solver, pure and simple,” says Poizner. “Clearly the system is broken. I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and tackle the tough issues.” The toughest issues of all, according to Poizner: 1) reversing the Silicon Valley “jobs meltdown”; 2) fixing our public schools; and 3) restoring integrity to California’s political system.

Poizner says he is a fiscal conservative and a social moderate. Years ago, he led the fight to open the Jaycees’ doors to female membership, which caused several other service clubs to follow suit. He is also pro-choice.

Steve Poizner understands he's not a household

name—at least not yet. But he looks forward to a vigorous campaign and eventual victory in November.

Poizner is taking no special interest PAC money or corporate contributions—almost unheard of in this day and age.

**Broad Support**

Endorsements are piling up from both political parties, including Democrat and Past President of the State Board of Education Reed Hastings and former Republican U.S. Congressman Tom Campbell.

High-tech CEOs and business leaders include venture capitalist John Doerr; Scott McNealy (Sun Microsystems); John Chambers (Cisco); Ken Oshman (Echelon); and Don Fisher (The Gap).

Several civic leaders have also lined up: Becky Morgan; Don Shalvey; Pat Dando; Jim Cunneen; and Tom McEney.

Two unions are on board so far: Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriff's Association and the Central Coast Chapter of Police Officers Research Association.

“This race isn’t about party labels or ideologies,” says Poizner. “It’s about who can get the job done. I’ve been tackling tough problems my entire life. This is all about leadership.”

Poizner lives in Los Gatos with his wife and 12-year-old daughter.

To learn more about Steve Poizner, visit his website, [www.joinsteve.com](http://www.joinsteve.com). Readers are invited to fill out the issues survey. In our next article: Poizner on restoring Silicon Valley's economy.



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**Poizner's Priorities:**

- ★ Reverse the 'Jobs Meltdown'
- ★ Fix Our Schools
- ★ Restore Integrity to Our Political System



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shifting to the content providers. Can Palo Alto Utilities compete successfully with the extremely large distributors such as the local incumbent provider, ComCast?

Governance could be structured improperly. If you box with the big guys, you better be fast on your feet in the ring. Even if the city can learn fast footwork, can it legally maintain strategic confidentiality necessary if you don't want to telegraph your punches? A strong board able to make decisions rapidly within broad council-approved guidelines is imperative.

There's a risk of competing technologies. WiFi technology is going broadband, with higher speeds and

more bandwidth than heretofore imagined. Intel has announced a chip that will enable a 30-mile radius of broadband wireless service that can serve many subscribers, perhaps into the thousands, with little or no degradation of performance and as much capacity as most of us need.

Finally, the major question is, "Who picks up the tab if the system does not perform to plan?" Assuming the system is built with proceeds from a bond sale by the electric utility (by no means certain), the electric ratepayers would pay more if the system's cash flow failed to meet expenses plus paying off the bonds.

Because businesses pay more than 70 percent of the electric bills,

the system must be attractive to them as well. If it's funded by a bond issue, the City Council will decide if the matter should be placed before the voters. Strictly speaking, as a utility investment, that is not required.

When the legal issues and the final staff evaluation are at last placed on the table, the UAC will debate the entire package. It's recommendation will proceed to the council for a final decision. ■

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## Letters

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was reelected five times.

Californians have been waiting a long time to have their vote actually matter in the primaries. Now on March 2, we have that chance. It would be a shame to waste it by simply rubber-stamping the frontrunner.

Janice Hough  
Bryant Street  
Palo Alto

### Atkins heart threat

Editor,

So, the jig is up. The Atkins high-protein diet craze that has been sweeping the nation has shown its ugly underbelly, and it's heart disease (as well as a host of other chronic diseases linked with consumption of fatty meat and dairy products).

A consumer advocacy group released a medical examiner's report showing that the infamous Dr. Atkins suffered from obesity and heart disease.

Apparently, the dozen expert panels that reviewed thousands of diet and health studies over the past three decades were not crazy after all. Every one of them concluded that Americans should replace meat and dairy products in their diet with vegetables, fresh fruits and whole grains.

None reached the opposite conclusion.

As consumers, we need to be constantly vigilant for diet gurus who would exploit our obsession with physical appearance to promote their profit-driven agendas. The price we pay, beyond an inflated food bill, is life-long chronic afflictions and a curtailed life span.

Let's hope that this lesson does not come too late for victims of the Atkins diet.

Ken Braiser  
Northampton Drive  
Palo Alto

### Teachers working free

Editor,

How nuts is this idea? Teachers already work quite a few unpaid days each year — weekends and vacations — planning lessons and correcting written assignments. They spend their own money for copying services, since not all schools (including Palo Alto High School, which has one machine to be shared by all, on behalf of 2,000 students) have adequate facilities on campus for the teachers to use.

Most middle and high school teachers I know spend a significant amount of money of their own on classroom materials; they offer their personal libraries for the students to use at school.

Let's remember telephone time and costs for those who live out-

side the local calling area. Palo Alto parents expect a lot of feedback. Teachers spend hours every week responding to calls to discuss the students' progress (or lack of same).

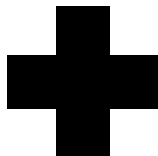
If drastic economizing is necessary, start by eliminating cars and car allowances for administrators. Students can pick up trash on the grounds instead of sitting in the library during detention. Parents can consider donating used computers to faculty. Jordan Middle School provides computers for the teachers. Paly teachers must provide their own.

At middle school level and above, each academic subject teacher is responsible for instructing about 120-135 students per day. Let's not insult these hard-working and generous souls by expecting them to work for free — in some cases, they are paid more than the teachers.

Every teacher could make more money doing something else. Teachers' salaries are not commensurate with the amount of education required to qualify. Be grateful for those who will do the job, and do pay them for every day they work.

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## Ending Homelessness Another Way

Clara-Mateo Alliance, Inc. (CMA), a provider of support services, emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless, is making a difference in the lives of hundreds of Bay Area individuals and families, assisting them in obtaining stable housing and self-sufficiency. Using a multi-faceted program, CMA creates a nurturing environment that inspires its residents to get back on their feet. Its programs are located on the campus of the Veterans Administration in Menlo Park, but the services are offered to homeless people regardless of their city or county of residence.

Many of us have preconceived notions about the homeless— they are the people who stand on street corners, begging for money. Yet, as many in the shelter would tell you, they did not expect to find themselves homeless. Recently the shelter director tried to answer a young shelter resident, Roberto, who asked "What is homelessness?" Roberto and his family, political refugees from Central America, didn't fit his image of homeless people. Nor do many of the families living with him in the shelter or most of the hundreds of persons CMA serves each year.

Laura and Charlie had a home in Sunnyvale, where they cared for an extended family. But Charlie's earnings as an electrician were insufficient to support the large group. They fell behind, had to send the children to stay with other family members, and began living in motels (which do not require first and last month's rent or security deposit). Once they found their way to CMA, and Laura got a job, they were able to save money. When a room in the family shelter opened up, they were reunited with their daughter, and ultimately moved out to an apartment in Redwood

City. Laura now works as a case manager in our family shelter.

These are only two examples of the 12 families, and 93 adults and couples who live in CMA's shelters and transitional programs on any given day. Since its opening five years ago, CMA has responded to the increasing community need by expanding bed and service capacity by over 200%. In spring 2001, CMA opened the Elsa Segovia Center, a one-stop day service center that provides a myriad of services to women, children and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Volunteers, individually and in groups, are essential at CMA. They provide a number of services such as computer skills training, assistance with job searches, answering phones in the front office, and providing and serving a dinner. And the assistance is appreciated. "I'm not ashamed of what happened," one resident told a volunteer. "And I'm going to do what it takes, no matter how long it takes, to get back again."

Running this large facility and its many services is expensive. CMA's annual budget is \$1.8 million. About 80% of that comes from government contracts and private foundation grants.

The remaining 20%, or \$360,000, must be raised from individual donations.

If you are interested in providing financial or other types of assistance, please contact Eve Agiewich, Director of Community Relations / Counsel, at [eagiewich@clara-mateo.org](mailto:eagiewich@clara-mateo.org), or 650-853-7073. Or visit our web site at [www.clara-mateo.org](http://www.clara-mateo.org).

*"What is homelessness?"*

*- Roberto, pre-teen resident*

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**ALL'S FAIR . . .** East Palo Alto and several local nonprofit groups will host the second annual **East Palo Alto College Fair** on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will emphasize encouraging middle and high school students to start dreaming big and early. There will be college planning workshops and several dozen school representatives, as well as entertainment and prizes. Last year more than 60 colleges, universities, trade schools and more participated in the fair. For more information visit [www.EPA.net](http://www.EPA.net).

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# At School

A monthly section on local schools edited by Jennifer Aquino

## Making Minds Matter



Above: Terman Middle School student Brittany Fernandez watches as a human brain is handled during class.



Below: From left, Bente Larsen and Chloe Fuller react to a brain slice while classmates Brittany Fernandez and Megan Clenendin look at it during science class at Terman Middle School.

*Brain Day gives kids real-life lesson in human biology*

by Rachel Metz

One day in early February, a group of seventh-grade students were so disgusted by some brainy visitors to Robin Young's science class they walked out, covering their noses in disgust.

Other students wouldn't approach the guests, keeping their distance and crying out when they drew near.

Still, the guests didn't complain, though they might have had a mind to.

Young's science class got its annual helping of these visitors — brains — Feb. 6, when Stanford neuroscience professor William Newsome and a group of Stanford graduate students paid a visit. The school was the first of the three Palo Alto middle schools to

get Brain Day this year, an event that brings human and animal brains from the university into the classroom for some hands-on science.

After a quick talk about the brain's functions and what kinds of medical problems can affect it, kids fanned out to three different brain-oriented stations.

All sorts of animal brains were on the menu — dog, sheep, monkey, rat and human among them.

The animal brains were in sealed plastic bags or small jars, while the human brains were ready to be poked and prodded. Two whole human brains, a spinal cord and a set of rubbery Rohrschach-like vertical brain slices were on display. There was also a dura — think flesh-colored skullcap — which sits between the brain and the skull.

Brain Day started in 1994 when Newsome volunteered to bring some specimens into his son's seventh-grade science class at Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School. Palo Alto students learn about human biology in seventh grade.

He was just going to stay for one period, but teachers and kids were really into it, he said.

"Kids from next door were looking in, like they were missing out on this big thing," he said.

The popularity of Brain Day spread, and soon Newsome enlisted the help of some graduate students so they could share the squishy specimens with all Palo Alto seventh graders.

"What I love the most is just seeing how excited the kids are. How big their eyes get," he said.

Most students were intrigued by the exhibit and went to work touching and peering at brains and asking questions.

"It's cooler than just learning about them and reading about them," Elliott Chillag said.

Chillag said he thought the brains would be more perfect and round, "but there's all these gaps and rips," he said of the specimens he examined.

"The squirrel brain is so small!" one girl cried. "It feels kind of weird looking at it," said Jara Montez, who was excited to touch them.

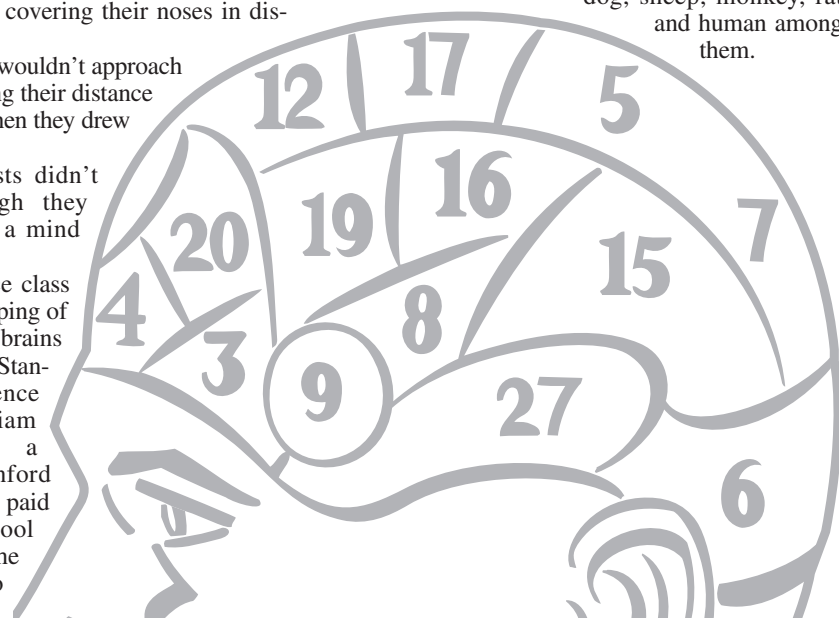
A few — like Chloe Fuller — weren't as thrilled to be there. The brains were pretty gross, she said, and she didn't like when students passed them around and put them in her face.

Another girl had a similar reaction. "I'm not holding it! I'm not holding it!" she exclaimed over a tiny fish's brain rolling around in a jar.

Some cried out in disgust at seeing a graduate student remove brain slices from a white plastic bucket; others held shirts over their noses, repulsed by the sight of bagged brains floating around in preservative chemicals.

Still, Young thinks it's a great classroom event. "I think it's a lot more interesting for the students. When the real brains are there it's almost like it unleashes a lot of questions," Young said. ■

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# Making science as clear as mud

*Kids learn what life lurks in the baylands*

by Dana Green

In a new science class at the Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, students can get down and dirty with one of their all-time favorite substances: Mud.

During the two-hour program, called "Discovery Dock: What's in that Muddy Water?," students visit the bay at low tide to collect water and wind data, study birds, learn the animal and plant life of the mudflats, and collect water samples to be examined at the center's laboratory. The class is designed for second grade- to high school-age students.

Naturalists at the center developed the new class to take advantage of low tide, when the water recedes and the hidden world of the



A new class teaches kids about organisms that live in the mud at the Baylands.

mud flats is exposed.

"You can scoop up a handful of mud and be holding 10,000 animals ... that's how rich it is," Chief Naturalist Deborah Bartens said.

Students are broken into small groups and given binoculars and lab equipment to take to the dock. Once there, they learn the characteristics that make a marsh. Students collect data on wind speed, mud temperature, and water salinity; locate mussels, snails, and driftwood; and observe plants such as purple pickleweed that thrive in the muddy environment.

Students also get an opportunity to examine a rope hanging off the dock encrusted with worms, crustaceans and copocods.

"We never know quite what we'll see when we pull it out of the water," Bartens said.

The class emphasizes that the marsh is a fragile and unique environment, with each organism dependent on others for survival. Students leave with a new appreciation for the bay ecosystem, according to naturalist Linda Drey-Nightingale, who teaches the class.

"It's not just muddy water, it's teeming with life," Drey-Nightingale said. "They start to see how everything has its place."

Winter offers a rich variety of animals and plants for observation. Some classes come out twice a year to catch the different seasons, Drey-Nightingale said. "In winter the kids will see 12 different birds on their 20-minute walk to the dock."

Back at the lab, students observe flatworms, one-eyed shrimp, nematodes, and other creatures under the microscope. The class ends with an interactive slideshow depicting life on the marsh.

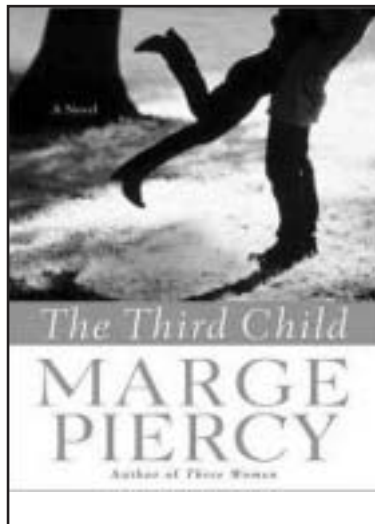
More than 1,000 students and individuals went through classes at the interpretive center last year. Drey-Nightingale said many teachers bring their classes back year after year.

"I always emphasize that the kids are scientists, that they are the ones out here discovering," she said. "Once they come, they're hooked."

The Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center is located east of Highway 101 at the end of Embarcadero Road. Classes are taught Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information on group nature programs or to make reservations call 650-329-2506. ■

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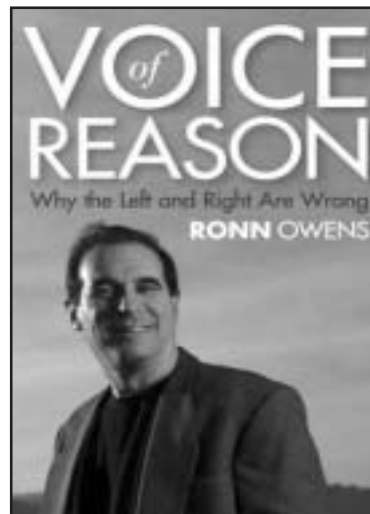


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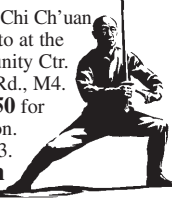
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# Sports Shorts

**OAKS' CORNER . . .** The Menlo College wrestling team advanced to the NAIA championship meet in Great Falls, Montana by winning the NAIA West Regional over the weekend. Menlo edged Southern Oregon, 981/2 -97 for the team title. **Cleo Johnson** (at 125 pounds), **Alfonso Paez** (133) and **James Guizar** (141) were regional champions. Four other Oak wrestlers also advance to the national finals by finishing second: **Fernando Flanagan**, **Danny Castillo**, **Marcus Andy**, and **Ken Pamanian**. Menlo coach **Keith Spataro** was named Coach of the Year . . . The Menlo College women's basketball team split a pair of home games in Cal Pac Conference action over the weekend, beating Pacific Union, 67-31, on Sunday and losing to Cal State Hayward, 67-58, on Saturday. **Maria Gomez** led the way for the Oaks (7-7, 11-12) against Pacific Union with nine points and nine assists while **Shannon Riley** added nine rebounds and seven assists. Gomez and **Nadia Clark** each scored 11 points in the loss to CSU Hayward . . . The Menlo College men's basketball team dropped a 74-60 decision to CSU Hayward on Saturday despite 31 points from **Mike Watters** and another 12 from **Trevor Mates**. Menlo (4-12, 4-19) was scheduled to visit CSU Maritime on Tuesday.

**OF LOCAL NOTE . . .** Stanford grad **Randall Bal** won the men's 100-meter backstroke and upset Olympic gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg at the Spring National Swimming Championships last weekend in Orlando, Fla. Bal, who graduated last spring, clocked 54.78 to edge Krayzelburg (55.04). Another Stanford grad, **James Westcott**, finished third in 55.59 while Stanford grad and two-time Olympic gold medalist **Jeff Rouse** of Stanford Swimming was fourth in 55.79 . . . The American doubles luge team of Palo Alto resident **Brian Martin** and Mark Grimmette, two-time Olympic medalists, won a bronze medal on Saturday at the World Luge Championships in Nagano, Japan. Martin and Grimmette had runs of 49.553 and 49.727

## ON THE AIR

### Thursday

**Women's basketball:** USC at Stanford, 7 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

**Men's basketball:** Stanford at USC, 7 p.m., KNEW (910 AM)

### Friday

**College baseball:** Texas at Stanford, 6 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

**Prep sports:** High School Sports Focus, 11 p.m., KICU (6); rebroadcast Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday

**College baseball:** Texas at Stanford, 1 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

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**Women's basketball:** UCLA at Stanford, 7 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

### Sunday

**College baseball:** Texas at Stanford, 1 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

**Prep sports:** Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area, 4:30 p.m., KRON (4); rebroadcast Monday, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Net



Stanford's Josh Childress puts up a shot during his 15-point performance in a 69-58 win at California last Saturday.



Stanford's (L-R) Evan Moore, Matt Haryasz, Justin Davis (background) and Joe Kirchofer lend their vocal talents to the Cardinal's stirring 69-58 Pac-10 victory at Cal gave undefeated Stanford a school-record 21st straight victory this season and put them the Cardinal in position to earn the nation's No. 1 ranking this week with a 21-0 record.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Stanford is 21-0 and No. 1

Cardinal take over nation's top spot after Duke is upset by North Carolina State

by Rick Eymer

**L**ife has to be pretty good these days on the Stanford campus, especially after Duke was defeated by North Carolina State on Sunday afternoon, 78-74. Wonder how many members of the Stanford men's basketball team watched that ACC showdown?

Some time early Monday afternoon, the Cardinal learned they were the No. 1 team in the nation. Being undefeated merely adds to the pomp and circumstance surrounding this year's team, which has accomplished something no other team in Stanford history had ever achieved and that's winning 21 games in a row.

"It definitely means something to be No. 1, but we still have a lot of work to do," said senior Joe Kirchofer, who played on the 2001 squad that was ranked No. 1 on March 5, 2001, the last time Stanford held that lofty position. "It's a distraction, but it's fun. I think we have earned it."

Stanford (12-0 in the Pac-10, 21-0 overall) reached that milestone in one of the toughest venues in the Pac-10, beating Bay Area rival California, 69-58, in front of a packed and boisterous crowd in Haas Pavilion.

"It's the best we've ever done at the school," said Stanford coach Mike Montgomery. "I had to change my tune with the guys. We're not afraid of winning every game. I think some of that was starting to creep in, that it would be bad if we won every game. We're trying to win every game, but it's ludicrous for us to act and think like we're going to win every game and we're the greatest."

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#### PREP BASKETBALL

## Mid-Peninsula can win first CPSAL title

Sacred Heart Prep clinch PSAL crown;  
M-A boys lose sole possession of first

by Keith Peters

**T**his is a big week in the history of Mid-Peninsula boys' basketball, with the Dragons in position to register their first 20-win season ever.

Moreover, those triumphs will give Mid-Peninsula its first-ever championship in the Christian Private Schools Athletic League.

While six-time defending champion Eastside Prep is still the class of the league, the Panthers aren't eligible to defend this season. They've added more non-league games this season to strengthen their schedule, and are playing only half the CPSAL slate.

With two games remaining on its regular-season schedule, Mid-Peninsula (12-1, 19-5) hoped to clinch a title tie by beating Downtown College Prep on Tuesday. The Dragons then will travel to second-place North Valley Baptist on Friday, with the opportunity to win the title outright.

No matter what happens this week, Mid-Peninsula has clinched one of two automatic berths for the Central Coast Section Division V tournament that begins Feb. 24.

Mid-Peninsula put itself in this favorable position by holding off host Mountain View Academy, 72-63, in overtime last week.

Junior Walter Washington scored 23 points and added 15 rebounds to overcome what Mid-Pen coach Curtis Haggins called "a hostile environment and team that hit every shot." Jason Stergion scored four of his 17 points in overtime while Da'Ron Maxie added 15. The Dragons held their hosts to a single point in overtime.

Sacred Heart Prep, meanwhile, has the Private Schools Athletic League title wrapped up with two games to play this week. The Gators (14-0, 21-2) rolled over host St. Lawrence last Friday, 73-40, to defend their title and give coach Lamont Quattlebaum his 200th win.

The Gators now have won 44 straight PSAL games and are just two wins away from registering back-to-back 16-0 PSAL seasons.

Senior Tyler Holland led SHP with 20 points while sophomore Pat Coffey continued his recent offensive splurge and finished with 16. Holland is averaging 20.2 points a game while Coffey is next at 9.5.

Menlo-Atherton 10-2, 21-2) will host South San Francisco Wednesday at 7 p.m. to open the Peninsula Athletic League playoffs. The Warriors finished third in the PAL Ocean Division while the Bears received the No. 2 seed in the PAL Bay Division after finishing in a four-way tie for first.

That scenario happened when Menlo-Atherton fell to host Woodside, 61-58, last Friday before a soldout crowd in the Wildcats' gym. The Bears went into the game with sole possession of first place and needed only a victory to wrap up the regular-season title.

Woodside, despite coming off back-to-back losses, fed off the raucous turnaway crowd of 1,300 and produced one of its best efforts of the season to ruin the Bears' hopes. Menlo-Atherton held a 48-44 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Dan Trautman led the Bears with 24 points.

Eastside Prep (23-1) won its 20th straight game by handing visiting Wilcox a 72-26 defeat in nonleague action Thursday night. Senior Keith Garner scored 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Panthers, who shot 67 percent from the field. Gio Connor added 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Eastside Prep's scheduled game Saturday with Terra Nova was cancelled.

In the SCVAL De Anza Division, Palo Alto (10-1, 22-3) maintained its share of first place with Milpitas following a 49-46 win over visiting Gunn on Thurs-



Don Feria

Menlo-Atherton's Peter Hogue (left) battles for a rebound during the Bears' 61-58 loss to Woodside.

day night.

The Vikings' postgame party to celebrate coach Peter Diepenbrock's 40th birthday was nearly ruined by the Titans, who held a seven-point lead with just over four minutes remaining in the game.

Senior Oystein Aukland led Paly with 12 points while sophomore Jeremy Lin added 10 points and four assists. Lin scored eight of his team's final 10 points to spark the comeback. He hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 46 and made a steal with 21.1 seconds remaining. He was fouled, made two free throws for a 48-46 lead, then added another free throw with 8.7 seconds remaining.

Chris Mugler and Peter Jordan led Gunn (4-6, 13-12) with 14 points each. Jordan missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied the game.

#### Girls basketball

Eastside Prep (19-4) outscored host Ripon Christian, 9-2 in overtime, and came away with a big 65-58 nonleague victory Saturday at Ripon Christian. Both teams are among the top five Division V teams in Northern California.

Brijitti Crum scored 24 points to lead the Panthers while Chantelle Brown scored four of her 15 points in overtime. Senior Sade Johnson added 10 for Eastside.

In the SCVAL De Anza Division, Palo Alto (9-2, 20-6) needs to beat host Los Gatos on Friday night to earn a share of first place. The Vikings entered this week in a tie for the lead with Homestead with one game remaining for each team, with Saratoga in a virtual tie at 8-2 with two games remaining.

Paly snapped a two-game road losing streak with a 69-47 romp over visiting Monta Vista on Senior Night last Friday. Sophomore Bre Clay led the Vikings with 15 points while seniors Sara Schulte and Jossy Tseng combined for 18.

In the PAL Bay Division, Meredith Pressfield scored 22 points as Menlo-Atherton closed out its regular season with a 46-40 win over host Woodside. The Bears are 5-7 in league (8-15), but missed out on the PAL playoffs this week.

In the West Bay Athletic League, Castilleja (10-1, 20-5) tuned up for Monday night's showdown for the regular-season title with Notre Dame-San Jose with a 55-29 win over Mercy-Burlingame. Nikki Perlman had her 15th double-double of the season with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Kate Vanderploeg paced the Gators with 13 rebounds. ■

# Pitching, Hall's grand slam helps Stanford baseball sweep Kansas

by Rick Eyrer

For the second straight weekend, Stanford relief pitcher David O'Hagan wasn't needed in either of the first two days of a series. That turned out to be good news for Cardinal coach Mark Marquess since he didn't hesitate to use him in a longer role in the final game.

O'Hagan didn't get the win in Sunday's marvelous come-from-behind 10-6 victory over visiting Kansas to complete the series sweep, but he pitched long enough - a career-high 7 2/3 innings - to keep fourth-ranked Stanford (8-1) in contention.

Brian Hall capped off a seven-run ninth inning with a grand slam that gave Stanford its 15th straight home victory heading into an important home series with No. 6 Texas (9-0) beginning with Friday's 6 p.m. start.

Menlo School grad Ryan Seawell got his first collegiate at bat on Sunday, getting an infield single as a pinch hitter for Chris Carter.

Mark Romanczuk struck out a career-high 13 in seven innings last Friday as the Cardinal opened with a 7-1 victory over Kansas. Stanford

beat the Jayhawks, 6-3, on Saturday behind the pitching of Jeff Gilmore.

O'Hagan pitched six shutout innings of relief in a win over Fresno State the previous week, and when he wasn't needed in the late innings the first two games against Kansas, he was brought in early again on Sunday.

"Normally I would go short stints with him," said Marquess. "I want to close with him. But when I don't use him the first two games I'll use him whenever. I don't figure to use him six or seven innings; ideally he'd be the closer. But on the last day of a series I can extend him."

O'Hagan took over for starter Mark Jecmen during a three-run first inning. He held the Jayhawks at bay until running out of steam in the eighth inning.

"My philosophy is that I want to throw a quality pitch every time," said O'Hagan. "Growing up in Minnesota there were a couple of outings in 25-degree weather where I'd find a way to throw 140 pitches. I want to go out and throw as many strikes as possible."

Seawell knew he might be getting a chance to hit when Marquess told him to go down to the bullpen during the fifth inning and take some

practice swings.

"My nerves were on end and I took the three worst swings of my life," Seawell said. "I was finally able to get my nerves under control."

In the on-deck circle, it became all about baseball.

"I just thought to myself relax and see the ball," he said. "That's what I think every time I hit."

Seawell hit a hard bouncer up the middle that Kansas second baseman Jared Schweitzer got his glove on behind the base but couldn't handle.

"I'll take it," said Seawell. "It felt awesome just to feel the contact. I've been ready for this since day one."

Stanford had already rallied to tie the game at 6 when Hall stepped to the plate with the bases loaded against relief pitcher Tyson Bothof.

"I figured to get a fastball," said Hall. "I didn't want to fall behind. I was looking for something to hit in the air."

Hall's drive sailed well over the left field fence and the Stanford dugout emptied onto the field in celebration as the Cardinal came from behind for the sixth time in eight victories.

"We'd rather be ahead from the

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## STANFORD ROUNDUP

### Women's swim edged by Cal in final relay

by Rick Eyrer

Losing to rival California is never a good thing for the Stanford women's swim team. In fact, it rarely happens.

In the 31 times the two have met, Stanford has swum away victorious 28 times.

The Bears, however, made their third victory in the series the most recent one, completing a perfect dual-meet season by posting a 151-149 triumph last Saturday in the Avery Aquatic Complex before a school-record crowd of 1,784.

Fifth-ranked Cal finished the Pac-10 season 6-0 (9-0 overall) while beating Stanford for the first time since 1976. Third-ranked Stanford, meanwhile, fell to 3-2 (5-2). It was only the third time in Stanford coach Richard Quick's 16 years on The Farm that his Cardinal dropped two dual meets in a season.

The short-course meters meet came down to the final 400 relay, where the Golden Bears finished first and third to rally from a seven-point deficit. Cal won in an NCAA 'A' time of 3:41.20 with a team of Natalie Coughlin, Danielle Becks, Micha Burden and Lauren Medina.

"It was an exciting meet with two

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Stanford senior Tara Kirk is congratulated by coach Richard Quick after Kirk won the 100 breast to remain undefeated in her college career.

Keith Peters

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Palo Alto's James McCluskey (right) wound up pinning Gunn's Adam Juratovac (left) for the 275-pound championship.



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Paly senior Max Pinto, here pinning Kyle Stoffers of Saratoga in the second round, wound up finishing third in the 171-pound division at the SCVAL Wrestling Championships to help the Vikings take sixth.

## Local wrestlers pin down some CCS berths

by Keith Peters

The team totals from the SCVAL Wrestling Championships last Saturday at Los Altos High didn't set off any celebrations by the Palo Alto and Gunn wrestling squads. Despite the fact Palo Alto finished a disappointed sixth and Gunn took 10th following an undefeated El Camino Division dual-match season, both teams qualified a number of athletes for this weekend's Central Coast Section tournament at Independence High in

San Jose.

The Vikings produced one champion from the SCVAL finals, senior James McCluskey at 275 pounds. McCluskey had only two matches and pinned both his opponents, including Gunn junior Adam Juratovac in the finals in 2:12.

Paly senior Adam Dexter reached the 160-pound finals before being pinned by Monta Vista's Dan Montanez, ranked No. 8 in the state. Paly senior Max Pinto, who narrowly lost his 171-pound semi-final to the eventual champion,

came back to finish third.

Other third-place finishers from Paly included freshman Jonathan Leape at 103 and junior Fernando Shahpouri at 112. Gianni Rosas of Paly was fourth at 125 pounds while Amir Shahhosseini was seventh at 135 as was Rodolfo Rios at 152.

In addition to Juratovac at 275 pounds, Gunn senior Will Keller finished second at 171, James Thomas was fourth at 145, Ross Raffin was sixth at 189, Juan Catiwo was sixth at 215 and Chris Gumbrecht was seventh at 103. ■



Keith Peters

Gunn senior Will Keller reached the 171-pound finals before dropping a 7-4 decision to Marc Zosky of Homestead.



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Palo Alto junior Fernando Shahpouri (right) won a 5-4 decision over Fernando Munoz of Los Altos to finish third at 112 pounds.



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Paly freshman Jon Leape finished third at 103 pounds.



Keith Peters

Paly senior Adam Dexter (right) reached the 160-pound finals before falling to Monta Vista's Dan Montanez, ranked No. 8 in the state.

## Men's hoops

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They may not act or think like they're going to win every game; all they do is play like it.

The Bears had to feeling good about themselves entering Saturday night's showdown as they mirrored Stanford's accomplishment of the previous week with a sweep of the Arizona schools. Cal was on a roll, and playing well. The game featured the top two teams in the Pac-10.

Stanford now has a five-game lead with six conference games remaining - the Pac-10 regular season title looks like a lock - and the only remaining mystery is how long the Cardinal can stay unbeaten.

Until Duke laid claim to the No. 1 ranking several weeks ago, it wasn't good to be in the top spot. Teams were getting knocked off every week. Stanford beat then No. 1 Kansas back on Dec. 6. The Jayhawks spent all of a week as the top dog. The Cardinal should be fully aware of the pitfalls which come with being one of two unbeaten teams in the nation (with St. Joseph's) and ranked No. 1.

"If somebody asked me if I thought we had a chance of going into the tournament undefeated, I'd say we have the best chance aside from one other team (Saint Joseph's)," said Montgomery.

USC (5-8, 10-12) or UCLA (6-7, 10-11) could both spoil the party when Stanford travels to Los Angeles for games on Thursday against the Trojans and Saturday against the Bruins. Montgomery will likely keep his troops on the edge as the Cardinal look to continue their greatest start ever.

It seems like Stanford has added motivation every time it takes the court. On Thursday, the Cardinal will be looking at a team that has knocked them out of the Pac-10 tournament in each of the last two years.

Stanford has been able to respond to incentives like that all season. The California game was just another example.

"We've lost here the last two years," said Stanford center Rob Little, who contributed another solid effort with 16 points. "That was a big issue for us. Winning here, winning at Oregon, beating Arizona at home: those are statement games. We wanted to win and shut people up."

After beating the Wildcats on Nick Robinson's last-second shot, Montgomery said pretty much the same thing. "There would always be a question of what we're not," he said. "I didn't want to answer those any more."

People have probably stopped asking by now, especially with Stanford being associated with the top spot in the nation. The Cardinal earned their time, however long they stay, at the top.

Josh Childress added 15 points and nine rebounds in the win over Cal, and he's playing like he never had a stress reaction in his left foot and missed nine games. Matt Lottich added 12 points and five assists.

"I think Stanford has a good chance of winning each game they



Rob Little drives past Cal's Amit Tamir for two of his 16 points during Stanford's come-from-behind 69-58 victory.

play," Cal coach Ben Braun said. "Those guys made the adjustments."

Stanford seemingly finds a way to shut down its opponents big guns. Cal freshman Leon Powe did not make a basket in five attempts and played just 18 minutes because of foul trouble.

"They're a very good defensive team," Powe said. "They're a good team period. I didn't play most of the game, and I couldn't get in a flow. I'll give it up to them. It's frustrating. If you beat one person, they have another right there to help."



Chris Hernandez (left) and Matt Lottich had plenty to celebrate during Stanford's win over Cal that left the Cardinal at 21-0 this season.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Stanford is back in first

Arizona loses twice, allowing Cardinal to regain Pac-10 lead

by Rick Eyrer

One week after falling out of first place in the Pac-10 Conference, the Stanford women's basketball team finds itself right back on top with the conference destiny resting clearly in the Cardinal's corner.

Stanford did its part on Saturday, beating California, 61-53, and getting some big-time productivity out of T'Nae Thiel and Azella Perryman in the post.

Arizona and Arizona State teamed up to put the double whammy on the Cardinal and knock them out of the conference lead two weeks ago.

Last week, USC and UCLA, two of the hottest teams in the Pac-10 these days and Stanford's next two opponents, came up with their own version of the double-double, sending the Wildcats, who spent the week among the nation's top 25, and the Sun Devils reeling.

Following Sunday night's action, Stanford (11-3, 18-5) stood alone in first place again, but there's a new contender rapping on the door. USC (11-4, 14-9) is a half-game back of the Cardinal and aiming to do some damage on Thursday when it visits Maples Pavilion at 7 p.m. Arizona (10-4, 17-7) is a game back with UCLA (9-6, 14-10) and Arizona State (9-5, 15-8) still nipping at the heels.

The Women of Troy handed Stanford its first conference loss back on Jan. 25, and if there's any need for more motivation, USC is also the last Pac-10 team to win at Stanford. The Women of Troy beat the Cardinal, 62-59, on March 1, 2001 and Stanford has won 26 straight Pac-10 games at home since.

"We worked extremely hard in practice and I think our effort was good," said Stanford guard Susan Borchardt. "That's something we're going to continue to look to do; keep playing hard and playing with heart."

Thiel scored a season-high 16 points against the Bears, three off her career high, and Perryman added 11 rebounds as Stanford continues to look for ways to expand its offense beyond Nicole Powell.

"I want to make myself available in the offense," said Thiel, also one of Stanford's top offensive rebounders. "I was posting up and getting the ball in the block."

Injuries have decimated the post position. Thiel and Perryman missed games at the beginning of the season, while freshman center Kristen Newlin has missed four



Susan Borchardt scored 14 points in Stanford's win over Cal.

games with a bone bruise in her right knee, and Chelsea Trotter continues to play with two chronically sore knees. Even Powell missed several games with a sprained ankle.

Newlin is on her way back, and having Thiel and Perryman back are a big plus as the Cardinal looks to finish the regular season strong.

"T'Nae and Azella have to be the first option coming down the court," said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer. "We have to pass the ball better. When Kristen gets back, we'll be better."

Borchardt added 14 points and Kelley Suminski had 11 as Stanford was able to attack Cal from several places on the court. Powell didn't have to take the game over and that's how VanDerveer likes to see things.

"We can't depend on one person to carry us," she said. "That's what everybody said this week. T'Nae said she'd help. Susan pushed it and was a big key for us, and Azella stepped up and did a good job."

Powell still had a solid all-around game despite making just four of 13 shots. She also had nine rebounds and a game-high five assists.

"Nicole had some good shots but they didn't go down for her," said VanDerveer. "I think she was pressing a little bit."

Should Stanford hold home court advantage this week, it should be in good shape heading into the final week up in Oregon.

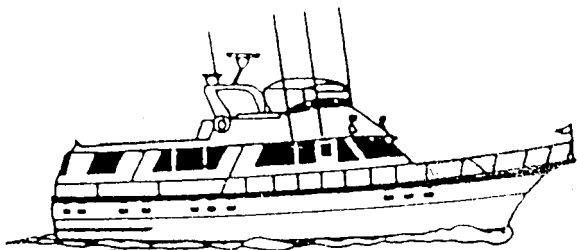
Last year after losing at Arizona, the Cardinal swept through the Pac-10 tournament, which included a victory over the Wildcats in the tournament championship, and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Stanford is hoping for a repeat this year, with a deeper round into the NCAA tournament. As players return to health, it becomes a distinct possibility. ■

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Palo Alto's Austinn Freeman was named Junior of the Year in the De Anza Division.



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Paly junior Manny Barrigan and his teammates were seeded No. 1 in CCS Division II.

#### PREP SOCCER

## Palo Alto teams take No. 1 seeds into CCS

*Vikings will have the opportunity to win boys' and girls' championships for the first time in school history*

by Keith Peters

If the weather cooperates, the Palo Alto boys' and girls' soccer teams this week will begin their quests for a little history in the Central Coast Section playoffs.

While both squads have won two CCS titles each, none have come in the same season. The Viking girls won their first in 1980 and shared the 1982 crown with Saratoga. The Paly boys won in 1998 and 2000.

Should both teams manage to finish on top next weekend, it would truly be a first for the Palo Alto soccer program.

The Paly boys (16-4-1) will put their No. 1 seed in Division II on the line Wednesday (weather permitting) with a home match against No. 16 Prospect (10-2-4) at 2:30 p.m.

The Paly girls (14-2-3) will take their No. 1 seed in Division I into their second-round match Saturday at Milpitas High (2 p.m.) against the winner of Wednesday's match between No. 9 Mountain View (14-2-2) and No. 8 Santa Teresa (9-9-1).

In other CCS openers Wednesday, the No. 2 Gunn boys (13-3-5) will host No. 15 Independence (8-4-8) in Division I action while the No. 4 Menlo-Atherton boys (11-3-6) will play host to No. 13 Live Oak (13-6-3). Both matches begin at 2:30 p.m. All second-round matches are scheduled for Saturday. The boys' Division I and II finals are tentatively set for Feb. 27 and the girls' Division I title match is set for Feb. 28.

Paly girls' coach Jeff van Gastel, for one, is happy to be in Division I this season.

"I am glad I am not in D-2," van Gastel said. That division includes four tough private schools in Notre Dame-Belmont, St. Francis, Mitty and Presentation. "Division I is still tough, though, and we will need to play well to be successful."

While he hasn't seen Mountain View this season, van Gastel did see Santa Teresa in the Vikings' Winter Classic tournament in December. Santa Teresa has reached the past three CCS Division I title matches, but the Saints started this season slow and are just beginning to roll after finishing third in the Blossom Valley Athletic League (Mt. Hamilton Division). Mountain View, meanwhile, won the SCVAL El Camino Division.

The Palo Alto High boys and girls put the finishing touches on league championship seasons with shutout victories over rival Gunn last Thursday.

The Viking girls (10-1-1) got two goals from senior Kat Stolpa in a 7-0 romp over host Gunn (3-7-2, 7-9-3) in the SCVAL De Anza Division finale for both teams. Stolpa was named MVP of the league this season while Austinn Freeman was named Junior of the Year.

It was the third straight division crown for Paly, which went 12-0-1 after losing its division opener to Los Altos. During that time, which included two nonleague wins, the

Vikings outscored the competition by a remarkable 60-1.

The Paly boys (10-2) defeated visiting Gunn (6-2-4) on Thursday, 3-0, as junior Pierre Meloty-Kapella scored twice and senior Michael Bianchi once. It was the Vikings' second win over the Titans this season. Paly clinched its first outright league crown since 1999 with a 1-0 win over Mountain View earlier in the week.

The Paly girls showed their readiness for the postseason with another dominating performance against Gunn, which handed the Vikings a 2-1 loss in the semifinals of the Palo Alto Winter Classic in December. That, and a 2-0 loss to Los Altos, are the only blemishes on the Vikings' schedule this season.

Stolpa, headed for USC next season, provided the eventual winning goal in the eighth minute against Gunn. Her second goal, in the 52nd minute, made it a 4-0 game. Junior Lindsey Stirrat, junior Lisa Johnson, senior Emira Cowan, senior Rachel Hamilton and senior Danielle Miller all scored goals. The goals by Miller and Cowan were their first of the season.

In the boys' match, Paly coach Don Briggs started all his seniors - Pedro Duarte, Jeff Hering, Justin Nolley, backup keeper Will Snyder and Bianchi - for the Vikings' final regular-season home match. Paly outshot Gunn, 14-6, while registering its third straight shutout.

In other soccer finales last week: The Menlo School girls (5-5-4, 11-6-4) played PAL Bay Division champion Carlmont tough before falling, 1-0, to the host Scots. The Knights finished fourth in the league and did not receive a CCS Division III berth, as expected.

In the West Bay Athletic League, Castilleja closed out its season with a 4-0 win over host Mercy-Burlingame. Nicole Kalinske scored three times for the Gators. ■





## Stanford roundup

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wonderful teams going at each other," said Quick. "We were hoping we could score a few more points in the individual medleys because we knew it was going to be a chore with the freestyle relay at the end. California did a great job, especially in the last two events.

"I think the fans enjoyed it," added Quick in reference to the exciting meet before a large crowd.

Stanford's Tara Kirk and Coughlin both just missed American records. Kirk recorded a career-best time of 1:05.77 to win the 100 breast as she remained unbeaten collegiately in the event with her 33rd consecutive victory. She missed the American record of 1:05.74 held by Kristy Kowal of Georgia in 2000.

Coughlin won the 50 free in 24.60, coming within .08 seconds of the American record of 24.52 held by former Stanford swimmer Jenny Thompson. In the 100 fly, Coughlin's winning time of 56.64 was three-tenths of a second short of her own American record of 56.34 set on November 22, 2002. All three winning times met NCAA 'A' qualifying standards.

Kirk was a two-time individual winner, also capturing the 200 breast in an NCAA 'A' time of 2:28.50 to remain unbeaten in collegiate breast events since last falling in the 200 breast during the 2002

Pac-10 Championships in her sophomore season.

Coughlin picked up three individual victories for the Golden Bears as she also won the 100 free in an NCAA 'A' time of 54.84.

Other individual swimming winners for the Cardinal included Lacey Boutwell with a mark of 1:58.36 in the 200 free, as well as Dana Kirk with a time of 2:06.80 in the 200 fly. Both times were career-bests and met NCAA 'A' qualifying standards. The Cardinal also captured the meet-opening 200 medley relay in a season-best and NCAA 'B' qualifying time of 1:52.38 with a squad of Megan Baumgartner, Tara Kirk, Ashley Daly and Sarah Jones.

Ashley Chandler (400 free, 800 free) and Helen Silver (100 back, 200 back) supported Coughlin's effort for California with a pair of individual swimming wins each, while Natalie Griffith was a winner in the 400 IM. Chandler captured the 400 free with an NCAA 'A' mark of 4:08.91, while taking the 800 free in 8:29.44. Silver picked up an NCAA 'A' time in the 200 back (2:11.34), while checking in with an NCAA 'B' time of 1:00.96 in the 100 back. Griffith's winning time of 4:45.45 in the 400 IM was also an NCAA 'A' qualifier.

California won nine of the 14 swimming events contests but Stanford nearly made up the difference on the diving boards, going 1-2-3 in both the 1-meter and 3-meter competition to outscore the Golden

Bears, 32-6. Gunn High grad Ashlee Rosenthal captured the 1-meter event with a score of 300.21, while Cassidy Krug was the 3-meter winner with 283.80 points. Both totals were career-bests.

### Women's tennis

Top-ranked Stanford remained undefeated on the season with a 7-0 victory over visiting UNLV on Friday.

"It was a good match against a good team in poor weather conditions with the wind and rain delays, Stanford coach Lele Forood said. "We were glad to be competing again."

The Stanford pair of senior Lauren Barnikow and junior Erin Burdette improved their doubles record to 13-1 to help the Cardinal win the doubles point.

Stanford (7-0) was scheduled to host Fresno State on Tuesday.

### Softball

Catalina Morris took care of the offense and Dana Sorensen took care of the pitching as No. 10 Stanford won its own Invitational on Sunday with a 4-1 victory over Santa Clara in the championship game.

Morris' two-run homer in the third gave the Cardinal (8-1) a 3-0 lead, more than enough for Sorensen, who allowed an unearned run on five hits to win her fourth game in five decisions.

Stanford will participate in its third consecutive tournament this

weekend when it travels to Palm Springs.

In all, Stanford went 5-0 in the tournament. Meghan Sickler went 3-for-4 as Stanford opened the tournament with a 5-0 win over the Broncos.

### Men's tennis

Stanford was upset by Rice, 4-3, on Saturday at Taube Tennis Center.

The Owls captured the doubles point to take the early advantage.

Sam Warburg, KC Corkery and James Wan won singles, but it wasn't enough as the third-ranked Cardinal lost at home for the first time this year.

Stanford hosts California on Saturday at 1 p.m.

### Women's lacrosse

Stanford opened its season with a 15-4 win over visiting UC Davis on Saturday as Megan Burkner and Abbi Hills each scored three second-half goals.

### Men's volleyball

Stanford (3-7, 5-9) lost twice to No. 2 Hawaii (4-1, 8-2) over the weekend.

The visiting Warriors won 30-19, 30-14, 30-19 on Friday and 30-21, 30-18, 30-24, on Saturday.

Stanford visits BYU for two matches on Friday and Saturday.

### Men's golf

Stanford shot a 285 on the final day of competition at the Taylor

Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate to finish 11th with a three-round total of 862.

Cardinal Zack Miller fired a 68 on the final day to finish tied for eighth with a six-under par 210.

### Wrestling

Stanford (6-2 in the Pac-10, 10-4) finished the regular season with a pair of victories over the weekend.

The Cardinal beat host UC Davis, 21-15, on Friday as Brad Metzler sparked the come-from-behind win with a pin at 141 pounds.

Luis Vendrell, Matt Gentry, Brian Perry, and Imad Kharbush followed with wins.

Stanford won nine of 10 matches against visiting Portland State for a 42-3 victory.

### Track and field

Alicia Craig won the 5,000 meters at Saturday's Pac-10 Indoor Invitational in Seattle, and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships with a time of 15:56.88.

Ian Dobson in the 5,000 meters, Sara Bei in the mile, Janice Davis in the 60 meters and Jakki Bailey in the 200 meters were also winners for Stanford.

Dobson ran the 5,000 meters in an NCAA qualifying and career-best time of 13:49.17. Bei ran an NCAA provisional time of 4:43.87. Davis qualified for the MPSF Championships in a season-best time of 7.46 while Bailey ran 24.77. ■

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## Baseball

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start but I think this team has an extra gear and are able to clutch up better than most teams I've been on," said Hall. "We seem to be able to take it to the next level."

Texas will definitely be a step up for the Cardinal this weekend. The Longhorns upset No. 1 Rice on Saturday and will bring their spotless record and big-time tradition to Sunken Diamond.

"It's going to be a classic series," said O'Hagan. "A lot of guys are eager to compete and we look to take on the best. Any time you can play a team the caliber of Cal State Fullerton or Texas, you want to see how you stack up."

Stanford took two of three at

Texas last year and now holds a 15-12-1 advantage in the all-time series. The rivalry has heated up in recent years: the teams have met 22 times since the beginning of the 1998 season.

"It's good for us because they are always a national power and have a great college baseball tradition," said Marquess. "It shows us where we are and where we need to improve."

Former Menlo College (and DeAnza College) baseball coach Ritchie Price is in his second year at Kansas. Reggie Christiansen, who also played and coached at Menlo, is on Price's current staff in Kansas.

Danny Putnam got at least one hit in each game to extend his hitting streak to a career-tying 10 games.

John Mayberry, Jr. drove in two runs on Sunday, and Kodiak Quick (1-0) recorded the win after getting the final two outs of the ninth.

Gilmore (2-0) allowed two runs on five hits over a career-high seven innings on Saturday while Jed Lowrie drove in a pair of runs for the Cardinal.

Donny Lucy had three hits and scored three runs in Stanford's victory over Kansas on Friday. Jonny Ash added three hits and drove in two runs.

Romanczuk's 13 strikeouts were the most by a Stanford pitcher since Jeremy Guthrie also struck out 13 at UCLA on May 17, 2002. He struck out at least one batter in each of his seven innings, striking out the side in the third inning. ■

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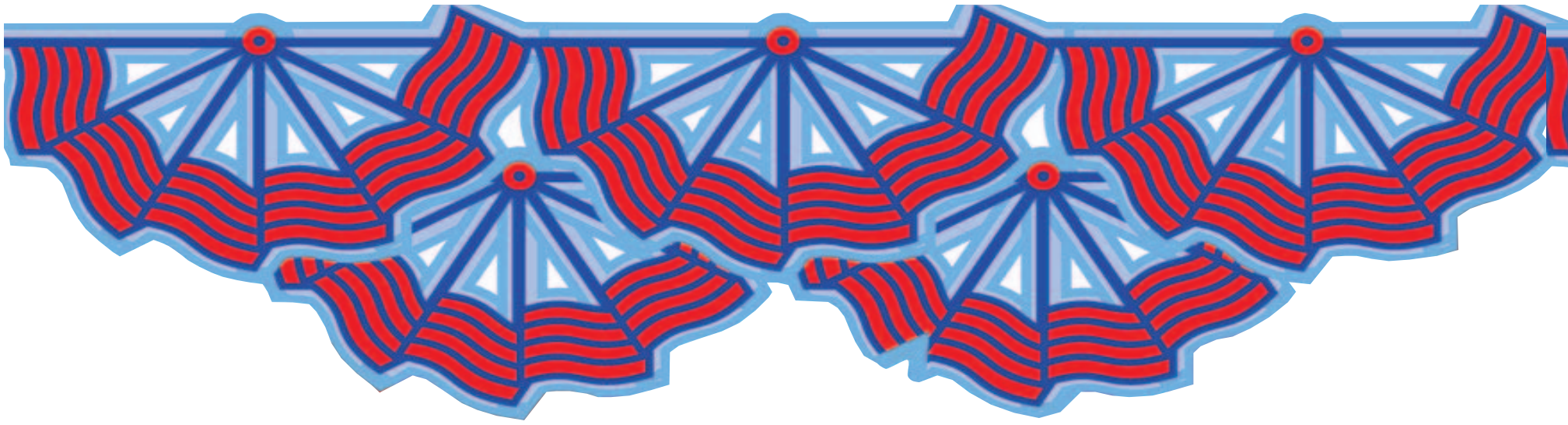
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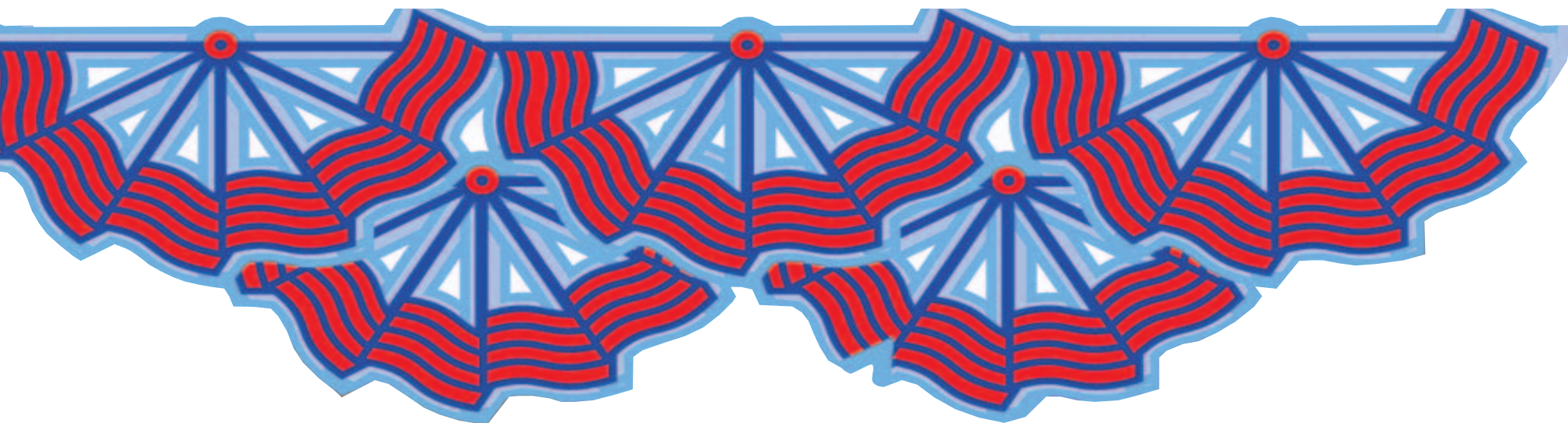
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Joe's and Ted's

# BIG SHOWDOWN

Two strong candidates with similar credentials vie for one seat

by Don Kazak, photos by Don Feria



Joe Simitian (top, above) listens to some advice from his wife, Mary Hughes, who is also a political consultant. Ted Lempert (above) makes a point at last week's debate in Palo Alto.

Ted Lempert (opposite page, top left and right) makes a point during a debate and listens at the San Jose state Democratic Party convention in San Jose last month. Joe Simitian (opposite page, bottom) tries to win over delegates from the 11th state Senate district at the state convention, shortly before they voted to endorse him.

**T**ed Lempert didn't say it, but it must have galled him inside.

It was Saturday afternoon, Jan. 17, and his opponent for the state Senate seat in the 11th district, Joe Simitian, had just won the endorsement of the state Democratic Party at its convention in San Jose. Simitian basked in the congratulations from his jubilant supporters, while Lempert stood and gamely smiled.

Lempert has found himself in a dogfight for a seat he probably considered his for the taking. Lempert was long considered the heir apparent to longtime state Sen. Byron Sher — especially since he received the endorsement of the state senator himself.

But along came Simitian, who was elected to the Assembly in 2000.

"Joe should have stayed in the Assembly," Lempert said. "He's not term-limited out. A lot of people thought he should run for reelection (to the Assembly). I think it was a political mistake on his part."

These are two heavyweight political contenders with nary a hair between them on major policy issues. Both are highly respected by their peers for their legislative and leadership abilities.

It's the perfect set-up, in the eyes of many political watch dogs, for a close and heated race. Thousands of dollars will be spent. Dozens of ads will be aired. Hundreds of hands shaken. The outcome is far from certain.

**R**ead the campaign offerings filling voters' mailboxes from both sides, listen to the candidates talk at public forums, study what others say and it's difficult to tell the difference between the two.

Simitian, 50, and Lempert, 42, have both served in the Assembly and on regional school and governing boards.

Both are education specialists with strong environmental credentials. Simitian has a cool reserve, a precision about him, while Lempert displays more outward fire.

Simitian and Lempert appeared before two local Democratic clubs after the San Jose state convention. It was a chance for each to differentiate themselves.

But their similarities kept emerging. Answering questions from the audience, one or the other would routinely say "I agree with Joe" or "I agree with Ted."

At one point, Simitian sympathized with voters trying to distinguish between the two. "But Ted and I think it's a much easier

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# Palo Alto Foundation for Education



The Palo Alto Foundation for Education is a nonprofit volunteer organization founded in 1987 to raise private funds for specific innovative programs throughout the PAUSD. The PAFE board collaborates with the PAUSD staff, principals and teachers to determine annual funding priorities, and it works closely with leaders from the All Schools Fund, PTAs and Site Councils to build financial support for PAUSD schools.

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The bond measure funding the new buildings does not pay for furnishings or teaching materials. To outfit the 20 new classrooms with

the latest equipment and technology, PAFE last year launched a \$1 million campaign. To date, the campaign has received \$400,000 in pledges and donations, and PAFE has set a goal of reaching \$1 million by December 2004.

The science campaign is just one example of PAFE's support for Palo Alto teachers and students. Over its 16-year history, PAFE has awarded more than 700 Education Grants totaling \$750,000 to individual teachers. In 2003-04, PAFE will award up to \$100,000 in Education Grants to encourage further innovation in the classroom. PAFE in recent years has also funded professional development for elementary school teachers in writing and mathematics, new science equipment for the district's three middle schools and new teaching materials for the K-12 Visual and Performing Arts programs.

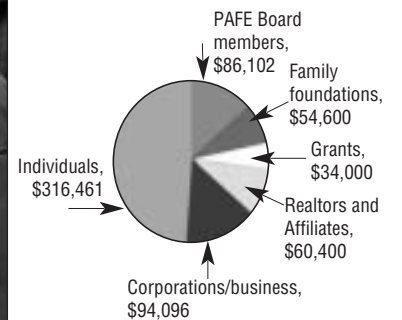
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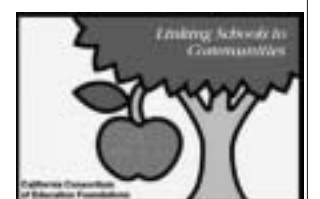


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2003 Apple Award

## Joe vs. Ted

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decision,” Simitian said. Even Lempert laughed.

**T**he choice is even difficult for those who know both well. “This is a very tough choice, because both are excellent,” said Jim Thurber, a former Los Altos mayor.

Lempert supporters include rank-and-file Democrats in Sacramento, such as state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell, state Controller Steve Westly and state Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Simitian, however, has locked up several local endorsements. The 11th district includes 13 cities from San Carlos to Capitola, and a majority of the members of those city councils are firmly in Simitian’s camp.

Simitian won a key victory by garnering endorsements from

three Democratic clubs in Santa Cruz, virgin territory for both candidates.

Judy Warner, president of the Santa Cruz Women’s Democratic Club, said Simitian won their endorsement because he is currently in the Assembly and has contacts in Sacramento. “He inspired confidence,” she said.

The majority of the people in the three Santa Cruz Democratic clubs “didn’t know either of them well in advance,” said Darrell Darling, chair of the Santa Cruz County Democratic Party Central Committee. “They voted their own preferences from what they heard.”

Lempert has made some local inroads of his own. Notable Palo Alto supporters include former mayors Jean McCown and Larry Klein and current school board president Cathy Kroymann.

“Who was next in line?” McCown asked. “Who started first? It’s a question of fairness.”

Lempert also made a favorable impression at a debate in

Palo Alto last week — smack dab in Simitian’s home turf.

Nick Corsano of Menlo Park noted the “personality difference between the two. The cool personality (of Simitian) and the warmer, the hotter personality of Ted. Tonight the hotter side resonated more with me. I found Joe just a little smug at times.”

Esther Heller of Menlo Park said she also found herself leaning toward Lempert, but added she would be “definitely happy to have either of these people representing me.”

**H**eller’s mixed message is precisely the sentiment vexing local Democrats. Party stalwarts are not thrilled to see two strong candidates go head-to-head for the same seat.

“It’s really tough when you have two very competent people where they each have strong constituencies who have been very vocal in their behalf,” said

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## TED LEMPERT

**Age:** 42

**Training:** Lawyer

**Hometown:** San Carlos

**Elected offices:**

California state Assembly, four terms; San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County Board of Education

**Sets him apart:**

Campaign finance reform bills introduced in the Legislature

**Key endorsers:**

State Sen. Byron Sher, state Controller Steve Westly, state Treasurer Phil Angelides, other state senators

## JOE SIMITIAN

**Age:** 50

**Training:** Lawyer

**Hometown:** Palo Alto

**Elected offices:**

Palo Alto school board, Palo Alto City Council, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, California state Assembly

**Sets him apart:**

Initiated “There Oughta be a Law” contest where constituents propose new legislation

**Key endorsers:**

California state Democratic Party, a majority of city council members in the 13 cities of the 11th state Senate District



Belying the image that they don’t get along, Lempert and Simitian share a lighter moment during last week’s debate in Palo Alto.

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Lempert chats with supporters at the state convention last month, shortly before he lost out on the party's endorsement to rival Simitian.

## 'Soft' dollars can cushion campaigns

**A**s Ted Lempert and Joe Simitian begin their final push toward the March primary, the two are turning to their war chests to wage a hard-fought battle.

Lempert has made much of his determination to stand by Proposition 34, which established a voluntary campaign spending limit of \$637,000. Simitian, saying he doesn't want to deny himself resources against a tough opponent, has declined to abide by such limits. As of Jan. 17, he had raised \$731,000.

But Lempert is benefiting from funds that don't fall under Proposition 34's guidelines. Known as independent expenditures, or "soft" money, those donations are spent by special interests and not controlled by a candidate.

There is a large, red-and-white billboard on Highway 101 near Belmont that proclaims "Physicians and Dentists Support Ted Lempert for

State Senate." The billboard cost \$28,000, funds spent on behalf of Lempert by the California Medical Association.

Another campaign committee called Northern Californians for a Strong Economy reported \$149,000 in expenditures on behalf of Lempert for television ads. A phone number for the committee belonged to an aide to Jack O'Connell, the state superintendent of public instruction and a longtime friend of Lempert's.

A major contributor to those ads was Arkansas billionaire John Walton, son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton and a supporter of candidates who favor school vouchers. Lempert authored a school vouchers bill while in the Assembly. Walton's donation totaled \$31,250.

As the Weekly went to press, no "soft money" contributions had been recorded on Simitian's behalf. ■

—Don Kazak



Knowing the vote was going to be close because he needed 60 percent of those voting, Simitian huddles with his campaign aides in San Jose last month to count the votes of delegates who had committed to support him.

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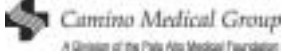
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### Joe vs. Ted

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Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss, who served with Simitian on both the Palo Alto school board and City Council.

She is supporting Simitian.

Thurber, who is backing Lempert, added " ... It's a real waste of manpower having them run against each other."

Anna Eshoo ran against Lempert in the 1992 Democratic Congressional primary that led to her election to Washington, but later backed her one-time opponent when he ran for Eshoo's old San Mateo County supervisorial

seat.

"Who is going to do the better job?" Eshoo asked. "That's the question. It's not that one is good and the other isn't. That's not the question here."

Rod Pacheco, a former Republican assemblyman from Riverside, served with both Lempert and Simitian. He saw strengths in both candidates.

"Joe's a pleasant guy, an incredibly bright guy, one of the brightest ones up there in pure intellect," Pacheco said. "But Ted worked well with everyone, and Joe didn't."

Both campaigns have a sense of urgency, a now-or-never feeling, because only one of the two

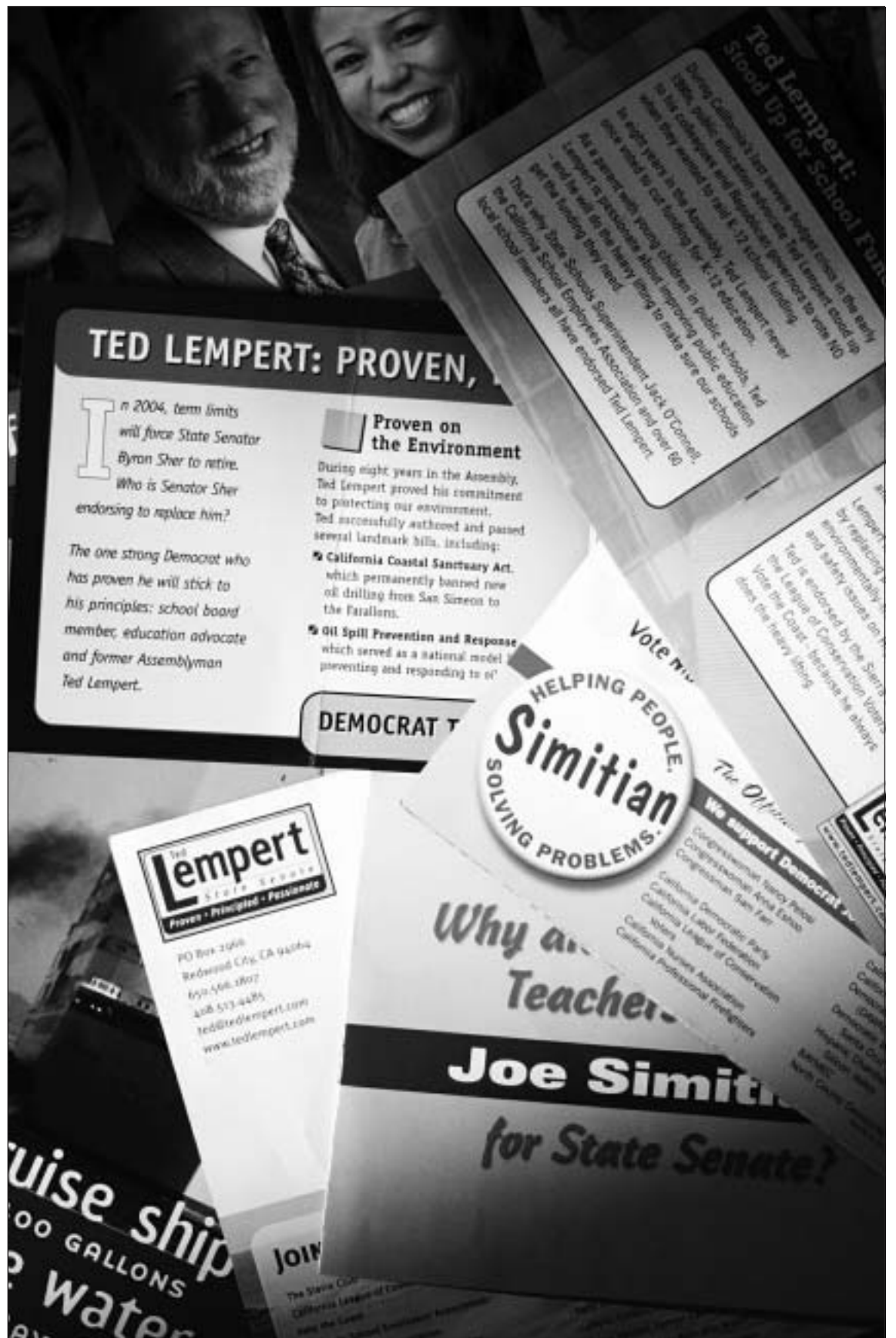
will serve in Sacramento come Jan. 1, 2005.

There is a story going around that the two don't personally care for each other. Lempert said it's a myth and the two did share some jokes and smiles while listening to the Republican and Libertarian Senate candidates at last week's Palo Alto debate.

But when the event concluded, each managed to shake hands with the other two candidates, as is the tradition. They never shook hands with each other.

The bell has been rung, and both men probably realize they're in for a heck of a fight. ■

**Don Kazak can be e-mailed at dkazak@pawweekly.com**



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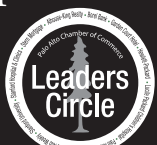
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## Life after Joe

*Democrats worried about vacated Assembly seat*

**A**s Ted Lempert and Joe Simitian square off in the final hectic weeks of their March 2 battle, other Democrats are nervous about leaving Simitian's state Assembly seat ripe for possible Republican pickings in November.

When Simitian decided to run for state Senate, a search was on for a possible successor in the Assembly. Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss led that list, followed by Palo Alto City Councilwoman Judy Kleinberg. Both declined.

Four Democrats *are* running, but have mounted low-profile campaigns thus far. Redwood City Councilman Ira Ruskin and Palo Alto School Board member John Barton are the best known of the four, joined by John Carcione of Menlo Park and Barbara Nesbet of Monte Sereno.

"Even Joe (Simitian) says it is a thin field," said one Democrat.

None of the four Democrats have done especially well in fund-raising. Through Jan. 17, Carcione had by far the most money, at \$343,000, but \$195,000 was his own and another \$31,100 came from seven family members.

Ruskin, the longtime Redwood City council man, has lately picked up support in Palo Alto. Among those endorsing him are Palo Alto City Councilwoman Yoriko Kishimoto and former Councilwoman Emily Renzel, environmental activists Peter Dreke-meier and Debbie Mytels, Nonette Hanco of the Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District, Karen Holman and Pat Burt from the Palo Alto Planning Commission, and neighborhood leaders Annette Ashton and Dorothy Bender.

The Republicans, meanwhile, have come up with a strong candidate, millionaire and former high-tech whiz Steve Poizner. He also has an enormous war

chest for the November general election, \$545,000 as of Jan. 17.

"Poizner is a very strong Republican candidate, in the mold of a Becky Morgan," said former Palo Alto mayor and Councilman Gary Fazzino. Morgan served as a moderate Republican state senator from this district, and also served as a Palo Alto school board member.

"The only thing that would make him better is if his name was Stephanie," Fazzino joked.

Poizner is someone whom Democrats should lose sleep over.

"I've decided not to take any PAC (political action committee) money or any corporate money, just individual donations," Poizner said. "Campaign finance reform is a goal of mine."

Has the state Republican Party decided to target the 21st Assembly district seat as winnable?

"They'll make that decision later," Poizner said. "But I am getting a lot of moral support."

Dan Walters, longtime political writer for the Sacramento Bee, wrote Feb. 4 that "the Republicans have a dream candidate" in Poizner. Democrats still hold a 12-point lead in party registration over Republicans in the 21st Assembly District, but Walters wrote this could be a "sleeper" race in November.

"The seat will be in play in November," Fazzino predicted.

When the Democratic Party held its state convention in San Jose Jan. 17, Barton and Ruskin split the endorsement votes of the delegates, but enough stayed silent or abstained so no final decision was reached.

Simitian, as a delegate, did not vote for any of the four Democratic contenders for his seat. ■

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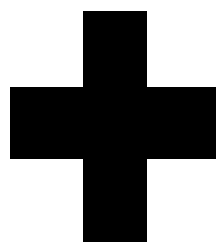
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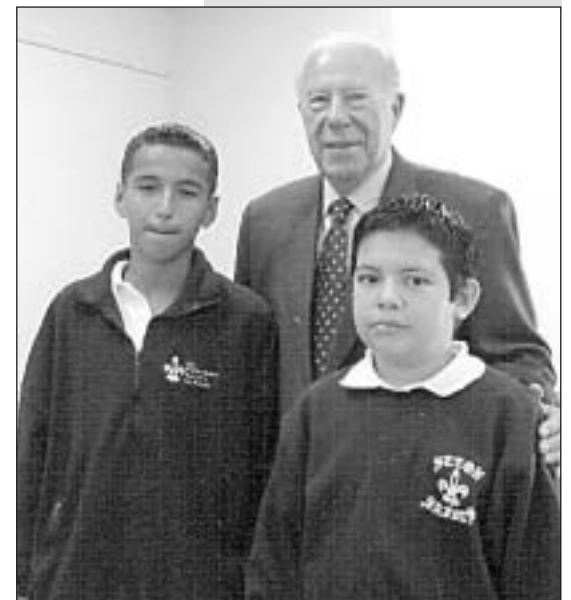
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# Weekend Preview

## Thursday

**"The Hobbit"** will be presented today at 4:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Additional performances are scheduled for Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Children's Theatre Box Office Tuesday through Saturday, by calling (650) 463-4970.

## Friday

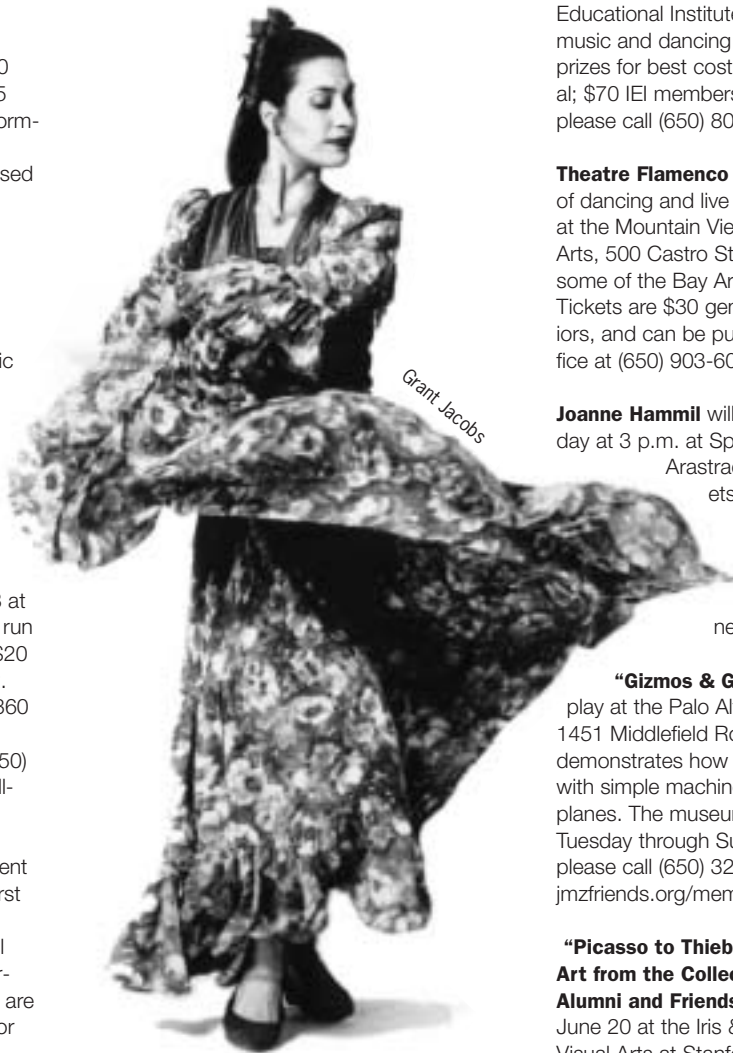
**"Candide"** will be presented by Foothill Music Theatre tonight at 8 p.m. at Foothill College's Playhouse, 12345 El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills. The play, featuring a score by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler, follows the globe-trotting adventures of a displaced lad separated from his one true love. Show times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 13 at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. "Candide" will run through March 14. Tickets are \$22 general; \$20 seniors; \$16 students; \$10 children under 12. For tickets, call the box office at (650) 949-7360 (open Wednesday through Sunday, noon-3 p.m.), 24-hour charge-by-phone hotline at (650) 949-7414 or visit [www.acteva.com/go/foothill-boxoffice](http://www.acteva.com/go/foothill-boxoffice).

**San Francisco Early Music Society** will present Parnassus Avenue tonight at 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave (corner of Webster Street) in Palo Alto. The program will feature Handel sonatas and tunes from waterfront pubs and inns. Tickets (general seating) are \$25 non-members; \$22 members/seniors. For more information call (510) 528-1725 or visit [www.sfems.org](http://www.sfems.org)

**"The Barber of Seville"** will be presented by West Bay Opera tonight at 8 p.m. at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Additional show times are Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$43, with a special \$21.50 youth ticket (for those under 18) for Sunday matinees only. For tickets or more information, please call the West Bay Opera box office at (650) 424-9999, Monday - Friday, 1 to 6 p.m., or visit [www.wbopera.org](http://www.wbopera.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the Holt Building, 221 Lambert Ave. in Palo Alto.

**Mixed-media painter Robert Haemmerling and computer artist Jeehee Lee** will have their works exhibited through March 25 at Stanford Art Spaces, located on campus at the Paul Allen Center for Integrated Systems. Admission is free. The gallery is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (650) 725-3622 or visit <http://cis.stanford.edu/~marigros>.

**"Faces and Places,"** an exhibition of recent works by San Jose artist Sonya Paz, will be on display through Feb. 29 at Torrefazione Italia Cafe, 819 University Ave., Palo Alto. The cafe is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sun-



*Flamenco dancer Phoebe Vernier, aka "La Fibi," will perform on Saturday at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.*

day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call (408) 266-9941.

## Saturday

**Hidden Villa Farm and Wilderness Preserve** will celebrate Black History Month with a special program tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Visitors Welcome Center, which is situated in a meadow at the entrance to the farm. The event will feature storyteller Yolanda Rhodes and West African drummer Perry Sayoma Quarshie. Tickets are \$10 adults; \$8 children 12 & under; \$30 for a family of four. Scholarships are available for low-income families. Reservations are recommended. Please call (650) 949-8653 or visit [www.hiddenvilla.org](http://www.hiddenvilla.org).

**Festa di Carnevale** a Roaring '20s costume ball, will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Menlo College's main dining hall, 1000 El Camino Real in Atherton. The program, organized by the Italian

Educational Institute, will feature a buffet dinner, music and dancing (with a live orchestra) and prizes for best costumes. Tickets are \$80 general; \$70 IEI members. For more information, please call (650) 804-2583 or (650) 543-3946.

**Theatre Flamenco** will present "Disenos," a feast of dancing and live music, today at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. The program will showcase some of the Bay Area's leading Flamenco artists. Tickets are \$30 general; \$26 students and seniors, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (650) 903-6000.

**Joanne Hammil** will perform a family concert today at 3 p.m. at Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$10 adults; \$5 children and seniors and will be available at the door. For more information please call (650) 329-3944 or visit [www.joannehammil.com](http://www.joannehammil.com).

**"Gizmos & Gadgets,"** is currently on display at the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road. This new exhibition demonstrates how work can be made easier with simple machines such as levers and incline planes. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, please call (650) 329-2111 or visit [www.pajmzfriends.org/membership.htm](http://www.pajmzfriends.org/membership.htm).

**"Picasso to Thiebaud: Modern Contemporary Art from the Collections of Stanford University Alumni and Friends"** will be on display through June 20 at the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts at Stanford University. The exhibition will feature more than 70 prints, drawings and photographs from the early 17th century to the present, featuring artists as subjects. The center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 8 p.m. Admission is free. Please call (650) 723-4177 or visit [www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva)

**"Love and Lust"** will run through Feb. 25 at the Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St. in Palo Alto. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please call (650) 321-3891 or visit [www.pacificartleague.org](http://www.pacificartleague.org)

## Sunday

**El Camino Youth Symphony's Benefit Recital 2004** will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. (corner of Mercy). The program will feature violinist

Alexander Barantschik, concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony; cellist and ECYS conductor Michail Gelfandbein with pianist Irina Sharogradsky; violist Melissa Huang; and ECYS Flute Ensemble faculty, Monokrome Flute Quartet. Tickets are \$35 general; \$25 students and seniors, and are only available from the Mountain View Center Ticket Office, (650) 903-6000 or [www.mvcpa.com](http://www.mvcpa.com).

**"When Radio Was King,"** featuring classic radio receivers and radio memorabilia, will be on display through May 23 at the Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. Regular exhibit hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information please call (650) 321-1004 or visit [www.moah.org](http://www.moah.org).

**"Narrating Time,"** in conjunction with works by Jim Campbell, will be featured through April 25 at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road. The exhibition features 19th and 21st-century photographs in which the specific exploration of time is central to the artist's body of work. Exhibitions can be viewed Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Thursday also 7-9 p.m. Call (650) 329-2366 or visit [www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/artcenter/index.html](http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/artcenter/index.html).

**"Silence of Memory,"** featuring monotypes by Arthur Krakower, will be on display through Feb. 29 at Café Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. For more information please visit [www.arthurkrakower.com](http://www.arthurkrakower.com)

*"Candide," co-starring (l-r) Michael Amaral, Keite Davis, and Stewart Lyle, will open on Friday at Foothill College.*



## COMING UP IN FRIDAY'S WEEKEND EDITION

### Music

A profile of El Camino Youth Symphony conductor Michail Gelfandbein, who will be performing in the symphony's annual benefit concert.

### Opera

A review of "The Barber of Seville," the new production by West Bay Opera.

### Eating Out

A review of Bistro Elan in Palo Alto.

# Movies

Movie reviews by Jeanne Aufmuth, Tyler Hanley, Jim Shelby and Susan Tavernetti

## MOVIE TIMES

Note: Screenings are for Wednesday through Thursday only.

<b>21 Grams (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:15, 4:55 & 9:40 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 12:25, 5:10 & 9:55 p.m.
<b>50 First Dates (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:45 a.m.; 12:30, 2:15, 3, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 11:30 a.m.; 12:15, 2, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m.
<b>Along Came Polly (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:30 a.m.; 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05 & 10:15 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.
<b>Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:25, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.
<b>Big Fish (PG-13) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.
<b>Catch That Kid (PG) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15 & 9:20 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> Noon, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m.
<b>Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 12:</b> 11:45 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05 & 7:30 p.m.
<b>Cold Mountain (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:40, 3:50, 7 & 10:10 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 10 p.m.
<b>The Dreamers (NC-17) ★1/2</b>	<b>CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:</b> 2:15, 4:45, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
<b>The Fog of War (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:</b> 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m.
<b>Girl with a Pearl Earring (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Guild:</b> 7 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>In America (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 10 p.m.
<b>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) ★★★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:35 a.m.; 3:45 & 8:05 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 11:40 a.m.; 3:45 & 7:55 p.m.
<b>Lost in Translation (R) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 2:45 & 7:30 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 3 & 7:45 p.m.
<b>Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:50, 4:05 & 7:05 p.m.
<b>Miracle (PG) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 1, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 12:40, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m.
<b>Monster (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 12:</b> 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m. <b>Aquarius:</b> 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.
<b>Mystic River (R) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:45, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 12:35, 4:05, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>The Perfect Score (PG-13) ★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:20 p.m.
<b>Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:25 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.
<b>The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Aquarius:</b> 6:45 & 9:15 p.m.
<b>Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Noon, 2:20, 4:40, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m.
<b>You Got Served (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:20 a.m.; 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55 & 10:05 p.m. <b>Century 12:</b> 12:30, 3:05, 5:25, 8 & 10:20 p.m.

★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★★ Outstanding

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**Spangenberg:** 780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto (354-8220)

**Stanford:** 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

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## NOW PLAYING

The following is a sampling of movies recently reviewed in the Weekly:

**50 First Dates ★★1/2**  
(Century 16, Century 12) Adam Sandler plays Henry Roth, a marine veterinarian based in Hawaii who loves and leaves mainland tourist babes on a dizzyingly regular basis. When he meets local art teacher Lucy (Drew Barrymore) at a beach cafe he is suddenly hooked. The island lothario is instantly converted into a one-woman man. Ah, but the path of true love never runs smoothly. Lucy was in a car accident over a year ago and now has no short-term memory, so she blithely keeps re-living the same day again and again, thanks to her father and brother who go to extraordinary lengths to keep her in the dark. Henry convinces the family to tell Lucy the truth via videotape, letting her in on the missing events of the past year. The lengths to which Henry and her family go to attend to Lucy's problems and keep a life together turn this sometimes stupid story into one a bit more bittersweet. *Rated: PG-13 for crude sexual humor and drug references. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — J.S. (Reviewed Feb. 13, 2004)

**Along Came Polly ★★1/2**  
(Century 16, Century 12) Ben Stiller plays Reuben Feffer, a conservative risk-assessment analyst who marries the "perfect" girl (Debra Messing as Lisa). But the couple's virgin vows go kerplow when Lisa gets a yen for hunky French scuba instructor Claude (a hilariously unorthodox Hank Azaria). Back in the Big Apple, Reuben licks his wounds in typical Stiller fashion, drowning his sorrows in wedding videos and the placating saccharine sympathy of best buddy Sandy Lyle (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Encouraged to play wing man for Lyle at a cutting-edge gallery show, Reuben re-meets Polly Prince (Jennifer Aniston), an old middle-school pal who's recently landed in the city following a decade of spirited globe-trotting. In the grand tradition of opposites attracting, Reuben falls for the quirkily incompatible Polly, enduring a string of spicy hot ethnic restaurants (much to the dismay of his Irritated Bowel Syndrome), spicier after-hours Salsa clubs (he can't dance a lick) and Polly's blind pet ferret (ugh). The freshest laughs are in the first act, when the cast manages to work its comic magic with subtle tones and implied wit. Bathroom humor (a cinematic pet peeve) does nothing to further the storyline, serving only to lower the common denominator. *Rated: PG-13 for language, nudity and adult situations. 1 hour, 30 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Jan. 16, 2004)

**Barbershop 2: Back in Business ★★★**  
(Century 16, Century 12) Ice Cube returns as charming barbershop owner Calvin Palmer. Flanked by his staff of diverse stylists, including veteran wisecracker Eddie (Cedric the Entertainer) and take-no-nonsense vixen Terri (rap star Eve), Calvin's shop is a hotbed of humorous gossip and raw personality. But the surrounding South Side Chicago neighborhood is going through "regentrification." Franchise haircut establishment Nappy Cutz threatens to move in across the street from Calvin, and soon he and his crew are left wondering about the future of the business. To make matters worse, Calvin does his wife a favor by hiring her numbskull nephew, Kenard (Kenan Thompson). Though cohesive storytelling fades beneath a paper-thin plot, messages about community spirit and strength of character soar, thanks to a charismatic cast and creative flashbacks. *Rated: PG-13 for language, sexual material and brief drug references. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — T.H. (Reviewed Feb. 6, 2004)

**The Dreamers ★1/2**  
(CineArts) French cinema, circa 1968, bred a raft of devoted zealots who lived and breathed the Cinematheque Francaise and the birth of La Nouvelle Vague (French New

Wave). This freemasonry of cinephiles considered itself the height of intellect and self-discovery, saturated in a youthful and turbulent political revolution. In the midst of Paris' cultural hotbed is introspective American student Matthew (Michael Pitt), who is "adopted" by French siblings Isabelle (Eva Green) and Theo (Louis Garrel). Though they profess a desire for his friendship, the pair appears to be playing Matthew for a fool, engaging him in twisted psychological games with nasty sexual and social implications. Director Bernardo Bertolucci ("The Last Emperor") seems enamored of his voyage of experimental discovery, but all I see are miserably obnoxious youngsters trying desperately to grow up. *Rated: NC-17 for language and full frontal nudity. 1 hour, 55 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Feb. 13, 2004)

**The Fog of War ★★1/2**  
(CineArts) Documentarian Errol Morris knows how to sniff out a juicy controversy, a talent abundantly evident in the edifying and abrasive "The Fog of War." Morris' fascination with conflicted characters is the ideal blank canvas on which to paint a treacherous expose of former United States Secretary of Defense (and Vietnam scapegoat) Robert S. McNamara. Through a lengthy series of compelling face-to-face interviews, interspersed with vintage historical footage, McNamara waxes poetic on the dark days of the Cuban Arms Blockade, his brief tenure as CEO of Ford Motor Company, and controversial stunts under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Spry and erudite at age 85, the egotistical McNamara appears softened by the selected wisdom of his twilight years, firmly placing the past into fascinating, albeit jaded, perspective. This architect of war cum elder statesman directly benefits from Morris' curiously stylish effort, making for enduringly captivating cinema. *Rated: PG-13 for disturbing images. 1 hour, 46 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Jan. 23, 2004)

**Miracle ★★**  
(Century 16, Century 12) Kurt Russell carries the mantle of Herb Brooks, a no-frills hockey coach who walks the walk and talks the talk. Working with a ragtag group of talented amateur hockey players, Brooks pushes his boys well beyond their comfort level, doggedly determined that the fledgling athletes be the first team to train hard enough to skate with the dominant Soviet hockey club, who had won the gold medal in every Winter Olympics, from 1960 to 1976. A whole generation of moviegoers isn't familiar with the 1980 USA Olympic hockey team, the little-team-that-could that subdued the Eastern Block powerhouse. Unfortunately, and not unexpectedly, the cinematic re-creation of this historic Olympic dream doesn't inspire the ecstasy of the actual event. *Rated: PG for language and some rough sports action. 2 hours.* — J.A. (Reviewed Feb. 6, 2004)

**Monster ★★★**  
(Aquarius, Century 12) A virtually unrecognizable Charlize Theron delivers a visceral and gut-wrenching performance as a reckless woman pushed to the edge and beyond. Theron plays Aileen Wuornos, a white-trash drifter who's been working the streets since age 13. Men problems, money problems, and the daily-ness of life have combined to construct a hard edge around Aileen's psyche. Her desire for a little faith in something — in anything — is palpably distressing. Enter Selby Wall (Christina Ricci), a seemingly innocent student who takes a shine to Aileen and vice versa. Determined to support herself and Selby the old-fashioned way, Aileen sets out to land a job, but falls back on her old hooking habits, with disastrous results. Abused, cheap and rejected, Theron's anguish-in-the-raw is the stuff Oscars are made of. *Rated: R for graphic violence and language. 1 hour, 41 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Jan. 2, 2004)

**Something's Gotta Give ★★★**  
(Century 16) Diane Keaton plays Erica Barry, a famous playwright who lives in a huge beach house in the Hamptons. She's got a lovely 22-year-old daughter named Marin (Amanda Peet) who is dating Harry, played by Jack Nicholson as the wealthy perennial bachelor who only dates women under 30 — even though he's a thick and crusty 63. But things change when Harry suffers a heart attack in the Hamptons and stays to recuperate at Erica's. Another twist in the tale is charming emergency room doctor Julian (Keanu Reeves), a big fan of Erica's plays, who is suddenly smitten with her. There are some unexpectedly beguiling scenes between Keaton and Reeves that feel utterly natural, and the sexual energy between them is surprising and palpable. Sort of a friendly cross between "Terms of Endearment" and "Husbands and Wives," this film could have been a real jewel of a movie, but at more than two hours it is too spread out to keep its focus. Still, the result is a sweet and generous opportunity for Keaton to show us why we fell in love with her in "Annie Hall." *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, brief nudity and strong language. 2 hours, 3 minutes.* — J.S. (Reviewed Dec. 12, 2003)

**The Triplets of Belleville ★★1/2**  
(Aquarius) Madame Souza is a feisty grandmother who adopts her grandson Champion and frets while he grows fat and lonely. The vigilant Madame sparks to the notion that Champion fancies bicycles, and revels in the joy of his first tricycle. As Champion matures, the pair lives and breathes a rigorous training program. The family sacrifices come to a head at the whirlwind Tour de France competition, where Champion endures the grueling mountainous slopes and Madame and faithful pooch Bruno play pit-stop support crew. But the trio's dreams of athletic glory collapse when Champion is kidnapped by a pair of devilish Mafioso. Madame and Bruno set out on an arduous journey to recover their Champion, literally crossing an ocean to the bustling metropolis of Belleville. Once there they encounter the infamous Triplets of Belleville, a trio of eccentric 1930s cabaret singers with hearts of gold and an ardent desire to see the petite family reunited once and for all. "Belleville" is surreal and refreshing, suffused with a quirky *joie de vivre* that's appreciably absent from standard American cartooning. The spare drawings are adult in nature and reminiscent of Fernando Botero's voluptuous artwork. Weird, wacky and entirely original. *Rated: PG-13 for cartoon violence and adult situations. 1 hour, 20 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Dec. 26, 2003)

**Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! ★★★**  
(Century 16) "Tad Hamilton" has crowd-pleaser written all over it, thanks to a charming turn by It Girl Kate Bosworth. Bosworth is aw-shucks Rosalee Futch, a Piggly-Wiggly grocery clerk hailing from backwoods Frazier's Bottom, W. Va. Life is a bowl full of cherries for Rosalee, who cheerfully navigates the wonderful world of checkout while hanging with lifelong pals Cathy (Ginnifer Goodwin) and Pete (Tophar Grace), who is hopelessly (and secretly) in love with the clueless beauty. On the flip side of the planet, Hollywood hunk Tad Hamilton (Josh Duhamel) is between million-dollar paydays and looking for a way to spit-polish his image. His pushier-than-thou agent (Nathan Lane) and patronizing manager (Sean Hayes) concoct a brilliant scheme to kick-start the hallelujah chorus: a squeaky-clean online "Win a Date" contest benefiting a national children's charity. Heaven is just a mouse-click away for Rosalee, who wins the dream date with her shallow idol and wings her way to L.A. The humor is punchy with panache; blessed with a tongue-in-cheek release that suggests "Tad" isn't taking itself too seriously. Sweet and light, and just what the doctor ordered. *Rated: PG-13 for language. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — J.A. (Reviewed Jan. 23, 2004)

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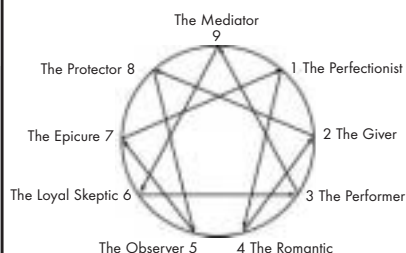
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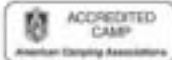
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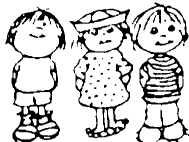
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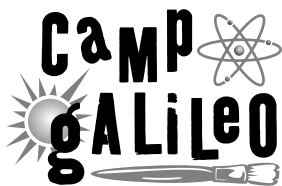


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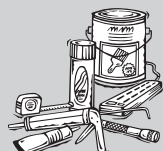
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## ANTIQUES COLONY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439632

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Antiques Colony, 1915 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, CA 95128:

RICHARD C. TRIMBLE  
1915 W. San Carlos St.  
San Jose, CA 95128

MICHAEL J. KELLY  
992 Embarcadero Rd.  
Palo Alto, CA 94043

This business is being conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant/s/ began transacting business under the fictitious business name or names listed here on June 1, 1990.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 4, 2004.

(PAW Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2004)

## BELLA-ROSE DESIGNS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439648

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Bella-Rose Designs, 399 Beckham Drive, San Jose, CA 95123:

REBECCA ANN RUTTER  
399 Beckham Drive  
San Jose, CA 95123

This business is being conducted by an individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 4, 2004.

(PAW Feb. 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2004)

## BROOKSIDE FISH COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439073

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Brookside Fish Company, 216 Creekside Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306:

LARRY MAIN  
CAROLE MAIN  
216 Creekside Dr.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

This business is being conducted by a husband and wife.

Registrant/s/ have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 26, 2004.

(PAW Feb. 4, 11, 18, 23, 2004)

## CCK CONSULTING & INVESTMENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439070

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, CCK Consulting & Investments, 1127 High St., Palo Alto, CA 94301:

ROLLAN KIM  
1127 High St.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

This business is being conducted by an individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

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## CRYPTHOST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439284

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, CryptHost, 345 Stanford Shopping Center #429 Palo Alto, CA 94304:

DAVID WHEATON  
1075 Alta Pine Dr  
Palo Alto, CA 94304

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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 29, 2004.

(PAW Feb. 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2004)

## FLEGEL'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439161

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Flegel's Construction Company, Sunnyvale, CA 94085:

SCOTT FLEGEL  
307 Orchard Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 27, 2004.

(PAW Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2004)

## FOVEA STUDIOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 437946

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, FOVEA Studios, 3885 Page Mill Road, Los Altos, CA 94022:

SHARON T. LUCIW  
WILLIAM W. LUCIW  
3885 Page Mill Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

This business is being conducted by a husband and wife.

Registrant/s/ began transacting business under the fictitious business name or names listed here on March 1, 1999.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 6, 2004.

(PAW Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2004)

## LEE'S PARTY CREATIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439049

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Lee's Party Creations, 1200 Dale Ave #97, Mountain View, CA 94040:

ALITHEA ANNE REYES  
1200 Dale Ave #97  
Mountain View, CA 94040

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## LYON LEATHER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439383

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Lyon Leather, 235 Walter Hays Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303:

DEREK AVERY LYON  
235 Walter Hays Dr.  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

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(PAW Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2004)

## STRUTZ-LEVETT INVESTMENT COMPANY STRUTZ-LEVETT INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 439372

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Strutz-LeVett Investment Company and/or Strutz-LeVett Investment & Holding Company, 502 Waverley St., Palo Alto, CA 94301:

DENNIS A. LEVETT  
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## SUPPLY CHAIN ONLINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 438392

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Supply Chain Online, 731 Alvarado Ct., Stanford, CA 94305:

GREGORY J. HAUSMAN  
731 Alvarado Ct.  
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(PAW Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2004)

## CITY OF PALO ALTO



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Palo Alto to establish Underground Utility District Number 40. The meeting shall take place on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 2004, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., in the regular meeting place of the City Council, Civic Center, Palo Alto, California, is hereby fixed as the time and place when and where the Council shall hear all protests and receive evidence for and against the action herein proposed, and when and where the Council shall consider and finally determine whether the public necessity, health and safety require the establishment of the District and the removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication and similar or associated services in the District.

All of the area in the County of Santa Clara, City of Palo Alto, encompassing the areas contiguous with portions of the North side of 1700-1900 block of Edgewood Drive, all as more particularly described on that certain map entitled "1700-1900 Block of Edgewood Drive -Underground Utility District Number 40," on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

At the Public Hearing, all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by Council.

The Electrical Engineering Manager, Department of Utilities, City of Palo Alto, is hereby designated as the person to answer inquiries regarding the protest proceedings, to be had herein and may be contacted during the regular office hours at 1007 Elwell Court, Palo Alto, California, 94303, or by calling (650) 566-4506.

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City Clerk

## CITY OF PALO ALTO



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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For information or proposal packages, please call Martha Miller or Donna Hartman (650) 329-2677.

## CITY OF PALO ALTO



### PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will consider an ordinance amending Section 16.09 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (the Sewer Use Ordinance), which relates to requirements and standards for the discharge of wastewater into the City's sewer system. The ordinance will require dental offices to install devices to remove mercury from their wastewater before it enters the City's sewer system. This ordinance will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, on Monday, March 1, 2004 in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto.

**DONNA J. ROGERS**  
City Clerk



## Palo Alto Unified School District NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) will receive Proposals for Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM / GC) Services for PAUSD. The proposals should be turned in at the Reception Desk at the District Project Management Building, Located at 25 Churchill Avenue Building D, Palo Alto, California 94306, at 2:00 PM on Friday February 20, 2004. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at Gunn High School, Thursday February 12, 2004 at 4:00 PM. Prospective bidders will meet at the school office.

The District is requesting proposals from qualified Contractors interested in providing services for:

- Renovation of Buildings S1, S2, MS1, MS2, paint and re-roofing of building RC, and interior renovation of Boy's and Girls locker-shower rooms, \$4 Million construction Budget

Selection will be based on the lowest cost proposal from a short list of pre-qualified firms. Specific requirements for the selection process are contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP). For a RFP please contact Ron Smith. Plans and specifications are available upon request.

#### Ron Smith

**Phone: 650-833-4234**  
**Cell: 650-444-4928**  
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All prospective bidders are cautioned that the State of California Contractor's Law regulates license requirements for bidding various types of projects. The Contractor shall be required to have a California "B" License.

PAUSD specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify the scope or the project described above during the selection process, to reject any and all bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work.

**PREVAILING WAGE LAWS:** The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

*Palo Alto Unified School District will maintain a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) for the duration of this project. In bidding this project, the contractor warrants he/she is aware and will follow the Public Works Chapter of the California Labor Code comprised of labor code sections 1720 - 1861. A copy of the Districts LCP is available for review at 25 Churchill Avenue, Building D, Palo Alto, CA 94306.*

1. A pre-job conference shall be conducted with the contractor or subcontractors to discuss federal and state labor law requirements applicable to the contract.
2. Project contractors and subcontractors shall maintain and furnish to the District, at a designated time, a certified copy of each payroll with a state ment of compliance signed under penalty of perjury.
3. The District shall review and audit payroll records to verify compliance with the Public Works Chapter of the Labor Code.
4. The District shall withhold contract payments if payroll records are delinquent or inadequate.
5. The District shall withhold contract payments as described in the LCP, including applicable penalties when the District and Labor Commissioner establish that underpayment or other violations has occurred.

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**2575 Ross Road, Palo Alto**

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**\$789,000**



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**1700SF! One Level! Atrium!** \$749,950  
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**Park-like Setting** \$599,950  
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**15yr Home with Bay Views!** \$3,250,000  
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Wonderful property with hill views, close to town. Fully approved plans for an 8000SF Tuscan Villa with full finished basement & elevator.  
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**Bella Vista in Sharon Hts** \$2,275,000  
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**Location, Views, Privacy!** \$1,575,000  
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**Park-like setting** \$3,200,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Wonderful updated contemporary on park-like approx 17000SF lot. Updated kitchen, spacious living areas. Outstanding for indoor/outdoor entertaining.  
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**Landmark House** \$2,950,000  
4 BR 3 BA Architecturally significant - University Ave. landmark house. Tropical paradise in rear yard. 4BR/3BA, separate DR, FR, pool on 1/4 acre lot.  
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**Classic Old Palo Alto** \$2,750,000  
5 BR 3 BA Magnificent 15,000sf\* lot boasts beautiful gardens, majestic oaks, & pool. 2875SF\* 5bd/3ba house offers grand living & dining rooms. (\*SF per county)  
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**Prime old Palo Alto** \$2,398,000  
6 BR 4 BA Gorgeous new construction! 6BR/4BA.  
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**Beautiful 100% new Home!** \$1,980,000  
5 BR 4 BA Gorgeous new construction! 5BR/4BA. Huge lot! Walk to Palo Alto schools, coffee shops and parks!  
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**Prime Midtown location!** \$1,485,000  
4 BR 3 BA 7 years new, 2-story, skylit hm w/ wonderful flr pln & excellent flow. A short walk from Hoover Park, shops & restaurants. Convenient downstairs suite.  
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**Three separate cottages** \$1,250,000  
2 BR 1 BA lots of charm & character. Lots of remodeling. All 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Separate yards & patios. Perfect for an owner/user.  
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**Triplex in Old Palo Alto** \$1,100,000  
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**Expanded & Remodeled** \$949,000  
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**Stanford Townhouse** \$650,000  
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