

Community Calendar

Events

A Workday at the Girls Club,

Saturday, January 28th from 9:00am to noon.
2400 Ralmar, Menlo Park
Sponsored by the University Rotary Club of Palo Alto in conjunction with the Palo Alto and Menlo Park Kiwanis clubs. The work day will include repairing termite damage, repairing window assemblies, painting and general organizational clean up. The planners say "It should be a fun community day for a very worthy cause."

Third Annual East Palo Alto Black History Film Festival

Saturday, February 25, 2006
12:00-8:00pm
East Side Preparatory High

School Theater

This event will feature the first film from an East Palo Alto filmmaker to be acquired by a major studio (Lionsgate) and distributed internationally, a contemporary African film, and a historical documentary. Each film will be followed by a thought provoking discussion.

Civic Club Meetings

Kiwanis Club of the Bayshore Community
Meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at noon at El Galope Restaurant located at Donohoe and Capitol Avenues in East Palo Alto. For more information call Court Skinner 650-353-

1646. For more information on other area Kiwanis Clubs, visit www.kiwanis.org

East Palo Alto/Bayshore Rotary Club

every Wednesday at noon at the East Palo Alto Senior Center. For a listing of other area Rotary Club meetings visit www.rotary.org.

Announcements

It is now time for all 8th-grade students and their parents/guardians to start thinking about the transition from middle school to high school.

All 8th-grade students who live within the Sequoia district's boundaries are assigned to Sequoia district high schools based on the parent's address.

As a first step toward

preparing for high school, parents/guardians need to verify which high school their student is slated to attend. This can be done by using the Internet to go to the Sequoia Union High School District website at www.seq.org. Once at the website, select the "Which school will my child attend" link. From that page, type in your street name. The computer will then gen-

erate the student's designated school.

If you do not have Internet access, check your address with your elementary school principal or guidance advisor or call the Sequoia district at (650) 369-1411 ext. 2211 or 2210.

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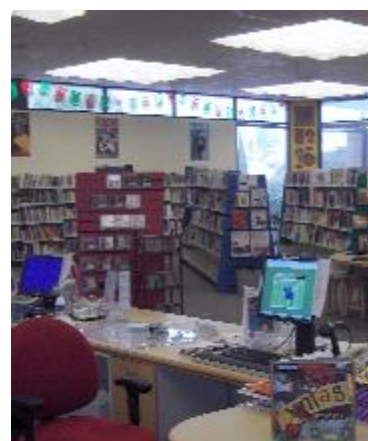
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In addition to sticking to your diet and exercise regimen, being nicer to your family and friends, and better budgeting of your personal finances, the East Palo



Alto Library would like you to add frequent visits to your local library to your list of New Year's resolutions for 2006.

Library cards are free. The East Palo Alto Library even has a wireless network offering owners of laptop computers a convenient hot spot with "WiFi" connectivity. The library's collection also boasts a great selection of biographies, poetry, legal books from Nolo Press, cookbooks, self-help and other titles on a multitude of subjects and interests. Our CD collection is a goldmine for jazz lovers as well as others who enjoy pop, hip-hop, reg-

gae, Latin or gospel music.

The library has books-on-tape, books-on-CD and downloadable audio books that can be enjoyed in cars, planes or on personal MP3 players. The library also has an impressive selection of feature films on DVD with new arrivals every week. Our periodicals collection includes magazines, area newspapers, popular titles like Sports Illustrated and Newsweek and many titles in Spanish.

The East Palo Alto Library has instructional books, CDs, tapes and videos that can assist you with a plethora of languages. The library also

boasts an impressive collection of books, videos and DVDs in Spanish for both children and adults. Friendly library staff is always available to assist you in conducting research or in finding a good book to read. The library's website www.smcl.org is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for users to search the library's catalog or to access our online research tools. Library card holders enjoy the added benefit of being able to reserve items from any of the other 34 libraries that make up the Peninsula Library System (www.plsinfo.org) which includes libraries in Redwood City and San Mateo.

The East Palo Alto Library hosts a wide variety of programs throughout the year for users of all ages. The



library also offers regular storytimes for children and families to enjoy on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Saturdays including a bilingual storytime in Spanish on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The East Palo Alto Library promotes literacy through its operation of the Quest Learning Center inside the library and also through its collaboration with the adult literacy program San Mateo County Reads. The East Palo Alto Library is located at 2415 University Ave and it is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM, Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM.

The Power

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kept in dark places
All alone
To one day deliver
bitter, sweet, tart and tangy sensations to our tongues which enjoy momentary highs of this elixir called wine.

The acorn must be sown deep into the soil.
Alone it sits and then something happens - a crack in the shell and

what emerges doesn't even resemble a shell
but a living organism reaching for light

Knowing that one day soon it will become a towering oak whose branches can support many leaves and many lives

Crush Me, Pick Me,
Sow Me - Grow Me

What we sow we will reap
Are you ready to receive this kind of Power?

Integrity bathed into a disciplined destiny is all the Power that I need

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Youth Sports by David Farrell

Well it's time for Basketball. East Palo Alto's YMCA Basketball started on Saturday Dec. 17th at 10am - as a basketball clinic at Costaño School on Fordham in East Palo Alto. The actual season starts in January 2006. Childre can also register this month.

SAY baseball also had its last game in December. Expect it to start up again at Jack Farrell Park in East Palo Alto in the Spring.

Ravenswood AYSO soccer has also completed it's season at Cesar Chavez School in East Palo Alto. It will be starting up again soon.

East Palo Alto Boxing had its grand opening on Saturday Dec.10th. Interested students can enroll at 1840 Bay Road in East Palo Alto.



David Farrell with his basketball team

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Larry Jackson A Hometown Star Wins MVP Award

By April Pekary

Larry (L.J.) Jackson, an East Palo Alto resident and a freshman at Gunn High, is working toward his dream. Last month, he was selected for the Men's Under-17 National Soccer team. Larry will be moving to Bradenton Florida this month to train full-time at the IMG Academy. Other athletes that have trained on this site include DeMarcus Beasley and Landon Donovan (soccer), Andre Agassi, Serena and Vanessa Williams (tennis), and David Gosset and Ty Tyron (golf), along with other professional athletes in basketball, football, and baseball. His membership on the National Team will put him on track for possible participation in the Olympics and the World Cup.

Larry began playing soccer at the age of 9 in the Ravenswood AYSO soccer league, which plays on the field at Cesar Chavez School. At first, due to battles with asthma and inexperience, he was not one of the better players on his team. That soon changed, and within a few years he was playing for the CYSA club team in East Palo Alto, then was picked up for his current club team, the De Anza Force 90 Blue. This past November, his team won the 15-and-under national

championship in Tampa, at which Larry received the MVP award. The team then went on to win the Disney Classic in Orlando. Though a powerful forward, Larry is now specializing as a goalie, and was recruited as goalie for the national team. "I'm really high on Larry," said his coach, Jeff Baicher, in a recent interview with the Palo Alto

Daily. "He's a dominant player. He talks and organizes the defense and keeps it focused." Interestingly, Larry's goal is not centered around playing professionally, but rather in becoming a coach. Larry explains that he wants to become a coach in order to have a good influence on young people. At 15, Larry is already a great example to the youth around him

as he tries to keep a good balance between sports, studies and community service. His mother, Connie Gee, has encouraged him in this. "It's not all about sports," she states. "He needs to be strong academically too." Shannon Pekary, Commissioner for Ravenswood AYSO, said "Larry is always helping me. He regularly volunteers as a referee, but he also paints lines on the fields, picks up trash...whatever is needed. We are going to miss him." Larry attends Abundant Life Christian Fellowship. Larry plans to leave for Florida later this month, after completing his final exams at Gunn.



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Dear Readers,

East Palo Alto Today is written and distributed by a team of volunteers who are committed in their desire to provide news coverage to and about our community. This edition of the paper is our very first issue. We plan to publish the paper as a biweekly, and as the readership, advertising and funding increase, we will publish the paper as a weekly.

In addition to publishing and distributing 8,000 copies of this issue, we have also launched a web site which will carry online editions of the paper. Currently you can log on to www.epamedia.org and obtain information about East Palo Alto Today and the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, the nonprofit agency under whose sponsorship the paper is published.

In time, our website www.epatoday.org will be fully operational, and you will be able to read all of the articles and features in the paper as well as access past articles that you might have missed or want to review. We hope you will participate in our live ongoing "Community Viewpoint" chat site where you will be able to log on and post your opinion about community, state and national issues. We will take the best of these postings and make them a permanent part of our online web site.

East Palo Alto Today represents a communication breakthrough for the East Palo Alto community. In order for East Palo Alto Today to fulfill its goals and thrive, however, we need your support. We would like to continue with the very positive strides that we've already taken, and your contribution will allow us to continue to bring you the real news taking place in this community. Paid staff will ensure that the paper can meet its publication deadline every two weeks and update our website daily. We invite you to partner with us; your donation will truly make a difference.

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Thank you,
Henrietta J. Burroughs
East Palo Alto Today

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Además de publicar y distribuir 8,000 copias de este número, nosotros también estamos lanzando un "Web Site" el cual tendrá la edición del periódico. Actualmente usted puede visitar www.epamedia.org y obtener información sobre East Palo Alto Today y el Centro de Comunicación de East Palo, la agencia sin fines de lucro que está auspiciando el periódico

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2006 es un Nuevo Año. Es un año en el cual nosotros esperamos, con su ayuda, alcanzar nuestras metas, y estamos ansiosos por ver lo que puede hacer East Palo Alto Today en nuestra comunidad. Esperamos que este sea un año emocionante para East Palo Alto Today y para la comunidad de East Palo Alto. De todos nosotros para todos ustedes Feliz Año Nuevo.

Muchas Gracias
Henrietta J. Burroughs
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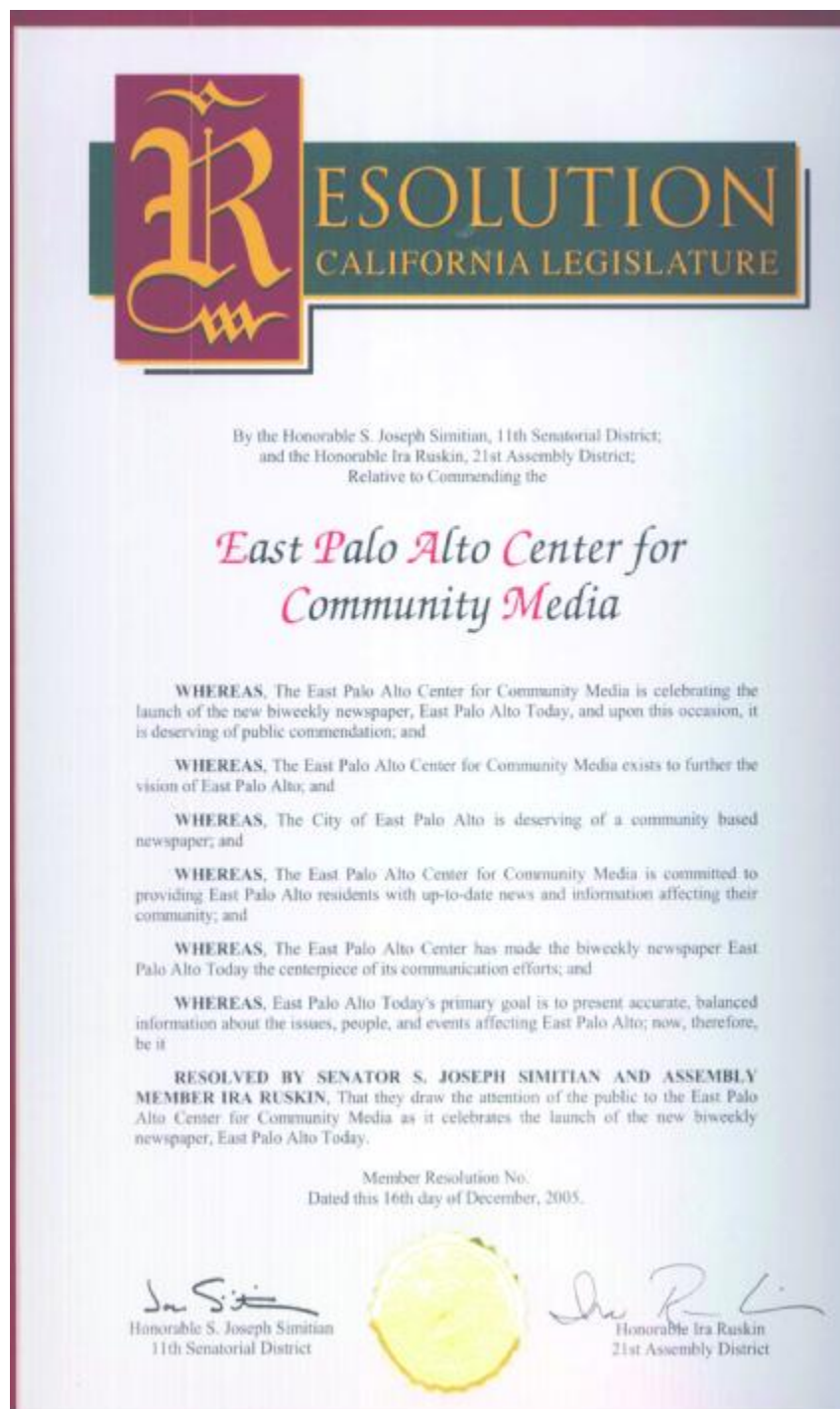
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Henrietta J. Burroughs
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Dear Henrietta,

The University Rotary Club of Palo Alto congratulates you on the launch of *East Palo Alto Today*. Your newspaper provides an effective way to keep the citizens of East Palo Alto and the surrounding area better informed about community issues and furnishes great opportunities to increase involvement in the community.

As part of Rotary International's network of 32,000 clubs throughout the world -- along with our sister clubs in the immediate area, the East Palo Alto/Bayshore Rotary Club and the Palo Alto Rotary Club -- we welcome the opportunity to work together. We also invite interested community leaders to visit the Rotary clubs in our area. Rotarians comprise a diverse group of professional, business, non-profit, and academic leaders working to address a broad range of community and international service needs and to promote understanding and goodwill throughout the world.

The three closest clubs are: the East Palo Alto/Bayshore Rotary Club, which meets on Wednesdays at the East Palo Alto Senior Center for lunch; the Palo Alto Rotary Club, which meets at Ming's in Palo Alto on Mondays for lunch; and the University Rotary Club of Palo Alto, which meets on Friday mornings at the Palo Alto Sheraton Hotel for breakfast.

We look forward to working with you and others from the community and hope that *East Palo Alto Today* will be successful as a vehicle for people to stay better informed and participate more actively in the community. Again, our congratulations!

Sincerely,

Bob Barrett
President, 2005-2006



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