

Perspectives

From the Editor's Desk

The Time Is Now

Welcome to this Special Inaugural Edition of East Palo Alto Today, East Palo Alto's new newspaper. It has been nearly 20 years since a locally produced newspaper was distributed in



Henrietta J. Burroughs

East Palo Alto. The newspaper, the Ravenswood Post, started in 1953 and continued publishing until it printed its final issue in 1979. The East Palo Alto Progress followed and lasted until the mid-1980's.

Many residents have wanted another locally produced paper for some time. Today that paper has arrived. The East Palo Alto Center for Community Media created East Palo Alto Today, not only to meet the community's

demands, but also because the EPA Center firmly supports the idea that knowledge is power. The residents in this community need to know what is happening in their children's schools.

They need to know the issues before their city council. They need to have timely and factual information so they can make informed choices about their neighborhoods, their health, housing, and employment. In short, every adult living or working in East Palo Alto is entitled to have the power to make informed decisions about the issues that affect their lives.

Given our belief in the public's right to know and, most importantly, their right to know the truth, East Palo Alto Today has a clearly defined mission - the mission to present articles that

give readers information about the key people, issues, and events shaping their city.

If the paper is to fulfill its mission, then it must disseminate balanced factual information in ways that engage community residents so that they can feel empowered enough to control their own destiny and the destiny of their city.

In addition to providing factual information, East Palo Alto Today will also feature columnists who will contribute self help articles on such topics as improving one's relationships, handling money wisely, preparing for retirement, and obtaining good health care.

Many have asked since the idea for East Palo Alto Today was conceived, "When is the newspaper going to come out?" To answer that question, I'd like to quote a famous verse, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." For "East Palo Alto Today," the time is now!



A portion of the front page of the Dec. 24, 1975 edition of the Ravenswood Post newspaper. East Palo Alto Today would like to thank Bernardo Huerta for sharing this copy of the paper.



A community meeting, which included the late Ida Burke, far left, and Consuelo Huerta, Bernardo Huerta's mother, far right. The picture appears in the Dec. 24, 1975 edition of the Ravenswood Post.

Things Ethical and Financial

By Julie Patel
Director
EPA Today Writing Workshops

The non-profit status of EPA Today makes the newspaper unique in that it is not allowed to take political positions. For that reason, when editors weigh in on an issue, they plan to describe various positions.



Julie Patel

Outside commentators will be allowed to take positions on issues.

As a non-profit, EPA Today's net profits will be reinvested into the paper itself. However, because it is a non-profit, it will rely on the support of community members and organizations. This, combined with the fact that East Palo Alto is a fairly small commu-

nity, means that the newspaper, at times, will have to cover organizations or people who support it.

When the newspaper does so -- such as in a story in this issue about the city pursuing wireless access -- editors will do their best to be open with the public about the paper's relationships.

As readers, we hope you will help keep the newspaper accountable. And

when editors or reporters make mistakes, we hope you will help them learn and grow from them.

Julie Patel covers Santa Clara and Sunnyvale for the San Jose Mercury News and volunteers her time to run writing workshops for EPA Today. The Mercury News is not involved or affiliated with EPA Today.

Letters to East Palo Alto Today

In this, our Special Inaugural Edition, we take the liberty of printing two of the many commendations we received acknowledging the start of East Palo Alto Today.

Dedicated to local news
Dear Editor:

"Hooooooooooooooooorah! Finally, East Palo Alto has its own newspaper. What makes this newspaper so special is that it is dedicated to reporting local news -- searching, reviewing, analyzing, and reporting local news stories -- and that it is operated by professionals who deeply care about our community. Having our own East Palo Alto newspaper is an idea whose time has come.

Peace ...Omowale Omowale Satterwhite
Founder, Community Development Institute
East Palo Alto & National Community Development Institute,
Oakland

Keep people Informed
Dear Editor:

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.

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!

Bob Barrett
President, 2005-2006
University Rotary Club
of Palo Alto

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EPA Today's Policies & Principles

In order to better serve the communities of East Palo Alto and Belle Haven, East Palo Alto Today has made the commitment to operate with high professional standards and to adhere to a strict code of ethical conduct. The principles and policies stated herein serve as an agreement with our readers, advertisers and all others within our

service area.

East Palo Alto Today is dedicated to conscientious journalism. We maintain this commitment by seeking and reporting the truth, acting with integrity, and serving the public interest. We will report the news thoroughly and accurately and include multiple perspectives without favoring one over

another.

We will hold ourselves accountable to common standards of decency, treating our colleagues, news sources, and the public with respect. We are committed to maintaining our independence by avoiding partnerships, investments, or business relationships that will compromise the integrity of our news reports.

Opinions

A few months ago former Education Secretary Dr. William Bennett made some controversial comments about crime and race. His comments generated two very diverse reactions from two of our guest columnists Jennifer Rae Taylor and Arthur Daniels, Jr.

The Role of Poverty

By: Jennifer Rae Taylor

In the wake of the controversy surrounding former Education Secretary Dr. William Bennett's comments regarding race, abortion and crime, many people have become polarized on either side of the debate, but not enough people are acknowledging the real issue. In case you're unfamiliar with the details let me provide you with a brief recap: during a live broadcast of his syndicated radio talk show, while discussing effective ways to argue against abortion, Bennett told a caller: "If you wanted to reduce crime, you could -- if that were your sole purpose -- you could abort every black baby in this country and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossibly ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."



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Unsurprisingly, civil rights leaders and liberal politicians such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and NAACP CEO Bruce Gordon were quick to express their shock and outrage at what they called the blatant racism of Bennett's analogy

Perhaps a little more unexpected has been the response of Bennett himself, who stubbornly stands by his statement and has instead criticized his critics and the media for "distorting his remarks." According to Bennett, the scenario about aborting Black babies in order to lower crime rates was presented as an extreme example of a pro-abortion argument that, though it would effectively achieve the goal of a lower crime rate, would nevertheless be an evil and unacceptable solution.

In this way, Bennett meant to illustrate how anti-abortion arguments should hinge on morality rather than policy.

Bennett's justification leaves much to be desired, and doesn't really explain why he would confound the argument by mentioning an issue as sensitive as race; would it not have been equally effective, and less controversial, if he had simply said the crime rate would go down if we were to abort all babies, or 50% of all babies? Yet, somehow without even addressing these unanswered questions,

Bennett's defense has presented him as a martyr, a symbol of truth and honesty, someone who is willing to tackle the hard questions and be politically incorrect even when in danger of being labeled "racist" by liberal enemies.

Even Black conservatives like Hoover Fellow Dr. Shelby Steele have rallied to Bennett's defense, saying in a CSPAN forum that liberals are most angered by the argument precisely because it was "so positively irrefutable."

Making this a debate over whether or not William Bennett is a racist obscures

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The Media Lynching of Bill Bennett

By Arthur Daniels, Jr.

Former US Secretary of Education, William Bennett, months ago had His words on his "Morning in America" radio show distorted by the "mainstream" media to make him out to be a racist bent on mass racial genocide against African-Americans.

It is a shame that in our enlightened, educational, and information age that people seem to forget that context dictates meaning, and if we don't carefully consider the context of what someone is saying, then the fact of the matter is, we are not going to understand a person's meaning.

Mr. Bennett's controversial words were said within the last 2 minutes and 42 seconds of a 3-hour show. How can a man's words be clearly understood from just a 3 minute clip from a 3 hour show? This is only part of the

missing context that many people ignored.

The caller raised the issue of social security funds and the possibility that aborted babies of the past, if allowed to live, could have funded social security so that our present problem would not exist. Mr. Bennett

disagreed with that argument. He then went on to mention an argument from the book "Freakonomics," which went along these lines: "The decline in crime rate...they deal with this hypothesis that one of the reasons that crime is down is that abortion is up." Both Mr. Bennett and the caller disagreed with that argument.

Then Mr. Bennett said, "I do know that it is true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossible,

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Community Viewpoints

Punto de vista de la comunidad

Do you think Stanley "Tookie" Williams should have been executed?



Carlos Chavez,
East Palo Alto resident

I think we are no one to judge and much less to kill. I think that he paid his debt and actually changed and tried to keep children away from gangs. They should have let him live so he could have kept helping out.



Tracy Carol Harper,
East Palo Alto employee

Tookie Williams life may have been spared if he had given the authorities all the information on organizing the Crips Gang.

<http://www.smcl.org/librari>



Frank (Bakari) H. Clark-Thompson
East Palo Alto resident

They should have allowed Tookie to live because he would have done more good alive then dead. As long as his words were positive, he should have been allowed to continue to speak and help others.

Debieron dejarlo vivir, puesto que Tookie hubiera sido mas útil vivo que muerto. Siempre y cuando sus palabras fueron positivas, se le debió permitir seguir hablando y ayudando a los demas.

To Our Readers

East Palo Alto Today's editors would like the paper's pages to be as inclusive and as representative of the community as possible, so we would like to hear from you. We invite you to send us ideas and articles that we can use in the Letters to the Editor section and on our Opinion Page.

Thank you

A Nuestros Lectores

A los editores de East Palo Alto Today's les gustaría ser lo mas representativo posible de nuestra comunidad, y nos gustaría oír de ustedes. Los invitamos a que nos manden sus ideas y artículos para usarlos en nuestra sección Cartas al Editor o en nuestra Página de Opinión

Gracias

Usted piensa que Stanley "Tookie" Williams debió ser ejecutado?

Yo pienso que nosotros somos nadie para juzgar a alguien menos para quitarle la vida. Pienso que el pagó su deuda, había cambiado y trató de mantener a los jóvenes lejos de las pandillas. Yo creo que debieron dejarlo vivir para que siguiera ayudando

Le hubieran perdonado la vida a Tookie Williams si el le hubiera dado a las autoridades todas la información a cerca de la organización Crips Gang

Perspectivas

Ideas del Editor Ahora es el momento

Bienvenidos a esta edición especial de inauguración del East Palo Alto Today, un periódico de East Palo Alto. Han pasado casi 20 años desde que un periódico local se distribuyera en East Palo Alto.

El periódico el Ravenswood Post empezó en 1953 y continuó publicándose hasta que publicó su último número en 1979. El East Palo Alto Progress le siguió hasta mediados de los ochentas.

Muchos residentes han querido desde hace un tiempo otro periódico producido localmente

Hoy ese periódico ha llegado. The East Palo Alto Center for Community Media ha creado el East Palo Alto Today no solamente para satisfacer las demandas del público,

pero también porque el centro EPA firmemente apoya la idea de que el conocimiento es poder. Los residentes de esta comunidad necesitan saber qué está pasando en las escuelas de sus hijos. Necesitan saber cuáles son los asuntos que afectan a la comunidad cuando hablen con los consejeros de la ciudad.



Henrietta J. Burroughs

Necesitan tener información actual y verídica, de manera tal que puedan tomar decisiones sobre su vecindario, salud, vivienda y trabajo basadas en la información correcta. En resumen, cada adulto que vive o trabaja en East Palo Alto tiene el derecho de poder tomar decisiones basadas en la información correcta.

Dada nuestra creencia en el derecho del público a conocer y más importante, el derecho a conocer la verdad, el East Palo Alto Today, ha claramente definido su misión - la misión a presentar artículos que de al lector la

información sobre las personas claves, los asuntos y eventos que le dan forma a su ciudad.

Si el periódico estpara cumplir su misión, entonces debe diseminar información de hechos balanceados que capten la atención de los residentes de la comunidad, de manera tal, que se sientan con el poder suficiente para controlar sus propias destinos y el destino de su ciudad.

Además de proveer información actual, East Palo Alto Today también presentará columnistas que contribuirán con artículos de ayuda personal tales como -cómo mejorar sus relaciones, cómo manejar su dinero, prepararse para el retiro, y cómo obtener un buen seguro médico.

Desde que la idea del East Palo Alto Today fue concebida, muchos se han preguntado: Cuándo el periódico saldrá a la luz? Para responder a esa pregunta, me gustaría citar un verso muy famoso: "Para todo hay un momento, y un tiempo para cada propósito en el paraíso". Para el East Palo Today, el tiempo es ahora.



Una porción de la pagina frontal de la edición del 24 de Diciembre del periódico Ravenswood Post East Palo Alto Today, nos gustaría agradecer al Sr. Bernardo Huerta por compartir con nosotros esta copia.



En una reunión de la comunidad, Ida Burke a la izquierda y Consuelo Huerta, madre de Bernardo Huerta hacia la derecha. Esta fotografía aparece en la edición del Ravenswood Post del 24 de diciembre de 1975.

Cosas Éticas Y Financieras

By Julie Patel
Director
EPA Today Writing Workshops

El status del "non-profit" de EPA Today hace el periódico especial en que no puede tomar una posición política. Por esa razón, cuando editors quieren escribir de una tema controversial, va a describir todos los lados. Comentaristas de afuera, podrán tomar posiciones sobre la tema.



Julie Patel

Siendo un non-profit, la ganancia de EPA Today sera reinvested en el mismo periódico. Pero, siendo una organización non-profit, va a depender del apoyo de los miembros de la comunidad y organizaciones. Esto, en combinación con el hecho de que East Palo Alto es una comunidad bastante chica,

indica que el periódico, de vez en cuando, tendrá que cubrir las organizaciones o gente quienes lo ayudan.

Cuando eso ocurre -- tal como en la historia sobre el acceso wireless -- editors harán lo posible para mantenerse abiertos con el público sobre la relación del periódico.

Deseamos que ayuden lo mejorar el periódico. Y cuando editors o periodistas cometen errores, que los ayuden, a aprender y crecer a través de sus faltas.

Para obtener más información, contacte Julie Patel a epamedia@journalist.com.

Julie Patel escriba sobre de Santa Clara y Sunnyvale por El San Jose Mercury News y ella presentase para organizar clases de escrituras por EPA Today. No hay ninguna relación entre el Mercury News y EPA Today.

Cartas al East Palo Alto Today

En esta Edición Inaugural Especial, nos hemos tomado la Libertad de imprimir dos de los muchos comentarios que hemos recibido en nuestro evento de lanzamiento.

Dedicado a noticias locales
"Huuuurrrraaaaa! Estimado editor, finalmente East Palo Alto tiene su propio periódico. Lo cual es especial pues estará íntegramente dedicado a reportar las noticias locales... investigara, revisara, analizará y reporteara, historias y noticias locales. Este periódico estará operado por profesionales que tienen una profunda preocupación por nuestra comunidad. Ha llegado el momento de que East Palo Alto tenga su propio periódico.

Paz ...Omowale Omowale Satterwhite Fundador, Community Development Institute East Palo Alto & National Community Development Institute, Oakland

Mantener a la gente informada
Estimado Editor:
El University Rotary Club of Palo Alto, los felicita por la presentación del periódico East Palo Alto Today. Su periódico va a ser una forma muy efectiva de mantener informada a la ciudadanía de East Palo Alto y sus alrededores acerca de problemas de la comunidad y ofrecerá grandes oportunidades para involucrarse en dichos eventos.

Como parte de la cadena Internacional de 32,000 clubes de Rotarios alrededor del mundo conjuntamente con nuestra hermana filial del área inmediata, el East Palo Alto/Bayshore Rotary Club y el Palo Alto Rotary Club-nosotros damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de trabajar juntos. También invitamos a sus líderes comunitarios a visitar el Rotary

Club de nuestra área. Los rotarios somos un grupo de empresarios, profesionales, líderes académicos y entidades sin fines de lucro, comprometidos a trabajar en identificar y comprender un amplio campo de necesidades, y servicios a nivel local e internacional y promover entendimiento y buena voluntad a través del mundo. Esperamos trabajar con ustedes y otros miembros de su comunidad y estamos seguros que el East Palo Alto Today va a ser un éxito como vehículo para que los residentes de su comunidad se mantengan bien informadas y puedan participar más activamente una vez más Felicitaciones!

Bob Barrett
President, 2005-2006
University Rotary Club of Palo Alto

Principio y Políticas de East Palo Alto

Para servir mejor a la comunidad de East Palo Alto y Belle Haven, East Palo Alto Today, ha adquirido el compromiso de operar con un alto nivel de profesionalismo y adherirse a un estricto código de conducta ética.

Los Principios y políticas establecen nuestro compromiso con nuestros lectores, auspiciadores y todos aquellos dentro de nuestra área

de servicio.

East Palo Alto Today esta dedicado a un periodismo de conciencia. Nosotros mantenemos este compromiso de ver i reportar la verdad, actuando con integridad y a servicio del interés público. Nosotros reportaremos las noticias, con corrección y veracidad e incluiremos múltiples perspectivas sin favor de ninguna clase, nosotros nos mantendremos

dentro de los comunes cánones de decencia, tratando a nuestros colegas, fuentes de noticias y a nuestro público con respeto.

Nuestro compromiso es mantener nuestra independencia evitando sociedades, inversiones, o relaciones comerciales que comprometan nuestra integridad o la de nuestros reporteros de noticias.

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Spotlight on the Pacific Islander Community



By **Akuila Sovatabua**
Perspectives writer

Many people have been asking me about the Pacific Islander Community Center (PICC) organization.

PICC is a new and emerging community-based organization created to provide services and advocacy for Pacific Islanders in East Palo Alto (EPA) and the South San Mateo County.

Established on July 1, 2004, PICC is a public benefit organization overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of Tongan, Samoan and Fijian representatives as well as members from other ethnic communities and agencies in EPA.

Why create an organization for Pacific Island Communities? Below is a summary of responses from Board Members:

A Pacific Islander Community comprising Tongans, Samoans, Fijians and other Pacific Islanders would be more recognized and strengthened with a united voice by the world at large rather than individual

voices from each island nation.

The formation of PICC provides a great opportunity to network with other organizations and communities to build a strong collaborative base.

PICC would provide opportunities for capacity building, leadership development, cross-cultural learning and promotion of Pacific culture, dance and music. PICC has a vision of a secure and improved quality of life for Pacific Islander (PI) families, the majority of whom, are from low to very low income earners in the Peninsula area.

The Board of Directors has been holding regular monthly meetings since July 2004 and received training facilitated by Dr. Omowale Satterwhite, President of the National Community Development Institute (NCDI).

Even though, PICC received its 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status in March 2005, it is still under the fiscal sponsorship of the Community Development Institute (CDI), which has been in existence since 1979.

Under its education program PICC is currently implementing an after school program for PI grades 4-8 students at Cesar Chavez

in partnership with four other non-profit organizations which began in September 2005. An area of focus for PICC is preparing grades 7 & 8 Pacific Islander students for high school education so that more PI students will graduate from high school. This program is on-going and will continue in 2006 and beyond.

For our Youth program, PICC is a partner with the Crime Prevention and Alternatives initiative with One East Palo Alto (OEPA) El Concilio, OICW, EPA Community Services Department, Police Department, and many EPA Youth organizations. This project is on-going and will continue in 2006 and beyond.

An outcome of the Crime Prevention initiative was the June Job Fair for youth that PICC participated in. The job fair helped youth with tips on resume writing, dress for interviews, answering interview questions and job search.

Another outcome of the Crime Prevention initiative was the Sponsored Employment Project (SEP) for EPA youth in July/August 2005. This project, aimed at keeping youth off the streets and from involvement with crimes, employed more than 30 youth including 4 Pacific Islander youth in middle and high school. Planning is already underway for the 2006 SEP project which aims at many more EPA youth to

be employed for the summer vacation.

A major accomplishment for PICC was the successful 1st Annual Pacific Islander Senior Day Celebration on October 22 at the EPA Senior Center. In this celebration PI Seniors were joined by Assemblyman Ira Ruskin, EPA Mayor David Woods, other EPA Council Members, Senior Center President, PI entertainment groups and other EPA community members. The aim of this initiative is to invite Pacific Islander seniors to use the EPA Senior Center facility, enjoy meals at \$2 per person, and participate in the Center's programs. For other PI seniors who would like to join, please, contact the Director of PICC at the telephone and/or email address below.

PICC currently collaborates with other non-profit organizations and agencies in East Palo Alto and San Mateo County. PICC will continue to be actively involved with its current and on-going programs such as building partnerships, after school program, crime prevention and alternatives initiative, job fair, SEP employment, and PI seniors program/activity planning including the "2nd Annual Pacific Islander Senior Day Celebration" for 2006.

For the immediate future, PICC is planning "A Child Abuse Prevention Project" (CAPP) for PI fami-

lies in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park. This project is planned to begin its implementation in January 2006.

PICC's priority needs right now are: building its staff capacity i.e. hiring of additional staff; and, acquiring an office space, equipment and furniture.

PICC has received funding received from the Peninsula Community Foundation, Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, Charter Oak Foundation, Atkinson Foundation and California Endowment Local Opportunities Fund. Additional supporters include Dr. Omowale Satterwhite, President of the National Community Foundation and Mr. Goro Mitchell, Executive Director of the Community Development Institute (CDI). PICC Board meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 2 pm at the Community Development Institute's (CDI) office on 321 Bell Street, East Palo Alto.

For questions and further information, please, contact: Akuila Sovatabua, Executive Director of PICC, 321 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, (650)327-5846 ext.312, asovatabua@cs.com

Note to readers: The Community Development Institute provides office space and support services to EPA Today.

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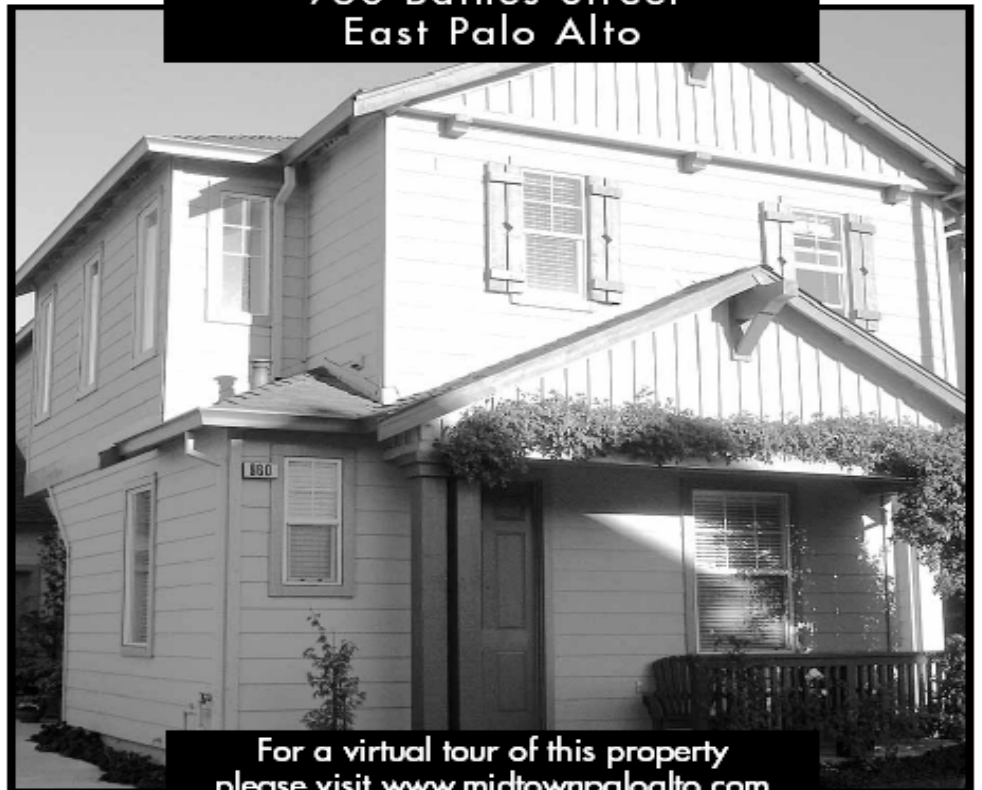
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Free workshops are held four consecutive Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. You'll learn basic interviewing techniques, newspaper story structures and how to develop story ideas and sources. By the end of the four weeks, you'll have at least one story to contribute to the newspaper.

No previous experience is necessary. For more information or to sign up, please contact Julie Patel, EPA Today's director of Writing Workshops, at epamedia@journalist.com.

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Weddings



Rashawn Carmelita Matthews an East Palo Alto Resident was married to **Marcel Quincy Edwards** on June 18, 2005 at Love Center Ministries, Inc. in Oakland California.

Rashawn is the daughter of Rev. Roosevelt Charles & Mrs. Rebecca Celeste Matthews both residents of EPA and granddaughter of the late Rev. William L Bains and the late Mrs Mary Celeste Bains.

The couple: now reside in Sacramento, CA



Derick Jamal Love and **Nina Nicole Jackson** were wed on September 24, 2005 at the Jerusalem Baptist Church in Palo Alto.

Derick, the son o James(JT) and Debra Turner of East Palo Alto, is a senior accountant for Stuart Anderson Restaurants .

Nina, the daughter of Edgar and Yolanda Bowie of East Palo Alto, is an accountant for Protein DesignLab.

Both were born in East Palo Alto and they now reside in Fremont, CA.

Births



Nyima Fairley with one month old son **Malek** who was born on November 10, 2005. Nyima says of her

baby's birth, "It was the most wonderful experience in my life seeing my beautiful Malek .

While I was pregnant I was very energetic and happy most of the time and I was able to work, go to school and attend my daily things. I've grown close to my son since I was pregnant and since he's been born he's brought me happiness, courage and love.

Marcus Monroe is the proud father of our son and he loves him dearly.

Just Poetic

Just poetic.

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Life is like the starry night:

Filled with wonders that cause fright;

Filled with thrills

That give you chills;

Filled with happiness

That gives a reason for sadness.

Just poetic.

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Just poetic.

Life is like the early morning:

Filled with the light of a

new

day dawning;

Filled with possibilities of

a better humanity;

Filled with the promise of

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Obituaries



Mary C. Robinson

Mary C Robinson was born April 16, 1925 to the late Jean and Louise Julian. Mary was the oldest of four siblings. Mary came to East Palo Alto, California in 1957. She accepted Christ into her life at an early age and loved

Church and serving the Lord. She served as member of Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver while attending St. Francis of Assisi..

Mary worked in the food service industry for over 30 years until she retired from Harker Academy as lead cook. With her dedication in the kitchen and Ms. Mary. If you ever need anything you could depend on Ms. Mary. That included gossip as well (laugh) all you had to do was call. With her partner of crime Mary and Mrs. Haines were known as the Cagney and Lacey of East Palo Alto. She lived life to the fullest and was loved by many.

Mary was a loving mother

and a strong women, raising generations of kids to include grandkids and great grandkids. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughter Wilma Guidry (Teddy), son Vincent (Cassandra); three sisters Marjorie, Verna and Mildred "Becky", and one sister-in law Alice Julian all of E. Palo Alto. 7 grand children-Nikki, Yvette, Jolynn, Angela, Nisha, Dashawn, and Vernon Jr.; 11 great-grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins, best friends- Callie and Lisa, and a host of other relatives and beloved friends.

Her son Vernon and a brother Orian proceeded her in death. She died in December.

Mrs. Mayme Wilson

Mrs. Mayme Wilson was born January 29, 1905 in Luling Texas. Her parents were Bill and Millie Cabiness, she was one of fifteen children.

She moved to San Mateo County in 1999 and stayed with her eldest and only surviving child, her son James E. Blakey Jr. She had three children; two sons: James and Joseph Blakey and one daughter: Lois Flood.



She had seven grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren. She is survived

by her son James E. Blakey Jr., who was former Mayor and City Councilman of East Palo Alto. Her eldest grandson Cornel Blakey, worked with his father at the Barbara for 36 years. Aquila Blakey her youngest grandchild is finishing college shortly. Mrs. Mayne Wilson also had two grandchild in Los Angeles, California Cheryl and Xavier Palmer. She passed from this life on December 4, 2005.

Artemio Botuyan Bascos

Artemio Botuyan Bascos was born on June 16, 1916 in Villasis, Pangasinan, Philippines. He came to the US in 1933 when he was 17-years old. He was a corporal in the US Army during WWII from 1942-1945. He worked in the agricultural fields at various places in the Bay Area, and moved to ast Palo

Alto in the late 1960s where he worked at the old Tamura flower nursery on Clarke Ave. He also worked at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto for 15 years. His hobbies included fishing, watching boxing, taking trips to Reno, and gardening. He was famous among family and friends for his fruit trees, especially persimmons. He is survived by his wife Clarita and son. Artemio, Jr. His funeral has been held



Artemio Botuyan Bascos

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Lifecycles



Officer Richard May
May 9, 1967 - January 7, 2006

The East Palo Alto to East Palo Alto

On January 12, 2006, school children and adults lined University Avenue in East Palo Alto to say farewell to Officer Richard May during his funeral procession. The procession traveled west on University Avenue, then south on Highway 101 to the HP Pavilion in San Jose, where his funeral took place. These two pages show pictures of the procession along with excerpts from Officer May's funeral program.



Elementary school students holding signs that say, "I will miss you Officer May"



One of the memorial exhibits along University Avenue in East Palo Alto.



Here are older students holding signs that say, "May you find peace."



*Honoring
Our Fallen Hero...*

excerpt from funeral program

One employee at the Ecumenical Hunger Project said that Officer May always stopped by the office and gave words of encouragement to her two boys.



More students and other onlookers carry signs as a police officer looks on.



Viewers look at one of the memorial displays on University Avenue.

*In the simple performance of duty,
he pinned on a badge,
checked his gear with a practiced eye,
and kissed his loved-ones good-bye.
In the simple performance of duty,
he reported for work,
joked with his buddies at roll call,
and made his last trip down the squad room hall.
In the simple performance of duty,
he answered the call
to the helpless, to find the lost,
no matter the danger or how great the cost.
In the simple performance of duty,
he lay down his life,
for those in peril he tried to save,
our brave friend went to his grave.
In the simple performance of duty,
we honor his deed,
as we carry him to rest in a flag-draped casket,
long after the world has forgotten, we shall never forget.
Never judge or regret what he did,
in the simple performance of duty.*

excerpt from funeral program

excerpt from funeral program

Pall Bearers	
Michael Merrill	Brother
Mike Nielsen	Friend
George Berrios	Friend
Shante Williams	Friend
Jaime Romero	Friend
Brett McMillan	Brother-in-law

Lifecycles

Community says "Goodbye" Police Officer Richard May

Funeral Service of
East Palo Alto Police Officer
Richard Allen May
Badge #2138

Sheriff Don Horsley - Opening Remarks
Pastor Paul Bains - Invocation
Mayor Ruben Abrica - City of East Palo Alto
Chief Matthew O'Connor - San Mateo Co. Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Assoc.
Lt. Thomas J. Alipio - East Palo Alto Police Dept.
Bill Cody - Family Friend
Bill Lockyer - California State Attorney General
Rob Holder - Family Friend
"I Believe" - Musical Tribute
Shante Williams - Family Friend
Chief Ronald L. Davis - East Palo Alto Police Dept
Tami McMillan - Richard's Sister
Pastor Clifford Bennett - Benediction
Last Dispatch

The service will conclude with final honors outside the Pavilion
Presentation of Colors to the Family
21 Gun Salute
Missing Man Flyover

excerpt from funeral program



Police cars, fire trucks, and California Highway Patrol cars lined up along West Bayshore..



Pedestrians inspect one of the memorial displays.



Funeral car with body of Officer Richard May

"Someone should take these letters and write down the remembrances and give them to his family."
Nevida Butler



Onlookers watching the procession along University Avenue

The photos of the procession on these two pages were taken by EPA Today volunteer Karen Schreiber, who is a freelance photographer. See more of her work at www.kpsphoto.com



TV Cameraman filming one of the memorial sites



Onlooker Clarence Jack- Retired Marine

excerpt from funeral program

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo,
whispering softly through the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.