

# 2 judge races make the ballot — candidate profiles inside

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## Car used as a deadly weapon

A man was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after police said he rammed his car head-on into a vehicle carrying a couple and their 2-year-old — a family with whom he'd feuded at the Redwood City apartment complex where they live.

Hussain Nafeez, 22, of Redwood City, drove his 1991 Toyota Camry into the family's Ford Explorer at the intersection of Adams Street and Vera Avenue, Sgt. Sean Hart said.

The couple complained of pain and their 2-year-old was taken to a hospital for evaluation after the Monday night accident, just off El Camino between Woodside Road and [See CAR, page 26]

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**IN MOUNTAIN VIEW** — High-speed rail board member Jim Hartnett, left, and chairman Dan Richard testified last night. Post photo.

## HSR may only be a few years away

BY JEN NOWELL  
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High-speed rail may be coming to the Peninsula sooner than what was originally thought, the chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority said at a standing-

room-only meeting in Mountain View last night.

Dan Richard told a legislative committee led by state Sen. Joe Simitian that his agency plans to start construction in the Central Valley and at the two ends of the system

— Los Angeles and the Peninsula — at the same time.

Richard, who was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown last month to head the rail agency, said his staff is fully behind Simitian's "blended" proposal [See HSR, page 26]

### THE UPDATE

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Dow	Nasdaq <b>+56.22</b>	Oil <b>+0.37</b>
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**STOCKS** posted their biggest one-day gain of the year yesterday, fueled by rising bank profits, higher retail sales and word from the Fed that it expected unemployment to keep falling. The Dow closed at its highest level since the last day of 2007.

**DUI CHECKPOINT:** Redwood City police will conduct checkpoints Saturday starting at 6 p.m. at four undisclosed locations. Police will operate in each location for about an hour and move on to the next spot.

**ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA** said yesterday that it will stop publishing print editions of its flagship encyclopedia for the first time since the sets were originally published more than 200 years ago. The book- [See THE UPDATE, page 4]



**SAD STORY** — Diana Gerba and her dog Donato, who died after eating a death cap mushroom.

## Woman warns of death cap threat to dogs

BY KRISTEN PETERS  
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The death cap mushroom is certainly living up to its name here in the Bay Area, after claiming the lives of more than a dozen dogs last year.

According to Menlo Park dog owner Diana Gerba, about

15 local dogs died last year after ingesting the poisonous mushrooms, also known as Amanita phalloides.

Gerba launched a campaign to get the word out about these dangerous mushrooms, after she experienced the pain [See DOGS, page 26]

## Chamber may get a new home

BY JEN NOWELL  
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It appears likely that Palo Alto's Chamber of Commerce and the group that advocates for downtown businesses will get new homes in the four-story

office building proposed for the corner of Alma Street and Lytton Avenue, the site of a former Shell station.

City Council, during a 5 1/2-hour session Monday, redesigned what's called the Lytton Gateway project, reducing it

from five stories to four, and eliminated 14 apartments, including seven that had been proposed for low-income tenants.

Council sent the project back to its planning staff, which would negotiate [See CHAMBER, page 26]

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