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Carlmont's new school principals

Carlmont High School welcomes two new administrative vice principals.

Lynn Bailey was appointed at the May 1 school board meeting. He taught high school German and music at Holy Name High School in Madison, Wis., from 1975 to 1985. He served as an assistant principal at Case High School in Racine, Wis. from 1985 to 1992 and at West High School in Madison, Wis. from 1992 to 2000. Since 2000 he was the principal of Select Secondary Alternatives in Madison.

Raul Zamora was appointed at the May 15 board meeting. He taught music at Chico High School from 1983 to 1986, fifth grade through college music at the University of Illinois from 1997 to 1998 and music at Anderson High School from 1998 to the present. He also served as administrative assistant principal at Anderson during the 2001-02 school year.

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Carlmont High School entrance closed

Carlmont High School is warning students and parents that the San Carlos entrance to the high school is closed due to construction. Students and parents should allow extra time for traffic and to allow students to walk from the lower campus drop-off points to classrooms. No access to the driveway in front of administration will be allowed for student drop-off.

The high school also reminds parents and students that:

- On-campus student parking is very limited. Students are encouraged to utilize local on-street parking. Senior parking lot spaces will be reduced by one third to allow for bus and car drop-off traffic. The basketball court area will not be available for parking at any time of the day.

- If students must be dropped off on campus, access will be available through either the Belmont gate or the senior parking lot.

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Teacher spent 40 years at Carlmont

Johnson was mentor to teachers, inspired math students

By KATHY SCHRENK
Independent Newspapers

BELMONT — In 40 years of teaching math, Mel Johnson has left his mark on Carlmont High School.

He's well known as someone who helped countless new teachers get through those very tough first years of teaching. He even inspired at least one student to go into education.

Based on the memories of those who worked with him, it's clear he will be missed.

"Mel is one of the pillars that mentors the new teachers," said Principal Andrea Jenoff. "He's very well respected and loved by everyone."

Math department head Jim Liggett agreed.

"He's been a mentor to many of the teachers here," said Liggett. "He relates very well to kids, he has a sense of humor that they really appreciate and he knows his subject."

Johnson is also well known and respected in the Carlmont community and has been active in school plays and other activities. "He does so many things for the school," said Liggett.

Belmont Councilmember George Metropulos credits Johnson with helping inspire him to become a teacher. Metropulos was amazed as a student at Johnson's ability to relate to kids, and he still is.

"I thought, 'this guy's cool. He teaches and everybody likes him and he likes what he's doing.' A lot of kids I graduated with have kids in Carlmont and he's still cool.

"Forty years is amazing," said Metropulos. "To think he started teaching when I was in pre-school."

Now Johnson is ready to move on to new things — which at first will mean spending lots of time at his Tahoe cabin — but he has lots of memories and things he'll miss about Carlmont.

"When I first started, it was

traditional," he said of the trends in math education. "Then it was new math, then traditional again, then new, new math."

Now it's back to traditional. But the math department at Carlmont has tried to remain stable and relatively unaffected by the changes, he said, and has been successful.

Over the years, his colleagues have become his friends and are what he'll miss most.

There were some "rocky times" in Carlmont's past, he remembered. Parents were putting their kids in private schools in increasing numbers. There were some great principals and some not-so-great principals, he said. Now, "Andrea Jenoff is a super principal," he said. "We've gotten to the point

where Carlmont ... is the school to go to."

In fact, Johnson, 63, and his wife sent their two children, now college students at Foothill College and U.C. Santa Cruz, to Carlmont.

"That's the true test of a good school — do the teachers send their kids there?"

Besides his fellow teachers, Johnson will miss the students the most.

"When I first started here in 1962, I remember thinking, 'I

can't believe I'm getting paid to do this.'"

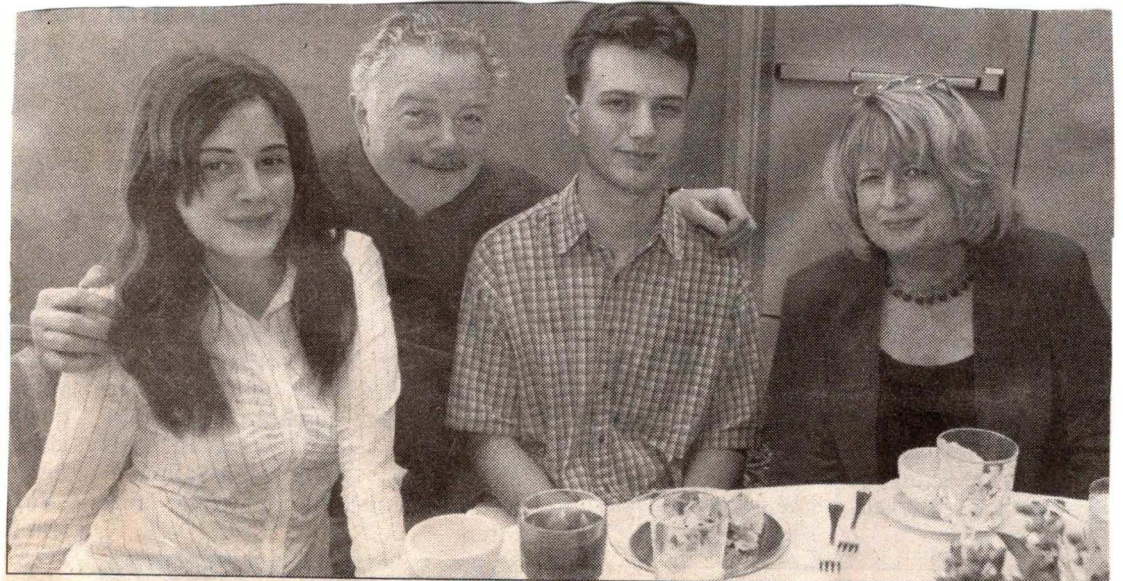
That enthusiasm has remained for him throughout four decades at the school, and it rubbed off on teachers and students.

"He has an ability to make students understand and love math," said Jenoff. "He will be sorely missed."

He doesn't have any specific plans for his retirement. For now he just wants to spend time in the Tahoe cabin he

bought with his brother. He expects he'll also be doing a lot more housework at the family home in Belmont, since his wife will continue to work as a voice instructor, he said.

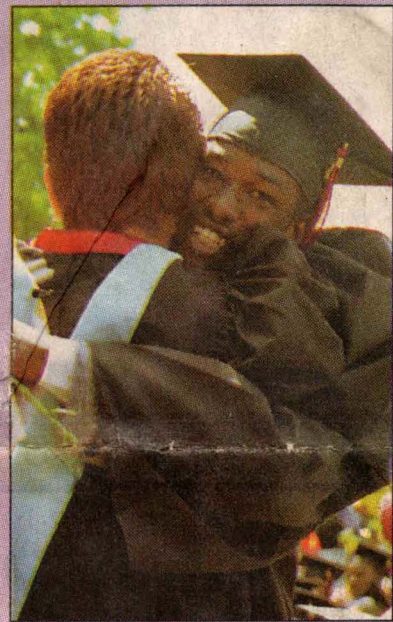
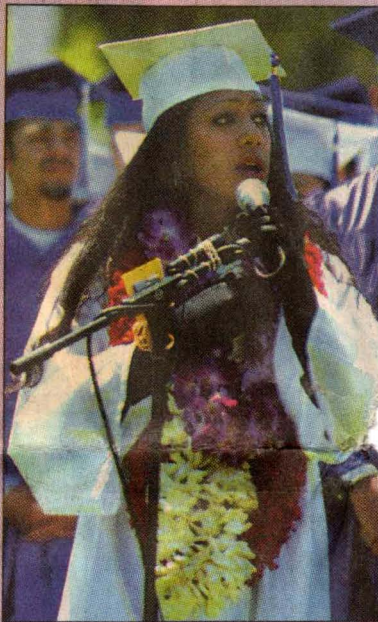
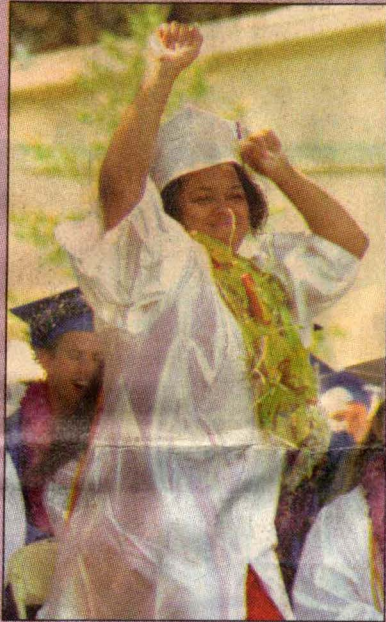
Jenoff hopes he'll spend some time substitute-teaching at Carlmont. He'll also probably spend some time reminiscing with the gift his colleagues planned to surprise him with at a party last Friday — a scrapbook album covering all 40 years of his career.



Mel Johnson, second on the left, enjoyed a retirement party thrown in his honor at the Villa Hotel with his family.

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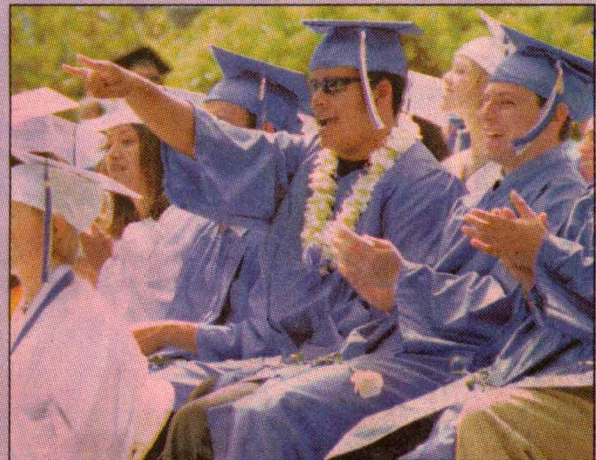
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Salute to the class of 2002

Above from left to right, Carlmont High School grad Erika Martin danced across the stage on the way to get her diploma June 14. On June 13, Lupemapumeihengalu Kavapalu began the Sequoia High School 2002 graduation ceremony with a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner." Redwood High School grad Quincey Sumler received a big hug from fellow grad Tracey Weir Cherry after accepting their diplomas June 13. Redwood High School valedictorian Isabel Morelos and graduate Joey Palacios, who won an award for the most improved student, watch as graduates receive their diplomas. Carlmont grad Christopher Hanson showed his appreciation as Principal Andrea Jenoff spoke of thanking teachers, family and friends. Background, Redwood High School graduates.

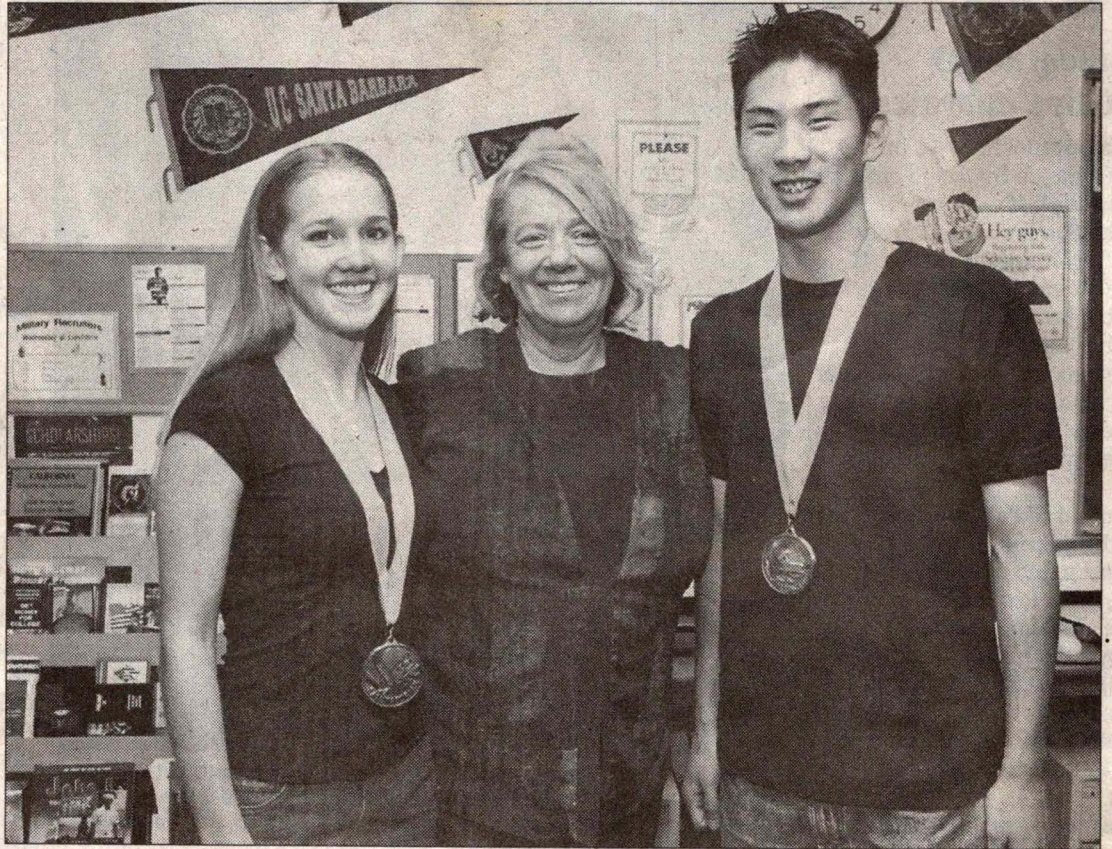
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Medals of honor

Carlmont High School
Principal Andrea Jenoff
surprised Valedictorian
Daniel Kim and
Salutatorian Megan
Shackleton with a party
Friday and presented
them with medals of
honor. Kim is going to
University of California
at Berkeley and
Shackleton will be going
to Stanford.



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Ex-longtime Carlmont coach to be honored

By Mark Foyer
CORRESPONDENT

To say that Loren Lansberry was the track and field/cross-country coach at Carlmont High School and leave it at that would do him a disservice.

He worked at the Belmont school for 32 years in that capacity before retiring in 1988. During that time, the Scots won an array of league titles for boys and girls in both categories.

Lansberry, 73, is one of 11 people who will be inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame June 4 at Bay Meadows in San Mateo.

"Carlmont won so many trophies that his office ran out of room to put them," Lansberry's wife, Barbara, said recently.

His boys' track and field teams won 14 South Peninsula Athletic League championships. In the early 1980s, after the league merged with the Mid-Peninsula League to create the Peninsula Athletic League, Carlmont continued its stellar performance.

When girls' sports got going in earnest, Carlmont was right there as one of the top track and field programs in the region. The Scots took home seven league titles, including back-to-back PAL crowns in 1987-88.

There were also 15 league cross-country titles for the boys and five for the girls.

League titles are one thing. But what makes Lansberry stand out is what he put into the sport — and his entire teaching career. He was tireless in his pursuit of excellence. And it was done with humanity and class.



"He had one of the premiere track programs in the state of California in the late 1960s and early 1970s," said Terry Stogner, Carlmont's athletic director. "Carlmont would always have great track athletes. There would be a state performer in the group. We would always set aside some money in the budget for the state meet."

In 1968, Lansberry, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, was director of the state meet at Edwards Field on the campus of UC Berkeley.

Lansberry is highly respected in his field. He was given the Central Coast Section Distinguished Service Award in 1990. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the YMCA and the local Chamber of Commerce.

But beyond that, Lansberry was what a high school coach should be. The bottom line is that it wasn't about the wins and the titles and the awards, it was about the student athletes.

"He helped the kids so much," his wife said. "Many have written to him with how he

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■ **What:** 14th Annual San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet.

■ **When:** June 4, 6:30 p.m.; no-host cocktails/silent auction, 5:30 p.m.

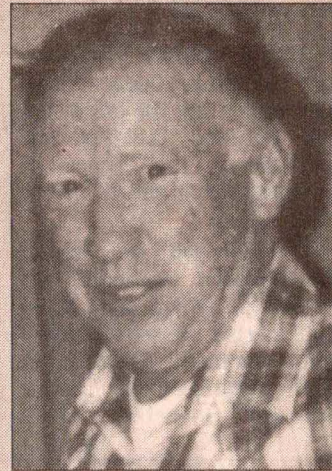
■ **Where:** Bay Meadows Clubhouse, San Mateo.

■ **Tickets:** \$50.

■ **Beneficiary:** Human Investment Project.

■ **Presented by:** San Mateo County Times.

■ **Contributors/partners:** Bay Meadows, Mills-Peninsula Health Services, SBC Pacific Bell, Scores Legendary Sports Restaurant, VISA, Hillsdale Shopping



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■ **Information:** Virginia Kroger, 340-4119.

helped them. What he taught them has been a big influence on their lives."

He was dedicated enough to the athletes that he took them with him and his family to Lake Amador near Mount Lassen for training.

"That was our summer vacation," Barbara said. "He was very dedicated to the kids."

Included among the athletes he worked with are Roger Royal, John Shroyer and comedian Dana Carvey.

Track and cross-country were only part of what he taught. He also was involved

with mountaineering. He was one of the first high school instructors to teach wall climbing.

He would go on to coach Ron Kauk, one of the top mountain climbers in the world.

In the end, though, it will be for track and field and cross-country that Lansberry will be most remembered.

Bill Daskarolis, Lansberry's counterpart at San Mateo's Aragon High School, recalled that the Carlmont mentor "did a very good job with the distance kids."

And, Daskarolis added, "He ran a very solid program."



SUSAN CALDWELL

Top, Nan Harrington, co-chair of the PTA, talks with eighth-grader Mandy Gisko and her father, Max Gisko, about her future at Carlmont. Below, Mandy Gisko shadows ninth-grader Alyssa Fuentes.

Community high

Transition program boosts Carlmont's reputation among parents, students

By WES BOWERS
Independent Newspapers

BELMONT — Making the transition from eighth grade to high school can be challenging for students, but the Parent Teacher Student Association at Carlmont High School has worked hard for the last few years to help. Now it's paying off.

The PTSA established a program seven years ago to give incoming freshmen and their parents a better understanding of what high school life is all about, as well as to attract them to attending a public school rather than private schools.

In the last four years, the program has really taken off, gaining statewide recognition from

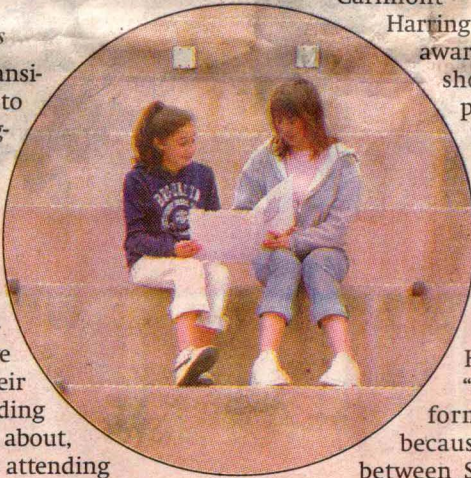
the PTA, according to PTSA Public Relations Officer Pam Jones.

"The whole goal of the program and the PTSA is to tie the entire community together," said Carlmont Testing Director Nann Harrington. "And receiving these awards from the state PTA shows how much parent planning goes into this program."

The program was designed to reduce the number of San Carlos and Belmont residents who were choosing parochial schools over public schools, Harrington said.

"The committee was formed seven years ago because there was a disconnect between San Carlos, Belmont and Carlmont High School," Harrington said.

"Many San Carlos kids were going to private



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and parochial high schools rather than the local public school. And Carlmont was interested in doing some sort of community outreach but did not have the personnel to do so.

That's when Harrington and several other parents from Belmont and San Carlos formed the PTSA, which began conducting a series of informational parent/student coffees providing facts and information on what Carlmont High School was all about.

"Eighth-grade parents are paranoid about high school for many different reasons," said Harrington. "So we set up events where parents were connected with Carlmont teachers and students, and they described their experiences about what courses are like and what the work is like.

"The third event we have is we put the student in a classroom for a day where they get to see what the curriculum is like and what the classroom atmosphere is like," she said. "Then we have a shadow program where they follow a freshman

for a day so they get the feeling of what a day at high school will be."

Harrington said the program has been a success at making incoming students feel like part of the Carlmont community months before their first day as a freshman.

"The feedback has been huge," Harrington said. "It's really helping to make a bond between middle school and high school, and it makes students feel welcome before they even get here."

Nanette Ramos, a parent, went through the transition program last year with her daughter, and said the one thing she'll never forget it is how it made her family feel welcome.

"It was a very thorough and informative program and made us feel very comfortable," she said. "Once we had gone through it we knew we had a choice and it made us feel like being the new kid on the block wasn't going to be a bad experience after all."

Ramos said after shadowing classes, she and her husband thought their daughter would

be challenged to do well and fit in from the very first day at Carlmont.

"My husband and I shadowed three classes my daughter had requested and after walking out of them we felt she'd really enjoy them and be challenged," she said. "And she loves school now. She does a terrific job and is glad we chose Carlmont because she feels safe and comfortable on campus."

Barbara Magowan has twin boys attending NorthStar Academy in Redwood City, and wanted to take advantage of Carlmont's open enrollment. She said the program had all the answers for her and her sons even before they could ask.

"The program took a lot of work away from me," she said. "No matter what questions I had, they had answers before I could even ask. It was like they were one step ahead of me and everyone there knew what was going on."

The program has created a feeling of resurgence among San Carlos families, and the number of San Carlos students attending private high schools

has decreased by 30 percent, Jones said.

"Central Middle School was sending about 40 percent of its students to private and parochial schools," she said. "Now that number is down to 10 percent and the student population at Carlmont has gone from 13 percent coming from San Carlos to about one-third of the entire student body."

Harrington said the program has helped reconnect San Carlos residents with Carlmont.

"For San Carlos, it's been a real boon in helping them feel this is their community high school," she said. "When they come here for the meetings, and they're exposed to the classroom, to the teachers and the students, they're ready to sign in. Students and teachers speak about their experiences, their involvement and activities, and they immediately make everyone in attendance feel comfortable."

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Carlmont softball sisters — good things in small

Pitcher, shortstop keeping team at top

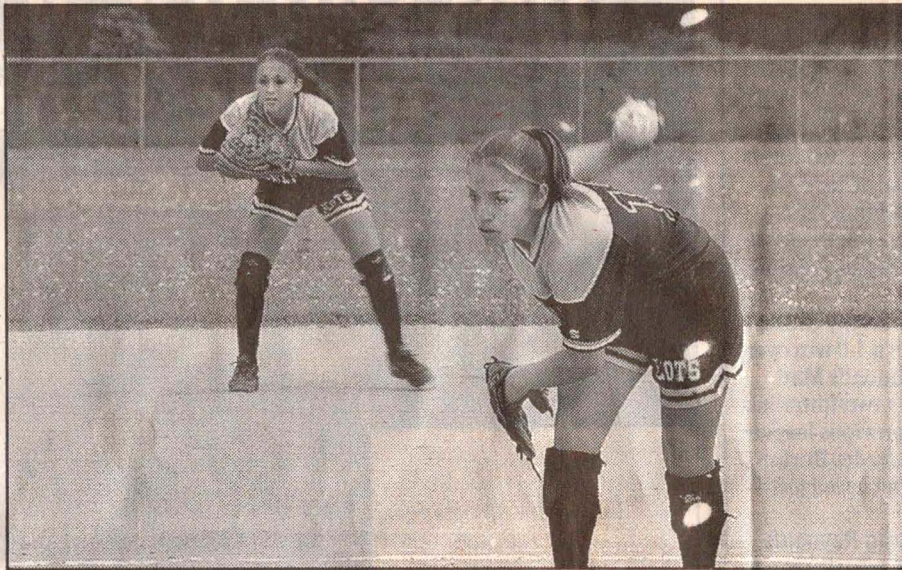
By Jordan Robertson
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Standing two inches shorter than her younger sister, who is 5-foot-2, Monique Castillo is a rarity in the world of 60-mile-per-hour softball pitchers: she's short, square-shouldered and solid.

While Monique, 17, often competes against pitchers who are a foot taller, 15-year-old Celina, her shortstop sister, faces a similar problem.

Shortstop is a key position on defense and size is usually an attribute there as well. Celina's slight frame carries only 112 pounds. Nevertheless, Monique, a junior, and Celina, a sophomore, have learned ways to use their diminutive stature to their advantage. Under their leadership, the Carlmont High of Belmont softball team, for which both are starters, has retained its spot as one of the top teams in Northern California.

"They're small kids in stature, but they play like 7-footers," said head coach Jim Liggett. "They're



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Carlmont sophomore shortstop Celina Castillo (left) waited for her sister, junior Monique Castillo (right) to pitch during a game at Half Moon Bay High School.

very small kids, especially Celina, but size doesn't matter, it's what they bring inside them and their desire to play."

Celina, whose yellow-green eyes and excitability contrast with Monique's sapphire blue and sober disposition, says she shares a close bond with her sister, both on and off the field. "When I'm with her on the field, it just gives me comfort," she said. "A lot of people trip off how close our relationship is. At school, we always kick it together, we're always together,

and we're never fighting. And if we do, it's just like a two-minute thing."

"We almost have the same personalities," Monique said. "We know what we like, or we'll learn to like the same things."

If there is one way they are different, it's in their views about where to go to college: Monique wants to stay close to home, while Celina is dead set on leaving the state. But Monique said there is always a middle ground.

The girls' mother, Doris Castil-

lo, 39, the general manager of a cafe, said the friendship between Celina and Monique helped soothe the transition to Carlmont when the family moved from San Bruno to Redwood City nearly two years ago. "They are really close," she said. "We used to call them 'Heckle' and 'Jeckle' because we can't get them apart!"

Indeed, Celina said she and Monique often combine forces on the field as well. When Carlmont won the Central Coast Section Division II championship last

year, the school's third title the past five years, Monique had a 0.51 ERA and a 22-6 record for the season. Celina, whose left wrist had been injured most of the year, committed just two errors and finished with a fielding percentage of .968.

In the CCS title game against Notre Dame-Belmont, Celina scored the go-ahead run when she stole home in the fourth inning. But it was Monique's 6-0 shutout in that game that ranked her alongside other standout Carlmont pitchers, particularly Tori Nyberg, now at Stanford, who led the team to CCS titles in 1997 and 1999.

That's where the similarities between Monique and her predecessor end. Nyberg stands 5-foot-11 and was known best for her drop pitch. Monique, on the other hand, is 5-foot-nothing ("maybe 5-foot-1," she said with a laugh) and has a mean rise pitch. "I can't throw a drop," she said. Carlmont pitching coach Walt McElroy praised Monique's delivery and strength, particularly the fact she's learned to use her whole body, not just her arm - to cluster power into her pitches. "We've had a trend of having good pitchers, and she's one of them," he said. "She uses her legs; that's

packages

really her strength. That's where you get your power, your leg. Especially with her size, she needs to draw power from her legs and push it out from there."

Monique and Celina are leading Carlmont to another successful season this year. The team is 17-1 overall, 6-0 in the Peninsula Athletic League, and has consistently been ranked the Bay Area's top team by Cal-Hi Sports. After Carlmont's wins last week over Terra Nova and Half Moon Bay, Monique boasted a 10-1 record and a 0.32 ERA with 114 strikeouts and 11 walks. Celina's fielding percentage was .903 with 6 errors. In the batting department, Monique has fared better than her sister, hitting .305 with 8 RBIs versus Celina's .245 and 5 RBIs. The sisters have a point to prove this season.

"Last year everyone thought it was a joke that we won CCS," Monique said. "We have pretty much the same team as we did last year, so we've got to prove we can win CCS again."

Celina was more explicit in her aims: "I hope we just kill all the teams" this year, she said with a broad smile.

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New pool expected sooner than later

By Wes Bowers
Independent Newspapers

BELMONT — The city and Carlmont High School may be getting a new community pool sooner than expected, if everything runs according to plan.

Construction on Carlmont's new swimming pool should start by this summer. Sequoia Union High School District officials are hoping the project will be completed by next February — six months before originally expected.

"We hope to go to bid in June," said Larry Trice, the district coordinator of education technology. "The plans are all drawn up and have been approved by the state, so we hope to award the contract and get underway with construction by July."

Cost for the pool is estimated at \$1.5 to \$2 million, with Belmont contributing about \$400,000.

In return for the city's contribution, the Belmont community will be allowed to use the pool when school is not in session.

That's good news for the city, which will lose another popular pool once the Peninsula Jewish Community Center moves to Foster City later this year.

When the PJCC moves, Palo Alto-based development firm Summerhill Homes will construct 48 town houses at the Carlmont Drive location around the existing pool. Once completed, the pool will only be open to residents there.

Belmont has been researching building its own pool since Summerhill bought the property a year ago.

With insufficient funds to build a pool on its own, the

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city approached Carlmont.

Currently, Carlmont's pool is inoperable, so the swim teams and water polo team have been practicing at the College of San Mateo's facility.

The new pool will be an Olympic-sized pool with areas for swimmers of all experience levels.

"The pool will be 90 feet long and 72 feet wide and will be a combination swimming and water polo pool," said Trice. "It will have eight lane competitions, complete with showers and changing rooms that the community will also be able to use."

But just when the pool would be open to the public is still up in the air.

"We're still working that out with Belmont," said Trice. "I hope we can get something going on the weekends, or maybe one night during the school week. And of course we'd have something throughout the summer."

Trice said the district would definitely manage the pool

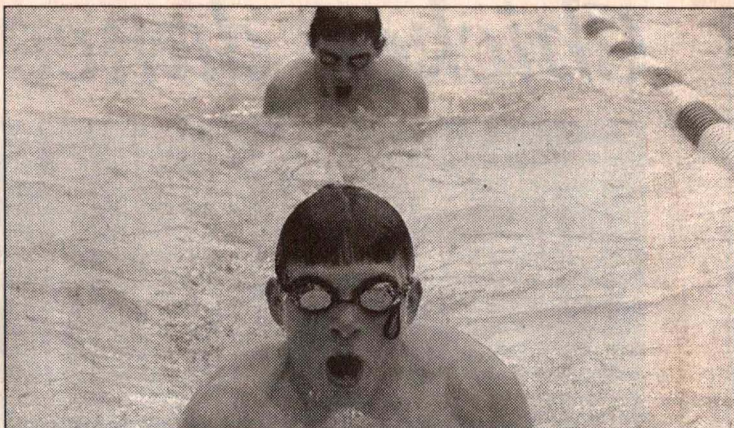
during the academic school year. But it is still unclear which agency — Belmont Parks and Recreation or the high school district — would supervise during public sessions.

"The way we've run the pool in the past is the district has always had someone on site and managing it," said Belmont Parks and Recreation Director Karl Middlestadt. "We staff employees such as the lifeguards and safety instructors. But as to how we're going to staff the new pool still has to be discussed."

Trice said he approached San Carlos about contributing to the project, but it appears the city is leaning toward building its own pool.

"I've met with San Carlos Parks and Rec about joining in, but they've been real quiet," he said.

San Carlos Parks and Recreation Director Barry Weiss said that while the city is looking to build its own facility with other features such as a picnic area and benches, the idea of using Carlmont's pool



SUSAN CALDWELL

Carlmont High School's swim team has been practicing at CSM since the school's pool is no longer useable.

hasn't been dropped.

"We haven't given up that option," said Weiss. "Some things we've expressed interest in having at a pool are a children's pool and a lawn, but the pool at Carlmont won't be able to facilitate that."

Weiss said San Carlos just conducted a survey, asking residents if they would support a bond measure to fund a pool, and results are being totaled.

"We're just finishing up a survey that will tell us if the community really wants a pool at Burton Park," he said. "If the results tell us that the citizens don't want to pay for construction or possibly for a bond to pay for construction, then we'll go with the Carlmont project."

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from the classrooms as possible.

It is uncertain at this point if they'll be able to do the same this year.

"Right now school district budgets are tight and some music programs are either cut back or cut out totally," said district music teacher Owen Bruce. "And maintaining and repairing old instruments is a constant concern."

Because the district can't afford to buy many instruments, Bruce said many students today have to rent instruments to play.

"There are families that really can't afford to rent or buy the instrument they want to play," he said. "So the district tries its best to provide the instrument, but the instruments we need are very expensive."

Bruce said smaller instruments like flutes, trumpets and clarinets can range anywhere from \$400 to \$700. Larger instruments like alto saxophones, string basses and bassoons can range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

To rent an instrument costs anywhere from \$20 to \$35 a month for smaller instruments, and \$50 to \$125 a month for larger instruments.

"That's pretty steep for a lot of families in our district," said Bruce. "Some music stores won't even rent because it is so expensive for some families, and we don't have enough serviceable instruments for those students who can't afford to rent or buy."

Bruce teaches 200 students a week at Central, Cipriani and Fox schools, and said it is hard for the students to learn to play on instruments that are old and in disrepair.

"It's very frustrating for a young student trying to learn an instrument when it doesn't work," he said. "It's either a valve will stick or there's a leak. And some repairmen won't repair the instruments we have because they are so old."

Bruce said some of the instruments the school district has date back to the 1950s and are practically unusable.

"That's a lot of students through the years and a lot of usage and some of these instruments have lived well past their usage," he said.

Ralston Middle School music teacher John Debaldo said that as many instruments wear out their service, and the district's program grows in popularity, it gets harder for the district to try to replace its inventory with newer and playable instruments.

"The district just can't afford to replace instruments as they run out, being pinched for funds as it is," he said. "Our music program is very popular and has grown over the years. Unfortunately, funds have not grown with the program."

Police receive grants for school resource officers

\$250,000 will increase on-campus safety

By WES BOWERS
Independent Newspapers

BELMONT — Belmont and San Carlos police will be the new kids on campus thanks to a \$250,000 grant enabling the agencies to fund the salaries for two resource officers.

Last week Rep. Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awarded the Belmont and San Carlos departments \$125,000

each for officers at local middle schools.

The grants will pay the salaries of two resource officers over the next three years.

In Belmont, the resource officer will be assigned to Ralston Middle School, Notre Dame Elementary, Charles Armstrong School and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In San Carlos, the officer will be assigned to Tierra Linda and Central middle schools.

"One of the requirements we have to meet for the grant is that a large amount of time must be spent in the school,"

said Belmont Administrative Sgt. Robyn Pitts.

Pitts said having a resource officer at the middle school campuses will enable the officer and students to get to know each other and help prevent dangerous incidents from occurring on or near campuses.

"If we have an officer on campus or close to a campus, they can meet with the kids and tackle issues that will help reduce crime in the community," she said. "They'll build relationships with the students in order to stop inci-

dences or crimes before they happen. So if there's going to be a fight between two students sometime in the week, a student can let the officer know and he can stop it before it happens."

Pitts said the program's intent is not to arrest any problem-causing students on school grounds, but instead to give them counseling and guidance.

"Rather than sending a kid to the District Attorney's Office and go through juvenile court, we want to try to implement a positive program where an

officer talks to the kids and tells them what they did wrong and hopefully get them on track," she said.

Belmont Police already have a resource officer assigned to Carlmont High School, "and have been involved in the COPS Program for the last five years.

Pitts said the new resource officers will have their work cut out for them, as they must visit all the campuses during the week.

"It's going to keep us busy," she said. "While we've got one

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officer already assigned to Carlmont, this officer will have to visit all four schools each week."

Pitts said the program at Carlmont has been very successful, and that the middle schools are very excited to learn they will have an officer visiting their campuses soon.

"Last year when we first applied for the grant, we called all the schools that would be visited and they all were really excited about the idea to have a school resource officer on their campuses," she said. "Then when we visited each school and asked the principals to sign the paper in favor of this program, not one of them hesitated."

With 13 elementary, middle and high schools within city limits, the current resource officer and the new position will not cover all the campuses.

But Pitts said there is a possibility the

department could assign more resource officers to other schools in the community.

"If another grant came out tomorrow that gave us the opportunity to put more officers on our campuses, we'd definitely apply," she said. "This makes us all work together to make sure that the community is as safe as possible and that we have good kids coming out of our schools."

The COPS in Schools program has awarded over \$600 million to fund over 4,500 school resource officers nationwide.

The program was designed to protect students, teach crime prevention and combat substance abuse, and give student resource officers the opportunity to serve as mentors, role models and provide guidance to the students.

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Carlmont wins trivia hunt

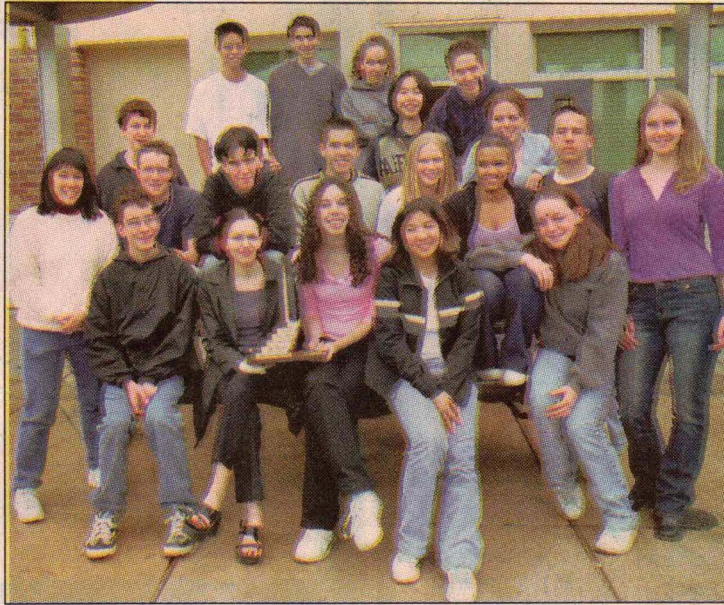
Students make history in 34-year contest

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

BELMONT — Can you provide the name of the California city where the annual world championship crab races are held? How about the name of the San Francisco theater which hosted the world premieres of "Citizen Kane" or "Fantasia"?

Those were just two of more than 100 questions that Carlmont High School students had to answer to win this year's Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt during the Super Bowl Weekend.

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SUSAN CALDWELL

More than 250 Carlmont students participated in the annual trivia hunt, which the school won for the first time in the contest's history.

How many can you answer?

The following questions are trivia students grappled to answer over the two-day Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt. How many can you answer? Answers are printed at the bottom.

- Q: What is the name of the TV "tough guy" who owned a cockatoo named Fred?
- Q: What year was the Beatles last song recorded?
- Q: What is the name of the former NFL player who coined the term "Hail Mary" to describe a desperation long pass usually thrown as time is running out at the end of the game?
- Q: Which came first — Kleenex or hair shampoos?
- Q: What is the oldest food franchise in the United States?
- Q: In what U.S. state can one find a royal palace?

Answers: Tony Baretta; 1970; Roger Staubach; hair shampoo; A&W Root Beer; Hawaii

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This year, the 250 students involved helped Carlmont win the contest for the very first time in the event's history, defeating two-time defending champion Castillela High School of Palo Alto by a score of 452 to 450.

The students involved said the best thing about winning was the satisfaction that they got the right answers to some very difficult questions.

"It was just finding all the answers and knowing you finally did it," said senior Sean Kircher. "And the kids who weren't really into research finally get into researching. Everyone learns a lot because you're helping each other out."

The Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt was created in 1969 at Carlmont High School. The object is to find the answers to some of the most obscure trivia questions over the course of one weekend. More than 200 students from high schools around the county compete for the coveted trophy.

Students are allowed to use public libraries to research the answers, but must present two copies to prove the answer is correct as well as bibliography information.

Questions ranged from three to six points, depending on their difficulty.

"I think some of the hardest questions were: finding out what the first Broadway play was, or who invented peanut butter and when, or what is the official parade car of San Francisco," said senior Adam Talib. "We found a kids' book that said an elephant had created peanut butter by stepping on a peanut and crushing it."

Although that answer wasn't correct, Talib said it got a good laugh from the crowd.

"A lot of the hard work was

finding the information, dealing with what came in and then organizing it so we could present it," Talib said. "It takes a lot of patience, time and effort."

Once the teams find the information and present legitimate proof, they must present their answers to a panel of judges who then review the information and decide whether or not the answers are valid.

But finding answers isn't all that easy. While the students are allowed to visit several libraries in the area, libraries do close in the evenings. The students were up at all hours of the weekend on the Internet and scouring through the limited resources they had when the public libraries were closed.

"I was surprised how many people we had coming in and out all weekend," said Talib. "And how they found the answers to questions, because you're not sure how they did it."

Carlmont's team coordinator Patricia Braunstein said she was amazed at how many people, including parents and alumni wanted to get involved.

"I put out announcements asking for people who wanted

help in any way," she said. "I must have got about 70 people that wanted to [get involved] and I didn't want to not let anyone get involved."

Braunstein said that hundreds of residents expressed their appreciation and congratulations to her for the last two weeks.

"Congratulations have been coming for a week, but it's the students who really deserve the recognition," she said. "We had 250 kids involved, along with lots of parents and alumni. It was great to see Terri [Cook] and George [Metropulos] get involved and turn this into a truly community event."

Belmont City Council to honor Carlmont High as trivia champs

By T.S. Mills-Faraudo
STAFF WRITER

BELMONT — The Belmont City Council tonight will salute Carlmont High School's champions of the Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt, an annual contest in which students from around the Peninsula compete by spending a weekend searching for answers and odd items.

For the first time in the contest's 34 years, Carlmont High placed first in the trivia hunt, which involves finding answers to almost 100 questions and searching for items such as a ticket stub from the opening day of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

The council tonight will present a proclamation to approximately 200 Carlmont students who participated in the hunt on Feb. 1 through Feb. 4.

"They've been competitive the last couple of years," said hunt director Bob Hunter. "They have a large team and there's a lot of commitment."

Last year's winner, Castilleja High School, came in second and Palo Alto High was third.

The questions Hunter devised varied in subject.

One question under the "TV Memories" category was, "Provide the name of the TV character alleged to have had a body temperature of -62.8 and a blood pressure of -3." (1: The answers are listed by number at the bottom of the story.)

Under the "World of Music" category, "The title of a well known Johnny Cash song written by Shel Silverstein was said to have based upon the name of an assistant prosecutor in a famous American trial. Provide the name of the song, the name of the prosecutor and the name of the trial." (2)

Hunter, who is Carlmont High vice principal, said he gets ideas for questions from newspapers and books.

"I try to make certain that the kids can find the answers to the questions," he said.

But this year there were two questions that stumped all 10 schools competing in the hunt.

One, under the category "The District of Columbia" was, "In May 1912, approximately 500 women met at a breakfast in

Washington, D.C. to honor famous American women. As Mrs. Henry Clayton welcomed guests she said, 'If the observance of birthdays of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison or any other renowned American statesman serves a wise purpose, surely a tribute to the life, character and virtue of a good, distinguished woman is equally wise and of equal benefit. . . Provide the name of the woman this group gathered to honor.'" (3)

The other, under "At the Met" was, "Provide the name of the MET production for which in recent years the orchestra and conductor have dressed in casual clothing for the first half of the work, and formal wear for the balance of the show." (4)

The Belmont City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Twin Pines Community and Senior Center, 1223 Ralston Ave.

Answers to trivia questions:
(1) Herman Munster
(2) "A Boy Named Sue," Sue Hicks,
the Scopes trial
(3) Dolly Madison
(4) Ariadne auf Naxos

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San Carlos considers 'pooling resources' with school

City discusses agreement with Carlmont's olympic-sized facility

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

SAN CARLOS — City and Carlmont high school officials are working on a proposal to allow San Carlos residents rights to the school's pool in a move to offer locals a place to cool off and practice their back stroke.

Last week the city discussed the idea of entering into an agreement with Carlmont to use its pool in the evenings and summer.

"Right now it's purely conceptual," said Parks and

Recreation Director Barry Weiss. "It's certainly an option we'd like to consider."

For the past six months, the city has been exploring interest in a community swimming pool and locations in town where such a facility could be built.

The city's discussion with Carlmont is one alternative to building a pool, officials said.

But even if an agreement is struck, it would be a year before residents can do the swan dive there.

Currently, Carlmont has closed its pool — due to its age and condition — and is planning to build a new Olympic-sized pool. Principal Andrea Jenoff said it wouldn't be completed for at least a year.

"I think it would be great," she said. "If we shared our facility with both San Carlos and Belmont, it would benefit both communities."

Belmont already has a lease to use the pool during the summer months.

San Carlos and Carlmont officials are scheduled to meet next week to discuss the idea of sharing the facility.

But if the plan sinks, the city

is continuing to explore building a pool of its own.

San Carlos Mayor Don Eaton said the city's resident-driven pool committee would definitely like to see a facility constructed at Burton Park on Brittan Avenue.

"The wheels are turning to explore both options, but they're not turning fast enough," he said. "The pool committee would like to see a pool built at Burton Park, but nothing's been estimated or planned out. It's all recommendation at this point."

Eaton added that while both options are good ideas, the city should look at what's

most feasible.

"If we use the Carlmont pool we have to look at whether or not it's being used right or if it's too far away for our residents," he said. "But if we build one at Burton Park, is there enough parking? Nothing's been determined yet."

"Potentially there is a lot of common sense to sharing the Carlmont pool with Belmont," he continued. "But on the other hand we don't know if it will work out."

Another local community that uses its high school's pool for public access is Burlingame, and according to Parks and Recreation Director

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Randy Schwartz, the agreement is working out great.

"About six year ago the city met with the high school and both parties agreed that it would benefit both the community and the school," he said. "The school was willing to allow the city to use the pool, and through private donations we were able to build it and open it about two years ago."

Schwartz said that it made perfect sense for both parties to

"pool" their resources together and work as a team.

"The community uses the pool about 65 percent of the time," he said. "That's including summer months, vacation periods and weekends. We handle the scheduling for public use and the school handles all the maintenance. We just found it easier to go in on this together."

While some in San Carlos would like to see a pool built within city limits, Eaton said a possible joint effort with Carlmont would

strengthen the relationship between the two.

"We have something called a Two Plus Two Committee," he said. "That's where we have two councilmembers and two officials from the San Carlos School District to talk about joint efforts. But we've never done that with the high school district. If we could have something similar, maybe there would be a desire to make a better relationship with the residents of San Carlos."

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Carlmont High eagerly awaits new pool

\$1.5 million from bond will pay to replace deteriorating pool

By Abbi Kaplan
STAFF WRITER

BELMONT — The end of water polo season in October marked the end of another costly year for Carlmont High School's swimming pool. Constantly in disrepair, the pool's heating and filtration system burned about \$1,400 a week.

Replacing the 40-year-old steam boiler and fixing the pool's cracking plaster would have cost \$300,000, the district's former Deputy Superintendent Don Gielow said.

The pool will be replaced by a larger, more efficient one with money from Measure G, the \$88 million bond measure passed by voters on Nov. 6.

But just how soon swim team

members — or grandmothers — will first test its 25-meter, \$1.5 million lanes is anyone's guess.

"These things just don't magically happen, but I'm hoping that work on the pool starts real quick," Athletic Director Terry Stogner said. Now closed for the winter, the current pool "won't be usable for awhile," he added.

To avoid heating Carlmont's pool, the boys' water polo teams practiced at College of San Mateo this season. The girls' and boys' swim teams usually practice at the high school but may also trek to the college's pool this spring.

Stogner and other athletic directors looking forward to new facilities — like gyms and all-weather tracks — know they may have to wait a year or two before seeing the finished products.

Sequoia High's new 10-lane pool finally opened last fall — a year and three months past schedule. Woodside's pool, now

underway, will take at least a year and three months to build. By far the fastest, Menlo-Atherton's new pool was finished in seven months — two months behind the planned construction time.

Rain first delayed construction on Sequoia's pool, then an abandoned well discovered on the site pushed the date back further. Workers later found that a building next to the pool site was built without a stable foundation, Gielow said.

While the pool was under construction, Sequoia's team practiced at the Redwood City Recreation Department's pool. During that year, the swim team lost members, said Jane Slater, Sequoia's Athletic Director.

Carlmont's pool will be virtually the same as Sequoia's, which has apparently become the envy of the district.

"It's a treat to practice there," said Aaron McKenzie, Carlmont High varsity swimmer. "They

use saline, not chlorine (in the pool) and it's a full 12 feet deep."

Top swimmers who may have otherwise enrolled in Carlmont may have instead chosen to attend Sequoia, said Jim Kelly, Carlmont Student Activities director.

Fortunately, swim team enrollment will not be a factor when a bond measure oversight committee decides which projects will take priority. Committee members will be chosen in mid-January and projects will most likely be bid on in April.

McKenzie said he hopes that Carlmont's pool will be first on the list. After swimming in the old "little" pool most of high school, he said most people agree "it's not a great pool."

"Hair gel and stuff turns the water foggy, and it's shallow on one side, so you can hit your head when you're doing flip turns," he added.

'Play it again Sam'



DAYNA ALPINE

Carlmont High School debuted its newly renovated theater at a Gala Reception featuring actors and actresses from the school's production "Play It Again Sam." The play ran Nov. 14, 15 and 16. Top, Principal Andrea Jenoff cuts the ribbon to the theater at the reception Nov. 14. Right, the cast of "Play it Again Sam."



Carlmont student arrested for terrorist threats

Freshman allegedly made shooting, bomb threats

By David Mirhadi
Staff Editor

BELMONT — A 14-year-old male Carlmont High School student was arrested on suspicion of making terrorist threats after he threatened to shoot several of his classmates and claimed to have placed a bomb at one of the student's homes.

The Carlmont freshman, whose name was not released because of his age, was arrested by Belmont police February 7 after the school's resource officer, Scott Fegley of the Belmont Police Department, was advised that

the student had threatened to shoot four students and stated that a bomb had been placed at one of the student's homes, according Belmont Police Sgt. Patrick Halleran of the Belmont police department.

According to police, the boy had also allegedly spoke with other students about "what type of weapon would you use to take over a school." The suspect and the victims had been friends previously, and had an undisclosed falling out over the last few months.

Police called in the San Mateo County Sheriff's bomb squad and conducted a search of the residence where the bomb was allegedly placed but nothing was found.

Belmont police conducted a search of the suspect's home as well and found a small box with fireworks, including

bottle rockets and firecrackers, both of which are illegal within Belmont city limits.

Police also found an inactive World War II-era hand grenade. "We didn't find anything that would constitute the makings of a bomb," Halleran said, "but we have to take things seriously."

Police said it appeared the boy did not have access to any firearms and probably could not have carried out his threats. Still, making such threats is a crime, regardless of the suspect's ability to carry them out.

The youth was booked into Hillcrest Juvenile Hall, and his parents were notified, Halleran added.

Carlmont Principal Andrea Jenoff read a statement about last week's incident to over the school's public-address

system the day after it happened.

"As a school, we have to be very careful, and not ignore these things. I have always taken this seriously, but the horror of past events makes me think even more," said Jenoff, who joined the school last year.

Several students dropped by Jenoff's office to talk about the incident, mostly to talk about how the incident would be reported in the media and how that might reflect on the school's reputation.

"This is absolutely a great school," Jenoff said. "In the past year-and-a-half, there's been absolutely nothing like this incident at all."

Halleran said he believed the threats were made specifically to the four students, who were the suspect's former

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friends, and not to the school as a whole.

Police will have to determine whether the student's actions warrant a misdemeanor or felony charge, Halleran said.

Halleran said the police department has been keeping a closer watch on such threats since high-profile school shootings over the last few years and a recent incident at De Anza Community College, where a student allegedly planned a Columbine-style attack to destroy the school and kill students and faculty.

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Students hunt high and low for answers

Annual trivia search teaches students to work out problems

By Erin Sherbert
STAFF WRITER

High school students learned this weekend that the library isn't the only way to gather research.

Some students who participated in the annual Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt explored a variety of techniques to reach their goal. Castilleja High School of Palo Alto successfully defended its title beating Carlmont High by seven points.

"We did this by using all our connections," said Lisa Mandel, team leader for Castilleja. "Our leader from last year cut out the last Peanuts comic and saved it, thinking that it might be a bring-in item. So we had it before we even knew it would be on the list."

And retrieving a copy of the San Francisco Chronicle's special edition proclaiming Presi-

dent Bush's Nov. 8 victory seemed impossible for some other players.

But they agreed they would pay a price to get the item they needed.

Carlmont High School team members stood outside Costco in Foster City with a sign reading 'will give cash for specific Chronicle newspaper.'

And it worked.

"We did get one, but the man was nice enough to give it and not make us pay," said Darrin Ng, Carlmont's team leader.

"We searched for two days to get the newspaper and couldn't find it," Ng said. "It was ironic because (when that special edition came out) everyone thought it would be a bring-in item, but no one saved it."

Carlmont and Castilleja were among 10 high school teams that participated in the 33rd annual Trivia Hunt, which requires players to answer 30 multi-part trivia questions in addition to locating certain items that must be brought in.

Each team received the questions Friday evening and had to

turn them in by 7 p.m. Sunday to Robert S. Hunter, founder of the competition.

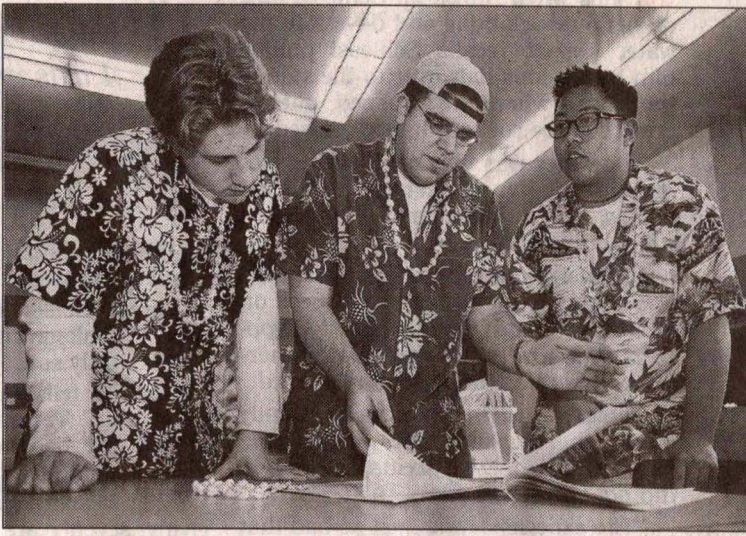
Students spent their entire weekend driving places, calling people and researching information to get the right answers—in writing, with correct punctuation and spelling. In addition, answers had to be documented by two sources, excluding the Internet.

"Our school treats this as a club rather than a school competition," said Leslie Chang, team leader for San Mateo High School. "I had people in and out of my house from Friday night until Sunday night and the benefit was getting the social part of it all."

Hunter, a retired Carlmont teacher, named the hunt after Millard Fillmore, the 13th American president, because he and his 1969 U.S. history class wanted to recognize him.

Hunter said he spends all year gathering information for potential trivia questions, which range from movies, music and TV to sports and World War II.

For example, he said when he visited Angel Island he found a landmark there honoring the



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Serra High School students (from left) Logan Rockmore, Brian Darmanin and Gene Aquino discuss last-minute answers to their Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt questions Monday at Carlmont High School in Belmont. Students from 10 Bay Area high schools competed in the 33rd annual Trivia Hunt this weekend.

discoverer of the island and decided to incorporate that into the hunt.

"I thought it would be fun to have kids from opposing teams ride the ferry out there together to take the same picture," he said.

The hunt is a way for the students to get to know all the various sources they can use for research, Hunter added.

"It's to raise academics to the same level as athletics," he said. "It's to teach research skills and to teach kids that researching can be fun and challenging."

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Carlmont High student arrested

By T.S. Mills-Faraldo
STAFF WRITER

BELMONT — A 14-year-old Belmont resident was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of making terrorist threats to fellow students at Carlmont High School, police said today.

The student's name was not released by police because he is a juvenile.

Around 2:25 p.m. Wednesday, Officer Scott Fegley, Carlmont's resource officer, was told that a student made threats against four other students at the school and they were fighting on campus.

The boy reportedly told the four students he was going to shoot them and that he had put a bomb in one of the students' homes. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Bomb Squad searched the student's home and found

nothing, police said.

Police said the boy had been friends with the four students but had had a falling out with them.

"We're still investigating what this falling out was to cause this kid to make such threats," said police Sgt. Patrick Halleran.

The boy also allegedly talked with another student about what type of weapon he would use to take over the school, police said.

Police also searched the home of the boy who allegedly made the threats and found a non-functioning World War II-type hand grenade and a large quantity of legal fireworks, Halleran said. After the search, police determined the student did not appear to have the capability to carry out the threats, he said.

"He had both large and small

fireworks and they were turned over to the bomb squad for destruction," Halleran said.

He said he didn't know if the boy's parents had any weapons in the home.

Police had no evidence indicating that there was any bomb or weapons on Carlmont's campus, he said.

The boy was arrested on suspicion of making terrorist threats and was booked into Hillcrest Juvenile Hall.

"In light of what happened at De Anza, we have to take things like this seriously," Halleran said.

According to police, a San Jose man meticulously planned to commit a Columbine-style bombing and shooting spree last week at Cupertino's De Anza College, with more than 50 bombs and four firearms at the ready.