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**DAILY DERBY**

**1st** ▶▶ 3, Hot shot  
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THE DAILY NEWS is the 2009 second-place award winner for GENERAL EXCELLENCE among all daily newspapers in the region.

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News, announcements and events in your neighborhood

**America On the Move Week at local YMCAs**

Bring the entire family to the Palo Alto Family YMCA or the El Camino YMCA in Mountain View this week to participate in America On the Move Week, a nationwide event to inspire people to incorporate healthy activities into their daily routines. Palo Alto Family YMCA will partner with other YMCAs and the America On the Move Foundation to provide a variety of events, classes and activities. Free and open to the community.

Stop by your local YMCA or call the Palo Alto YMCA at 650-856-9622 or the El Camino YMCA at 650-969-9622.

**Kniss meets first lady**

Liz Kniss, a Palo Alto resident and president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, was among invited guests at an event Friday called by first lady Michelle Obama to discuss the role of women in national health reform. Among the speakers were the first lady and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

"I am pleased to have the chance to be a part of this important dialogue on health reform," said Kniss. "Women have been the force behind so much of our nation's progress and it's important that we have the ear of the White House."

**NASA Ames honored**

In recognition of 70 years of aerospace research and its contributions to aerospace history, NASA Ames Research Center was recently honored as a 2009 Historic Aerospace Site by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Ames pioneered the technology behind all re-entry vehicles, starting with the blunt body concept. Ames developed simulation facilities such as arc jets and ballistic ranges, designed thermal protection systems for manned spacecraft, and engineered probes that went to Venus and Jupiter.

**Announcements Woods named trustee**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced Monday that businessman and environmental advocate Ward W. Woods was appointed to its board of trustees. Woods is a former president and CEO of Bessemer Securities Corp. and was a founding partner of Bessemer Holdings, L.P. He is chairman of the board of trustees for the Wildlife Conservation Society, and has also served on the Stanford University Board of Trustees and the Stanford Management Company's Board of Trustees.

**TODAY**

**Pizzeria to help food bank**

Amici's East Coast Pizzeria plans to team up with KNBR radio to raise money for Second Harvest Food Bank at the restaurant's newest location in Menlo Park.

KNBR morning show hosts Brian Murphy, Paul McCaffrey and Dan Dibley are set to appear as celebrity waiters at Amici's, 880 Santa Cruz Ave.

The Menlo Park Amici's plans to donate 100 percent of the proceeds collected between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Second Harvest Food Bank.

**Expert discusses H1N1**

Stanford Blood Center's science café event will focus on the H1N1 (swine) influenza today from 7 to 9 p.m. at 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto.

Dr. Arthur Reingold, professor and head of the Division of Epidemiology at UC-Berkeley, will discuss the topic as an expert on the prevention of infectious diseases. Admission is free.

**State budget discussion**

Stephen Levy will discuss "The California Budget and the Economy" at a free public meeting of the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto from 7 to 9 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto.

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**Proposed renovations on agenda tonight**

The agenda for tonight's Palo Alto Unified School District board meeting will cover exciting renovations proposed for Palo Alto High School.

Plans for a new media center at Paly will be presented by Paul Kandell, who recently won the Dow Jones Journalism Adviser of the Year award.

The state of California has recognized media arts as a career pathway, and a new building devoted to the field will bring together the school's strong video and photography programs with the journalism department.



**PREEVA TRAMIEL**

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For parents concerned with their own education, the best source for keeping up with lectures and workshops around town is the Web site [http://info.paloaltopta.org/parent\\_ed.shtml#parenting](http://info.paloaltopta.org/parent_ed.shtml#parenting).

**LECTURES THIS WEEK**

Parents of girls and girls in grades 5 and up

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

should find their way to Spangenberg Auditorium at Gunn High School on Thursday to hear Rachel Simmons speak. This free lecture, sponsored by the Palo Alto PTA Council, is part of the Parent Education program.

A scholar of the female psyche and a popular lecturer, Simmons is in the business of understanding girls in our contemporary culture, and her new book, "The Curse of the Good Girl: Raising Authentic Girls with Courage and Confidence," just made the New York Times best-seller list. She founded the Girls Leadership Institute 12 years ago, and also wrote "Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls."

Simmons' talk will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Gunn High is located at 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.

Meanwhile, the Challenge Success 2009 fall conference will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford.

The event will feature Dr. Michael Thompson, co-author of "The Pressured Child: Helping Your

Child Achieve Success in School and in Life," and Chris Kelly, chief privacy officer and head of global public policy at Facebook. "Doing School" author Dr. Denise Pope will introduce the conference and Dr. Madeline Levine, author of "The Price of Privilege," will give remarks.

**EVERYDAY MATH WORKSHOP**

A conversation with the authors of Everyday Mathematics will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Nixon Elementary School, 1711 Stanford Ave., Stanford.

Palo Alto Unified is bringing in the authors to help parents understand Everyday Mathematics, the adopted math curriculum for grades K-5. They will discuss curriculum goals, research and development, program components, and answer questions from parents.

Please e-mail any comments to [schoolmatters@paloaltopta.org](mailto:schoolmatters@paloaltopta.org) to reach Preeva Tramiel. Look on the PTA Council Web site, [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org), and pull down the leftmost menu, and click on "school matters" to see submission guidelines for press releases.

**Redwood City man to serve 17 years in prison after plea deal in drugs case**

BY SHAUN BISHOP  
Daily News Staff Writer

A Redwood City man who helped traffic 6 kilograms of methamphetamines across the Mexican border will serve at least 17 1/2 years in prison, federal prosecutors announced Monday.

As part of an agreement, Franco Perez, 38, pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of conspiring to distribute heroin and methamphetamines.

Authorities say Perez admitted helping coordinate the shipment and distribution of the methamphetamines, which were smuggled from Mexico in a pickup truck last November.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the California Highway Patrol intercepted the drugs near Los Banos in Merced County. Prosecutors said the methamphetamines

would have been distributed in the Bay Area and elsewhere in Northern California.

Perez was one of nine people in Northern California arrested during a coordinated sweep in February known as Operation Smack Down. In addition to methamphetamines, authorities seized firearms, heroin and \$350,000 in cash from drug sales as part of the operation.

Perez initially faced a variety of other charges, including two counts of distributing heroin, one

count of distributing methamphetamines, one count of money laundering and one count of employing a minor to commit a drug offense.

While Perez agreed in the plea deal to serve a minimum sentence of 17 1/2 years he still must be formally sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer on Jan. 13. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$4 million fine.

E-mail Shaun Bishop at [sbishop@dailynewsgroup.com](mailto:sbishop@dailynewsgroup.com).

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