

MONDAY, March 7, 2016

School district fires back in genetics case

The Palo Alto Unified School District has fired back in the legal battle over the removal of a boy from Jordan Middle School because he carried a gene for cystic fibrosis but didn't actually have the disease.

James and Jennifer Chadam sued the Palo Alto Unified School District, saying their son Coleman was discriminated against under the Americans with Disabilities Act and that his medical privacy was violated by school employees who improperly disclosed his genetic condition. [See GENETICS, page 12]

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Nancy Reagan dies



WHITE HOUSE LAWN — Nancy and Ronald Reagan with their dog Rex in 1986.

Husband's loyal protector, adviser

Nancy Reagan, the helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died yesterday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure, assistant Allison Borio said.

Her best-known project as first lady was the "Just Say No" campaign to help kids and teens stay off drugs.

When she swept into the White House in 1981, the former Hollywood actress partial to designer gowns and pricey china was widely dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback, concerned only with fashion, decorating and entertaining. By the time she moved out eight years later, Mrs. Reagan was fending off critics. [See REAGAN, page 22]



GOODBYE — Nancy Reagan kisses the casket of her husband President Ronald Reagan prior to the removal of his remains from the Capitol on June 11, 2004. AP file photos.

THE UPDATE

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MANNING RETIRING: The Denver Broncos announced last night that five-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning is retiring after 18 seasons and two Super Bowl victories including one last month. Manning will hold a news conference today in Denver.

WEATHER: Occasional showers today. Partly cloudy skies with no rain tomorrow and Wednesday. A storm arrives Thursday and will continue through Friday. Another storm is forecast for next Sunday.

RANSOMWARE ATTACKS: Apple customers were targeted by hackers over the weekend in the first campaign against Macintosh computers using ransomware, researchers with Palo Alto Networks told Reuters. Ransomware encrypts data on infected computers. [See THE UPDATE, page 4]

Spending big to save old films

Hewlett-Packard heir David W. Packard, who restored Palo Alto's Stanford Theater and turned it into a popular place to see movies from Hollywood's Golden Age, has opened a \$180 million facility in Southern California to preserve and house vintage movies from the UCLA Film & Television Archive.



PACKARD

David W. Packard opens \$180 million preservation facility

Some of the films being preserved in the Santa Clarita facility include "The Maltese Falcon," the Flash Gordon serials, Laurel & Hardy's "Way Out West," Cecil B. DeMille's personal collection and producer Hal Wallis' own print of "Casablanca."

Until the 1950s, movies were made on nitrate film, which is highly combustible and deteriorates over time into goo. It is estimated that half of the films made before 1951 no longer exist. The temperature-controlled vaults in the facility are designed to stop the deterioration. "UCLA was looking for a modest little place to move to, and I got involved and turned it into something monumental," Packard, 75, told the press. [See PACKARD, page 22]

School board dives into 'laning'

BY JEN NOWELL Daily Post Staff Writer

The Palo Alto school board will discuss tomorrow the district's process by which students are tracked into different levels of classes, and the possibility of combining classes in an effort to push students further academically. Currently, both Gunn and Palo Alto

Hearing planned on controversial practice

high schools practice tracking and laning in English, math, science and foreign languages classes, according to a report from Markus Autrey, associate superintendent of educational services.

Tracking is the practice of separating students into different classes based on their academic achievement, Autrey said. And when a student moves out of one track and into another track, it is known as "laning," he said. The practice of tracking has come under fire, and school districts have a hearing planned on the practice. [See LANING, page 22]

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