

**NEWS**

# Traffic-calming work to begin

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An alternate scheme for cutting back car traffic in Palo Alto's Downtown North neighborhood gets underway this month, according to the city's planning department.

The city's first "traffic calming" trial that included barricades on seven of the neighborhood's streets proved highly contentious and all but one were yanked out after 10 months. Palo Alto Avenue along a creek remains blocked off to all but residents.

Elements of the new plan include street signs discouraging cars from turn-

ing down residential streets during commuter hours and the installation of traffic circles at some intersections.

"The first trial failed. The community wouldn't accept it," Mayor Bern Beecham told the Daily News.

The new plan will be a one-year trial. The city will install the so-called traffic calming devices and measure the results.

Construction begins this month and is expected to take about one month.

Three months of data gathering begins in February. A public hearing over the measure is slated for June.

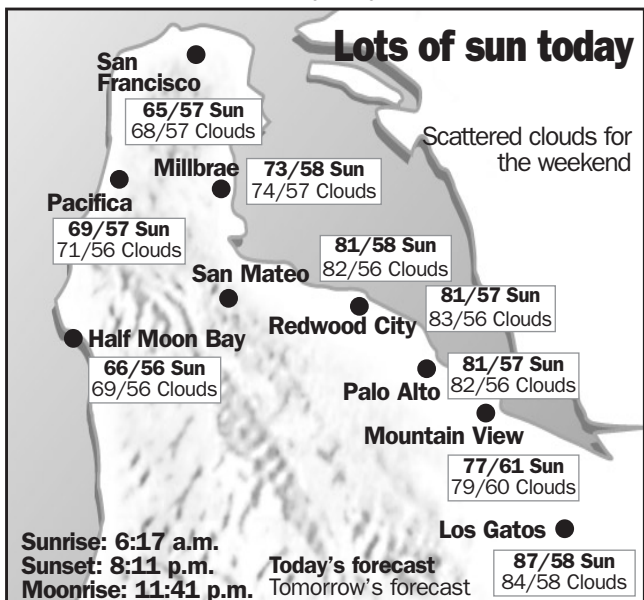
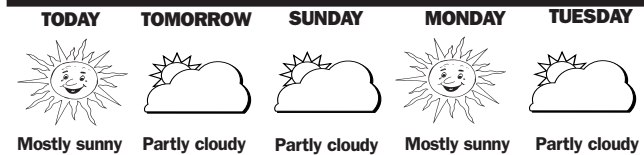
The cost for the second trial is esti-

mated at \$72,000, with \$15,000 of that for removing the barricades of the former test run.

Under the new plan, traffic circles would be added at the intersections of Everett Avenue and Emerson Street, and Everett Avenue and Webster Street. Another traffic circle would be added at Hawthorne Avenue at Cowper Street.

A new speed table (similar to a speed bump) would be added on Hawthorne Avenue at High Street. No-turn signs will be on Alma Street at Hawthorne Avenue and on Middlefield Road at both Hawthorne and Everett avenues.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST



## CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

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## CALIFORNIA ROUNDUP

### Californians frown on growth

SACRAMENTO — Californians are increasingly pessimistic about the state's growth, believing a rising population during the next 20 years means more air pollution, higher home prices for their children and ever-worsening traffic snarls, according to a new statewide opinion poll.

A survey of 2,500 residents released yesterday reveals that 59 percent believe more people will be bad for them and their families, while only 14 percent say growth will benefit California. But most have little idea that California has 36 million people and may grow to nearly 48 million by 2025.

### Kern water baron, developer dies

BAKERSFIELD — George Nickel, whose life was so intimately tied to the history of California water politics that he once said "water was his blood," died of a heart attack, at 86.

"He had an enormous vitality and energy," said his wife of 50 years, Adele "Dodo" Nickel, who was by his side at Memorial hospital when he died on Tuesday. "He was the kind of man who never bothered with a feasibility study. If he had an idea, he felt he could do it."

Nickel's vision of what irrigation could do for farmers and the state shaped water policies and even the lay of the land — for the good of the community, said his friends, or just to help himself, said his adversaries.

FROM DAILY NEWS WIRE SERVICES

# Safety director, police chief sworn in

Ronald J. Levine was sworn in yesterday as police chief and director of safety and security for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, school officials said.

Levine was promoted from police sergeant and acting assistant director of the department to police chief.

"I'm honored to serve as police chief," Levine told the Daily News yesterday. "I look forward to ensuring a safe environment at Foothill-De Anza in which students can learn, faculty and staff can work, and community members can enjoy our facilities."

Prior to joining Foothill-De Anza in 2003, Levine served as a senior investigator in corporate worldwide investigations at 3Com Corp.

His other law enforcement experience includes 22 years as a deputy sheriff with the Santa Clara Co. Sheriff's Office, four of which he spent at the Stanford University Department of Public Safety.

Chancellor Martha Kanter, who administered Levine's oath of office said they are pleased to have Chief Levine in this critically important position.

"His department is responsible for the

safety of more than 45,000 students and almost 2,400 faculty and staff," Kanter said. "And the thousands of community members who take advantage of our campuses' resources."

The Chancellor said the department is a fully Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)-accredited agency.

Levine also served with the Los Altos and San Carlos police departments.

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