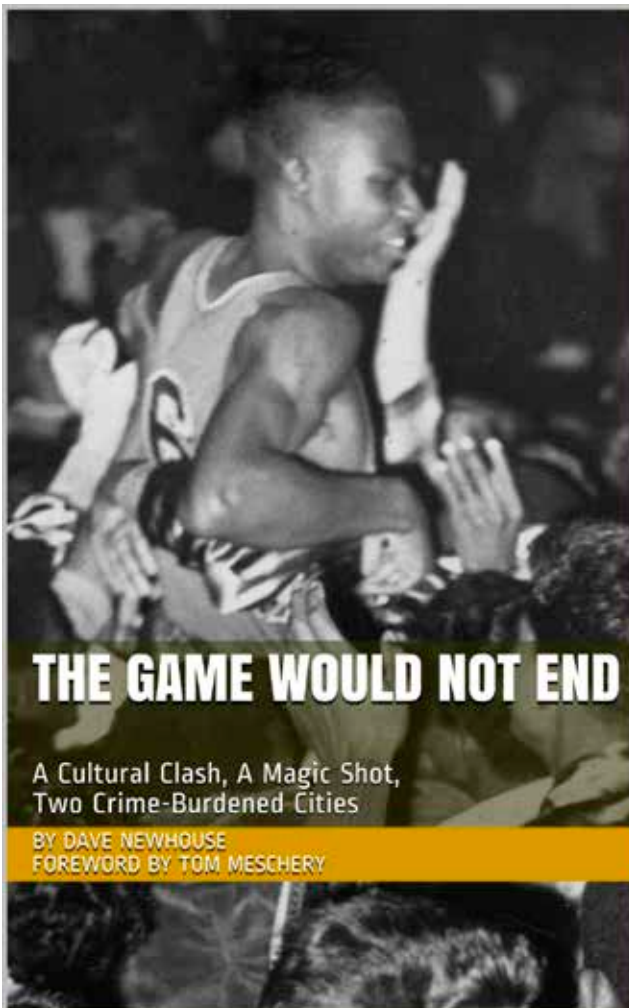


The Palo Alto Historical Association presents

How Palo Alto Impacted My Life: The Game Would Not End by Dave Newhouse

Sunday, January 26, 2020 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Palo Alto Arts Center - 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto



Our January 2020 program will feature award-winning writer and columnist, Dave Newhouse. Dave was a sportswriter and columnist for the Oakland Tribune for 50 years before his retirement in 2011. He also wrote for Sports Illustrated and had a sports talk show on KNBR. Since that time, he has become a prolific author writing 15 books.

Dave will speak about one of his books, “The Game Would Not End,” the story of a 1962 championship basketball game between Ravenswood High School of East Palo Alto and St. Elizabeth High School of Oakland. The game took place on the Stanford campus and was notable for several reasons, but mostly due to the ending: Nate Branch made a perfect swish in the 5th overtime to win the game for Ravenswood. Nate later went on to play for the Harlem Globe Trotters for 10 years.

Please join us to hear more about this exciting tale and the historic implications that came out of it. Nate is expected to be in attendance as well as some of the other players from Ravenswood.



Dave Newhouse,
Author

Dave Newhouse lived in Menlo Park and attended Menlo Atherton High School. His father, Mose Newhouse, owned and operated Stanford Clothing Store (popularly called Moe’s), a vintage clothing store on Emerson Street in Palo Alto. Dave plans to also share his stories of growing up in the Palo Alto area.



Jim Lyons in the PAHA Archives

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The Palo Alto Historical Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization, was established in 1948 as successor to an earlier organization founded in 1913. Its main objectives are:

- *Collect, organize, and preserve materials pertaining to the history and heritage of Palo Alto.*
- *Spread information about Palo Alto's history by means of programs, displays, and publications.*
- *Recognize and preserve historic sites and structures.*

The Guy Miller Archives of the Palo Alto Historical Association are stored at Cubberley Community Center, K-7, Phone (650) 329-2353.

Board meetings are held at 4pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) at the Guy Miller Archives. Public programs are held at 2pm on the first Sunday of each month (October-December, February-May) at various locations in Palo Alto. Programs include speakers. The final program of the year is held in June and includes a dinner and a program. The public is welcome at all programs.

Two Recent Discoveries: A Personal Story

by Jim Lyons

Every town should have a few historical mysteries. Certainly, Palo Alto has its share. One of the longest lasting has to do with the Palo Alto Tree. Originally a double-trunked tree, sometime in the late 1800s one trunk fell. But exactly when did this happen?

In the late '60s, I used to go to the Stanford Library newspaper collection and look through the San Francisco Bulletin volumes for the 1870s and '80s, hoping to find the tiniest notice stating that half the double tree had fallen during a heavy storm. No luck. But I never lost interest. And on April 30th of this year, the answer was finally revealed thanks to a recent anonymous donation to the Archives of two scrapbooks compiled by late Palo Alto realtor and amateur historian, Norwood B. Smith.

Looking through his scrapbooks I found a number of photos of the Palo Alto Tree, including two or three from when it had two trunks. One of the single-trunk tree photos had the note attached, "Photo taken by W.H. Myrick, Mayfield, Calif., 7/28, 1886. The twin redwood fell across the creek into [sic] T. Hopkins' land in Jan. 1885." Since the tree fell only a year and a half before the note was written, the odds favor the information being accurate. Wow! Here was the answer to a question that has intrigued me for over 50 years.



There were more finds to come: In addition to that note by Myrick, an additional note on one of the twin tree photos said, "Copy of stereograph owned by W.H. Myrick, 444 Grant Ave., Mayfield. Stereograph inscribed [by Myrick] 'Purchased from I.W. Tabor, S.F., August 1876. Tabor said photo was taken in summer of 1875'." There is only one other photo I am aware of which show the double trunk: one by Carleton Watkins in 1870. Excitedly, I went back over to PAHA Historian, Steve Staiger, and showed him my find: the twin-tree photo taken by I.W. Tabor in 1875. At first glance Steve believed it to be the Watkins photo but upon further review we found the photos were different—one photo was apparently (Continued on page 4)

True Palo Alto Family

by Judy Wilson Hulse, Paly graduating class of 1959

When I was a young child growing up in Palo Alto, I remember hearing many stories about my father's childhood and where he went to school. My father, E. Howard Wilson, was a graduate of Palo Alto High School in 1921. My older sister has told me "Dad met mom, and the relationship was very serious!"

I know they got married in 1926 in Santa Cruz. I had also heard he started at Stanford University, but he did not graduate from that university.



Hulse family Paly graduates:
Judy, Doug, Howard, Peggy, and Garry. 1954

My three older siblings and I were raised in Palo Alto, and we all graduated from Palo Alto High School. In the Paly Alumni Directory of 1997, you will find all our names, married names, and years of graduation. (Continued on page 3)

A Toast to Palo Alto: A look at favorite gathering spots over the years

The Making of The Rose & Crown

#3 in a series by PAHA Board member, Jeff Day



The Crown's stained glass

If you ever happen to venture downtown, you may want to stop in for a pint at The Rose & Crown. Located at 547 Emerson Street, the narrow building was originally a storeroom for the adjacent Schmidt Building. It then became The Alley Tavern, run by Ron Rossi.

In 1980, it was The Wine Street Inn. Chris Hull bought the business in the late '80s and named it the Lancashire Tavern, and turned it into a British style pub. Apparently, he hired many English and Irish nationals to work at his tavern. James Fablinger, a long-time employee of the "Old Lank" even met his wife there who came from Dublin, Ireland. Chris Hull lost the place and in 1990, Lori Lawrence-Forrest took over and renamed it The Rose & Crown.

It soon became famous. Lori was a trained chef and expertly updated the food menu, her fish and chips and special recipe for tartar sauce was a big draw. JJ&F Market exclusively made the banger sausage for their bangers and mash dish. Lori is also credited for clearing out the side of the building for outdoor seating. The old English décor along with English ales and pub-style food was a hit for many years.

The Rose & Crown hosted standup comedy, trivia nights, and dart leagues. It also held a big Halloween celebration and offered bus trips to the Renaissance Faire. Lori sold the business in 2001 to Kasim Syed. Kasim changed up the strictly English ales and introduced American craft beer selections; it continues to be a popular downtown spot. The HBO series "Silicon Valley" even has a scene of the exterior of the business in their second season!



The Crown staff in the mid-1990s. Photo courtesy of James Fablinger

The Rose & Crown is another time-tested place in the heart of downtown Palo Alto where you can meet up with friends, share a laugh and a story over pints of beer. It will hopefully be with us for years to come.



(Continued from page 2) I feel fortunate to have gone to three outstanding schools in Palo Alto: Mayfield Elementary, Ray Lyman Wilbur Middle School, and Palo Alto High School. I graduated from Paly High in June of 1959. At that time, Cubberley High School had only been around for three years.

I moved back to Palo Alto in 1985 and rented a house near Embarcadero Road. By then I had married and raised my children in Woodside.

I have three children: Matthew, Heidi, and Daniel. At the time, two of my children were teenagers so they both went to Palo Alto High School.

My daughter, Heidi Michelsen (class of '88), now lives in Palo Alto. She has raised her family here, and she has three children: Sydney 19, Anna 16, and Sawyer 14. Sydney graduated from Palo Alto High School in June of 2018! Yes, she is the fourth generation of the Wilson family to be a graduating senior at this fantastic high school!

I am very proud to say that my family has four generations of Palo Alto High School graduates!

Do you have four generations that have graduated from Palo Alto High School?!



Paly graduates, Sydney (2018) and her mom Heidi (1988)

History Jaunts for the Winter

If you're up in San Francisco in January, visit the **Jewett Gallery** at the San Francisco Main Public Library to see Carol Witten's "Remarkable WWII Rosie," a "visual essay of digital prints centered on the real life Rosies who stepped up to keep America running during World War II." The exhibit closes Jan. 26, 2020, so hurry along to re-acquaint yourself with the stories and lives of these American heroines! The library is located at 100 Larkin St. For more info, visit <https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1040382501> or call (415) 557-4252



New Year Hikes: It's time to shed the post-holiday blahs and work off those extra pounds! Here are two suggestions:

- **The Lands End Trail** in San Francisco begins at the Sutro Bath ruins and winds its way for 3.4 moderate miles along the cliffs above the Pacific Ocean with "startling views at every turn." For details and more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/landsend.htm>
- For a full day's outing, hop on the ferry from San Francisco to **Angel Island State Park** and follow the 5.5 mile perimeter trail around Angel Island. It's great on foot or bring your bikes. An important site along the way is the Immigration Station which processed thousands of Chinese immigrants from 1910 – 1940. For more information, visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=468

(Continued from page 2) taken a few feet from the other. But we are not done. Carleton Eugene Watkins (1829-1916) and Isaiah West Tabor (1830-1912) were competing San Francisco photographers for many years (as per the book "Pioneer Photographers of the Far West: A Biographical Dictionary, 1840-1865" by Peter Palmquist and Thomas A. Kailbourn). In the mid-1870s, Watkins fell on hard times and a creditor sold his photographic material. Tabor ended up acquiring most of Watkins' collection and lost no time in publishing the photos under his own imprint. So, the photo was not Tabor's, but was actually another Watkins' photo just taken at a slightly different angle, or so I thought. Upon further review it seems that Watkins had both a view camera and a stereo camera with him when he stopped at San Francisquito Creek in 1870. Stereo means two photos taken at once using a single camera with two lenses placed slightly apart which gives a 3D effect and causes the view angle to appear slightly different than a view camera. In other words, Watkins took two photos from the same spot, one with the stereo camera and one with the view camera.

So, what started out to be a search for a simple answer to a simple question turned out to be quite an enjoyable research project! And to have the additional information was really icing on the cake.

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PAHA Upcoming Programs

Save the dates for upcoming
PAHA programs on
March 8 and April 5.

Programs to be announced,
or check the website
for ongoing updates
www.pahistory.org

The Heritage Program
for January 2020 will feature
PAHA's December program
"Vignettes: Opportunity Realized"
with Karen Holman as moderator.

Airs on Channels 28 or 30 on
various days and times. It is
simultaneously streamed on
the Media Center website
www.midpenmedia.org
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