

ing the 0.2-acre University Avenue  
park from the abutting Emerson

The "Digital DNA" egg sculp-  
makeover.



David Genzer

### Leaders of the pack

Sosi Lepejian, left, and Emma Miller, students at Jordan Middle School, load school supplies into backpacks to be donated to local low-income children as a service-learning project Wednesday morning. The packs will be distributed by the Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP), serving families on the Midpeninsula.

evaluation, along with a review of mit Fire show how the fire spread

### ELECTION

## Polling places dwindling

*Surge in mail-ballot requests  
closes some walk-in voting  
locations*

by Don Kazak

**S**ome registered voters in Palo Alto won't have a polling place to punch their ballots at on Tuesday.

Due to a surge in registered voters wanting to cast their ballots by mail, entire precincts have been converted to "mail-ballot precincts" for the election, the second of three this year.

The June 3 election includes the Santa Clara County Superior Court judge race, state propositions 98 and 99, and Measure A, a bond-measure for the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Twenty-two precincts out of 65 in the school district, which includes Palo Alto, Stanford University and part of Los Altos Hills, have been designated "mail-ballot precincts" because 250 or fewer voters in that area opted to vote in the traditional way, as walk-ins, Elma Rosas of the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office said.

There are 41,444 registered voters in the Palo Alto Unified School District. Of those voters, 30,499 requested