

WEEKLY FLASH



Sold-Out Crowd Celebrates 62nd Year of Bay Area Council: Honors 3 Who Gave Back

Quoting Governor Schwarzenegger, Jim Wunderman kicked off this year's Annual Dinner by calling this our year of "action, action, action." He listed [the accomplishments](#) one-by-one to rousing applause, thanking the assembled members and allies for their support that made the victories possible. [Lenny Mendonca](#) (pictured bottom, right) the new Chairman of the Bay Area Council, applauded the leadership of members and called on them to use their statesmanship as a national example of what business leaders can do on public issues. After eating, the crowd witnessed the induction of three into the [Bay Area Business Hall of Fame](#).

Scott McNealy (top right), the Chairman and Co-Founder of Sun Microsystems was honored for his 22 years making Sun a technology juggernaut, fighting against monopolies and for open computing, plus his environmental work and long passion for improving education through the [Curriki website](#). Mimi Silbert (second from top, right) was honored for co-founding the [Delancey Street Foundation](#), which has graduated more than 14,000 drug addicts, criminals, and homeless "from below-the-margin existences to production above-board lives" through programs that have become profitable businesses. [Ed Penhoet](#) (second from bottom, right) was honored as a founder and enduring public leader of biotechnology – though his company, Chiron, through his U.C. Berkeley efforts, and leadership at the California Stem Cell Institute – plus giving back to the region through personal philanthropy and serving as the President of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Former Assembly Speaker [Willie Brown](#) then led a discussion of water, healthcare and the presidential candidates with Governors [Pete Wilson](#) and [Gray Davis](#) (above). It was a great night.



Articles of the Week

The [San Jose Mercury News](#) and the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) covered the evening.

Quote of the Week

"Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger should sign SB976." – The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) endorsing the Bay Area Council-sponsored bill creating an emergency water transportation system.

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