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Composting, solar power and better energy awareness on deck
by Alexandria Rocha

Palo Alto’s public schools could soon be more eco-friendly.
After four years of frustration, it looks like a group of local community members known as the Sustain-
able Schools Committee is moving forward with plans to implement green practices, including a curricula component, on campuses. They attribute it to the district’s new business manager, Gerry Matranga, who has an interest in energy-reducing methods.

“After all, the district’s largest bill after employee compensation is for energy. If there is a cost-effective way to do what is better environmentally, we want to do that,” Matranga said earlier this week.

With the onset of organizations and projects such as the Collaborative for High Performance Schools and the California Green Schools field’s groundwork in when he was a sixth-grade teacher, more and more districts are paying better attention to their energy use and sustainability.

But school administrators, under an increasing amount of pressure to raise test scores and essentially do more with less funds, are wary of joining the trend. Their attitudes likely stem from the simple notion that green practices tend to cost a lot to implement and the pay offs don’t come right away. They require people to think long term, said the committee’s former co-chair, Marianna Grossman Keller, a district parent.

That could be why the committee has met resistance over the last four (continued on page 10)

Birth of a sculpture
Behind the giant display at the corner of Page Mill Road and El Camino Real
by Bill D’Agostino

Tiny metal squares, balls and cylinders rest on a cluttered worktable in a San Francisco studio, waiting to be moved around by artist Fletcher Benton.

Palo Alto’s next public artwork, a large Cor-ten steel sculpture to be located at the corner of Page Mill Road and El Camino Real, started this small. In fact, all of Benton’s sculptures begin as miniature “machetes” before becoming massive pieces seen in galleries and parks around the country and world.

A model of the Palo Alto piece, looking like a giant crooked donut with a rectangle and hollow tube protruding through it, is currently on display at the site and has been turning drivers’ heads for weeks.

The artwork is planned to adjoin the soccer fields that Stanford University is building for public use at the intersection. The Program, which Matranga participated in when he was a sixth-grade teacher, more and more districts are paying better attention to their energy use and sustainability.

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On the night shift

by Don Kazak

The woman sitting on the couch in her living room tried to keep her composure but started to cry. She was being questioned by Palo Alto Police Agent Dan Ryan. And she didn’t know yet that she was about to be taken to jail.

The home on Waverley Street in south Palo Alto had a comfortable, living-in feel to it. The living-room bookshelves had many titles on Zen and Eastern philosophy. A large bowl on a kitchen counter was filled with tomatoes.

With a 911 domestic violence call in progress to the police, there will soon be cops in the living room. And, under a 2003 policy adopted by all Santa Clara County police departments, someone must go to jail.

The woman, in her late 40s, admitted she had slapped her live-in boyfriend after he broke a few things when she told him to move out of her house. So he called 9-11, and she was taken to jail. “We agreed to move out and called his wife,” she said.

Ryan then had to gently tell the woman she would have to go to jail, probably just for the night.

“You’re arresting me?” she asked. It was an alcohol-fueled domestic violence disaster.

An 88-pound woman slapped a 200-pound man. “Ryan mused as the woman was taken to jail. “We see the worst cases of peoples’ lives.”

At 11:30 p.m., the night manager of the Crown Plaza Hotel called 911 to ask for help in evicting a crowd of young people from one of the rooms after they had caused a drug charge, and he took the family car, which his son reported stolen. After checking it out, police removed his handcuffs. Ryan took downtown, three cars, and the cops relaxed.

Senior Staff Writer Don Kazak can be e-mailed at dkazak@paweekly.com.
TIME & PLACE
PLEASE NOTE TIMES: 5K walk 7:30pm, 10K run 8:15pm, 5K run 8:45pm. Run night registration 6:30 to 8:00pm at City of Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center, Embarcadero & Geng Roads (just east of the Embarcadero Exit of Highway 101). Parking — go to PaloAltoOnline.com to check for specific parking locations.

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Events & Lectures

“Parents, Teens and Drinking,” Thursday, August 11, 7-9 p.m., A BeInformed workshop presented by goodparents, inc.
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“Cholesterol and Your Heart,” Wednesdays, August 10 & 17, 6-9 p.m. A two-session class on understanding cholesterol, major risk factors for heart disease, taking steps to reduce cholesterol (diet, exercise and medication), and staying motivated and informed.

“Managing Your High Blood Pressure,” Tuesday, August 23, 3-5 p.m. Causes, risks and treatment of high blood pressure, and approaches to successful reduction, exercise and medication.

“Good Nutrition and Feeding Practices for Toddlers,” Wednesday, August 24, 10 a.m.-noon This will address parental concerns regarding nutrition and feeding practices. This class should be attended by parents or caretakers only.

“Healthy Eating and Type 2 Diabetes,” Thursday, August 25, 6-9 p.m. Appropriate for type 2 diabetes patients, this program will discuss diet, lipid and blood pressure management; meal planning, carbohydrate counting, weight-management principles, label reading and dining out.

Advance Health Care Directives, call for specific appointment time and date PAMF’s specially trained volunteers will provide advice and answer questions about the Advance Health Care Directive form. Free.

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THE CITY COUNCIL

‘Three-ring circus’ dominates police discussion

Council meeting degenerates to consideration of whether policy can be considered

by Bill D’Agostino

T he sensitive and controversial issue of police-community relations took center stage for most of the Palo Alto City Council’s five-hour meeting Monday night. It was a tense discussion, with City Manager Frank Benest and some members of the City Council occasionally disputing who had the ability to review police procedures.

“I feel like I’m in a three-ring circus here,” Councilwoman Hillary Freeman said at one point.

By the end of the meeting, the council voted to spend $200,000 to purchase new video cameras in patrol vehicles. The approval came despite the fact that some council members wanted to wait upon the policy for when officers were required to turn on such recording devices.

The council also appeared to support proposals from Benest to form two new panels to oversee the police department. Doing so would take some responsibilities away from the Human Relations Commission, which the council recently appointed as the city’s police review board.

The council voted 6-2 to purchase the new digital cameras, with Freeman and Councilwoman Yoriko Kishimoto voting “no.” Freeman said she wanted the policy about the cameras to be on the council’s agenda for its approval. (Councilman Vic Ojakian was absent.)

The council did informally review the policy. As proposed by Benest, it will require officers to turn on the cameras whenever there is a potential “enforcement action” occurring, such as when they pull over traffic violators or interrogate suspects.

Benest said he welcomed the council’s feedback but that he alone — thanks to the city’s Charter — had the authority to officially approve the policy. Kishimoto wondered why the city had the ability to approve land-use policies but not police policies.

Demonstrating the council’s proclivity for circumlocution, much of the conversation on the topic was not about the video cameras’ purchase but the proposed policy, but rather whether the council had the right to discuss that policy at the meeting.

City Attorney Gary Baum gave the OK to do so even though it wasn’t specifically on the agenda because it was attached to a staff report included in the council’s packet. Mossor found it “strange” that individual council members could give feedback on the policy but that the full council would not vote on it.

“I will never do this again,” a clearly exasperated Benest said. He said he was trying to be responsive to the council’s desire to see the new policy before spending money on the cameras.

The policy is controversial because some members of the city’s Human Relations Commission and other police critics want officers to be required to videotape themselves at all times. Police Chief Lynn Johnson said that policy would cost an additional $300,000 per year; Johnson also noted that if the cameras were turned on all the time they would videotape sensitive events such as officers interviewing victims.

Council members who approved the video cameras’ purchase said they would help protect both the public and the police.

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The proposal was made in response to concerns that the commission is not returned to us.

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A family once facing $165,000 in fines for allegedly failing to rehabilitate two Palo Alto eyesores has settled with the city for a mere $5,251.40.

The lesser payment from George and Karen Bradshaw represents the end of the city’s longest-standing, most complex code enforcement case. Under the settlement, neither party will require the family to turn on the cameras whenever there is a potential “enforcement action” occurring, such as when they pull over traffic violators or interrogate suspects.

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CHARLESTON CENTER OR PLAZA? ... News last week that REI, the outdoor outfitters store, will be moving into “Mountain View’s Charlestone Plaza” elicited a big “Huh?” from residents and media types. “Isn’t Charleston Plaza in Palo Alto?” people asked, referring to the many-decades-old small shopping plaza at Charleston and Middlefield roads. “No, we’re in Mountain View,” declares Dave Dollinger, general partner of Dollinger Partners, the developer of the under-constructed shopping center in Mountain View, just across Bayshore Freeway/Highway 101 from Google and Intuit. The 30,000-square-foot development, built on the site of a former industrial park, is scheduled to open next April 1. Turns out the retail area in Palo Alto is officially called, “Charleston Center,” although many Palo Alto (and some Mountain View) folks refer to it as “Charlestone Plaza.” “We kind of just picked the name out of a hat,” Dollinger said of the name similarity and possibly confusing. “We never heard of Charleston Center,” he added. Perhaps they should throw that name back in the hat and take another draw. Other tenants for the new “Pazza” include Bed, Bath and Beyond, Best Buy, Starbucks, a Mexican restaurant owned by McDonald’s called Chipotle, and PetSmart — one of the few in the country that will have a “pet hotel,” according to Dollinger. The little hotel will feature grooming, boarding, veterinary care, and — hold on — an indoor track for pets.

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**THE FLIGHT**

by Daryl Savage

**Upfront**

**ShopTalk**
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days to make way for DayOne, a retailing pre- and post-natal products and services. The Cookbook’s last day was Sunday. Customers flocked to the restaurant, giving it its second biggest sales in history, according to Kim. Cookbook regulars have been mounting an effort to lobby Ellis Partners to let Kim stay or to find him a new location. A Web site, www.saveethecookbook.org, was launched and even state Sen. Joe Simitian, whose office is near the Cookbook, has gotten involved.

Kim said this week that if anyone were to change the landlord’s mind, he would have to hear about it by Thursday. Kim’s already made preparations to clear out his inventory of equipment and supplies.

“Everything’s pretty up in the air. It’s really unsettled right now,” Kim said.

Last week, Susan Arpan, the city’s manager of development and redevelopment, paid a visit to Kim to find out how the city could help the small-business owner. However, she reported that he did not have an interest in relocating.

Kim said this week he’s ready for a vacation, his first in 20 years. He admitted to feeling a little bitty, but said he has been gratified with the community support he’s received.

“I didn’t realize this place was the center of the community. I’m so proud. I worked hard,” Kim said. Andrew Zenoff, founder & CEO of Day One, tried to distance himself from the controversy.

“I want to be clear on this. It was the decision of Ellis Partners, the landlord, not me, to put us where they put us at Town & Country. We would have been happy to go anywhere in the center, but this is the spot they chose for us,” Zenoff said.

Ellis contended this week that DayOne would better serve the needs of the community than the Cookbook.

Reportedly, DayOne has offered the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital space to use off-hours for their pre-natal classes. The offer, according to hospital spokesperson Robert Dicks, has been explored and no contract has been signed between the two. The hospital does offer its popular classes in other community locations, including other hospitals and clinics.

The new expert panel could include a former mayor, a former police chief, a retired judge, a defense attorney, a Human Relations Commissioner and a representative from the ACLU. If it is formed, the first policy it would likely review would be regarding the new video cameras.

Another idea from Benest that elicited support was to have the city attorney, the city auditor and an outside legal counsel join the group of city officials who oversee internal investigations of police officers. State law requires such internal investigations to remain private. Cordell said that since the auditor and attorney report to the council, not the city manager, having them review investigations would give them added credibility.

But Councilman Jack Morton opposed both new ideas, worrying about the potential added expense. “Why would we do this?” he asked a reporter during a break in the meeting.

Even if the council formed both panels, the Human Relations Commission would continue examining demographic data about suspects stopped by officers and remain an outside panel for citizens to complain about the police department.

The council will likely vote on the city manager’s proposals at a future meeting.
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Although the artwork’s model is similar to what will be permanently installed when the fields are completed, it is not an exact replica. Instead, it is being used to help Stanford, the Public Art Commission and the artist decide location and position for the final work.

Benton’s sculpture, which is being created specifically for the prominent “gateway” area, will instantly become one of the most prestigious works in the city’s growing art collection, city officials said. “It has a sense of play and of fun; it also has a sense of the Stanford industrial corridor,” said Linda Craighead, the director of the Palo Alto Art Center. “It really speaks to that technology part of Palo Alto.”

An article in the May 2004 edition of Art in America magazine, reviewing a showcase of Benton’s work in New York’s Neuhoef Gallery, noted: “The ancestry of Fletcher Benton’s abstract sculpture goes back to Russian Constructivism and the Machine Age by way of pure, geometric form and the art of assemblage. Using this modernist vocabulary, Benton achieves a dynamic balance between opposing, gravity-defying shapes.”

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During a recent visit to Benton’s expansive San Francisco studio, the well-known artist demonstrated his technique. “I do not believe the process is an intellectual one,” he said. “Any good artist has never grown out of the wonder of child play.”

Fletcher Benton, sculptor

Benton, 74, starts with three simple design elements, such as a broken circle, a bull and a base plate. Then he plays with the small pieces like a kid playing with Legos — moving them around, adding new ones, taking ones away.

“Any good artist has never grown out of the wonder of child play,” he said. While he maneuvers the pieces, Benton is hoping the “bell will ring” — telling him the compositional puzzle has been solved. “It goes, ‘Whoops, you’re there,’” he said. “Then of course being the greedy person I am, I go, ‘Well, maybe I can push it. Shove it a little bit more.’ So I continue a little bit more until the bell isn’t ringing anymore. The trickiest part, he said, is knowing when to stop, when he’s pushed the design too far. The macheles, he said, are the simplest way to test out his ideas.

“We’re doing some initial research right now with the committee and with the city to identify what the opportunities are,” Matranga said. The composting project will augment other plans the committee has for green practices at the schools. The committee will be to organize groups of students at each school to act as energy monitors. They will constantly be on the lookout for ways to reduce their school’s energy intake, such as reminding teachers to turn the lights off after leaving a room. The program had a successful pilot at El Carmelo Elementary School last year.

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— Marianna Grossman Keller, district parent

While committee members are enthusiastic about their plans taking off, it’s not as if the entire conservation concept has been inactive. Since the committee formed in 2001, its members have helped the district adopt a resolution to do sustainable construction whenever possible, install small photovoltaic systems at two elementary schools and a cost-efficient heater for Palo Alto High School’s new pool.

Their frustrations have mostly rested in empty promises. In the last four years, the committee has researched dozens of small- to large-scale renovations the schools could make to reduce energy use and waste. For example, some elementary school teachers use air conditioning systems to keep cool simply because their classroom windows and doors do not open. They suggested landscaping that uses very little water and lighting practices that can greatly reduce the cost of the electricity, said Keller.

While the committee was doing its studies, the district was busy removing those that can’t be done any longer. In November, the Public Art Commission will feature an exhibit of his small macheles in City Hall.

Benton was originally a painter who added sculpture to his repertoire later in life. Growing up as a blue-collar kid in Ohio, he taught himself the brush strokes of the Roman alphabet when he was 14 years old. After getting his bachelor’s degree in fine art from Miami University in 1956, he relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area.

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years from the local district’s administration, said Keller.

“Part of it was us learning how to be good partners and not just being demanding outsiders. It’s not that easy to sell a success,” Keller added. “In Palo Alto, there are lots of high-powered parents with great ideas. If the staff doesn’t learn how to resist those good ideas, they will be whipped around by everybody’s.”

With Matranga now at the reins, it looks like the committee has been given the green light to move forward, or at least begin studying the feasibility with district staff. His support comes from participating in the state’s green schools project, where he saw the power of conservation education.

“It made me aware of how fragile the environment is, how enthusiastic the students were in learning about the environment, and how much they wanted to share this information with their parents,” he said.

One of the committee’s major projects is to start composting at all the school sites. This would be a joint program between the city and the district, said Walt Hays, the committee’s chair.

Currently, food waste constitutes about 35 percent of each school’s total output, said Hays. The ideal solution would be to compost the food waste and sell it to local farmers, he added.

The project is at the beginning stages, but Matranga said its new food service vendor, Chartwells USA, which started this summer, is experienced in this area and interested in the project.

To draw them in pencil just eats time,” he said. “It’s so much easier this way.”

After a few bigger versions are attempted, a team of Benton’s assistants creates the final piece, in the larger, airier section of the studio.

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Police Calls

Palo Alto

July 21-27 (no data for July 23 & 24)

Thieves related

Fraud 1

Grand theft 6

Petty theft 16

Residential burglaries 3

Possession of stolen property 1

Vehicle related

Auto recovery 3

Auto theft 1

Driving under suspended license 9

Hit and run 9

Misc. traffic

Thieves from auto 5

Vehicle accident/property damage 5

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public 1

Drunk in public 2

Possession of drugs 4

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Miscellaneous

Animal call 1

Found property 1

Lost property 6

Misc. muni. code violation 1

Misc. penal code violation 1

Other/misc. 4

Suspicious circumstances 3

Vandalism 2

Warrant/other agency 4

Menlo Park

July 21-27

Violence related

Assault with deadly weapon 1

Battery 2

Elder abuse 1

Robbery 6

Suspicious person 1

Thieves related

Forger 1

Fraud 5

Grand theft 4

Petty theft 4

Residential burglaries 3

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto 1

Auto recovery 5

Auto theft 2

Driving without license 1

Hit and run 1

Thieves from auto 4

Vehicle accident/property damage 3

Vehicle tow 1

Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity 1

Drunk in public 1

Drunk driving 3

Miscellaneous

Disturbance 2

Disturbing/annoying phone calls 1

Found property 5

Mute citizen 1

Missing person 1

Other/misc. 4

Outside assistance 2

Proctor 2

Psychiatric hold 1

Suspicious person 1

Thieves 1

Vandalism 5

Warrant arrest 1

Atherton

July 21-27

Thieves related

Grand theft 1

Petty theft 1

Vehicle related

Bicycle stop 3

Misc. parking/driving violation 4

Suspicious vehicle 3

Vehicle code violation 4

Miscellaneous

Construction complaint 3

Disturbance 5

Fire call 1

Follow up 2

Juvenile problem 1

Medical aid 2

Mute citizen 2

Other/misc. 4

Outside assistance 8

Psychiatric hold 1

Suspicious circumstances 3

Suspicious person 2

Town ordinance violation 3

Vandalism 2

Warrant/other agency 1

Welfare check 1

East Palo Alto

July 22-28

Violence related

Assault with deadly weapon 1

Battery 5

Domestic violence 4

Robbery 9

Suspicious person 1

Thieves related

Commercial burglaries 3

Petty theft 3

Residential burglaries 4

Shoplifting 1

Suspicious person 1

Thieves/underground 1

Auto theft 12

Hit and run 1

Suspicious person 2

Traffic stop 4

Tow truck needed 11

Trespassing 1

Vandalism 2

Warrant arrest 3

VIOLENT CRIMES

Menlo Park

Unlisted block Willow Road. 7/22,
11:30 a.m.; robbery.
1200 block Willow Road. 7/23, 4:36 p.m.
assault with a deadly weapon.
1000 block Ringwood Avenue. 7/25,
1:30 p.m.; robbery.
1000 block El Camino Real. 7/25,
9:41 a.m.; battery.
1200 block Madera Avenue. 7/26,
12:48 a.m.; battery.
1300 block Willow Road. 7/26, 9:51 a.m.;
spousal abuse.
1000 block Carlton Avenue. 7/27,
9:33 a.m.; elder abuse.
300 block Ivy Drive. 7/27, 11:03 a.m.; bat-
tery.

East Palo Alto

200 block Illinois Street. 7/22,
10:19 p.m.; robbery.
1700 block E. Bayshore Road. 7/23,
10:41 a.m.; robbery.
Unlisted block Bay Road. 7/23,
10:18 p.m.; battery.
2300 Clarke Avenue. 7/23, 10:58 p.m.;
battery.
1700 block Stevens Avenue. 7/24,
1:57 a.m.; assault with a deadly weapon.
1000 block Bay Road. 7/24, 4:26 a.m.
domestic violence.
2200 block Glen Way. 7/24, 10:11 a.m.; rape.
2300 block University Avenue. 7/24,
11:03 a.m.; robbery.
2100 block University Avenue. 7/24,
11:03 a.m.; battery.
1400 block Kavanagh Street. 7/24,
11:35 p.m.; battery.
1300 block Camilla Street. 7/24,
11:51 a.m.; domestic violence.
2300 block Corte Avenue. 7/24,
2:13 p.m.; robbery.
1100 block Beech Street. 7/25, 1:38 a.m.;
domestic violence.
1700 block Woodland Avenue. 7/25,
4:38 a.m.; battery.
Unlisted block University Avenue. 7/25,
10:55 a.m.; battery.
1700 block E. Bayshore Road. 7/25,
12 p.m.; robbery.
2100 block University Avenue. 7/25,
4:41 a.m.; robbery.
1500 block Clarke Avenue. 7/26,
10:42 a.m.; domestic violence.
2200 block Pajar Avenue. 7/26,
4:35 p.m.; domestic violence.
Unlisted block Novell Court. 7/27,
1:06 p.m.; battery.
1400 block Camilla Drive. 7/27,
3:30 p.m.; rap.
Unlisted block Fortham Street. 7/28,
1:17 a.m.; robbery.
Sophia Herzog Sachs succumbs to rare disease

Sophia Herzog Sachs, the Palo Alto girl with a metabolic genetic disorder that inspired a new program of care for terminally ill children and their families, died July 25. Sophia, 4, struggled with Niemann-Pick Type A disease, a fatal disorder that leaves cognitive functions intact, but affects the autonomic functions. She was one of only eight children in the world afflicted with the disease. A story about Sophia was chronicled in the Weekly in May.

Children with Niemann-Pick Type A disease do not grow normally or live beyond 2 to 3 years. Sophia was diagnosed with the illness when she was 8 months old, but as a testament to her spirit, she defied the odds and lived one year beyond life expectancy.

“I hope to carry her light forward. She had a horrible disease, but she had a big mission,” her mother Karen Herzog said.

Nearly 500 people from all walks of life were drawn to volunteer thousands of hours of care for her and to offer support for her family. Sophia’s Garden Foundation for supporting terminally ill and severely disabled children and their families grew out of Sophia’s care. It involves creating all-inclusive, community-based support, which includes core principles of compassion, collaboration, creativity, community and hope. “This is Sophia’s legacy into the future,” Herzog said.

Sophia was unable to speak, swallow or walk, but she learned to create art, make a Tibetan prayer flag and attend preschool at home with the help of her family and numerous friends. She expressed her fondness for the world with small gestures: she pulsed in her sleep — something she couldn’t do while awake. She packed “a lifetime of relationships,” into her four short years of life, Herzog said.

At the Saturday remembrance, Sophia’s parents and friends released monarch butterflies, fluttering toward the heavens.

Sophia is survived by her parents, Richard Sachs and Karen Herzog; her sister Lauren; grandmother Selma Sachs of Mountain View; grandfathers, medical personnel and synagogues; members drawn to help run errands, feed and care for Sophia in a constant stream of love. Neighbors created an organic garden to provide Sophina with organic vegetables. She inspired art, dance and music, including a music CD, Sophia’s Garden. Proceeds from its sales go to the Sophia’s Garden Foundation.

More than 100 people turned out in Greenmeadow Park for a Saturday ceremony honoring her spirit. As Tibetan prayer flags waved in the wind, they tossed coins into a “Well of Wishes” for needy children. A musician played Tibetan singing bowls, traditionally used to synchronize vibrations in the universe.

Friends and caretakers remembered Sophia’s fondness for dogs and her crushes on older boys. Sophia enjoyed old musicals on television; she was particularly fond of Fred Astaire and Snoopy’s Beatles, according to her mother. Karen Herzog said.

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Helen Rogoway

Helen Rogoway, 98, a resident of Palo Alto, died July 2.

She was born March 20, 1907, in Dallas, Texas. She moved to Spokane, Wash., at 6 months of age and graduated from the University of Washington in 1928.

She married Dr. Morris B. Rogoway on Jan. 24, 1929, and moved to Portland, Ore., where the couple lived until 1972 when they moved to California. Her husband preceded her in death in 1992.

She is survived by her son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Melba, of Portola Valley; and three grandchildren.

The family would prefer memorial donations be made to Lytton Gardens Community Housing, 656 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made in her memory to the Salvation Army.
Editorial

Moffett’s Hangar One deserves to be saved

Navy’s myopic proposals to demolish the huge structure fall dismally short of recognizing its history or potential as a statewide showcase

Hangar One at Moffett Field is the most famous garage anywhere, with the possible exception of where Hewlett and Packard began tinkering in Palo Alto. The hangar was built in 1932 as a place to park the dirigible, U.S.S. Macon — a giant lighter-than-air naval airship that rivaled the Titanic in size, and also suffered an early watery death after descending slowly into Monterey Bay in 1935. But the hangar remained — 200 feet high and covering eight full acres, an area the size of 10 football fields. It is one of the few structures large enough to be seen from any high point throughout the South Bay region.

During its long history it has suffered periods of neglect and disuse, and periods of productive use. Early tethered flight of experimental vertical takeoff and landing aircraft were conducted within its walls. For years it housed the P3 Orion squadron of sub-hunter aircraft that patrolled the waters off California.

NASA Ames took over the base in 1994 when the Navy left, and the hangar for a time housed the Moffett Field Historical Society, which held large open house and fundraising events. Those ended in 2003 when a study found that toxic pollution emanated from the hangar’s siding itself.

The panels were a combination of asbestos fiber, lead and a rare type of PCBs — elements now recognized for their toxicity, unknown in the early 1930s. During toxic cleanup work funded by the Navy during the past decade, the PCBs showed up in a polluted baylands clean-up area — which implicated the hangar itself.

A community meeting July 12 erupted into cries of outrage when the Navy presented just two alternatives, both for demolition. Now an effort to save the imperiled hangar has emerged, with Palo Altans involved with others in attempts to find a creative, economically viable future. Palo Alto Mayor Jim Burch has written a letter expressing Palo Alto’s official concern about potential demolition.

The “Save Hangar One” group will meet again Thursday, 7 p.m. in Mountain View City Hall to consider an official position statement. Navy officials have said they want to make a final decision on the hangar’s fate by Sept. 2. Palo Altan Bob Moss, who for five years has co-chaired the Restoration Advisory Board for Moffett, has been among the strongest critics of demolition. He challenges the basic cost estimates of $30 million for demolition, asserting that those could more than triple if the cost of long-term storage and stabilization of the panels is included.

He also notes the Navy two years ago spent $2.8 million to seal the panels on the outside of the structure to reduce runoff contamination, a short-term fix. Moss and others maintain the panels could be sealed effectively for 30 to 50 years for $1 million to $17 million — inside and out.

A group advocating creation of a sophisticated air and space technology museum within the hangar has developed impressive plans. And Palo Alto neighborhood leader Karen White has sent several letters to Palo Alto city council members and local solar firms in covering the outside of the hangar with a photovoltaic surface, making it a large power generator — with potential for use by the museum.

We don’t blame the Navy for wanting out from under an aging hangar that some admirals (who hated lighter-than-air craft) never wanted built in the first place. One historical oddity is that local chambers of commerce originally raised funds to purchase the site for the hangar in 1930, for a reported $430,000 — then sold it to the Navy for $1.

Carl Honaker, now director of Santa Clara County airport, also staunchly supports saving the hangar, which he knows well — he was the last executive officer at the base.

“It’s not just Mountain View’s or Sunnyvale’s or Moffett Field’s. It’s a part of the Bay Area’s history,” Honaker correctly observed.

The navy should respect that history and the community support that made it possible, and allow adequate time to find a viable, safe future for the great structure. If it does, we won’t ask for our communities’ $430,000 back with interest.

Spectrum

A matter of community

Editor

The results of the Community Working Group’s survey of homeless and “at-risk” people in Palo Alto are no surprise to those of us who have worked with that population for years.

When the Urban Ministry first organized 20 years ago, we quickly learned that most of the people we were seeing were (1) long-time Palo Alto area residents, if not natives; (2) suffering from mental and physical ailments (including drug and alcohol addictions) that were most often the result of their poverty, not the cause; (3) fairly well educated; (4) if able to work, were working, but not earning enough to afford adequate housing, food or health care; (5) frequently sleeping inside, but either depending upon friends or temporary housing as financial resources allowed; and (6) if female, were victims of physical and/or sexual abuse.

Urban Ministry’s services were developed in the late 1980s and early 1990s specifically with these members of our community in mind, and in conjunction with the services provided by other organizations. We knew all this, but thanks to the Community Working Group and Don Bar for documenting this knowledge with professionally conducted research.

Just one quibble with one of the Weekly’s editorial comments. The new Opportunity Center will indeed provide improved, centralized social-services access for our homeless and-at-risk community members, but not automatically a “sense of community.” That has to be created by the staff and volunteers at Urban Ministry/Innvison who need to reorient themselves to relating to people as members of a community with specific needs to be met, not as “clients” with problems to be solved.

Joseph Halecky
Former Associate Director, Urban Ministry
Webster Street
Palo Alto

A fine ‘Farewell’

Editor

Regarding Robyn Israel’s “Farewell, Palo Alto” on July 29: As arts and entertainment editor of the Weekly, Ms. Israel wrote outstanding articles and her contributions to the paper will be sorely missed.

She gave generously to the community with her thorough, substantial and well-written pieces, and she did indeed “help build community” with her professionalism, her genuine interest in people and her warm sense of humanity. Her beneficial influences will continue long after she’s departed.

The Oakland Tribune’s arts and entertainment editor pointed out recently that it is often more important to the public to read about good music than to actually hear it live. This holds true for the Weekly as well.

Ms. Israel’s fine writing skills will be sorely missed when she returns to Canada. Bob Boudrias
Sensomme Way
Palo Alto

Unfair opinion?

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Those who can afford to pay such outlandish prices must also pay the taxes necessary to support those properties while we, the rest, watch the disfigurement and destruction of our middle-class neighborhoods by monster homes with dismay and can only wonder at the incomes that support such extravagance.

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Narrow-minded lament

Editor

The lament over Proposition 13 by Carol Maibach (Weekly July 27) is a narrow-minded comment only on the disparity of tax on recently purchased homes and those with long-term owners. Individuals buy homes they can afford. When I bought mine 36 years ago, I estimated that I would be able to afford it a few years hence, assuming that my income would increase at a reasonable rate.

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Guest Opinion

What’s going on here? Don’t ask me — or my classmates
by Trevor Felch

My Contemporary World History class last semester opened my eyes to an idea I had never pondered. Each Thursday, three students bring to class a couple of current news articles about local, national or international events. It’s an elementary assignment — the amount of actual work it takes is quicker than eating a cookie. But after sitting through many such presentations, I have realized that neither I nor my classmates really follow the news.

Each week, our teacher, John Fredrich, asks something like: “Did anyone hear about the latest news from Capitol Hill?” Or, “Did you watch the news coverage of the Iraqi elections?”

A better question would be: “Does anyone pay any attention to the news?”

The answer would be a resounding “No” — which I recently confirmed with a brief questionnaire to 28 students in a summer-school English class.

One question was, “Who is the mayor of Palo Alto?” I would have been clueless had I not been the author of the questionnaire.

After this survey I realized I should pay more attention to the world around me. I decided to watch the news — for a change. Like most changes I try in my life (exercising more, not being so obsessed with the Red Sox), nothing happened.

Instead of paying attention to the Iraq War, I continued to focus on the Yankee-Red Sox War. Then came the July 7 London bombings. I discovered a startling theme in terms of how most young people pay attention to current events: It either takes a catastrophic attack or a Presidential election (to some people a catastrophic event) to get me and most of the high school world to follow the news.

The last time I actually sat down to watch the news was the Presidential election back in November. Prior to that, it was Sept. 11, 2001.

One reason I have trouble is that everything is so negative. I’m sick and exhausted of hearing about Iraq and Michael Jackson’s troubles. I’d prefer to hear about vacation opportunities in the fun Iraqi sun or hear Jackson sing “Billie Jean.”

High schoolers do not want to hear the ugly side of the world. It seems like a chore or homework to listen to these important events.

What makes it even worse is that most non-gory stories seem geared toward the over-50 crowd. I do not relate to the news they want to hear.

Just imagine two high school girls on cell phones: “Hey, there’s a really fascinating menopause story on Nightly News with Brian Williams.”

“Get out! Are you serious?” Right.

This summer I’m still not paying attention to the world. Instead of reading the Chronicle’s news section, I head for sports and read every baseball box score.

From an objective observer’s point of view, what is more important to read: the Devil Rays/Royals hit totals or the Governor’s new education plan? Baseball-addict me would say the former. But his education plan may affect my life.

I do not know the latest in the Middle East, but I do know that Saddam Hussein enjoys eating Doritos in his underwear (courtesy of David Letterman). And I only found out about the London bombings while watching a baseball game, when the announcer at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., said: “Please join us for a moment of silence to honor the victims of this morning’s London terrorist attacks.” Then I tuned in to see Brian Williams for the first time in months.

Many high schoolers get their fix of news from MTV News (which I always thought was real news) and Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show With Jon Stewart.” But neither is actual news reporting — neither can inform you like Katie Couric or a newspaper.

For three years I have been the public-address announcer for Gunn football and basketball games. In eighth grade, I promised to write to NBC’s Today Show anchor Matt Lauer to ask how to become a professional announcer, like him.

“Read everything! As much as you can get your hands on,” he replied — a letter I still possess. He said I was “a lot further ahead” than he was in the eighth grade.

So I’m now working toward a full 10 minutes of daily news, with the goal — as in any sports endeavor — of building my endurance toward 20 or maybe even 30 minutes. Matt Lauer, watch out.

Trevor Felch is an incoming junior at Gunn High School, where he announces sports games and performs in school plays. For full results of the classroom “news awareness” survey, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/newsurvey. He can be e-mailed at trevorfelch@yahoo.com.

Streetwise

Which avenue appeals to you more — University or California — and why?

Question and interviews by Aurora Masum-Javed. Photographs by Rina Ota. Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto.

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Paul Machado
Retired
Stanford Avenue, Palo Alto

“California because it’s cleaner, and there’s better parking.”

Ruta Petricks
Retired
College Avenue, Palo Alto

“It’s difficult to tell. University is very busy, California is not as crowded.”

Yuka Michitaka
Teacher
Emerson Street, Palo Alto

“University because it’s cozy, but at the same time you can find anything there.”

Brian Quinn
Unemployed
Curtner Avenue, Palo Alto

“California since it is so much closer.”

Hilary Daly
Student
University Avenue, Palo Alto

“University because there’s just so much more stuff. California’s kind of janky.”
Letters

I could not make an estimate of inflation and house appreciation 25 years down the line. If I had, I would have determined that I would be priced out of my house by an ever-increasing tax rate, which was based on unrealized capital gains. These gains would not provide the funds to pay the taxes today.

Consider that you bought some stocks 30 years ago and the IRS could tax you on your unrealized profits before you sell that asset. Everyone would object and scream their heads off.

Similarly, being a thrifty sort, I can manage well in retirement and enjoy and maintain my home. If I were taxed at current value, I would be forced out to look for a place to live in a less costly area. To reiterate, everyone buys a home at the price they can afford today, paying the overheads that go with it.

Now, these factors do not apply to commercial real estate because the rents on offices and prices for goods from factories have gone up with the years. Southern Pacific and Standard Oil do not sell gas at 1980’s prices, and office rents have risen with inflation and demand. My income has changed little since retirement 14 years post Proposition 13.

That is also why the Kelo vs. New London decision is a worry. If applied in San Mateo County, my home could be taken by eminent domain and given to a new owner who would be taxed at current value and rates — an economic advantage to the county.

Günther Steinberg
Lorinda Court
Portola Valley

Eshoo’s brave choice

Editor,

I recently met with Anna Eshoo, with a group of friends and colleagues asking, among other things, for her support in defeating CAFTA. The vote has been cast — the trade bill passed by a narrow margin. Eshoo’s vote against CAFTA proved that she is listening to her voting constituents to take this action.

Now we learn that a number of Silicon Valley high-tech company leaders are decrying this action and promising payback. I want to thank and encourage Ms. Eshoo to keep the faith and to remember that it is the ordinary people in her district that she is representing.

She got it right with her vote. CAFTA will prove devastating to the environment of this country and those with whom it trades, to the workers of both countries, and most importantly to the sovereignty of our state and our country.

The most dangerous part of this bill is the authority it gives to corporations to override local, state and federal environmental and other social laws and regulations when these interfere with their bottom line. California is currently under suit by a Canadian company because of this state’s ban on the MTBE additive to gasoline.

Under the terms of NAFTA, the company is entitled to claim reimbursement for lost profits when an environmental regulation interferes with its ability to make a profit. Under NAFTA, and now CAFTA, profits always come first. Once again Silicon Valley executives show that their interests are not in the broader community good, but in their own selfish ends.

Richard C. Placone
Chimalus Drive
Palo Alto

Blood and turnips

Editor,

Well the Republicans did it again. CAFTA was defeated at 11 p.m. July 29, but the Republicans kept the voting period open so they could strong-arm Republicans to switch their votes — and once again it worked — with special payoffs and threats.

I wonder why we have elected representatives, since they never seem to want to represent their constituents. I don’t think that elected officials should be playing “let’s make a deal” with American tax dollars — or our future economic debt.

Is there anyone out there interested in studying and voting for bills that help Americans and stop pandering to corporate interests? Just how long can you suck blood out of turnips?

Donnasue Jacobi
Haight Street
Menlo Park
Clijsters returns to form

22-year-old Belgian star claims her third title at Stanford event

by Rick Eymer

Kim Clijsters, breaking into the top 10 for the first time (at No. 10) since last October, walked away with her third title at Stanford, beating Wimbeldon champ Williams, 7-5, 6-2 in Sunday’s final before yet another sellout crowd of 4,353. Williams moved up to eighth in the rankings.

The tournament sold out four of the five days, and came within 200 of a sellout on another occasion.

Clijsters picked up a check for $93,000 and another stuffed bear.

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BASEBALL RUNDOWN

Palo Alto Nationals advance to championship game

The semipro Oaks won the NorCal title and will play in the West Regional this weekend

Rick Eymer

If Austin Braff keeps this up, his teammates may have to start referring to him as ’Babe.’ At least Braff is doing a pretty good imitation of the first man to reach 700 home runs in a career.

Braff slammed two more home runs on Sunday while Drake Sweazy and Jordan Piha each had three hits as the Palo Alto National 11’s defeated Fresno River Park, 8-2, to advance into Tuesday’s championship game of the Little League Northern California Division 2 tournament at Mann Field in Folsom.

Meanwhile, back at Baylands Park, the Palo Alto Oaks needed 14 innings to win the Stan Musial Association NorCal semipro title on Sunday. Jeff Bradshaw scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Jett Kettman, and Sean Scott pitched 6 2-3 innings of relief to get the win. The Oaks travel to Cerritos College in Norwalk and will meet The Dodger Rookies on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the first round of the West Region. The Menlo Park Bears were eliminated from the American Legion Area 2B Tournament at McKelvey.

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Villa leads USA to silver

Stahley impressive while helping PASA win a Far Western championship

by Rick Eymer

From water polo and swimming in Montreal to the same events in the Bay Area, local athletes produced top times and good results over the weekend.

Stanford grad Brenda Villa led the United States women’s national water polo team to a silver medal at the FINA World Championships in Montreal, losing to Hungary, 10-7, in overtime.

Villa scored a goal as the Americans rallied from a four-goal halftime deficit to tie the game at 7-all.

In swimming, Stanford grads Tara Kirk, Randall Bal and Markus Rogan all performed well, as did Cardinal senior Kristen Caverly.

Kirk was fourth in the 50 breast in 31.38 after swimming a 31.26 in the preliminaries, and tied with Caverly for sixth in the 200 breast in 2:28.60.

Bal finished fourth in the 100 back in 25.43, while Rogan finished second in the 200 back in 1:56.63.

Bal was second in the 100 back earlier in the week, while Stanford grad Jayme Cramer helped the men’s 800 free relay team win.

Locally, 15-year-old Austin Stahley was spectacular in earning the High Point Award for his age group and leading the Palo Alto Stanford Aquatic Club to its first ever Far Western Championship in Concord.

Stahley won four individual events, placed second in three others and swam on four winning relay teams and one second-place relay team, joining Kam Flores-Maxfield and Alex Navarro. Peter Lo was part of two winning relay teams and Mark Prior and Jarrod Hong each swam on one.

Stephen Yu won the 10-and-under 100 back and finished second in the 50 back while Tom Kremer recorded three second-place finishes and two third-place finishes.

Monika Friedman won two races in the girls’ 17-18 division, while Maryanne Hiller and Katherine Wong also won events. Wong and Friedman also swam on a winning relay team, along with Becky Wenzlau and Lainey Eaton.

15-year-old Liv Jensen won the 50 free in her age group and swam on one winning relay team, with Louisa Zuo, Michelle Camburn and Caitlin Beyer.

Casey Barnes-Waychus won an event in the 13-14 age group and placed second in two others.

In the 11-12 age group, Maddy Schaeffer, Teva Levens and Kristina Xiang each swam on two winning relays while Abby Ducket and Shuya Lou each swam on one.

The Stanford boys’ 18 A water polo team reached Tuesday morning’s semifinal with a 7-3 victory over Fort Lauderdale on Monday. Tyler Smith scored three goals while Ben Hohl added two and Jimmie Sandman tended the goal.

With Jimmie Sandman (left) out of the goal due to an ejection, his teammates on the Stanford Water Polo Club 18 A team (above right) filled in and prevented a goal during a 7-5 win over East Water Polo in the opening round of the Junior Olympics last weekend at Saratoga High.

Sacred Heart Prep grad Dylan Mobley scored two goals for Stanford in its opening victory in the Junior Olympics.

Matt Hudnall got Stanford off on the right track with a quick goal in the opening moments of its JO win Saturday.
for her efforts. Williams took home $49,500.

“I’m happy where I’m at and feeling healthy,” Clijsters said. “This victory, the tennis I played here means so much more to me than any other tournaments I’ve won so far.”

Stanford was Clijsters’ fourth of the season as she improved to 38-5 overall in what has become a successful comeback. While recovering from wrist surgery last June, Clijsters spent four months at home in Bree, Belgium.

“It was a situation I’ve never been in before,” she said. “I spent the last five years in Australia (where she was in a relationship with men’s tennis star Lleyton Hewitt). It was nice to be home for so long. At the time, I had such a great year and was motivated to play, it was hard. It was probably the best thing that ever happened to me. I had lost contact with my friends and I picked all that up again. 2004 was a year I learned about myself.”

It was a nice Bay Area return for the 22-year-old Belgian, who missed last year’s tournament because of the surgery.

“It was nice seeing all those familiar faces again,” Clijsters said of a group of Belgians who reside in the area and have attended the event — complete with Belgian flags — each time Clijsters has played at Stanford. “It’s good to be back. I just feel comfortable here.”

Clijsters, who is still looking for her first Grand Slam final, extended her winning streak to 24 matches on American soil dating to the U.S. Open in 2003. She won her 25th career title by beating Williams for the first time on hardcourt.

Williams still owns a 6-3 advantage in their head-to-head meetings. They also met in the 2002 final at Stanford.

Williams, who has won twice at Stanford, lost in the finals for the second straight year.

“I hit the wall several times,” Williams said. “I would have liked to have won the match so I was a little disappointed. She played really well. I had some lapses and kept trying to challenge myself. ‘Come on Venus, move your feet, hit the ball.’ Today wasn’t it.”

Williams, obviously struggling, thought she would get a week off after withdrawing from the San Diego event, which began Monday. Instead she plans to stay in California and work on some things.

“What I have to do is get back on the court,” she said. “Even now I’m working on my game coming in. But I feel like even if I’m playing terribly, if I have enough energy to challenge with my speed, that’s enough to win.”

You have to go back to 1997, when Martina Hingis beat Conchita Martinez, to find someone not named Williams, Clijsters or Davenport atop the championship ladder. That’s eight years out of 35, or 23 percent of the event’s history, which includes names like Billie Jean King, Martina Navratilova (who owns six titles in the event), Chris Evert — a virtual women’s tennis Hall of Fame.

Davenport’s presence in the finals dates to 1994 — the year Venus made her professional debut at this event — when she paired with Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to win the doubles title.

In addition to her three singles titles, Davenport has won five doubles titles here. She may not have been present on Sunday but her legacy remained safely tucked away in the annals of the tournament.

Groenefeld was the lucky recipient when Davenport retired. The 20-year-old German, who shares a coach with doubles partner Meghann Shaughnessy, was leading 5-0 when Davenport, who was also forced to withdraw from San Diego this week, couldn’t go any longer.

Groenefeld showed she belonged, though, by beating sixth-seeded Nathalie Dechy to reach the semifinals before Clijsters ended her run.

Groenefeld is on the fast track to stardom. She moves well, has a fierce backhand and serves upward of 120 miles per hour. She entered the week ranked a career-high 35th in the world and will likely continue to inch her way to the top.

Her victory over Dechy was her second against a top 20 player.

“Any time you can beat a top player that gives you confidence,” Groenefeld said. “My whole season has been steady.”

She also played Fed Cup for Germany, winning all four matches she played and leading her country into the World Group I next year.

“It was great to represent my country and win my matches,” she said. “It was a lot of fun and something different.”

Not only does the Bank of the West retain its top players over the years, the tournament introduces local fans to rising stars like Groenefeld.

Swiss Patty Schnyder also put up a fight before losing to Williams in the semifinals. The 26-year-old is playing the best tennis of her career and had chances to win the match. After winning the first set, she was up 6-5 and playing for the match before Williams rallied; saving five match points.

Schnyder worked her way back into the top 10 earlier this season and said it has to do with playing less tennis and doing more conditioning.

“Sometimes it’s better to skip a week and come back fresh,” Schnyder said. “I am doing more physical work and running sessions are longer. It’s a different routine. After a week or so I take back the racket.”

Schnyder and Groenefeld each received $26,500 for reaching the semifinals.

Another up-and-coming star is India’s Sania Mirza, who reached the main draw as a lucky loser and then beat Greece’s Eleni Daniilidou, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3, in the first round.

Mirza lost in straight sets to Williams in the second round, but a large Indian contingent was in attendance cheering the 18-year-old’s every move.

Cara Black and Rennae Stubbs won the doubles final, and earned $29,000, with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Elena Likhovtseva and Vera Zvonareva.

Kim Clijsters uses one of her signature moves to return a shot that helped her beat Venus Williams for the first time on hardcourt. The 22-year-old Belgian jumped to 10th in the world rankings as a result of her victory on Sunday.

Several fans come down to get a closer look, and hopefully an autograph, at their tennis heroines. The Bank of the West drew record crowds.
Baseball

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Field in Mountain View on Saturday, losing to the San Mateo Bulldogs, 18-11.

The Palo Alto 11’s were in the driver’s seat entering Tuesday’s play as the only remaining undefeated team. River Park and Petaluma played Monday for the right to meet Palo Alto, and either team have to beat the 11’s twice to wrench away the title.

Braff, who had two home runs and drove in seven runs in a 9-2 victory over Petaluma on Friday, has collected nine postseason home runs in leading an offense that is hitting .401 collectively.

Palo Alto also beat Saratoga, 10-0, on Friday as Braff hit - what else? - a home run and drove in two.

Swezey added a home run along with a pair of singles and four RBI while Ptha had three singles and scored twice. Graham Marchant added two hits as the 11’s took an 8-0 lead into the final inning.

While hits and runs have been abundant, the Palo Alto pitching staff has been downright stingy. Freddy Avis pitched three scoreless innings, and Marchant, James Huber and Braff each pitched an inning. But River Park runs were unearned, leaving the Palo Alto team ERA at a minuscule 1.43.

Semipro

While the Oaks won their 22nd in 23 games on Sunday, the victory proved costly as Palo Alto’s leading hitter, Gunn High grad Greg Matson, suffered a broken wrist in a collision during the final inning that forced him to a local hospital.

He joins Gabe Duran, out with a broken bone in his right arm, on the sidelines as the Oaks try to earn a berth in the Semipro World Series in Battle Creek, Mich. beginning Aug. 11.

Matson had three hits, including a home run, and drove in three runs against Novato. Durell Williams added three hits and stole three bases. Chris Budelli chipped in with two hits.

Jason Kleinheffer and Scott combined in Saturday night’s 1-0 victory over the Knicks.

Palo Alto won twice on Friday, beating Marin 2-1 behind the complete game effort of Palo Alto grad Colby Henard and came back to down the Sacramento Scorcher, 10-3.

Vince Gutierrez drove in Bradshaw with the only run of the game on Saturday.

American Legion

Menlo Park, who won 11 of its last 16 games, fell behind 15-4 against the Bulldogs, but scored seven runs in the final three innings to close the gap.

Cody West had three hits in the game, while Andrew Preimesberger and Brian Roby each added two hits.

The Bears (14-7) advanced with a 2-1 victory over Martinez on Friday as Blake Stevenson doubled home two runs in the sixth inning.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

American Legion

B Tournament

At McKelvey Park, Mountain View

Saturday

San Mateo 104 280 3 — 18 15
Menlo Park 300 150 2 — 11 16
Grein, Huffington (H), Lucido (R) and Giddoss; Abramson, Roby (S), Brewer (7) and Stevenson. WP - Huffington - Abramson.

2B - Abramson, Preimesberger (MP); Lawaetz, Maristante, Schneider (SM). 4 hits - Sargent (SM). 3 hits - West (MP); Maristante (SM). 2 hits - Preimesberger, Roby (MP). Grein, Schneider (SM).


Friday

Menlo Park 000 2 10 1
Martinez 000 1 4 0
Stoval, Abramson (6) and Hicks. Gibson, Simmons (6) and Bubby. WP - Stoval. LP - Gibson. Sv - Abramson.


Records - Menlo Park 14-6, Martinez 12-7.

Thursday

Menlo Park 855 10 — 15 170
Lafayette 100 00 0 — 4 2
Preimesberger and Hicks. M. Laettner, Applebury (3), L. Laettner (4) and Cardosa. WP - Preimesberger LP - M. Laettner.


Little League

53-year-old all-stars

NorCal Division 2 Tournament at Mann Field, Folsom

Sunday

Palo Alto 112 022 — 8 13 3
River Park 000 002 2 5 3

Friday

Palo Alto 231 030 — 9 11 1
Petaluma 000 100 1 — 1 4 2
WP - Swaeze (PA). 2B - Swaeze (PA); Camstock (PA). 3 hits - Swaeze (PA). 2 hits - Finley, Lyles (PA).

Palo Alto 000 000 0 — 0 0 0
Petaluma 000 000 0 — 0 0 0
WP - Avis. LP - Clark. HR - Braff (PA). 2B - Avis, 2. Braff, Marchant, Swezey (PA); Camstock (PA). 3 hits - Braff (PA). 2 hits - Avis (PA); Camstock (PA). 7 RBI - Braff (PA).

Thursday

Saratoga 000 000 0 — 0 7 4
Palo Alto 212 23 — 10 13 1
WP - Marchant, LP - Bruner. HR - Braff (PA), 2B - Bruner (2); Pha (PA). 3 hits - Avis (PA); 2 hits - Vogel, Bruner (2); Swezey, Paradyios (PA). 2 RBI — Bruner, Huber (PA).

Records - Palo Alto 12-10, Saratoga 8-17.

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Semifinals:

Black-Stubbs d. Pietkiewicz-Schavone, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; 6-1; Williams d. Jankovic (Serbia and Montenegro), 6-3, 6-3.

Second round: Brandolino (Czech Republic) d. Schratzberger (Italy), 6-3, 6-3, 7-6(4); Hantschova d. Shagheghian (Great Britain), 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; Groenen (1) d. Davidova (USA), 6-0, retired; Clijsters d. Sugiyama (Japan), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Championship: Black-Stubbs d. Likhovleva-Zvaneva, 6-3, 7-6(4), 6-2.

Seminifals: Black-Stubbs d. Pietkiewicz-Schavone, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Likhovleva-Zvaneva d. Groenen-Hantschova, 6-3, 6-2.

Quarterfinals: Black-Stubbs and Saler-Takacs d. Groenen-Hantschova; Pietkiewicz-Schavone d. Dabrowska-Dechy (France), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; Clijsters d. Hantuchova (Slovakia), 6-3, 6-1; Williams d. Jankovic (Serbia and Montenegro), 6-3, 6-3.

First round: Black-Stubbs d. Janoko-Sprem, 6-4, 6-2.

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Herbert Bell, in 1935. He was
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later by Faith’s brothers and sis-
ters. One staff member, Barbara
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more than 60 years.

SAROYAN WINNERS NAMED . . .
The Saroyan prizes for new writ-
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ALL ABOUT TEACHING . . . The
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features 21 essays by educators
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part of their work to transform
their day-to-day teaching. The
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Robert McAfee Brown’s memoir
chronicles his work and life

“Reflections over the Long Haul” by Robert McAfee Brown;
Westminster John Knox Press; 305 pp.; $24.95
by Don Kazak

Four years after Robert McAfee Brown’s death at age 81, it’s hard to put into perspective how much he meant
to the local peace movement or how many lives he touched along the way.

He was a Presbyterian minister, professor of religion at Stanford University, Freedom Rider in the South
and ardent opponent of the Vietnam War. He was also husband, father, grandfather and prolific writer. He authored
two dozen books.

In his latest book, “Reflections over the Long Haul”, which he wrote in the three years prior to his death, his
influence on other’s lives and the peace movement becomes more clear. The book is engaging, funny, wise and
candid.

His book is largely a collaborative effort. Over the last three years of his life, he had two friends meet with him
weekly to go over the manuscript and help edit it: Pia Moriarty, his former Stanford student, and the Rev. Diana
Gibson, former pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, his “home” church for many years.

“Reflections” also includes written comments at the end of many chapters by Sydney, his wife of more than
50 years, his children and grandchildren.

The memoir focuses on Brown’s life from his childhood as the son of a Presbyterian minister to his college and
seminary years, to his time as a Navy chaplain at the end of World War II, to teaching at Union Seminary in New
York and at Stanford. Brown seemed to be in the middle of every moral controversy of his time. When he was in college, and editor
of the campus newspaper at Amherst, he tried to pledge a Jewish student to his fraternity.

He was a conscientious objector during World War II, rode buses in the South during the Civil Rights move-
ment, and helped offer First Presbyterian Church as a sanctuary for four El Salvadorans seeking political asylum
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This month’s picks by Frank Sánchez, head book buyer at Kepler’s, include publications about travel, a book about the importance of taking naps, a remarkable book about being a young woman in Berlin during World War II, and more.

“A Field Guide to Getting Lost” by Rebecca Solnit is a series of autobiographical essays from the highly regarded author of “Wanderlust: A History of Walking.” In this book, Solnit reflects on getting immersed in pleasures, and of places she has visited.

“The Lonely Planet Guide to Experimental Travel” is an off-beat book about travel from the publisher of the Lonely Planet travel series. In this volume, 40 unusual trips are outlined, with names such as “Trip Poker,” “Lyrical Tourism” and “Literary Journey,” all authored by the people who did them.

“The Art of the Siesta” by Thierry Paquot is about the importance of stealing moments of repose. The book describes how daytime sleeping has been expressed in literature and art and how the siesta is succumbing to the demands of modern society.

“A Woman in Berlin: Eight Weeks in the Conquered City” by Anonymous is a diary of what life was like near the end of World War II in occupied and ravaged Berlin. A journalist, who was 34 years old at the time, wrote the diary anonymously. It was first published in 1953 and republished two years ago. Women in Berlin at the time were at the mercy of Soviet troops.

“Freud’s Requiem” by Matthew Von Unwerth is an exploration of Freud’s ideas about creativity and mortality.

“At the Mercy of the River: An Exploration of the Last African Wilderness” by Peter Stark is the sometimes harrowing story of a 450-mile kayak journey the author and his companions took on the Luangwa River in Mozambique. The author, who writes for Outside magazine, tells the stories of early explorers along with his own story.

—Don Kazak

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California dreamin’

Palo Alto’s second downtown an avenue in transition

by Jocelyn Dong
Photography by Nicholas Wright

Ronna Devincenzi doesn’t want to say it. When asked to describe the California Avenue shopping district, there’s a word hanging on the tip of her tongue, but other adjectives tumble out of her mouth first: “Unique.” “Free-spirited.” “Historic.” Finally, she can’t help herself. “Quirky,” she pronounces, giving a wry grin.

The president of the California Avenue Area Development Association normally chooses her words carefully, not wanting to tarnish the image of the three-block long shopping district, even unintentionally.

But fans of California Avenue — simply called “The Avenue” by locals — know exactly what she’s talking about.

It’s that quirkiness, old-school charm and independent spirit that draws them to the street. California Avenue reminds them of how life used to be, before the phrase “freshly minted millionaire” actually referred to your next-door neighbor.

It’s just that character locals fear is threatened. Corporate retailers have slowly begun popping up on the street. A Subway and a Quizno’s now do business there, having joined the long-standing Radio Shack and Kinko’s.

Up next: Java giant Starbucks is moving into the former site of Kirk’s Steakburgers, just up the street from independently owned Printer’s Café. Upset locals began an online petition against the corporation’s latest local venue. Nearly 300 people signed it to date.

“Let’s please try and preserve what charm is left on California Ave.! ... Give our last remaining local businesses a chance to thrive, and stop this unfettered monopoly of chain businesses just because they supposedly feed the ‘bottom line,’” wrote petitioner No. 177, Dave Mampel. “I personally do not want to live in a strip-mall world of chain stores destroying local business, charm, diversity, and culture.”

Not every shopping area can boast a dog-grooming salon, a thrift store, a violin maker and an art-supply shop alongside upscale restaurants, a high-end cobbler store, yoga studios and of course, the true California Avenue original, Antonio’s Nut House.

Nor does every business district claim the proliferation of sculptures and murals that have given the street the nickname “the Avenue of the Arts.” On one side of the road, giant bronze poppies twirl in front of the Country Sun organic grocery store, while on the facing corner stands the

“In the late ’80s and early ’90s, University Avenue started losing its personality. To go down there, you had to look a certain way, dress a certain way and drive a certain car. It didn’t used to be that way, but it’s that way now.”

– Larry Haussler
owner of Palo Alto Violins

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Some locals are disappointed that the California Avenue Area Development Association hasn’t opposed the Starbucks, but Devincenzi said it was the consensus of the board that the new java spot might help, not harm the strip.

“We do prefer mom and pops, but we realize a lot of the bigger stores will be a draw,” she said. “It’s not a bad thing. Community consensus of the board that the new java spot might help, not harm the strip.”

Tell that to Wolf of Printer’s Café. Her sales have been off by 50% a day since the dot-com boom.

Is she worried about Starbucks moving in?

“Oh, of course I am,” she says, without so much as blinking.

California Avenue landlords aren’t ignorant of the community opinion that they’re the ones who ultimately are responsible for the character of the area.

Property owners hear the talk over how personal-grooming salons don’t draw a lot of foot traffic and how having too many restaurants takes away from the diversity of retail.

But creating the perfect shopping area full of interesting, useful and economical-ly-viable shops is not that simple, says property owner Elizabeth Bishop.

“It’s kind of tricky because you can’t really decide who’s going to rent your building. You have to rent it to people who are interested in renting it and can pay the rent,” she says.

She follows the lesson her father, Stanley Bishop, taught her. “Keep the rents low enough, so (the building’s) always full.”

“It’s better to have a tenant than no tenant at all. If you have two tenants, you might choose one over the other, but I haven’t had that happen too often,” she says.

That leaves business owners like Wolf to hope that her brand of café proprietorship will withstand the competition. If people value the sense of community she offers — getting to know her regulars and helping them network with each other — then she’ll be OK.

Still, the fate of independent cafes isn’t sealed. California Avenue has a precedent for the survival of the little guy at the expense of the corporation.

In 1996, both Noah’s Bagels and home-grown Izzy’s Brooklyn Bagels opened within months of each other. Years later, Izzy’s is the one left standing.

Wolf looks out her front window to the expansive mural that’s painted on the café’s overhang. The mural faces toward the coffee drinkers, not out at the street. It features tributes to artists throughout history, from Diego Rivera to Vincent Van Gogh to Roy Lichtenstein.

“People walk past and never notice it,” she says, gazing up.

In light of the chain coffee retailer coming into the area, Wolf’s hoping her future won’t be the same.

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Improvements ahead for shopping district

California Avenue looking for city’s assistance

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Back in the 1930s, pharmacy owner Stanley Bishop ran for City Council, having been told by William Hewlett that the avenue needed representation on the council.

In those days, when a sidewalk needed fixing, it was hard to get help from the city. “The idea was to get some of the things that University Avenue got,” said Cordelia Bishop, Stanley’s widow. “They were interested in getting the avenue up to date.”

Today’s merchants chuckle at that notion, saying that 75 years later, the avenue is still trying to get the kind of help from the city that University enjoys. They point to unsightly newspaper racks and aging trees as signs of the neglect.

“We’ve always been considered the step-sister to downtown,” Ronna Devincenzi, president of the merchants’ association, said. “As far as comparing amenities to downtown, it makes us bristle. ... It’s our feeling, we provide a lot of (tax) revenue to the city.

Devincenzi would like to see improvements in everything from garbage cans to street lighting to trees.

But things may be starting to look up, with some of those plans already in the works.

Susan Rosenberg of the nonprofit Canopy

is working with the city to add more trees to the avenue. On corners, bulbouts — larger, landscaped corners — are being considered to cut-down on reckless driving on the four-lane road.

A coordination committee of city staff and California Avenue representatives will be getting together later this month to make sure that improvements to the district proceed in an orderly fashion.

The merchants have also been talking about asking the city to declare a special district, so that it could fund some of the coveted amenities. But they hesitate to think about what restrictions the city might also impose.

Elizabeth Bishop, president of the Bishop Corporation and daughter of Cordelia and Stanley Bishop, said she would like to see control over the plan maintained by the local merchants.

“We don’t want the city coming poking around. We want to maintain the flavor,” Bishop said. Ideally, the California Avenue Area Development Association would draft a plan, and the city would help resource it, she said.

— Jocelyn Dong

Debra Love, Village Stationers manager

“It’s definitely more relaxed and family-oriented here.”
Fall Class Guide

A complete listing of classes for mind, body, spirit

Make the most of fall by taking a class in something you’ve always wanted to do. It’s never too late to pick up the guitar or study kickboxing. Try pilates or learn ballet. All the classes listed below are local, so go for it!

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Bowman International School
4500 Terman Drive
Palo Alto
813-9131
www.bowmanschool.org.

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Five Branches Institute
Santa Cruz
(831) 476-9424

Five Branches Institute offers master’s degree programs in traditional Chinese medicine: herbology, acupuncture, etc. Located in Santa Cruz and San Jose. Tuition is around $8,000 per year.

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (ITP)
1069 E. Meadow Circle
Palo Alto
493-4430
www.itp.edu

ITP offers distance learning courses in the areas of transpersonal studies, creative expression, spiritual psychology, women’s spiritual development, and wellness counseling. Each course is designed for the independent learner and includes individual supervision with a mentor who is an expert in the field of study. Course content emphasizes the integrative study of mind, body and spirit, and its practical application to the student’s personal and professional life.

The Randall Millen Registry
921 Colorado Aves.
Palo Alto
856-1419

Individual private tutoring in Midtown Palo Alto home for grades 7-12, college and adults. Subjects include English grammar and composition, ESL, French, Latin, math, history and social studies, and general humanities. Also: test preparation for all standardized tests (including SAT). Manuscript writing and editing. Stanford graduate with 40 years of experience as a tutor. Fees from $18 per hour.

Wendy Kuehnl
525 E. Charleston Road
Palo Alto
812-2819

Developmentally focused, inclusive program for children 2-5 years old with and without delays. Low 1:5 teacher-to-student ratio. Staff trained and educated in early childhood development. Access to occupational, physical and speech therapists.

Hours: Kinderplay, 9 a.m.-noon, Tue. & Thu.; KinderSocial, 9 a.m.-noon, Mon., Wed & Fri.; KinderPrep, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Mon., Tue., Wed. & Thu.

DANCE

Brazilian Dance with Anita Lusebrink
1305 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto
463-4940


Enjoy the sensuous exercise and rhythmically exciting movements of Brazilian dance with Anita Lusebrink. Sponsored by the City of Palo Alto Arts and Culture Division. Starts Sept. 15, Thursdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. 14-week session for $120. Held at the Lucie Stern Community Center Ballroom. Try the first class without obligation and bring a friend.

Broadway Tap
135 Cypress Point Way
Menlo Park
(925) 376-6214

Join for an hour of good exercise and terrific fun. Learn tap dance techniques and more. Complete full dance routines to fun and lively music. Classes held at the Menlo Park Recreation Center. Call Sue Chiappone at the number above for more information.

Dance Connection
4000 Middlefield Road, L-5
Palo Alto
322-7032

Dance Connection offers classes for ages 3 to adult with a variety of programs including ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical, boys program, funk jazz and children’s combination dance classes. The Nutcracker Ballet will be presented on Dec. 9-11 at the Spangenberg Theatre. Find information and download registration form from the website at www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com.

Eccstatic Dance for Body & Soul
425 W. Evelyn St.
Mountain View
(650) 829-7366


Eccstatic Productions presents "Ecstatic Dance for Body & Soul." Mondays, 7-9:30 p.m. $15. Empty yourself of your everyday distractions and experience full presence and teachings that come from your own body. Based on Gabrielle Roth’s 5Rhythms work, each class moves through a series of rhythms as a meditative practice to deepen and empower self-discovery and connectedness.

Intermediate Tap Dance
135 Cypress Point Way
Menlo Park
(925) 376-6214

Enjoy tap dancing to fun and lively music while improving coordination, fitness and balance. Complete full (continued on next page)

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Trinity School

Openings in Selected Grades
2005-2006

Trinity School, established in 1961, is an independent Episcopal day school welcoming children of all faiths in the Early Childhood Program through Grade 5.

The legacy of a Trinity education is a curious mind and a discerning heart.

Early Childhood Program
330 Ravenswood, Menlo Park
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2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park
Junior Kindergarten through Grade Five
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)

For information and tour dates, please call our Admission Office 650.854.0288, ext. 100, or visit www.trinity-mp.org.

LineDancePlus
3800 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto
494-8221
www.DanceAdventures.com
Line-dance classes with Hedy MoAdams at Mitchell Park Center starting Friday morning, Sept. 16. Basics, 11:15 a.m.; Styling, noon 1-1:30 p.m. One class, $47/64 (non-residents); both, $73/84 (non-residents).

Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School
333 Moffett Blvd.
Mountain View
940-1333
www.mlase.net.
The NVLA Adult School has a long history and commitment to adult education. Offering ballet, belly dancing, ballroom and salsa dance. Fall classes start Sept. 7.

Zohar Dance Company & Studio
4000 Middlefield Road, Bldg. L, Room 4
Palo Alto
494-8221
Zohar Dance Company & Studio has been serving Palo Alto and its neighbors for 25 years. Learn from professional instructors Ehud Krauss, Lisa Burnett and Kristine Elliott. Ongoing adult classes in jazz, modern, and ballet. Visit the website, call, or stop by for more information.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Betty Wright Swim Center @ CAR
3864 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto
494-1480
Improve your health and wellness through aquatic exercise and therapy in the fully accessible, public warm-water (92 degree), in-door pool. Classes include aqua aerobics, aqua arthritis, back basics, body conditioning, fluid flex stretch, Aichi yoga and perinatal. Group and private swim lessons available. Adapted aquatics classes for people with developmental disabilities. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri., 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

California Yoga Center
570 Showers Drive, Ste. 5
Mountain View
947-9642
A fully equipped yoga studio, the California Yoga Center offers classes for beginning to advanced students. Classes emphasize individual attention and cultivate strength, flexibility and relaxation. Ongoing yoga classes are scheduled every day and include special classes such as prenatal, flow, gentle and restorative yoga, as well as yoga for backcare and pranayama. Weekend workshops explore a variety of yoga-related topics.

Children’s Health Council
650 Clark Way
Palo Alto
688-3625
www.chcnonline.org.
Many children struggle to cooperate, compromise, communicate and deal with anger or teasing. The Children’s Health Council offers group therapy that teaches these social skills. Call today to join the groups in the fall. Groups are available for children age 6 through 17 who are dealing with anxiety, depression, Asperger’s Syndrome, ADHD or social awkwardness.

Custom Fitness
650 Castro St., Ste. 108
Mountain View
210-8018
Custom Fitness is a unique fitness studio that offers a variety of programs and classes tailored to accommodate every body’s needs. Expecting? Treat your baby and yourself to the gift of good health. Custom’s “Fit to Deliver” certified trainer is offering prenatal/postnatal classes Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Darshana Yoga
654 High St.
Palo Alto
325-9642
Expert instruction in a beautiful studio. Director Catherine De Los Santos has taught yoga in Palo Alto for more than 25 years. All ages and levels, just show up. E-mail info@darshanayoga.com for more information.

Stratford School is opening a new preschool and elementary school in Palo Alto!

To learn more about Stratford or to schedule a tour, please call (650) 493-1151 or email pa@stratfordschools.com.

www.stratfordschools.com
Fall Class Guide

Every Woman Health Club
611 Jefferson Ave.
Redwood City
364-9194
364-6511

Every Woman Health Club is a women-only, body-positive fitness center in downtown Redwood City. Spring classes include Yoga (Mon. & Fri.), Pilates (Mon.), Circuit Express (Tue. & Thu.), Conditioning Basics (Tue.), Core Express (Tue. & Thu.), Interval Sculpting (Tue. & Thu.), Cardio Kickboxing (Wed. & Sat.), Belly Dance (Wed.) and Yoga (Sat.). Also offering a variety of educational workshops, state-of-the-art weight and cardio equipment and personal training.

Forever Fit - Crowder Exercise
135 Cypress Point Way
Menlo Park
(925) 376-6214

Designed to improve flexibility, core strength, and cardiovascular fitness, while adding range of motion. More than 100 exercises in a single class. One hour. Questions? Call Sue Chiappone at the number above.

Gerda Endemann, Ph.D., Nutrition Education
P.O. Box 60623
Palo Alto
814-4914
www.healthyfat.com

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Nutrition and Heart Disease.” This four-session workshop will cover the basics of eating healthy, good-tasting foods that will reduce your cholesterol and lower your risk of a heart attack or stroke. $150 for all four Saturdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8 & 15, 12:30-2 p.m. at Lady Circle, 1000 Fremont Ave., Los Altos. Please visit website for updated listings of nutrition classes.

Mat Pilates at Health Logic, Inc.
453 Sherman Ave.
Palo Alto
853-1800
www.healthlogicinc.com

These beginner/intermediate level classes enhance coordination, balance and joint stability by incorporating principles of mobilization and stabilization for the trunk and extremities. The class focuses on basic movement patterns on the mat using your body as the main resistance. Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with Owen Grady.

Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School
332 Moffett Blvd.
Mountain View
940-1333
www.mvla.net.

The MV-LA Adult School has a long history and commitment to adult education. Be fit! Offering ballet, belly dancing, exercise for the older adult, Feldenkrais, hiking, mat Pilates, Qigong, stability ball, stretch and flex, Tai Chi and yoga. Older-adult classes (55+, $18). Fall classes start Sept. 12. For more information and to RSVP, visit website.

Page Mill YMCA
1730 Page Mill Road, Bldg. B
Palo Alto
858-0661

Open 7 days a week, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Conveniently located at the corner of Page Mill Road and El Camino Real, in the Page Mill Plaza business center. Classes offered include: Low & Tone Aerobics; Body Works Conditioning; Low Impact Cardio; Fit Ball/Core Conditioning; Cardio Bootcamp; Spinning; Walkers; Restorative Yoga; Spin & Core Conditioning; Step II; Spinning & Sculpt; and Cardio Sculpt.

Palo Alto Family YMCA
3412 Ross Road
Palo Alto
856-9822
www.ymcamidpen.org.

This Family YMCA offers fitness and exercise classes throughout the year for all ages, including step, low-impact, muscle conditioning, prenatal and post-partum fitness, strength, training for teens, kids fitness, water aerobics, deep-water running and adaptive water exercise. Call for more information.

Reconstruction Zone, Inc.
1954 Old Millfield Way
Mountain View
564-9388
www.reconstructionzone.com

Strength training and conditioning classes for men and women using music of the ‘40s, ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s. Suitable for beginning or intermediate exercisers. Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon; Fridays at 6 p.m. Call for details and enrollment.

Taijiquan Tutelage of Palo Alto
3790 El Camino Real, P.O. Box 185
Palo Alto
327-9350
www.ttopa.com

Taijiquan Tutelage of Palo Alto. Established in 1973. Learn the classical Yang Chengfu style of Taijiquan (T’ai chi ch’uan). Beginning classes start monthly. Classes are held at the Cubberley Community Center. Call for complete information and free literature, or visit the website.

Taoist Tai Chi Society
Palo Alto, San Francisco, Berkeley
(415) 864-0899
www.taichicalifornia.org.

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International School of the Peninsula
151 Laura Lane • Palo Alto • www.isp.org
For More Information Call: (650) 251-8519

Meet the adult language teachers at ISP’s Open House August 27th, 11 AM - 3 PM

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Do you want to learn how to fix a flat?
Do you want to learn some of the tricks your favorite mechanic uses?

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September 14
November 16

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Open Houses
Visit our campus and meet our faculty.

Kindergarten
Thursday
November 3, 2005
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Middle School
Sunday
November 13, 2005
1:00-3:30 p.m.

Parlor Meetings
for Middle School
Join us for a small group discussion with the Head of our Middle School Program.

Thursday
October 6, 2005
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday
October 27, 2005
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Please call for locations.

PACIFIC ART LEAGUE
Fall ART CLASSES
Online Registration Begins Aug 8th
Classes start Sept 12, 2005

• Teen Classes:
  Life drawing for teens and a teen variety art class.

• Adult Classes:
  Color therapy and intro to various media. Airbrush technique.

• Workshops:
  Encaustic painting, magic of oil pastels.

• Family Art Days:
  1:30pm-4:00pm Sun, Oct 16;
  Sun Nov 13; Sun Dec 11
  Children and their families explore all kinds of fun art activities together

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Summer Program for Children & Teenagers
Open House: Sat., September 24, 1-4pm
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Los Altos
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Teen Yoga
654 High St.
Palo Alto
325-9642

Darshana Yoga presents “Teen Yoga.” Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Taught by Satyananda Saraswati, Bihar School of Yoga in the tradition of Sw. Ramakrishna. 3391 Middlefield Road.

Open House: Sat., September 24, 1-4pm

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More information.

International School of the Peninsula
151 Laura Lane
Palo Alto
251-8519
www.isstp.org.

Offering extensive adult language classes and children’s after-school language classes. For children, offering separate classes in Arabic, French, Mandarin Chinese, Italian, Russian and Spanish. For adults, offering separate classes for varying proficiency levels for each language: Arabic, ESL, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish. Space is strictly limited to a maximum of 13 students per class.

Istituto Educazione Italiana
1000 El Camino Real
Atherton
543-9946
www.italybythebay.org.

Istituto Educazione Italiana offers Italian language for adults (evenings) and children (afternoons) beginning Sept. 26 on the campus of Menlo College. Classes: Italian 1, 2, 3. Conversational Italian and a culinary course. Download enrollment from the website and mail in, call for a brochure or register in person at the Russell Center, Menlo College.

Language Studies Institute
350 Cambridge Ave., Ste. 100
Palo Alto
321-1867

Language Studies Institute offers ongoing private instruction and small group classes at all levels in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. All languages are taught by qualified, native

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MUSIC & ART

Cantabile Choral Guild
951 Industrial Ave.
Palo Alto
244-1410
650-4241430
www.cantabile.org
Cantabile Youth Singers, under the artistic direction of Elena Sharkova, announce auditions for fall enrollment in all levels of choirs, Aug. 17 & 18, by appointment in Los Altos at the Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave.

Chinese Brush Painting
Palo Alto
948-1503
Chinese Brush Painting with Anna Wu Weakland - master calligrapher and painter. Class meets eight Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Classes held at the Cubberley Studio in Palo Alto. Learn to paint with minimum strokes and achieve maximum results. The techniques of all the popular subject matters will be taught. Beginners and advanced students welcome.

Community School of Music and Arts
230 San Antonio Circle
Mountain View
917-6800, ext. 322
www.artskall.org
Arts for all. Music and art classes for all ages and skill levels. Early-childhood programs (18 mo.-4 years); Digital Music & Arts, Art classes (including ceramics, oil painting and more); Music classes (featuring AP Music Theory). Private music lesson registration by appt. only. International faculty of 75+ professionals. Financial aid offered. Register online.

Mid-Peninsula High School
230 San Antonio Circle
Mountain View
917-6800, ext. 322
www.artskall.org
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- A college-prep curriculum
- Fully equipped science lab
- Electives in art, drama, and music
- A modern gymnasium and nine team sports

Maybe it’s time for a change.
www.mid-pen.com
650-321-1991, ext. 108
1340 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

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PACIFIC ART LEAGUE
668 Ramona St.
Palo Alto
323-3891
www.pacificartleague.org.

Gordon, print, print, sculpt. 65 classes
taught by professional artists. Kids,
adults, beginners, advanced. Small
classes. Fees vary. Register now.

Peninsula Youth Theatre
2500 Old Middlefield Road
Mountain View
988-8798
www.pyt.net.

Weekly classes in acting, singing
dancing for ages 18 months to 18
years. Cost varies per class, per
time. Classes are on Mondays and
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOLS

CAR Milestones Preschool
3864 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto
618-3405

Developmentally focused, inclusive
program for children 2 1/2 years old
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teacher-to-student ratio. Staff trained
in early child development. Access to
occupational, physical and speech therapists.

Hours: Kinderplay, 9 a.m.-noon,
KinderSocial, 9 a.m. noon,
Monday through Friday,
KinderPrep, 12:30-3:30 p.m.,
Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Challenger School
3880 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto
213-8245

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success. Children who learn how to
learn grow to love thinking and
achieving on their own. This
independence prepares them to
succeed at living happily.

Challenger has 25 Bay Area locations
including Palo Alto, San Jose, and Sunnyvale.

International School of Silicon Valley
310 Easy St.
Mountain View
493-5770
www.isisp.org.

GISSV is a German immersion school
for students from Pre-K/K (age 2)
through grade 12. Because GISSV is
fully accredited by the Government
of the Federal Republic of Germany,
students earn both German
International Abitur and American
high-school diplomas. In addition to
GISSV’s rich academic program,
students learn and grow by
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Weekend Preview

This colorful painting by Jeannie Kantawarra is among the works of Australian aboriginal art on display at the ART21 gallery in Palo Alto through Aug. 21.

Thursday
San Francisco Opera singers soprano Niko Emfeld, tenor Sean Panikkar, baritone Eugen Brancoveanu and countertenor Gerald Thompson will serve up an appe-
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Art
A look at the ArtsIndia West gallery and the growing interest in Indian art.

Music
A feature on the Palo Alto-based Aurora Singers, who are performing Aug. 11 with a sister choral group from France.

Movies
Reviews of “The Dukes of Hazard” and “The Edukators.”
**MOVIE TIMES**

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*Domestic Disturbance* 
**Century 16:** 12:20, 5:30 & 8 p.m. **Rating:** ★★☆☆☆

*The Devil's Rejects* (R) (Not Reviewed) 
**Century 16:** 12:15, 2:45, 4:15 & 9:15 p.m. **Rating:** ★★★☆☆

*Happy Endings* (R) **+++1/2** 
**Century 16:** 11:20 a.m.; 2:45, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m. **Rating:** ★☆☆☆☆

*Hustle & Flow* (R) **+++1/2** 
**Century 16:** 2:20, 4:45, 7 & 10:05 p.m. **Rating:** ★★★☆☆

*The Island* (PG-13) **+++1/2** 
**Century 16:** 12:30, 3:30, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m. **Rating:** ★★★☆☆

*Mad Hot Ballroom* (PG) **+++1/2** 
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*March of the Penguins* (G) **+++1/2** 
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*Must Love Dogs* (PG-13) **+++1/2** 
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