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It’s official: Kevin Skelly named superintendent

Burst of audience applause greets announcement after board emerges from closed session — he will start July 1
by Susan Hong

It’s official: Kevin Skelly will serve as the Palo Alto Unified School District’s next superintendent starting July 1. The Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday night with smiles all around and applause erupting from a full-house audience.

Skelly, who has degrees from Harvard University and University of California Berkeley, currently serves as associate superintendent for learning support services of the Poway Unified School District in northern San Diego County.

He will replace current Superintendent Mary Frances Callan who last December announced her retirement this summer.

“I expect a very strong handing off, a passing of the baton,” board member Dana Tom said. “And it’s going to serve our district wonderfully.”

“I want to thank the board for the whole process,” PTA Council President Melissa Baten Cuwell said. She said she felt the board really listened to the community.

“The things that we asked for on the list we were able to check off,” she said.

Skelly’s base salary starts at $225,000 with incremental increases of $11,250 at the end of his first year, a boost of $11,813 at the end of his second year and an increase of $12,403. The contract begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2011, with an option to extend.

Skelly will also receive a $1 million interest-free loan to help purchase a house within the district, plus a $25,000 moving-expense reimbursement. He will get a car. (continued on page 10)

County cuts could hurt mentally ill, uninsured

Supervisor Liz Kniss pledges to try to restore services, minimize damages to agencies and clients
by Becky Trout

Massive cuts in proposed Santa Clara County human-services funding could doom the North County Mental Health Center in Palo Alto and force Mayview Community Health Center to curtail services available to limited-income persons.

County Executive Pete Kutras has reluctantly proposed slashing spending by $145 million, with the biggest cuts in mental and public-health services to address an overall $227.2 million shortfall. Officials hope increased revenues can close the remaining gap.

Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto called the proposed cuts “definitely alarming.”

“It could be very draconian,” Palo Alto’s Director of Human Services Kathy Espinoza-Howard said. Some officials fear the cuts could shift costs to local police and emergency services such as paramedics and hospital emergency rooms.

The cuts would include closing North County Mental Health Center on Grant Avenue in Palo Alto, which serves 337 clients. Other agencies are still assessing damages from the possible cuts.

According to the proposed budget, public-health services would still be provided from the county’s Grant Avenue facility, and the mental-health services would be replaced by an “urgent care” operation.

The cuts would be “devastating” to the Alliance for Community Care, which provides mental-health services at several facilities, including one on California Avenue and a group (continued on page 10)

PALO ALTO

Costs rise for historic ‘History Museum’ building

Basement still leaks despite repair efforts, and city could pull plug on more expenditures
by Molly Tanenbaum

Palo Alto’s historic Roth Building is becoming like an old car: badly in need of expensive, unbudgeted repairs, one after the other.

In the case of the structure at 300 Homer Ave., — built in 1932 to house the Palo Alto Medical Clinic — the big problem is a persistent leak in the basement.

The question for next Monday night’s City Council meeting is who should be responsible for fixing the leak: the city or the nonprofit group that hopes to lease the building and turn it into the city’s first local history museum.

Palo Alto-based Vance Brown Builders recently estimated it would take another $150,000 to $300,000 to stop the leak, which would be added to the $415,000 the City Council approved last summer to repair water damage in the building, according to Bill Fellman, real property manager for the city.

“By trying to fix this leak, we’re over $1.5 million into this building that we weren’t going to spend any money on,” Fellman said. That doesn’t include the $2 million the city paid for the building and land.

City staff will recommend that Palo Alto end its financial obligation to the building at Monday night’s council meeting, Fellman said.

The burden will then be on the Palo Alto History Museum nonprofit to raise additional funds to fix the leak — in addition to the millions of dollars the group still needs to raise to renovate the building and turn it into a museum.

“It’s kind of a tough situation and you can understand both sides of it. They don’t want to take on something that’s going to be quite an additional cost to them,” Fellman said.

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Hot global issue

I am a sophomore at Gunn High School. Global warming is a serious problem that is not being accepted as a real challenge by some people. Here are some facts to show that global warming is a real thing and is causing environmental changes around us:

Global temperature has been rising since record-keeping began in 1880 and 2006 was the hottest year ever recorded in continental U.S. history. Melting ice will rise sea levels. Large numbers of people will be displaced by rising sea levels.

Despite global warming, America’s carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels have increased. Government has not paid enough attention to fighting global warming. We need to see that our current system and environment are destroyed it is very hard to reverse the damage.

People and politicians need to work together on this issue. Some suggestions I have are to increase people’s awareness on this subject, to modify our lifestyle and behavior, to propose policies to control global warming, and to increase research and technology development. The newspaper can contribute in all the above areas by running more articles on this issue.

I hope to see more articles on the subject of global warming and environmental protection in the Weekly.

Patricia Go
Coope Court, Palo Alto

Ticked about Tasers

While it is heartwarming to see the Palo Alto Police Department helping out in the community, I feel that I must alert local residents that the City Council has recently voted to equip our police with Tasers. The council did appoint a Taser committee to study the matter.

Unfortunately, despite input from local citizens and a presentation from the ACLU, most of the information presented to the committee was one-sided in favor of Taser use. The only medical presentation was by a doctor who worked for the Taser International company.

I attended two meetings of this committee. The ACLU presented and pointed out that the device had not been tested and was not regulated nor approved for use by any governing agency. We watched a DVD of prisoners being tasered and it was truly horrifying.

I hope to see more articles on the subject of global warming and environmental protection in the Weekly.

In the meantime I will continue to do my part by changing my lifestyle to help reduce carbon emissions.

Emily Altans.
possible increases in Palo Alto transportation costs, school officials told the school board Tuesday night.

The board continued the discussion of how to slash a $600,000 food-services deficit to its May 20 meeting, after noting on an initial step: to reduce food-service-staff hours. The board did not decide on anything other than staff-hour reductions.

The board agreed to reduce current labor by 29 hours instead of a more drastic option of $2.5 hours. This would allow the district to avoid layoffs, as two employees are considering retirement, according to Associate Superintendent Jerry Matranga.

The labor cuts were approved by three votes, with board members Barb Mitchell and Dana Tom abstaining.

California School Employers Association Co-Presidents Ruta Hernandez and Liz Mann insisted that the deficit was due to more factors than just labor costs. The cuts shouldn’t fall on the backs of food-service personnel, they said.

On May 22, the board will continue discussing how to reduce the deficit to between $212,000 and $350,000 for next year. Chartwells, the district’s dining-services contractor, guaranteed it would cover any deficit in excess of $350,000. A 13-percent increase this year in students using the food services was not enough to pull the “bleeding” program into the black, district officials reported. More participation boosted revenues by about $70,000, but due to increased labor costs the overall deficit has been increasing every year since the year 2000, Matranga reported.

Lunch prices at elementary and secondary schools could increase by 50 cents to $1.50 for lunches, bringing them up to $3.50 to $5.50. The board also is considering changing Palo Alto High School’s lunches to a “grab and go” concept. These “grab and go” lunch areas will include pre-packaged Panini sandwiches, salads, healthy cookies and healthy drinks, according to Bill Schuster, district manager at Chartwells. Many Palo students choose to eat lunch across the street at Town & Country Shopping Center.

Lunch lines at Gunn High School will shorten as the district plans to open two more sales outlets there. Jordan and Terman middle schools will also see shorter lines, officials said.

Pre-ordering at elementary schools could be required to reduce food waste. Over a 16-day period elementary schools ordered 3,572 lunches that were prepared, sent to the schools but left uneaten, Matranga said. That’s 224 lunches a day at about $10,000 a month, or more than $100,000 a year “going into the garbage can,” he said.

“We shouldn’t be spending $100,000 a year on food that doesn’t get eaten.”

—Jerry Matranga, associate superintendent

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(TENTATIVE) AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 14, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Stanford Shopping Center: Review Regarding Conceptual Plans and Status for the Expansion of the Stanford Shopping Center
2. Stanford Medical Center: Review Regarding the Update of the Stanford Medical Center Area Plan and Conceptual Plans for the Expansion and Modernization of the Medical Center
3. Lease Amendment to Relocate from 1003 Elwell Court to 1005 Elwell Court to Extend the Term for 1005 and 1007 Elwell Court to 2013
4. 1st Reading - Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 18.06.040 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (the Zoning Map) to Change the Classification of PropertyKnown as 3401, 3415 and 3445 Alma Street from PC Planned Community 1362 to PC Planned Community
5. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Management Agreement with Brad Llozas for Golf Professional Services at 1875 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto
6. Approval of a First Amendment to Lease for 300 Hamilton Avenue, Suite B, to Exercise Option to Extend
7. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Lease with the Elizabeth Gamble Garden for Property Located at 1431 Waverley Street, Extending the Term for Twenty Years
8. Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans and a Budget Amendment Ordinance in the Amount of $121,000 for the City’s Share of the Cost of Installation of a Traffic Signal and Roadway Improvements at the Intersection of El Camino Real and Venture Avenue - Resolution
9. Approval of a Change in Historic Designation from Category 4 to Category 2 at 564 University Avenue
10. Approval of an Enterprise Fund Contract with Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation in the Base Amount of $122,128 for Provision of Services for Transportation and Disposal of Ash for the Regional Water Quality Control Plant
11. Roth Building, 300 Homer Avenue – Approval of Option Agreement and Consideration of Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the South of Forest Area Coordinated Plan
12. Approval of a Resolution Appointing a Council Member to the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority and to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room regarding 1) Public Works Department Budget and Transmittal of the 2007-08 General Fund Capital Improvement Program; 3) Public Works Department – Enterprise Funds Budget: Storm Drainage, Refuse, Waste Water, Solid Waste and Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Program, Rates & Reserves; 4) Internal Service Funds Budget (Includes Vehicle Replacement/Maintenance) and 5) Approval of a Resolution Amending Utility Rate Schedule D-1 (Storm and Surface Water Drainage) Reflecting a 3.4% Rate Increase of $10.55 per Month Per Equivalent Residential Unit for Fiscal Year 2007-08

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News Digest

Teen drinking forum set for Monday night

A forum on underage drinking, organized by teens themselves, will be held Monday night in Palo Alto, sponsored by the Palo Alto Drug & Alcohol Prevention Collaborative, the Palo Alto Youth Council and the City of Palo Alto.

The forum will be 7-9 p.m. at the Palo Alto Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino Real.

The Palo Alto Weekly and the hotel are also co-sponsors.

Concern about underage drinking increased following a Halloween party last year in which many high school students had been drinking. Police broke up the party and made the teens call their parents for rides home if they had been drinking — except for those who went out the back as police entered the front.

--- Don Kazak

How to make Eichlers more energy efficient

To learn how existing homes can have less of an impact on the environment — through picking the right light bulbs, windows and appliances and other green-remodeling techniques — Palo Altans can attend the Midtown Residents Association meeting next Tuesday.

The meeting will feature a contractor, a “green Realtor,” and an interior designer who will teach people about a range of things they can do to improve their homes, with special tips for Eichler-style homes.

Representatives from the environmental nonprofit Acterra will also be present so that Palo Altans can learn how to participate in Green@Home. The program sends volunteers to conduct energy audits of homes and to advise homeowners on how to lower energy consumption.

The Midtown neighborhood is currently a pilot area for that program.

“They’re still recruiting people, so this is a way of getting the word out more,” Midtown Residents Association Chair Sheri Furman said. Handouts will be available about tax incentives for green remodeling, local building professionals and other energy-saving information.

The meeting will take place Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Friends Meeting Hall at 957 Colorado Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

Palo Alto Bowl, Motel 6 sold to developer

The Palo Alto Bowl and Motel 6 properties — 3.5 acres on El Camino Real in south Palo Alto — were sold Wednesday to Barry Swenson Builder, according to Libby Glass, development project manager for the developer.

The San Jose-based developer plans to put a hotel there, and has also mentioned the possibility of senior housing — but nothing is official yet.

“Our plan is to work with Stanford because of the University’s expressed interest in housing,” Glass said.

The developer purchased the property from the Casten family, who put it on the market last fall. When asked why his family was selling the property last month, Bert Casten was terse, citing “the economy” but otherwise saying, “There’s no reason to sell.”

Except for a small area behind the bowling alley that is zoned for housing, the entire parcel is designated to remain commercial property with housing permitted in a mixed-use context.

Neighbors have objected to dense housing because it would add traffic to the already busy Monroe Drive and add students to the crowded Santa Rita Elementary School in the Los Altos School District.

Neighbors Deirdre Crommie said she’d ideally like to see some kind of “asset for our neighborhood” go in on El Camino, “like some kind of community center or small retail. I definitely won’t miss the psychic, the nail place or the big, messy lot that’s behind there and collects a lot of trash,” she said.

--- Molly Tanenbaum

Powwow comes to Stanford this weekend

Drums and campers galore will head for Stanford University this weekend for the 36th annual Stanford Powwow, which always comes to town on Mothers’ Day Weekend.

But the main events in the powwow arena, across Galvez Street from Stanford Stadium, are the dance competitions. They typically run from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Also scheduled is the 11th annual 5K fun run and walk, which starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Details are at powwww.stanford.edu.

--- Palo Alto Weekly staff

Correction

The name of Palo Alto City Council candidate Pat Burt’s daughter was misstated. Her name is Carolyn Burt and she attends Jordan Middle School.

--- Palo Alto Weekly staff
EAST PALO ALTO

‘One EPA’ effort called ‘a huge disappointment’

Hewlett Foundation’s multi-million-dollar investment in community services fails to make hoped-for changes in people’s lives, neighborhoods

by Don Zakak

One East Palo Alto is the nonprofit organization that received much of the foundation’s East Palo Alto funds. It is in the final year of funding now. Faye McAin-Knox, One East Palo Alto’s executive director, said the evaluation of the effort was fair.

“It captured a lot of the issues we are dealing with,” she said.

The report said the nonprofit’s board suffered from internal conflict in the early years of the grant. There were quite a few things that were difficult and could be learned from,” she said. “Some things they had planned didn’t get done,” McAin-Knox said of the foundation.

One East Palo Alto, which has an annual budget of $600,000, helps coordinate the work of the city’s many nonprofit agencies serving young people and families. It is now looking for further support.

McAin-Knox noted that the report did credit many accomplishments that occurred in building neighborhood cohesiveness. The nonprofit was the principal sponsor of the large peace march and rally in early February that drew thousands to the streets to protest what had been a wave of drug-related shootings in the city. The city has been relatively free of violence since then.

“The community response to the violence seems to be working,” McAin-Knox said.

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COMMUNITY

Palo Altans need to pitch in, PAGE says

Group claims social capital lacking, despite Palo Alto’s wealth and talent

by Becky Trout

Palo Alto’s a wonderful place, but it’s running low on social capital, a nebulous yet critical measurement of the web of bonds between individuals in a community, according to a newly released government report. The foundation funded similar efforts in Oakland and San Jose over the same time period, which also had limited success, according to the report.

The foundation funding was for a Neighborhood Improvement Initiative (NII) that ended up costing $20 million for the three cities.

“Despite the huge investment of financial and human resources, however, the NII fell far short of achieving the hoped-for tangible improvements in residents’ lives,” Hewlett Foundation President Paul Brest said. “While some stakeholders viewed characterizing the NII as a failure as too harsh, it certainly was a huge disappointment.”

“One EPA” initiative fell far short of achieving the hoped-for tangible improvements in residents’ lives.”

—Paul Brest, Hewlett Foundation president

To pinpoint the problem, and develop solutions, Bacchetti and other PAGE members released a 15-page discussion paper recently that is based on a series of interviews with local leaders. They sent it to about 50 community leaders and organizations, and posted it on the Web site www.paloaltopage.org. PAGE includes about 17 people, a group of well-known names involved in schools, the city, Stanford and local business.

“We want to raise awareness, prompt some community curiosity,” PAGE President Barbara Bacchetti said. “We want to encourage people to start thinking about how they participate in our community and how they can do better.”

The paper wasn’t based on a single contentious issue. Rather, it “grew from a concern that Palo Alto is drawing down its community assets — both hard assets like facilities, infrastructure and financial resources, and its softer assets like community cohesion, good will between citizens and city and school district staff and civic imagination and pride,” the paper states.

Bacchetti said PAGE is trying to reach people who are not currently involved in civic affairs.

“We want to entice them, attract them, draw them intellectually and emotionally more into the city,” he said.

“I’ve always valued this town and had a great affection for it,” Bacchetti said. “I’ve always had a sense that the world doesn’t run on its own. It takes all of us working to have it be the kind of place we want it to be.”

“Civility and the ability to form relationships that endure beyond a difference of opinion on a particular issue are key components of social capital, the paper states.

Communities with strong social capital treat the staff of their public agencies with respect, the paper says. Too many people in town may say to a member of the Palo Alto staff, ‘I pay taxes, and this is what I want’ — as if paying taxes buys you an entitlement to a certain kind of response — rather than trying to work with people,” Bacchetti said.

Citizens aren’t only customers, they are participants and contributors, the paper states.

The PAGE paper offers a few methods of building social capital. It urges nonprofits to organize a “social-capital benchmark study” to develop concrete parameters and measurements of Palo Alto’s social capital. It suggests creating a leadership or citizens’ academy to connect decision makers to each other and to the broader community.

Discussions about the paper with the community will hopefully generate other ideas and build momentum — and social capital, Spreng said. Councilman Bern Beecham concurred that Palo Alto needs to boost its social capital.

“If you take a snapshot right now, we’re unable to find candidates for boards and commissions. . . . We’re now well into a council-campaign season (with) only one clear candi
date running. I think this effort is sorely needed.”

Mayor Yoriko Ishimoto said she believes social capital is important, but she views Palo Alto as healthy.

“I think we’re one of the most connected and involved communi
ties in the Peninsula and the Bay Area,” Ishimoto said. “We can al
ways do better I suppose. It’s good never to take it for granted.”

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Influence
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The impact of deca-BDE and other chemicals in the body will be part of a talk, “Toxic Chemicals and Pesticides: Biomonitoring the Chemicals in Your Body,” by Danis Baltz of Commonweal/Health Care Without Harm, on May 22 at Acterra in Palo Alto. Commonweal is a non-profit organization focusing on health and the environment.

Deca-BDE has caused irreversible changes in brain function in mice, which worsened with age, according to the California Environmental Protection Agency, which calls deca-BDE “emerging chemical of concern.”

Other studies showed that fetus rats exposed to the chemical when in the womb suffered delayed hardening in their bones, the state environmental agency noted.

Scientists have found deca-BDE in cell-phones, computers, televisions and in furniture with polyurethane foam. These products off-gas deca-BDE, which gets into dust in the home and is inhaled by children, adults and animals.

Infants ingest the greatest amount, according to Arnold Schecter of the University of Texas. His study, published in Environmental Health Perspectives magazine in October 2006, showed that babies had the highest intake of PBDEs — more than 300,000 pico-grams-waterequivalent — per liter of breast milk, compared to 1,000 parts for an adult. Schecter’s study indicated that PBDEs also enter the body through foods such as meat, fish and cheese.

California has the most stringent fire retardant laws in the country, but foam, electronics, furniture, mattress, car and carpet makers say they must use deca-BDE and additional flame retardants to comply with fire safety laws. According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission the number one cause of fires is cigarettes igniting furniture and mattresses.

Environmentalists say there are better and safer alternatives to using chemicals to prevent fires. They advocate self-extinguishing cigarettes, home sprinkler systems, inherently fire-resistant fibers and thicker barriers in furniture.

“Chemicals are virtually unregulated in the United States. People assume they are tested for safety before approval, but there is very little scrutiny. We need to have a Marshall Plan to move away from chemicals and use them selectively and make sure they are safe before using,” Baltz said.

When the California law went into effect in 2006, the state did not ban deca-BDE because the scientific evidence on the chemical’s effects on the human body was believed to be lacking. But some legislators want deca-BDE added to the list.

In Sacramento, Assemblyman Mark Leno (11th district) introduced a bill, AB-706, earlier this year that would ban toxic fire retardants in furniture and bedding products. Assemblywoman Sally Lieber (22nd district) also introduced a bill in 2007 that would ban deca-BDE from any use.

“California shouldn’t mandate that kids sleep on poison-filled pillows or play on poison-filled furniture,” Leno said, referring to a new registry that would expand the fire retardant requirements to pillows and comforters, per the California Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation.

“The type of chemicals being used today have been linked to birth defects and reproductive difficulties. This bill creates a smarter and improved fire-safety standard for furniture, parents can trust when protecting our kids, workers and others from potentially dangerous exposure to toxic chemicals,” he added.

Opponents claim the risk of fire hazard is greater than risks from the fire retardants.

“As the Chamber of Commerce, I’m telling you that this bill could potentially put consumers at risk by depriving them of the most effective flame retardant available due to the sweeping nature of the bill,” Vince Solitto, vice-president of media relations at the California Chamber of Commerce, said.

“I’m saying (the science) is incomplete, it’s not conclusive, and before we ban entire classes of chemicals we need to be better informed both about the true risks and the efficacy of any alternatives,” he added.

“The legislature is not equipped to deal with the subtle nuances of the science,” said John Ulrich, executive director of the Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC), which believes state regulators should decide on the hazards of such chemicals.

Scientists are sticking to their research.

“To the best of my knowledge in 30 years we don’t have any seen any brominated or chlorinated flame retardant shown to be safe to human health,” biophysicist Arlene Blum said.

She noted that after California began to phase out the use of other fire retardants in 2006, foam manufacturers substituted it with another flame retardant called “chlorinated-Tris” — even though since 1977 the Consumer Product Safety Commission had banned chlorinated-Tris from children’s clothing because of its known toxic effects.

Environmentalists want to see the bill pass. “We’re concerned about newborn babies in the very first years of life. They are the most vulnerable to many environmental contaminants,” said Sonya Lunder, mother and activist at the Environmental Working Group, a national nonprofit activist organization that ran a biomonitoring study three years ago that included findings of deca-BDE in breast milk.

“I understand the severity of the story more personally now that I have a son, and I really see how parents feel when they learn this information, and are faced with the fact that the government isn’t doing enough to control our exposures and our kids’ exposures to these harmful chemicals,” she said.

For information on Davis Baltz’s talk at Acterra, contact Debbie Mytels at 650-962-9876, ext. 302, debbiem@acterra.org.
Nine Lives Foundation gets 10th life

‘No-kill’ cat shelter loses funding from benefactress
but is finding a new home with new support

by Sue Dremann

The Nine Lives Foundation, a no-kill cat shelter facing closure after its chief benefactor decided to shut down the veterinary practice that funded it, is getting a new, if uncertain, life.

The nonprofit shelter, founded four years ago by veterinarian Dr. Monica Thompson of Palo Alto, received more than 80 percent of its funding from Thompson’s nonprofit veterinary hospital, the Feline Well-Care Clinic in Redwood City.

Thompson decided to close the full-service veterinary hospital, which provided affordable veterinary services to more than 2,000 families and cat-rescue organizations from as far away as Morgan Hill, after long-term support for the animal-rescue operation failed to materialize and she ran out of resources, she said.

The Nine Lives Foundation will continue to save cats and kittens, only from a smaller location than her Redwood City warehouse on Spring Street.

The new location, funded with more than $25,000 from donors since she announced closing the veterinary hospital in March, will operate out of 850 East San Carlos Ave., a warehouse owned by former San Francisco 49er football player and Stanford quarterback John Paye. He runs Paye’s Place and Velocity Sports youth training in San Carlos, Thompson said.

For four years, Thompson said she worked 14-hour days six days a week to support Nine Lives, spending days, nights, weekends, holidays — and more than $250,000 — to shelter up to 150 cats. She gave so much of herself to Nine Lives and the Feline Well-Care Clinic, often she did not pay herself at all, she said.

“I have given everything I have and then some. I thought by now I’d have a larger donor base. I’d do this forever if money wasn’t a consequence. I’m having a hard time with this — it’s difficult,” she said of leaving. “So many families can’t afford reasonable care.”

In the next four years, Thompson will focus on raising her teenage daughter, she said. Known for her devotion to saving felines other groups would have euthanized, Thompson added that although her veterinary practice is closing she is pleased the Nine Lives Foundation will continue to save cats and kittens.

Monetary donations and volunteers are still desperately needed, Thompson said. The new shelter will cost $10,000 a month to run — approximately $100,000 per year. Currently, there is enough cash on hand to cover two months’ rent, she added.

Nine Lives still has 80 cats and kittens and would like to adopt out as many as possible prior to the May 20 move. The foundation is offering discounted adoptions, which include barn cats, mousers, lap cats, senior cats for seniors and cats that love dogs, Thompson said. She will operate a monthly clinic at the foundation one weekend each month to help generate some income for Nine Lives and maintain client relationships, she added.

Nine Lives will reopen on June 1 with an open house, kitten adoption fair and giveaways.

Longtime supporters were saddened by the Feline Well-Care Clinic’s closing and the shelter’s uncertain future, but remain dedicated to seeing Nine Lives survive.

“This is the valley where everybody loves pets. I think it would be a bad reflection on our Silicon Valley community to let something like this go,” said Becky Allen of Menlo Park, who adopted her cat, Lexie, from Nine Lives.

Allen said she hopes with all of the valley’s venture capital and financial talent, that someone will start a foundation to finance Nine Lives.

“When I met (Thompson) I could see how dedicated and overworked she was. There were weeks Monica couldn’t buy groceries. ... That’s the kind of dedication I want to support.” To help the Nine Lives Foundation, call 650-368-1365; after June 1: 650-654-7330. Visit www.ninelivesfoundation.org.
The Public Agenda

PAULO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ... The council will hold a study session on Stanford Medical Center and Shopping Center expansion plans. The council will then have a first reading for new PC zoning at 3445 Alma St. (Alma Plaza) and discuss approving an option agreement for the Roth Building at 300 Homer Ave. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PAULO ALTO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board will review revisions by Court House Plaza Company to 196 Page Mill Road. The meeting will take place at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PAULO ALTO FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to discuss budgets for the Public Works Department and infrastructure repair and maintenance. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PAULO ALTO FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to discuss the budgets of the storm drain, refuse and wastewater treatment. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

PAULO ALTO PUBLIC ART COMMISSION ... The commission plans to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

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home on Middlefield Road in Palo Alto, President Vonza Thompson said.

The Alliance receives 25 percent of its budget, or $4.5 million, from the county and would need to cut 70 to 100 staff positions if the cuts are enacted, Thompson said.

At the California Avenue facility, the Alliance operates the Discovery Center, a day program that serves 70 adults with severe mental illnesses each year, and a outpatient program with 250 clients.

“We do not want at all to ever stop serving the Palo Alto and North County area,” Thompson said. “I’m not going to choose to eliminate services in Palo Alto unless I absolutely have to.”

The organization will not be able to make any final decisions until the budget is completed June 15, Thompson said.

Espinoza-Howard said the Opportunity Health Center, which serves clients of the Opportunity Center, could also be affected.

The budget document itself warns of the consequences of the cuts. “The reduction of ... services may result in the reduction of the consequences of the cuts. “The whole system is unbelievably peculiar, to say the least,” Kniss said.

If the proposed cuts are enacted, mentally ill individuals will cut off from care may be on the street, ailing and sent to jail, where the county is required to provide them with medication, Kniss said. Then, they will be released again.

“The whole system is unbelievably peculiar, to say the least,” Kniss said.

At 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, the Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on health care. The supervisors will also have another week in June to hear from the public about the budget. The meeting will be at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding St., San Jose. To find the budget online, go to www.sccgov.org, click on “Budget and Finance” and then click on the “Fiscal Year 2008 Recommended Budget.”

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The city initially offered the allowance of $750 a month for a vehicle used for district business. Life-insurance benefits of $290,000 will be for the term of his employment and not extend beyond.

Skelly thanked the board.

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A year for 40 years — to help ramp up fundraising and move ahead with the project.

“We’re doing fine [with raising money] but we really need the lease option to give us the legitimacy we need to forward our efforts,” Holman said.

The city purchased the building in 2000 for $2 million when the Palo Alto Medical Foundation vacated it, moving to a new campus on El Camino Real.

The city initially offered the building “as is” but the history group argued that the city should be responsible for repairs needed because it failed to prevent two winters’ worth of water damage following the removal of two medical-office wings added to the building in the 1950s.

“Water has been getting into the building ever since. The problem hasn’t been abated,” Holman said.

With the $415,000 approved last summer, the city has installed fans, electricity, ventilation and drain systems.

It will also fix windows and door locks.

But even a new drain system did not fix the Spanish colonial-style building’s major leak, which could be due to the old concrete basement or the way the building’s alterations were “hodgepodged, added on here and added on there. It’s a really weird configuration,” Fellman said.

If the leak is left unfixed, standing water could encourage mold growth, adding to costs, he said.

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Art of glass

Chris James, a junior at Palo Alto High School, creates a glass flower Thursday morning in the school’s shop. Faly Glass is hosting its sixth annual spring sale wrapping up today at the Norsonn Gallery on campus.
Splendor in the Glass

Stained-glass artist Judy Miller had a determination that took her places—distances so far that her work is said to be in more than a thousand homes on four continents.

The late Palo Alto artist not only was hired for commission work in houses worldwide, she also taught stained glass to artists from as far as India, according to her son, Fred Miller. Middle Eastern embroiderers continue to order books of her designs as templates for needlework, he said.

That international recognition is a far cry from the world of the single mother raising two sons who couldn’t find an instructor to teach a woman the art of stained glass.

Born in 1934 in Santa Maria, Calif., and a Palo Alto denizen from 1960 until her death last September, Miller is now being honored in a retrospective exhibit of her stained-glass pieces showing through July 31 at the Sheridan Apartments in Palo Alto.

Although the exhibit is (continued on next page)
small, it’s providing an opportuni-
ty for people to remember Miller
and her work.

It was a 1960s trip to Europe
viewing the vibrant stained-
glass windows of cathedrals that
spurred Miller to bring the art
form into her own home, said Jean
Slocum, a 40-year friend of Mill-
ner’s who organized the exhibit to
pay tribute to the artist.

“She came back and just
couldn’t get those things out of her
mind. She said she just felt alive
and vigorous because of the play
of light,” Slocum said, adding that
the windows infused Miller with
“a spiritual feeling.”

As Miller wrote in a 1987 arti-
cle for Professional Stained Glass
magazine, stained glass didn’t
have to be restricted to churches:
“As the environment of medi-
eval cathedrals was magically
transformed by the magnificent
stained-glass windows, present-
day homes and workplaces can
use the rays of the sun to bring
beauty to many areas of our liv-
ing spaces.”

Finding it too costly to hire
someone to implement the color-
ful windows in her Palo Alto hills
home, Miller decided to learn the
art herself, but struggled to locate
an instructor. In the early 1970s,
stained glass was still considered
a craft for men because of its de-
pendence on skills such as weld-
ing and woodworking, Fred said.

But Miller’s unbreakable re-
solve always pushed her past
gender barriers, according to her
friends.

“She would hear someone say,
‘A woman can’t do that,’” Slocum
said. “She would thumb her nose
at them and say, ‘I can do this.’”

Former Palo Alto resident Ome
Stark met Miller weekly with
the “Thursday Club,” a tight-knit

group of nine women who gath-
ered for stained-glass projects
and other activities. Stark recalled
Miller as an elegant, luminous
woman who pursued everything
to which she set her mind.

“She could do anything,” Stark
said. “It never entered her head
that ‘Maybe I shouldn’t try this
particular thing.’”

When coyotes patrolling the

Judy Miller

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woods around Miller’s home threatened the five peacocks she affectionately kept in a backyard aviary, Miller bought a .38-caliber pistol and taught herself how to shoot, Slocum said.

This spirit of independence, as well as an environment of constant learning, permeated Miller’s life. “Anyone willing to read, study and experiment can learn to do just about anything,” Miller told the Palo Alto Times in 1975. Despite art-world gender mores, Miller eventually tracked down a teacher at Franciscan Glass in Mountain View. Within a year of taking one six-week course in stained-glass fabrication in 1973, she began teaching her own classes, and what was at first a hobby for Miller became a living, according to her son.

Local electronics companies, residences and public groups, including the town of Los Altos Hills, began hiring Miller for commissions to beautify their buildings. She expanded her business by publishing nearly 100 stained-glass how-to books and pattern series, which provided templates for artists to create their own works. She distributed many books through her own Judy Miller Publications company, Fred reported, adding that the company still runs strong today.

Gene Mayo, owner of the San Carlos-based art shop Stained Glass Images, produced patterns and attended nationwide trade shows with Miller after meeting her in 1978. Mayo called Miller a “pioneer” in the stained-glass field because she was one of the first to put out pattern books and books in the late 1970s. He also deemed her “an experimentalist” whose talent for pinpointing designs to suit individuals made her an in-demand commission artist. “She had a real knack for drawing,” Mayo said. “Any design — she could do it. ... She could take anything simple and just turn it into something really gorgeous.”

The makeover Miller gave her own home presents one of the most stunning glimpses into the depth of her talent, Slocum said. In one example, Miller transformed an ordinary bathroom into a garden paradise by mounting rocks along the walls and installing stained glass depicting pastel pink and lavender flowers on windows, mirrors and even a wastebasket. Arranging plants around the bathtub also added a 3-D element that brought the art to life.

Besides residential art, Miller also left her prismatic legacy in numerous stand-alone works, some of which hang freely along the sliding glass doors of her Sheridan Apartments exhibit. In one piece, “Conservatory Through a Fish-eye Lens,” a large, round wood frame borders a depiction of a greenhouse ceiling, with intricate, spiky leaves encompassing pale, pink flowers underneath a dome-like grid. Slocum said Miller pored over the work for seven months.

The current Palo Alto exhibit displays a range of subjects and styles portrayed by Miller. A four-panel screen illustrating a vivid array of flowers shows Miller’s representational side; the Picasso-esque face weaving shards of blue, green and purple glass shows a taste for the abstract; while the game board and coffee tables demonstrate Miller’s aspiration to also create functional works.

A common character in Miller’s art was birds. Slocum added, because Miller had a special affinity for the way “they were free” and “take flight.” The exhibit, located in a relaxed apartment complex common room, lies in the heart of a community Miller loved and actively supported, Fred Miller said. Miller devoted time and money to many local causes throughout her life, including education, wildlife charities and women’s rights.

As Ome Stark, who called Miller a “dear friend,” said, “Nobody was more ‘Palo Alto’ than Judy.”

What: Retrospective exhibit featuring Palo Alto artist Judy Miller’s stained-glass works. Also showing acrylic paintings by Szn Kraft, oil paintings and drawings by Cheryl Pape and photographs by Jean Slocum

Where: Sheridan Apartments common room, 360 Sheridan Ave., Palo Alto

When: Through July 31 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., or by arrangement with Jean Slocum.

Cost: Free

Info: Call Jean Slocum at 650-473-1179.

Local artist Klari Reis finds “Hope” in her new solo exhibit in London. For more, go to arts editor Rebecca Wallace’s blog; head for www.PaloAltoOnline.com and scroll down to Ad Libs.

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Julie grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, graduated from East High School in 1948, received a Bachelor’s degree in Business from the University of Utah in 1952, and a Masters in Marketing from NYU in 1953.

As a resident of Menlo Park for the past 34 years, she worked as a real estate agent, volunteered at the Blood Bank, was a member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, and was lovingly active in her children and grandchildren’s lives.

Julie will be remembered as a devoted and caring mother, gracious hostess, and domino player extraordinaire. Great is our sorrow but her spark will live on in those she touched.


To honor Julie’s enduring love for animals, those wishing to send memorial contributions may direct them in her name to the Peninsula Humane Society. Arrangements by Roller Hagood & Tinney.

Meet Clancy.
A silvery-gray beanstalk crawls up the page, drawn in pencil. Where there’s a beanstalk, there must be an ambitious boy looking up.

Only this time Jack is named José. His garden has a food stand with a “Frijoles” sign, and the only thing scary about the giant is his tropical-print shirt.

Fairy tales get new zest on Kristin Abbott’s sketch pad. The children’s illustrator adds diversity to familiarity, moving “Jack and the Beanstalk” to Mexico or giving “Beauty and the Beast” an Asian feel, with dragons, pagodas and hanging lanterns that glow with watercolor softness.

Here, in her small studio, an angular space off her Palo Alto living room, José is taking shape, ready to hit the clouds.

“When José gets back, he’ll open his little stand and sell giant bean burritos,” Abbott says, smiling. “There’s no golden goose, only giant beans.”

As Abbott works, National Public Radio constantly plays, its tales from around the world sweeping over her drawing table. It puts her in the proper narrative frame of mind to envision fables or fiction of her own creation.

Although her sketches ultimately become watercolor paintings, and she also does portraits in oil, Abbott says: “I’m not a gallery painter; I’m an illustrator, telling a story.” She wants viewers to step up close to her work, to peer into the corners and details and creatures’ faces and speculate about what’s happening. Her favorite accolades come from kids, when they stare into her illustrations and say, “I want to go there.”

Besides selling prints of her work, Abbott also teams up with children’s authors to illustrate book covers or pages. She has big plans for her Mexican “Jack and the Beanstalk” — it’ll become a special book to promote herself to art directors of publishing companies.

These days, Abbott is also reaching a new audience: the bunny-suit-ed workers in the Stanford Nano-fabrication Facility, along with the other researchers and scholars in the Center for Integrated Systems at Stanford University.

Through July 5, she’s exhibiting with mixed-media artist Salma Arastu and contemporary Cubist painter Carol Manasse through Stanford Art Spaces. This program displays artwork on walls throughout the Center for Integrated Systems and other selected campus buildings.

Curator Marilyn Grossman says Abbott’s illustrations are ideal for the informal setting; people can gaze closely at them, or snare a quick glimpse on a workday rush through the halls.

“They’re light and whimsical and happy,” she said. “A lot of people like happy art.”

Grossman, who has been with...
In this illustration, titled “Gathering Blue,” a girl embroiders the history of her people on a flowing robe.

Also included in the Stanford Art Spaces exhibit are paintings by contemporary Cubist Carol Manasse. Pictured is “Grecian Sunset.”

Stanford Art Spaces for 10 years, enjoys getting to know artists and bringing unexpected touches of art to corridors and corners. Her daughter-in-law, a designer, saw Abbott’s work on the Internet and urged Grossman to give the illustrator a call.

Abbott has enjoyed the reactions at Stanford. “They love my work over in the psychology department,” she said. “They’re probably thinking, ‘What does she mean?’”

One could certainly analyze such illustrations as “The Wrong Side of the Bed,” in which a boy prepares to rise and shine. Everything on one side of his room is happy-go-lucky, from the chipper goldfish to the horseshoe on the wall. However, the boy is getting out of bed on the side with the black cat and the storm clouds, his foot poised over a banana peel.

There’s plenty of charming quirkiness in Abbott’s work, including polar bears with sun umbrellas, a boy and his alligator chum, and a man flying a plane made out of a tractor whose flight path has apparently veered through a clothesline: The flying machine is dragging a chain of undergarments. Perhaps one can blame the co-pilot, a dog in goggles.

“It’s so absurd,” Abbott said fondly. “Tractors are made to be heavy. And who doesn’t love polka-dot underwear?”

This illustration grew out of a school assignment at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where Abbott earned an illustration degree in 2005 and is working toward a master’s.

Abbott, a married mother of three, came to her illustration work by taking “a U-turn in the middle of my life.” She had been a writer for a PR firm and was enamored with the children’s books she read to her kids. Inspired, she began taking art classes. Now she’s looking for an agent and aspires to illustrate and write her own children’s book.

It’s apropos, then, that several of her illustrations are set to go on display at Palo Alto’s children’s library when its renovation is finished. They include a leprechaun reading in a cauldron and a mermaid in a boat, captivated by her book. “She was caught with books as bait,” Abbott said.

“What: An exhibit of illustrations by Kristin Abbott, mixed-media works by Salma Arastu and paintings by Carol Manasse, at Stanford Art Spaces
Where: Center for Integrated Systems at 420 Via Palou and other selected buildings at Stanford University
When: Through July 5. Exhibit hours are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Joanne Koltnow finds many of her subjects in her backyard garden.

**Powerful flowers**

Palo Alto photographer creates striking floral images with her scanner

by Marge Speidel

SOME artists struggle for years for the breakthrough that will define their work in years ahead. For Palo Alto photographer Joanne Koltnow, that moment came four years ago when she put a flower blossom on the glass of her flatbed scanner. The resulting image took her breath away.

It only got better when she got a professional scanner with a large bed and a transparency adapter that illuminated the flowers from above, backlighting them.

“Once I got the idea, I began collecting containers, ranging from an old Shalimar perfume bottle to an ink container to tiny bottles from antique or second-hand stores. Friends keep an eye out for the right kind for me,” she said.

In making scanned images look like watercolors, Koltnow looks for form, “not just a flower head-on.” Some graceful stems give the appearance of a dancer, for instance. “Sometimes I will do a little pruning to get the shape I want.”

Anne Anderson of Palo Alto, a garden club member with a strong interest in plants, has collected several of Koltnow’s photos.

“What shows is that she really loves plants; the white background just makes the image pop out. The way the glass containers show up is amazing; it looks like painting,” Anderson said.

David Hibbard, a Menlo Park photographer who took a workshop at Stanford University with Koltnow, also praised her work, saying he loves her technique of isolating plants in a graphic way, with no background detail that distracts.

Koltnow’s interest in art is lifelong. Born in Philadelphia, she began Saturday morning art classes at age 6. She studied art through college at the University of Pennsylvania, although her degree was in psychology. After teaching in Boston for three years, she came to the Midpeninsula in 1971, and has worked as a writer for firms including Cisco and Apple. Over the years she has worked in various media but always returned to photography.

Her father, a serious amateur photographer, was an early influence. In fact, it was when Koltnow wanted to use the computer to digitize some of her father’s photos from the 1930s that she first experimented with the flower on the glass of her scanner.

She has now scanned thousands of flowers, learned some botany, and been in touch with gardeners, horticulturalists, and flower lovers.

Modernbook Gallery, the Palo Alto gallery that represents her, plans a two-month show of Koltnow’s work, along with the floral photography of Christina Florkowski, beginning June 1.

Meanwhile, Koltnow is also interested in helping botanical organizations document their collections. She’s already worked with author and horticulturalist Betsy Clebsch, helping her illustrate the author’s article on salvias when the original botanical illustrator was no longer available; Clebsch called her “a gift from heaven.”

Clebsch, who is active with the Pacific Horticultural Society, praises scanning as an up-and-coming method of keeping records of plant life — something that would have been useful in the old days, when the fire resulting from the 1906 San Francisco earthquake destroyed the herbarium of the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

“The new scanning technique could provide a backup record to prevent such a loss,” she said.
Dance

Stanford Powwow

Drums and campers galore will head for Stanford University this weekend for the 36th annual Stanford Powwow, which always comes to town on Mothers’ Day Weekend.

But the main events in the powwow arena across Galvez Street from Stanford Stadium are the dance competitions. They typically run from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 to 6 on Sunday. A wealth of categories are planned: men’s traditional, straight, grass and fancy; and women’s Northern traditional, Southern traditional, jingle and fancy. There will be junior and children’s categories as well.

Also scheduled is the 11th annual 5K fun run and walk, which starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Details are at powwow.stanford.edu.

Theater

‘Cinderella’

Do vaudeville and fairy tales go together? Apparently they do at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts starting this Saturday. Peninsula Youth Theatre is presenting a production of “Cinderella” — the unusually lively version penned by Kate Hawley (who grew up in Los Altos) and Gregg Coffin. Developed by Shakespeare Santa Cruz, where it premiered in 1999, this incarnation of “Cinderella” takes its cue from British pantomime, which combines elements of vaudeville, stand-up comedy and revue. This production is said to be suitable for both children and adults.

The show runs through May 20 at the center at 500 Castro St., with performances at 2 and 7:30 p.m. May 12, 13 and 19; 7:30 p.m. May 18; and 2 p.m. May 20. Tickets are $18 for adults and $15 for seniors and kids 12 and under. Discounted matinees are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. May 17 and 18. Call 650-903-6000 or go to www.pytnet.org.

Film

Katharine Hepburn celebration

If the legendary actress Katharine Hepburn were still with us, she’d be celebrating her 100th birthday this Saturday. Fans of the four-time Best Actress Oscar-winner can still mark the occasion at the Stanford Theatre, which kicks off a seven-week festival of her films this Friday.

The event begins with a classic pairing: “A Bill of Divorcement,” a 1932 drama also starring John Barrymore; and 1940’s “The Philadelphia Story,” which teamed Hepburn with Cary Grant and James Stewart. These films run through Sunday and will be followed by a host of others, including “Alice Adams” (1935), “The African Queen” (1951) and “The Lion in Winter” (1968).

The theater is at 221 University Ave., in downtown Palo Alto. For more information, call 650-324-3700 or go to www.stanfordtheatre.org.

Gordon Parks films

The current exhibit of Gordon Parks’ photography at the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University takes on a new dimension next week with two free film screenings. That’s fitting, because the photographer was also a movie director along with his other credits: author, musician and publisher.

Next Thursday, May 17, “Half Past Autumn: The Life and Works of Gordon Parks” (2000) is scheduled to be shown at 6 p.m. in the Cantor center’s auditorium. The 90-minute film is directed by Craig Rice and narrated by Alfie Woodard, and Jan Krawitz from Stanford’s documentary film studies department will give an introduction.

On May 18, Parks’ movie “Shaft” (1971) will be shown at 7 p.m. at Annenberg Auditorium in the Cummings Art Building. Parks directed the 100-minute film, and an introduction will be given by Scott Bukatman from Stanford’s film and media studies department.

The Cantor center is at Lomita Drive and Museum Way, and the Parks exhibit (which was the subject of an April 27 Weekly article) will run through July 1. Go to museum.stanford.edu.

Art

Open studios

The creative process can seem so mysterious to those of us who merely appreciate art. This weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to sneak a peek behind the scenes.

The Silicon Valley Open Studios program focuses on northern Santa Clara County this weekend, which means scores of artists in Palo Alto, Los Altos, Mountain View, Los Altos Hills and other nearby towns will open their studios to the public. Studios are typically open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

There are numerous locals participating, including sculptors, painters, jewelers and digital artists. For a complete list, go to www.svos.org.
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Mountain View Foreign Car
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Poulsen Construction
Precision Tune Auto Care (Miramonte)
Quality Tune Up
Quick Smog
R & W Autobody & Paint Repair
Ramirez Auto Repair
Ron’s Safety Service
Rotten Robbie-4
RPM Auto Machine
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Eating Out

Quietly stylish
Revamped menu keeps Marché in tune
by Dale F. Benton

Howard Bulka finally gave in. Several weeks ago he revamped the menu of his Marché restaurant in downtown Menlo Park.

Bulka had relied on a French-fashioned menu with international twists, but most of his patrons seemed to favor something more basic.

Finally, he said, “I realized about 70 percent of the meals we are serving are steaks. So, I addressed it.”

The new menu consists of six principal offerings, of which half are steaks. Even so, Bulka has infused the plates with Asian and South American nuances. In addition, the restaurant recently installed a $10,000 Montague broiler to make the best possible steaks. It’s that kind of commitment to quality that has been Bulka’s gastronomic signature for years.

Born in Chicago but reared in west Los Angeles, Bulka came north to study creative writing at San Francisco State. One day he decided to become a chef instead, and that ignited a career that took him from Europe to Asia.

He did a turn in Los Angeles, studied under Paul Boucouse and the late chef Alain Chapel in France, worked a wok line in Hong Kong, and did a stint as executive chef at the Mandarin Hotel’s acclaimed Silks in San Francisco. Bulka worked the next decade as a restaurant consultant. The wunderkind eventually subsided, and, in late 2001, he and business partner Lee Isgrò opened Marché.

Designed by Terry Hunzinger of Seattle, Marché is spacey elegant, contemporary and understated. Muted yellows, earthy tans and browns add to the sophisticated expression. Dark wood plantations blinds shelter diners from Santa Cruz Avenue. Three oversized lampshades cast a warm glow to the interior.

Guests are seated at tables or padded booths, but the restaurant also features a separate Chef’s Room that accommodates ten and a banquet room for larger parties. Both the Chef’s Room and the booths are window seats off the active kitchen. White linens, fresh roses and candles complete the décor. It is a soothing, nurturing space to dine.

Before the appetizers arrived, the chef sent an amuse bouche of aubergine cheese-infused pastries to whet our appetites. For starters, the House Cured Arctic Char ($14) was a tempting version of gravlax, a Swedish invention of salmon cured in sugar, salt and dill, thinly sliced and served cold. Marché presented it with a cornmeal blini, dill crème fraîche, marinated red onion and sieved egg.

I liked the Green Garlic Soup ($11), its silky texture born of pureéd white garlic. It was topped with house-made horseradish, crispy tortilla strips and queso Cotija, a semi-hard cow’s cheese from Mexico. My sole complaint was that the spoon was too short for the bowl and kept sliding into the soup. I had problems managing the utensils of several dishes, which were too awkward for some of the oddly shaped plates.

The Sweet Gem Louis Salad ($12) was satisfying. Sweet Dungeness crab, chopped egg and golden beets were dressed in a sublime vinaigrette. Louis dressing, the house-made dressing bore no relation whatsoever to the insipid fish house vinaigrettes.

For main courses, the pan-roasted halibut ($26) was delectable. Thick and fleshy, the fish was just cooked through. Butterball potatoes, leeks and cipollini onions accompanied. A delightful orange cream sauce of slow-cooked white wine, shallots and pureéd oysters topped the dish. Bulka likens the sauce to a creamy leek fondue.

The chicken “al Mattone” ($25) is a Tuscan method of cooking chicken under a brick. The quartered, bone-in chicken was slow cooked without losing juices. Marché served the chicken on rustic bruschetta and complemented it with a red pepper and leek relish of currants, pine nuts and sherry wine vinegar with a drizzle of olive oil and lemon zest.

The Wagyu flat iron steak ($26) was melt-in-your-mouth tender. Wagyu is an American-styled Kobe beef; the word “Wagyu” means “Japanese cow.” In the US, Wagyu have been cross-bred with Angus to increase their heartiness. The beef is noted for its marbling, juiciness and tenderness.

Marché recommended the meat be served rare but my companion wanted hers well done, which did not compromise flavor or tenderness. The steak was served with stirred matchstick vegetables.

The New York steak ($36) was equally delectable. Thick, marbled and tender, the steak was grilled to my specifications. Chimichurri — a thick Argentinean sauce of olive oil, herbs, garlic, red wine vinegar, shallots and jalapeño pepper — accompanied.

Side dishes are appealing and recommended, as main dishes don’t come with a lot of trilly. My favorite was the trio of pureéd vegetables: butternut squash, English pea and cauliflower with curry oil. It was plenty for two.

The delta asparagus was fat and sweet, peeled and boiled to order. The asparagus was flocked with house-made bacon chutneys and topped with a quail egg. Also delicious was the bucket of pommes frites. All sides are $6.

Desserts ($10) did not disappoint. The buttermilk panna cotta on a pineapple banana fritter was light and delicate. The rhubarb and strawberry tart, crusted with walnut streusel and topped with a soft white chocolate and lemon chantilly sauce, was fine but undistinguished.

The burnt caramel chocolate pot de crème was exceptional. The thick saucy chocolate custard was topped with chocolate shavings and served with several mouthwatering warm chocolate chip cookies. After dessert, the waiter delivered a plate of miniature brownies with a take-home bag to enjoy on the way or with the next morning’s café au lait.

The regular menu is complemented by a chef’s tasting menu, four-courses, with many options for $65. When it’s paired with select wines, add $55.

Besides a full bar, Marché offers a stellar, albeit pricey, wine list. Many of the greatest names in winedom are represented. Luscious white wines from Domaine Leflaive and an impressive collection from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti along with outstanding Bordeaux are offered. Excellent labels from California and Oregon abound. Many wines are available by the glass ($37-$17). Corkage fee is $15.

It is an expense-account wine list, but, if you search, you’ll find something to fit your taste buds and pocketbook. The professional wait-staff is happy to assist.

Marché is stylish and pricey. Despite the recent drift towards steaks, the side dishes and accompaniments are still infused with creativity from a master chef. Marché is about the best place in town for that special occasion or that occasional splurge we need from time to time.

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Ann’s Coffee Shop, 772 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park (650) 322-0043
Homemade pies, pot roast, soups, milkshakes and sandwiches in an old-fashioned diner with genuine retro decor. The fresh rhubarb pie may win over those leery of rhubarb. Breakfast served all day. No reservations. No credit cards. Mon-Sat. 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Reviewed Aug. 15, 2003)

Antonio’s Hot House, 522 California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 321-2550
Palo Alto’s only dive bar. Although the bar itself does not serve food, Taquía Azteca caters to the bar crowd with a variety of traditional tex-mex. And, of course, there are plenty of peanuts. Daily 10-2 a.m. (Reviewed Aug. 14, 2003)

Applewood Inn, 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 324-3486
Creative gourmet pizzas (toppings include sun-dried tomatoes, caviar, exotic cheeses, salads, soups, sandwiches and pastas available at lunch. Take-out available. Mon-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mon-Sat. 5-10 p.m.)

Applewood Pizza 2 Go, 989 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 328-1556
A quick version of Applewood Inn’s popular pizzas. Daily 5-9 p.m. (Reviewed Oct. 1, 2002)

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4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
Also at Town & Country Village,
3950 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

**AMERICAN**

Armadillo Willy’s (941-2922)
1031 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
Range: $5.00-13.00

Hobee’s (856-6124)
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The menu combines a variety of Asian ingredients. The restaurant also offers a wealth of choices for the sushi-aficionado, from bountiful bento boxes to generous soups and noodle plates. Combined with friendly, quick service and fair prices, Arikato bags more than just a quick after-shopping stop – it’s a must-try for lunch fans.

Open seven days a week. Lunch: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Dinner: Monday through Sunday, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Reviewed Nov. 5, 2004)

Armadillo Willy’s, 1031 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos (650) 941-2922
This Texas-style restaurant serves up big plates of barbecue, ribs and steaks. Try any of the barbecue sandwiches or platters with a side of fries or the spicy peanut slaw.

Tiny, cozy restaurant featuring homemade cornbread, fruit pies, chili and salads.

You won’t go home hungry. Sun.-Thu. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed March 12, 2004)

Asia Fusion Cafe, 873 Castro St., Mountain View (650) 210-9393
The menu featured Malaysian-Singaporean menu items with plenty of meat, seafood and poultry choices, as well as a large vegetarian selection. Noodles abound. Lunch: Tue.-Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Dinner: Sun. & Tue. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

A peaceful sanctuary for shoppers at Stanford Shopping Center, Babbos offers an array of Mediterranean-inspired dishes, an array of salads, soups, quiches and pastries – and at least 30 types of bagels. Bagels with egg and meats or vegetables are available for breakfast, and there’s a full espresso bar.

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Reviewed March 14, 2003)

Baja Fresh, 3990 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (650) 424-8599
This is more than a hip, cool burrito and taco joint in the heart of Palo Alto. The food is fresh and good. Try the vegetarian burrito.

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Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Reviewed June 16, 2006)

Cornish pasties, fruit pies, chili and salads.

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Baba Neo, 311 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View (650) 988-8686

Mon-Sat 10:30 am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm

Drop your business card to enter. Winners drawn weekly.

This simple and small cafe specializes in cold foods: salads, sandwiches, soups. Daily 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Avanti Pizza & Pasta, 3536 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park (650) 884-2223
Pizza, pasta, salads, sandwiches and entrees such as veal parmigiana and chicken fingers. Creative pizza toppings.

B.J. Bull, 3403 Alma St., Palo Alto (650) 493-7330
Tiny, cozy restaurant featuring homemade cornbread, fruit pies, chili and salads.

British beer on tap. Pub menu includes steaks, burgers, fish and chips, bangers and mash. Tue.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 a.m. (Reviewed March 14, 2003)

Baba Neo, 311 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View (650) 903-9219

Tiny, cozy restaurant featuring homemade cornbread, fruit pies, chili and salads.

You won’t go home hungry. Sun.-Thu. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed March 12, 2004)

Aika's, 1803 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (650) 493-7330

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Arikato, 1040 A-1 Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View (650) 988-9219

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Back A Yard Caribbean American Grill, 1189 Willow Rd, Menlo Park (650) 323-4244

Very small restaurant with express and catering menus. Its name is a common phrase in the Caribbean, referring to how things are done “back home.” The cuisine ranges from traditional Jamaican jerk chicken and beef exotical to cannelloni and sesame-crusted tofu.

Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Bagel Street Cafe, 746 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park (650) 328-8809

Breakfast and lunch options at this small chain eatery include salads, sandwiches, soups, quiches and pastries – and at least 30 types of bagels. Bagels with egg and meats or vegetables are available for breakfast, and there’s a full espresso bar.

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Bella Luna, 233 University Ave., Palo Alto (650) 322-1846
Bella Luna is ideally located in a cozy century-old brick building in downtown Palo Alto. The Italian-themed restaurant features attractive décor, excellent service and a reasonably priced wine list. The appetizers for two and bruschetta are good for starters. The house-made pastas are tasty as well as chicken and pork dishes. Desserts are adequate. Lunch: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Dinner: Mon.-Thurs. 5-10 p.m.; Friday 5-11 p.m.; Sat.-noon-11 p.m.; Sun. noon-10 p.m. (Reviewed April 21, 2006)

Bella Vista, 13451 Skyline Blvd., Woodside (650) 851-1229

Bella Vista aims for a French country inn feel with domestic and imported foods and a privacy menu with a glitzy view to match. Specialties include Oysters Rockefeller, Caesar salad, escargots and other snacks.

Bento Teriyaki, 225 E. Middlefield Road, Mountain View (650) 909-3696
This Japanese fast-food restaurant serves up homemade Japanese dishes, such as rice with nori and sushi. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Bistro Alano, 548 Ramona St., Palo Alto (650) 323-1855
Offers French crêpes, both savory and sweet, as well as salads and sandwiches. There are crepes with liqueur for those desiring an extra kick; those selections include the Normandy (apples, butter, cream fraiche), Calvados (the Josephine (bananas, roasted almonds, Grand-Marnier) and the Mauvais (orange jam, hot chocolate, Cointreau). Swimming-pool-sized cappuccinos, house red and white wine, beer and cider. Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed Sept. 8, 2006)

Bistro Vida, 641 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park (650) 432-1466
Traditional dishes with mixed results at this Parisian-style cafe. Professional, knowledgeable service and a cozy ambiance, but many dishes need attention. Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m. (Reviewed May 6, 2000)

Blue Chalk Cafe, 630 Ramona St., Palo Alto (650) 326-1020
As much a bar and pool hall as a restaurant. “Nouveau” Southern cuisine with a California twist. Homemade biscuits, soups, salads, sandwiches and seafood. Banquet facilities. Mon-Wed 4 p.m.-12 a.m., Thurs-Sun 4 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (Reviewed Aug. 9, 2001)

Boston Market, 3375 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (650) 843-0288, Also at 1039 A El Monte Ave., Mountain View (650) 428-1333
While it certainly can qualify as a fast-food, take-out place, it’s in a different league. Chicken and turkey are the restaurant’s specialty, but it also serves ham and meat loaf – good comfort food. Daily 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed Sept. 19, 1997)

British Bankers Club, 1030 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 327-8769
British Bankers Club serves reasonably priced, well prepared California French style food. Sweet corn and clam chowder is an excellent start, while baby back ribs, hanging Irish and the tri-tip are good bets for entrees. Desserts are heavy and sweet. Monday through Wednesday
Lunch: Sun.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dinner: Sun.-Thurs. 5-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 4-10 p.m. (Reviewed Jan. 28, 2005)

Brix B.Q. and Grill, 1246 El Camino Real (650) 322-3360
This is a burger joint with a quirky personality. You’ll just love it whilst you stick to the basics here – plain old hamburgers and cheeseburgers, fries and shakes. Smoking allowed. Wednesday. Sun.-Wed. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Thu.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed June 1, 2003)

Buce di Bippo, 64 Emerson St., Palo Alto (650) 329-0665
Nightingale-styled family-oriented. A barrage of photographs and visual flotsam celebrating Italy and all things Italian. Huge family-style portions. Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5-11 p.m.; Sun. noon-11 p.m.; Sun. noon-10 p.m. (Reviewed Sept. 13, 1996)
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Buck’s of Woodside, 3062 Woodside Road, Woodside (650) 851-8010
Far-ranging menu includes omelets, chicken piccata and burgers, with a considerable fan base for the coffee cake. Funky Western atmosphere, with cowboy-hat lampshades and eclectic wall decorations. Mon.-Thu. 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (Reviewed May 22, 1998)

Bueno Bueno, 2500 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View (650) 941-0220
Casual, self-service. Burritos, tacos, quesadillas, salads and frozen yogurt. Take-out available. Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Burrito Real Restaurant, 580 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View (650) 988-6705
Burrito Real allows you to design your own hearty creation, cafeteria-line style. The results are some of the best burritos around. Other entrees and desserts are offered, and there’s patio seating to sweeten the deal. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Cafe 220, 220 B University Ave, Palo Alto (650) 853-8182
Reasonably priced Mediterranean fare, including kebabs, gyros, salads, moussaka and crepes. The Turkish coffee is properly strong, and the pistachio baklava properly tempting. Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-midnight. Friday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 a.m. (Reviewed March 17, 2006)

Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 327-0830
Bustling European-style cafe with indoor and outdoor seating. Salads, quiches, sandwiches, soups, desserts and coffee. Mon.-Thu. 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri. 7 a.m.-midnight; Sat 8 a.m.-midnight; Sun. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. (Reviewed Jan. 19, 2001)

Cafe Brioche, 445 California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 326-8640
Provencal cuisine in small charming, South-of-France atmosphere. Casual enough for a bite with friends, but romantic enough for a date. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. brunch 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dinner daily 5:30-9:30 p.m. (Reviewed Jan. 19, 2001)

Cafe Del Sol Restaurant, 1010 Doyle St., Menlo Park (650) 326-2501
Specially dishes include poblano relleno, mole poblano, seafood, snapper, shrimp, filet mignon, ribs ranchera. Lunch: Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dinner Mon.-Sat. 5-10 p.m. (Reviewed Oct. 15, 2004)

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Cafe Pro Bono, 2437 Birch St., Palo Alto (650) 326-1626
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Cafe Silan, 867 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park (650) 326-5404
A tiny yet charming cafe serving authentic Kurdish and Mediterranean food. That means lamb kabobs and stews, flat breads topped with veal and lamb, and bulgur dishes, made from a cracked wheat grain. The hummus is superb, especially with the house-made bread. Niskan (lentil) and balacans (eggplant) are also great starters. Excellent rotisserie meat, and delightful pizza with a Middle Eastern touch. Open daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Reviewed Feb. 16, 2007)

Cafe Sophia, 2706 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto (650) 322-2906
Formerly serving only coffee, Cafe Sophia has expanded to serve full meals, with an Afghani influence. Mon 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tue-Thu 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri-Sat 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Cafe Yulong, 743 Dana St., Mountain View (650) 960-1677
Signature dishes include homemade dumplings and noodles, many other dishes and specialty dishes including lemon pepper prawns, Yulong beef, vegetarian. Tue.-Thu. 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Caffe del Doge, 419 University Ave., Palo Alto (650) 323-3600
This Venice-based chain (with other locations in Tokyo and Budapest) has brought its Venetian-style espresso to Palo Alto. Teas and treats, too. Mon.-Sun. 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Caffe Riace, 200 Sheridan Ave., Palo Alto (650) 328-0407
Large portions of Italian food and a formidable pasta selection, but dishes are often bland. Desserts can be hit-or-miss, but the coffee gelato is deliciously reminiscent of the gelatos of Florence. Daily 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. (Reviewed Nov. 25, 2005)

California Cafe, 700 Welch Road, Palo Alto (650) 325-2233
Contemporary California-Asian fusion fare served in the Stanford Barn. Fish dishes excel, appetizers are interesting and colorful. Pot stickers and crab cakes are interesting starters and scallops, ahi tuna, chicken and veal medallions are excellent. Full bar, interesting wine list. Mon-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun. brunch 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., dinner 4-9 p.m. (Reviewed Aug. 11, 2006)

California Pizza Kitchen, 531 Cowper St., Palo Alto (650) 323-7332
Southern California-based chain serving a variety of pizzas, including vegetarian, Peking duck, Thai chicken, etc. Sandwiches, pasta and soup are also on the menu. This is a family restaurant – it’s reliable, consistent, efficient and clean. The ingredients are fresh, if not sophisticated, and offer something for everyone. Mon-Thu. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. (Reviewed March 16, 2005)

California Roadhouse, 401 Castro St., Mountain View (650) 254-8981
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bun, and Lovers' Prawns are the
perfect couple. Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun. noon-10 p.m. (Reviewed Jan. 20, 2006)
Chevy’s, 2516 W. El Camino Real, Moun-
tain View (650) 965-2944
Chevy’s “Fresh Mex” comes through with
the best Mexican food on the Midpen-
insula. Favorites include fajitas, tacos,
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menu. Sun-Thu. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chez TJ, 938 Villa St., Mountain View
(650) 964-7466
This isn’t the kind of food you get other
places. Some dishes soar, a few flop, but
you’ll always end up talking about them.
Recent highlights were bay scallops and
sweet shrimp, impossibly tender beef
served over a ratatouille of pearl barley and
mushrooms, and warm chocolate soup.
Tue-Sat. 5:30-9 p.m. (Reviewed March 10, 2006)
Chez Zucca, 541 Bryant St., Palo Alto
(650) 327-0132
This second Zucca location (the first is in
downtown Mountain View) also features
European-slash-Mediterranean cuisine.
Zucca follows the small-plates trend, with
offerings such as Greek feta cheese and
tuna, and sautéed eggplant, Turkish-
tyle. There are also plenty of full entrees,
soups and salads, as well as pizza and
pasta dishes. Dessert options include
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huckleberry pound cake and a multitude of cheeses. Lunch: Tues.-Fri. noon-3 p.m. Dinner: Tues.-Thurs. 5-10 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5-11 p.m.; Sun. 5-9:30 p.m.

Chili's Grill and Bar, 700 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 323-0330
Chain restaurant serving burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads and lots of bar snacks. Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

China Best, 883 Hamilton Ave., Menlo Park (650) 323-7759
Lots of favorite dishes: pot stickers, mu shu, chow fun, and a variety of other meat and vegetable dishes. The appetizers also include cheese won tons. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dinner served daily from 4 to 9 p.m.

China Cafe, 1760 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View (650) 968-2298
Cozy and quiet Chinese restaurant with attentive service. Sit-down, delivery and catering menus available. Daily 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

China Delight Restaurant, 461 Emerson St., Palo Alto (650) 326-6065
China Delight is a well-known Szechwan-Mandarin alternative to the food of its more incendiary neighbor, Jing Jing, and a component of a perfect downtown Palo Alto evening of movies at the Aquarius. Lunch: Mon.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Dinner: Mon.-Sat. 5-9:30 p.m.; Sun. 5-9 p.m. (Reviewed May 29, 1998)

China Wok Restaurant, 2633 California St., Mountain View (650) 941-4373
The menu at China Wok, a family-owned and -operated restaurant, contains a wide variety of reasonably priced Szechwan dishes. Daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Cho's Mandarin Din Sum, 213 California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 326-4332
What it lacks in comfort and beauty Cho's makes up for with potstickers and other pork dumplings. Mon-Sat 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chris's Fish & Chips, 209 First St., Los Altos (650) 948-6155
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Cibo, 3400 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (650) 493-2411
Cibo serves up a fusion of California and Mediterranean cuisine, providing new twists on such old favorites as fried calamari (using cornmeal batter and a spicy aioli dipping sauce) and crab louis (with steamed broccoli and romaine instead of iceberg lettuce). Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. (Reviewed Aug. 5, 2005)

Clarke's Charcoal Broiler, 680 Rancho Shopping Center, Los Altos (650) 947-0307. Also at 615 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, (650) 947-0851. Burgers are at the top of the bill of fare, but chicken Caesar salads, babyback ribs and fresh fish are also on offer. Also at 615 W. El Camino Real in Mountain View, (650) 967-0851. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

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**Movie reviews by Jeanne Aufmuth, Tyler Hanley and Susan Tavernetti**

**The Wind That Shakes the Barley★★★★**
(Aquarius) Human and political drama make dramatic bedfellows in Ken Loach's Cannes-award-winning ode to Ireland's past.

Cillian Murphy turns in a typically smart performance as idealistic doctor Damien O'Donovan who is leaving his sleepy Irish village to take work at a London hospital. County Cork in the 1920s is at a tetchy political juncture, the Irish bristling over wanting but omnipresent British rule and tempers flaring on both sides.

A run-in with British “peacekeeping” troops, a.k.a. the Black and Tans, alters the landscape for good. During a routine inspection, the contentious Brits take offense at the courageous calm of the Irish and beat one of Damien's chums to death. An act, among others, that inspires Damien to check his career path and enlist in a guerrilla group that ultimately evolves into the Irish Republican Army.

Damien's activist brother Teddy (Padraic Delaney) is fronting the militant faction. He's ultimately a martyr whose “spark of life” first attracted his husband Grant (Pinsent of “The Good Shepherd”) more than 40 years ago. The opening scenes capture their relationship, sketching a lifetime of sexual attraction, easygoing companionship and humorous exchanges. Then Fiona puts the frying pan in the freezer. The narrative never submits to a simple descent-into-disease formula. Yes, Fiona gets confused and wanders off and difficult moods dissolve with each transition — but not much else.

--- Jeanne Aufmuth

**Away From Her★★★★**
(CinéArt) Only a superb cast and the most delicate directorial touch could successfully adapt Alice Munro's devastating short story “The Bear Came Over the Mountain” to the screen. Accomplished actor Sarah Polley (“The Sweet Hereafter”) found both for her feature debut as a writer-director. With poignancy and maturity beyond her years, Polley deals with Alzheimer's disease and its effect on a steadfast love tested when symptoms slip away. But she could hardly go wrong given the remarkable talents of Julie Christie and Gordon Pinsent in the lead roles.

Christie brings ageless beauty and emotional range to the role of Fiona, a woman whose “spark of life” first attracted her husband Grant (Pinsent of “The Good Shepherd”) more than 40 years ago. The opening scenes capture their relationship, sketching a lifetime of sexual attraction, easygoing companionship and humorous exchanges. Then Fiona puts the frying pan in the freezer.

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**The Ex★★★★**
(20th Century Fox) The classic winners-and-losers theme takes on hilariously implausible implications in Jesse Peretz's domestic, dysfunctional comedy.

Zach Braff — who can inspire laughs by merely standing still — is pitch-perfect as Tom Reilly, a slacker-ish lunch chef with a high-powered lawyer wife (Amanda Peet as Sofia) who's about to deliver the couple's first child.

Quick as a wink Tom is fired from his job: rather inconvenient considering that Sofia has her heart set on playing stay-at-home mom. Time for him to bite the bullet and accept that ad agency job that Sofia's dad (Charles Grodin) has been touting from the get-go.

The wounds run deep: a move from the Big Apple to the groomed suburbs of Ohio, a surprise interior-design makeover courtesy of the performances in tight close-ups or long takes driven by Munro's dialogue. She directs one visitation scene with understated eloquence and sensitivity. In a series of slow dissolves, family members and friends leave the loved ones they had come to see — and the lively, animated mood dissipates with each transition to a quiet sorrow as patients are left to amble back to their lonely rooms.

Unfortunately, Polley's script scrambles Munro's structure and resorts to some unnecessary, fleeting flashbacks of a young Fiona and Grant. She also puts a more affirming life-roads story to the story by developing the relationship between Grant and the wife (Olymnia Dukakis) of Fiona's new love interest. Ultimately, “Away From Her” offers a moving, thoughtful drama for adults who have felt abandoned by the movie industry.

Rated: PG-13 for some strong language. 1 hour, 50 minutes.

--- Susan Tavernetti

**The Georgia Rule★★★★**
(20th Century Fox) Lindsay Lohan flauts designer threads and a shabby attitude in this messier-than-thou melodrama that's guaranteed to repel.

Lohan is Rachel, a spoiled California tramp and one in a long line of screw-up family females. Antagonism runs rampant between mom and daughter, and mom (P-licity Huffman as Lilly) finds herself, hatch, at wits' end.

The only reasonable solution is to ship Rachel off to her grandmother Georgia (Jane Fonda) who lives a God-fearing life in Hull, Idaho, a paean to idyllic small-town living. Courtesy the clumsiest dialogue this side of the Mississippi (“For a smart girl you're good at stupid”), dark secrets are revealed. Mom is a closet drinker, Rachel does drugs and promiscuous sex, and the ubiquitous step-dad (a bloated Cary Elwes) may have been taking liberties of the salacious sort.

Local characters pepper Stepford: the aw-shucks love interest (Garrett Hedlund), the handsome but suffering doc (Dermot Mulroney), and uber-snoopy neighbors. They're all part and parcel of the slapdash “plot” and misguided attempt at critical drama. Unfortunately, Polley's script scrambles Munro's structure and resorts to some unnecessary, fleeting flashbacks of a young Fiona and Grant. She also puts a more affirming life-roads story to the story by developing the relationship between Grant and the wife (Olymnia Dukakis) of Fiona's new love interest. Ultimately, “Away From Her” offers a moving, thoughtful drama for adults who have felt abandoned by the movie industry.

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In her film debut, Katharine Hepburn plays a young woman whose father unexpectedly returns after several years in an asylum. Also starring John Barrymore. Fri.-Sun. at 6:05 & 9:35 p.m.

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The Hoax (2007)

(20th Century Fox) Simon Pegg (Nicholas Angel), Nick Frost (Danny), Edgar Wright (Penning an apparent autobiography of an absent father unexpectedly returns after several years in an asylum. Also starring John Barrymore. Fri.-Sun. at 6:05 & 9:35 p.m.

Lucky You

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The Lives of Others

(20th Century Fox) Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck crafts a personal drama about the nightmarish years of East Germany's creative suppression. Dir. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck. Fri.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 4 p.m.

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Tours of the UC Berkeley Campus for Prominent Alumni May 24, 5:30-7 p.m. $60 members/$65 non-members. Little Housewood Avenue, Menlo Park. Call 321-1004, ext. 50. www.bacds.org

Annual Kara/VA Grief Conference A gathering of professionals on end-of-life issues and grief. Includes presentations on helping suicide survivors heal, how the brain processes grief, and the relationship between grief and forgiveness. May 18, 8:30-4:30 p.m. $115. San Francisco Peninsula Community Foundation. www. seton.ca campusguid.net

Art Auditions Auditions “A Little Princess” PTY invites youths ages 7-11 to audition for the musical by Mary of the 19th and 20th centuries. May 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; May 20, 2-4 p.m. Prepare song and one-minute prose monologue. Bring sheet music or instrumental tape or CD. $160. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. www.pyt.net

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First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto mountain view
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Cubberley Artists Open Studios 20 artists present their work. Sculpture, weaving, textiles, paintings, drawings, photography, video, assemblage and collage are among the media to be shown. May 12-13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.cubberleystudios.com

Keeble and Shuchat Photography members of the Traditional Black and White Interest Group are displaying a potpourri of black and white images. Through May 26. Fee with paid admission. Fiol, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Call 364-8300. www.fiol.org

Mandal Art Exhibit Artist Maia Apolonia Pode creates luminous mandalas in colored pencil, and collages with spiritual themes. Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., noon-6 p.m. Free. Free. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, 1069 E. Meadow Circle, Palo Alto. Call 430-4430 ext. 254. www.shivalotus.com

Goings On

Exhibits

“Colorful Evolutions” 9005 2007 New work by mixed media artist Rachel Tirosh and painter Ruth-Anne Siegel. Watercolor and acrylic paintings, artisan decor pieces and jewelry, cards and bookmarks. May 12-13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Ruth-Anne Siegel, 759 Talmain Court, Palo Alto. www.mexsome.com

100 Years at the Williams House Exhibit celebrates the 100th birthday of the Williams House through revisiting the life and times of the family who built and occupied the home. Exhibit examines life from 1907 to the 1930s. Through June 3. Fri.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org


Open Studio Local artists Mireille Aulag-Neur, jewelry; Fabienne Bismuth, sculpture; Evelyne Consorti, oil painting and Maggy Gregoire, illustration show recent works May 11-13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2672

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Goings On

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INVITATION TO

Japanese Cultural Day

At Bechtel International Center

Saturday May 12, 1-4 pm

Please come and enjoy Flower

arrangements, Origami (paper craft),

Book Making, Making

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Free admission.

Refreshments will be served

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For more information, visit http://www.stanford.edu/dept/icenter/iweek/

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Stanford University

CLARA SUMPFF

Yiddish Lecture Series

May 17-18, 2007

Michael Steinlauf, Associate Professor of History Gratz College, Pennsylvania. Author of "Bondage to the Dead: Poland and the Memory of the Holocaust" (Syracuse University Press, 1997).

Thursday, May 17

12:00PM

Building 450 Terrace Room

"Building the Warsaw Museum of the History of Polish Jews"

(In English)

Friday, May 18

11:45AM

Building 606 (Room 61H)

"Building the Warsaw Museum of the History of Polish Jews"

(In Yiddish)

Stained Glass by Judy Miller Memo-

rial retrospective exhibit of stained-glass

pieces by the late Palo Alto artist Judy

Miller, along with works in oil by Cheryl

Pape, acrylics by Sam Kraft and photo-
geraphy by Jean Stocum. Through July 31.

Free. Sheldon Apartments, 360 Sheldon

Ave., Palo Alto. Call 470-1179.

Family and Kids


Autism Speaks Andy Z Concert


Preschool Storytime


Preschool Storytime

For children ages 3-5, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Main Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 329-2134. www.cityofpaloalto.org/library/kids

Film


"The Island" Kaneto Shindo's "cinematic poem" depicts, without any dialogue, the pleasures and grinding labor of a farm-

ing family living on a small island in the


Monday Movies


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Palo Alto Film Series "Movies that Mat-

ter" "My Country, My Country," Director/ cinematographer Laura Poitras creates an intimate portrait of Iraqis living under U.S. occupation. The film follows the ago-

ning predicament of one man caught in the contradictions of US occupation and its project to spread democracy.


Wednesday Movies


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Health

Health Services Blood pressure screen-


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Mindfulness Meditation Workshop For patients, survivors, friends and family who have been touched by breast cancer. Fa-

cilitated by Avis Begun. First Tuesdays monthly, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Community Breast Health Project, 390 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto. www.cbhp.org

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Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 326-1008. www.sculpturebyfab.com

Paintings By British artist Matthew Rod-

ford. Exhibit includes works from 1990 to present. Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and


Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture Ex-

hibition of works by artist Robert Popla-

ck explores the possibilities of invented

forms that rely on an internalized vision

culled from years of experience painting

directly from nature. Mon.-Sat., through

May 29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community

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Dvorak, Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81
Paul Hersh, pianist, Quincy Porter, Quartet No. 3 Beethoven, Quartet C minor, Op. 18, No. 4, May 11, 8 p.m. $25/$20 seniors/$15 students, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 224-7849. www.ivesquartet.org
Margie Baker Wednesdays, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Singer Margie Baker performs live.
May Day Concert “Love Notes,” a female quartet, and pianist Dawn Reyen will perform Broadway and bebop tunes.
May 12, 2-3 p.m. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 262-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org
Peninsula Symphony presents “Keyboard Extravaganza”
May 18, 8-10 p.m. Featuring pianist and popular radio show host Christopher O’Reily and organist Alison Luendeck. $33 general/$28 students and seniors. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. 941-5291. www.penisulasymp.org
On Stage
“Cinderella” Peninsula Youth Theatre will present Kate Haviley and Gregg Coffin’s madcap musical pantom. May 12, 13, and 19, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; May 17, 9:30 a.m.; May 18, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; May 20, 2 p.m. Tickets cost $7-$18. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pymvcenter.org
“Jekyll and Hyde” the musical Palo Alto Players presents Frank Wildhorn’s Broadway musical adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson’s tale of duality of good and evil in the human soul. Through May 13, Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m., Sun., 2:30 p.m. $20-$30. Lucien Stern Theater, 1000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.palyplayers.org
Disney’s High School Musical Performances: May 18-19, 7:30 p.m.; May 24, 4:30 p.m.; May 25, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; May 26, 2:30 p.m. Call 463-4970 for tickets. $10/adults/$4 children. Palo Alto Children’s Theatre, 1005 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
Religion/Spirituality
Flowr Communion Annual celebration of historic Unitarian flower sharing ceremony. Sun., May 13, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. www.uuwap.org
Seniors
Feldenkrais: Private Lessons A one-to-one hands-on interaction designed to meet the needs of the individual. Mondays through Dec., 11:30-1:15 p.m. $18 for 30-minutes. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 289-5423.
Lifetimes of Achievement 2007 A garden party honoring 8 individuals who represent community achievements in areas of local government, health/medicine, environment, education, and engineering. Benefits Avenidas, May 20, 2-4 p.m. $75. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 289-5445. www.avenidas.org
Therapeutic Massage and Reflexology 30-minute therapeutic massage or foot reflexology for seniors 50 years and older. Mon.-Fri., call for appointment. $25/$20. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 289-5423.
Special Events
“Private Rebellion of Camilo Mejia” The reportedly first U.S. soldier to resist the Iraq War, Camilo Mejia, will speak about and sign his new book. May 15, 7:30-9 p.m. $7-$15 suggested donation. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St. Palo Alto. Call 326-8837. www.peaceandjustice.org
“Raise the Roof” Hosted by Inner Change, a Christian missioninary organization. Includes silent and live auctions, salsa/meringue lessons, mamba, and food. All proceeds will benefit orphaned shoe-shine boys in Guatemala.
Jul. 15, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. $20, 12 and under $15 before May 20, $5 after. Family discount. Shoreline Park, 2600 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.raiserooflife.org
Emerson Middle School Tours Thursdays, May 10 and 17, 2-3 p.m. Free. Emerson School, 2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. Call 424-1267. www.headsup.org
Family Picnic Lunch in the courtyard with entertainment fun and information about Little House and activities. Call for reservations. May 12, 11-30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. $17, 60 adults/57 children. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org
Russian-American Fair Ethnic food; non-stop concerts: music and dance; gifts and crafts; carnival games and pony rides for children, vodka tasting for adults. Sun., May 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $5 adults/$3 seniors and kids under 12/free for kids under 6. Terman Middle School, 655 Arstradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 852-3546. mylcpicc.org
Talks/Authors
Stressed Out Students Public Session Authors Madeline Levine and Wendy Mogel, education lecturer Denise Clark Mogel, education lecturer Denise Clark Pompe, and local students will discuss the physical and mental costs of escalating pressure on teens to achieve at high levels in school. May 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Kresge Auditorium, 555 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford. Call 736-1779. 5CS conference.stanford.edu
Volunteers
My New Red Shoes Volunteers needed to organize back-to-school fundraising drives at their offices, churches, country clubs and other organizations during the month of July. For more information, email heather@mynewredshoes.org or visit www.mynewredshoes.org Call 283-6112.
Ravenswood English “English Buddy” volunteers needed for kindergarten students learning English at Belle Haven Community School in Menlo Park. Volunteers are needed Tuesday and Thursday afternoons through June 30. Email sclip@stanford.edu or call 725-3740 for more information. Belle Haven Community School, 415 Ivy Dr., Menlo Park, Call 725-3740, web.mac.com/sclipol
Relay For Life of Menlo Park Volunteers needed to plan the annual Relay For Life of Menlo Park, a fundraiser that is community based and volunteer driven. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday and Thursday mornings through Aug. 12, 7-8 p.m. Free. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call (408) 802-2643. www.relayforlife.org
YES Reading Tutor volunteers needed for students who are reading below grade level at under-served schools. Tutors are needed at Belle Haven School in Menlo Park and Seiby Lane School in Atherton. Mondays-Thursdays through June 30. E-mail info@yesreading.org for more information.
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What makes your mom extra special? Email us her story and she wins our Mothers’ Day Makeover!
Sports Shorts

TENNIS WORLD . . . The Bank of the West Classic, the longest running women's only tournament in the world, got a boost from 8-time Grand Slam champion and currently 12th-ranked Serena Williams, who Thursday committed to play at the July event at Stanford. Williams, who had to withdraw from previous Bank of the West tournaments, will be making her first appearance in the event. “I’m looking forward to playing,” she said. “The tournament has a tremendous history and it helps set the tone for the summer and a run at the US Open.” Williams won the Australian Open and a Tier I event in Miami thus far this season and has a 16-2 record. Venus Williams, Serena’s older sister, made her professional debut at the event in 1994 and has won the title twice; in 2000 and 2002. Tickets for the Bank of the West Classic are now on sale. Single-session tickets to the event, which will be held at 23-29 at Stanford University’s Taube Family Tennis Center, can be purchased by calling the box office at 866-WTA-TIXS (866-982-8497) or by logging on to www.BankoftheWestClassic.com. Tickets for the tournament’s opening round start at just $18. Full series box seat packages, which include tickets to all 13 sessions, are also available.

PLAY BALL . . . The Palo Alto Babe Ruth League starts play on Saturday with Opening Day ceremonies at 10:45 a.m. at Baylands Sports Center. All 10 teams will play, with the first contest beginning at 11 a.m.

RUGBY TIME . . . A pair of American and Canadian rugby teams continue their North America 4 Rugby Tournament at Steuber Rugby Stadium on the campus of Stanford University on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The tournament serves to help select the team the United States takes to the World Cup in France in September. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students.

CCS TENNIS

Friends take their final shot for Stanford

Cardinal seniors lead way into NCAA tournament for top-ranked Cardinal water polo team

by Rick Eymer

Four eighth-grade girls’ water polo players, three from Southern California and one from Michigan, randomly formed a friendship during a training camp for the United States national women’s teams in Colorado Springs. Eight years later those same four, now college seniors, form the nucleus of Stanford’s top-ranked women’s water polo team that hopes to end a five-year drought with a national championship. “We didn’t realize at the time that five years later we would be playing together at Stanford,” said Katie Hansen, who scored 59 goals this season and was named first team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. “We all have pictures of each other from that camp. It’s funny to see them now, after we’ve all come so far and what we’ve experienced together.”

Hansen traveled to that camp with Meredith McColl, Stanford’s current goalkeeper who recorded 151 saves thus far, and was also named all-MPSF. Hansen and McColl grew up right across the San Diego/Coronado Bridge from each other. Hansen also knew Christina Hewko (yes, another all-MPSF performer) from club competition, although Hewko grew up in Newport Beach, 90 miles north of San Diego. Alison Gregorka (all-MPSF) was the fourth member of that group, somehow meeting her once and future teammates despite growing up some 2,300 miles northeast of San Diego in Ann Arbor, Mich. Gregorka has scored 20 goals, and remains a top defender.

“Alison is an outsider in the water polo world but she’s one of the seniors to whom the whole team looks to for guidance,” Stanford coach John Tanner said. “They’re all material.”

SHP’s dreamy season ends in shocking loss

by Craig Wentz

The Sacred Heart Prep boys’ tennis team entered the Central Coast Section semifinals as arguably the top high school program in the country and prohibitive favorite to win a third straight section title and second consecutive NorCal crown.

In a span of two hours, however, the Gators’ dream season ended in nightmarish fashion. In what has to be the biggest upset in CCS tennis history, Sacred Heart Prep was toppled by No. 4 Bellarmine, 4-3, on Wednesday at Courtside Tennis Club in Los Gatos. Meanwhile, No. 3 Menlo eliminated No. 2 Saratoga, 5-2, in the other semifinal at the Decathlon Club in Santa Clara.

Menlo (20-3) and Bellarmine (23-2) will square off Friday at 2 p.m. at Courtside for the CCS crown and the top seed in the NorCal tournament set for UC Davis next week. Both schools, gunning for their seventh CCS crown, already are assured of playing in the NorCal tournament.

It’s hard to comprehend what transpired on Wednesday in one of the biggest upsets in the history of the CCS. Sacred Heart Prep (26-1) came into the semifinals with a perfect record, had captured two pres.
A chance to win a fourth

Cardinal women begin defense of their NCAA tennis championship
by Rick Eymer

Chances are Stanford will extend its home court winning streak this weekend when the NCAA team tournament gets underway at various sites around the country.

The top-ranked Cardinal (20-1) hosts the first two rounds at Taube Tennis Center, and it has been a while since Stanford has sustained a loss — over eight years, 119 matches, to be exact. Oregon and BYU open play at 10 a.m. Friday, while Stanford plays Sacramento State at 1 p.m.

Seniors Theresa Logar and Anna Yelsey have been part of an 18-0 run in postseason play since their collegiate careers, and they hope that continues as the Cardinal seeks its fourth straight national crown.

Stanford has won 111 matches since 1982, when the NCAA tournament went to its current format, and has won 24 straight at home.

The eighth-ranked Logar brings a 26-9 single records into the tournament while the 17th-ranked Yelsey has won 16 of 23 overall, usually playing at the top two spots in the lineup.

Celia Durkin (ranked 14th), Whitney Deason (96) and Lindsay Nguyen (20), who was out with an injury part of the year, has won 18 matches.

Friday's winners meet Saturday at noon to determine a berth in the Round of 16 in Athens, Ga., next weekend.

Baseball

Stanford's impressive legacy has taken a hit this year. Unless something on the level of the 1991 New York Giants can be repeated, it's likely the Cardinal (4-14, 19-26) will miss the postseason for the first time since 1993, and the last time Stanford suffered a losing season.

The Cardinal can still salvage something out of the season with six Pac-10 regular season remaining, including three at Sunken Diamond this weekend against Washington. The final home series starts today at 6 p.m.

There's no margin for error, though, as nine wins in the final 11 games would leave Stanford with a 500 mark, but a trip to the postseason isn't won a conference series yet (that's seven straight if you're counting), that's a tall order.

Stanford has six home games remaining, but that may not be enough. The Cardinal has split 26 home games to date.

The Cardinal's Round-Up this week (print or online) has the latest statistics and schedules for the team at Pac-10.com.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, declaring its intention to levy an assessment against businesses within the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

CITY OF PALO ALTO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST BUSINESSES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS THERETO

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto does hereby find, declare, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 (the “Law”), California Streets and Highways Code Sections 36500 et seq., authorizes the City Council to levy an assessment against businesses within a parking and business improvement area which is in addition to any assessments, fees, charges, or taxes imposed in the City.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the Law, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4819 (adopted February 2, 2004) establishing the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District (the “District”) in the City of Palo Alto.

SECTION 3. The City Council, by Resolution No. 8416 (adopted May 3, 2004), appointed the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Downtown Business & Professional Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, to serve as the Advisory Board for the District (the “Advisory Board”).

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 36533 of the Law, the Advisory Board prepared and filed with the City Clerk a report entitled “Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District, Annual Report 2007-2008” (“the Report”), and, by previous resolution, the City Council preliminarily approved such report as filed by the Advisory Board.

SECTION 5. The boundaries of the District are within the City limits of the City of Palo Alto (the “City”) and encompass the greater downtown area of the City, generally extending from El Camino Real to the west, Webster Street to the east, Lytton Avenue to the north and Addison Avenue to the south (east of Emerson Street, the boundaries extend only to Forest Avenue to the south). Reference is hereby made to the map of the District, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, for a complete description of the boundaries of the District.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby declares its intention, in addition to any assessments, fees, charges, or taxes imposed by the City, to levy and collect an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2007-08 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008). Such assessment is not proposed to increase the ordinary levies against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2006-07.

SECTION 7. The types of improvements to be funded by the levy of an assessment against businesses within the District are the acquisition, construction, installation, or maintenance of any tangible property with an estimated useful life of five years or more. The types of activities to be funded by the levy of an assessment against businesses within the District are the promotion of public events which benefit businesses in the area and which take place on or in public places within the District; the furnishing of music in any public place in the District; and activities which benefit businesses located and operating in the District.

SECTION 8. New businesses established in the District after the beginning of any fiscal year shall be exempt from the levy of the assessment for that fiscal year. In addition, non-profit organizations, newspapers and professional “single-person businesses,” defined as those businesses which have 25% or less full time equivalent employees, including the business owner, shall be exempt from the assessment.

SECTION 9. The City Council hereby fixes the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed levy of an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2007-08 as follows:

TIME: 7:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, May 21, 2007
PLACE: City Council Chambers
City Hall
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94301

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons regarding the levy of an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2006-2007 shall be heard. A protest may be made, orally or in writing, by any interested person.

Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings must be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularity or defect to which the objection is made.

Every written protest must be filed with the City Clerk at or before the time fixed for the public hearing. The City Council may waive any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest and at the public hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. A written protest may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing.

If written protests are received from the owners of businesses in the District which will pay 50 percent or more of the assessments proposed to be levied and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than that 50 percent (i.e., there is a majority protest), no further proceedings to levy the proposed assessment, as contained in this resolution of intention, shall be taken for a period of one year from the date of the finding of a majority protest by the City Council.

If the majority protest is filed only against the furnishing of a specified type or types of improvement or activity within the District, those types of improvements or activities shall be eliminated.

SECTION 10. For a full and detailed description of the improvements and activities to be provided for fiscal year 2007-08, the boundaries of the District and the proposed assessments to be levied against the businesses within the District for fiscal year 2007-08, reference is hereby made to the Report of the Advisory Board. The Report is on file with the City Clerk and open to public inspection.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice of the public hearing in accordance with law.

SECTION 12. The City Council finds that this is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act and, therefore, no environmental impact assessment is necessary.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Arpan at (650) 329-2604.
NCAA polo (continued from page 36)

ture, steady, emotionally consistent and technically skilled. They’ve had vast experiences for 22-year-olds.”

The trip to Colorado Springs was just the beginning. The seniors hope to end their collegiate careers on a positive note when Stanford (25-2) opens play in the NCAA tournament today against Wagner at 5 p.m. in Los Alamitos, the current USA national training center for water polo.

“There’s no way we can take anything for granted,” said Hewko, who scored 37 goals for Stanford this season. “We have to fight for everything we get in every game. We’re not going out there saying we deserve it. We have to earn it.”

Stanford, the national top seed despite losing to UCLA in the MPSF tournament championship match, is heavily favored to win its first tournament championship match, in spite losing to UCLA in the MPSF.

Hewko remembers the seniors of her freshman season — Wendy Watkins, Lauren Faust, Shannon Arvett — and how much impact they made on the team. She hopes this year’s seniors have done the same.

“They showed us the ropes and helped us get ready for big games,” she said. “They were our mentors.”

Over four years, the current seniors have won more than 82 percent of their games at Stanford (89-19) and traveled the world. With the U.S. National Team, they competed internationally at tournaments in places such as Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, El Salvador, Hungary, Italy and Russia.

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**BASEBALL**

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Records:

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Standings:

Menlo-Atherton 12, Westmoor 3

**BADMINTON**

Menlo-Atherton 220 641 6 — 21 19 1

No. 1 doubles — Tan-Ng (W) d. Gochez-Chang, 15-3, 17-14; Johnston 9-MA). 4 hits — Hoem (M), 2B — Hoem, Loeffler (M); Mosher, Masket. WP — Vujovich and Vagelos; K. Hoelper and Vujovich and Vagelos; Boardman and Schater. WP — Boardman (9-6). LP — Staufter-Green (2-7).

Records:


M — Shoef, Humes 4-1, D. Daly 3, Ges-

Bays 2, Speigl, Hughly, Leone.

Final standings: Sequoia 13-1, Woodside 13-1, Menlo-Atherton 6-6 (12-11), San Mateo 8-6, Terra Nova 7-7, Jefferson 3-11, Menlo 2-13 (15-15), South San Francisco 2-12.

West Bay Athletic League

Tuesday

First game

Mercy-SF 000 0 0 0 — 2 1

WP — Albanese (Cast). 2 RBI — Hoffman, Albanese (Cast). Records: Castilla 7-1 (12-7-1)

Second game

Castilla 202 42 — 10 15 0

Mercy-SF 000 000 0 — 3 6 2

WP — Albanese (Cast), 13-17, 10 strikeouts). LP — Wong. 3B — Albanese 2, Alexander (Cast) 2B — Albanese, Alexander (Cast) 3 hits — Albanese, Alexander (Cast). 2B — Albanese (Cast). 2B — Albanese (Cast)

Records: Castilla 8-1 (13-7-1)

**SOFTBALL**

PAC Ocean Division

Menlo-Atherton 0 0 0 0 2 0 6 9 2

Sequoia 8-7, Terra Nova 7-7, Jefferson 3-11.

Boys Los Altos 15-6

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Peninsula Athletic League Semifinals

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**BOYS GOLF**

CCS Regional I

At Rancho Canada West (par 71)


M-A scorers: Jake Hall Toy 70, Jason Walsh 71, Nick Sako 75, Greg Sako 77, Eliott Hume 79.

**CCS Region II**

Records: Catlin 399, Menlo 404, Capuchino 410, Half Moon Bay 423.

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Boys Los Altos 15-6
by Keith Peters

Menlo-Atherton coach Victor Hudson probably wasn’t too worried when standout sprinter Keiana Talton was called for a false start and eliminated from the girls’ 100 field at the PAL Track and Field Championships on Wednesday at College of San Mateo.

While the Bears lost expected first-place points from Talton, there were plenty of points still available with three-quarters of the winning team’s members still in the field. That contingent of Cuprice Powell, Dominique Greene and Christiana Dixon finished 2-3-4 in the 100 for a solid 18 points. Talton returned to win the 200 and Kaitlin McGhee added a pair of thirds in the 200 and 400 as the Bears ran away with their fourth straight league championship.

Menlo-Atherton scored 131 points, more than enough to outdistance runner-up Carlmont (97), which got a remarkable triple from Justine Fedronic — victories in the 400, 800 and 1,600. The first-year own their own woman performance from junior Kim O’Donnell. She won the 100 (continued on page 43)

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

(Toly vs. Wilcox not reported)

BOYS TENNIS

MCS Team Tournament

Quarterfinals

At SHP Prep, Gunn 0

Singles — Hutter (SHP) d. Harkey, 6-1, 6-2; Klein (SHP) d. Uppta, 6-2, 6-3; D. McCall (SHP) d. Klein, 6-2, 6-2; B. McCall (SHP) d. Degge-man, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles — A. Davison-Hansen (SHP) d. Bhadkamkar-Narayan, 6-2, 6-0; Westfield-Devlin (SHP) d. Kaplan-Thom, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; J. Davison-Parsinos (SHP) d. Meyer-Reddy, 6-0, 6-1.

Record: Gunn finishes season 20-3; Sacred Heart Prep 26-0

At Menlo 6, Los Altos 1

Singles — Faller, 5-2; d. Hoffman, 7-5, 6-3; Ball (M) d. Liu, 6-1, 6-1; Keegan (M) d. Tran, 6-1, 6-1; Wilford (M) d. Umerian, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles — Sum-Castor (M) d. Moy-Marianaish, 6-4, 6-1; Pribyla-Duggal (M) d. L. Bergevin-Fletch, 6-1, 6-1; Gunn-Chase (M) d. C. Bergevin-Smith, 6-2, 6-3.

Record: Los Altos 15-8; Menlo 19-3

Other scores: Bellarmine 7, Palo Alto 10; Saratoga 7, St. Ignatius 0

Palo Alto Prep

Boys tennis

Association High: Menlo-Atherton vs. Menlo, 11 a.m.; Bellarmine Prep at LAH Little League complex, 3:30 p.m..

Sprint depth carries M-A girls to PAL track title

by Keith Peters

Menlo-Atherton defeated Woodside 34-8, San Mateo 33-9, Mills 29-23, and 26-0 with three-fourths of the winning team’s members still in the field.

Women’s 100 —

Justine Fedronic — victories in the 400, 800 and 1,600.

1, Chang (West) 11-6; 2, Burgos (West) 11-6; 3, Acedillo (Mills) 11-6; 1/2.

100 hurdles —

1, Lawlor (Wood) 13.00; 2, Greene (MA) 13.06.

300 IH —

1, Talton (MA) 49.99; 2, Timita (Wood) 51.06; 3, Taimani (Seq) 51.07.

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CCS tennis
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tigious national tournaments and was a heavy favorite to win CCS and NorCal to complete its dream season.
All the Gators needed was four more victories to reach their season-long goal of an undefeated campaign, which would have ranked SHP’s season as one of the greatest of all time.
The Gators were two-time defending CCS and defending NorCal champions. They were on the top of their game, confident and focused. Now, the season is a memory.
Sacred Heart Prep needed to win CCS and NorCal to validate its impressive national tournament titles, its unofficial No. 1 ranking in America and complete the unofficial Grand Slam of prep tennis.
In the national tournaments, the format is six singles matches and three doubles. In CCS play, the format is four singles and three doubles. The tournament triumphs displayed Sacred Heart’s unique depth. Yet, that wasn’t needed for CCS.
After Wednesday’s match, Bellarmine was all smiles and laughs, while Sacred Heart Prep players, coaches and fans were visibly stunned beyond belief. Everybody expected the Gators to reach the CCS finals.
Sacred Heart drilled Bellarmine in last season’s NorCal semifinals, 7-0, and beat the Bells, 5-2, in a nonleague match in March. The Bells also waxed Bellarmine in a practice match a month ago. So, what went wrong for the Gators?
“Bellarmine came out to play,” said Sacred Heart Prep coach Losa- line Mafileo. “They were just better.”
Within the first 20 minutes of the match, one could sense that Bellar- mine didn’t come to roll over and play dead. The Bells brought their own cheering section and were more enthusiastic, vocal and out hustled Sacred Heart Prep. The Bells took command early by leading in five of seven matches and garnered valuable momentum with each point. Sacred Heart made uncharacteristic mistakes and started to unravel.
“Bellarmine has improved a lot since we played them,” said Sacred Heart Prep’s Director of Tennis, Jeff Arons. “They were flat out better. They kicked our butt.”
After capturing No. 2 doubles and No. 2 and 4 singles, Bellarmine clinched the match with a victory at No. 1 singles that sent the Bells jumping up and down and rolling on the concrete in celebration heading to the NorCal tourney.
Menlo, meanwhile, avenged a 5-2 nonleague loss to Saratoga (19-3) a month ago by winning four of five matches that went the full three sets on Wednesday, including all three doubles matches.
“We had to play our best and we did,” Menlo coach Bill Shine said after Wednesday’s critical win. “It was an epic battle, a hard-fought match.”
John Williford got Menlo rolling with a 7-5, 6-0 win at No. 4 singles. Jason Przybyla and Ryan Duggal teamed for a 1-6, 6-1, 7-5 comeback win at No. 2 doubles after breaking Saratoga late in the third set.
After the Falcons won at No.1 doubles, Menlo bounced back to win at No. 3 doubles as Max Glenn and Patrick Chase pulled out a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 triumph to give the Knights a 3-1 advantage.
Saratoga again made it close when Jeff Gast closed out Menlo sophomore Daniel Hoffman at No. 1 singles, 6-4, 6-3, but Menlo freshman Jamin Ball clinched the team victory with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 win over previously unbeaten freshman John Lamble.
Shine said the key to victory over Saratoga was winning doubles and the same will be the recipe on Friday versus a fired-up and confident Bellarmine bunch.
“We have to win two of three doubles and split the singles,” said Shine. “We'll have our hands full.”
Shine was a driving force behind the CCS changing the two-division format into a single division this season. The goal was to have the best teams play in the semifinals and the deserving schools advance to NorCal. It has all worked out nicely for Menlo and Bellarmine, with Sacred Heart now out of the way, and both heading to the NorCal tournament.
Shine had never seen a No. 4 seed beat a top seed in CCS play and didn’t bank on Wednesday’s crazy activity, which likely will go down as the most exciting and surprising afternoon in CCS tennis history.
“Today was a great day for prep tennis,” said Shine. “I’ve been around since 1980 and to see a Sacred Heart Prep and Saratoga not going to NorCal is unbelievable.
The CCS is the strongest section in the state, if not the country.”

Liv Jensen
Palo Alto High
The junior scored 38.5 points by winning the 200 IM, 100 free, anchoring the 200 medley relay to victory in meet-record time plus taking second in the 200 free relay as the Vikings won the De Anza Division swim finals.
Honorable mention
Sammy Albanese* Castilleja softball
Sam Bassin* Menlo-Atherton lacrosse
Julia Daly Menlo lacrosse
Sunny Margerum Gunn track & field
Kayla Ushman* Menlo-Atherton lacrosse
Tami Vujovich Menlo-Atherton softball

Eduardo Chavez Woodside Priory golf
Matt Connor Sacred Heart Prep baseball
Naveen Dixit Woodside Priory tennis
Mark Higgins* Palo Alto swimming
Alex Klein Gunn tennis
Nick Sako* Menlo-Atherton golf

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St. Lawrence to improve to 13-0 romped to a 15-1 victory over host 19th time in the past 20 years. believes his team is in excellent shape doubles and four RBI. the Knights offensively with two innings. Junior Jack Mosbacher led allowed only two earned runs in six innings. from senior Anthony Bouvier, who received another solid pitching effort against the visitors. Menlo also re- gained streak by pounding out 19 hits have been a costly three-game los- ing streak this weekend, with the playoffs be- coming CCS playoffs. to earn an at-large berth into the CCS finals. be enough to garner the points need- ed to qualify for the Central Coast Sec- tion semifinals, set for San Jose City College on May 19. The CCS finals have been moved this season from SJCC to Gilroy High and will be held on Thursday, May 24.

Baseball
Menlo (9-6, 17-9) will have to hope Wednesday’s 18-7 win over Half Moon Bay and a third-place finish in the PAL Bay Division will be enough to garner the points needed to earn an at-large berth into the CCS playoffs. The section seeding meeting is this weekend, with the playoffs beginning next week. Menlo coach Craig Schoof believes his team is in excellent shape to reach the CCS playoffs for the 19th time in the past 20 years. Sacred Heart Prep, meanwhile, romped to a 15-1 victory over host St. Lawrence to improve to 13-0 (18-8). Eric Andrews had three hits and four RBI for the Gators, who already have locked up a CCS Division III berth by virtue of winning the league title.

Boys golf
Menlo-Atherton was the lone local team qualifying for next week’s CCS championships after the Bears finished third in the Region I tournament on Monday at Rancho Canada West in Carmel Valley. Jake Hall-Toy fired a 1-under par 70 to help the Bears finish with 374 strokes and a comfortable 15-stroke advantage over fifth-place Mitty. Only the top four teams advanced to the CCS finals.

On Wednesday at the Region II tournament on the same course, both Sacred Heart Prep (397) and Palo Alto (408) failed to finish among the top four and did not advance.

Sam Chavez of Woodside Priory, however, fired a 2-over 73 and earned an individual berth into the CCS tournament as did Sacred Heart Prep senior Michael McMah- hon, who shot 76.

Gymnastics
With Miranda Der winning two individual titles and the all-around crown, Gunn captured the SCVAL North Division championships on Wednesday at Gymtowne Gymnastics in San Bruno. The Titans next will compete in the CCS champion- ships May 17.

Der helped Gunn register 174.300 points to edge runner-up Mercy-Burlingame (172.850) by winning the bars with a 9.900, floor exercise with a 9.850 and all-around crown with a 38.300. Gunn’s Karylyn Reyes was fifth overall with a 36.850 score. Her best individual effort produced a third on the bars (9.700). Reyes’ sister, Claire, was seventh with a 35.600 total.

Girls lacrosse
Top-seeded Menlo-Atherton and

Boys lacrosse
Second-seeded Menlo (14-4) ad- vanced to the PAL title match on Saturday at Burlingame High (1 p.m.) with an 8-6 victory over visit- ing Menlo-Atherton on Wednesday. Anders Pedersen led the Knights with three goals. Menlo will face No. 1 seed Bellarmine in the finals. The Bells crushed Serra in the semi- finals, 9-1.

Softball
Castilleja freshman Sammy Alba- nese pitched the Gators into the CCS Division III playoffs with a com- plete-game six-hitter to beat host Mercy-Burlingame on Wednesday. The victory gave Castilleja (9-1, 14- 7-1) the West Bay Athletic League championship while Mercy-Burlingame finished second at 8-2.

Albanese struck out a season-high 18 batters in addition to lacing two hits.

A day earlier, Albanese pitched both ends of a doubleheader as Cast- tileja swept Mercy-San Francisco, 6-0 and 10-0. Albanese struck out 15 in the opener and 10 in the night- cap. She contributed a double in the opener and had three hits and three RBI in the second game. In the PAL Ocean Division, Menlo-Atherton (8-6, 12-11) capped a winning season with an 8-2 win at Menlo on Wednesday. Emily McPherson had two hits and two RBI to pace the Bears.

Menlo-Atherton’s Stephanie Lee added first-place points by winning the girls’ triple jump with a leap of 34-6 1/4.
To the nurses of Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, thank you. Your commitment, professionalism and expertise reach beyond the compassionate care that you consistently provide to children and expectant mothers. We appreciate your teamwork and vital contribution to our community.

As we pause during National Nurses Week to recognize the efforts of our dedicated nurses, we are reminded that they deserve our appreciation not just this week but every single day of the year. In fact, their passion helped SHC nurses recently achieve Magnet status, nursing’s highest honor.

So, thank you SHC nurses for all that you do for our patients and your colleagues.