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STRESS-REDUCTION FAIR TEACHES TEENS THE VALUE OF RELAXATION

by Alexandria Rocha

iddhartha Oza sat crosslegged on the Mitchell Park Community Center floor Monday evening. Classmates around him buzzed about, doing yoga, eating, or banging on bongo drums. Oza tuned them out to focus on his breathing — a technique he learned to reduce stress.

"I call it balloon breathing. It's most useful when you're up against something that is really frustrating," said Renee Burgard, instructor of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction program, who led Oza and his peers through the method.

Burgard was one of a handful of guests at the second annual Teen Stress Reduction Fair Monday. The event was hosted by the Palo Alto Youth Council and held at the Middlefield Road center. About 50 students from Castilleja, Gunn and Palo Alto high schools attended.

It's well known that high-school students in Palo Alto are stressed out. Teens and their parents are often accused of being obsessed about grades and college admissions.

"Everyone is trying to be No. 1, a super kid, and no one can achieve it," said Christine Rogers, a senior at Castilleja.

There have been many forums and lectures to address the issue in the past two years. However, Monday's two-hour fair was drastically different.

Although most of the recent events were held to examine the problem and discuss strategies, this program put such cerebral matters on the shelf. The teens who came played with animals, finger painted, jazzercised, and like Oza simply sat and breathed.

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"That was the goal of the fair
— to provide an atmosphere for
students to participate in activities
they normally wouldn't and to
learn about the different outlets,
like drumming. They're learning
it's fun and it feels good," said
Kim Parker, the center's recreation
supervisor.

Various strategies have emerged





Nidia Morales, a Gunn High School freshman (top, left) shares a laugh with Paly senior Lili Xu at the Teen Stress Reduction Fair Monday night at the Mitchell Park Community Center. Paly and Gunn students take turns with the 'singing bowl' while learning about meditation and relaxation (above).

since the Palo Alto community became aware of the overwhelming stress and competitiveness teens endure. Student suicides in 2002 and 2003 brought the issue into a glaring light. Since then, parents and educators have tried to debunk the myth that there are only a handful of colleges worth attending, such as the Ivy Leagues and Stanford University.

They have thought about limiting the number of advanced-placement courses students take, and have encouraged teens to only be involved with activities that are enjoyable, rather than simply impressive to a college admissions office.

But one thing became clear Monday evening. There is nothing like time set aside to relax and have fun. Gunn senior Susan Wu is a prime example.

When asked if she is stressed out, she said, "absolutely." College applications are due next week, added Wu, who is at the top



Mike Lee (left), Michael Fortune and Brecon Welton improvise a song at a drum circle

of her class and a student representative on the district's Board of Education.

But on Monday she sat and cuddled with her bunny, named Imp. Her friends strolled in and out of the room, which was filled with other students' pets, including a gerbil, mice, two turtles and two dogs that were brought in for the fair. The teens giggled, danced, sang songs, (continued on page 5)

SCHOOLS

Fitness levels a mixed bag

Some kids having a hard time touching their toes, state test shows

by Alexandria Rocha

espite faring better than their peers throughout the state on last year's physical-fitness tests, only half of Palo Alto's school children are considered fit, according to results released this week by the state Department of Education.

The Palo Alto Unified School District's 17 schools are a mixed bag of fitness levels, with some campus' scores rising and others plummeting.

El Carmelo Elementary School saw the largest gain, with 45 percent of fifth-graders qualifying as fit last year, up from 26 percent in 2003-04. Walter Hays Elementary School saw the most significant decline in the number of fit students. In 2003-04, 47 percent of the site's students who were tested made all the benchmarks. But last year, only 19.5 percent did.

The state Department of Education requires school districts to annually administer a physical fitness test to all fifth-, seventh-, and ninth-graders. The test, called the FITNESSGRAM, assesses students in six major fitness areas: aerobic capacity, percentage of body fat, abdominal strength and endurance, trunk strength and flexibility, upper body strength and endurance, and overall flexibility. Those translate into running or walking a mile, measuring weight to height, and doing sit-ups, push-ups, and sit-and-reach toe touches.

It is straightforward whether a student meets requirements in each area — they are either fit or not. The definition of fit, according to the test, says a student must "represent a level of fitness that offers some degree of protection against diseases that result from sedentary living."

In Palo Alto, only half, or 47 percent, of the 2,430 students tested were fit in all six areas. In the prior two school years, 2002 to 2004, it was about the same. Fifth-graders performed the best in sit-ups and pushups and had the hardest time with touching their toes. Seventh- and ninth-graders had more abdominal strength, but also had the most trouble with overall flexibility.

School-board member-elect Dana Tom, who has two children in district schools, considered Palo Alto's results as good, compared with the county and state.

"Being the same (fitness ranking as last year) is OK if it's at a very, very high level. But if there is significant room for improvement, that's different," he said.

Last year in Santa Clara County, (continued on page 5)



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Racism not 'hidden'

Racism is a problem in Palo Alto as it is in every corner of this country and it isn't hidden, certainly not from those of us who habitually suffer insults large and small that make us feel like trespassers in our hometown — and sometimes even in our own homes.

I am African-American. Not long ago while driving a few blocks from my house I was stopped by a policeman who asked me as he stared down at the Palo Alto address on my driver's license: "Are you still living at this address in East Palo Alto?"

Some weeks later a couple who had stopped to admire my dog as I walked him down the street I have lived on for more than a decade asked me if I was a professional dog walker. Then there was the time I rushed to answer the doorbell as I finished dressing for an evening at the theater only to have the solicitor ask me to summon the "lady of the house."

These deeply wounding experiences are a very real part of my everyday existence. The way the editors chose to phrase the question to their readers last month — "Is racism a hidden problem in Palo Alto?" — speaks volumes about how little they know about the lives of people of color in this community. That ignorance is reflected in this newspaper's less-than-probing coverage of matters such as the ongoing controversy over racial profiling by the Palo Alto Police Department.

Linda Mabry

Erstwild Court, Palo Alto

Multi-branch supporter

As the debate continues, too often contentiously, over the future of the Palo Alto libraries, I would like to offer my voice in support of continuing a multi-branch system.

Each branch has its own strengths and is available to anyone who chooses to use it — they are not reserved for patrons who live nearby. A survey at the College Terrace Library earlier this vear revealed that the majority of patrons did not live in College Terrace.

Children's Library is unlikely to appeal to adults with grown children, even if they live on Harriet Street. Our libraries belong to all of us and a distributed system gives us more choices.

In fact, the call to close the branches is more accurately a call to close the two smallest branches and retain the rest. These small branches do not provide full library services and are very cost-effective.

They accounted for 15 percent of pa-

tron visits last year and yet they cost only 8 percent of the total library budget to run (according to city documents). Reserving books online has become hugely popular and many of the smallbranch library users take advantage of this to (cost-effectively) access titles from the larger branches.

We can certainly find more ways to efficiently build on the neighborhoodbranch model as we move toward a long-range plan for our libraries.

Holly Welstein

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Cops and council

Several locations have been proposed for a new police building, but the most obvious and economical plan has yet to be discussed.

When the new police building last appeared on the council's agenda, I proposed leaving the existing police building right where it is and getting the additional space needed by building an extension where the present council chambers are located.

Then rebuild the council chambers either over the Downtown Library or over the plaza in front of City Hall. Either location would give council the opportunity to design and improve the council chambers and perhaps include a decent-sized meeting room. It is cheaper to move the council chambers than build the secured facilities needed to house more than 90 police officers plus support staff.

Jean Wilcox

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Money for Mongolia

At the final stop of his weeklong Asian tour last week, President Bush praised Mongolia for standing with the United States as "brothers in the cause of freedom.'

As a reward, Mongolia receives \$11 million of our tax dollars to improve its military forces, with more likely to come later. The contribution? A grand total of 160 Mongolian soldiers deployed in Iraq.

Insisting that this is not a small offer, our White House quickly clarifies that, per capita, only two other countries the United Kingdom and Denmark have sent more soldiers.

While I miss the good old days, not too long ago, when we had many more friends, I am happy that finally, for a change, our White House is telling the

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East Palo Alto

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31 percent of the 55,430 students tested were considered fit in the six categories. Statewide, about 1.3 million students tested and only 27 percent met the benchmarks.

Nine of Palo Alto's schools increased the number of students who tested fit in six areas last year. But, that still means eight had declining

At El Carmelo, an increased focus on physical fitness in the last year could explain the higher results. A new program, called the 10-Mile Club, encourages students to exercise by running laps around the field during lunchtime. More than 100 students participated.

"Anything that encourages kids and gets them moving around is a great idea," said fourth-grade teacher and club advisor Kevin Danie earlier this year.

Parents have noticed the difference.

There seems to be a wider offering of athletic activities during recess time. The YMCA, they are actively present two days a week. Someone started a hip-hop dance class once a week," said Liz Cowie, a parent of two El Carmelo students.

State Superintendent Jack O'Connell had sharp words for the state of fitness among California school kids.

There are still far too many students failing to reach even minimal levels of physical fitness," he said earlier this week. "A silent epidemic of obesity and poor nutrition is endangering our children's health and their ability to learn."

Some of the top medical and health institutions agree. About 30 percent of children age 6 to 11 are overweight and 15 percent are obese. For adolescents age 12 to 19, 30 percent are overweight and 16 percent are obese, according to the American Obesity Association.

Today's youth are considered the most inactive generation in history caused in part by a reduction in school physical education programs, according to the association, which also blames a lack of safe community recreational facilities.

Unlike academic subjects, California mandates only the amount of time students are required to spend in physical-education programs, not

Her friend Katherine Chen, also

this area. She already takes one to

two nights a week off from home-

work to relax, read or catch a

The idea for the fair came from the

students. The Palo Alto Youth Coun-

cil, composed of 16 teens, hosted the

first fair last year. Its success begged

The center was divided into the

various stations and students could roam as they liked. In Burgard's cor-

ner, students learned how to quiet

their minds and focus on their sens-

es. Burgard, a licensed clinical so-

cial worker, passed around raisins for

Wu said.

for a second event.

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movie.

how the time is spent.

Linda Hildreth, the physical education supervisor at Palo Alto High School, said the amount of physical education students receive has dropped dramatically in the last 30 years. Before 1975, for example, high-school students were required to complete four years of P.E. Now, they only need two years to graduate.

The type and amount of physical education Palo Alto students receive is acutely geared toward grade level and what is appropriate for children, adolescents and teenagers to focus on.

At the elementary level, the district employs a team of eight traveling specialists. The team visits with first- through third-graders 30 minutes a week to work on movement exploration, cooperative games and fitness routines, and with fourth- and fifth-graders for 70 minutes a week, mostly engaging them in group games.

Nancy Coffey, who has worked with the team since 1993, said classroom teachers take their students out for extra P.E. time whenever possible, taking tips from the specialists for what to do.

Once a student gets to middle school, they no longer have a recess, and P.E. is a regular 50-minute class period. Cindi Pappas, physical education supervisor at JLS Middle School, said skill development is big in sixth-grade. In seventhgrade they develop team-work skills and in eighth they go back to individualized attention.

The hope is that students will be prepared for the two years of fitness classes they have to take in high school, which most students finish their freshman and sophomore years.

In an intensive freshman year, students complete units in swimming; track and field; self-defense; wrestling; personal fitness; wheels, such as bicycling or roller skating; and finally, team games. The idea is that students who are not already involved in sports will find a game they like.

For more information and results from last year's FITNESSGRAM, visit www.cde.ca.gov. ■

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"Imagine you've come from Mars Stress reduction and don't know what this thing is. (continued from page 3) Do you feel a longing to put it in and no one mentioned school. your mouth? Are you repulsed?" she asked the students. "It really helps to have designated

The teens closed their eyes and slowly ate the raisins. The point, Bura Gunn senior, is one step ahead in gard said, is to know what you're doing as you're doing it, called mind-

fulness and non-judging awareness. "Most of us are judging all the time. With mindfulness, we take a break from that. We learn to observe what we're doing," she said.

As one student admitted, taking breaks is necessary.

"You run on stress. It's sort of like that initial anxiety when you get an assignment. It's a build up, an adrenaline rush, and then you turn it in," said Eneida Reuveltas, a senior at Castilleia. ■

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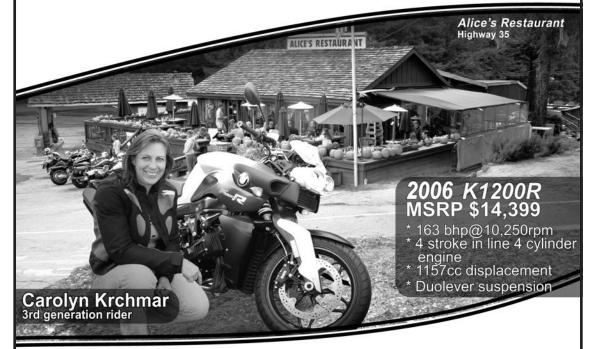
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Upfront

News Digest

Hospital workers vote for possible strike

Workers at Stanford and Lucile Packard Children's hospitals voted overwhelmingly Tuesday night to authorize a possible strike. A second vote confirming the strike will be held Monday.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 715, represents 1,300 food and service workers, including 300 nursing assistants. The union's contract with the two hospitals expired Nov. 13.

The two sides are far apart on salary and other issues. The hospitals made their "last, best and final offer" to the unions Tuesday before SEIU members voted to authorize a possible strike. The hospitals are offering 12 percent in pay increases over three years while the union is asking for 29 percent over the same period.

The two sides seem to be hardening into a war of words.

'We extended an offer to Stanford to resume negotiations," John Vellardita, chief SEIU spokesperson, said Wednesday morning. If the hospitals don't increase their offer, "the members have said they are willing to go on strike." He said that 90 percent of those who voted authorized a possible strike and rejected the last offer from the hospitals.

'The hospital sees no purpose to resuming negotiations if the union continues to make unrealistic offers," said Andrea Smith, media relations manager at Stanford Hospital.

The two hospitals have a total of 668 inpatient beds, 431 at Stanford and 237 at Packard and both are currently full or close to full.

"Union leadership seems more concerned with enhancing their organizing abilities than in considering our proposals and we don't believe they've adequately communicated our offer to their membership," Christopher Dawes, president and CEO of Packard Hospital,

Robert Valenzuela, one of the SEIU negotiators, said Tuesday night that the union believes the hospitals are trying to eliminate union jobs by moving to contract workers for some jobs.

They haven't addressed job security," Valenzuela, a lead transportation coordinator at Stanford Hospital said. He added there have been eight negotiating sessions so far.

—Don Kazak

Candlelight vigil held for quake victims

About 25 people held a candlelight vigil Tuesday night at Palo Alto's Civic Center Plaza to bring awareness to the plight of victims of the South Asia earthquake, many of whom are living in tents. In addition, five people stayed overnight in the plaza, sleeping in tents. "I really wanted to walk in their shoes," Samina Faheem Sundas

said. Sundas, the executive director of American Muslim Voice, said she also fasted for 12 hours before staying in a tent Tuesday night.

The death toll from the Oct. 8 quake, centered in the mountainous region of Pakistan, is officially 87,000 but expected to go much higher.

Sundas said that those wishing to donate to relief efforts can get information on how to do so at the Web site www.amuslimvoice.org

-Don Kazak



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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Walter Weber, a 58-year former resident of Palo Alto, died Nov. 16. A Memorial Mass will be held at Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel, followed by celebration of life at Crespi Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.



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TheatreWorks journeys into the forest for an encore of Sondheim favorite "Into the Woods"

Back to the WOOds

by Rebecca Wallace

he applause rang out, the curtain fell, and the cast and crew of TheatreWorks' 1992 production of "Into the Woods" lived happily ever after.

Thirteen years passed. The theater company grew and grew, like a burgeoning beanstalk. There were bright sets and sparkling costumes galore. And one day Robert Kelley arose from his TheatreWorks throne and pronounced, "Let's do it again."

Second acts may be rare in American life, but they are also irresistible. Stephen Sondheim's 1987 musical, replete with princes and magic beans, intricate lyrics and clever yet gentle lessons about learning to stand on your own, is an enduring favorite.

"I had a longing to see it again," said Kelley, director of both productions and founding artistic director of the group. "For a show with as much guts as it has, it's still a fun holiday show, and it works for all ages."

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Clockwise from left: Christiane Noll and Jackson Davis star in the Theatre Works revival of "Into the Woods," a fairy tale staged for the holidays; Jack (Robert Brewer) shares a moment with Milky White the cow (played by Bill Olson); The Prince (Patrick Leveque) rescues Rapunzel (Tielle Baker) by climbing her hair. Photos by David Allen.

'Into the Woods'

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Exploring what happens after happily ever after is apropos. Act One of "Into the Woods" follows the exploits of such familiar fairytale characters as Cinderella, Jack (and his beanstalk) and Rapunzel, halting for intermission with what appears to be the fabled happy ending.

But there's still Act Two. The sly beauty of the musical, which is viewed by many as Sondheim's most accessible, is that it shows all the turmoil of what happens after the wedding kiss or the fulfilled quest with drama, poignancy and good humor. The paper fairytale characters become people we know and people we are.

"You spend your whole life wanting to be a princess, and then you get it, and it isn't anything you thought it would be," said actor James Monroe Iglehart, who plays The Wolf. (Making a meal out of that tasty morsel Little Red Riding Hood doesn't exactly turn out the way The Wolf hoped, either, as any child knows.)

Appropriately, Iglehart is speaking under a canopy of trees in front of a TheatreWorks rehearsal building in Mountain View, where he and fellow actor Jackson Davis are pondering why they love "Into the Woods" so much.

"It's fun because of the first act versus the second act. People are split on which act they like," says Davis, a wiry man in glasses who looks perfect to play the everyman character of The Baker.

In fact, he enjoys the role so much that it's worth playing twice.

Davis was also The Baker in the 1992 production, and he leaped at the chance to once more play the simple man who with his wife pledges to do anything to have a child

"The themes are for everyone," Davis says. "Life goes on, and what decisions do you make? It would be boring if there was one adventure, then it was happily ever after."

The two are also taken with the show because, like the eerie Grimm tales of old, it doesn't shy away from darkness. There really are giants in the sky, and scary things can happen when you get lost in the maze of the woods.

"There are consequences to your actions, and that's great for kids to see," Davis says, citing as an example, "Jack steals the goose and giants come after him."

Iglehart, of course, gets to revel in the dark side as The Wolf. It's quite the reversal from his previous role as the Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz" at American Musical Theatre of San Jose.

"What's your motivation?' I'm hungry. I'm evil," Iglehart said with a smirk.

Like many actors, Davis and Iglehart also love the deliciously complicated music and lyrics, which are pure Sondheim.

"He puts harmony in places you don't expect. It sounds wonderful, but it's hard for actors," Iglehart said.

Then his eyes light up, and he pronounces Sondheim "before his time." Who else in 1987 was putting rap in a Broadway show? And yet the "Woods" witch busts out into a rap about her garden.

"He had a hip-hop moment in the

show!" Iglehart marvels. He shakes his head. "But no rapper would put 'arugula' in his song."

The jittery energy of The Witch's rap always packs a punch. But there will be some differences in TheatreWorks' production of "Into the Woods" this time around.

The set will again be influenced by the intricate, chimerical drawings of Arthur Rackham, an early-20th-century English illustrator, Kelley said. This time, though, the set will have "a more spare, abstract feeling," he said.

In another change, a prop will become a person. In 1992, the cow Milky White was a wooden beast on wheels; now the animal will be played by an actor.

TheatreWorks costume director Jill Bowers, a veteran of the 1992 production, says she's also been influenced by Rackham's drawings in creating the woodsy garb. This year, the colors will be "a bit bigger and a bit zingier" than before, and all the costumes will have "an edgier, modern, more intense feel," she said.

Contrast is also key this time. The costumes will strongly reflect the class difference in the woods: characters such as The Baker and The Baker's Wife, Jack and Cinderella, are peasants, unlike the princes. So they often have fewer tools to help them through the maze of the forest, Bowers said: "They're at the mercy of the royalty and the magic of the witch."

But no one is alone, and even the poor aren't defenseless. Little Red Riding Hood, for example, will get a major costume upgrade after she bests the Wolf. Bowers said.

"She gets a knife and a wolf pelt, but I'm pushing it a little farther.

You might see some Doc Martens on her," she said.

The show marks a homecoming of sorts for Bowers. She designed costumes for TheatreWorks from 1986 through 1997, then was at American Musical Theatre of San Jose, and then returned to Theatre-Works about a year and a half ago.

The powerhouse theater company is a far cry from its early days, when the costume department was one person and plays were sometimes staged at the nature center at Palo Alto's Baylands Preserve, Bowers recalled.

"They had to move the harbor seal exhibit every night to make room for the show," she said, chuckling.

Now Bowers is part of a fourperson, full-time costume department that also periodically hires temps. It means less time at the sewing machine and more time looking at the big picture of costuming a world of actors.

Stretching well beyond small nature-center performances, Theatre-Works now stages performances at the 589-seat Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts and the 428-seat Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto. "Into the Woods" will be at the Lucie Stern.

While Kelley acknowledges that this is a big show to fit onto the Palo Alto stage, he's ultimately pleased with the choice because of its intimacy.

One of his favorite themes in "Into the Woods" is the coming together of characters who feel small and afraid in the face of magic and other things that go bump in the night. That instinct of humans to help each other, to build a community under tenuous circumstances,

is timeless, he said.

"The woods in which they live were threatened or crushed by a giant. But it could be anything — a war, a hurricane, an overwhelming disaster that threatens us," Kelley said. "In the end, you see the survivors banding together to carry on, to defeat the enemy, and start again."

What: "Into the Woods," with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, presented by TheatreWorks

Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

When: 8 p.m. preview shows on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2. Performances then run Tuesday through Sunday, through Jan. 7. (There will be no shows on Dec. 24, 25 and 27 and on Jan 3.)

Cost: \$20-\$54, with discounts available for youth, students, seniors and members

Info: Call (650) 903-6000 or go to theatreworks.org.

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Michael Honsaker (Cinderella's Prince) and Christiane Noll (Baker's Wife) rehearse a scene for "Into the Woods," the TheatreWorks musical revival. Photo by Nicholas Wright.



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Bus Barn Stage Company's romantic comedy "Romance in D" featuring (clockwise from top) John Byrd, Alex Alexander, Wendy Howard Benham and Al Fischer runs through Dec. 17 at Hillbarn Theatre in Los Altos.

Two love stories in one

'Romance in D' sweetens the holiday season with laughter

by Jeanie Forte

reak away from the usual "Nutcracker" to enjoy this heartwarming play.

This contemporary play by James Sherman, currently showing at the BusBarn Stage Company, covers two holiday traditions and two romances as it bounces back and forth between two adiacent apartments. Isabel Fox (Alex Alexander) has just moved in, having recently separated from her husband and her job. Her inept suicide attempt results in an encounter with her neighbor, Charles Norton (John Byrd). It also brings her father, George (Al Fischer), to Chicago to see about his daughter. George, in turn, happens to meet Charles' mother, Helen (Wendy Howard-Benham), when she is making her usual pantry delivery to her son's apartment.

With all four characters in place, you would think the outcome would be predictable, and it sometimes is, but there's a lot of fun and laughter along the way. Sherman's wit is fresh and his characters believable, which lifts it out of sitcom superficiality. As the two generations and genders get to know each other we grow to like



Without giving away the rest of the plot, the ultimate message is a lovely one of hope and possibility, as well as the joy of finding love in unexpected places.

them, with all their imperfections and their vulnerability.

The connection to the holidays isn't clear until Act 2, when we see that Charles's apartment is prepared for a Hannukah meal with his mom, and Isabel's for Christmas with her dad. Some of the best humor in the play comes from the

juxtaposition of these two traditions and the innocent ignorance each pair has of the other's rituals. The apparent attraction between Charles and Isabel also hits a snag when Isabel's estranged husband calls to invite her out for dinner.

Without giving away the rest of the plot, the ultimate message is a lovely one of hope and possibility, as well as the joy of finding love in unexpected places. Sherman encourages us not to analyze that love too much — not to question or pick it apart, but simply accept it as the wondrous gift. It's a message that's pretty appropriate for the holiday season, for lifting your hearts up out of the pervasive commercialism.

All four actors are well-known on local stages, for good reason — they're all excellent, bringing interesting and intriguing shading to their characters. Benham as the Jewish mother hits just the right notes of motherliness mingled with independence and a delightful flair for vivacity. Her mischievous "What the hey!" could very well become the new "Carpe diem." Her counterpart, Fischer, sets the upbeat tone for the play as the indefatigable and irrepressible George. He's dapper and debonair one moment, silly at Scrabble the next, with a genuine joie de vivre.

Alexander and Byrd face off as two lovable losers, each wounded in love and reluctant to take another leap, each charmingly idiosyncratic and flawed. Alexander transitions nicely from stupidly suicidal to ready for romance without stretching believability. Her comical expressions enhance the text.

Byrd plays against type to deliver a sweet, music-obsessed nerd, who manages to rise above his shyness and fear to reach out for change and the unknown. Byrd's mastery of subtle looks and comic timing add depth to the character.

Ron Gasparinetti's realistic set gives us the two apartments side by side in faithful detail. All the other production elements come together commendably, often providing visual humor. Director Linda Piccone ably leads her team through territory that could be sappy if overplayed, giving us tartare instead of turkey.

Altogether an enjoyable and amusing evening, guaranteed to laugh away any holiday doldrums.

What: "Romance in D," a play for the holidays by James Sherman, presented by Bus Barn Stage Company Where: At the Bus Barn The-

Where: At the Bus Barn Theatre at 97 Hillview Avenue, Los

When: Through Dec. 17, with 8 p.m. shows Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 14, and 3 p.m. matinees on Sundays Nov. 27 and Dec. 4

Cost: Tickets range from \$22 to \$28.

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Pacific Theatre Ballet performs the holiday classic on Friday and Saturday Nov. 25 and 26 at 1 and 6 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 27 at 12:30 and 4 p.m. at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts MainStage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Tickets are \$23 to \$18.

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Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW



Caffe Riace's outdoor-only dining area features grand statues and heat lamps for cooler evenings.

Caffe Riace, more style than substance

Bland Italian fare leaves no mark

by Dale F. Bentson

hen I go to an upscale restaurant, investing time and money, I hope the meal will be memorable for at least 24 hours. Unfortunately, I had trouble remembering much of the food the mornings following any of my visits to the popular Caffe Riace. Good thing I had notes to work from.

Tucked behind the Santa Clara County Courthouse and sand-wiched between nondescript concrete buildings is the Italian garden oasis of Caffe Riace. Franco Carrubba and his family started the business nearly 8 years ago as a small café. Now, the all-outside dining area seats between 45 and 160, depending on the weather. Heaters, a large tented area and a small interior alcove shelter diners from inclement conditions.

With its abundance of decoration, the restaurant reminded me of a souvenir shop in Orvieto or a theme restaurant at Disneyland. The dining area features a park sized fountain with a water spewing nymph, large potted olive

trees, oversized statues of Roman warriors, ceramics tacked to side walls, a painted cart, Italian motor scooters at the entrance, umbrellas, decorative tiles, and hummingbird feeders hung from trees.

The sturdy steel-and-glass patio furniture was comfortable for prolonged sitting, however, thanks to thick cushions that rest atop each chair. Despite the plethora of ornamentation, I needed a miner's helmet to read the menu at night. The miniature candle that adorned each table was no brighter than a child's nightlight.

For starters, the Insalata Siciliana (\$11.95) had slices of fresh oranges, lettuce, and spring and red onions, drizzled with balsamic, olive oil and crushed red pepper. Nothing noteworthy here. The ingredients were fresh and mildmannered but doggedly overpriced despite the large presentation.

Fried eggplant or Malanzane is a classic Italian dish of celebrated flavors. Sliced eggplant is dredged in egg and flour and quickly fried. Riace's rendition, (\$7.95) with garlic, ricotta salata (soft cheese), olive oil, oregano and balsamic vinaigrette failed to excite my taste buds. Perhaps the blandness was from the tame olive oil or perhaps because it was served cold.

The Antipasto sampler (\$11.95) was a platter of bruschetta (chopped tomato, garlic and olive oil atop toasted bread), caprese (tomato slices with mozzarella and fresh basil leaf), melenzane (roasted eggplant) and roasted peppers. This was my choice as an appetizer - a smattering of all the antipasti and enough to share.

The pasta selection is formidable at Riace and much of it made in-house as are the focaccia, sausage and desserts. (Learning from his grandmother in Sicily, Mr. Carrubba has been making sausages his entire life.) Additionally, Caffe Riace offers eight to 10 specials daily on the seasonally adjusted menu.

Pasta Ceppo Riace (\$14.95) was tube-shaped pasta with homemade sausage, mushrooms, green onion and peas covered with tomato-ricotta gravy. It was an enormous plate of food lacking in any distinction other than its size. The creamy ricotta and tomato sauce

begged for fresh chopped herbs to spark it to life.

Similar was Penne Norma (\$14.95), with pasta and chopped tomato in the same tomato-ricotta sauce. What made this dish better were the few pieces of chopped fennel that added interest to the plate. Had there been more herbs and a more concentrated sauce, this version could have excelled. Instead, it only hinted at potential.

Salsiccia Sicilana (\$17.95) were grilled, house-made sausages and tube pasta buried in tomato sauce. It was a mountain of a meal, something the Cardinal football team might relish after a long day on the gridiron. The fennel and wine sausages were ever so mild and the mantle of tomato sauce Radio Flyer red.

There just weren't enough mushrooms to make a difference in the Pappardelle Porcini (\$18.95). The creamy sauce of cheese, porcini mushrooms, chopped tomato and green onion combined to make this little more than comfort food: filling, but unremarkable.

Grilled chicken breast topped with too few olives, tomato, chopped Italian parsley and a side of pasta, the Pollo Puttanesca (\$21.95) was mundane. I yearned for more pungent olives — *something* memorable in the mouth.

Desserts were hit and miss. Of the half-dozen house-made gelatos and sorbets, the almond-flavored Torroncino gelato (\$6.50) was creamy and too sweet for my taste buds, oozing over the sides of the elfin cup in which it was served. Better was the coffee gelato (\$6.50). Rich and creamy, it was like a defrosting espresso. The consistency was perfect —soft and gummy, reminiscent of the gelatos of Florence.

Tiramisu (\$6.50) was possibly the best dish I had at Caffe Riace. The bottom layer of ladyfingers were soaked in espresso and the creamy tiers were not overly sweetened. Cocoa powder was judiciously sprinkled and not layered on.

More than 700 wines await in the cellar. A fine wine list, with an especially interesting Italian selection, prices running the gamut. One evening, I chose a Langhe Nebbiolo, shockingly overpriced at \$50. Nebbiolo is a light red grape variety mostly grown in the Piedmont region of northwest

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Barbera, light red wines from Piedmont, and one of the few bargains left on the world wine market, were also steeply priced despite being of slightly older vintage. At Caffe Riace, the Barbera selection ran \$55 to \$100. Generally, Barbera runs \$25 to \$35 in local restaurants. The menu offered several less expensive Sangiovese, Valpolicella and Dolcetto from which to choose. Corkage fee is \$15.

Though service was fine on most visits, diners should be warned against visiting the restaurant at the same time as large parties. One sunny noon hour, an army of office workers swarmed the restaurant. Platters of antipasti, salads and cold cuts were set on long buffet tables. The single-file legion nearly stretched around the entire perimeter of the restaurant. So focused was the staff on hauling out platters of food and filling water glasses that the remaining diners might as well have cooked their own food and bussed their own tables. I am sure this was an important revenue source for the restaurant, but I was stuck more than an hour and a half

between entry and exit.

At Caffe Riace, portions are large but barely register on the taste-o-meter. The food is listless and would be greatly enhanced with a little more attention from the kitchen. There is no pungency, no intensity of flavor, no concentration of what makes Italian cuisine one of the best in the world. Instead the emphasis is on kitschy ornamentation and sizeable rations. If food had more satisfying flavors, we wouldn't need such distractions.

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Babbo's, 717 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto (650) 321-1488 Serving pizzas and Mediterranean specialties, such as paella. The outdoor patio is one of the best things about Babbo's; homemade desserts are the other. Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m. \$\$\$ (Reviewed November 2, 2001)

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Bangkok Bay, 825 El Camino Real, Redwood City (650) 365-5369 Bangkok Bay does a pretty good job of walking that fine line between accessibility and authenticity, much in the way Thai food manages at once to be subtle and intense. The satay, tom kah gai and tod man pla are especially good. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. 5-9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5-10 p.m.; Sun. 5-9 p.m. \$\$ (Reviewed July 19, 2001)

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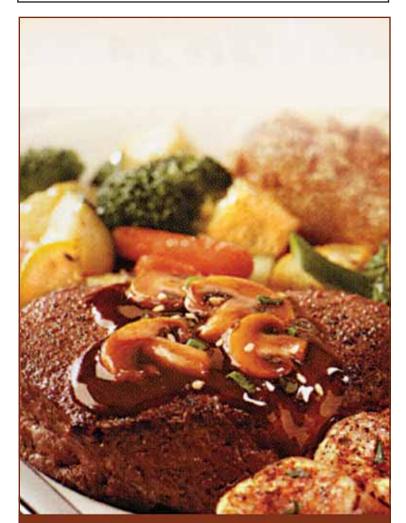
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Bistro Elan, 448 California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 327-0284 Bistro Elan offers elegant dining in a bistro setting. Chef/owner Ambjorn Lindskog's ever-changing menu melds a French sensibility with a California emphasis on light foods. Main courses consist of duck. lamb, beef and seafood. Desserts are interesting and uniformly good. Handsome yet relaxed décor. Reservations advised. Lunch Tue.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner Tue.-Sat. 5:30-10:30 p.m. \$\$\$ (Reviewed February 20,

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Bravo Taqueria, 980 Woodside Road, Redwood City (650) 364-3511 Bravo Taqueria boasts "healthy homemade Mexican food." Lots of vegetarian options are offered, but there's plenty for meat-lovers, too. The chicken mole platter, quesadilla con carne and nachos are standouts. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. \$ (Reviewed April 12, 2002)

British Banker's Club. 1090 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 327-8769 Food and fantasy meet agreeably at the British Bankers' Club, a meticulously reconstructed monument to England's Edwardian past.
BBC serves up pub grub like fish and chips and burgers and is quite the night life spot as well. Daily 11 a.m.-1 a.m. \$ (Reviewed February 10, 1995)

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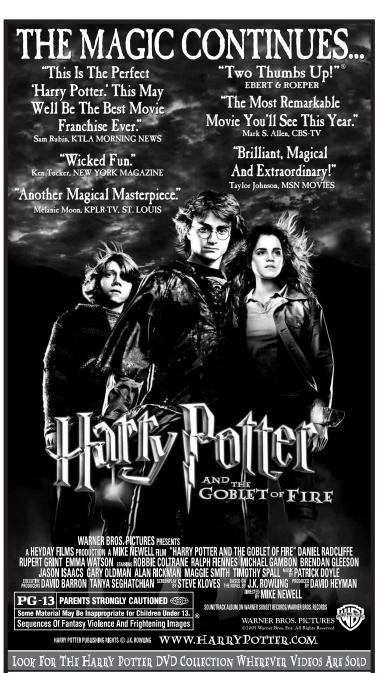


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Movies

Movie reviews by Jeanne Aufmuth, Tyler Hanley and Susan Tavernetti

OPENINGS



Billy Bob Thornton and John Cusack get all noir in "The Ice Harvest."

The Ice Harvest ★★1/2

(Century 16) It's not easy to pigeonhole this quirky comedy/thriller/noir mob piece that falls into place too little and too late.

The eminently watchable John Cusack stars as under-the-radar attorney Charlie Arglist, who ensures himself a merry Christmas by embezzling a cool \$2 million from a Kansas City mob figure. His partner in crime is the sinister Vic Cavanaugh (Billy Bob Thornton) whose plans for the take are shady at best.

While the money lies in wait, Charlie dreams of skipping town with sultry businesswoman Renata (Connie Nielsen), the sharp-as-nails owner of the Sweet Cage strip club. As a steely ice storm envelops Wichita Falls, Charlie makes plans to woo Renata while watching the back of his plastered drinking buddy Pete Van Heuten (Oliver Platt).

"Ice" is notable for its lack of a linear theme. Charlie deals with the sticky situations standard for a cold and fateful night but his intentions are vague at best. A bloody run-in or two with the local underbelly and an unfortunate encounter with Vic pepper the action but as the plot subtly solidifies the end credits roll on this Midwest slice of lowlife.

Cusack can always chew up the scenery and Thornton is gifted with his own peculiar charm but Platt delivers one for the ages. His classic Christmas Eve bender is by turns dismal and sidesplitting as he comes face to face with his greatest mistakes and tries to make amends.

Nielsen is a bust; a classy gal horribly miscast as a quasi-cheap strip-club seductress. The violence is surprising and unexpected, gratuitously pushing the envelope for a black comedy. A mixed bag with saucy highlights.

Rated: R for excessive violence. 1 hour, 28 minutes.

— Jeanne Aufmuth

Just Friends ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) A quartet of talented young actors shine in this romantic ode to "friend-zone" angst. Ryan Reynolds ("Van Wilder") and Amy Smart ("The Butterfly Effect") are charismatic leads, while Anna Faris ("Scary Movie") and Chris Klein ("American Pie") ham it up.

But director Roger Kumble ("The Sweetest Thing") simply can't calm the film's ridiculous slapstick storm. Likeable characters with sincere concerns are given the

Three Stooges treatment, turning interesting dynamics into snippets of senseless abuse. With fine performers and decent dialogue creating a concrete foundation, it's a shame such inane smacks and slaps ultimately make for a rickety flick.

Chris (Reynolds) and Jamie (Smart) are inseparable high-school friends in suburban New Jersey. Theirs is a relationship of shared secrets and soulful one-onones. But Chris — awkward and overweight — is harboring a deep love for his gorgeous gal-pal. Ready to confess his feelings at a graduation bash, Chris instead finds himself humiliated by the class jock and fleeing for the West Coast, leaving Jamie and Jersey in a trail of Road Runner dust.

Flash forward 10 years. Chris has dropped the weight and picked up a Hollywood attitude. His new life means big money as an executive in the music biz and dating a parade of beautiful models. When an intended trip to Paris with pop star Samantha James (Faris) goes awry and the two serendipitously arrive in Jersey, all of Chris' old emotions resurface.

Reynolds is a rare breed of actor. His near-perfect physique, nice-guy charm and aptitude for humor make him a charismatic triple-threat able to spearhead action, romance or comedy films with fervor. His casting is perfect for "Just Friends," and the chemistry between he and Smart is palpable.

Klein's cinematic homecoming is welcome as a pimple-faced simpleton turned golden-voiced stud. But Faris steals the show. Her turn as pop goddess Samantha James — a contemporary spoof of everything Britney, Paris, Lindsay or Jessica — is painfully hilarious. With pouty lips and over-the-top antics, Faris proves she has the comedic tools to coast past the competition.

Good one-liners occasionally arise, such as when Chris lays out a slew of his old high-school apparel and labels it the "Michael Bolton starter kit." But it isn't quite enough to warrant a \$9 ticket price. Save the currency for inspired faire along the lines of "Capote" or "Good Night, and Good Luck" and add this to the Netflix memory bank. It's worth a rainy-day watch on the couch ... with a friend.

Rated: PG-13 for sexual content including some dialogue. 1 hour, 28 minutes.

— Tyler Hanley



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Green for Danger (1946) Alistair Sim plays Inspector Cockrill of Scotland Yard, who must solve a series of murders in a rural British hospital. Fri. at

Father Brown (1954) Mystery starring Alec Guinness as amateur detective Father Brown, who seeks to recover a sacred cross stolen by master thief Flambeau. Fri. at 5:45 & 9:15 p.m.

The Four Feathers (1939) The son of a distinguished military family resigns his commission. His friends send him the traditional white feather to show contempt for his assumed cowardice, but he proves his courage beyond all doubt. Sat. & Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:55 p.m.

Q Planes (1939) Comedy-thriller about a Scotland Yard detective investigating the disappearance of bomber planes, with the assistance of a young test pilot, played by Laurence Olivie Sat. & Sun. at 6 & 9:35 p.m.

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March of the Penguins (2005) Documentary about the quixotic journey of the mighty emperor penguin. They live alone on the darkest, coldest continent and move their parade to their breeding grounds with unusual elegance. Once there, the penguins par ticipate in an ancient and complicated mating ritual. Narrated by Morgan Freeman. Sat. & Sun. at 2:30 p.m.

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress (2005) Set in the days of the Cultural Revolution when it was a crime to listen to Mozart, read Balzac or enjoy other Western classics. Luo and Dai are the sons of parents classified as "enemies of the people" and sent to a remote mountain town to un-dergo re-education. Trapped, the friends discover two unexpected distractions — a suitcase full of forbidden foreign books and the beautiful daugha suitcase full of forbidden ter of a local tailor. Sat. & Sun. at

Gone with the Wind (1939) American classic in which a manipulative woman and a roguish man carry on a turbulent love affair in the American south during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. Sat. & Sun. at 7 p.m.

NOW PLAYING

The following is a sampling of movies recently reviewed in the Weekly:

Bee Season ★★★

(Aquarius) Words and letters open the secrets to the universe for 11-year-old Eliza Naumann (Flora Cross). Eliza is the black sheep of a family of intellectual over-achievers who displays a remarkable aptitude for spelling bees, forcing her family to sit up and take notice. Since hers is not your typical happy home the implications are significant. Dad Saul (Richard Gere) is a distant perfectionist and religious scholar with a burning desire to get closer to God. Mom Miriam (Juliette Binoche) is an insecure, preoccupied lab rat with a hidden agenda of her

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Bee Season (PG-13) ★★★ Aquarius: 7 & 9:25 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2 & 4:30 p.m. Capote (R) ★★★★ Palo Alto Square: 2:15, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 11:40 a.m. Chicken Little (G) ★★★ Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:30 & 9:25 p.m. **Century 12:** 11:35 a.m.: 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 16:** 1:50, 4:10 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 12:** 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 & 10:05 p.m. Derailed (R) ★★

Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story Century 12: 11:55 a.m.

(PG) ** Century 12: 10:35 p.m.

Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R) (Not Reviewed) Good Night, and Good Luck (PG)

Guild: 7 & 9:25 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at noon, 2:15 & 4:35 p.m. **Century 16:** 10:45 a.m.; Noon, 1, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

(PG-13) ***1/2 Century 12: 11:30 a.m.; 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45 & 10 p.m. The Ice Harvest (R) $\star\star 1/2$ Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:30, 3:40, 5:50,

8 & 10:10 p.m. In the Mix (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m. **Century 12:** 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m. Jarhead (R) ***1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m. & 9:50 p.m.

Century 16: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15 & Just Friends (PG-13) ★★1/2 9:40 p.m. **Century 12:** Noon, 2:15, 4:35, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang (R) ★★★ Century 16: 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45 & 10

The Legend of Zorro (PG) ★★ Century 12: 11:45 a.m. & 9:55 p.m. **Century 16:** 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05, 7:50. Pride & Prejudice (PG) ★★★1/2 9:30 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 12:** 1:45,

4:45, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m. Rent (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 1:15, 3, 4:15, 6:30, 7:25 & 10:25 p.m. Century 12: 12:45, 4:05,

7:10 & 10:15 p.m Sarah Silverman: Jesus is Magic **Aquarius:** 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) at 1:30, 3:30 & 5:30 p.m. **Century 16:** 12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55 & Shopgirl (R) ★★★ 10:15 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 8 & 10:10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 11:30 a.m. The Squid and the Whale (R) ***1/2 Two for the Money (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 12: Tue. at 2:25 & 7:25 p.m.

Walk the Line (PG-13) $\star\star$ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:20, 4:20, 6:40, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 12:** 12:50, 3:50, 6:50 & 9:50 p.m.

Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 1:10, 3:15, 5:20 Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) ★★★★ & 7:25 p.m.

Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 12:** 11:15 (Not Reviewed) a.m.; 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55 & 10:05 p.m. Century 12: 5:05 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at Zathura (PG) (Not Reviewed)

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own. With each successive bee win the family dynamic suffers a seismic psychological shift. Strikingly crafted and worth a look. Rated: PG-13 for intensity and mature themes. 1 hour, 44 minutes. — J.A. (Re viewed Nov. 11, 2005)

Capote ★★★★

(Cinearts) The Best Actor Oscar race promises to be smoking hot, courtesy of Philip Seymour Hoffman's delirious turn as the shrill and effeminate Truman Capote. "Capote" focuses its lens on 1959, when the author happens upon a New York Times article about the brutal murders of the simple, upstanding Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas. This is just the opening Capote

needs to prove his untested theory that in gifted hands nonfiction can be as scintillating as fiction. With the support of "researcher and bodyguard" Harper Lee (the superb Catherine Keener as the "To Kill a Mockingbird" author) and the blessing of his editor, Capote sets out for Kansas and an obsession that will ultimately consume his intricate life. Debut director (!) Bennett Miller crafts a marvelously rich and absorbing biopic of man and mystery and the subtle nuances that make twisted brilliance tick.
Rated: R for violent images and strong lan quage, 1 hour, 50 minutes, - J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 7, 2005)

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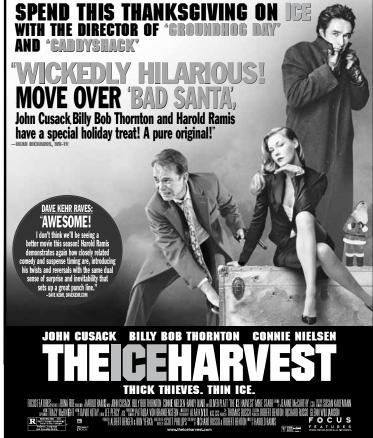


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Chicken Little ★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Loosely based on the classic children's fairytale, Chicken Little (voiced by Zach Braff) causes widespread panic for the animal denizens of Oakey Oaks when he warns that the sky is falling. But with no sign of plummeting clouds, Little's proud father (Garry Marshall) blames his son's antics on a wayward acorn and expresses obvious embarrassment. The mishap stigmatizes Lit-

tle at school. His only companions are three equally unpopular students: Abby Mallard (Joan Cusack), an astute but unattractive duckling; Runt of the Litter (Steve Zahn), an enormous swine with high anxiety; and the voiceless Fish Out of Water, who can find humor in even the most dire situations. When an apparent piece of the sky actually does drop into Little's bedroom, he and the gang quickly find themselves investigating the ph nomenon. The Kentucky Fried Corporation

may see a slump in business when "Little" hits the big screen, because if all chickens were this cute the world would stick with turkey. Rated: G. 1 hour. 21 minutes. - T.H. wed Nov. 4, 2005)

Derailed **

(Century 16, Century 12) Charles Schine (Clive Owen) is a mild-mannered ad exec with a stale marriage, a sick daughter and a daily commuter pass. He meets mysterious Lucinda Harris (Jennifer Aniston) on the train and is immediately smitten by her good looks and black nylon clad legs. The resulting friendship seques to drinks and then an extramarital dalliance that turns sour when the pair is viciously attacked in their seedy hotel room. Charles is beaten to a bloody pulp and Lucinda repeatedly raped. Can't call the police, she says, my husband will know I've been with you. Forced by circumstance to keep quiet the adulterers part for good. Soon enough the assailant (French actor Vincent Cassel) comes calling for the obligatory blackmail cash. Consumed by guilt Charles goes to great lengths to appease the man, all the while putting his family in jeopardy and frantically searching for a way out. Any way out. Film looks great; dark and sharp. But not good enough to shell out \$10 and two hours. Rated: R for sex and graphic violence. 1 hour, 40 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Nov. 11,

Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story ★★

(Century 12) On the green green grasses of Kentucky it's all about the horses. The Crane family is barely making ends meet on a ram-shackle horse farm; according to the youngest Crane (Dakota Fanning as Cale), it's a farm with the only horse barn in Kentucky sans horse. The picture changes when Cale's trainer dad Ben (Kurt Russell) quits his job because of a dispute over an injured horse and adopts the gorgeous racer in a moment of sentimental weakness. Starry-eyed Cale can't get over her luck, devoting every waking second to nursing proud Sonador back to health with the help of Twizzlers and cherry Popsicles. Bland family fare that goes down easy but neither edifies nor challenges. Rated: PG for mildly upsetting situations. 1 hour 38 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 21, 2005)

Good Night, and Good Luck ★★★★
(Guild) Director George Clooney makes a bold move and raises tough issues in the meticulously recreation of a seminal chapter in television history, when broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow dared to challenge Sen. Joseph McCarthy and his Red Scare fear-mongering on his CBS "See It Now" program. Spare and austere, the black-and-white film opens at a 1958 awards banquet that Murrow (David Strathairn) turns into a platform to muse about the media. Concerned that television "is being used to distract, delude, amuse and insulate us," the newsman adamantly insists that it "can teach, it can illuminate, it can even inspire." All the actors deliver spot-on performances, from Frank Langella as William S. Paley to Clooney as producer Fred Friendly and Robert Downey, Jr. and Patricia Clarkson as clandestinely married staffers. *Rated: PG* for mild thematic elements and brief language 1 hour, 33 minutes. — S.T. (Reviewed Oct. 14, 2005)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

***1/2 (Century 16, Century 12) Following the success of director Alfonso Cuaron's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," edgy auteur Mike Newell ("Donnie Brasco") tackles Harry's fourth year with remarkable aplomb.
When Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) reach Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambone) announces that Hogwarts will host the legendary Triwizard Tournament, where three young wand-wielders compete in a trio of dangerous events. Hopeful partici pants toss their name into the Goblet of Fire

and keep their fingers crossed. But when Harry's name mysteriously wafts out of the blue-lit Goblet, the tournament becomes a fight for survival. Newell snags Cuaron's cinematic baton and sprints, maintaining the dark tone of "Azkaban" while sprinkling in healthy doses of humor and humanity. Rated: PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence and frightening images. 2 hours, 30 minutes. — T.H. (Reviewed Nov. 18, 2005)

Jarhead ★★★1/2

(Century 16) Set against the backdrop of Operation Desert Storm, rookie Marine Anthony Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) admits his crewcut career began because he "got lost on the way to college." We're ushered through Swofford's tough-love training, where an abusive drill sergeant responds to wisecracks by slamming Swofford's head into a chalkboard. Soon Swofford finds himself in Saudi Arabia bonding with fellow Marines (including Peter Sarsgaard as Troy and Jamie Foxx as Sqt. Siek). While America's confrontation with Saddam Hussein escalates and more men are poured into the sweltering heat, Swofford's fragile emotions slowly unravel. "Platoon" and "Saving Private Ryan" were far superior in highlighting the horrors of war, but "Jarhead" paints an important portrait of life among Marines. Hoo-rah, Rated: R for pervasive language, some violent images and strong sexual content. 1 hour, 55 minutes. T.H. (Reviewed Nov. 4, 2005)

The Legend of Zorro ★★

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(Century 12) Whereas director Martin Campbell's "The Mask of Zorro" enthralled with compelling characters and thrilling action, his second installment resembles a live-action cartoon. Set in California on the brink of statehood, the sequel reflects contemporary concerns rather than those rooted in the Wild West of 1850. Don Alejandro de la Vega (Antonio Banderas) eniovs his caped-crusader heroics so much that his wife, Elena (Catherine Zeta-Jones), accuses him of neglecting

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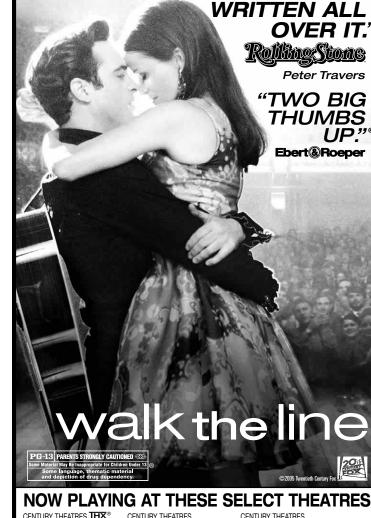




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his family. Soon Elena dishes up divorce papers, turning her affections toward a French aristocrat (Rufus Sewell). This franchise looks exhausted except for some spectacular swordplay and the thrilling emergence of the alphabet's last letter in clothing ripped to shreds. Rated: PG for sequences of vio-lence/peril and action, language and a couple of suggestive moments, 2 hours, 10 minutes, - S.T. (Reviewed Oct. 28, 2005)

Pride & Prejudice ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bennet (Keira Knightley) is the favored daughter of the five belonging to the struggling Mr. and Mrs. B (Donald Sutherland and Brenda Blethyn). Mom is a meddlesome tattler who wants a good match for each of her girls while Dad stands by in a permanent state of bemusement. The first appropriate suitor on the horizon is the upstanding and very rich Mr. Bingley (Simon Woods) who rents a neighboring estate. At his side is family friend Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen), a snooty noble-man for whom Lizzie develops an instant dislike — or consuming crush depending on your point of view. While Lizzie and Darcy ebb and flow with pent-up desire thwarted by monumental miscommunication, older sister Jane (Rosamund Pike) falls for the socially superior Bingley and flighty Lydia (Jena Malone) worms her way into a duplicitous and disastrous union. "Pride" does not tread new ground and must rely heavily on narrative energy and individual effort to set it apart from its predecessors. Rated: PG for mildly mature themes. 2 hours, 8 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Nov. 11, 2005)

Prime **1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) Meryl Streep is a therapist named Lisa Metzger who is currently dispensing warmth and wisdom to the ethereal Rafi Gardet (Uma Thurman), a divorcee with commitment issues. When Rafi meets Dave Bloomberg (Bryan Greenberg), sparks fly and bells ring. The hitch is that Rafi is 37 and Dave's a 23-year-old pup. Naturally Rafi confesses all to her analyst, who is sup-portive in the extreme. "Get messy in life," she tells her, "at least you know you're living." Rafi eats up the reinforcement and continues to spill dirty details to Lisa, on whom it finally dawns that the young man in question is her one and only son. Writer/director Ben Younger of "Boiler Room" fame strays from his typically edgy oeuvre and doesn't master the genre the way he should. His characters are eager and well-realized but ultimately their efforts are lost in a meandering search for a meaningful life. Rated: PG-13 for language and sexuality. 1 hour, 40 minutes. — J.A. (Reviewed Oct. 28, 2005)

Shopgirl ★★★ (Century 16) Claire Danes gives an ethereal performance as the wistful shoppirl of Steve Martin's dreams, based on his stirring novella of the same name. Mirabelle (Danes) is a simple Vermont transplant who lives a lonely life surrounded by luxury — the luxury of di-aphanous silk gloves in the fine accessories department of Saks Fifth Avenue. After dark, Mirabelle returns to her solitary apartment and creates artsy charcoal drawings while barely scraping by and hoping against hope for Prince Charming to appear. A couple of dates with a garrulous musician who picks her up at the Laundromat (Jason Schwartzman as Jeremy) vield an interesting sexual escapade and little more. Jeremy is no prince and not very charming at that. Mirabelle's afterglow arrives in the form of a handsome stranger (Martin as Ray Porter) who enters her retail domain and purchases a pair of black gloves. The two begin to date, and Ray's sophisticated influence subtly transforms Mirabelle from geek to chic. "Shopgirl" is an oasis of old-fashioned charm in a modern world. Stylish, quirky and affecting. Rated: R for language and nudity. 1 hour, 46

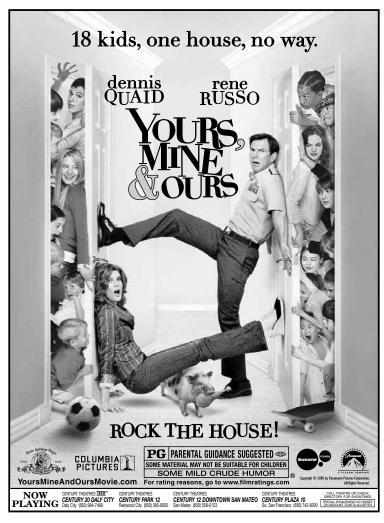


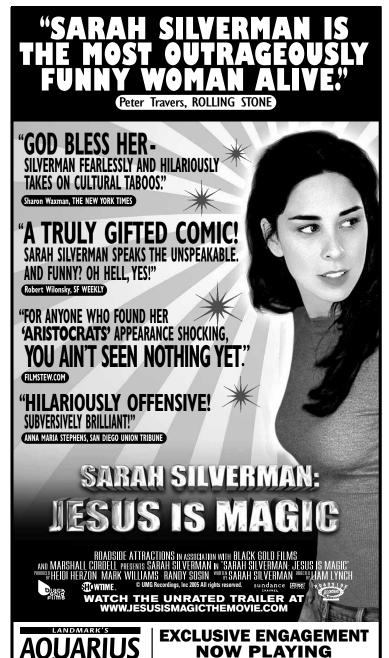
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A Cultural Exchange As part of the cultural exchange, Beijing University art professor, Dr. Li Guo Liang and two students will dis-play artwork. Through Nov. ART21 Gallery & Framing, 539 Alma, Palo Alto. Call 566-1381. www.art21.us.

Children's Holiday Party A light lunch, treats, a puppet show, and crafts. \$15. reservations required. Benefits Friends of Allied Arts. Dec. 4, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Allied Arts Guild , 75 Arbor Rd., Menlo Park. Call 854-9955. www.alliedartsguild.org.

Master of Noh, Hoshoryu, Performance Tue., Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts presents exclusive U.S. performance featuring Master Junnosuke Watanabe and his troupe from Tokyo, Japan. Noh theater blends poetry, drama stylized gestures, dance, instrumental and vocal music, elaborate costumes, masks. \$75 includes reception. CSMA at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Rd., Mountain View. Call 917-6800, ext 335, www.arts4all.org Peninsula Republican Women's Christmas Party Dec. 2, 11:30 p.m. Includes entertainment by the Madrigal Singers and the collection of aifts for hospitalized veterans. Reservations required by Nov. 25th. Sharon Heights Country Club, 2900 Sand

Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 854-6483.

Ying Quartet Stanford Lively Arts Informance Thu., Dec. 1, 6 p.m. Free. Limited seating. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 917-6800, ext 335. www.arts4all.org.

Benefits

Happy Holidays from the Sea Scouts Christmas trees 2-14 feet, Fir, Noble and Grand. Wrap and load your trees or delivery available. Proceeds benefit local Sea Scouts. Daily Nov. 25-Dec. 22, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Palo Alto Elk's Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 493-6614.

"Holiday Affaire Takes Wing" Presented by the Garden Club of Palo Alto. Dec. 3, 10a.m.-3 p.m. Products are designed and created by members. Includes pressed flower stationary, hand knitted Christmas stockings, botanical art, fresh floral, shell creations, garden benches and gourmet gift sets. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 854-

Concerts

Brown Bag Organ Concert By Albert Campbell, Music Director and Organist for All Saints' Episcopal church. Free. Bring a lunch. Dec. 1, 12:15 p.m. All Saints' Epis-copal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 322-4528. www.asaints.org.

Stanford University Singers: Robert Huw Morgan, Director Wed., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. A concert of seasonal music featuring "The Christmas Story" by Heinrich Schutz. \$10/\$5. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. www.music.stan ford.edu/Events/calendar.html.

Ying Quartet Classical, modern, folk concert, with Mike Seeger, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$44. Dinkelspiel Auditorium. 471 Lagunita Ave., Stanford. Call 725-

Live Music

Steel Drums: Chabot Panhandlers and **Robert Greenidge** Sun., Dec. 4, 2 p.m. \$20. Robert Greenidge, arranger, composer, steel drum and recording artist, one of the pre-eminent pan players in the world. Chabot Panhandlers, a 25-member steel drum band. College of San Mateo Theatre, 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. Call (510) 273-9258. www.chabotsteeldrums.com.

11th Annual Performance of the "Nut**cracker"** Performed by The Peninsula Youth Ballet. Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or by phone (800) 595-4849. San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo. www.pyb.org.

On Stage

"For Unto Y'all: A Cowboy's Christmas" Presented by T.E.A.M. Players. Musical written and arranged by Robert Sterling. Dec. 3-4. Free. Call or e-mail tickets@firstbaptist.com for tickets. First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 323-8544. www.firstbaptist.com.
"Into the Woods" Presented by Theatre-

Works. Production directed by Aritstic Director Robert Kelley. Nov. 30-Jan. 7. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. \$20-\$54. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 903-6000. www.theatreworks.org.

Exhibits

2005 Multimedia Student Art Exhibit Features computer graphics, Web design, page layout, animation, digital imaging and digital photography. Free. Open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Main Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. Call 306-33 www.canadacollege.edu/multimedia. 306-3330.

Annual Peninsula Watercolor Group Exhibit Through Dec. Mon.-Thu., 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 329-2100.

Art Dialogues Tours Through Dec. 17, Saturdavs. 2 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center. 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto. Call 329-2366. www.cityofpaloalto.org/community-servic es/ac-index html

Auguste Rodin Sculpture Tour Wednesdays, 2 p.m.; Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.; and Sundays, 3 p.m. Docent-led tours survey the collection of Rodin bronzes. Through Dec. 31. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. www.stan ford.edu/dept/ccva.

"Bloom" An exhibit of digitally enhanced photography from local artist Steve Maynard. On display through Nov. 30. Vino Locale, 431 Kipling St., Palo Alto. Call 328-0450. www.vinolocale.com.

Cantor Arts Center Docent-led tours featuring a sampling of objects from various eras and cultures. Wednesdays, noon; Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. Through Dec. 20. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. Cantor Arts

Construction Toys in Motion A giant Ferris wheel, a rocket-jet ride, a cog railway and a paddlewheel riverboat are among the operating construction toy models. Fri.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Through Jan. 29. Free admission. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org.

"Consuming Conversations" Artwork by metalsmith, Harriete Estel Berman. Through Nov. 29. Hours: Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Castilleja School, 1311 Emerson Street, Palo Alto. Call 328-3160 ext 406.

Exhibit Presented by Community School of Music and Arts. Art exhibits by faculty, Lori Coan, Bryn Pennington and Hua Zhang. Through Nov. 28. Ceramics, installation, drawings and prints. Presented by Heritage Bank of Commerce. Open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 917-6800, ext 306. www.arts4all.org. "Fired at Davis" Figurative ceramic sculpture by Robert Arneson, visiting professors, and students at the University of Cal-

ifornia at Davis. On display through Feb.

26. Open Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford, Call 723-4177.

"Food, Frogs, Fido": Works on paper by **David Gilhooly** Ongoing daily through Nov. 27. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. www.stanford. edu/dept/ccva

Memorial Church Tour Fridays, 2 p.m., through Dec. 31. Cantor Arts Center docents provide background on the architecture, carvings, mosaics and stained glass windows of the church and its restoration after the earthquakes of 1906 and 1989. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva.

Open Stables Featuring large scale meditative paintings by George Fischer, a flying kimono and other works by sculptor Mad-dy Le Mel, darkly comic deer portraits by Tasha Ostrander, and meandering abstract paintings by John Ochs. Through Jan.10. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment. Spur Projects, 888 Portola Rd., Portola Valley. Call 529-2040. www.spurpro

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Preview Exhibition, Artists' Open Studios Preview work by each artist participating in Open Studios Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11. Preview exhibition Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 26-Dec. 12. Great American Framing Company, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 964-0494. www.peninsulaopenstudios.org.

Preview Exhibition, Artists' Open Studios Preview work by each artist participating in Open Studios Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11. Preview exhibition daily Through Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Cafe Gallery, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 964-

0494. www.peninsulaopenstudios.org.

"Revolutionary Eye: The Political Poster Art of Wolfgang Janisch: 1979-1999" Documents the life and work of East German artist and activist Wolfgang Janisch through posters, photographs, and footage. Through Dec. 16, Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Herbert Hoover Memorial Stanford University, Stanford. Call 724-7342, www-hoover stanford edu/hila/pavil

"Revolutionary Tides: The Art of the Political Poster, 1914-1989" Exhibit examines the key role played by crowds in mod-ern politics and society from World War I to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Focuses on the turbulent years of the first half of the 20th century. Through Jan. 1. Cantor Arts Cen-ter, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/.

Solo Exhibition of Paintings 30 oil paintings by Hedda Hope. Through Dec. 18. Free. Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-1 p.m. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 948-7549.

Stanford Art Spaces Paintings by Marne Jaye and by Beverly Wilson, and Bleach Paintings by Arthur Wright. Through Jan. 5. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Center for Integrated Systems, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~mari

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"Vibrant Earth" New Clay Monotypes by Martha Castillo. 10% of sales donated to hurricane and earthquake relief. Through Nov. 30. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.,10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Art League,

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Talks/Authors

Dennis McNally, Book Reading "Jerry Garcia: The Collected Artwork," a book written by Jerry Garcia. Free CD's for first 30 attendees. Nov. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$5 dona-tion. Art21 Gallery, 539 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 566-1381. www.art21.us.

"Hatshepsut: From Oueen to Pharaoh' The inaugural exhibit will be the subject of a lecture given by docent Sharon Walton. Wed., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos.

PARC Forum Thu., Dec. 1, 4 p.m. Michael Rubin, author of "Droidmaker." Will explore the connection between Lucas and advanced research in entertainment media done in one place and time. Free. PARC, 3333 Coyote Hill Road, Palo Alto. Call 812-4000. www.parc.com.

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Tuesday Teas 2-3 p.m. Free. Nov. 29: "The Galapagos Islands." Peninsula Volunteers Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.penin sulavolunteers.org.

Family and Kids

J-Hoops For boys and girls ages 7-12 years old. First 3-weeks focus on skill development clinic, then teams will be formed. In partnership with the Jr. NBA and Jr. Warriors Basketball league. Jewish Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Álto. Call 852-3505. www.paloaltojcc.org

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Preschool Storytime For children ages 3-5. Fridays, 11:30 a.m. Mitchell Park Library. 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 329-2134. www.cityofpaloalto.org/library/ kids-teens

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"State of Mind and Parenting: What is **True Resiliency?"** Presented by The Parents' Club of Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Lecture series. Ami Chen Mills-Naim and Kristen Mansheim will speak. Thu., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Free for members/\$5 for non-members. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 306-8182. www.pampclub.org.

Stop In and Explore Saturdays and Sundays, through Nov. 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Docents will help guide people through the displays. Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve, Meet at Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve parking lot, Palo Alto. Call 691-1200. www.openspace.org.

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Breast Cancer Q and A Session A physician and a therapist address medical questions and concerns of breast cancer patients, family, and friends. Free admission. Thursdays, through November, 5:30-7 p.m. Community Breast Health Project, 545 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 326-6686. www.cbhp.org.

Classes/Workshops

Buddhist Meditation Class Ongoing Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Open to everyone. Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. www.kadam pas.org.

Community Forums: "Senior Living" Nov. 30: "Making your Move." Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavol unteers.org.

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Energy Healing for Chronic Conditions and Stress Guides participants in basics on grounding, running, directing and clearing energy for the self. Thu., Dec. 1, 6-7:30 p.m. \$30. Stanford Prevention Research Center, Hoover Pavilion, 211 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 723-9649. hip.stanford.edu.

Free Composting Class Offered by the City of Palo Alto. Tue., Nov. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. Waverly Community Center, Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call (408) 918-4640. www.reducewaste.org.

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Meditation for Successful Living Thursdays, Dec. 1-15, 7:30-9:15 p.m., 3 class series, \$40. Basic meditation technique as was taught by Yogananada will be taught. Ananda, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org. Morning Fit Club Workout includes cardiovascular conditioning, functional strength, core stability and flexibility. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7 a.m. \$20 drop-in; purchase a punch card; \$150 for 10 classes. Jewish Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 493-9400. www.paloaltojcc.org.

Offspring Parent Support Class Meets Sundays, through Nov. 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free interactive class to help parents raise strong, moral children in a forum of information and network of mutual support. Weekly guest speakers. Childcare available. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Call 494-1760. www.covenant.palo-alto.ca.us.

Seniors Chat Led by the Reverend Dona Smith-Powers. Meets every second and fourth Friday, 10 a.m.-noon. Free classes for senior citizens includes discussion, light exercise, guest speakers and refreshments. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Call 494-1760. www.covenant.palo-alto.ca.us. Surviving Grief at the Holidays This grief support workshop will offer a choice of activities including discussion groups on "Grief Challenges at the Holidays" a guided meditation about holiday memories, followed by art or journaling, and a practical advice session on "Self Care at the Holi-

days" Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Preregistration required. Sponsored by Kara. Kara, 457 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-5272 x14. www.kara-grief.org.

Film

Monday Movies 1 p.m. Nov. 28: "Let it Ride." Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org.

Stanford Theatre Guide Nov. 25: "Green for Danger," 7:30 p.m.; "Father Brown," 5:45 and 9:15 p.m.; Nov. 26-27: "The Four Feathers," 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 27, 3:55 and 7:30 p.m.; "Q Planes," 6 and 9:35 p.m.; Dec. 1-2: "A Matter of Life and Death," 7:30 p.m.; "This Happy Breed," 5:25 and 9:25 p.m.; Dec. 3-4: "Down Argentine Way," 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 4, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.; "National Velvet," 5:15 and 9:15 p.m.; Dec. 8-9: "Come September," 7:30 p.m.; "Pane, Amore e Fantaia," 5:45 and 9:35 p.m.; Dec. 10-11: "Heaven Can Wait," 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, 3:45 and 7:30 p.m.; "Portrait of Jennie," 5:50 and 9:35 p.m.; Dec. 15-16: "Footlight Parade," 7:30 p.m.; "East Side of Heaven," 5:50 and 9:25 p.m.; Dec. 17-18: "Cover Girl," 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 18, 3:35 p.m.; "Holiday Inn," 5:35 and 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 19-23: "The Shop Around the Corner," 7:30 p.m.; "Miracle on 34th Street," 5:40 and 9:20 p.m.; Dec. 24: "It's a Wonderful Life," 9 p.m., advance tickets recommended; available only at the theatre. Stanford Theatre, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 324-3700. www.stan fordtheatre.org.

Sports

Pick-up Basketball Drop in or sign up for a session. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-noon. \$10 drop-in; \$150 per session December-February or March-May. Jewish Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 493-9400. www.paloaltojcc.org.

Environment

Amphibian Amble Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. With docents Tom Schoderbek and Jim Rea. A moderately-paced, 5-mile hike with frequent observation stops. Long pants and sleeves are recommended. Monte Bello Open Space Preserve, Mountain View. Call 691-1200. www.open space.org.

Birds of S.F. Bay Sat., Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. With docents Marilyn and Bill Bauriedel. Leisurely-paced, 2-mile hike. The docents will have a spotting scope to zero in on birds. Bring a bird book, binoculars, and/or a spotting scope. Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Study Area, Los Altos. Call 691-1200.

Earthquake Walk Sun., Dec. 4, 2-4:30 p.m. With docents Paul Billig and Paul Vadopalas. 2-3-mile stroll and learn how to prepare for future earthquakes. Los Trancos Open Space Preserve, Los Altos. Call 691-1200. www.openspace.org.

Native Plant Nursery Volunteers Needed Wed., Dec. 4, 1-3 p.m. Help needed to pot up native marsh seedlings and do regular maintenance at the nursery in preparation for winter planting projects. Palo Alto Baylands, Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto. Call (510) 452-9261. www.savesfbay.org.

Winter in Long Ridge Sun., Dec. 4, 1-4:30 p.m. With docents Keith Johnsgard and Kevin Kilmer. Bring a lunch. Kids must be able to walk 5 miles with two moderately difficult 0.5-mile climbs. Meet at Grizzly Flat trailhead. Long Ridge Open Space Preserve, Grizzly Flat Trailhead, Palo Alto. Call 691-1200. www.openspace.org.

Religion/Spirituality

Meditation and Self Development Beginners and experienced meditators welcome. Ongoing Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. Donations welcome. Pathways to Self Healing, 4153 A El Camino Way, Palo Alto. Call 949-3106. www.psh.org.

Zen Lecture: "Why Did Bodhidharma Come to the East?" Abbot Ven. Jian Hu of Chung Tai Zen Center of Sunnyvale will present life anecdotes, enlightenment stories, and enigmatic koans of Bodhidharma, the Great Zen Master. Nov. 29, 7-8 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Building 200, Room 002, Stanford. Call 725-6025. www.stanford.edu/group/scbs.

Support Groups

Breast Cancer Couples Support Group Group explores issues that arise for couples dealing with breast cancer. Spouses/partners welcome to come alone. Facilitated by Deborah Rosenberg. Free. Every 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays, through Dec. First time attendees, call Deborah at 342-3749. Community Breast Health Project, 545 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 326-6686. www.cbhp.org.

Caregivers Support Group Find resources, make friends, share solutions, reduce stress. Practical methods for caring for yourself and others. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 14. Mt. View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. www.healingheartsworldretreats.org.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group
Therapist-led group addresses the particular concerns of women dealing with advanced breast cancer, including: treatment decisions, side effects of treatment, work-related issues, end-of-life concerns, changing relationships with children, spouses/partners, family and friends. Free. Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., through Dec. Community Breast Health Project, 545 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 326-6686. www.cbhp.org.

Ongoing Breast Cancer Support Group Recovery and renewal ongoing breast cancer support and education group for anyone who has completed breast cancer treatment and focusing on continued physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Free. 2nd and 4th Mondays, 5-6:30 p.m. through Dec. Community Breast Health Project, 545 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 326-6686, www.cbhp.org.

Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group To discuss issues such as connecting with other young women, coping with aggressive treatments, fertility, children, dating, and long term health concerns. Free. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays,



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Community Events

Free Trigger Point or Nutritional Testing Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVP, space limited. The Healing Lab, 460 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 380-1999. www.healinglab.com.

Kara's Annual Candlelight Service For memories of a loved ones at an interfaith gathering of remembrance. Thu., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 321-5272. www.kara-grief.org.

Dance

Ballroom Dancing Rumba and Bolero Rumba will be taught Fri., Nov. 25, 8 p.m. Lessons for beginning and intermediate levels, no experience or partner necessary. General dance party 9 p.m.-midnight. \$7. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 856-9930. www.geocities.com/fridaynightdance.

Congolese African Dance class Taught by Regine N'dounda, drumming by Massengo Constant. Ongoing Sundays, 3:30-5 p.m. \$12 drop-in. Cubberly Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call (510) 754-3197 or (510) 441-9389.

Dances of Universal Peace Meditative, multicultural circle dances using sacred phrases, songs and movement from many spiritual traditions to touch the spiritual essence in ourselves and others. No experience or partner necessary. Instructions given before each dance. Free. 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto. Call 368-6121. www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org.

Live Music/Contra Dance and Dessert Potluck Nov. 26: Caller: Eric Black. Band: Laura Light and George Paul from Virginia. \$10 members/low income \$2 off/students \$5. Open to all. Beginners class 7:30 p.m.; dance 8-11 p.m. Bring Thanksgiving desserts to share. 1st United Methodist Church of Palo Alto, Hamilton and Byron, Palo Alto. Call 965-9169. www.bacds.org.

Lysaya Dance Classes Several different level classes in modern, folk and ballroom dancing. For children 3-15 years. Mondays, 7-9:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m. \$8/class. Jewish Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 493-9400. www.paloaltojcc.org.

Art Galleries

Annual Holiday Show Paintings, prints, photographs, glass, jewelry, ceramics, batiks, ornaments, cards and more. Through Nov. 24, Tue., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed.-Sat., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 25- Dec. 24, Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 326-1668. www.galleryhouse2.com.

"California Scenes and Plants" Through Nov. 27. A solo exhibit of watercolor and colored pencil works by traveling artist, Katherine McKay. Gallery hours: Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Free. 1870 Art Center, 1870 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 261-1086. www.1870artcenter.org.

Fauxtographs Artwork by Don Beck will be on display through Dec. 4. Peabody Gallery, 603 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 322-2200. www.peabodyfineart.com.

"Herd and Scene" Featuring watercolors by Betty Dennis on display Nov. 25-Dec. 31. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. Call 941-5789. www.viewpointsgallery.com.

"Merry Art at Main" Holiday show featuring paintings, prints, photography and fine crafts. Reception with the artists Sun., Dec. 4, 4-7 p.m. Open: Wed.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. Call 701-1018, www.thempingallery.org

"Walking Dreams" Watercolors of Shoreline and Rancho San Antonio by Floy Zittin. On display through Nov. 25. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. Call 941-5789. www.viewpointsgallery.com.

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"Winter Salon" 30 regional artists display their hand-crafted, contemporary works. An exhibit of functional pieces and wall art that make unique winter gifts. Through Dec. 24. Meet all the member artists Dec. 1, 5-7:30 p.m. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 941-7969.

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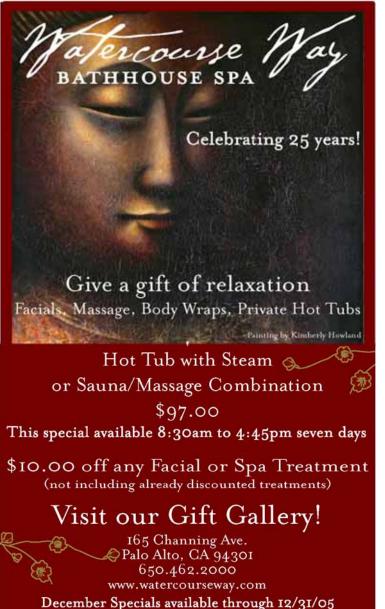




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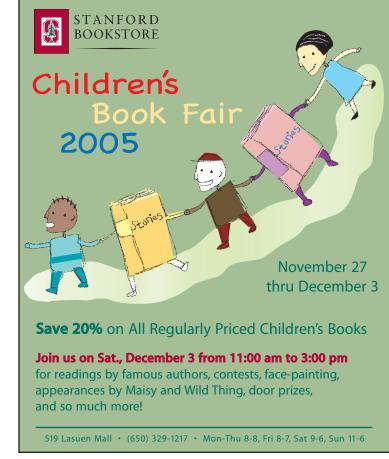
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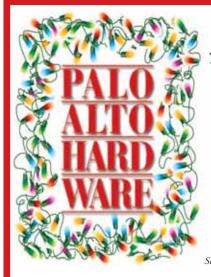
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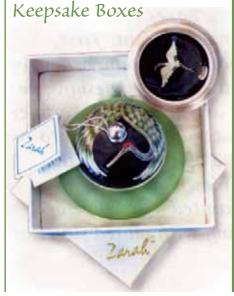


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MAKING THE HALL . . . When former Stanford tennis great John **McEnroe** was enshrined into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame last year, his college coach was on hand to help him celebrate. This year, former Stanford tennis coach Dick Gould will be joining McEnroe in the BASHOF. Gould and former Stanford track coach Payton Jordan join former Warriors' forward Chris Mullin and former Raiders' linebacker Ted Hendricks as the four-member class of 2006 will be officially inducted at a dinner on April 4 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Gould, who retired from coaching in 2004 but remains active as Stanford's Director of Tennis, recorded a 776-148 career mark in 38 years, 17 of which ended with the Cardinal winning a national title. Jordan coached track at Stanford for 23 years, retiring in 1979. He also coached the 1968 U.S. Olympic track team which won more medals than any other team in American history. He also set age-group world records in the 100 meters on the Masters level. Stanford hosts the Payton Jordan U.S. Open, a Grand Prix meet, every vear.

POP WARNER ROUNDUP . . .

While the Palo Alto Knights Pop Warner Junior Midgets prepare to meet the San Francisco Bombers on Sunday with a berth to the Pop Warner Super Bowl at stake, the Knights Pee Wee's went about capturing the Pacific Northwest Frank Guida Memorial Championship with a 44-12 victory over the San Francisco Junior 49ers last weekend at Woodside High. Cameron Moody scored three touchdowns for the Pee Wees, who finish their season with a 10-2 mark. Jamari Beverly scored twice and Christoph Bono also scored. The Palo Alto defense caused six turnovers. Meanwhile the Junior Knights (9-1) meet the Bombers at Townsend Field in Santa Clara on Sunday at 1 p.m. The winner advances to the Pop Warner Super Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Women's volleyball: Stanford at UCLA, 7 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

Prep sports: High School Sports Focus, 11 p.m., KICU (36), rebroadcast Sunday at 4 p.m.

Saturday

College football: Notre Dame at Stanford, 5 p.m.; ABC (7); KNEW (910 AM); KZSU (90.1 FM)

Women's volleyball: Stanford at USC, 7 p.m., KZSU (90.1 FM)

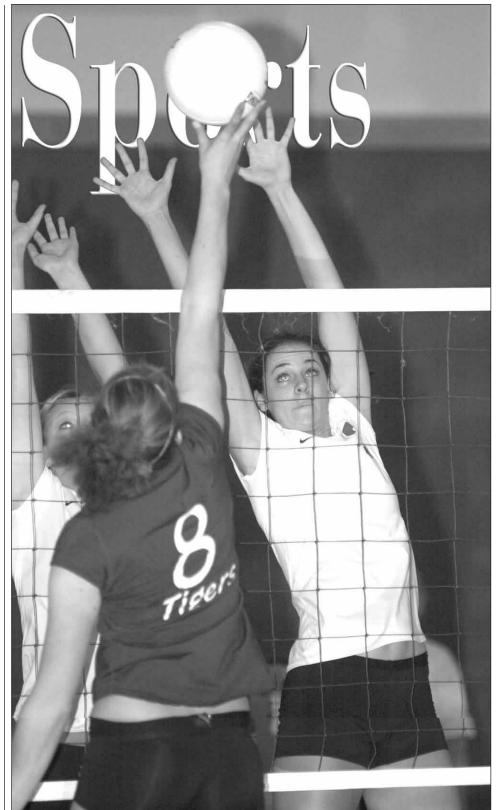
Sunday

Women's basketball: Stanford at Texas Tech, 1:30 p.m., Fox Sports Net

Prep sports: Cal-Hi Bay Area, 5:30 p.m., KRON (4) rebroadcast Monday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Net

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Castilleja's Annie Given (left) and Ariel Baxterbeck helped block Portola's hopes during the Gators three-game sweep in the opening round of the CIF NorCal volleyball playoffs.

PREP ROUNDUP

Castilleja a step closer to its goal

Gators win NorCal volleyball opener and are two victories from reaching the state finals

by Keith Peters

he pressure began to build from Day 1. The Castilleja volleyball team was good and was going to get better. Expectations were sky high.

"We've been feeling that pressure all season," said Castilleja coach Tracie Hubbard. "I can accept that. But we had to put all that behind us because we had some goals we want to achieve.'

The first big goal was to win the first Central Coast Section volleyball title in school history. The Gators achieved that on Nov. 19 by beating Sacred Heart Prep for the Division V title.

That victory earned Castilleja a No. 1 seed for the CIF NorCal Tournament, Castilleja's second goal. Three victories will lead the Gators to goal No. 3.

"We want to go to state," Hubbard said. "And we're

in good position to do that."

Castilleja (34-6) opened its bid for goals No. 2 and 3 with a dominating 25-15, 25-9, 25-12 triumph over No. 8 seed Portola (19-11) on Tuesday night at Eastside Prep in East Palo Alto.

The Gators now advance to the NorCal Division V semifinals on Saturday at Sacred Heart Prep at 7 p.m. against No. 5 seed Turlock Christian (32-4) from the San Joaquin Section. The winner of that match will move on to the NorCal finals on Tuesday. Should that be Castilleja, the match will be at Sacred Heart Prep.

Sacred Heart Prep will not be playing on its home court. The No. 6-seeded Gators (19-16) were eliminated by No. 3 Crystal Springs Uplands on Tuesday, 20-25, 25-22, 26-24, 25-23.

In NorCal Division IV action, No. 5 Menlo (24-14) opened with a 25-16, 25-23, 25-13 victory at No. 4 Sutter and will advance to the semifinals on Saturday at top-seeded St. Mary's (Berkeley) at 7 p.m.

If a local team is still standing by Tuesday night, it will be Castilleja. The Gators have the height, the talent and experience to reach their goals this season and ap-

pear primed for the run.

"As long as was can serve and pass, we'll be OK," Hubbard said after Tuesday's opener, which took barely an hour to complete.

The key to Castilleja's success is putting the ball in

STANFORD FOOTBALL

Notre Dame game will be special finale

by Rick Eymer

ne seniors will be making their last walk on Saturday when Stanford hosts No. 6 Notre Dame at 5 p.m. In fact, the whole Cardinal football team will be making its final walk.

Even as one team celebrates a victory and the other walks sadly off the field for the last time, the destruction and reconstruction of Stanford Stadium begins.

The game also represents Stanford's final chance to make it a truly successful season. It's a simple formula: win and get a bowl invitation; lose and start planning for the fu-

With the Irish (8-2) playing for a

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Cassie Perret is a player of the year in the WCC.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Former local prep standouts Rose and Perret earn honors

assie Perret and Courtney Rose were among the best women's volleyball players in the state when they were playing in high school four years ago. Now the

local products - Perret from Woodside Priory and Rose from Menlo School - are among the best players in the coun-

Perret, a senior opposite hitter at West Coast Conference champions Santa Clara, was named

the WCC Player of the Year and will likely Courtney Rose

draw support for All-American consideration. Rose, a junior outside hitter at Emory University, was named the AVCA National Division III Player of the Year.

Perret has been a four-year starter for the Broncos, but elevated her game to new levels this year. One of the most versatile hitters at Santa

Clara, she averaged 3.34 kills, 2.12 digs, and .85 blocks per game while hitting .373, placing her among the national lead-

"I was really surprised and really happy after I found out I won the award," Perret said. "It's a great way to cap off my senior season heading into

the postseason."

Rose averaged 3.82 kills, 3.42 digs, 0.52 blocks and 0.49 aces per game

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Stanford football

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berth in the BCS series, and Stanford (5-5) owning a losing home record, this game seems to be lopsided in favor of the team from South

Here is what Stanford is up against: Quarterback Brady Quinn is fifth in the nation with a 161.5 efficiency rating. He's fourth in total offense with 330.2 yards a game. The Irish are 10th in total offense, convert 48 percent of their third downs and 53.3 percent of their fourth downs.

The Cardinal already has played explosive Trent Edwards teams like top-ranked USC, ranked first in total offense. Arizona State is third and Washington State ninth. Navy leads the nation in rushing offense

Stanford players are fully aware this is no ordinary game, and they realize the odds are stacked against them. But there's nothing else left for the Cardinal except this game - and maybe one more.

'This is the last game for the seniors, the last game in the stadium and another opportunity to play together," Stanford coach Walt Harris said. "We have a chance to come back from a sub-par performance. I expect our football team to be fighters.

An aura of sports history will be in abundance on Saturday - 84 years worth of memories and special events. The halftime will be devoted

to football teams and football players from every decade, but it's also a stadium which has hosted a Super Bowl, the World Cup, Olympic soccer, a USA-USSR track meet and numerous prestigious high school football contests.

> "John Arrillaga spoke to us and said that 10 days after the game, the stadium will be gone completely," Stanford senior nose tackle Babatunde Oshinowo said. "That produced some nostalgia. It makes this last game all the more special. With all the great things that have happened there, and this will be the last event: it's going to be emotional."

The Cardinal players don't speak of becoming bowl eligible much these days; there's pressure enough in just getting ready for the next opponent.

"It's not about the stadium, it's not about the rivalry, and it's not about the bowl game," Stanford senior tight end Matt Traverso said. "It's just about playing Notre Dame. It's all you can do."

Trent Edwards, who sustained a pair of injuries in the loss to California, nonetheless will start the contest. He's been banged up several times this season, and the Bears sacked him five times. He was knocked down on numerous other occasions. The Cardinal want him to get back up again this season.
"He's courageous," Traverso said.

"The way he plays inspires every-

one. When we can't perform for him, it's frustrating. We've been inconsistent all year.

Edwards ranks 35th in the nation in passing efficiency with a 137.6 rating (he was 84th at 110.3 last year). UCLA's Drew Olson is first and USC's Matt Leinhart ranks fourth.

Harris also hinted that the offensive line may undergo some changes this week after allowing nine sacks.

Question marks surround three positions on the line, in which there is no clear starter as preparation began for the Irish.

"It will be competitive," Harris said. "There are a lot of reasons for us to hit the practice field and be excited about a challenge. But, the bottom line is that we have to perform well and execute in order to be competi-

Oshinowo said this has been a season unlike any he has experienced, calling it unique. Saturday is another opportunity to make it even more

"This season has been very unique. It's been different for me personally than any other season I've played football," he said. "Growing up in high school and early on here, the teams I've been on have struggled. This year has been the first year in a long time that I've had nothing but positive feelings about what is going

"It's as if there's nothing else. It's as if we started the season today," Oshinowo added. "There's nothing else going on, school's not even in session this week. All the past is gone for me right now. It's just about this

game we have on Saturday, and that's really refreshing. I'm excited about this week and getting ready to finish my career."

Notre Dame has beaten Stanford in three previous meetings. The last time the Cardinal won, in 2001, was also the last time it played in a bowl

Stanford could also help both Oregon and the Pac-10 with a victory over the Irish. If USC maintains its pace and plays in the national championship game, Oregon could become an at-large BCS team and play in the Fiesta Bowl. That would move several Pac-10 teams into position for more lucrative bowl games.

Should the Cardinal pull off the upset, it likely would have to settle for the Emerald Bowl, or maybe the Las Vegas Bowl.

At this point, either of them would look attractive.

NOTES: A ceremonial first dig will be held after the game and fans will be allowed one last walk on the field . . . Stanford's schedule is currently ranked second toughest in the nation to Oklahoma . . . Sophomore punter Jay Ottovegio is averaging 40.7 yards a punt this year, which would be his second season averaging 40 or more yards. He's 49th in the nation . . . Other national rankings: Kicker Michael Sgroi is 24th in field goals per game, and Stanford is tied for 12th with Arkansas with 3.10 sacks per game . . . Stanford has converted one of five fourth down attempts. Only Ohio (0-for-5) has a worst record.■

Paly set for CCS grid semis

alo Alto High football coach Earl Hansen is well aware of the fact that Terra Nova is averaging 46 points over its past four games

And Terra Nova (7-4) will be lining up against Palo Alto (9-2) on Saturday night at Foothill College in a Central Coast Section Medium School Division semifinal at 7 p.m.

Hansen isn't too concerned about the Tigers' high-scoring average. He's more worried about what his team will do.

"They have two good running backs," Hansen said of Terra Nova's backfield. "If we can control them, and we should, we should be OK. If we can move the ball on the ground, we'll be fine."

Paly had one of its best running attacks of the season last week as the Vikings gained 198 yards during a 33-26 overtime win over South San Francisco. Paly has a big offensive line that should cause problems for Terra Nova.

Paly got a career game from junior Will Frazier last week and Hansen certainly wouldn't mine seeing the speedy running back gain another 163 yards, like he did against South San Francisco.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Smith and Wiggins will lead the Cardinal

Despite their youth, they bring a wealth of experience and leadership to a young Stanford team this season

by Rick Eymer

rooke Smith's visit to Turkey last summer was made more enjoyable when she was joined by her mother after the conclusion of the World University Games for a two-week stay in the country.

Helping the United States winning the gold medal was special, but spending time with her mother visiting the country made the summer even more special.

Smith's first year playing at Stanford was special but she hopes to make this season even more special as the 15th-ranked Cardinal (1-1 entering play on Wednesday night) prepare for a game at Texas Tech on

If Stanford is to exceed last year's trip to the regional final, the 6-foot-3 redshirt junior will play an important role. She averaged 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds a game last year while shooting a torrid 61 percent from the field.

Smith and sophomore guard Candice Wiggins are the lone returning starters for Stanford, which won its fifth straight Pac-10 title last year and was picked to finish first again this year. Wiggins was named the Pac-10's Player of the Year and was joined by Smith as a first team allconference selection.

"There's a lot of opportunity for people to step up," Smith said. "Candice and I will take on a little more leadership role but there are a lot of players who will step up.'

Smith and Wiggins both played for U.S. national teams over the summer which won gold medals. Wiggins played for the Under-19 team in Tunisia, where she was named to the All-World Championship team.

Both players bring even more experience to the table as a result of their summer activities.

"I played with some of the best players in the country; in the world even," Smith said. "It was a huge challenge and I learned a lot. It also helped my confidence. I always want to play against great competition because it can only make me better."

And then there was the down time

'With the team we were always on busses or practicing and everything was pretty organized," Smith said. "My mom and I traveled around for two weeks after basketball so I was able to get the whole experience. I loved Turkey. They are the nicest people and it was a great learning experience."

Smith had some advance knowledge of the country, as former Stanford teammate Sebnem Kimyacioglu plays for the Turkish national team every summer and was able to give Smith some handy travel tips.

Smith and Wiggins are crucial to Stanford's success in a much-improved conference. Five Pac-10 teams were invited to last year's NCAA tournament and all of them won at least once.

"Our competition this year is going to be excellent," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "Every night is going to be a great game.'

VanDerveer lost five seniors to graduation, and she wasn't sure who would be where as the season unfolded.

"Things are not set," she said. "I have no idea who will play or even do well."

So far, senior guard Krista Rappahahn, junior forward Kristen Newlin and freshman Jillian Harmon have assumed important roles. Newlin and Rappahahn played quality minutes last year, and the 6-5 Newlin should take some of the pressure from Smith.

"Kristen has to be a more offensive player," said VanDerveer. "It can't all be on Brooke's shoulders."

Rappahahn and Shelley Nweke are the only seniors this season, and Nweke has another year of eligibility. That means returning players like junior guard Markisha Coleman, an Eastside Prep grad, junior guard Claire Bodensteiner, and junior forward Eziamaka Okafor will have to make significant contributions.

Sophomore Cissy Pierce has filled an important role this season, and fellow sophomore Christy Titchenal should also see more playing time.

While Wiggins headed an outstanding freshman class last year, Harmon makes this year's crop one

2005-06 SCHEDULE

	Date	Opponent	Time
	Nov. 19	at Long Island	W, 69-28
	Nov. 20	at Minnesota	L, 84-77
	Nov. 23	vs. Fresno State	7:30 p.m.
	Sunday	at Texas Tech	1:30 p.m.
	Dec. 1	at Pacific	7 p.m.
	Dec. 4	vs. Tennessee	12:30p.m.
	Dec. 17	vs. Rice	2 p.m.
	Dec. 20	*at Washington St	. 7 p.m.
	Dec. 22	*at Washington	7 p.m.
	Dec. 28	at Boston College	2 p.m.
	Dec. 30	*vs. USC	7 p.m.
	Jan. 1	*vs. UCLA	1 p.m.
	Jan. 5	*at Oregon State	7 p.m.
	Jan. 7	*at Oregon	7 p.m.
	Jan. 14	*vs. California	2 p.m.
	Jan. 19	*vs. Arizona	7 p.m.
	Jan. 21	*vs. Arizona St.	2 p.m.
	Jan. 27	*at UCLA	7 p.m.
	Jan. 29	*at USC	12 p.m.
	Feb. 2	*vs. Oregon	7 p.m.
	Feb. 4	*vs. Oregon State	2 p.m.
	Feb. 9 vs	s. UCSB	7 p.m.
	Feb. 11	*at California	2 p.m.
	Feb. 16	*at Arizona St.	6:30 p.m.
	Feb. 18	*at Arizona	7 p.m.
	Feb. 23	*vs. Washington	7 p.m.
	Feb. 25	*vs. Washington S	t.2 p.m.
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of the best in recent years. Freshmen Rosalyn Gold-Onwude and Morgan Clyburn have had their moments in the preseason and will be counted upon to add to Stanford's depth.

* Pac-10 games

"If teams decide to double Brooke, then Morgan will light them up,' VanDerveer said. "She's one of our best perimeter shooters and she's smart. Jillian is consistent and tough. She has great basketball sense. Roz is the backup at point right now but she could work her way into more playing time."

According to VanDerveer, Stanford is more athletic and can play more aggressively this season. The team is a little faster and the tempo may be a little faster paced as a re-

Wiggins, wherever she plays, will be right in the middle of things. The preseason All-American candidate will likely draw a lot of attention.

"The best thing about her is she's such a humble person," VanDerveer said. "She's also a hungry player who wants to improve. She inspires other people around her. When you look out there she wills winning and she wills winning in her teammates. But it's not what one person can do, it's the collective energy."

Stanford pins down first wrestling win

by Rick Eymer

tanford senior Ray Blake recorded a technical fall at 165 pounds and redshirt freshman Luke Feist won his first career match with a major decision to highlight a 30-6 victory over visiting San Francisco State in a nonconference men's wrestling meet on Tuesday

Blake's 17-2 victory, his 12th win of the season, clinched the Cardinal win. Feist recorded an 8-0 decision at 174 pounds.

"I'm very happy to have our first dual win of the season," Stanford coach Kerry McCoy said. "It was a rocky start, but we came back and got the win. Some people were nervous, but we're making improvements each week and we continue to get

Men's tennis

Stanford swept host Hawaii, 7-0, on Tuesday at the Orchid Hotel and Resort on the Island of Hawaii.

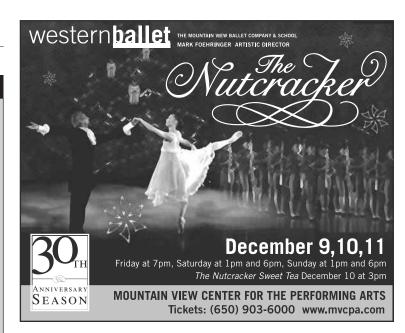
The Cardinal won all six singles

matches and scored the doubles point by winning all three doubles matches. K.C. Corkery beat Sascha Heinemann, 6-4, 6-4, at No. 1 singles. All six singles matches were straight set victories.

Women's tennis

Top-ranked Stanford won all six singles matches and three doubles contests to beat host Hawaii, 7-0, on Tuesday afternoon.

Senior Amber Liu defeated Kana Aikawa, 6-0, 6-1 at No.1 singles.■



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SC - Ngo 9-4-25, Patterson 1-4-6, Reynolds 6-0-12, High 1-2-4. Totals: 23-10-

Three-point goals: Capon 3 (MP); Ngo 3

Records: Mid-Peninsula 0-1

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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der Ploeg 1 2-4 4, Von Kaeppler 4 0-0 8, Powers 1 2-3 4, Chang-Graham 2 3-7 7. Totals: 10 10-18 31.

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Records: Castilleja 0-1 verfelt 14 14 20 15 — 63

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9, Sleeter 1-1-3. Totals: 9-5-24. Three-point goals: Albert (K). **Records:** Kehillah 0-1

BOYS SOCCER

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Menlo-Atherton Palo Alto
MA - Lopez (unassisted)

Records: Menlo-Atherton 1-0, Palo Alto 0-

GIRLS SOCCER

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Palo Alto - not reported P - Vega (Schonne) Records: Palo Alto 0-1

St. Francis - unavailable

Records: Menlo 1-1

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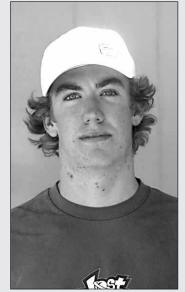
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Amanda Pade (L) **Ashley Carlisle**

Menlo School The seniors teamed at No. 1 to win four of five matches, providing the clinching point in a 4-3 tennis win over Monta Vista to reclaim the CCS team championship and leading the Knights to the NorCal final.



Ben Hohl

Menlo School The junior scored eight goals and assisted on numerous others in two CCS water polo victories, including three goals in the finals as the Knights won the Division II championship and finished the season with a schoolrecord 32 victories.

Honorable mention

Ariel Baxterbeck*

Nicole Curatola*

Menlo vollevball

Kelly Eaton*

Menlo-Atherton water polo

Sarah Hoffman* Menlo tennis

Kim Krueger Menlo water polo

Camy Sullivan Menlo water polo Will Frazier Palo Alto football

Deitrich Graumann

Menlo water polo Matt Hudnall

Menlo water polo

Mike Merlone* Menlo water polo

Cooper Miller

Palo Alto football

Tim Norton

Sacred Heart Prep water polo

* previous winner

GIRLS TENNIS

CCS Individual Tournament

At Courtside Tennis Club, Los Gatos Singles

First round: Rosekrans (SHP) d. Chow (Leland), 6-0, 6-0; Dicconson (RL Stevenson) d. Nachtigall, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Chang (Monta Vista) d. Roberg (Santa Cruz), 6-2, 6-0; Yee (Harker) d. Nicks (Salinas), 6-1, 7-6 (7-2); Lam (Los Altos) d. Gasiorowski (Santa Clara), 6-2, 6-3; Davis (Mitty) d. Pourmirzaie (Leland), 6-1, 7-5; Ventimilia (Monterey) d. Blat (Independence), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Hoffman (Menlo) d. Sanchez (Redwood Christian), 6-0, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: Rosekrans (SHP) d. Dicconson, 6-1, 6-0; Chang (MV) d. Yee, 6-1, 6-1; Davis (Mitty) d. Lam, 6-3, 6-3; Hoffman (Menlo) d. Ventimilia, 6-1, 6-2.

Semifinals: Rosekrans d. Chang, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; Davis d. Hoffman, 6-7 (7-9), 7-5, 6-3.

Finals: Rosekrans d. Davis, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (10-8).

Third place: Hoffman d. Chang, 7-6 (7-3),

Doubles

First round: Bains-Chin (Monta Vista) d Hemmer-Hlavacek (Salinas), 6-0, 6-3; Brittain-Borjon (Oak Grove) d. Wong-Sritheran (Lynbrook), 6-2, 6-1; Athavale-Kawahara (Mit-ty) d. Alesch-Wang (Leland), 6-0, 6-3; Daniel-Lin (Saratoga) d. Srinivasan-Lim (Pinewood), 6-1, 6-0; Nguyen-Chen (ND-San Jose) d. Hsia-Tsay (Leland), 6-3, 6-4; Wang-Marsh (Saratoga) d. Giles-Louie (Aptos), 6-2, 6-1; Tantoco-Wong (Hillsdale) d. Arroyo-Gruber (Monterey), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; Filipcik-Pade (Menlo) d. Eisinger-Soell (Carmel), 6-3, 6-2.

Quartefinals: Bains-Chin (Monta Vista) d.

Brittain-Borjon, 6-0, 6-2; Athavale-Kawahara (Mitty) d. Daniel-Lin, 6-1, 6-3; Wang-Marsh (Saratoga) d. Nguyen-Chen, 6-0, 6-0; Filip-cik-Pade (Menlo) d. Tantoco-Wong, 6-0, 6-0.

Semifinals: Bains-Chin d. Athavale-Kawahara, 6-4, 6-4; Wang-Marsh d. Filipcik-Pade,

Finals: Bains-Chin d. Wang-Marsh, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4). Third place: Filipcik-Pade d. Athavale-

> GIRLS VOLLEYBALL **CIF NorCal Tournament**

First round **Division IV** At Sutter

Menlo School d. Sutter 25-16, 25-23, 25-13. Top Menlo players: Nicole Curatola 12 kills, .500 hitting; Ali Lycette 10 kills; Natalie Sandman 6 kills: Katherine Gorman 10 digs.

Records: Menlo 24-14

Division V At Hillsborough

Crystal Springs Uplands d. Sacred Heart Prep, 20-25, 25-22, 26-24, 25-23. Top play-ers: Melissa Davison (SHP) 9 kills; Elizabeth Brezinski (SHP) 13 kills; Emily Avis (CSU) 42 assists; Chelsea Kubal (SCSU) 21 kills, 21

Records: Sacred Heart Prep finishes its season 19-16; Crystal Springs 30-6

At Eastside Prep

Castilleja d. Portola, 25-15, 25-9, 25-12. Top Castilleja players: Ariel Baxterbeck 13 kills, 5 aces; Chelsea Ono-Horn 9 kills, 8 digs; Katherine Jordan 26 assists.

Records: Castilleja 34-6



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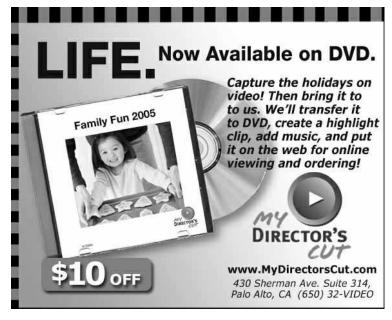


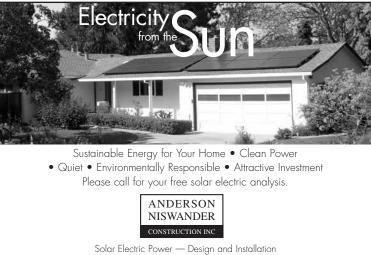
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Prep roundup

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position for seniors Ariel Baxterbeck, Chelsea Ono-Horn and Alissa Fletcher. Baxterbeck attacks from the left and Ono-Horn, a lefty, attacks from the right. Fletcher, a towering presence in the middle, can be dominating at the net.

Baxterbeck had 13 kills and Ono-Horn contributed nine against Portola, while junior setter Katherine Jordan did a good job getting the ball to both with 26 assists. Portola tried to double block Baxterbeck, which opened up Ono-Horn on the opposite side. Flesher, Baxterbeck, Bethany Tsui and Laura Smith were particularly effective with their serves as the Gators had only three service errors.

There simply is no easy way to stop the Gators, unless they stop themselves. Hubbard said the opening win was good to help Jordan and backup setter Courtney Chang get into a rhythm, which could pay off

"If we make it to state," Hubbard

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said, "we want our hitters to be effective.

Girls tennis

Sacred Heart Prep junior and top seed Sam Rosekrans captured the CCS singles title on Tuesday following a marathon day at the CCS singles and doubles tournament at Courtside Tennis Club in Los Gatos.

Rosekrans rallied to beat talented Mitty freshman Tayler Davis in the finals, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (10-8). The match took some 2 hours and 40 minutes. Earlier in the day, Rosekrans posted a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 triumph over Monta Vista's Sophie Chang.

Second-seeded Sarah Hoffman of Menlo missed out on making it an all-Atherton finale after losing to Davis in the semifinals, 6-7 (7-9), 7-5, 6-3. Hoffman bounced back from that to beat Chang for third place, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

Menlo's doubles team of junior Gaby Filipcik and Amanda Pade also finished third with a 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Mitty's Anita Athavale and Sami Kawahara. ■

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Volleyball honors (continued from page 27)

while hitting at a .429 clip, ninth in the nation in Division III. The Eagles entered the NCAA tournament as the top-ranked team in Division III, but fell to eventual national champions Wisconsin-Whitewater in the national quarterfinals.

'We are thrilled for Courtney that she was chosen AVCA National Player of the Year," Emory coach Jenny McDowell said. "This is a great tribute to her and the entire Emory volleyball program. Courtney is an extremely talented player, but what sets her apart from the rest is her competitive spirit. Courtney is without a doubt the greatest competitor that I have had the privilege of coaching.'

Perret, a resident of Menlo Park, helped lead Woodside Priory to one state championship, and one state runnerup finish. Rose, a Palo Alto native, helped guide Menlo School to four state championship runnerup

Perret became the third Santa Clara player to earn WCC Player of the Year honors, and the first in five years. She was joined by Santa Clara outside hitter Brittany Lowe, who was voted WCC Freshman of the Year, and Jon Wallace was honored as WCC Coach of the Year.

Perret, Lowe, outside hitter Kim McGiven, and middle blocker Anna Cmaylo were named first team All-WCC.

"Cassie Perret has had a very consistent year," Wallace said. "She's probably made the biggest strides out of anybody in the WCC, going from her junior year to her senior year. She does a lot for us. She hits, she passes, she blocks. Her allaround game is a big reason why we've had a lot of success this year."

Two years ago, Perret earned All-WCC honorable mention and was a first team pick last year. Earlier this season she was named the AVCA/Sports Imports National Player of the Week for her stunning performance at the Bronco Invitational, where she averaged 4.70 points, 4.10 kills, 2.10 digs, and 1.20 blocks per game while hitting.415 clip during the three-day event. Santa Clara beat No. 6 Arizona and then-No. 18 UC Santa Barbara in the tournament.

Perret has been the WCC Player of

the Week twice this year.
Rose recorded 19 double-figure kill matches, including a season-high 22 kills versus Austin College in the NCAA Division III Tournament South Regional final. She has added 13 double-doubles (kills-digs), including an 18-kill, 26-dig effort against NCAA Division II fourthranked North Alabama.

Rose, a second team All-American last year, was named to five alltournament teams this season. She has 1,085 career kills, with a career attack percentage of .320.

Rose, whose younger brother Casey was a member of the Menlo School boys' water polo team that won the Central Coast Section Division II title last weekend, will be officially honored at the AVCA All-America/Players of the Year Banquet in San Antonio on Dec. 16.

Perhaps Perret will join her.■

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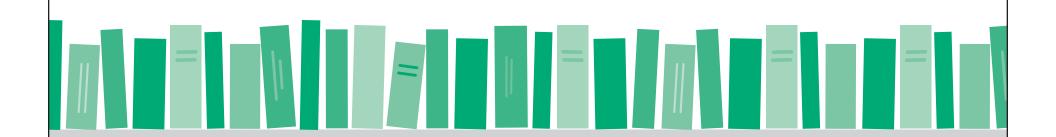
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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE . . . The Garden Club of Palo Alto will hold its biennial holiday boutique on Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Members of the garden club have designed and created items including hand-knit Christmas stockings, pressed-flower stationery, botanical art, custom birdhouses, wreaths, boxwood kissing balls, centerpieces, garden benches, as well as preserves, liquor cakes and more. Proceeds from the "Holiday Affaire Takes Wing" boutique support community horticultural projects.

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Who can resist Yannette Fichou Edwards' mouth-watering traditional English toffee? Edwards will share the recipe during her 'Holiday Cookies and Candy' class through Palo Alto Adult School.

Do try this at home

Class offers kid-friendly, holiday baking

by Suman Mudamula

hat are holidays without cookies and candies? Just the thought of the aroma of home-baked cookies is enough to make the holidays extra special.

For Palo Altans who wish to impress their families and friends with these traditional culinary delights, 30-year baking veteran Yannette Fichou Edwards will teach time-tested recipes with handy tips for perfect cookie-baking. Her class meets on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at JLS Middle School.

Although the Menlo Park resident has been teaching baking for almost 11 years — mostly at friends' homes — this is the first time she is offering classes through Palo Alto Adult School. Edwards' class will cover candied pecans, traditional English toffee, stained-glass maple cookies and brownie toffee cookies.

"My cooking classes are more hands-on and visual," Edwards said, adding, "the how and the why are very important when you bake." Recipes look complex until they are shown, she noted.

Since taking a cake-decorating class at the age of 10, Edwards has come a long way on the baking road. "That class led to more classes and the next thing I know is I have been taking classes for years. My first cookie recipe was a Girl Scout brownie when I was in third grade. It was a party cake made with M&Ms," she said.

Explaining the chosen recipes, 44-year old Edwards said "My Candied Pecans are a great gift when put in a decorative jar with a bow." They can be eaten straight from the jar or used as garnish for salads. "With blue cheese and pear they make a wonderful winter salad. I guess they are more Americana," she said. They do not take more than 10 to 15 minutes and are very kid-friendly she added

Edwards borrowed the recipe for her Brownie toffee cookies — which she claims are "very good" — from a friend at one of the get-togethers. "It was everyone's favorite. Since you can't have a copyright over a recipe, I use it as my own with a slight variation," she said.

"My personal favorite holiday treat is my English toffee," Edwards said. "They are absolutely delicious." Edwards took cooking classes at Home Chef, a cooking school and store in Palo Alto, before it burned down. "Once the teacher there made English toffee, which did not turn out well. Then I tried mine and it turned out nearly fool-proof, simple and the best recipe," she said.

You need confidence for a successful and error-free recipe, she noted. She ships her friends English toffees sealed in Ziplocs where they stay fresh for a long time.

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"Since I don't share my recipes, the only way for them to enjoy my recipes is when I send them out," she added. Her English toffee, which does not take more than half an hour to bake, is the only recipe that remains constant on her changing menu for the baking classes every year.

Edwards' taste in European-style baking comes from her family. Her mother is Italian and father is French. "I have been decorating cakes since I was 12," she said. As a child she would decorate a cake for more than two hours only to see it cut up into pieces and devoured by her four brothers within minutes, she smiled.

"None of my recipes are time-consuming. They are all time-tested and true, very accurate," she said. The stained-glass cookies take about an hour and a half to bake. The cookie dough can be made a day to an hour in advance since it needs at least an hour of refrigeration. "The stained glass cookies are very pretty," she said. A cross between cookies and candies, the stained glass cookies need a specific technique for giving it the appearance of stained glass. "They are fun for children's parties," Edwards said.

A full-time travel agent in a Palo Alto travel company and a part-time worker in the hospitality department of the kitchen of Sunset Magazine, Edwards has written two cookbooks. She is a perfectionist when it comes to baking. She throws away anything that comes out imperfect. "I am very discriminatory," she said. "I am currently perfecting a recipe for Rocky Road brownies."

Edwards will offer a Buche de Noel workshop on Nov. 29, where she will show how to make the traditional French Christmas cake — a Yule log baked with chocolate and rolled with raspberry filling and chocolate butter cream icing as well as meringue mushrooms and marzipan ivy.

"It's an interesting French cake made in a pan, very thin and rolled into a log. We have to cut the ends and frost it with chocolate, and attach mushrooms to the ends to make it look like they are sprouting from the log. The butter cream and frosting is made from scratch," she said.

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Candied Pecans

2 cups packed golden brown sugar 1/4 cup cream sherry 2 tablespoons cream sherry tablespoons light corn syrup 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt 4 cups pecan halves

container.

Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Combine first seven ingredients in heavy large saucepan. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Cook without stirring for about 10 minutes until candy thermometer registers 240 degrees. Remove from heat. Add nuts and stir until syrup begins to look cloudy; return to heat for two more minutes. Divide mixture between cookie sheets. Working quickly, separate nuts with a fork. Cool. Store in an airtight



Yanette Fichou Edwards stirs together brown sugar and butter for her quick and easy English toffee, which takes about 45 minutes to cook, freeze and

What: Holiday Cookies and Candies Class

Where: JLS Middle School, Room 150, 480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

When: Tuesday., Dec. 6, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45

Info: Call Palo Alto Adult School at (650) 329-3752 or visit www.paadultschool.org. What: Buche de Noel

Workshop Where: JLS Middle School, Room 150, 480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

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East Palo Alto

Total sales reported: 5 Lowest sales price: \$305,000 Highest sales price: \$665,000

Total sales reported: 7 Lowest sales price: \$950,000 Highest sales price: \$2,300,000

Menlo Park

Total sales reported: 7 Lowest sales price: \$748,000 Highest sales price: \$2,300,000

Mountain View

Total sales reported: 27 Lowest sales price: \$358,000 Highest sales price: \$1,300,000

Total sales reported: 3 Lowest sales price: \$587,500 Highest sales price: \$1,098,000

Redwood City

Total sales reported: 22 Lowest sales price: \$548,000 Highest sales price: \$1,667,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES Takai for \$618,000

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East Palo Alto

963 Garden St. P. & G. Jimenez to E. Reyes for \$660,000 2513 Illinois St. E. Alvarez to S.

480 E. O'Keefe St. #304 A. Phillips to A. Razi for \$305,000 **1974 Pulgas Ave.** F. & M. Valencia to B. Ibarra for \$665,000 330 Wisteria Drive M. Hutchins to I. Avila for \$636,000

Los Altos

1891 Austin Ave. Oneill Trust to R. & G. Jellum for \$1,200,000 **1185 Eureka Ave.** R. & J. Loretz to S. & P. Siu for \$2,300,000 1440 Highland View Court Sturim Trust to T. Kim for \$1,688,000 **1970 Noel Drive** Friedenthal Trust to A. Penilla for \$950,000

205 W. Portola Ave. J. Alvarez to 322 Silvia Drive G. & R. Augusts to D. & S. Bray for \$1,188,500

Menlo Park

1070 Cambridge Ave. Dovey Trust to J. Welsh for \$2,175,000 **100 Green St.** M. & B. Nager to S. Veloz for \$748.000

1189 N. Lemon Ave. K. & K. Nasr to J. & M. Smith for \$1,675,000 639 Marsh Road Ochoa Trust to A. 602 Sand Hill Circle J. Welsh to

Kupershmidt Trust for \$1,500,000

330 August Circle Lodato Trust to Henkin Trust for \$2,300,000

Rios Trust for \$1,075,000 **2464 Sharon Oaks Drive** Frumin

Trust to Mccoy Trust for \$1,095,000

Mountain View

1747 Begen Ave. C. Brown to J. & S. Sun for \$815,000 1721 California St. #9 K. & C. Zel-

nis to M. Ichihara for \$440,000 **1642 California St.** L. Trejo to F.

Chen for \$660,000 235 College St. E. Klein to A. Ramirez for \$658,000

164 Cottonwood Court D. Ryan to rton for \$650,000

1266 Cuernavaca Circulo Yntema Trust to P. & A. Hillen for \$959,000 **505 Cypress Point Drive #176** J. Fournier to K. Herz for \$430,000 **473 Dell Ave.** W. Weis to G. Venkitachalam for \$790,000

321 Easy St. #1 Boone Trust to W. & T. Fourte for \$502,500 **280 Easy St. #302** R. Moore to P.

Ang for \$358,000

1181 Elena Privada Scripps Trust

to M. Thompson for \$1,012,500 2349 Jane Lane Neff Trust to T. & T. Merrill for \$679,000

254 Lassen Ave. Demtriades Trust to Sokolsky-Blockstein Trust for \$674.500

727 Leong Drive G. Awad to T. Foryan for \$700,000

2047 Montecito Ave. #8 G. & I. Vigzne to E. & C. Head for \$460,000

1836 Montecito Ave. L. & H. Datus to M. Leal for \$750,000 161 Montelena Court Mccardle

st to K. Li for \$787,000 1935 Mt. Vernon Court #3 G. Stevens to M. Ochoa for \$465,000

128 Pacchetti Way J. & A. Green to W. & W. Yeh for \$660,000 **255 S. Rengstorff Ave. #133** FRE 279 Limited to M. Aguilar for \$420,000

255 S. Rengstorff Ave. #137 J. Portillo to R. Nicdao for \$450,000 255 S. Rengstorff Ave. #52 Holmkvist Trust to P. & V. Keister for

\$508.000 1921 Rock St. #22 V. & Z. Ascuna to E. Kozlova for \$521,000

668 Sierra Ave. P. & P. Gartrell to M. Reiche for \$820,500 1920 Silverwood Ave. Uhrhammer Trust to T. Henry for \$502,000 **112 Sondgroth Way** S. Sircar to R. & E. Kraska for \$650,000 **2448 Villa Nueva Way** A. Smith to M. & L. Cordes for \$1,300,000

Palo Alto

586 College Ave. O. Ebenhoech to Zarroug Trust for \$1,098,000 390 Edlee Ave. Lin Trust to J. Zhang for \$845,000 112 Ferne Ave. Hans Helga Limited to L. Xie for \$587,500

Redwood City

815 12th Ave. Bartolomei Trust to J. & H. Pedrazas for \$700.000 **726 7th Ave.** R. & M. Navarro to J. Bustillo for \$633,000 **6 Arch St.** T. & M. Hoch to A. & A.

Pedroso for \$636,000 270 Biarritz Court J. Ballack to J.

ok for \$1,667,000 **955 Cambridge Road** J. & K. Callister to K. Brux for \$1,003,000 **2718 Carolina Ave.** M. & K. Bozzuto to J. & R. Nelson for \$800.000 **1067 Eden Bower Lane** Neville Trust to K. Franks for \$1,055,000 1177 Fairview Ave. Jsh-Lsh Trust **551 Flynn Ave.** J. Chesler to O. Victoria for \$665,000

2827 Jefferson Ave. Felchle Trust

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A. Wiersba for \$1,239,000 2620 Westmoreland Ave. M.

M. Moananu-Apela for \$655,000

604 Lancaster Way J. Pettee to M.

107 Livorno Way D. & T. Lin to E.

343 Lowell St. C. Riemann to A. &

535 Manzanita St. J. & E. Saenz to A. Gamino for \$625,000

912 Oak Ave. Gibson Trust to D. &

Kohlweiss for \$699,000

Gardner for \$799,000

J. Peet for \$778,000

Asevedo to M. Ayala for \$548,000 **BUILDING PERMITS**

Atherton

224 Park Lane Lamb Partners LLC, demo garage and cabana, \$n/a; excavation; \$n/a drainage, \$n/a 23 Fair Oaks Lane A. Eggeds, reroof with class C heavy shake, \$21.505

303 Atherton Ave. D. Waytowicz, re-roof house, \$75,000

363 Stockbridge Ave. G. and M. Dillabough, new generator, \$17,000 **399 Greenoaks Drive** T. Toumala, electrical service exchange, \$n/a

48 Lilac Drive P. Rukauna, excava-

145 Fair Oaks Lane N. Francis, new potting shed, \$6,000 **36 Irving Ave.** A. Beh, re-roof house, \$16,400

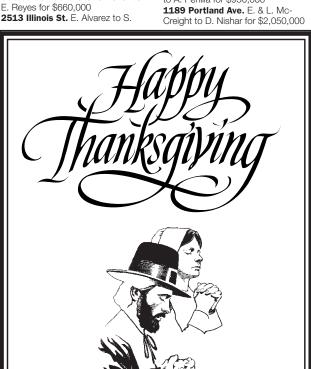
116 Tuscaloosa Ave. C. and M. Vought, irrigation well, \$n/a **38 Flood Circle** Oster, demo house,

169 Fair Oaks Lane D. and J. Holmquist, replace (20) windows size for size and raise header height,

199 Burns Ave. Hammock. electrical and temporary power, \$n/a **210 Park Lane** J. and J. Brody, demo pool and shed \$n/a 62 Lloyden Drive Coldwell Banker,

replace 40-gallon water heater, \$n/a 81 Park Drive B. Sullivan, re-roof residence, \$13,200; re-roof garage,

302 Greenoaks Drive A. Maggi, new fence and post, \$2,000 (continued on page 38)



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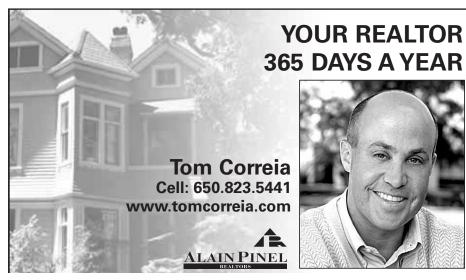
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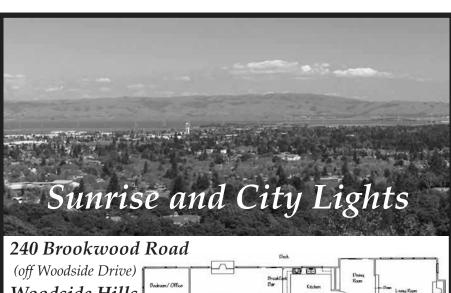
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6 Cowell Lane Drazen, re-roof resi dence with attached garage, \$8,900

199 Burns Ave. P. and E. Flammack, residence, second story and arage, \$1,347,250

234 Atherton Ave. R. Bamdad, new wall, gates and columns, \$40,000; new residence, \$2.711.750: new garage

\$200,000; drainage, \$n/a **168 Selby Lane** G. Nejat, demo residence and recycling deposit, \$n/a; new fence, gates and columns, \$50,000

Menlo Park

120 Forest Lane J. Freidenrich, 40 square foot addition/remodel, \$75,000

441 Linfield Drive F. Trent, kitchen remodel, \$25,000

481 Linfield Drive G. Rao, bedroom additions, \$140,000 6 William Court C. Mo. new two-

story house, \$820,000 **20 Nancy Way** kitchen remodel and remove one wall between dining and kitchen, \$70,000

324 Concord Drive A. Ghorbani, kitchen and two-bath remodeling and bedroom window to meet earess. \$45,000

2440 Sand Hill Road H. Kaise Family Foundation, commercial tenant improvement, \$186,400

825 Cotton St. J. Box, new two-story residence, 3,760 square feet and 1,730 square foot basement, \$1,098,000

417 Claremont Way M Davenport two bath remodel, \$15,000 1610 Oakdell Drive S. Goswamy new house with basement, \$1,192,800

1143 Pine St. L. Altman, kitchen

and bath remodel, repair exterior stairs, \$250,000

Home & Real Estate

2023 Menalto Ave. D. Micheletti, bath remodel, remove and replace, \$21,000

160 Pineview Lane R. Heredia, interior alteration of a single-family residence, three bathrooms,

111 Hedge Road S. Cwirla, re-roof comp, \$11,180 **330 Ravenswood Ave.** Trinity

Church, replace two boilers, \$29,499

273 Arden Road K. Sutherland, reroof, \$38,000 **1010 El Camino Real #140** Tan I

LLC, restaurant tenant improve-ment, \$38,000

765 Live Oak Ave. Fremont Properties, multi-residential re-roof, \$9,300 **435 Blake St.** B. Polk, kitchen remodel, remodel three baths, remove one wall in kitchen, \$130,000 **1161 Werth Ave.** T. Quan, remodel

two baths, \$30,000

1047 Del Norte Ave. K. Ristau, extend master bedroom, add master hath \$40,000

1540 El Camino Real Bel Tramos Investment Co., commercial tenant improvement, add one conference room and reduce server room size, \$15,000

237 Willow Road D. Moyer, new residential pool, \$35,000

1135 Santa Cruz Ave. G. Andeen, re-roof, \$11,320

2324 Olympic Ave. R. Plough, reroof, \$26,570 **1290 Bay Laurel Drive** V. Jacob-

re-roof \$5.500 920 Christopher Way M. McKay,

re-roof, \$9,300 1033 Oakland Ave. T. White kitchen and bath remodel, close in one window, replace furnace and

1300 Garden Lane M. Rubesin. add AC - 3 HP, wiring, \$9,923 232 Willow Road K. Bradley, replace overhead lighting fixture with three recessed lights, \$n/a

1031 Timothy Lane A. Chou, water neater, \$700

119 Laurel Ave. S. Wood, demolish house, \$5,000; new detached garage, \$n/a: new house, \$700,000

1162 Madera Ave. M. Pasallo, 153 square foot addition. \$30.600 **1801 Edgewood Lane** N. Whitlatch, residential alteration to single family

single floor residence, windows and door changeout, \$24,000 **40 Kent Place** D. Poston, re-roof detached carport with tar and grav-

313 Marmona Drive S. Pachaud,

sewer, \$2,800 **2371 Branner Drive** J. Lamb & L.

Lessee, service upgrade, \$4,500 **465 Oak Court** R. Pearson, re-roof \$11,788

765 Evergreen St. P. Gould, service upgrade, \$2,300 **182 Buckthorn Way** R. Bruce, re-

move ceiling 1/2" drywall, replace with 5/8" drywall, install R13 insulation, \$5,000

980 Altschul Ave. P. Schwartz, change out furnace, \$5.612

6 Russell Court J. Lomax, replace furnace, add three-ton condensing

777 Santa Cruz Ave. Wilbur Prop-

erties, re-roof, \$27,595 **1165 Rosefield Way** D. Abraham,

1127 Chestnut St. V. Raugi, reoof, \$26,000

980 Altschul Ave. P. Schwartz, change out furnace, \$5,612 **2115 Menalto Ave.** E. Napoleon, re-roof, \$13,000

1045 Pine St. G. John, re-roof,

1065 Pine St. E. Berk, re-roof,

335 Claremont Way J. Horn, add bedroom, bath and entry and reodel interior, \$165,000

950 Lassen Drive T. Orr. remodel master bathroom, guest bathroom,

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1137 Hillslope Drive, Los Altos



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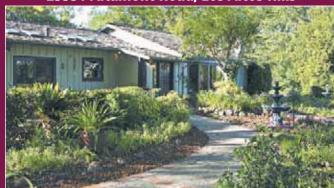
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Erika Demma

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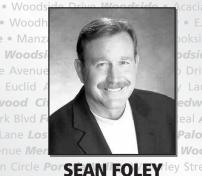
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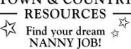
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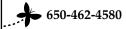
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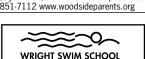
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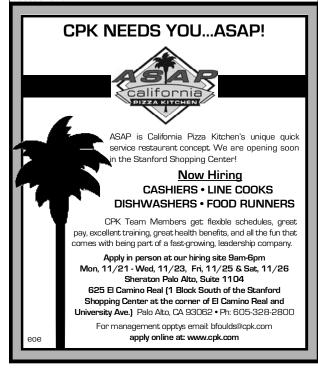
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- 10 Readier to pick 15 1991 Jeff Daniels movie, or a 1976 hit song for Nazareth
- 16 Record silence over
- 17 They always get the shaft
- 18 Air, as one's opinion 19 Zilch
- 20 David Sedaris's sister
- 21 It may leave a print on the beach
- 22 Olympics chant
- 23 Bass product 24 TV series with Scott Baio as
- a doctor 29 Out
- 30 Bob or Roberta
- 31 Saxman Stan
- 32 It may be enticed with a curled finger
- 34 Tha ___ Pound (Kurupt's group)
- 38 Dispense gossip
- 39 Highly accurate
- 41 Star of HBO's canceled "Carnivale"
- 46 Like some walks on the beach
- 47 Fertility clinic stock
- 48 Washington b-baller, once 49 Reagan's "Star Wars," for short 50 Part of Vince Neil's band
- 55 Without principles to stand
- 57 River through Arles
- 58 Site with a butler 59 Does an e-mail job 60 "Romeo and Juliet" word that

actually means "why"

54 Brilliance

- 1 "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer Campbell
- 2 Caramel candy brand 3 Scary spot in "Hansel and
- Gretel"
- 4 "___ done it!" 5 "Gotcha"
- 6 Quiet request 7 Perfumery selections
- 8 Macy Gray's first hit 9 Feed format used in blogs

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- 10 Appraise anew
- 11 Laundry worker
- 12 Infomercial, usually 13 Practice with four sharps
- 14 Two-_ (old kind of motion picture)
- 21 Billy Crystal impersonated
- him on "SNL" 22 Verse introduction?
- 23 H.S. exam
- 24 Really got into
- 25 Suffix for "opal" 26 Word after sex or riot
- 27 Unit for modern processors
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- 34 Little blob
- 35 Lofty poem
- long way 36 "...can 37 Animal that sounds young
- 38 Does an e-mail job 40 McCarthy, for one
- 41 Orange-yellow shades 42 Product advertised on TV with the phrase "not-sofresh feeling"
- 43 Ban variety
- 44 Past the shore 45 He often jumped into the
 - General Lee 49 Bathrobe holder

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- 50 Treble or bass
- 51 "As seen on TV" rotating hair styler
- 52 Online gamer, e.g. 53 ___ quam videri (North
- Carolina's motto) 55 "The crows seemed to be calling his name, thought ' (one of Jack Handey's
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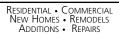
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