A new reason to panic

My daughter, who is a junior in college in San Diego and just turned 21, sounded totally panicked and ready to burst into tears when she called.

"Mom," she said, and then talked so fast I couldn't understand her. "Slow down," I said. Had she been in an accident? Hurt? Sick? What?

At last she got through to me. "I dropped my phone!" she said. "The screen broke! I can't get text messages!"

I stopped worrying, but obviously she had not. This was a major crisis. She just could not function. In fact, as soon as she had finished work for the day, Caitlin had hitched a ride with a friend to the mall, and was at that moment in the cell phone store trying to get a new phone that would receive text messages.

The call to me was because they wouldn't let her sign a new contract without my permission.

Caitlin's cell phone still functioned as a phone. She still had her computers (laptop and desktop) for e-mail and instant messages. But obviously, life could not go on without text messages.

We worked through the crisis, although it took two trips to the cell phone store by my husband, one with me along, and at least one more by Caitlin before she was calmed down with a new phone in hand.

My children do not communicate in the same way I do. They expect to instantly be able to reach anyone at any time. I am doing my best to catch on, but I am afraid I will never be able to type into my phone faster than one word per five minutes.

Barbara Wood

On Friday, March 30, the Sugar Shack opened its doors in downtown Menlo Park. When I heard about this candy wonderland, I had to go see for myself.

As I walked into the store at 816 Santa Cruz Ave., the first thing that caught my attention was the seemingly endless variety of candies that covered the walls. I was given a plastic bag and then I walked through the store filling my bag with a number of delights.

The colors and types of candy were incredible. Megan Terpening, a fifth-grader at St. Raymond School, says she "found candy that I never knew existed."

Bella Lovazzano of Woodside, a second grader at St. Raymond School, says: "It's awesome! It's the best sugar place ever!"

I personally loved the crunchy and chocolate gummy bears, and the chocolate covered marshmallow bites just melt in your mouth.

After I had filled my bag with mouth watering candy, I wandered to the other side of the store. Hanging on the walls that were not occupied with candy were hand-painted pictures that looked good enough to eat. These edible canvases of candy, soda pop, and ice cream were created just for the Candy Shack by artist Carol Walker of Sebastopol.

I was amazed at the enormous jawbreakers that were larger than 2 inches around! Kids, teenagers and adults crowded the store. Many of the adults were near the retro candy.

The two wonderful ladies who have brought us this beautiful shop do not want anyone to feel left out so they are also carrying a large selection of sugar-free candy that look as delectable as the sugar-filled kind.

If you're not into eating candy you might want to wear it, there is a selection of candy-scented body lotions and lip gloss from a company called "SUGAR."

If you think this a lot, there is much more. Now, what would a candy store be without a picture of our very own Mr. Willy Wonka! In the store, there is a television screen playing the movie, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Surrounding this screen is a soda bar that offers retro glass bottled drinks like Dr. Pepper, Crush, Gingerale, and Henry Weinhart's.

Story by Katie Blankenberg

Photos by Veronica Weber/the Almanac

New Menlo Park shop is candy heaven for kids of all ages

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Terman, and California Distinguished Gunn High School.

Palo Alto…This Brand New Home is located at the old site of "Hunt Ranch", surrounded by Heritage Trees. Boating a large, comfortable great room, gourmet kitchen with granite and vintage cabinetry, beautiful wood flooring, high ceilings with tall picture windows. Exceptional area, located close to Brownes, Terman, and California Distinguished Gunn High School.

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CAROLYN RIANDA  $607,000

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Palo Alto…Beautiful 3BR home with high beamed ceilings, dual pane windows, recessed lighting. Lower level w/family rm. 2BD/2BA w/sep. entrance. Patio, backyard w/ creek and pond.

SALLY KWOK  $1,350,000

El Granada

4BR/3BA with entertainer’s kitchen in grannie. Open to Family or Dining room w/ fireplace. 1BD/1BA downstairs. 1BD/1BA upstairs. Private patio w/ spa and sauna. Must See!

KAREN THUT  $1,125,000

LA HONDA

Property has 5 structures, a main, a barn & a studio to be permitted. It has numerous pre-existing structures. The property has its own well & its own power generating source.

GARY MCKAE  $795,000

Los Altos

Brand new 4 BR/2.5 BA w/custom and designer finishes throughout. Home’s interior is distinctively appointed w/vertical grain Douglas fir trim & hardwood floors. Modern technology abounds in extensive network wiring, security, and double-zone heating/cooling systems.

GINNA ARNOLD-LAZAR  $2,295,000

Menlo Park

Feeling at home in this recently updated 3BR/1.5BA condo tucked away in private seclusion. Cozy LR/DR combo, gas starter fireplace with large picture window looking out to beautifully landscaped patio. Complex amenities include a pool, cabana with sauna and clubhouse.

GINNA ARNOLD-LAZAR  $578,888

MENLO PARK

Sunnyvale…Gorgeous 4BD/2.5 BA Menlo Park retreat tucked away at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. This home is bathed in light with bright windows, a large LR and separate DR with full windows and glass doors, all opening to a sunny backyard with large wooden deck for entertaining.

GINNA ARNOLD-LAZAR  $2,575,000

Menlo Park

Majestic Oaks and Redwoods surround this beautifully landscaped home located on one of the most desirable streets in West Menlo Park. This spacious, remodelled 6BR/4.5BA home combines a flowing floor plan w/tasteful appointments & quality workmanship. Ideal for comfortable living w/a serene atmosphere.

SUSAN FURSTMAN  $3,550,000

Woodside…A classic country estate epitomizing the understated elegance & charm of old Woodside. Property includes a traditional two-story 1913-era home with 3BR/3BA, 2 car garage + 1BD/1BA apt; pool & pool house; w/kitchenette + 2 full BAs; 5 wall barn w/tack room + ample acreage for additional equestrian facilities; several level acres, lg. lake. Virtual Tour http://plansandtours.com/3018

S. GRAY/E. DASCHBACH  $8,495,000

Woodside…Printed 3BR/2BA w/ office log and stone home. Separate dining room. Entire lower level is massive family room or can be separated into additional rooms.

DANA CAPPIELLO  $1,799,000

MENLO PARK…Gorgeous 4BD/2.5 BA’s, only 7 years old! This 2-story home has recently remodeled gourmet kitchen w/island, hardwood floors on lower level. Master BD w/ double sink and large shower. Private patio, gardens and lawn area. 2-car garage. Close to new Burgundy Pool, library and children.

TOM BOEDDeker  $1,469,000

Sunset Valley…Beautiful 3BD/2BA + office log and stone home. Separate dining room. Entire lower level is massive family room or can be separated into additional rooms.

GINNA ARNOLD-LAZAR  $778,000

Sunset Valley…This stunning home is located in desirable Rose Garden area. Lots of room for expansion possibilities.

MEEGAN FERRARI  $587,950

San Mateo…This house features 2 MBR suites, 2-3BA family kitchen, hardwood floors, crown molding, Sep. DR, Soaring ceilings in LR, FP. New carpet & paint. Large front porch, sep. laundry, 2 car garage.

CAROL CHRISTIE  $825,000

San Francisco…Great city living in it’s Best! Clean & Bright top floor unit. Carpet, hardwood, washer & dryer in unit. Close to shopping, transportation, near SFSU.

JOHN MARSHALL  $415,000

San Jose…Charming 2BR/1BA located in desirable Rose Garden area. Lots of room for expansion possibilities.

SUSAN FURSTMAN  $1,875,000

Mountain View

Come & see this brand new 1 story in tranquil MV neighborhood. 4BR/3.5BA + Office. Dramatic high ceilings in dining room & foyer. Close to Huff Elementary & shopping.

DORY MARHAMAT  $1,798,000

PALO ALTO

Prestigious Old Palo Alto location. This stunning 3BR/3BA home has it all: featuring a dramatic great room with high ceilings, date floor & artistically designed fireplace. This home boasts a gourmet kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors and new carpet. “All set on a beautifully landscaped, deep lot.

JAN STROHECKER  $3,989,000

PAO ALTO

Spacious 2 story home fabulously located close to Castilleja Private School, Downtown Palo Alto, and Stanford University. This 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home has a full landscaped, beautiful front yard, and an attached 2 car garage.

JULIA T. KEADY  $2,495,000

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Learning on a jet plane

By Miles McMullin

Frustrating, endless ticket lines, and cramped seats. A long and boring flight with hundreds of people, many coughing and breathing over one another. That’s what comes to mind when thinking of the modern-day airline.

Yet recently, when I was on a flight, I was pleasantly surprised by a new concept in-flight entertainment. Instead of just running a movie, the airline had the game Cranium Trivia playing overhead. I did not have to lie back and be bored watching some second-rate movie; I could engage my mind and learn new facts—something I did for almost two hours. A fact such as how many peanuts go in an average jar of peanut butter.

It’s information like this that could change a person’s life, but more importantly, keep him from getting insanely bored.

As I was flying, I thought of other things to do on an airplane that would be fun. Wouldn’t it be great to have Playstations or X-Boxes with remotes in every seat to please the kid in all of us. Or with the new breed of jumbo jets coming out, adding in-flight shops. How about a nightclub 35,000 feet up? A legal downside for the airline: turbulence could cause a dancer to tumble.

Airlines could incorporate a virtual golf area. Just imagine playing 18 holes of golf anywhere in the world. You may think the ideas are ridiculous, but some airlines have started to use them.

The idea is to keep the traveler entertained or distracted so she or he will remember the flight as part of the vacation—and keep coming back to the airline to book that vacation. Such entertainment can make a 17-hour flight to India seem like a quick trip to the store.

Miles McMullin is a tenth-grader at Crystal Springs Uplands School.

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Root Beer, Vanilla Cream Pop and of course, Diet Coke.

So, whom do we have to thank for bringing all of this sweetness to Menlo Park? The two owners are Beth Donnelly-Yancey and Suzi Tinsley. Beth Donnelly-Yancey has lived in the area since she was in high school, and she now lives in Atherton with her husband and two children. Suzi Tinsley grew up in Atherton and now lives in Menlo Park with her husband and their seven children.

These two very sweet ladies meet through mutual friends 13 years ago and have kept up a great friendship. They both told me they LOVE CANDY.

“I always thought about having a candy store since my first job working for Mrs. McCarthy at the Candy Depot in Menlo Park,” Suzi says.

They also wanted to have a fun place for kids to gather and hang out with their friends. Since the Juice Patch had closed, they felt that Menlo Park needed a store like theirs. This gave Beth and Suzi the perfect opportunity to put their plan into action.

I was amazed to learn they started their plans for this local candy store in September 2006 and had only acquired the space in December. They worked very quickly with the help of designer Melissa Bader of Design Corner in Redwood Shores. Melissa has done such a spectacular job decorating, even the knobs on the cabinets are fun to look at.

The Sugar Shack has created a buzz in the community. Suzi made more than 75 Easter baskets for customers. You see many people in town with a Sugar Shack bag. Even Father Patrick Michaels of the Saint Raymond Parish was spotted with a bag full of sugar-free candy he got at the Sugar Shack.

Suzi and Beth say they are very grateful with the turnout of people and the support they are receiving from the locals. In the future, the owners hope to offer book signings, book clubs, parties, seasonal activities and other fun events.

Soon there will also be a “Sugar Shack” candy cart available for special events. I suspect Halloween will be great, especially since Suzi and her family love Halloween so much. She told me that she has a real hearse parked in her front yard as part of her Halloween decor.

The Sugar Shack is a candy heaven. So watch out Willy Wonka, here comes the Sugar Shack!

Katie Blankenberg, 13, lives in Portola Valley and attends St. Raymond School in Menlo Park.

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On the computer I am pretty good, though. Recently I was checking an online e-mail account I use to keep spammers from getting my real e-mail address when Caitlin began “chatting” with me from San Diego. We typed back and forth and the text appeared on the other’s screen as soon as one of us hit “enter.” Then I noticed my son, Riley, who is a sophomore in college in San Francisco, was also online using the same e-mail program. Soon I had a three-way “conversation” going with two of my three children.

Caitlin, I was a little surprised to find out, was in a class. “I am always online” she typed to me. I tried to keep our chat short since I really didn’t believe she could pay attention to her teacher and chat with her mom at the same time.

“I am in an art class right now not a lecturer,” she wrote (but, of course, without any capital letters). “I don’t need to listen unless she (the teacher) comes to talk to me.” I finally signed off because I wasn’t getting any work done, but only after my son let me know his rent was going up, he’d be home for the weekend, and we discussed what kind of summer job he might get.

I think the only reason my third child wasn’t online was that she is still in high school, where they are a little stricter about letting the kids use their cell phones and laptops in class — even to chat with their mom.

Barbara Wood is a freelance writer, photographer and gardener from Woodside. Her column runs the third week of the month.
Community celebrates Earth Day all week

Wildflower walks, sunrise ceremony, super-healthy dinner, hikes and bike rides, cleanups — Peninsula residents can find many ways to celebrate our Earth this weekend.

Sunday, April 22 officially marks the 48th Earth Day since 1970, when former congressman Pete McCloskey, Sen. Gaylord Nelson and a hord of college students launched the annual event to protect the environment on our home planet.

Here’s a sampling of local activities:

■ Atherton is going all out for Earth Day Action Week. Activities include showings of the films, “An Inconvenient Truth” at 7 p.m. and “Who Killed the Electric Car?” at 9 p.m. on two nights: Wednesday, April 18, and Friday, April 20; and an all-day Environmental Expo on Saturday, April 21, including a drop-off for electronic waste. Events are at Holbrook-Palmer Park at 150 Watkins Ave. For information, go to athertongreen.net, and click on Earth Day.

■ A “Party for the Planet” Dinner and Auction will raise funds for Acterra on Saturday, April 21, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Palo Alto. Local organic chefs Jesse Cool and Laura Stec will prepare the planet-friendly dinner at the carbon-neutral, zero-waste event. Sen. Joe Simitian will be auctioneer for the live auction. Tickets at $75 per person or $140 per couple can be obtained by calling Laura Stec at 962-9876, ext. 346; or visiting acterra.org/earthday.

■ “Earth Day on the Bay” will give boat rides and watery fun on Saturday, April 21, from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Marine Science Institute, 500 Discovery Parkway in Redwood City. Besides two-hour boat rides on the Bay, activities will include fish and shark feeding, tidepool creatures, ocean arts and crafts, live music, and, of course, mud. For information or boat reservations, call 364-2760; or go to sbaymsi.org.

■ A Sunrise Ceremony will greet the sun and honor the Earth on Sunday, April 22, starting after 6 a.m. at Bayfront Park, at the end of Marsh Road in Menlo Park. For information, call Acterra at 962-9876, or go to acterra.org.

■ Spring wildflowers can be enjoyed in parks and open space preserves throughout the Peninsula. Friends of Edgewood are running free docent-led tours every Saturday and Sunday to view the spectacular native wildflowers at Edgewood Natural Preserve. Walks start at 10 a.m. from the Old Stage Day Camp on Edgewood Road at the park entrance and run until about 1 p.m. Walks this weekend also start from the Clarkia Trailhead, nearer the meadow flowers on Canada Road just east of the freeway. For information, call 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD; or go to friendsofedgewood.org.

■ In “Wildflowers of Earth Day,” docents from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will tour four miles of meadow and woodlands on Russian Ridge through the week and weekend. Friends of Edgewood are blazing goldfield flowers on Canada Road just east of the freeway. For information, call 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD; or go to friendsofedgewood.org.

■ The Coyote Point Museum features many earth and animal-friendly exhibits and activities through the week and weekend. Highlights include new Wildlife Shows ON Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 and 3 p.m. Other popular activities include River Otter Feeding daily at 12:30 p.m.; Fox Feeding at 11:30 a.m. every day but Sunday; and “Masters of the Night,” a bat exhibit that runs through May 6. For information, call 342-7755; or go to coyoteptmuseum.org.

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The Coyote Point Museum
Sacred Heart stages a classic

Students at Sacred Heart Prep will present a studio production of “You Can’t Take It with You,” George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart’s Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, this weekend, April 19-21. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Friday, and Saturday, and also at 3 p.m. Saturday, in the Black Box theater of the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 150 Valparaiso Ave. Atherton.

Sacred Heart Prep’s John Loschmann directs this version of the 1937 classic comedy. For tickets, $5 each, contact Mr. Loschmann, drama director, at jloschmann@shschools.org.

Talk on ‘affection deficit disorder’

John Merrow, executive producer, host and president of Learning Matters, a nonprofit corporation that creates television, radio and online segments and documentaries focusing on education, will speak at Menlo School on Tuesday, April 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

His topic: “Affection Deficit Disorder: the new ADD.” He will discuss the importance of giving attention and affection to students and understanding what interests motivate them to help them learn.

Mr. Merrow spent five years as an education correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour on PBS and two years at the Learning Channel.

His talk is presented by the board of directors of Peninsula Bridge, a nonprofit organization that provides programs for students from low-income families to help them succeed in school and go on to college.

At the 2004 Kite Day, Meredie Johnson of Menlo Park prepares to fly her pterodactyl kite at Bayfront Park.

Kite Day is Sunday in Bayfront Park

Sacred Heart Prep students portray members of the eccentric Sycamore family and the stuffy Kirbys in “You Can’t Take It with You” this weekend. Cast members are, from front row from left, Alisa Healy and Casey Larwood; middle row, Brianna Pogue, Megan Putnam, Dan Bathgate, Kevin McFarland and YD Hosking; back row: Maria Gibbs, Manuel Garcia and Jack Treseler.

Everyone is urged to “Go fly a kite!” From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, at Bayfront Park.

“Kite Day,” sponsored by the city of Menlo Park, began 19 years ago as an introduction to the newly landscaped recreation area located at the end of Marsh Road near U.S. 101. Last year, an estimated 800 people flocked to this fun, low-key, celebration of spring.

Admission to the park is free and Kiwanis volunteers will be on hand to help with concessions.

“Five dollars gets you a kite, hot dog and soda, water or juice,” says Michael Langford, recreation supervisor for the Community Services Department of Menlo Park. Participants are welcome to bring their own kites and picnics, too, if they prefer.

For more information, call 330.2200 or go to www.menlopark.org.
On Stage

TheatreWorks presents “Merrily We Roll Along.” An American story about dreamers and dreams. Through April 29. Tues, Thurs, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. no performance April 24, 28, 29. April 24, 2 p.m. $30-$40. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

“Enchanted April.” Four English women break free of their rain-drenched chores with a holiday in a rented castle in Italy surrounded by wisteria, sunshine, and unexpected love. Wednesdays-Sundays, through May 5, 8 p.m. $25-$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Call 945-9551. www.busbarn.org

“The Grand Duke.” Presented by The Stanford Savoyards. Gilbert and Sullivan’s final collaboration. April 20-21 and April 28, 8 p.m.; April 21, 1 p.m. $81/128/88. Drinkup Auditorium, 477 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Contact Blanca Yoc at 650-326-8210 ext. 221 • e-mail byoc@paweekly.com

Talks/Authors


Author Tad Williams, will discuss his books of science fiction and fantasy and how he became a writer in these genres. Sponsored by the Friends of the Potrero Valley Library April 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. Potrero Valley Library, 4075 Alpine Road, Potrero Valley. Call 851-0650. http://svmlc.org/library/potrerovalley


Community Events

April 18: “Heart Disease: Have you heard the news?” Presented by the Peninsula Youth Symphony. April 18, 1:30 p.m. Free. Kids in Concert Hall, Building 40, Main Quad, Stanford. Call 724-0939. arc.stanford.edu

“The Peninsula Youth Orchestra Auditions. The Peninsula Youth Orchestra invites instrumentalists, ages 6-18. Schedule an audition appointment April 25-26, or 29 for its performing orchestras and chamber ensembles at the beginning through advanced levels. Applications are online, or call the PYO office for more information. John Gill School, 555 Avenue Del Oro, Redwood City. Call 325-7967. www.peninsulayouthorchestra.org

Benefits

Wild Crush It: A Wine Affaire, Wine tasting, dinner and live auction to benefit Environmental Volunteers, a nonprofit that brings hands-on natural science education to Peninsula and South Bay youth. April 28, 6:30-10 p.m. $175. Quadrus Center, 2400 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 961-0654. ewvs.org

Woodside High “Spring into Action.” Sat., April 21, 9-3 p.m. Includes live and silent auctions and dinner. Tickets available by phone or online. $35. Menlo Circus Club, 150 Park Lane, Atherton. Call 367-9750, ext. 8887. woodfoundation.org

“Party for the Planet” Actor’s Earth Day Dinner and Auction. Sat., April 21, 6-10:30 p.m. Reservations required. $70-$140 couple Unitarian Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto, Call 963-8876 ext. 346. www.actingfortheearth.org

Humane Society’s “Fashion for Compassion.” Peninsula Humane Society presents a fashion show with models from Macy’s, and four-legged friends in clothing and accessories from Bow Wow Meow. Sun., April 29, 10:30 a.m. 3-course gourmet/vegetarian lunch, prize drawing, Embassy Suites, 150 Anza Blvd., Burlingame. Call 340-7232, ext. 375.

Classes/Workshops

Artist Access. Artists and photographers have access to the gardens after hours. Registration limited to artists who work with watercolor, pen, pencil, charcoal, pastel and photography. No oils or acrylics. Pre-registration recommended. Third Thursdays, April 19, 24, 30, 3-4 p.m. $20 members/$25 non-member per day. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

Filoli Explorer Programs for ages 8-11. The class includes classroom instruction, a hike on the trails and hands-on activities. April 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon $20 members/$25 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

At Kepler’s

Evolutionary biologist Marlene Zuk will read from her book, “Middled Life.” Friday, April 20, at Kepler’s bookstore. The book shines the light on the role germs and parasites have played in the evolution and current life of humans. The author is a biology professor at San Jose State University. Kepler’s is at 1001 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. For more information, call 324-4321.

Environament

Atherton’s Earth Day Expo. Free electronic waste recycling drop off. Learn about solar and other environmentally friendly products and services from our green exhibitors. Rides in the Tesla electric car. April 21, 10 a.m. at the Atherton Public Library, 252-5026. www.earthgreen.net

Exhibits


Kids & Families


Babies and Books Musical Storytime. Wednesdays, through April 25, 10 a.m. For ages 0-24 months. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 851-0147.
Children's Miniature Flower Arrangements. Kids learn how to create a miniature arrangement from silk or dried flowers. April 28, 10:30 a.m.-noon $35 members/$40 non-members. Fosi, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.fotl.org

Deer Hollow Farm Tours. April 21, May 19 and June 16, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tour a working homestead farm with trained docents. Benefits scholarship fund. Includes short film. $5 adults/$2 children under 2 free. Deer Hollow Farm, Rancho San Antonio County Park, Los Altos Hills. Call 965-4449. www.dhf.org

Family Concert. Kids get to sit with the musicians on stage and conduct the orchestra as Maestro Eric Kuljuvsky conducts Redwood Symphony. April 22, 2-3:30 p.m. $20/10 children. Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo. Call 366-6872. www.redwoodsymphony.org

Infant Storytime. For infants ages 0-18 months. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Music, fingerplays, and puppets. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.


Film
"An Inconvenient Truth," Discussion after movie. April 16, 7-9:30 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

"When the Levees Broke," April 22, 7:30 p.m. As part of its monthly "Screening and Views" series, Keddem Congregation presents a Spike Lee documentary. Features the cantorial music of Rabbi Stephen Joy. April 22, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 494-6400. www.keddem.org


Jewish High School, 3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. "Views" series, Keddem Congregation presents "When the Levees Broke." April 22, 7-9:30 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.


Menlo School students exhibit their black and white photographs at the Pacific Art League, including this New York scene taken by Sloane Lehman.

Menlo School students show photos
Menlo School's advanced photography students will exhibit their black-and-white work April 27-29 at the Pacific Art League at 668 Ramona St. in Palo Alto.

Teacher Mary Carlsson is hoping to make the show an annual tradition, and expects about 40 original black-and-white photos will be framed, hung and available for sale. The gallery will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. over the weekend. Priced at $100 each, the silver gelatin prints on fiber-based paper come in various sizes, and depict both local and distant scenes.

A reception for the students will be held at the gallery April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The students have a busy weekend planned. Also starting April 27, they will display and sell a different collection of their photos at their school in Atherton, as part of a larger student photography show. The kickoff reception for that exhibit will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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photography in the garden. parent and children ages 8–12 activity. wendy hopfenberg will give an overview of garden photography. apr 22, 2–4 p.m. $20 members/$25 non-members/$5 per child. gamble garden, 1431 waverley st., Palo alto. call 329-1356 ext. 0. http://gambar-garden.org/

storyteller speare and benefit day for san mateo county reading association. presented by santa clara area storytellers becky zeren, sue mickiewicz, kathy sheperd, and carol webster. sun., apr 22, 11 a.m. free. kepler’s books, 1010 el camino real, menlo park. call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

film
“an inconvenient truth,” discussion after movie. apr 16, 7–9:30 p.m. woodside library, 3140 woodside road, woodside.

“When the Levees Broke,” apr 22, 7:30 p.m. as part of its monthly “screening and views” series, keddem congregation presents a spike lee documentary. features the cantorial music of rabbi stephen joy. apr 22, 11:30 a.m. free. kepler’s books, 1010 el camino real, menlo park. call 494-6400. www.keddem.org

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Jewish High School, 3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. “views” series, keddem congregation presents “when the levees broke.” apr 22, 7-9:30 p.m. woodside library, 3140 woodside road, woodside.

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Menlo School students will exhibit their black and white photographs at the Pacific Art League, including this New York scene taken by Sloane Lehman.

Menlo School students show photos
Menlo School’s advanced photography students will exhibit their black-and-white work April 27-29 at the Pacific Art League at 668 Ramona St. in Palo Alto.

Teacher Mary Carlsson is hoping to make the show an annual tradition, and expects about 40 original black-and-white photos will be framed, hung and available for sale. The gallery will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. over the weekend.

Priced at $100 each, the silver gelatin prints on fiber-based paper come in various sizes, and depict both local and distant scenes.

A reception for the students will be held at the gallery April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The students have a busy weekend planned. Also starting April 27, they will display and sell a different collection of their photos at their school in Atherton, as part of a larger student photography show. The kickoff reception for that exhibit will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Downstairs you have a gourmet kitchen with marble-topped island, fireplace, and informal dining area, overlooking the wood-paneled family room, also with fireplace. The cherry-wood paneled office, also with fireplace, shares a covered patio with the family room and living room looking out onto spacious lawns and gardens. The light, bright living room, with fireplace, looking out into the gardens, calls for lively conversations with cups of tea and platters of scones. The spacious wood-paneled formal dining room seats twelve or more comfortably. All of these rooms have hardwood floors.

Finishing off the downstairs is a carpeted guest bedroom with full bath, a laundry room, and an enormous 3-car garage.

On the carpeted second floor, the large master suite has a fireplace, sitting room and private deck, while the marble-floored master bath has a jetted tub, steam shower, and large walk-in closet. There are also 2 smaller bedrooms, served by a tiled bath, and the au-pair quarters. The front of the house overlooks lawns and rose gardens, while the view from the back is of multi-terraced brick patios, green lawns, gardens, tennis court, pool, spa, and pool house with sauna, marble-topped wet bar with Subzero refrigerator and freezer, and covered sitting area. Adjacent to the pool house is the very private guest house with full bath and kitchen.

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