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**LIFE & STYLE**

## Benefit of style at Ralph Lauren



San Francisco Stables Foundation celebrates the upcoming Derby Day with a benefit for the Golden Gate Park Stables. **See Page 23**

# S.F. lead shrinks in stem cell race

## San Diego moves up in bid to land headquarters

With a decision near on which city will host California's \$3 billion research program, San Francisco's advantage narrows just days before a pivotal visit by state officials that could settle the issue. **See Page 5**



## A's come up with nothing vs. White Sox

Pitcher Barry Zito rocked in seventh inning as Oakland is shut out again. **See Page 43**

## Hackford talks about a lifetime in movies

"Ray" director Taylor Hackford to receive lifetime achievement award from S.F. film festival on Wednesday. **See Page 20**



## Mayor: Don't close school



Mayor Gavin Newsom talks with students at Malcom X Elementary School on Monday, during a visit in which Newsom urged the school board to keep the Bayview school open. The board discusses the possible closures of six city schools tonight. **See Page 3**



## NASA scientist dreams of Mars

Local innovator's robots push boundaries. **See Page 15**

## Bush presses Saudis on oil

President cites rising cost of gasoline in U.S. **See Page 8**



## Home prices rise again in state

Median now just shy of \$500,000. **See Page 14**

**YOUR SF GIANTS**

Giants vs. San Diego Padres  
April 25 - April 27  
April 26th the first 20,000 fans  
receive a Jason Schmidt poster



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Heidi Snow, left, founded and runs a nonprofit called Access, which provides support for those who have lost a loved one in an airplane crash. Snow stands with Jean Wang, who works at SOMA Magazine. Snow's top is Cosabella and her shoes are Gucci. Wang's dress is Cynthia Steffe and her purse is Dior.



Nancy Fox works at the San Francisco Ralph Lauren store. Her outfit: Ralph Lauren.



Nicolo Bini, left, is wearing a Jill Sandler suit and Hermes tie. Kimberly Bini, his wife, wears a necklace of Italian plastic; her top is Carolina K and her pants are Costume National. Nicolo runs Line Brand Architecture, a local architectural, branding, design and marketing firm. Kimberly works in product development and sourcing Levi Strauss.



Left, Brian Addington's suit is tailor-made by Ryan Joy. Addington works as an assistant vice president and financial consultant for Wells Fargo private client services. In the center, Beth Johnson, a vice president and regional representative for Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc., is wearing a top by Robert Rodriguez. Joe Norton, wearing a Kiton blazer, works at Goldman Sachs as a vice president and regional director for its investment-consulting group.



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**The Event:** An evening of shopping, cocktails and fundraising for The San Francisco Stables Foundation in celebration of the upcoming Derby Day SF. On May 7 at the Golden Gate Club in The Presidio, Derby Day will feature music by the Free Peoples, a live Kentucky Derby simulcast, a silent auction, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, pony rides and a petting zoo for kids. Proceeds will benefit The San Francisco Stables Foundation, an organization created to raise funds to help reopen the historic Golden Gate Park Stables as a nonprofit.

**The Venue:** Ralph Lauren, Crocker Galleria, San Francisco.

**The Look:** Yellows, blues and rose mixed with the classic cocktail colors: black, taupe and white. Handbags in all shapes and sizes by designers such as Balenciaga, Fendi, Dior, Gucci and Ralph Lauren.

**The Crowd:** Committee members such as Shannon Bavarro, Allison Speer, Patrick Herning and Kathryn Retzer showed their support along with financial managers, business owners and attorneys.

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Personal stylist Alice Cahan, right, is wearing Calypso. Her husband, Adam Cahan, a media consultant, is wearing a Luciano Barbera blazer.



Allison Speer, left, a local public relations expert, carries a Fendi bag and is wearing jewelry and a poncho by Ralph Lauren. Laura Johnson, Ralph Lauren director of public relation of the west coast, is wearing head-to-toe Ralph Lauren.



Owner of the new shopping Web site called Fashionbliss (which donates a percentage of its proceeds to cancer research), Mika Takeuchi is wearing an Armani top, vintage belt, Tarina Tarantino earrings and Prada pants. On her right, Toyna Chin, wearing a dress by Religion, started her own company called Hygeia. Both women are carrying handbags adorned with mother of pearl.



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Heidi Castelein, left, wearing a suede jacket by Tahari, owns PJ Valentine, a women's loungewear line made in the Bay Area. Meredith Levy, center, wearing Armani and diamond jewelry. Kathryn Retzer, Style Editor for San Francisco Magazine, is wearing a Ralph Lauren top, vintage belt and banana leaf bangles by Simon Alcantara.