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No. 2 Elena Dementieva in the quarterfinals and No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska in the semifinals.

The Bank of the West Classic is the longest-running women-only professional tennis tournament in the world and is the first stop

of the Olympus US Open Series. A Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Premier event, the Bank of the West Classic features a 30-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw with total prize money of \$700,000.

2nd Anniversary

PNG Jewelers celebrated its 2nd anniversary in style with the launch of a new Royal Collection, Aug. 28 in Sunnyvale, Calif. The event was attended

by Consul General of India in San Francisco, Susmita G. Thomas and many other community leaders from the Indian American community here in the Bay Area.

PNG's ability to blend age old conventional designs and modern sensibilities is what makes their jewelry collections so popular.

Rajendra Soni, CEO of PNG Jewelers Sunnyvale said "with Diwali and Navratri around the corner

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Jain Center Marks 10th Anniversary of Jain Bhawan

The 10th Anniversary celebrations of the Jain Bhawan concluded Aug. 11 in Milpitas, Calif. The five-day-long celebrations, hosted by the Jain Center of Northern California, brought together Jain religious leaders, scholars, followers and dignitaries who participated in events focusing on non-violence, peace and harmony. More than 20 speakers addressed an audience of approximately 3,000 people.

Events included Jain prayer ceremonies led by Jain monks and scholars visiting from India, including Shri Bhattarakji Charukeerthi, Muni Roop Chandraji Maharaj, Samaniji

Will Tuttle, an American author, speaker, educator, pianist and composer; Nipun Mehta, founder of CharityFocus.org.; and Dr. Gary Francione, a legal scholar.

Cultural events included a Raas-Garba led by Soli Kapadia group from Mumbai and an international multi-cultural program with performances of JCNc Navrang Garba, JCNc Taal, Japanese Taiko, Xpressions, Filipino Kaisahan, and Chinese Yao Yong.

There was also an exhibition on Jainism as well as the history of the Jain Center of Northern California from its modest beginnings in the early 1970s.



Procession marking 10th anniversary of Jain Bhawan Pratiষ্ঠa in Milpitas, Calif.



Consul General of India in San Francisco Susmita G. Thomas with Rajendra Soni, CEO of PNG Jewelers at the Sunnyvale showroom, Aug. 28.

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we thought it's an ideal time to launch the Royal Collection on the eve of our second anniversary in USA as people would be looking for more traditional jewelry to match the festive season."

PNG Adorn which is an iPhone app for PNG jewelers was also launched.

Surabh Gadgil, president PNG said "we want to reach out to our customers in every possible way, and this is a step towards it."

The PNG jewelers showroom is the largest and first of its kind in bay area. Stocked with exquisite gold jewelry collections, colored gemstones and fine diamonds, this large showroom is a part of company's first venture in the United States.

PNG Jewelers has been in the business of making jewelry for over 175 years.

More information is available at www.pngjewelers.com.

Shah Rukh in NY

As a troupe of colorful clad Bollywood dancers performed

USA National Women's Cricket Tournament

The 2010 USA National Women's Cricket Tournament took place June 4-6 at the Cupertino Library ground in California. Five teams from around the country contested for the National Championship: Atlantic, New York, North East, Western Chargers, Western Firebirds They represented many walks of life and in age, they ranged from high schoolers to grandmothers.

Each team played two matches over the three days. The North East team took the top honors. But the other four teams played well too and it came down to net run rate for determining the Runners-Up. This went to the local team, Western

USACA director for the western region. Out of the 60 plus players, Indomatie Goordial-John of the North East team stood out with her heavy hitting, especially in the first match. Racking up 95 runs as well as taking one wicket during that



match against the Western Chargers, her effort was the base for a 281 score in their 40 overs which the Chargers could not overcome. Doris Francis of the New York team was one of the outstanding bowlers who gave only 10 runs in 8 overs while taking 3 wickets in the match against the Western Firebirds. During the match with the Western Chargers, Gul Imran from the Atlantic team also