

tra teacher would likely be hired to work at Beach School, "so that we can have some flexibility in classes that were very, very tight."

During 2002-03, all the slots reserved for full-time city employees' children were filled.

"This year, even though we have 14 slots, we only anticipate 10 to be filled," Hubbard said.

The board also decided that children of district employees en-

graduation — even if the parent's employment status shifts due to layoffs or voluntary time reductions resulting from budget cuts.

"The intent was that they would be able to stay just as if their parent was to continue to be employed," Hubbard said.

"That seems like the right thing to do," said board member Betsy Gentry. "Of course, the kids should be allowed to stay in the schools."

publican.

But Democrats don't seem to want the Piedmont resident.

Many of Bock's critics wonder what — or who — is motivating her as she rails against Davis and courts the very Republicans who hope to take over the Governor's mansion.

"Nobody in California, including Bock's own family, would take Bock seriously," said Bob Mul-

nouand, a campaign advisor for the California Democratic party.

On Saturday, Bock announced her intention to appear — as a Democrat — on the ballot against Davis at a recall rally organized by the Republican committee Recall Gray Davis. Also raising questions is her continued association with Sal Russo, who ran

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# New spa opens doors on Piedmont Ave.

■ It joins a handful of facilities, but rivals say they aren't biting their nails over the latest competition

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Staff at Polish on Piedmont, Nail and Skin Spa plan to give the public the royal treatment during the shop's grand opening this weekend.

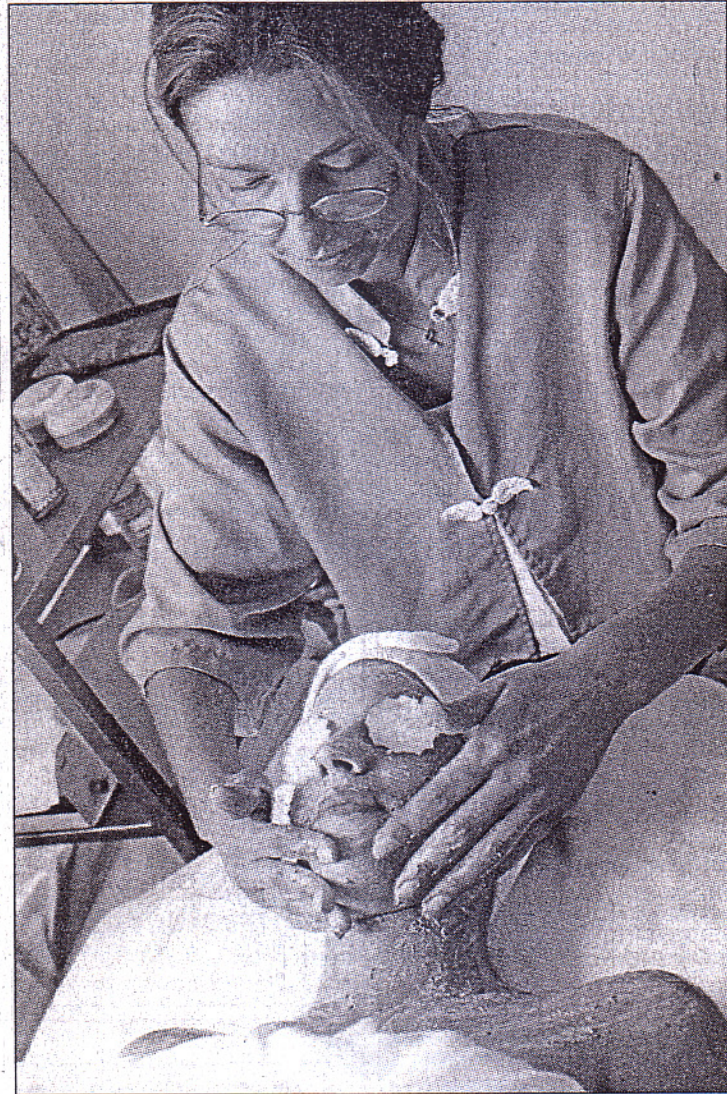
"I've always been drawn to the pampering business, to the holistic and wellness connection with people," said Jinny Lee, the spa's owner and a Montclair resident. "I enjoy the service end of business and want to offer a treatment that polishes you inside and outside."

Lee, a San Jose native and UC-Berkeley graduate, knew two years ago that a facial, waxing, manicure and pedicure service was the business she would eventually open.

Her grand opening today and Saturday, at 4319 Piedmont Ave., will include a smoothie bar, upgrades on first appointment bookings and a personal manicure-pedicure bag.

"It has been eight months under wraps," she said of the her shop, which was designed by Berkeley architect David Gill and renovated by Hunt Construction of Piedmont. "It was the best kept secret in town."

"What I enjoy about Polish is that it's like a New York salon," said customer Karen Chae of San Francisco. "I used to go to Jinny's shop when she was a manicurist in L.A."



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DIDI STOILOVA of Polish of Piedmont Nail and Skin Spa applies a seven-herb treatment to the face of co-worker Nikki Deli.

The spa — which opened its doors July 15 — offers organic, basic and "ageless" facials, ranging from \$75 to \$100, as well as acne treatment, deep-pore cleansing and teen treatment fa-

cial, priced from \$50 to \$85. Ageless facials treat lines, wrinkles, dryness and the skin's loss of elasticity.

The shop can combine manicures, pedicures, facials and bronzing for express service and special tailor-made spa treatments. It services do not include fiberglass, acrylic, fills or similar false nail treatments. The spa emphasizes the use of organic, rather than chemically based, products.

Staff of the nearby Piedmont Hairport — which takes a similar approach to the products it works with — isn't concerned about having a new competitor just three blocks away.

"One of my clients told me about the new spa that opened up on Piedmont Avenue," said Lee Hoo, who has owned Piedmont Hairport for six years. "There is no competition — I have been in the skin-care business for 23 years and have seen a lot."

"We use natural products," Hoo explained. "And I work as a partner with some doctors in treatment plans for patients' skin care."

Hairport offers hair, facial and waxing treatments — but not manicures.

"We don't do nails here because we have (a large male clientele)," Hoo said, "and I'm concerned about having chemicals (for synthetic nail applications) in the shop."

"Our facials cost between \$85-\$95" and last about 70 minutes, she added.

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