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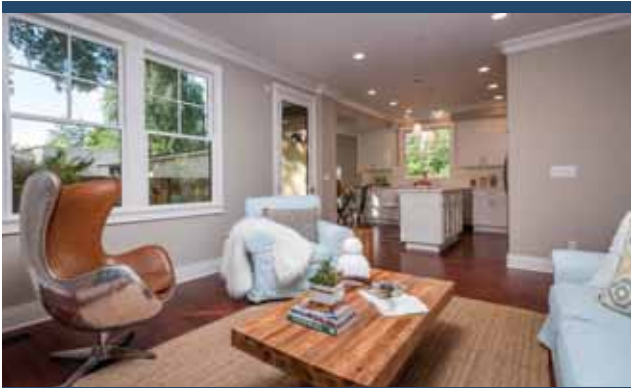


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Chief offers options to fire station expansion

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Instead of building a new, bigger fire station in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood — a plan that has drawn the ire of local residents — Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman has suggested the district work to build a new station in the industrial area around Belle Haven where most of the growth is taking place.

A new station elsewhere was one of the alternatives Chief Schapelhouman gave to the sev-

eral dozen residents who came to a community meeting in the fire district's Chilco Street fire station on Saturday, April 29.

The neighbors let the chief and the three fire board members in attendance know that they don't like the original proposal to rebuild their 22-year-old neighborhood fire station so it can handle the neighboring industrial district's new and planned development.

The district first heard that message at a March 21 board meeting from a crowd of about 50 upset residents. Speakers were especially angry about threats to use eminent domain

to purchase as many as three residential properties, but they also said they don't need a bigger fire station.

The proposal was for a two-story station similar to one in East Palo Alto, with three vehicle bays, and living space for 12 people. The station would expand to a residential property next door, which the district doesn't yet own. Vehicles could drive in the front and out the back of the building so they don't have to back in.

The residents at Saturday's community meeting made it clear that even though the district has said it no longer plans to take residential property on Terminal Avenue, they don't want to lose any homes.

"We want no eminent domain in this neighborhood, period," said long-time resident Rose Bickerstaff. "Please know that every property is just as important" as the properties the fire district had taken off the table after the March meeting.

"This (proposed) expansion is not for our little postage stamp neighborhood," Ms. Bickerstaff said.

Resident Sheryl Bims also asked to have a new fire station closer to new development. "The growth is not happening right

A new station in the industrial area is offered as alternative to expanding the Belle Haven station.



Photo by Virginia Chang-Kiraly

Fire district officials, from left, board member Rex Ianson, Chief Harold Schapelhouman and board President Peter Carpenter listen to Belle Haven neighborhood resident Pamela Jones at a community meeting on April 29.

here," she said. "The growth is in the perimeter. We do not have 11-story hotels," she said. "Put the response as close as possible to the need."

Ms. Bims also asked to have the fire district clean up the existing station, which houses the district's water rescue craft and deteriorated rail cars from

a rail rescue project, and is the district's fleet services headquarters for repairing and outfitting district vehicles.

The chief presented two alternatives that he said he had not yet told the district's board members about. One, to leave the Chilco Street station as is and rely on putting more

firefighters and equipment at the newly built East Palo Alto fire station, didn't generate much enthusiasm.

The other idea was to enhance the existing station by changing the type of vehicle stationed there to a more versatile hybrid

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Portola Valley debates how to warn criminals away

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Since robbers brutally invaded two homes in Portola Valley in 2016, home security has been an important topic of community discussion, including implicit questions as to how to warn thieves and burglars away.

The town's ethos, as described in its residential design guidelines, includes as a high priority concern that man-made structures, a category that includes signs, be subservient to the natural features around them. Signs in Portola Valley are low key, few in number, usually wood, usually painted brown and located discreetly.

Is there a low-key, discreet

but effective way to inform would-be burglars and thieves that they're being watched? The council on April 26 gave every indication that it is taking this question quite seriously.

Maybe a sign-design contest. Maybe a series of signs to keep the message fresh. Maybe neighborhood initiatives to create custom signs, an effort that could double as a way to build community spirit.

Town Manager Jeremy Dennis will be working with Town Hall staff and neighborhood-watch officials to consider the possibilities and return to the council with options.

Motion-sensitive lights

The council did take some

action on home security, approving recommendations from the Architectural and Site Control Commission to change the residential design guidelines to encourage the use of motion-sensitive lights, provided they meet the standards of the International Dark Sky Association.

Conventional warning signs don't appeal to many.

The guidelines had specifically discouraged use of such lights, but the commission was swayed by information that they actually reduce the amount of light pollution.

'Don't mess with us'

During the public discussion about signs, before the push for creative solutions took hold, a fall-back sign seemed to be

carrying the day: a white rectangle outlined in dark blue depicting a simplified eyeball and text saying that police will be called.

If that sign and the others in the same vein had feelings, that night would have been hard for them.

"I hate all those (conventional) signs. They're all heinous," said Councilman John Richards, adding that there's no evidence that they actually reduce crime. They also don't build community, he said.

His proposal: unique signs for each neighborhood. "This is the Brookside Drive neighborhood watch. Don't mess with us. Something like that," he said.

Weighing in on conventional warning signs, Councilwoman Ann Wengert was brief and to the point. "I think they're ugly as heck," she said.

Conventional warning signs also did not agree with

Councilwoman Maryann Derwin. Encountering one, "I immediately think this is a high crime area," she said.

Warning signs have been going up on private property in town, but they're currently not allowed in the town's right-of-way.

The Architectural and Site Control Commission suggested that warning signs be located only where license-plate-reading cameras are going in soon at the town's borders, and essentially nowhere else. That idea didn't draw many fans, particularly among residents who want warnings close to home.

The council, with support from the few members of the public who were in the audience, seemed to settle on having staff come up with a master plan. The idea: post the right number of signs in the right places, with a desired side effect of dissuading residents from posting their own signs. ▀

Filoli faces age-discrimination suit by ex-employees

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The list of plaintiffs may grow in an age-discrimination lawsuit filed April 21 in San Mateo County Superior Court by four former employees of Filoli, a historic mansion and gardens in Woodside.

"I've been told that there are several others," said attorney Jay Strauss of the Winton Strauss Law Group in Novato.

In the suit against Filoli, Mr. Strauss is currently representing Linda Fujimoto, 66, Alyssa Gillooley, 55, Donna Kenison, 57, and Gina Rossi, 61, all of whom were let go from Filoli in late 2016 or early in 2017, according to the complaint. Their average age is 60, more than twice the average age of 31 of the four women hired to replace them, as alleged in the complaint.

Other allegations include wrongful termination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, failure to pay wages and overtime pay, and failure to provide meal and rest periods. The complaint attributes these actions to Executive Director Kara Newport, but adds that they occurred with the knowledge and consent of "some or all" of the members of Filoli's board of directors.

"Discovery will show what they knew and didn't know," Mr. Strauss said of the board. "I think that boards of directors

'Filoli is focusing on filling open positions with diverse professionals, including a keen interest in age diversity.'

FILOLI SPOKESWOMAN LORI STONE

generally know what's going on when the treatment of people changes dramatically" as it did over a period of months after the arrival of Ms. Newport, he said. "We'll take some depositions and we'll find out."

Asked for a comment, Filoli spokeswoman Lori Stone would not address the specific allegations but did say that "Filoli is focusing on filling open positions with diverse professionals, including a keen interest in age diversity."

"Oh my God. What are these people thinking?" Mr. Strauss said when informed of Ms. Stone's comment.

"You're not allowed to have age as a consideration to the extent that you're impacting people over 40," he said. "You can't say 'I'm going to hire one old person and one young person.'"

The plaintiffs were either fired or forced to resign after being subjected to "a concerted pattern of abusive behavior," the complaint says. The alleged abuses include being spoken to in ways that indicated that their services were not valued,



Michelle Le

The peaceful and serene Filoli estate has been wracked with controversies in past two years involving unhappy volunteers and now an age-discrimination suit by former staff.

being spoken to in a sarcastic tone, being asked to resign and being asked to perform work considered unreasonable and excessive when compared with past requirements.

Ms. Newport, the sixth occupant of Filoli's top job in 12 years, arrived in September

2016 after 10 years at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, North Carolina. Ms. Newport took over in the wake of a walk-out in early 2015 by hundreds of volunteers in protest over changes to their volunteer agreement.

In November of that year,

Ms. Newport's predecessor, Cynthia D'Agosta, left after just three years on the job.

The plaintiffs ask for a jury trial and are seeking compensation for lost wages and employment benefits as well as punitive damages and payment of attorney fees. ■

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"quint" vehicle that requires only a four-person crew, while working with Facebook and the city of Menlo Park to find a location for another station across Willow Road where much of the new development is planned.

Resident Terry Epidendio said she was still angry about the fire district's original plans, including using eminent domain, if necessary. "I no longer trust the fire board," she said.

She suggested the district could make some simple changes to the existing building, including moving workout equipment taking up one of the two existing vehicle bays. "Build a structure out back so they can work out," she said. "Add another room, put bunkbeds in."

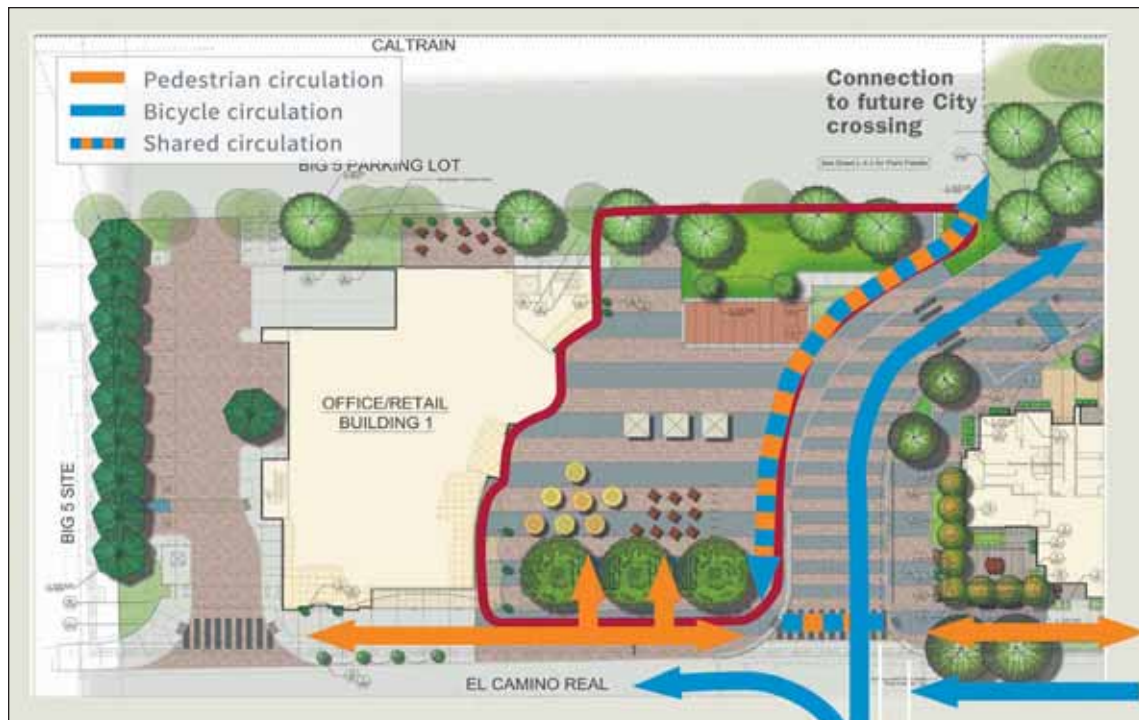
Mario Teruesto Reyes, a local resident and business owner, said he appreciates the work firefighters do. "You guys are my heroes, but at the same time I don't want to jeopardize my

neighborhood," he said. "Let's put a real fire station on the other side of Willow Road."

Fire board members Rex Ianson and board President Peter Carpenter were at the meeting and member Virginia Chang Kiraly was in the audience, but did not participate.

City Manager Alex McIntyre and Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor were also at the meeting, but did not comment. Mayor Kirsten Keith was traveling, but said later that the city has told the district "we would be happy to work with them to find another site east of 101."

Mayor Keith said "conversations with the city, Facebook, or other landowners east of 101, to find a better site are an excellent idea." Once a location is identified, she said, the city can analyze and consider rezoning the site. "I'm encouraged by this outreach to the community, which will produce a better result for everyone," she said. ■



According to Stanford's plans for its proposed housing and office complex at 500 El Camino Real, a large public plaza (outlined in red) will be built adjacent to a bike-and-pedestrian tunnel or bridge at the Caltrain tracks. Bike paths (blue) would be separate from or shared with pedestrian paths (orange). In addition, a 15-foot-wide sidewalk would be built along El Camino Real.

Meeting on bike-pedestrian crossing

The city of Menlo Park invites the public to a community meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, to discuss a proposed pedestrian and bike crossing — either under or over the tracks at Middle Avenue in Menlo Park. This city project would be adjacent to a large public plaza proposed by Stanford University as part of its planned 459,000-square-foot, mixed-use development along El Camino Real.

The meeting will be held at the Menlo Church Social Hall at 700B Chestnut Lane in

downtown Menlo Park.

People are invited to state their preference for an overcrossing or undercrossing of the tracks, and to ask questions and comment on the proposed design.

The crossing is a city project, but the university has agreed to make a significant contribution toward the cost of construction. The Menlo Park City Council has appointed two of its members — Peter Ohtaki and Ray Mueller — to a subcommittee to negotiate the terms of an agreement with Stanford.

In March, the city agreed to

a \$541,000 contract with engineering consultant AECOM to work on preliminary designs. Much of the money comes from a San Mateo County grant, funded by the Measure A half-cent transportation sales tax. The city will contribute \$210,000.

AECOM is also working on a city study of "grade-separation" projects that would separate roadways from the rail lines at Ravenswood Avenue and possibly Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues.

— Kate Bradshaw





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Shredding is limited to three boxes (10" x 12" x 15") per vehicle. Electronics accepted include TVs, computers and monitors, DVD players, printers, video game consoles, and cell phones.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Should I Buy in a Retirement Complex?

Dear Monica: I am considering buying a very nice three bedroom unit at a complex for adults 60 years of age and up. It is in a prime location in a city with strong real estate values. Do you think this is a wise investment?

Elizabeth D.

have confidence that you are buying a good property. The demographic who wants this kind of real estate is growing in number and this bodes well for your home being a stable investment.

Dear Elizabeth: First, an important consideration for you is whether this retirement complex will serve your physical and social needs as you advance in age. It sounds as though it does. If it is also in a prime location in a prime city, all the better. If both of these factors are positive, you should

This wasn't the case during the downturn of 2008-2010 when older buyers were hesitant to buy anything until they knew if prices were going to rise again. But now the combination of an aging population and a stable real estate market are good signs that your purchase in a retirement complex will not carry much, if any, risk.

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WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO HOST COUNTY WIDE WILDLAND FIRE DRILL IN WOODSIDE MAY 9th, 2017

(Woodside, CA) – Fire Departments from all over San Mateo County will be converging on Woodside May 9th to conduct a day long wildland firefighting drill.

The Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) hosted the same type of training last year in Portola Valley. This year Huddart Park and Runnymede Farm will be the scenario sites. The Greer Road CERPP neighborhood will also be honing their emergency wildland fire preparation skills.

"This drill provides ideal training and familiarization for firefighters from different cities who are not accustomed to our problematic narrow streets, hillside neighborhoods and abundance of fire-prone vegetation," said Fire Marshal, Denise Enea.

Fire crews will simulate an aggressive wildfire in Woodside near Runnymede Farm and Huddart Park. Multiple fire engines will utilize Woodside Rd. and stage at fire station #7, 3111 Woodside Rd. From the fire station engines will travel along Kings Mt. Rd. to Huddart Park and Canada Rd. to the Runnymede Farm. Encompassed in the drill is the simulation of a large animal rescue at the Mounted Patrol Grounds. SMC ALERT will be utilized to notify Woodside residents on the day of the drill. No live fire will be utilized in this drill but residents should anticipate the presence of a helicopter in Huddart Park. The SMC Sheriff's Office, CERPP, Cal Fire, the Cal Fire helicopter and other San Mateo County Fire agencies will all be participating.

WFPD prides itself in proactive operational and emergency preparedness training for its firefighters and residents. "Wildfire has been a constant and looming threat in California's history. Larger and more intense fires seem to erupt closer to San Mateo County each year. The extremely wet winter and spring we have endured is establishing a fuel load consistent with a severe and intensified fire season for our community," warns Fire Marshal, Denise Enea. "The Woodside Fire Protection District is primed for a wildland fire with its steep, brush filled hillsides dotted with numerous homes constructed with wood siding, wood decking and aged wood shake roofs."

We can reduce the potential loss of life, property and damage to the environment by preparing for a catastrophic event before it happens. Help defend your property from wildfire by building with ignition resistant materials, reducing hazardous fuel, mowing annual grasses and maintaining clear fire engine access to your home.

Peninsula Bridge to expand through merger

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Two local nonprofit organizations — both dedicated to helping students from lower income families succeed in high school and college — are merging.

The Palo Alto-based Peninsula Bridge announced April 26 it will merge with the East Palo Alto based Building Futures Now. The combined organization will keep the name Peninsula Bridge.

The goal of the merger is to provide broader programs to more students at a lower cost per student, according to Peninsula Bridge Executive Director Jocelyn Swisher.

Both organizations have more than 25 years of experience and aim to help students who are the first in their families to pursue postsecondary education to enroll in and graduate from college.

Their programs are similar, Ms. Swisher said. Both use summer and after-school programs to guide students to academic success and college acceptance. However, traditionally, Building Futures Now has worked with fourth- through 12th-grade students in East Palo Alto and

eastern Menlo Park, while Peninsula Bridge works with students from 40 schools, spanning Foster City to Mountain View, from fifth-grade through college graduation.

In the merger, Peninsula Bridge will take on the services that Building Futures Now has provided to East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park students, Ms. Swisher said.

Peninsula Bridge will hire two of three staff members and take on three new board members from Building Futures Now: Penny Gallo, Dr. Chi-Chao Chang and Peter Dumanian. Alan Austin, current chairman of the Peninsula Bridge board, will remain as board chair.

The executive director of Building Futures Now, Rosemary Kamei, will continue through Sept. 1, Ms. Swisher said.

Now, instead of having about 100 East Palo Alto students being served by Building Futures Now and 100 in the Peninsula Bridge program, all 200 will be enrolled in the Peninsula Bridge program, representing a third of Peninsula Bridge's overall student population of about 600.

Former Building Futures Now students will gain access to Peninsula Bridge's college

Both nonprofits help students who are the first in their families to pursue postsecondary education.

M-A team heads to Virginia for rocketry competition

It is rocket science for Giles Beebe, Finn Bjerknes and Zach Furman, all juniors at Menlo-Atherton High School competing for \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes, including a \$20,000 first prize, for launching a raw egg at least 775 feet into the air and bringing it safely back to Earth.

The Final Fly-off for the Team America Rocketry Challenge takes place Saturday, May 13, at the Great Meadow, a 250-acre field and event-center located in Plains, Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

"This has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in aeronautics," Giles Beebe said. "Working with the TARC team put me in a realistic aerospace setting, showed me that my knowledge is tiny, and (that) the best way for me to improve in the aerospace field is to make connections with people and work together on projects that are useful and interesting all

while having fun."

The top prize in 2016 went to a middle-school team from Bellevue, Washington. About 5,000 students compete nationwide. Sponsors include the Aerospace Industries Association, NASA, the Department of Defense and The Mars Generation, a nonprofit that advocates for deep-space exploration.

The program is meant to encourage students interested in careers based in science, technology, engineering and math. M-A is the only Bay Area team participating this year.

Go to rocketcontest.org for more information.



Photo by Daniel Law
Giles Beebe



2012 file photo by Daniella Sanchez.

Teacher assistant Amanda Louie works with students Angie Ortiz, left, and Valeria Fuentes during a math lesson regarding prices and percentages at the Peninsula Bridge program at Castilleja School.

support program, which is currently a pilot program, and will be eligible to participate in the organization's summer programs.

Ms. Swisher said that Bay Area donors often ask, "Why are there so many youth-serving organizations?"

"Consolidation is something donors have been looking for," she said, adding that so far, news of the merger has been received favorably by donors.

The decision to combine the organizations comes after only about two months of talks and negotiations, she said.

About three years ago, she said, Peninsula Bridge transitioned from its focus on middle school summer learning to a 12-year, year-round program, and it is currently doing a pilot program to see how best to support students who are in college.

Peninsula Bridge is based on

a 12-year, college-access program in Seattle called Rainier Scholars, she said. That organization reports about a 90 percent success rate in their students graduating from college — a standard Peninsula Bridge seeks to replicate — compared to the 10 percent rate nationwide of college completion for students from low-income families who would be the first in their family to go to college. ▀

Woodside school board member resigns

Woodside Elementary School District's governing board was scheduled to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 1, to discuss the process for replacing board member Wendy Warren Roth, who resigned April 6.

Go to AlmanacNews.com for updates. The meeting was held after the Almanac went to press.

Ms. Roth, who declined to state why she was leaving her elective

position 18 months before her term ends, had been on the school board for seven and a half years, serving as the board's president from late 2011 through 2016.

Under the California Education Code, when school board members resign before their term is up, the board must either set an election or appoint an interim board member within 60 days. If the board decides

to appoint a board member, voters can ask for an election instead by filing a petition signed by 1.5 percent of the district's registered voters within 30 days.

At tinyurl.com/CEd-Board is the California state Education Code governing school board vacancies.

Any registered voter who lives in the school district is eligible to serve on the school board.

'Super Sports Day' attracts more than 500 K-12 students

More than 500 students in kindergarten through 12th grade from special education programs across San Mateo County are expected to compete in track and field events during "Super Sports Day" on Friday, May 5, at the Sequoia High School track, 1201 Brewster Ave. in Redwood City.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is organized by the San Mateo County Office of Education and Special Olympics Northern California.

Among the events are the mile run, the 50-yard dash, wheelchair races and the standing long jump.

Local school districts expected to participate are the Las Lomitas Elementary School District and Sequoia Union High School District.

Since the program started in 2001, students in K-12 public schools who are enrolled in special education programs can participate in three seasons of

sports throughout the year: soccer, basketball and track & field. The program takes place during the school day with training and fitness integrated into the classroom, according to the county education office.

The program offers "whole school involvement" events in which student-athletes with intellectual, emotional or physical disabilities participate in sports with non-disabled students.



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Protesters shout down conservative rabbi at local event

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In an echo of the confrontations going on between the political left and right over free speech at the University of California at Berkeley, protesters at Canada Community College in Woodside on April 25 shouted down a conservative speaker.

Snippets of videos show protesters at the rear of a theater among 100 or so attendees, holding up signs and yelling slogans and chants, drowning out the speaker, Rabbi Daniel Lapin. The New York Times refers to Mr. Lapin as a conservative radio host based in Seattle with “strong ties to the Christian right.”

Mr. Lapin is the author several books, including “Thou Shall Prosper: Ten Commandments for Making Money,” published in 2002, and “Business Secrets from the Bible: Spiritual Success Strategies for Financial Abundance,” published in 2014.

The protesters’ signs included some profanity and critiqued capitalism, white supremacy, opposition to gay rights and included a handout labeling Mr. Lapin “a misogynist, an Islamophobe, a homophobe, and a capitalist!” as seen in photos provided to the Almanac by Canada student and event organizer Tommy Beal.

The event was sponsored by the on-campus group Young Americans for Freedom, a college spokesperson said. The

Videos show protesters yelling slogans and chants, drowning out the speaker.

Young America’s Foundation arranged for Mr. Lapin’s visit, Mr. Beal said in an emailed statement.

“Education is a right, not just for the rich and white,” went one chant, according to Mr. Beal. As the protest continued, he said, “we started a few good anti-chants, such as this: the protestors would say: ‘Fascists Racists Go away’ (then the audience would say) ‘we don’t care what you have to say!’ It was the best we could

do to make light of this tragic situation.”

After about 20 minutes, a smaller group of attendees reconvened in another venue on campus, where the rabbi spoke for about 30 minutes, Mr. Beal said. “It felt like we were all a big happy family who overcame a terrible struggle,” he said.

The student code of conduct in the college catalog prohibits disruptive and disorderly behavior and verbal intimidation and harassment, including profanity, noting that disciplinary action may follow.

According to Mr. Beal, the campus head of security, when asked about the possibility of silencing the protesters, replied that they were exercising their right to free speech.

Asked to comment on the protest, college spokeswoman Megan Rodriguez Antone said the college “is gathering information about particular concerns of some attendees and will address any conduct issues directly with students who were involved in attempting to preempt the guest speaker.”

“The College serves as a supportive learning community where students, faculty and staff are encouraged to share and discuss diverging views in an environment of mutual respect,” a college statement said. “The exchange of these diverging views and perspectives contribute greatly to the development of essential knowledge and skills, and is the sign of an educated society.” ▀

May Day celebration in Woodside on Saturday

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside’s 95th annual May Day celebration on Saturday, May 6, will have a pancake breakfast, fun run, parade, May Pole dance, Citizen of the Year award ceremony, carnival and barbecue all on the agenda.

Woodside Road (Highway 84) will be closed, between Canada and Miramontes roads, for the fun run and parade, from 8:30 a.m. until the parade ends at about 11 a.m.

This year’s honorary May Day Parade grand marshals are Dick and Barbara Tagg, who moved to Woodside in 1967. Ms. Tagg taught special education at Woodside Elementary School for 27 years, until retiring in 2000. She was hired as a special education aide by the late George Sellman, and spent the rest of her career at the school. She served on the district’s school board after retiring.

Ms. Tagg was also a girls’ basketball coach, chaired the

May Day Parade, co-produced the eighth-grade operetta, was president of the Woodside High School parent-teacher group, and was a member of the Woodside Village Church and its choir.

Mr. Tagg was a Woodside planning commissioner, served for many years on Woodside’s History Committee, and was honored in 2015 for donating blood platelets more than 700 times to the Stanford Blood Center.

The couple’s three children, Andrew, David and Martha, all graduated from Woodside Elementary.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., running from Woodside Elementary School to the parking lot at Canada Corners and back. Parade check-in starts at 9 a.m. at the school. Online registration ends on Wednesday, May 3.

Go to tinyurl.com/WES-May2017 to register.

Following the parade, third-graders will perform a May Pole dance in the school’s amphitheater, under the direction of



Photo by Kari Daheb

The 2017 May Day court, chosen at random from the Woodside Elementary School kindergarten class, are, from left, Princes Milo P., Jake S. and John T., King Emmanuel H., Queen Serevina M., and Princesses Quinn D., Keira K. and Tilly M.

Kara D’Ambrosio.

The Woodside School Parent Teacher Association will then award its annual Citizen of the Year award to a Woodside resident who has made a sustained and significant contribution to the school and the education and well-being of its children.

A carnival and barbecue will follow on the school grounds.

Here is the day’s schedule of

events:

- 7:30 a.m.: Fun Run sponsored by the Woodside Recreation Committee.
- 8 to 10 a.m.: Rotary Club-sponsored pancake breakfast at the Woodside Village Church.
- 8:30 a.m.: Parade check-in in front of the school office.
- 8:30 a.m.: Woodside Road, Hwy. 84, closes from Canada to Miramontes roads.

- 10 a.m.: Parade starts.
- 11:15 a.m.: Third-grade May pole dance, Citizen of the Year award presentation in amphitheater.
- Noon to 2:30 p.m.: Carnival games, barbecue on school grounds.

For more information, email May Day Parade Chairman Kari Daheb at woodsideschoolpta@gmail.com. ▀

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is from the Menlo Park Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Theft: Someone stole bicycles and sporting goods equipment from a home on Gambetta Lane. Estimated loss: \$2,300. April 7.

WOODSIDE

Auto burglary: A thief smashed a

window on a vehicle parked in the 2900 block of Woodside Road and stole a backpack and duffel bag containing electronics, books and clothing. Estimated loss: \$2,050. April 21.

WEST MENLO PARK

Battery: A man punched another man in the face in the parking lot of the Dutch Goose restaurant and bar after the assailant demanded a cigarette and the victim said he didn’t have any. The victim suffered minor injuries; the assailant fled on foot, deputies said. April 18.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: A resident of the 400 block of Alma Street told police that someone stole his Bluetooth wireless speaker. Estimated loss: \$217. April 24.

Auto burglary: Someone broke into a vehicle parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park on Marsh Road and stole a purse containing a driver’s license, Social Security card and \$200 in cash. Estimated loss: \$280. April 26.

Thefts:

■ A resident of Laurel Street shipped a cellphone back to the vendor for repair,

but it was reported stolen enroute. Estimated loss: \$588. April 25.

■ A resident of the 1400 block of Willow Road told police that her cellphone and credit cards had been stolen. She said she is unsure where this happened, but that she takes a municipal bus to and from work. Estimated loss: \$500. April 25.

■ A man told police that his wallet, with a debit card and \$100 in cash inside, had been stolen while he was at Job-Train on O’Brien Drive. April 26.

■ A woman visiting Cafe Borrone on El Camino Real told police that someone

had stolen her credit card, debit cards and \$100 in cash from her purse while she was eating outside. Someone later tried to use the credit and debit cards, but they were declined, police said. April 27.

Possession of burglary tools: Police arrested and booked into jail an East Palo Alto man on suspicion of having a tool for burglary — a drill bit — in the pocket of his sweater. The man had been “acting suspiciously” at the front door of an unoccupied home on Falk Court. April 27.

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Town offered \$13.6 million for pollution, flood control

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton has been offered up to \$13.6 million in California Department of Transportation-administered funds to build a “water capture facility” designed to send storm water and runoff into an underground detention facility at the Las Lomas School, remove pollutants and trash that would otherwise flow into the Bay, and help prevent flooding.

The underground chambers are to hold up to 7-acre-feet of water — close to 2.3 million gallons — that can then be slowly released to percolate into the water table or head to the San Francisco Bay in the Atherton Channel.

The town need not provide matching funding, but would operate and maintain the facility. A town report on the grant says three other jurisdictions have runoff that ends up in the area — Menlo Park, Woodside, and Stanford University — and they will be asked to share the ongoing costs.

The funding is to combat water pollution, but the facility will also

be designed to avert flooding.

On Wednesday, May 3, the Atherton City Council plans to vote on agreements with Caltrans and the Las Lomas Elementary School District. The district will manage many aspects of the project’s construction since it’s located at Las Lomas School at 299 Alameda de las Pulgas in Atherton.

The staff report says construction should begin in the spring of 2018 and be done by the summer of 2019.

The town’s 2015 update of its drainage master plan suggested detention facilities to reduce peak storm water flows in the Atherton Channel to reduce the likelihood of downstream flooding.

The council meeting starts at 4 p.m. in the town’s council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Also on the agenda is a study session on the capital improvements budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year and a presentation by the South Bayside Waste Management Authority’s Executive Director, Joe La Mariana, about the process for renegotiating the town’s garbage and recycling franchise agreement. ■

Man arrested after school disruption

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A shirtless 29-year-old man acting erratically was arrested Friday, April 28, after he entered a classroom at a Menlo Park school, spat in a teacher’s face, and then attempted to assault a police officer, who used a Taser to restrain him, police said.

Anthony Gullo, identified as a transient, was booked into San Mateo County jail on charges of battery, assault on an officer and trespass, Menlo Park police said.

The incident, which triggered a school lockdown, occurred around 11 a.m. at Alto International School (formerly the German-American International School), at 475 Pope St. in Menlo Park. The school has classes for students from preschool through high school.

The man had been observed walking on the school’s campus while children were at play on the playground, police said. He was also yelling profanities, according to Menlo Park police Sgt. Aaron Dixon, who reviewed body camera footage of the incident.

Incident triggers a school lockdown; man was yelling profanities.

At the same time an officer approached the man on the campus to find out what was going on, the police received a call to report that a man matching Mr. Gullo’s description had spat in a woman’s face in the vicinity of the school.

When the officer attempted to contact the man, he fled around a corner at the campus, yelling at teachers before running into a classroom and confronting a teacher there.

No students were in the classroom at the time, he said.

After the man spat on the face of the teacher, he left the classroom and attempted to assault the police officer, according to Sgt. Dixon. The officer then used a Taser to bring him into custody.

“He came at her (the officer) pretty quickly,” Sgt. Dixon said.

Mr. Gullo was on the school’s campus for total of about two and a half minutes before being brought arrested, Sgt. Dixon said.

Mr. Gullo was taken to San Mateo County General Hospital, where he allegedly spat on hospital staff, police said. ■

Clinton Ward wins volunteer service award

Clinton Ward of Menlo Park, an AAA employee, was recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the White House for volunteering more than 25 hours in 2016.

The awards were given

in recognition of National Volunteer Week celebrations from April 23 to 29.

The Corporation for Community and National Service is on the list of federally funded programs that could be cut during the next federal budget cycle.

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Abortion rights, child marriage topics at feminist fundraiser

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

During an awards luncheon in Menlo Park, held to celebrate the accomplishments of women's rights advocates and to raise funds for the Feminist Majority Foundation, words were not minced over just what is at risk

for women under the current presidential administration.

The event was held at the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club on April 24.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the foundation, said in her remarks that if one more Supreme Court justice is swapped out for a Republican party favorite, then Roe

v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case granting women access to an abortion, could be overturned.

If that were to happen, she said, access to family planning and safe abortions for women could be immediately undermined by many states that have passed "trigger laws" to restrict or ban abortions. Those

laws automatically take effect should the high court reverse Roe v. Wade.

"Women and girls will die. ... Entire futures are on the line," said Kathy Spillar, executive director of the Feminist Majority Foundation, in an interview. A major priority of the organization, she said, is "defeating the president's agenda."

At the luncheon, the organization honored women's rights advocates Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN under-secretary-general, and Sarah Culberston, president and co-founder of Sierra Leone Rising, for their work on behalf of women internationally.

Accepting the award on behalf of Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka was Dr. Khetsiwe Dlamini, chief of staff for UN Women, who spoke about UN Women and its initiatives to improve women's legal rights and safety.

Young policymaker

Another speaker was Alesia Bahri, a high school junior from Los Altos Hills who attends the Harker School in San Jose. She brought to the attention of local lawmakers the fact that in California, there is no minimum age a girl must be before she can be married if a parent permits it and if a judge says it's OK.

Current California law allows minors younger than 18 to marry with the signed permission of at least one parent, or that of a legal guardian, and a court order. While pre-marital counseling or a court hearing may be ordered by a judge before such a request is granted, neither is required.

State Sen. Jerry Hill was the first lawmaker to respond to Ms. Bahri's email, she said in an interview, and he began working on drafting a bill with her, the Feminist Majority

Foundation, the Taririh Justice Center, the California Women's Law Center and Unchained at Last, a nonprofit trying to legally end forced and child marriage in the U.S.

The bill, which was introduced in the California Legislature on Feb. 9, prohibits anyone under 18 years of age from receiving a marriage license. It is scheduled to go before the state Senate Judiciary Committee on May 2, she said.

Ms. Bahri is involved in her high school's Girls Learn International chapter and has been selected by Girls Learn International twice as a delegate to the UN Conference on the Status of Women.

Even though she's not yet of age to vote, she has clear ideas about what young people can do to get involved.

"It's our democratic responsibility to remedy situations we think are harmful," she said.

In a separate statement by Sen. Hill's office, Ms. Bahri said, "Multiple studies have shown that girls who marry early are more likely to stop their education, suffer economically, and become victims of domestic violence. We have a responsibility here and now to end early childhood marriage given that we know how detrimental it is for our children and for our communities."

Other local schools that have Girls Learn International chapters are: Eastside College Preparatory High School in East Palo Alto; Castilleja School, Palo Alto High School, The Girls' Middle School, Gunn High School, iSing Silicon Valley Girl Choir and Keys School in Palo Alto; Menlo School in Atherton; Synapse School in Menlo Park; and Sequoia High School in Redwood City. ■

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Feminist Majority Foundation President Eleanor Smeal speaks at a Menlo Park fundraiser for the organization.

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Photo by Kate Daly

Equestrian Susan Furstman, in front, and Faye Brophy of WHOA! cut the ribbon on the newly restored riding arena at Wunderlich County Park in Woodside.

Renovated riding arena debuts

By **Kate Daly**
Special to the Almanac

WOODSIDE

Local equestrians now have a new option in Woodside, a freshly renovated riding arena that is available to the public by membership. Located in Wunderlich

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wear a helmet (required for 18 and under) and clean up manure, but don't bring in outside trainers or instructors, or let a horse loose to run around the arena.

Out of the couple dozen people who showed up for the arena's ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 23, two arrived on horseback, Anne Van Camp and Peter Van Vlasselaer of Woodside.

Jill Daly, board president of the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks, thanked all the organizations and people who donated a total of \$69,000 to get the arena transformed with new fencing and footing, the term used to describe the material placed underfoot.

The lead donors were the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors through Don Horsley's county discretionary fund and the Woodside-area Horseowners Association (WHOA!).

Ms. Daly credited two Folger Stable boarders — Susan Furstman of Menlo Park and Sarah Rivers of Woodside — with spurring on the project and finding the best footing to use. The end result is a "soft, forgiving" state-of-the-art silica/sand blend mixed with felt fiber pieces treated to retain water so less watering is required to cut down on dust.

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation donated an additional \$6,000 to purchase equipment for Chaparral to maintain the arena.

The interim head of county parks, Sarah Birkeland, told those who gathered for the ribbon cutting, "We are grateful for the partnership; good work teams!"



Notice of California Water Service's Request to Increase Rates for the Cost of Capital Application (A.17-04-006) Bear Gulch

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On April 3, 2017, California Water Service (Cal Water) filed Application (A.) 17-04-006 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to increase rates to establish its authorized Cost of Capital (CoC) for the period of Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2020. The purpose of this notice is to provide information about the filing and instructions for providing input. For 2018-2020, Cal Water's application requests an increase in the rate of return of 8.31% from the current rate of 7.94%. Overall, the proposed changes to the cost of capital would increase Cal Water's currently authorized revenues statewide by \$9,296,200 (1.43%). Rates would increase beginning January 1, 2018.

What is CoC?

All utilities, whether public or private, must obtain funding to finance the cost of infrastructure improvements and repay debt. This ensures funds are available to make infrastructure improvements, so water mains, wells, pumps, tanks, treatment systems, and other parts of the water system continue to provide a safe, reliable water supply. Cal Water proposes a financing structure in its CoC application that includes the amount of return needed to attract investors and secure long-term debt (loans and financial obligations longer than one year). As the agency regulating Cal Water, the CPUC is tasked with ensuring the CoC is reasonable.

How Does the CPUC Determine the Appropriate CoC?

The CPUC assesses the market to determine the level of return investors should receive on water system improvements, and the amount of interest banks are expected to charge on loans for capital projects.

Proposed Revenue Increases

The revenue increase for Bear Gulch is as follows:

Type of Service Provided	Current Revenue (in thousands)	Proposed Increase (in thousands)	New Proposed Revenue (in thousands)	Proposed Increase (as percent)
Residential Metered Service	\$47,392	\$619	\$48,011	1.3%
Nonresidential Metered Service*	\$7,096	\$92	\$7,188	1.3%

*Nonresidential metered service applies to all customer classes that are not residential (such as business, multi-family, and public authority customers) and do not have a separate tariff.

Impact of Cal Water's Request on Typical Residential Bills – Bear Gulch

The impact of Cal Water's requested CoC varies by area. The following table details how the request would change the water rates of a typical residential customer in your area (based on average monthly residential usage of 17 Ccf, with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter). Note: Your water bill may vary from this estimate due to credits and surcharges in effect.

Residential Customer	Current Bill	Proposed Increase	New Proposed Bill	Proposed Increase
5/8" x 3/4" meter	\$137.38	\$1.80	\$139.18	1.31%

For More Information

To review or obtain a copy of the application, please contact the company's headquarters at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA, 95112, or by calling your local office at (650) 561-9709. The application may also be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact ajcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

The CPUC Process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and other entities that have been given official status as parties, will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties may participate. The hearings and documents submitted in the proceeding become part of the formal record. The Judge relies upon the formal record when writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judge will issue a proposed decision determining whether to approve, modify, or deny Cal Water's request. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled Commission Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application on behalf of Cal Water ratepayers. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at <http://www.ora.ca.gov/>.

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Please reference **Cal Water's CoC Application No. 17-04-006** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

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Winter showers bring (spectacular) spring flowers

Colorful blooms on display at local preserves and parks

Story by Sophie Pollack | Photos by Veronica Weber

Nature enthusiasts looking for a vibrant display of wildflowers this spring don't necessarily have to travel to Southern California to experience extraordinary blooms similar to those captured by space satellites over Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument recently.

Local naturalists are bracing for an explosion of wildflowers along the Midpeninsula that could provide some of the most breathtaking views in years thanks to the above-average rain this season.

"After the cool, wet winter, this season's early spring has all the right elements for a strong and lengthy wildflower season," said Amanda Mills, natural-resource specialist for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which oversees more than 63,000 acres of open space in the Bay Area and is hosting wildflower walks and outdoor activities at various preserves through spring.

Ms. Mills said Midpeninsula parks tend to see steady blooms from mid-April to early June. An array of buttercups, red maids, hound's tongue, shooting star, baby blue eyes, purple sanicle and popcorn flowers already line the trails, and it's just the beginning of the season.

Russian Ridge in Redwood City and Rancho San Antonio in Los Altos are two of the most popular areas for viewing wildflowers, according to Ms. Mills. Edgewood Park also puts on a

showy display.

If hikers are lucky, they might see mule deer, coyotes, various birds and even a bobcat, she said.

"The trails offer beautiful views and a great way to get out of the hustle and bustle," Ms. Mills said. "It's a healthy activity both mentally and physically — it brings stress levels down."

Another wildflower-viewing escape to explore is Stanford's 1.5-mile Matadero Creek Trail or the grasslands and riparian corridor at Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, which is friendly to bikers and beginner and intermediate hikers, said Kathleen Jones, a park ranger for the city of Palo Alto, which oversees four preserves that span from the bay to the foothills.

"Everything changes when you get outside. You get a chance to slow down and breathe," Ms.

Jones said. "It is easy to get caught up in the details of daily life, but simply going outside can fix that ... you feel renewed, like spring is supposed to do." ■



Blue-eyed grass at the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve.



A red-winged black bird perches on strands of mustard grass and thistle at the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve.



Owl's clover and tidy tips at Kite Hill in Woodside.

About the cover: Tidy tips, California goldfields and owl's clover at Edgewood Park. (Photo by Veronica Weber.)



Lupine at Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve in Redwood City.



A bumblebee pollinates flowering *Silene gallica* at the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve.



A field of tidy tips, owl's clover and clover at Kite Hill in Woodside.

A window into California's native wildflower past

Story by Kathy Korbholz | Photos by Michelle Le

This winter's abundant rain promises one of the best wildflower seasons in years. And what better place to see them than Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, located near Interstate 280 and Edgewood Road in Redwood City, and famous for its spring wildflower displays.

With an unusual and harmonious concentration of ecological zones, Edgewood has as its most important feature its 160 acres of serpentine soils. Low in calcium and nitrogen, but high in magnesium and heavy metals, serpentinite is toxic to most plants. Over millennia, however, certain plants and animals have adapted to it.

Because most species brought in with European settlement cannot live in serpentine soil, such areas form natural preserves of native plants and the animals that depend on them. Any time of year, Edgewood can show how our area looked before human imprint. Edgewood can be thought of as a living museum with a window to California's past.

In springtime, the view through that window is particularly glorious.

Despite its relatively small

size as a protected wilderness area — only 467 acres — Edgewood offers a surprising amount of biodiversity. Its grasslands, chaparral, coastal scrub regions, foothill woodlands, and even year-round seeps and springs support over 500 distinct plant species, four of which are federally listed as endangered or threatened.

In addition, the fragile Bay checkerspot butterfly, one of the threatened species, has made its home in San Mateo County's unique Edgewood Natural Preserve habitat afforded by the serpentine grasslands.

The various plant communities also provide habitat for frogs, lizards, foxes, coyote, bobcat, raccoon, deer, and over 70 resident and migratory birds.

The public is invited to join docents from Friends of Edgewood on free guided wildflower walks, offered every Saturday and Sunday through June 4.

The moderate three-mile walks begin at 10 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. Meet at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center near the park entrance off Edgewood Road.

On these moderately paced walks you are likely to see 50 to



Tidy tips with a longhorn moth and owl's clover at Edgewood Park.

100 plants in flower.

Visitors can complement their docent-led walk by visiting the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center located near the main entrance. The interactive exhibits help the visitor understand Edgewood's stories and its connection to the surrounding landscape.

This beautiful, environmentally friendly building was created as a portal for school children, nature seekers, and casual visitors to understand and explore Edgewood's rare and interesting life forms, fascinating soils, and mosaic of plant communities and wildlife habitats.

Go to friendsofedgeswood.org to preview Edgewood's wildflowers. For more information call 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD (1-866-463-3439). 📍

—Kathy Korbholz is with the Friends of Edgewood.



Ithuriel's spear at Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve.



The threatened Bay checkerspot butterfly was reintroduced into its habitat at Edgewood Natural Preserve in 2011.



Wildflowers in full bloom on the Sunset Trail at Edgewood Park.

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Project Read-Menlo Park holds online fundraiser

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO BRIEFS

Project Read-Menlo Park, which provides free adult literacy instruction to struggling readers and English learners by pairing them with volunteers, will host a 24-hour online fundraiser on Tuesday, May 9.

The organization also offers free beginning English classes in Belle Haven and a drop-in conversation club at the Menlo Park main library.

Project Read, which began in Menlo Park in 1985, hosts about 100 pairs of volunteers and learners, according to Mike Goodkind, a longtime volunteer with the program and a board member.

One Project Read pair, tutor Skip Bond and Oscar Galicia, have been meeting regularly for five years. Both are Menlo Park residents. Mr. Bond is a retired microbiologist and Mr. Galicia is a local plumber.

Mr. Galicia says the program has helped him better communicate in English with his clients, colleagues, family and his children's teachers.

Go to tinyurl.com/read376 for more information.

Comic Con

Storm troopers, comics, film screenings and live music are on tap for the Menlo Park main library's second free Comic Con event, set for Saturday, May 13, from 3 to 7 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., the Derek Smith Pankind Duo will perform covers of video game tunes, Disney music and more "with the driving rhythms of Calypso and Latin Jazz," according to event coordinator John Weaver.

At 5 p.m. the Cantina Band will perform music from video games and movies.

Film screenings include "King Kong vs. Godzilla" (1962) at 3:10 p.m. and "V for Vendetta" (2005) at 4:45 p.m.

There will also be a photo booth and a "cosplay" contest, where people are encouraged to dress like their favorite comic, sci-fi, video game or fantasy characters.

Artists from the Walt Disney Family Museum will give lessons on how to draw comic pages. Artists and vendors selling art, books and other goods



Photo courtesy of Project Read

Project Read-Menlo Park tutor Skip Bond, a retired microbiologist, and Oscar Galicia, a local plumber, have been meeting regularly for five years to help Mr. Galicia work on reading, writing and speaking English. They usually meet in Project Read-Menlo Park's Computer Lab.

are also scheduled to attend, according to Mr. Weaver.

The library is at 800 Alma St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

Bike To Work Day

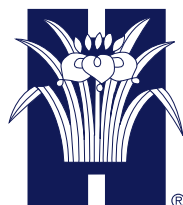
On Thursday, May 11, the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and Commute.org are sponsoring the 23rd annual "Bike to

Work" day. There will be 90 energizer stations in Santa Clara County and 40 in San Mateo County, according to the coalition, which will offer a tote bag, goodies and snacks.

If about 40 percent of Bay Area commuters who live within five miles of their workplace rode bikes to work, more than 60,000

cars would be taken off the road and tailpipe emissions would be reduced by 150,000 pounds on bike day alone, according to the bicycle coalition.

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Derwin spends big to press Elon Musk to ‘Dump Trump’

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Any list of entrepreneurs notable for addressing climate change by acting to lower atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases would have to include the name of Elon Musk, the founder of Tesla, the hugely successful electric-car manufacturer.

But Mr. Musk, who is also chief executive of Space X and chairman of solar-panel maker Solar City, has not done enough, says Doug Derwin, who says he is willing to spend a lot of money to try to persuade Mr. Musk to distance himself from President Donald Trump.

Mr. Derwin, a San Francisco attorney, venture capitalist, former Portola Valley resident and former husband of Portola Valley Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin, says he has spent more than \$800,000 of a planned \$2 million budget to urge Mr. Musk to leave the president’s panel of business advisers.

“Everyone who fights climate change expresses opposition to Trump,” Mr. Derwin said. “Elon Musk has been utterly silent

(and) has given no indication anywhere that he has ever opposed the Trump climate change agenda.”

Mr. Derwin launched a website, elon-dumptrump.com, in a campaign to give Tesla owners and would-be owners a platform to express themselves.

“I know there are lot of Tesla owners who don’t like Trump,” Mr. Derwin said. “Even the Republicans hate him.” Mr. Derwin’s inspiration: the “Delete Uber” campaign that led to the departure from that same advisory panel of Travis Kalanick, chief executive of the ride-sharing giant Uber.

Asked for a comment, Tesla replied with a statement. “It’s quite ironic that the reason being given for attacking Elon is to help the environment,” the statement said. “Tesla’s entire reason for existing is to accelerate the advent of sustainable energy. If someone wants to spend money to promote a



Tiny Octopus Productions
Doug Derwin



Tiny Octopus Productions

A mobile message to Elon Musk was part of a \$25,000 outlay by Doug Derwin in his campaign to persuade Tesla founder and Space X chief executive Elon Musk to disassociate himself from President Trump.

pro-environment objective, we can think of better ways to do that than attacking the people who are most committed to that very purpose. Mr. Derwin believes those who want a more sustainable future should not

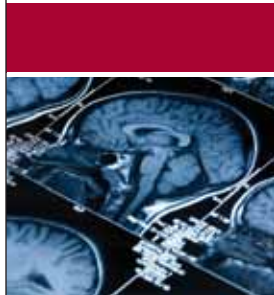
have a seat at the table. We obviously disagree.”

Blood money

Of the “Elon: Dump Trump” website’s five video testimonials, all but one — by Mr. Derwin

himself — feature residents of Portola Valley making appeals to Mr. Musk. Three speakers are Tesla owners and two, including Mr. Derwin, are or were on a

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wait list for a Tesla.

The campaign's \$2 million budget reflects what Mr. Derwin says he made in the stock market after Mr. Trump was elected. "I consider it blood money and will use it to oppose his policies," he said, adding that he has offered to donate \$1 million of it to a charity if Mr. Musk will come out in opposition to Mr. Trump's climate change policies.

Mr. Derwin said he spent about \$25,000 in billboard advertising near sites of

companies owned by Mr. Musk, and that new billboards are going up in six cities very soon. He's spent around \$800,000 for full-page ads in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The San Francisco Chronicle and The San Jose Mercury News, he said.

In a bid for support from people waiting to buy a Tesla, Mr. Derwin said he is considering using some of the money to refund deposits to those who cancel their orders. "My hope is that it's not necessary, that there's enough support from owners and people on the wait

list that Musk will respond," he said.

Mr. Derwin said he canceled his order for a Model S sedan and donated the deposit to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Asked if Mr. Musk would be more effective on Mr. Trump's advisory panel rather than off it, Mr. Derwin said he might be effective as a "crony capitalist" for staying on the panel. "He's certainly not being effective at modifying Trump's policies at all," he said. "Trump's policies are as bad as they possibly could be. ... If Mr. Musk is trying to have an effect, he's failing." ■

5K run benefits local schools

A 5K run/walk fundraiser to benefit the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation will be held Sunday, May 21, starting at Hillview Middle School, 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

More than 3,000 residents are expected to participate in the event, organized by the parent-teacher organizations of the Menlo Park City School District. Registration is \$40, or \$500 for a "family sponsorship," which includes five race entries.

The run/walk begins at Hillview, goes east on Santa Cruz

Avenue, south on University Drive, and winds back through the Allied Arts neighborhood along San Francisquito Creek before returning on Olive Street.

Expect delays on those streets from 7 to 10 a.m. that day. Strollers are allowed, but no dogs or bikes.

After the race, there will be an "after party" at Hillview with sponsors' booths, an obstacle course bounce house, and the "Waffle Amore" food truck.

Go to tinyurl.com/MPAEF214 for more information.

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Portola Valley Arts Guild holds authors event

By **Kate Daly**
Special to the Almanac

The Arts Guild of Portola Valley's inaugural event on April 26 proved to be a moving experience when one woman left the room in tears after listening to five Bay Area authors tell their stories about loss, love and longing.

About 40 people turned out for the wine and cheese social and panel discussion at Community Hall in the Portola Valley Town Center. After a bit of milling about, the crowd sat down to hear Carolyn Rogers say how delighted she was to find such talented artists in the immediate area, and to explain how she founded the Arts Guild.

She had planned to hold a book-signing party for neighbors when she learned that nonprofit organizations can use the town's Community Hall for free. That

was enough for her to form the guild and to ask some fellow residents to serve on the board.

They are Rebecca Flynn, the founder of the online PV Forum who serves as treasurer; Lexi Robertson, who is secretary; plus Holly Eger, Tom Robertson and Sue Ten.

Ms. Ten, who's also on the board of the Portola Valley Schools Foundation, said the school auction made her realize how much "world-class talent" there is "five minutes away."

Local authors

The first Portola Valley author to speak at the April 26 event was Ms. Eger, reading from her 2016 novel, "Split Rock." The passage involved a mother engulfed in ocean waves and deep thoughts on the Martha's Vineyard coast.

Kevin Arnold shared excerpts from a short story he wrote about returning to a childhood home



Photo by Kate Daly

The first Arts Guild of Portola Valley event featured authors, from left, Holly Eger, Sukey Forbes, Kevin Arnold, Alex Moissis and Jan Ellison.

after many years had passed.

Alex Moissis narrated a slide show based on his book, "The Nissim Levis Panorama 1898-1944," with a collection of pictures his Greek great uncle took before the Jews were rounded up in Yannina during the Holocaust.

Sukey Forbes, who used to live in Portola Valley and now calls Marin home, talked about

"The Angel in My Pocket," her book about losing her 6-year-old daughter to a high fever, and what it took to "reengage with life and live ... to grow my heart larger."

Jan Ellison of Ladera closed out the evening sharing her own journey from Stanford to Paris and London, and the recently published fiction that evolved, "A

Small Indiscretion."

On artsguildpv.com, the Arts Guild is amassing a list of local artists and events.

Ms. Rogers says Arts Guild events, such as painting exhibits and musical reviews, will be posted on the site and could be timed to coincide with the town's Cultural Arts Committee events. ■

'Shark Tank' spinoff raises \$1.3 million for Peninsula kids

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, which provides after-school and summer education and enrichment programs for low-income children, raised \$1.3 million at its recent "Shark Tank" event, held at the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club.

The fundraiser is modeled after the ABC television show "Shark Tank," in which venture capitalists are pitched business opportunities and must decide on the spot whether to fund the venture.

Participating "sharks" — venture capitalists, tech executives and private equity investors — were: Jeff Weiner, CEO of LinkedIn; Peter Chung, CEO of Summit Partners; Frank Quattrone,

executive chairman of Qatalyst Partners; John Marren, senior partner of TPG Capital; Theresa Gouw, founding partner of Aspect Venture; Jonathan Turner, founder & co-president of Qatalyst Partners; and Ian Smith, managing director of Allen & Company LLC.

Funds that were raised were matched by an anonymous donor.

The investors were asked to fund the expansion of two new programs at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula: a summer learning program and a college readiness program, said Sean Mendy, development director at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

The summer learning program started last year after club staff received training from Camp Galileo, a local summer camp known for teaching kids about

design thinking and innovation. Most of the students who participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs program did not experience summer learning loss, he said.

A pilot college readiness program was conducted during the past academic year with 18 students. All the students have been accepted into four-year universities, Mr. Mendy said.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula plans to scale up the college readiness program rapidly to serve more local high school students. The program teaches participants and their parents how to prepare for college and trains some students in peer mentorship to help their classmates develop college readiness skills, according to Esmeralda Ortiz, program manager.



Photo by David Cruz/Nature's Lantern.

During a "Shark Tank" fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner (right) battles judo robots with Sandy, a fifth-grade participant in the Boys & Girls Clubs program. The robots were built by Boys & Girls Clubs students.

"The Peninsula is one community with different neighborhoods," Mr. Mendy said in an interview. Many of the students

that the clubs work with, he said, have parents who work in neighborhoods where prospective donors live. ■

Courtesy Thomas Johnson

'Near & Far'

Woodside artists Thomas Johnson and Kit Coleman will show their works in a joint show titled "Near & Far" during May at the Peninsula Gallery in San Mateo. Mr. Johnson, who specializes in close-up photographs of plants and other objects, and Ms. Coleman, who specializes in painting landscapes, will have an opening reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the gallery at 1618 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo. Shown here are Mr. Johnson's photograph, "Twin Stars," left, and Ms. Coleman's oil on canvas, "Lake Lagunitas - Dry."



Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Go to AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more local calendar listings

Theater

The Box Brothers Netherlands-based, the Box Brothers are madcap clowns who act, play percussion and dance in a family show for ages 3 to 103. May 5-7, times vary. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Woodside Priory Theater: 'Soft Soap' by David Rogers World of daytime TV is gloriously spoofed. When Betty, a young college student, travels through a TV into America's greatest hospital-based hit soap opera "Yesterday's Tomorrow," all the insane plots become real. May 4-6, 7 p.m. \$5, students; \$15, adults. Woodside Priory School, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. priory.ticketleap.com/softsoap

Concerts

Cal Arte Ensemble: Masterworks Series The Cal Arte Ensemble presents Beethoven's sparkling Piano Sonata Op 2 No. 3 in C major with award winning pianist Tamami Honma and Schubert's magnificent but rarely performed Octet for strings and wind in F major performed by principals from some of the Bay Area's most popular local orchestras. Suggested donation \$20. Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. tamamihonma.com/calarte-spring-series

Dance

Women Ballet Choreographers Residency The Second Women Ballet Choreographers Residency will feature open rehearsals, screenings, panel discussions, honors, brunch and refreshments. May 7, noon-6 p.m. \$50. Djerassi Resident Artists Program, 2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside.

Talks & Lectures

'A New Vision for the California Democratic Party' Kimberly Ellis, candidate for Chair of the California Democratic Party, proposes a 7-point plan to make the Democratic Party relevant again and win back Congress. For the last seven years, Ellis was the executive director of EmERGE California, the organization that trains Democratic women for elected office. May 3, 7-9 p.m. Free. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. smcdfa.org/calendar

Docent Lecture, Monet: The Early Years Monet: The Early Years, on display at the Legion of Honor from February 25 to May 29, will be the first major U.S. exhibition devoted

to the initial phase of Claude Monet's career. This docent lecture will examine early paintings that demonstrate the radical invention that marked the artist's development during the formative years of 1858 to 1872. May 6, 2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Here to Stay: Using the Power of Culture to Fight Displacement Just Placemaking: Arts and Community Development Towards an Equitable City is a public lecture series co-hosted by the Stanford Human Cities Initiative and the Creative Cities Working Group. The series explores the intersection of social justice and the role of artists, curators, gallery owners and cultural workers in supporting community efforts towards an equitable and just city. May 4, noon. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Rethinking the College Arms Race: What Do Companies Really Want? Panel of Silicon Valley professionals talk about what matters most — and what doesn't matter — in making decisions about who to hire. They'll explore the kinds of skills and qualities companies are looking for in their new hires. May 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.

Scott Westerfeld has written a new book, "Spill Zone," a twisty sci-fi graphic novel adventure set in the very near future. "Spill Zone" is illustrated by animator Alex Puvilland who was born in France, works for Dreamworks Animation, and co-illustrated "Prince of Persia" and "Templar." May 3, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Susan Faludi sits down with radio host Angie Coiro for an hour-long conversation covering Faludi's distinguished career, her unprecedented offering to modern feminism and the revelations unfolded in her new memoir. May 4, 7:30-9 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Family

Free Comic Book Day In celebration of Free Comic Book Day at the Library, they'll have free comics for children and teens to enjoy. Visitors can drop in during regular hours and pick up a free comic from a selection of comics or check out a book from the graphic novel selection. This event is made possible by Coastside Comics, while supplies last. May 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

French Storytime @ Atherton Library The library's French storyteller takes participants on an educational and fun storytime adventure

filled with bilingual (English/French) songs, stories and activities. The first Tuesday of every month, 10:30-11 a.m.. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

Lemon Science During this class, for ages 7 and up, participants will learn about the power of lemons in some fun new ways and maybe even make some lemonade. May 3, 3 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Make It: Mother's Day Gifts This activity, for ages 7 and up, offers a chance for kids to create fizzy bath bombs and a lovely card for someone special — a perfect gift for Mother's Day or for oneself. May 10, 3:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

May the Fourth be with You! All are invited to celebrate Star Wars Day with at the Woodside Jedi Archives and put their Force skills to the test in Star Wars-themed activities or just stop by the Cantina for a snack. All are welcome to dress as their favorite Star Wars character, though it is not required. This event is for Jedi Padawans and Sith Apprentices ages 5 and up. May 4, 4 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Paws for Tales Children can practice their reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog. Those interested, can sign up in advance and join the fun. Pet Assisted Therapy teams and their handlers are from the Peninsula Humane Society and the SPCA's Paws for Tales program. May 10, 4 p.m. Free, registration required. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Pop-Up Craft Lab This event, for all ages, offers an opportunity to get creative at the library and let one's artistic self come alive. Materials will be supplied and participants need simply join the fun for this drop-in craft session. May 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Museums & Exhibits

Art Exhibition Nora Reza, longtime painter based in France and the Bay Area, will show her color-oriented, geometric abstract oil paintings. All are invited to the exhibit, "Geometric Fields of Light and Color." The opening is April 11, 6-8 p.m. April 11-21, 8 a.m. to closing. Free. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Dreams Happen Playhouse Display at Stanford Shopping Center The 13 Dreams Happen playhouses, designed by local and notable architects, designers and builders, will be on display at Stanford Shopping Center. On Saturday, May 20 there will be a special open house from 10 a.m. to noon to preview the interiors of the playhouses. April 22-June 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

Portola Art Gallery: "The Colors of Hawaii" — photographs by Frances Freyberg The Portola Art Gallery presents

Submitting items for the Calendar

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Photo courtesy of Frances Freyberg

'The Colors of Hawaii'

This photograph, "Inquisitive Gecko" is part of "The Colors of Hawaii" exhibit by Menlo Park photographer Frances Freyberg on display at the Portola Art Gallery through May. The photographs include landscapes, seascapes, flowers and wildlife. A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the gallery, 75 Arbor Road (Allied Arts Guild) in Menlo Park. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The Colors of Hawaii" — photographs by Frances Freyberg. The exhibit features landscapes and seascapes, as well as floral and wildlife scenes, from Freyberg's travels through Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. An artist reception will be held on May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. May 1-31, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

such as loneliness, depression, grief, social isolation, loss and life changes. Mondays and Saturdays, April 29-June 3, 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays. Free. Fair Oaks Activity Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi Tai Chi instructor Ben Dineen leads a 60-minute class for all ability levels in the Native Plant Garden. This centuries-old Asian exercise builds stronger bodies, better balance and a sharper mind, and is a great stress reliever. Fridays in May, 10-11 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Zumba This class aims to take the "work" out of workout. It mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Latin and world rhythms accompany the workout, which is often called exercise in disguise. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. \$12-\$15. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Lessons & Classes

Discover Your Roots: Genealogy @ Atherton Library During this time, participants will have the chance to learn about their family history. Those interested are welcome to sign up or drop-in to a casual one-on-one genealogy instruction. 1st Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

Senior Peer Counseling Training This 6-week series is for those interested in becoming a Senior Peer Counselor. Senior Peer Counselors offer supportive listening and understanding to seniors facing challenges

Kite Day, fun run, Facebook festival coming up

Several fun events are approaching in Menlo Park, including Kite Day on Saturday, May 6, and a fire district fun run and Facebook festival on Saturday, May 13.

Kite Day

The city of Menlo Park's annual Kite Day will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Bedwell Bayfront Park at 1600 Marsh Road in Menlo Park on Saturday, May 6.

The event is free, but it costs \$6 to buy a kite and hot dog lunch. In addition to kite flying, the event will have a bounce house, a rock-climbing wall, a spin art booth, a hot dog lunch and snow cones.

There will be informational

booths devoted to the Bedwell Bayfront Park master plan, the Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park, and the Belle Haven Library. A 46-foot giant kite called "Mega Fish" may be flown.

Fun run, festival

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District's 5K fun run, which benefits the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, and Facebook "Chili, Cars & Everyday Stars" festival will both be held on Saturday, May 13.

The fun run starts at 10 a.m. at Facebook, 1 Hacker Way in Menlo Park. The foundation helps people who have been burned and supports fire prevention.

Participants get early

admission to Facebook's "Chili, Cars & Everyday Stars" festival event, as well as coupons for drinks and chili tasting, a T-shirt, water bottle and "swag bag."

Go to tinyurl.com/race513 to register for the race. Registration is \$40.

Facebook's festival, also at 1 Hacker Way, will run from noon to 5 and will feature a chili cook-off, a car show featuring cars from different decades and vehicles from emergency response and service agencies, live music, cooking demos, a farmers' market, craft beer tastings, and a beer, wine and cocktail garden, a kid zone, and artisan vendors.



At Viewpoints Gallery

"Porto Bodega Afternoon" is one of the landscape paintings by Menlo Oaks resident Diana Jaye on exhibit through May 27 at the Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St. in Los Altos. A reception for the artist will be held at the gallery from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Ms. Jaye's paintings are impressionistic in style and depict landscapes from Bodega Bay and the Hawaiian Islands. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Transparency proposal has potential for good public policy

Trust in government shouldn't be blind. Although one doesn't have to be a cynical anti-government flamethrower who sees a conspiracy lurking in every action taken by public agencies and elected officials, citizens are wise to demand that the public's business is done in public when appropriate, but that when such business is undertaken behind the scenes, there's a healthy degree of transparency in the process to protect the public interest.

That's why we're watching with great interest the progress of Menlo Park City Councilman Ray Mueller's recent proposal that top city leaders be required to keep individual public calendars noting most city-related meetings, phone calls, appointments and travel. The requirement would apply to the city manager and members of the City Council and Planning Commission.

The mandatory public memos would include basic information — the who, the what, the when — on meetings with constituents, developers, consultants, lobbyists, commercial property owners, and representatives of unions, nonprofits and non-governmental organizations. Information on

city-related travel would include the destination, the organizations related to the travel, and the purpose of the trip.

Those who are covered by the proposal would be required to submit their calendars every Wednesday, listing activities from the prior week.

Mr. Mueller said he hopes there is enough support on the City Council to place the proposal on an agenda in the near future, and that after council members have a chance to discuss and tweak a draft he's written, they endorse what he calls the Sunshine Calendar Policy.

Last week he told the Almanac that he's waiting to hear from the mayor about whether a discussion on the proposal will be scheduled. We believe that it should be. The proposed policy is a reasonable means of increasing transparency, of allowing the public to know how city decision-makers are spending their time, and with whom.

The draft policy includes exceptions — for example, information related to criminal investigations and security, information identifying whistle-blowers, information identifying people who may reasonably fear retaliation, and information protected by

attorney-client privilege may be excluded from the public memo.

Noting that the draft proposal is a work in progress, Mr. Mueller told the Almanac that he is open to including other reasonable exceptions. For example, after hearing from multiple news organizations, including the Almanac, about concerns that conversations with journalists would have to be included in the public memo under the draft proposal, he said he would support exempting contacts with journalists in the interests of not encumbering the news-gathering process, which could involve protecting sources in sensitive situations. But, he added, although he wants to "make proper exclusions" to the policy, he doesn't want to make it worthless — vulnerable to being gamed.

Similar policies are in place in San Jose and in Santa Clara County. Mr. Mueller saw it work effectively when he was on the staff in Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian's office. Complying with it is not an onerous task, he said, and it goes a long way toward improving the public process.

This is a proposal worth studying, improving and adopting as policy. We hope the City Council takes up the matter soon. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS

Our readers write

M-A Fashion Show concerns are valid

Editor:

I'm grateful to Jessica Taylor for voicing concern about the M-A Fashion Show ("It's Time to Ax the M-A Fashion Show," April 19).

The question isn't whether the students have fun or even gain confidence. The question is: Does this school-sponsored event reinforce harmful gender stereotypes and superficial consumerism?

Isn't there a more substantive way to build school spirit and showcase creativity? There must be.

Adam Tobin
Mills Court, Menlo Park

Too few women apply for firefighter jobs

Editor:

Let us hope the Menlo Fire Protection District does better at including women as part of the 10 new firefighters it anticipates hiring this year than it did in 2016. The district scored zero last year, as none among the 20 new hires was female.

Unfortunately, the prospects are not favorable. The district again has apparently not reached out for women, and, as a result, only 11 of the 332 applicants who took the required written exam were female.

James R. Madison
Holly Avenue, Menlo Park

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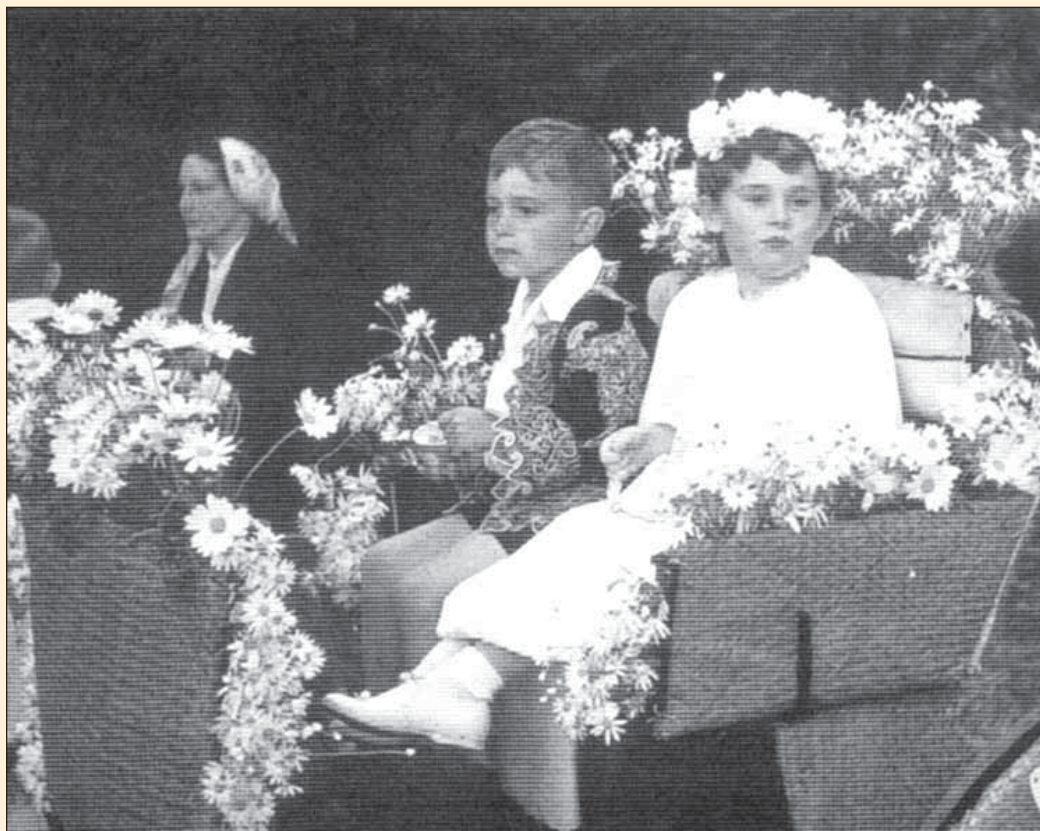
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Courtesy Steve Lubin

Looking back

The May Day parade tradition in Woodside goes back to 1922, and 32 years later, in 1954, Steve Lubin and Shirley Alves presided as king and queen of the May Day festivities. This photo and information is from the Woodside history book written by Steve's wife, Thalia Lubin, and Bob Dougherty with the Woodside History Committee. The photo shows a decorated horse-drawn cart donated by the Mein family. The occasion was a happy one, but not for long for little Shirley. According to the historians, the tiny queen had to abdicate soon after the event because it was discovered that she wasn't old enough to be in kindergarten.

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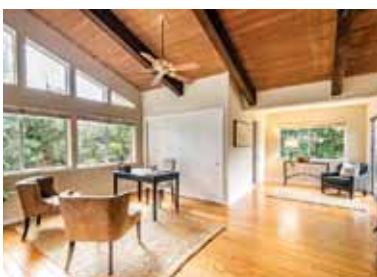
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File No.: 272924
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File No.: 273340
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 273254
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE
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Case No.: 17CIV01246
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100 Phillip Rd Craftsman-style estate in Central Woodside. Apprx. 3 flat sunny acres w/pool. Studio apt. 5 BR/4.5 BA
Erika Demma
CalBRE #01230766 650.851.2666



Atherton **\$5,845,000**
399 Atherton Ave Carriage House from the 1900's restored & updated. Original charm. Private serene acre. 5 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
Sue Crawford
CalBRE #00587710 650.324.4456



Atherton **\$5,800,000**
331 Fletcher Dr Gracious W Atherton home on private & flat 1-ac parcel. Pool, guest quarters, sunny lot. 5 BR/4.5 BA
Sean Foley
CalBRE #00870112 650.851.2666



Atherton **\$5,495,000**
30 Adam Way Expansive 5 bdrm, 3 bth on 1+ acre in prime West Atherton. Call for details. 5 BR/3 BA
Pat McDonnell/Kelly Griggs
CalBRE #01926896/01812313 650.324.4456



Redwood City **\$3,995,000**
9 Colton Ct Private gated villa on 1/2 ac resort lot w/ pool. Huge custom open flrpln. Sep in-law ste. 5 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
Sam Anagnostou
CalBRE #00798217 650.851.2666



Woodside **\$3,695,000**
65 Roan Pl Ideally located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Central Woodside. Gorgeous views & modern flair! 4 BR/3 BA
Hugh Cornish
CalBRE #00912143 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$3,598,000**
1337 Sherman Ave Brand new West Menlo Park home offers comfortable & flexible living! 4 en-suite bedrooms 4 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
Judy Shen
CalBRE #01272874 650.325.6161



Menlo Park **Price Upon Request**
2165 Prospect St Updated 4/2 on a 13,000sf lot nestled at the end of quiet cul-de-sac. Las Lomitas Schools 4 BR/2 BA
Camille Eder
CalBRE #01394600 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$2,995,000**
128 Hillside Avenue Charming 2500 sq. ft. 3 level home in West Menlo. 4 bed, 2 full and 2 half bath. 4 BR/4 BA + 2 half BA
The Loveless Team
CalBRE #00444835 650.325.6161



Atherton **\$1,998,000**
198 Selby Excellent Opportunity in West Atherton. Over 2800 square feet of living space. 3 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Tim Kerns
CalBRE #01800770 650.324.4456



Redwood City **\$1,698,000**
1433 Virginia Ave Cape Cod Retreat w/ One Bedroom Cottage! Lots of updates! www.1433VirginiaAve.com. 4 BR/3 BA
Doug Gonzalez
CalBRE #00895924 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$1,648,000**
PRICE REDUCED
228 Sand Hill Cir Wonderful & sunny end unit on quiet side of circ. Shows great w/walls of windows in the LR 4 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Wendi Selig-aimonetti
CalBRE #01001476 650.324.4456



Woodside **\$1,598,000**
145 Henrik Ibsen Rd Good horse property set on approx 5acs w/potential ocean vu. Home is filled w/ charm. 4 BR/2 BA
Valerie Trenter
CalBRE #01367578 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$1,175,000**
445 Oak Grove 11 Welcome home to this remodeled and private, upstairs corner unit with spacious great room 3 BR/2 BA
Karen Fryling/Rebecca Johnson
CalBRE #70000667 650.324.4456



San Carlos **\$899,000**
929 Holly St Beautifully remodeled with granite countertops and a bonus home office 2 BR/2 BA
Gordon Ferguson
CalBRE #01038260 650.325.6161



San Carlos **\$785,000**
3376 La Mesa 5 2 bedroom/2 bath condo in prime San Carlos. Updated kitchen, views of green hills. 2 BR/2 BA
Kimm Terpening
CalBRE #01522106 650.324.4456