

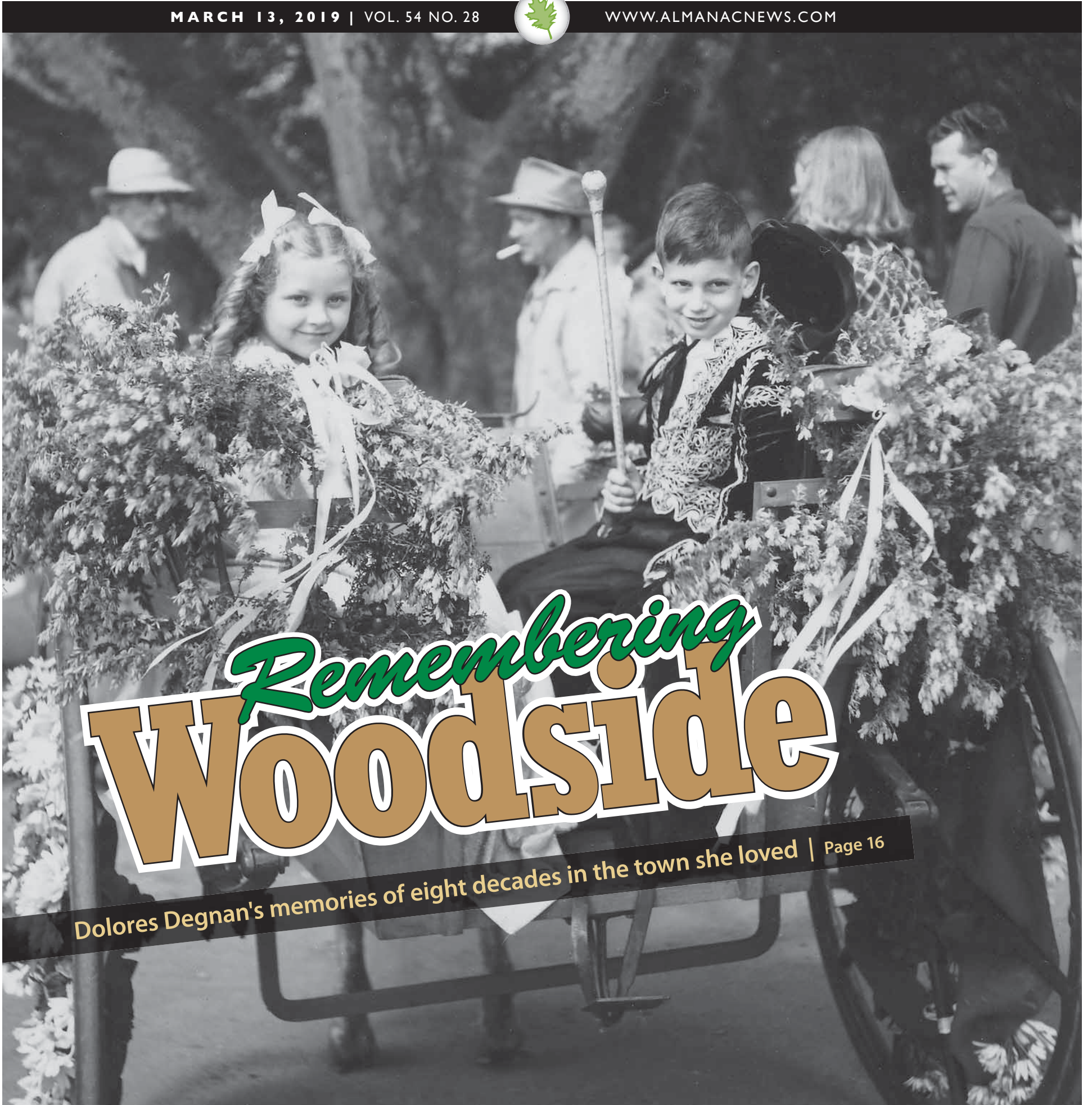
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Florence de Bretagne, in photo, has painted more than 100 murals in the Bay Area, including four at Oak Knoll School last year. She is starting on a mural project at Selby School in Atherton this month, and launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$20,000 toward that and two other area school projects. Read the story on Page 21.

A death on the tracks

Months after a young man is killed in a Menlo Park Caltrain incident, questions remain

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Nobody saw what happened to 22-year-old Connor McElroy late last year between the time he stepped off the train at the Menlo Park Caltrain Station at about 1:06 a.m. and the time the train left the station, when he was run over and killed by a rear car of the train.

It was Nov. 24, and the death of the young Redwood City man might have stayed under the radar, quietly marking the tenth train fatality of the year on the tracks, because Caltrain did not publicly report the death, as it does at other times when a person is struck and the train is delayed.

The Palo Alto Daily Post reported McElroy's death after finding out about it in a report from the San Mateo County Coroner's Office. Caltrain spokesperson Dan Lieberman explained to The Almanac that the agency did not report the fatality because there had not been a disruption in train service since the incident occurred

with the last train of the night. Caltrain generally defers to the county coroner's office to handle fatalities unless there are train delays, he said, but noted that this was the only fatality during his tenure that has not required public notification.

For McElroy's family, however,

the dearth of answers about what happened that night is far from satisfying.

"It makes it difficult to move on and progress without having closure," his mother, Antoinette McElroy, told The Almanac.

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Photo by Dean Eichelmen

Connor McElroy, 22, shown here about a week before his death at his family's lake house in Clearlake.

Menlo Park council picks its top five priorities for 2019

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

It's become a tradition for the Menlo Park City Council to narrow down its list of top projects for the year into a top five do-or-die list.

Those items, as identified by the council on March 5, are to: complete the transportation master plan and establish a transportation impact fee; create separate bike and pedestrian pathways and other improvements to Chilco Street; pursue work on a pedestrian and bike Caltrain crossing at Middle Avenue; update the city's heritage tree ordinance; and move full-steam ahead with efforts to build a new Belle Haven Branch Library.

Other items added to the work plan for 2019 are to: form a transportation management association, update the city's El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan (which Community Development Director Mark Muenzer announced is scheduled to come before the council March 12), preserve affordable housing, pass a short-term rental ordinance, review and potentially streamline the approval process for single-family residential projects, develop and implement near-term downtown parking and access strategies, implement the zero-waste plan, and implement the city's IT master plan, including transitioning to new land management software.

Exploring the possibility of developing affordable teacher housing at the former Flood School site was originally among the items on that list. The property belongs to the Ravenswood City School District. According to Mayor Ray Mueller, former district superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff had requested that the topic be added to the city's work plan before she was put on paid leave Feb. 27.

Councilman Drew Combs said he opposed adding the topic to the work plan without prior outreach to the surrounding neighborhood.

The challenge of the work plan process, Mueller argued, is that it creates a "chicken and egg"

problem. If a project isn't added to the work plan, then it can be difficult mid-year to allocate staff resources and funding to pursue it and do community outreach; if it is added, then people assume it is a done deal before they've been permitted the opportunity to weigh in. That's what happened with the topic of sidewalks on Sharon Road, he argued. He added that efforts to begin public outreach on the possibility of sidewalks on Sharon Road are scheduled to begin later this year.

Merge school districts?

Mueller asked that a study session already scheduled to be held in June about an "Equity in Education Joint Powers Authority" — an initiative he's pursued in the past to get stakeholders from other jurisdictions to find ways to commit funding to meet the capital needs of the under-resourced Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park — to be just about equity in education.

He tentatively presented a new idea: having the Sequoia Union High School District absorb the Ravenswood City School District to create a K-12 district.

Mueller added that for years the success and graduation rates of Ravenswood students in the Sequoia district have been of concern.

"It may be, perhaps, that a K-12 district, with (the Sequoia district's) resources, might be able to help address that, and also provide some stability to the district," he said.

"I'm not saying we are fully committed," he added.

The plan would be to talk to the East Palo Alto and Ravenswood district communities, and to come up with a mutually acceptable plan, he said.

Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor added that she'd like to see Menlo Park's schools in the Ravenswood district — Belle Haven Elementary and Willow Oaks Elementary — included in meetings with those communities, as well families facing homelessness attending

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Fire, city officials join forces for better emergency response

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

In a joint meeting held March 5, the Menlo Park City Council and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District board discussed how the district and city can work together to improve emergency vehicle response times and community responses to large-scale emergencies.

Relations between the two agencies haven't always been so agreeable. Tensions escalated around October 2016 when the city refused to sell land near the Belle Haven fire station to the fire district.

And in adjacent Atherton, town officials began to discuss withdrawing from the fire district after it became evident that residents pay far more per capita for fire services than residents in the other jurisdictions the fire district covers, since the district is funded with property taxes. In January, officials from the town and the fire district agreed to form a

subcommittee to discuss ways to resolve the issue.

Response times

Seconds count when it comes to emergency response, Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman explained at the meeting. That's partly why the fire district has expressed some degree of frustration when the city adds speed bumps, humps, chicanes, and bulb-outs to slow traffic.

Those barriers slow and can damage firetrucks and ambulances in emergencies, Schapelhouman said. They also prevent other vehicles caught in traffic from pulling over to make way for emergency response vehicles to pass by.

Schapelhouman noted that first responders are supposed to slow down to cautiously cross speed bumps and protect the equipment, but that doesn't always happen.

"Put yourself in their position — you hear we have a working fire, or a kid not breathing. They're not slowing," he said.



Image courtesy Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

A map showing the various obstacles, such as speed bumps, chicanes, medians, roundabouts and trees in the road that fire trucks must navigate while responding to emergencies in Menlo Park.

"Nobody's ever said, 'We're so impressed you showed up so fast,'" Schapelhouman said. "When you're the person waiting for help, it seems like a long time. I'm not only the fire chief, I'm a customer. I know what it

looks like to be on a gurney, to have those bumps (while) you've got a broken neck, and they're worried about the outcome."

While the fire district retains "acceptable" response times, Schapelhouman said, in a

little over 5 percent of emergencies that involve multiple first-response units, it takes 11 minutes or more for all units to arrive at the scene.

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State report: Local roadside clearing a top wildfire prevention priority

By Barbara Wood

Special to The Almanac

Clearing vegetation from the side of Kings Mountain Road in Woodside above Huddart Park is ranked as the second most important project in California to reduce the risk of wildfires, according to a report issued on March 5 by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).

CalFire has already begun preliminary work on the project, according to Richard Sampson, a chief forester for the San Mateo-Santa Cruz counties division of CalFire.

The recently released Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Report was prepared after an executive order from Gov. Gavin Newsom, made soon after he took office in January, ordered CalFire to recommend immediate, medium and long-term actions to prevent wildfires. CalFire was asked to prioritize projects that would affect the most people and the most vulnerable communities.

Sampson said that over the coming year, CalFire will create a “shaded fuel break” on both sides of Kings Mountain Road as it winds up to Skyline Boulevard from the flatlands of Woodside, aiming to cut back on the now-dense vegetation for up to 100 feet on each side of the road. Instead of clear-cutting all vegetation, low-lying plants that would act

as fuel for a fire will be removed along with the lower limbs of trees. Leaving the upper canopy of trees keeps the ground cooler, lessening fire risk, Sampson said.

In addition to reducing fire risk, the work will also create a safer escape route if there is a fire, he said. “It’s a great path that goes all the way up to Skyline Boulevard,” he said.

The work, Sampson said, is similar to what CalFire and other local fire agencies are asking homeowners to do around their properties.

In giving the project a high ranking, the report cites the number of communities close to the Kings Mountain project and the population of more than 270,000 people who could be affected.

The report says “climate change, an epidemic of dead and dying trees, and the proliferation of new homes in the wildland urban interface” magnify the threat of wildfires and place more people and property at risk than in the past.

The report warns, however, that even with actions such as forest thinning and the creation of fire breaks, “wind-driven wildfire events that destroy lives and property will very likely still occur.”

While California has always had wildfires, the fire season now starts earlier and ends later than it ever has, the report says. “Climate change is considered a key

driver of this trend,” it says, citing warming spring and summer temperatures, reduced snowpack and longer and more intense dry seasons.

Other contributing factors include “decades of fire suppression (that) have disrupted natural fire cycles” and California’s failure to keep up with needed forest management. “It is estimated that as many as 15 million acres of California forests need some form of restoration,” the report says.

Locally, Woodside Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Denise Enea says the district has been working on fuel-reduction projects in collaboration with local government agencies since 2015, including work in Huddart and Wunderlich county parks and the removal of eucalyptus along Highway 84 (Woodside Road) and other roads in Woodside. The district is currently working to make its own shaded fuel break in the Teague Hill open space above Woodside.

The district also offers homeowners advice on how to make their properties safer, and a free annual chipping program to dispose of vegetation removed by homeowners.

For more information on steps to take to make individual properties safer, visit CalFire’s Ready-Set-Go website at readyforwildfire.org/ready-set-go-campaign, or go to woodsidefire.org/prevention. ■

Secondary living units back on Portola Valley agenda Wednesday

By Barbara Wood

Special to The Almanac

A topic that has become contentious in Portola Valley — new regulations governing secondary living units — will return to the agenda for a public hearing when the Portola Valley Town Council meets on Wednesday, March 13, starting at 7 p.m. in the historic schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

Town officials have for years been discussing the thorny problem of how to provide more affordable housing in an area where housing prices have been steadily escalating.

While the town last year responded to changes in state law that required communities to liberalize their rules for accessory dwelling units in order to provide more affordable housing by changing its rules about secondary housing, the council also asked for another look at the topic.

The Planning Commission recommended a new ordinance that would be more liberal than existing regulations. The ordinance would allow separate secondary living units in all of the town’s zoning districts; increase the currently allowed size for secondary living units; reduce parking requirements; allow separate addresses for secondary units; and eliminate owner-occupancy requirements.

While the proposed changes have attracted support from those who say they would allow Portola Valley residents to remain in the town by downsizing to a secondary unit, facilitate rental with a separate address that permits separate utility metering, and allow family members to occupy a property even if the owner is not living there, the proposal has also drawn objections.

Some residents say larger secondary units would change the character of the town and cause

safety problems. Some also argue that rentals won’t be affordable, and that eliminating the requirements for owner occupancy would encourage short-term rentals through companies such as Airbnb.

Some opponents have asked that the town submit the proposed ordinance to a public vote.

The public hearing on the proposed ordinance is the fourth item on the agenda. If the council votes to approve the new regulations, they would not go into effect until 30 days after a second vote.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the council’s priorities for the fiscal year that starts on July 1.

For more information, including the proposed ordinance, minutes from a February hearing on the proposal and previous public communications on the subject, go to tinyurl.com/PVTC-3-13-19. ■

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March 2019



Spring 2018 was one of the hottest markets around the Bay Area over the last 2 decades. The market began to cool in summer and fall with demand, sales and appreciation rates generally dropping, while supply and price reductions increased. Then the mid-winter doldrums took hold. The magnitude of these changes varied by region, and San Mateo County was less affected than many other local counties - but it was still affected.

Since the recovery began in 2012, spring has typically been the most active season of the year, and often the period during which appreciation gains have been the largest. The spring 2019 market is just getting started amid a diverse set of economic indicators. Financial markets have, so far, recovered in 2019, interest rates have dropped, and big local IPOs loom. We will know much more soon.

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She noted that her son was married, and his wife is also struggling to make sense of what happened.

She has pieced together what she can from that night.

As she understands it, she told *The Almanac*, her son was exiting Caltrain on the last train of the night when something happened at the platform that caused him to fall into the train.

Earlier that night, she said, he had spent time with friends playing pool and drinking cocktails. His wife had picked him up and then taken him home, near Sequoia Station in Redwood City. Later that night, he left home to pick up some cigarettes.

Antoinette McElroy thinks her son was headed to the 7-Eleven near the Menlo Park station, since it's open 24 hours a day.

What she wants to know is: What happened between 1:06 and 1:09 a.m. that led to Connor ending

up on the tracks in the path of the train? Why isn't there more information available? And what's being done to prevent future Caltrain-caused deaths?

The coroner's autopsy report raised more questions than answers, McElroy said.

According to the official report, completed by Deputy Coroner Heather Diaz and based on the limited available evidence, Connor McElroy's death could not be ruled either a suicide or an accident.

On one hand, Diaz reported, it may have been a suicide. Connor McElroy had a history of suicidal ideation due to the depression and anxiety tied to his having epilepsy, according to his family, and in 2013 he had been put on a mental health hold by Belmont police, the autopsy report noted.

"Space between the train and the platform as well as space underneath the train appeared large enough for Connor McElroy to have crawled underneath the train and placed himself onto the train tracks," it stated.

But Diaz's report also acknowledges that the death may have been accidental.

McElroy had epilepsy, and it is possible, she reported, that he "had a seizure and fell onto the train tracks."

A toxicology report indicated that McElroy was found with an elevated blood alcohol level of 0.16 percent — double that of the legal driving level — and an

elevated presence of temazepam, a drug used as a sedative.

Antoinette McElroy said temazepam was used as part of her son's treatment for epilepsy. He had temporal lobe epilepsy, she explained, and he had been a candidate for a procedure at UCSF to help with the seizures. The procedure was expected to be done shortly after Connor's death occurred, she said.

In addition, the autopsy report notes that witnesses who were on the train that night with Connor stated that he appeared impaired, "which was confirmed by the toxicology results," the report states.

While no one saw the train strike occur, people on the train noticed that he seemed inebriated in some way, Assistant

Coroner Emily Tauscher said.

She explained that both alcohol and temazepam "impair someone's ability to function." Temazepam, she said, can have serious side effects, especially with alcohol use.

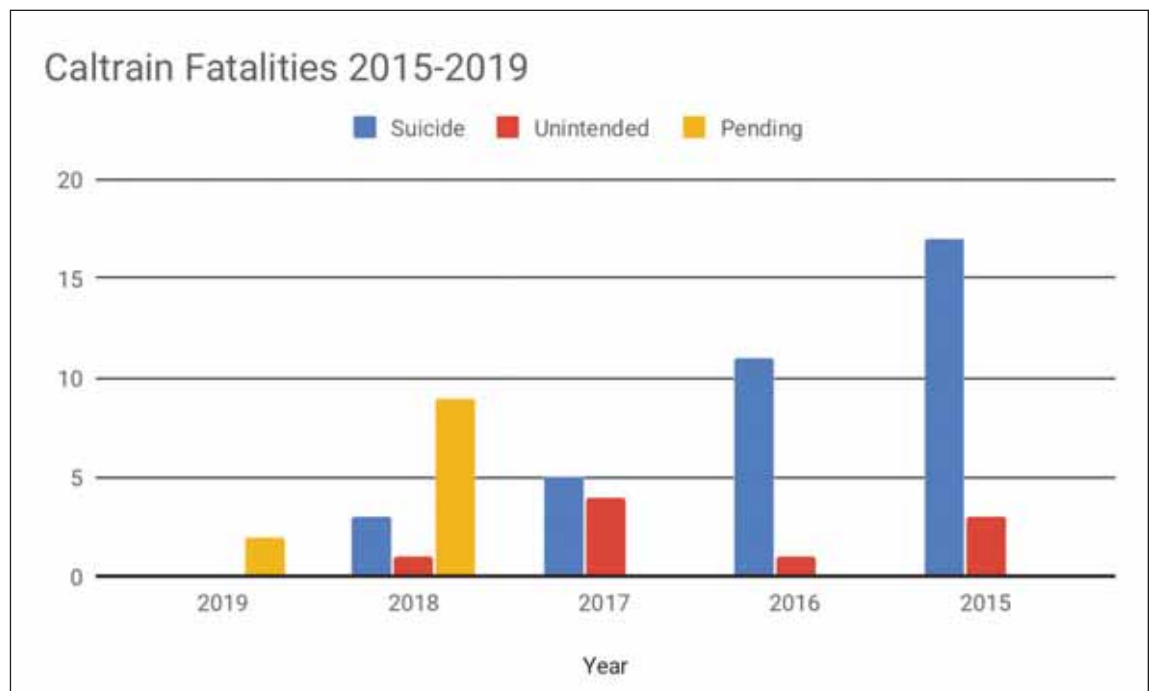
These factors, paired with limited witness information, coalesced into a big question mark for the coroner's office, which is somewhat rare, she explained.

"Usually, we have really clear-cut witness statements, or we have video surveillance," Tauscher said. In many Caltrain-related deaths, conductors, engineers or other bystanders witness the person's behavior and officials can more easily determine whether a train strike is an accident or a suicide, she explained.

For instance, if a train strikes a person seen to be clearly distracted — say, simultaneously reading a Kindle and listening to music when a train is approaching — the coroner's office is more likely to rule the death an accident than if a witness sees a person laying down on the tracks. The office is careful to make a determination of suicide only when it is confident that is the case, given the stigma that such a determination can carry, she said.

"With Connor's case, we don't have anybody who saw how he came to be on the tracks," she explained. One witness saw him one second, and then saw he had disappeared — but in that time, and without any further evidence, it's impossible to determine whether he fell or jumped, she said.

"Unfortunately, it doesn't provide the answers that the community and the family would like," she said. The inconclusive



Data courtesy of Caltrain

Since 2015, there have been nine Caltrain-related fatalities that the San Mateo Coroner's office has ruled to be accidental, rather than intentional.

finding is "the best we can come up with the information at hand."

For her part, Antoinette McElroy challenged the coroner's finding that her son's death may have been a suicide.

"Truth be told, this wasn't a suicide," she told *The Almanac*. "The pathology is leaving us with more questions than answers."

In particular, she dismisses the premise that Connor could have crawled beneath the train while it was stopped. "Connor didn't crawl," she said. "My son was a big person," she added, describing her son as 5-foot-11-inches and "incredibly broad-shouldered."

"He was found on his back. There's no way (he could) crawl under there and flip over," she said. She's curious as to how nobody saw what happened to her son, and why there are no cameras in place recording what happens at the platform. She also wonders where the rear conductor of the train was during the incident, and whether he or she was interviewed during the investigation.

No cameras

Caltrain has no video footage of what happened to McElroy that night, Lieberman, the Caltrain spokesman, confirmed. "From what we can tell, he fell into the train as it was moving. It couldn't have been captured," he told *The Almanac*.

While the trains have cameras mounted on the front, which can aid in many train-strike investigations, few cameras observe the tracks from an outside angle, he explained.

Antoinette McElroy expressed dismay about the lack of camera footage observing the tracks and the platform, which might have recorded what happened

to her son.

"I can't believe they're not being held accountable for that," she said. "That should be mandatory in my mind."

Tauscher also told *The Almanac* that a surveillance camera trained on the platform would have helped the coroner's office come to a clearer determination of what happened. Even if investigators had footage of which way he was facing on the platform before the incident, that would have aided the investigation, she added.

So far, only the city of Palo Alto has installed cameras along the Caltrain corridor that observe the tracks, Lieberman said. That system was put in place last year to replace the people who had been stationed along the tracks to deter suicide attempts. The system uses a series of cameras that have thermal-tracking capabilities to detect people on the tracks, even at night. The cameras are monitored remotely and use artificial intelligence to alert law enforcement.

"It behooves the city of Menlo Park to really start looking into getting that in place," McElroy said.

What's being done?

In the last five years, at least nine train-related deaths on the Caltrain tracks been ruled accidental by the coroner's office. The office has 11 Caltrain-related fatality cases from 2018 and early 2019 still pending, and has not yet determined whether those deaths were accidents or suicides.

In Menlo Park, a man in his 50s was accidentally struck by Caltrain on Feb. 24 at the Oak Grove Avenue crossing. As of March 11, he had been released from the hospital, according to Lieberman.

Haroon Malek, another Caltrain spokesperson, explained

in an email, "The majority of Caltrain-related deaths tend to be ruled suicides by the county coroner's office, but it varies from year to year."

Lieberman said that Caltrain plans to expand its camera system when it launches its electrified fleet, which will have wi-fi. "Once we have wi-fi in the system, it is a more achievable goal than it is currently," he said.

Adding cameras to the Menlo Park station might be complicated by the fact that the station is considered historic, and that may limit how much work can be done to install equipment, Lieberman said, adding, "If a city wanted to pursue putting in cameras, I think we'd be happy to work with them."

A devastating loss

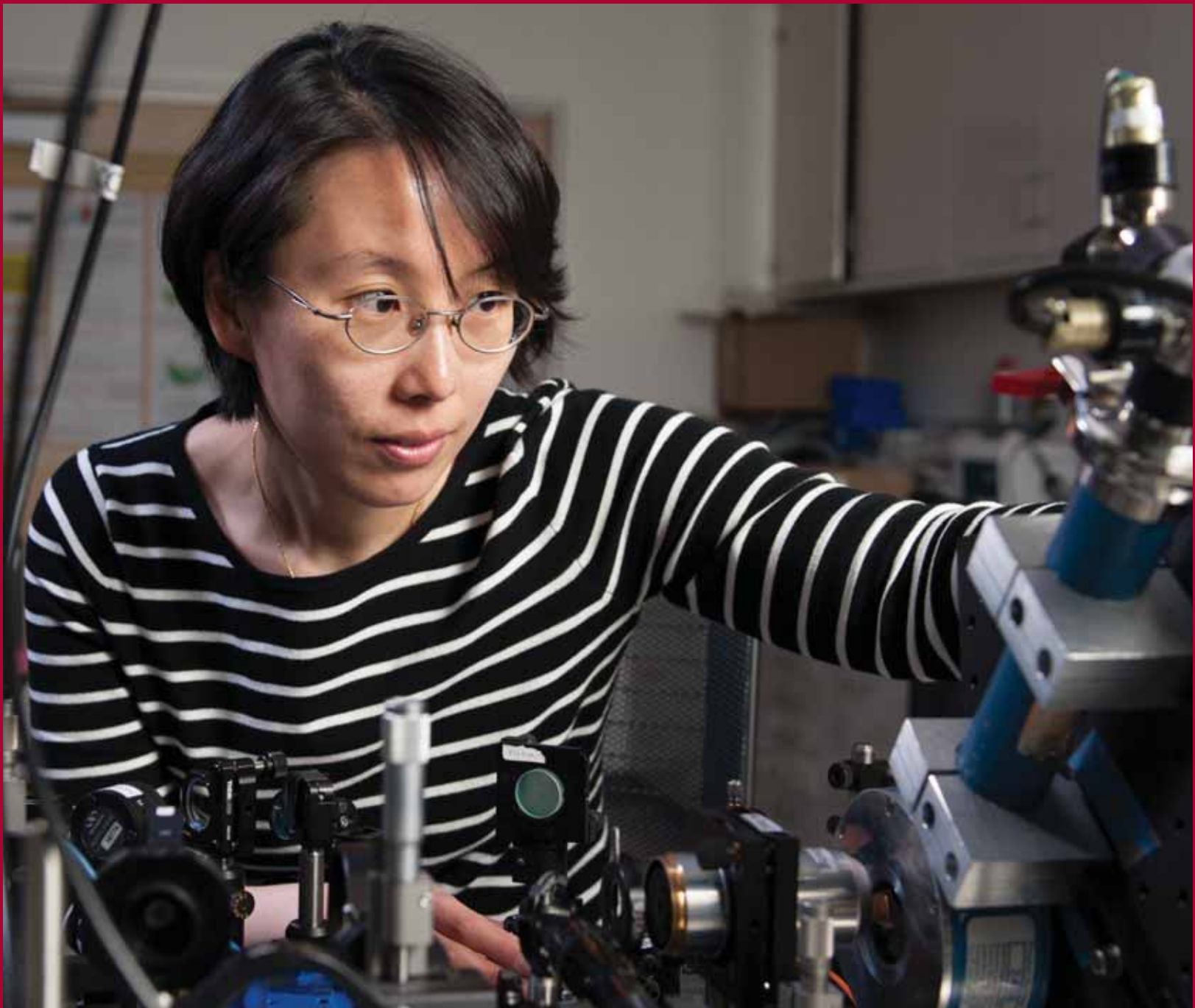
For now, Connor McElroy continues to be mourned. Antoinette McElroy noted that her son grew up in Half Moon Bay and was a person who "loved the outdoors and loved people." He was always on a bike, skateboard, surfboard, wakeboard or motorcycle, she said.

He also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, a nonprofit organization that gives families a place to stay at little to no cost while their children access specialized medical care. Every year since about middle school, she said, Connor would work with a local farmer to donate pumpkins to the nonprofit house for Halloween.

"His loss is felt throughout the community," she said.

He also worked daily with his father in the building industry, helping to run the family business, she said.

His was a life that was "totally cut short," McElroy said. "It's very devastating for our family." ▀



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New Woodside school board members are district parents with business backgrounds

By **Angela Swartz**

Almanac Staff Writer

There's some new blood on the Woodside Elementary School District Board of Trustees: Peter Bailey and Jenny Hayden, parents of district students, officially joined the board on Jan. 15.

Both have business backgrounds and say they intend to use them to work on the district's budget, something that is a concern to both because of rising pension costs. They both serve on the district's budget committee, which also includes staff members, a Woodside School Foundation member and a PTA representative.

There were only three candidates for three open seats on the five-member board: Bailey, Hayden and appointed incumbent Jennifer Zweig, so the November election was automatically canceled. Incumbents Claire Pollioni and Marc Tarpening did not run for re-election.

There are 410 students enrolled in the district this school year. The district has one campus: Woodside Elementary, with grade levels from TK (transitional kindergarten) through eighth grade. There's also a fee-based preschool on the school's campus.

Peter Bailey

Bailey, 46, is originally from New York and moved to Woodside for its schools. Bailey has three sons who are in kindergarten, second and fourth grades. This was his first time running for school board and it is his first time in an elective position.

“As you get older, you start making decisions about how you want to spend your time,” he said. “You think, ‘What can I do that can have the biggest impact?’”

Bailey, who is also a Woodside Planning Commissioner, headed the Safe Routes to School program in Woodside, working with other parents. The program promotes walking and biking to school, and improving traffic

safety around school areas through education, incentives, law enforcement and engineering measures.

The program's goals include improved child safety, integration of physical activity into the everyday routine of children, and decreased traffic and air pollution associated with school drop-offs and pickups. Mapping apps — like Waze — bring more commuter traffic to Woodside by giving users alternative routes off freeways and onto side roads, he said. Last year, the group presented the Town Council with a petition, which led to the addition of new crosswalks in town.

As a school board member, Bailey wants to become more involved in other district issues as well. Rising pension costs, along with cost of living increases for staff, will cause district costs to increase 2 percent more than revenue coming into the district by the next school year, he said.

“Our district is very fortunate given our existing reserves and financial support from our community,” he wrote in an email. “Other districts have been put in dire straits” as a result of public agencies' rising contribution costs to state pension systems in recent years.

There are other causes for budget concerns. Historically, property taxes have increased an average of 5.9 percent annually and are anticipated to continue growing an average of 5 percent per year, according to the district. Even though state and federal sources provide about 7 percent of the district's total funds, funding from these sources has been “significantly decreasing” in recent years, according to the district. The district anticipates that funding from other sources will remain flat or decrease in future years.

Bailey comes from a background in business, human resources and budgeting. He is CEO of Vertical Communications, a Santa Clara-based company that helps businesses upgrade their software. He previously worked in investment banking.

Before his business career, Bailey earned a bachelor's degree in English at Princeton University. His experience in finance and business will help him contribute as the district navigates budget and financial challenges resulting from rising pension

costs, he said.

Bailey, a current member of the district's technology task force, also wants to explore how technology can aid or hurt education while on the board.

“As a parent I think we all have concerns about the use of smart devices with kids to the extent they are spending too much time on devices vs. learning, playing and experiencing the world; however, generally I view that as a concern regarding time spent outside of school vs. using a laptop to do research in a classroom setting,” he wrote in an email.

“Our plan and strategy (in the school district) is to go slow with technology and adopt ‘proven’ solutions that we have high confidence will enhance our core teacher-led instruction. We look at this constantly and we will continue to assess it going forward as more and more tech becomes available for education.”

The district's design lab is one way technology is helping students, Bailey said.

“I think the professionalism and scope of the resources we have in the design lab are incredible,” he said in the email. “The teaching resources and equipment are first-class and enable interested kids to pursue a wide variety of ‘maker’ projects whether creating an object with 3D printers or laser cutters, coding software, or developing complex experiments and science projects, which in our case led to a national award for one of our eighth-graders (Georgia Hutchinson).”

Jenny Hayden

Jenny Hayden, 40, has three kids in Woodside Elementary School; they are in kindergarten, third and fifth grade.

Hayden, a stay-at-home mom, grew up in Woodside, and attended Woodside Elementary and Woodside High. She left the area, but moved back in 2014 to be closer to family. She says she loves the district's small class sizes — an average of 18 students — and how tight-knit Woodside is as a community.

She served on the Woodside School Foundation board and helped campaign for Measure Z, the district's parcel tax aimed at maintaining academic programs, keeping class sizes small, and attracting and retaining high-quality teachers. It passed



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Local church launches climate change initiative

Trinity Church is launching a climate change initiative that will run through the end of the year.

The initiative, which will involve a speaker series and carbon tracking activities, will start with a program featuring Tom Kabat, a “green homeowner” and a member of the Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission, who is scheduled to give a presentation called “Introduction to Climate Change, Green your Electricity.”

The program is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 17, at Trinity Church, 333 Ravenswood Ave. in Menlo Park. Lunch will be served and the event is open to the public.

Future programs on the agenda for the climate change initiative, called “Reclaiming Eden: Stopping climate change one household at a time,” will be announced later.

In a written statement, the Rev. Matthew Dutton-Gillett, the

church’s rector, said, “As we face an unprecedented environmental crisis, we need to bring both the resources of religion and of science to bear on the problem so that we can be our best selves in making meaningful choices that can help save our planet.”

Dutton-Gillett acknowledged in his statement that religion and science are “often seen as being in conflict.” But, he noted, “for The Episcopal Church, there is no inherent disagreement

between the two. We see them as different areas of inquiry.”

The ramifications of climate change are becoming more apparent, he said. “The Earth is under pressure and she is not doing well. And when the Earth, which we describe as our ‘fragile island home,’ does not do well, we do not do well.”

To attend the March 17 lunch, contact the church’s office manager, Alecia McDowell, at (650) 326-2083, ext. 2.

CalWater tanks near Skyline on council agenda

An appeal of the approval for CalWater to install a new 250,000-gallon steel water tank to replace two leaking 60,000-gallon tanks in the Skywood Acres neighborhood near Skyline Boulevard is on the agenda of the Woodside Town Council when it meets Tuesday night, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road.

Two neighbors who live on either side of the CalWater property on Stadler Drive have protested the water company’s plans to install the new large tank, which will be used to store emergency water. CalWater says even with the new tank, it will fall short of its emergency requirements and it will need other water storage sites.

The neighbors say the tank is too tall and too big, and that the water company is misusing state laws that give streamlined approvals to projects that address an emergency, such as wildfire danger.

Also on the agenda is a 30 mph speed limit for Runnymede Road and changes to the town’s sewer ordinance to more closely align with the county’s regulations. One major change would be to allow pumping, rather than using gravity, to move effluent to the primary drain field.

Find the council agenda and reports at tinyurl.com/WTC-3-12-19.

— By Barbara Wood

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in April 2017. She also volunteers in district classrooms.

She had never run for a spot on the school board before last year. A friend and Hayden’s mother, Betsy Hobson — a Woodside school board member from 1986 to 1994 — encouraged her to run.

“I want to have a hand in my kids’ education; it’s a privilege,” she said.

Hayden finds it “fun” and “challenging” to work toward a better understanding of how the district and its school function, she said. She names three main

priorities as a board member:

■ Ensure that every child receives an excellent education. The board tracks student performance (through standardized test scores and other means) to ensure that teachers and staff are performing well.

■ Maintain the financial health of the district in the face of dramatically increasing costs.

■ Continue the board’s communication and engagement with the school community and the Woodside community at large. She is taking part in the district’s effort to streamline communications on the district’s website, the district’s weekly email and the room

parent email. The board also sends a summary of its monthly board meetings. For in-person communication, the board holds two parent chats per year and the superintendent holds two parent chats a year.

Hayden agreed with Bailey that the district faces the challenge of rising pension costs, as other California schools do.

“A big piece of managing rising costs is going to be taking a close look at where we can cut or reduce other costs,” she Hayden said. Although she is too new in her position to have specific recommendations on areas to cut, she said, she believes that Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed relief



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For additional information, please contact Eric Hartwig at 851-1777, ext. 2561.

PRIORITIES

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Ravenswood district schools that LifeMoves, a homeless services provider in Menlo Park, works with.

A study session with the Menlo Park City Council on the topic has been tentatively scheduled for June 18. "There's a lot of work to be done before that study session," Mueller said. "I think it's time we had that discussion."

Building projects

On the city's capital improvements plan, the top priorities, broken down by department, are laid out as follows. The plan prioritizes projects for funding based on a five-year timeline.

■ **City buildings and systems:** Improve the Belle Haven youth center, develop fire plans and replace equipment at city buildings, implement the city's information technology master plan, and improve the Belle Haven branch library.

■ **Environment:** Evaluate the city's heritage tree ordinance and develop a trash and recycling strategic plan.

■ **Parks & Recreation:** Repair Bedwell Bayfront park

collection and leachate systems, update park playground equipment, and update the city's Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

■ **Stormwater:** Improve the Chrysler Drive Pump Station and work on the city's Green Infrastructure Plan.

■ **Streets & Sidewalks:** Install sidewalks and make bike and pedestrian improvements on Chilco Street, add green infrastructure and support a safe routes to school program on Oak Grove Avenue, and resurface streets.

■ **Traffic & Transportation:** Design and construct the Middle Avenue Caltrain bicycle and pedestrian crossing, move forward on Caltrain grade separations at Ravenswood Avenue and possibly other rail crossings, and complete the Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange (a Caltrans project).

■ **Water:** Improve the city's emergency water storage and supply, and replace the water main.

With the priorities set for the work plan, city staff will prepare a budget that is expected to be released on May 16, and adopted on June 18, prior to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. ■

RESPONSE

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The fire district identified 42 streets in Menlo Park as "primary routes" that its emergency vehicles rely on.

For those 42 primary streets, Schapelhouman said, it's the district's wish that barriers and impediments be removed or modified and no obstacles be added.

"If you don't see a cutout in a speed bump table, it was essentially installed without our blessing," Schapelhouman said, noting that nearly all the traffic obstacles in Belle Haven were installed without accommodations for fire equipment.

Emergency preparedness

The council and fire board agreed to more actively pursue opportunities to promote community-wide emergency preparedness.

Not everyone has the time or willingness to take classes to be part of CERT, the community emergency response team, Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller said.

Schapelhouman pointed to shorter programs that can be offered widely — such as a "stop the bleed" class recently taught by an emergency medical services coordinator at Menlo-Atherton High School — that are simpler than a first-aid class and teach people how to stop

major bleeding.

Fire district board member Chuck Bernstein, a CERT instructor, said that better publicity for classes might help attract trainees. Some classes he teaches have only two or three participants, he said.

Loudspeakers

The fire district has also acquired a long-range speaker system that can be used during emergencies to provide comprehensive verbal directions covering an area of about 1 square mile. While mobile emergency alerts have become more widespread, Schapelhouman said, not all people have their phone with them at all times, especially when they sleep.

The district is requesting permission from the state to pair this speaker system with a "ShakeAlert," a mass notification system for early earthquake warnings. If it does get permission, Mueller suggested, the city and the fire district could consider a pilot program to test the concept.

The council and fire district agreed to have their liaisons meet to discuss the possibility of retrofitting existing speed bumps and other barriers to make them more firetruck-friendly, and setting up a demo for the loudspeakers; and to go over community emergency response training plans. ■

Woodside man killed in Lake County

David James Killilea, 64, of Woodside was killed in Lake County on Feb. 28 when the truck he was driving overturned into Clear Lake, according to law enforcement officials.

The California Highway Patrol's Clear Lake office reported that Killilea was driving alone in a 2006 Chevrolet

pickup on State Route 20 at about 5:30 p.m. "when the vehicle veered onto the north shoulder of SR-20, and up an embankment."

"The vehicle continued out of control and traveled back onto SR-20 and collided with a stone wall on the south side of the roadway," the CHP said. The

car broke through the wall and overturned into the lake.

Killilea was reportedly found in the vehicle by the Northshore Fire Protection District's rescue dive team.

The CHP said the cause of the crash is under investigation, and it is not yet known if alcohol or drugs were a factor.

Woodside Store fire damages motorcycles, carport

Three motorcycles were damaged in an early morning fire on March 6 in the carport of the ranger's residence at San Mateo County's Woodside Store museum, but the fire did not affect the museum, the Woodside Fire Protection District reports.

Chief Dan Ghiorso said the cause of the fire remains unknown, but that it did not appear to be suspicious in nature.

The fire was reported at 1:31 a.m. and was quickly extinguished he said.

The Woodside Store museum at 330 Tripp Road is one of

Woodside's most historic sites. The 1850 wooden structure, used as a general store, post office, and dental office during the town's lumber industry era, has been restored and displays goods used by the residents of the area at that time. It is part of the San Mateo County park system.

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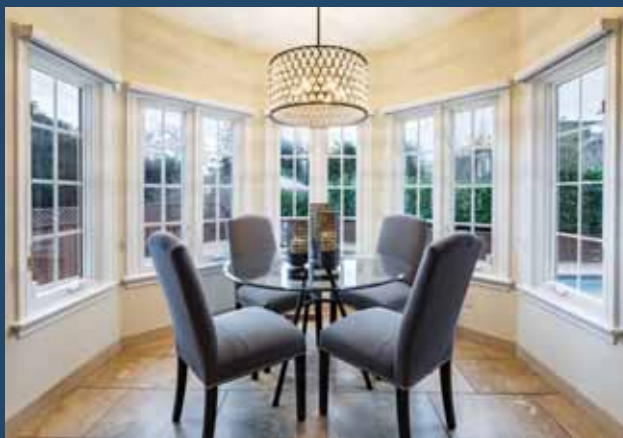
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Searsville Lake, long ago closed by its owner, Stanford University, was once a recreation destination for visitors from San Jose to San Francisco. It was also an attraction for locals because of its horse trails, Dolores Degnan remembered in interviews she gave before her death.

Remembering Woodside

Dolores Degnan's memories of eight decades in the town she loved

By Barbara Wood

Dolores Degnan, who died on Feb. 19 at the age of 80, had an extraordinary memory for the details of the many years she spent in Woodside, where she lived all but a year of her life.

Degnan remembered — in near photographic detail — specifics of events and places from her life in Woodside, and in the weeks before her death, Degnan shared some of those memories with this reporter.

The stories Degnan told, along with an oral history she gave to Woodside History Committee member Gretchen Tennenbaum in November 2013, an interview with Jim Degnan, and information from the town's history files and The Almanac's archives, are the basis for this story.

Era of estates

When William "Bill" Wilke and Thelma Galliano Wilke moved to Woodside in 1940,

soon after their daughter Dolores' first birthday, the town had only about 400 residents — most either living on large estates or providing goods and services to the estates.

Bill Wilke, a native of Germany who arrived in the U.S. on his own as a teenager, came to Woodside as the caretaker and manager of the estate of Stanley G. Harris, whose family owned the Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago. The 36-acre Mountain Home Road estate, purchased by the family in 1922, had a 6,000-square-foot main house built in 1885 and remodeled in 1917. The property also had a children's playhouse, an eight-stall barn, greenhouses, a tool house, a seven-car garage with a two-story, five-bedroom house attached, a four-bedroom single-story house, two other cottages, two smaller garages, and three wells.

The Harris employees included

a butler, a chauffeur, a maid, four or five gardeners and a stable person.

The Wilkes originally lived in the only structure that remains from the Harris era, a guest house/amateur radio tower that resembled a lighthouse. "My mother hated living in it because it was an impractical house," Degnan said, so the family soon moved into a much larger house built for them elsewhere on the estate. The lighthouse still stands, now part of the much larger main house on the property.

Other families who owned large estates in Woodside at the time were the L.W. Harrises, the Fleishhackers, the Folgers, the Floods, the Josselyns, the Schillings, the Roths and the Jacklings. Some lived there full time, but most spent their summers, weekends and holidays in Woodside, and socialized and celebrated important family events there.

A country childhood

Living on the Harris estate left Degnan, an only child, isolated and lonely because most of the town's children lived miles away, she said. It was "just me and the dogs." So, when a family with three children moved into the large apartment attached to the estate's seven-car garage when she was 4, she was thrilled.

The middle child, a son, was her age. Soon another boy their age moved into a different home on the property, and the three roamed the estate together. This was during World War II, and once, Degnan remembered, the playmates ripped an old sheet into bandages, dabbing them with smashed-berry "blood." Their battlefield included the estate's numerous stone walls, crafted from sandstone left over from the construction of Stanford University. "We'd run up and down those walls and shoot each other," Degnan said.

The sandstone had been transported to the estate via an old Conestoga wagon, which the children also used. "We'd play on that one by the hour," she said, "attach a rope and jump on the seat like we were going someplace."

Later, the wagon was donated to the Woodside Elementary School, where children played on it until it fell apart.

"As we got older, we got more enterprising," Degnan said of the playmates. Their efforts weren't always successful. After spending five days building a lemonade stand from lumber found in a pile by the barn, the budding entrepreneurs sold only two glasses, and those only after being begged to add more sugar by the first customer.

The children were fired from their job of harvesting plums to be dried for prunes, for which they were paid 25 cents an hour, when their work deteriorated



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Top: Woodside Elementary School in Dolores Degnan's childhood had two or three grades share a classroom. **Top right:** Among those in an early Woodside Community Theatre production of "Music Man" were Anseth Millington (second from left), Mary Loveless (light peach), Dee Carlson (dark peach) and Dolores Degnan (light blue) with George Norbeck. **Bottom right:** Woodside's early fire station, once staffed mostly by volunteer firefighters, is now a restaurant.

into a fruit-throwing contest. "We didn't have that job for long," Degnan said.

More successful was a raft made from the lumber pile, used on the lake near the neighboring 30-acre horse facility called the Play Pen. "We had great fun, built a raft and a pole and went back and forth across the lake," Degnan said.

Degnan said she collected frogs, polliwogs and salamanders from the pond, plus baby mice and a snake, which she kept on a blue bookshelf in her bedroom. When the snake got loose and was found under her bedspread, however, "I had to turn it loose because (Mother) didn't care for that," she remembered.

Horses

Much of Woodside life revolved around horses, and Degnan said she began riding her neighbor's horses when she was only a toddler. She joined the Junior Rider program, a summer riding program for children that still exists in Woodside. Her instructor at Junior Riders for all but the first year was Milo Miloradovitch, a Russian who was originally brought to Woodside by Harris to teach his children how to ride. Miloradovitch lived in a groom's cottage on the Harris property with his wife and son. "Milo had a great sense of humor, teased us a lot," although he was exacting, Degnan said.

"When I was 10, I got my own horse, so then I was free as a bird, rode it all over," Degnan said. In the summers she'd ride from home to Junior Riders, returning home for lunch, where she remembered plucking ripe tomatoes or blueberries from the garden and drinking water from the well.

She and her Junior Rider friends rode everywhere. At the Little Store, now a restaurant, "we'd buy boxes of cinnamon sticks and pretend they were

cigarettes," she said. She remembered riding double with friend Mary Jo (Blankenship) Taylor, who still lives in the Woodside Glens where she grew up, to the hardware store where they bought a huge watermelon. "I don't know how we got back on the horse," she said.

After dinner the girls would saddle up their horses again and meet at the large bronze Buddha statues on the Jackling estate near the end of Mountain Wood Lane, which Degnan described as "beautiful things out in the middle of nowhere" and bigger than she was.

Degnan said she was amazed years later to see the statues in a museum at Stanford with a plaque that said they had been donated by the Jacklings.

Degnan trained and exercised horses for others, and even sometimes rode to the Woodside Village Church.

Woodside Elementary

Although Woodside Elementary School in those days did not have a kindergarten, Degnan started first grade at age 5, a year younger than most of her classmates. The school, housed in a Spanish-style stucco building that no longer exists, combined two or three grades in each classroom.

On the first day, she remembered, "one of the first things they showed me was the outhouses," which she found so scary she vowed never to use them. Only two years later did they add indoor plumbing, allowing Degnan to take restroom breaks during the school day.

The eighth grade was in the original schoolhouse, now the school library, with a pot-bellied wood stove and a stage. "I remember being Little Miss Muffet," Degnan said. "I was so scared, but I did it."

"Every once in a while, my



Photo by Jim Milton for Woodside Community Theatre



Photo courtesy Woodside History Committee archives

father would pick me up at school with his tractor," she said. She'd sit on his lap for the ride home. "Everybody was so jealous," she said.

When Degnan got older, she walked home. Most of the students would go as far as Neuman's store (now Roberts), but she was the only one who went farther on Mountain Home Road, she said.

Neuman's had three sections, divided by doors — hardware, meat and groceries — but instead of picking out their own items, shoppers would hand a list to a clerk, who would get the items. The store also made deliveries.

Degnan fondly remembered the attached ice cream parlor, where huge cones went for 5 cents for a single and 10 cents for a double.

Degnan said her walk home was lonely. "Nobody ever drove by, and if they did, I'd know them, and they'd give me a ride," she said. She also sometimes entertained herself by walking in the roadside ditch, to the consternation of her mother and the detriment of her shoes. "I walked all the way home as far as I could in that ditch," she said. "I knew I'd get in trouble because my feet were all wet."

The school was the center of much of town life.

"May Day was a big event," Degnan said, and she was chosen by lot to be the queen of the parade in the first grade. "The parade used to go to where Wells Fargo is and turned around and came back," she said. "Everyone showed up," and after the parade there was a father and son baseball game.

She also remembers doing the May Pole dance on May Day, held in front of the school until the existing amphitheater, designed by her father, was built.

Most of the offspring of the owners of those large Woodside estates who lived in them year-around also attended Woodside elementary. Degnan said she remembered attending school with Jimmy Flood, Joan Law and George and Lance Gamble.

She remembered going after school to the home of Peter Elkus, whose father was the head of the Ampex Corporation, where they rang a bell to get the maid to bring hot cocoa. "Sometimes the chauffeur would take us to the movie" in Palo Alto, she said.

Fire department

Bill Wilke was a volunteer firefighter, as were most of the

other town's men, assisting the four paid firefighters. Thelma and Bill Wilke were good friends of fire Chief John Volpiano and his wife, so Degnan said she remembered spending a lot of time at the fire station. The former station for many years has been used as a restaurant.

"I was there a lot," Degnan said. Two fire trucks were kept in what is now the restaurant dining room. The existing wooden floors "were super shiny — everything was perfect all the time," she said. In the back were a small round table and chairs, a small kitchen and a set of bunk beds.

Woodside residents told time by the fire station horn, which sounded at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., "so we always knew when to go home for lunch," Degnan said. "You could hear it all over."

The horn also sounded when there was a fire, and Degnan remembered several of them. One night, after her father was called out, she saw "a peculiar light outside." Peering out her bedroom window, Degnan said, she saw "it was the Jackling barn" next door.

"I could see the flames," she

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Woodside loses a champion: Carroll Ann Hodges

By Maggie Mah
Special to The Almanac

Former Woodside Town Council member Carroll Ann Hodges died on the evening of March 2 after a long illness. She was 82.

“She was an irrepressible force of nature,” former town manager Susan George said, also praising Hodges as a brilliant scientist and dedicated volunteer.

“She was an amazing person — extremely intelligent and able to articulate her ideas with clear conviction,” said George, who worked closely with Hodges during her three terms on the council. “When she championed something, she dedicated a tireless passion to it and was not shy about sharing it with everyone around her. Horses, the environment, open space, the general plan, and keeping Woodside ‘rural’ were just a few of the things that she



Carroll Ann Hodges at the Town Council dais in 2009.

cared about.” Hodges lived her last years in the Woodside home she designed herself, supported by friends and caregivers.

The younger daughter of Thomas and Thelma Hodges, Carroll Ann Hodges was born in Pomona, California, and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, and Austin, Texas. Summers were spent in the Missouri Ozarks, which Hodges would later say inspired

her lifelong interest in nature.

During summer breaks from college, she worked as a camp counselor with the camp’s riding program, an experience she credited with solidifying an early interest in horses into an enduring passion.

“The moment I got my first job, I bought a beautiful young chestnut and named him Torch,” Hodges would recall. She later moved to California towing her horse over the Rockies with her iconic red 1964 Mustang and matching one-horse trailer. Both vehicles and her third horse, Midnight, remained with her to the end.

Hodges, who had a long career as a research geologist at the United States Geological Survey in Menlo Park, was a founding member of WHOA! and was honored with the group’s Hall of Fame Award in 2017. She was also a member of The Shack Riders,

The Woodside Trail Club and The San Mateo County Horsemen.

Hodge’s mother held a master’s degree in English and taught at the University of Texas and other institutions. Her father, a civil engineer, worked in the private sector. “I believe academic excellence was expected,” noted Hodges’ cousin, Scott Carroll.

Hodges’ decision to pursue a career in geology also occurred at a time when gender bias against women in the physical sciences was the norm. She persevered and went on to graduate from the University of Texas; obtain a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and earned her doctorate from Stanford in 1966.

In 1970, she joined the USGS and led a distinguished career until her retirement in 1995. Beginning her work in the earthly realm of mineral extraction, Hodges eventually shifted to

planetary geology, a field that involved the analysis of extraterrestrial bodies for future space exploration.

She produced professional papers such as “Geology of the Apollo 16 Area” for NASA and was lead author on “Atlas of Volcanic Landforms on Mars,” a work that her cousin, Scott Carroll, says “is a testament to her leadership and productivity as a planetary geologist and also an intriguing thing for anyone’s neighbor to have actually created.”

In 1981, Hodges was named Congressional Science Fellow by the American Geophysical Union, and spent a year in Washington, D.C., evaluating the economic and environmental impacts of locating intercontinental ballistic missiles in Nevada. Hodges, who later wrote three articles for the

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said. It was the Jackling’s cattle barn, where they kept a prize bull. Although the structure was lost, firefighters “kept the water on the bull so he wouldn’t get burned,” she said.

Her father also responded to medical calls, Degnan said, and was often called to Searsville Lake. “I could always tell when somebody had drowned, usually a child, because my father would come home, and he wouldn’t talk for a couple of days. It was a horrible, horrible thing. They tried to revive them, and they couldn’t,” she said.

Searsville Lake, owned by Stanford University, was a major recreation destination used by visitors who came from as far as San Francisco and San Jose.

Admission was 25 cents, Degnan said, and “it was packed with people.” She, however, often rode her horse there (thus avoiding the admission charge) and on the trails around the lake.

She remembered riding there with her friend Patty (Hallet) Nance and getting ice cream bars or sodas from the snack shack where Patty’s aunt Ethel Hallet worked.

Community entertainment

Woodside residents socialized around the school, church and firehouse, Degnan said. Each summer they gathered for a picnic in the Victorian house next door to the school, now owned by the family of Judy Rice, a descendant of the home’s original builders. “They’d roll out the oriental carpets and bring out the wicker furniture” from two cabins at the

rear, Degnan said. “It was really fun.”

“At Christmastime the whole town went to the parking lot at Leo’s Garage (now Canada Corners), which wasn’t paved; it was just dirt, and we’d have a huge bonfire and sing Christmas carols,” Degnan said.

Other events took place in the building that is now Independence Hall, which was moved from Woodside Road to Albion Avenue and renovated during her childhood, and then dubbed Scout Hall. On Friday nights they showed movies for the children. “Otherwise you ask someone to take you to Redwood City,” Degnan said.

“We had the Follies every year,”

she said, referring to a community theatrical endeavor in which groups from the fire department, the church, the school and the scouts would each put on an original skit.

Later, Dolores and her husband, Jim Degnan, participated in the Woodside Community Theatre’s musicals headed by George Sellman, the school superintendent.

“We would pay a baby sitter so we could go down there and rehearse” several nights a week, Jim Degnan said, even though they never had more than small parts.

“Maybe we had two or three lines,” he said, but “we had five costume changes.” Everybody in town participated, with those who

weren’t in the shows sewing and designing costumes or scenery.

“We really felt like we were in show business,” he said. Among the shows he remembered are “Hello Dolly,” “Kiss Me Kate,” “The Music Man” and “South Pacific.”

Brushes with the famous

Jim Degnan, who married Dolores in 1961, said that the couple often came face-to-face with celebrities. Once, he said, they settled down to watch a horse show at the Play Pen, and Dolores introduced herself to the woman next to her. “She turned to Dolores and said, ‘I’m Rosemary Clooney,’” Jim Degnan said. Clooney told them she was there watching her husband, Jose Ferrer, ride.

It was 1961, Jim Degnan said, when he and Dolores went to the premiere of “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” at the Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto, only to encounter star Audrey Hepburn after the show. “We’re walking out, and this lady is just walking out, and we said hi,” he said. Hepburn was lovely and friendly, he said. “No one else around, just the three of us having this conversation,” he said.

Later, the Deganans were in Las Vegas, sitting at a table waiting for the entertainment to start when Dolores recognized the couple sitting behind them. “It’s Elvis Presley and Priscilla,” Dolores told Jim. “Pretend like you’re going to the bathroom.”

Jim Degnan complied, faked a double-take, and shook hands with the Presleys. “No cellphones then, no cameras, no pen, no nothing,” he said, but they greeted him graciously.

In a 2014 Almanac article, Dolores remembered Shirley



Photo courtesy Jim Degnan

Black Velvet, Dolores Degnan said, was one of her favorites of the many horses she owned starting at age 10, and she rode him everywhere, including to church on Sundays.

March 24 services for Dolores Degnan

A memorial service for Dolores Degnan will be held on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. in the Woodside Village Church sanctuary at 3154 Woodside Road.

Read her obituary online at is.gd/Degnan or on page 21 of The Almanac’s Feb. 27 print edition. ■

Temple Black coming into the Deganans’ print shop. “She was always very friendly and wanted to meet everyone that worked in the back shop, and visit with my husband, Jim,” she told reporter Andrea Gemmet. “She liked to find out about all the different presses.”

As a high school student, Jim Degnan met Hall of Famer Ty Cobb in the print shop and was invited to deliver Cobb’s future orders to his home in Atherton.

“We’d sit and talk” for up to an hour each time, Jim Degnan said, calling Cobb “one of the greatest baseball players that ever lived.” Jim Degnan said he treasures the memento Cobb handed him at the end of one visit, a photo penned with Cobb’s signature green ink: “To Jim Degnan, my friend, Tyrus Cobb.” ■

About the cover: In 1948, as now, May Day was celebrated in Woodside with a parade led by randomly chosen students, who that year were Queen Dolores Wilke (Degnan) and King David Lowe. Dolores’ father, Bill, is in the center rear.

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Diane Daube Sperisen

1933 – 2019

On a gentle, quiet and rainy afternoon, my Mom made her graceful entrance into Heaven just a short 90 minutes after our final time together. February 25th will now forever be a monumental date in my life's history. The time has come for me to stand tall, as my wonderful parents are now no longer with me physically. In her brilliance, my Mom has been preparing me for this moment over the course of the last four years. In her departure, my Mom leaves behind my brother, James, her daughter-in-law, Maria Elena, and her two grandchildren, Reid and Gabriela. For 55 years, my Mom's love, intelligence and passion has helped guide and nurture me. Let me share just a few examples as to why I feel so very blessed to have called *Diane Daube Sperisen* my Mom.

My Mom loved education. My Mom was born in the middle of the Great Depression and her parents, Yvonne and Albert Daube, knew that the key to a quality life for their only child was education. That is why two of San Francisco's premier Roman Catholic school's, *Notre Dame Des Victoires* and *St. Rose Academy*, featuring intense nuns, as teachers, grilled my Mom daily with intense reading, spelling and writing lessons. My Mom's thirst for vocabulary and reading were born during these formative years. Later on in her adult years, my Mom would devour three daily newspapers from cover to cover every morning at the kitchen table sipping her coffee; and for her dessert each evening she enjoyed reading a novel as part of her pre-bedtime ritual. She earned her bachelor's degree and teaching credential in just three years at San Francisco State. Somehow in her free time on campus, she found the time to be a cheerleader and play on the tennis team.

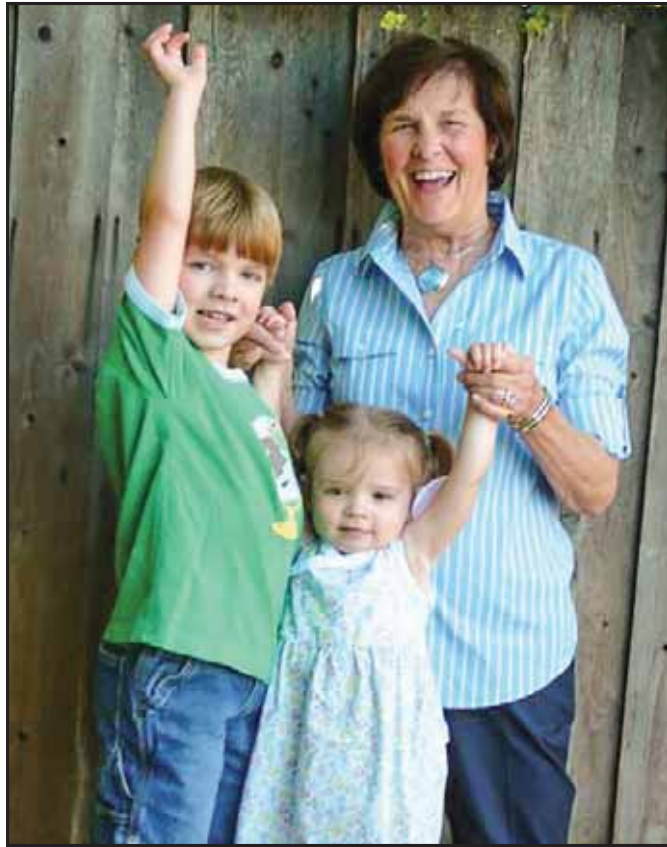
My Mom loved travel. A huge part of my Mom's adult life was filled with travel. Travel was a requirement for her work (New York and Paris), yet travel was also her favorite form of leisure (Hawaii, Lake Tahoe, Carmel, Yosemite and Santa Barbara to name just a few.) The one trip that she never stopped talking about was her trip to Egypt. The Great Pyramid of Giza was something that she studied in school as a little girl and making it to Egypt to see this great wonder in person was one of her greatest life achievements.

My Mom loved fashion. There is no doubt that my Mom could have had a very impactful career in education just like my Dad. She loved being a kindergarten teacher, but in the back of her mind there was another calling. Her first experiment into retail was by volunteering her weekend time at the *Persimmon Shop* located within the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. This positive experience led to her accepting a Saturday job at the *Quail & Thistle* in Woodside. Soon, a one-day a week job turned into a full-time position, then general manager and finally owner. The whole idea of finding the perfect outfit to match a customer's style/personality was a skill she could perform in her sleep. She was a natural. By cultivating a dynamic team of extraordinary ladies as a sales force, my Mom expanded the *Quail & Thistle* brand to Burlingame and The Lodge at Pebble Beach. It was a remarkable 10-year run as the school teacher turned business woman operated three stores simultaneously. The final eight years of her 31 year magical career in retail concluded with her finest effort to date which was *Cabbages & Kings* on Dolores Street in the heart of downtown Carmel. To be relevant within the retail world for three decades, was quite the career accomplishment.

My Mom loved gardening. My Mom enjoyed the simplest of pleasures in how beautiful nature could make a flower bloom and the colors that these flowers could create. This was a hobby of passion because of all of the dedicated prep work that it took to develop her very own *Sunset Magazine* inspired garden. There were numerous trips to Roger Reynolds (I knew exactly where

every plant variety was located) and tedious watering, fertilizing and weeding sessions (I was her #1 employee). But, the final product was stunning. For example, her pride and joy at South Gate were the 15 all-white tree roses that lined her front yard picket fence. They simply were stunning and elegant just like her.

My Mom loved sports. Tennis and swimming were the two sports that my Mom enthusiastically pushed on me to try. Personally, I did not take the swimming bait, but I had no option with tennis. The truth is that when I was eight years-old and drafted by the major league Fox & Carskadon A's, my Mom would not sign the Atherton Little League permission slip unless I took tennis lessons at the Menlo Circus Club and played in their youth league. Tennis was a game to be enjoyed for a lifetime, and there was no getting her to change her mind. I think you all know how the story ends. I played tennis that spring and I have enjoyed the game ever since. My Mom was a devout reader of *The Sporting Green* as well. I was a young developing sports fan and she always knew how John Brodie, Al Attles or Willie McCovey was performing on the field, court or diamond. She loved packing a picnic basket and heading over to Stanford to watch any sport the Indians/Cardinal



were playing. The annual Big Game was her absolute favorite. As my own sport career began to bloom (football, basketball, then baseball), my Mom cheered consistently all the way from my days in Little League through my collegiate career. I always found an extra jolt of energy in my step when my Mom was in the stands watching me play.

My Mom loved her family. Birthday's and holidays were huge events in our house. Birthday cakes had to come from *The Pink Pastry* and every holiday was greeted with tremendous fanfare. Halloween meant costumes and pumpkin carving. Christmas meant homemade cookies, outdoor lights, themed gift wrap and a Christmas tree that showcased more ornaments on it than the City of Paris tree. Valentine's Day meant surprise gifts arriving in some form of red. Easter meant deluxe Easter egg hunts, and the 4th of July meant block parties featuring bar-be-que, watermelon and endless fireworks. As soon as Reid and Gabriela arrived, each of these activities had to be taken up a notch. It was my Mom's mission to make sure that when you left her home, you were going home with a brand new spectacular memory.

My Mom loved art. The Carmel Art Association for the past 92 years has been a haven for local artists in providing a beautiful venue to showcase their work. As you all know, my Mom decorated her home very much like an art gallery and many of the pieces in her stunning collection came from the CAA. In fact, she was responsible for selecting the first art pieces in my very own collection. Carmel was first introduced to my mother in the early 1960's. My Dad, teaching summer classes for San Jose State at Asilomar each June, provided the opportunity for my Mom's introduction to this charming village. She immediately fell in love with Carmel-by-the-Sea and it was a love affair that lasted her entire lifetime.

My Mom and Dad both shared the character trait of privacy. It was my Mom's wish to celebrate her unique life with complete simplicity. Therefore, there will be no formal memorial service or funeral. In its place, is my Mom's final wish of supporting one of Northern California's finest local art galleries - *The Carmel Art Association*. Donations (in Diane Daube Sperisen's memory) can be made to: *The Carmel Art Association, PO Box 2271, Carmel, California 93921*.

May God Bless each of you and your family,
Matt Sperisen

American Geophysical Union about being a science fellow on Capitol Hill, said that the experience influenced her decision to get involved with local government. "My experience in Washington convinced me irrevocably that local government matters — and one person can make a difference," she wrote in the AGU's EOS publication.

Hodges was elected to the Town Council in 1997, representing District 6. Her prior service included several terms on the Planning Commission and participation in two ad hoc committees.

According to Susan George, Hodges served as mayor during a very contentious period in the town's history. "Playing fields were a huge issue," George said. Noting that Hodges' support of the creation of Barkley Field was key, she added, "If she were here today, she would probably point to that as a major achievement."

Hodges helped found the Open Space Committee (now Environment: Open Space, Conservation & Sustainability Committee), and remained a member until recently. She also served on the San Mateo County Fish & Wildlife Advisory Committee, and was a member of the Committee for Green Foothills Board of Directors.

Hodges' talents extended to include music and poetry. She played clarinet in the Woodside Village Band and enjoyed having friends sing along with tunes she played on her piano. This writer has fond memories of going house to house on horseback singing Christmas carols in the company of Hodges and her horse, Mr. President. She could also be counted on to write limericks for special occasions.

"She publicly graced me with more than one of her masterpieces during the years we worked together," George recalled.

Hodges loved to entertain, and enjoyed bringing people around her table. The table, which Hodges had made herself, could seat 12 and was the setting for a number of council dinners. It was often decorated with her unique collection of animal fetishes from the Southwest.

"Carroll Ann was one of a kind," George said. "She dedicated so much of her life to Woodside and her undaunted sense of volunteerism is already missed."

Hodges is survived by her sister, Margaret Hodges of Alexandria, Virginia; and cousins Scott Carroll of Davis, California, and Anne Carroll of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Almanac will provide information on memorial services and preferred contributions when details are available. ■

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Community

STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Artist raising funds for Selby Lane School mural project



Photo by Jane Bennion

Florence de Bretagne painted this and three other murals at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park last year.

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

Bright colors and whimsical imagery will soon fill a 175-foot-long, 10-foot-high “dull concrete wall” at Selby Lane School in Atherton with the help of local artist Florence de Bretagne.

The Palo Alto resident has done more than 100 murals in the Bay Area, and is starting on a three-month-long mural at Selby this month.

She recently launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$20,000 toward upcoming art projects at Selby and two other local elementary schools: Hoover Community

and Henry Ford. As of March 11, she had raised about \$17,000.

These three schools are part of the Redwood City School District, which will undergo big changes next fall when four schools close and others merge because of budget cuts. Adelante Spanish Immersion School in Redwood City will be absorbed into the Spanish immersion program at Selby Lane.

“The whole community of principals, teachers, and families will have to adjust to this new situation,” de Bretagne wrote on her Kickstarter page. “This is why it is more important than ever to make the remaining schools look

inviting, appealing, and warm.”

She has long known Warren Sedar, the principal at Selby Lane, who asked her to help with this latest mural on a space the artist describes as a “dull concrete wall.” He’s asked her to paint birds and flowers, along with quotes in English and Spanish, on the wall of a building in the middle of campus, she said. (Half the students at Selby Lane are English-language learners, according to data from the California Department of Education.)

Murals can bring hope and joy to school communities that might not otherwise have the budget to fund such a project, she said. Students dealing with personal struggles often find solace in watching her paint and getting a permanent, colorful piece of art left at their school, she said.

“In a matter of days or weeks, you can completely transform a place,” said de Bretagne, a Paris native who moved to the United States 13 years ago.

She got her start painting murals at schools 10 years ago at Walter Hays in Palo Alto, which both her children attended. Over the years her murals have spread through word of mouth, she said. She has since created murals at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto Academy, Los Robles Magnet Academy in

Redwood City, and other local schools.

“It’s an amazing way to give back to the community and share my talent,” she said. “I’ve become a much better artist. It’s much more challenging to paint in the public place; hundreds of kids are

staring at me when I paint.”

The students get to see all the hard work put into painting a mural, which instills a growth mindset in them, she wrote in her Kickstarter fundraiser, referring

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*San Francisco Peninsula Insurance Executive,
Business, Community Leader*

Mac MacCorkle

February 10, 1942 – March 2, 2019

MacCorkle, a man with a common touch, yet an uncommon generosity of spirit, died March 2 in Montecito.

Emmett Wallace “Mac” MacCorkle III, a respected businessman, insurance executive, Marine Corps veteran, and former president of the Bohemian Club, died March 2, 2019, in Montecito, Calif. He was 77.

An insurance broker for 50 years, Mac was the founder of MacCorkle Insurance Services in Burlingame, Calif. He was a Chartered Life Underwriter, the profession’s oldest standard of excellence for practitioners who provide clients with the security of life insurance and risk management. Mac was named “Man of Year, Peninsula Association Life Underwriters,” in San Mateo County in 1980. He sold the respected and popular insurance company that bears his name to his dedicated employees.

He retired to Santa Barbara in June 2018.

Mac was a larger-than-life figure, in spirit, personality, and physique. He bore a physical resemblance to Daddy Warbucks but possessed the warmth and charm of a spirited parish priest. He was a man with a common touch, yet an uncommon generosity of spirit. He was beloved by every person he met and treated everyone as if they were a member of his own family.

Mac was born in Virginia and raised in Portland, Oregon and San Marino, California where he graduated from San Marino High School.

He was an active alumnus of Cornell University where he met his wife of 54 years Carol Britton MacCorkle. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam in 1966-1967.

Mac was a respected and beloved member of the Bohemian Club and served as its president. He served as Chairman of the Dawn Redwoods Trust and was a member of the Board of the San Mateo Historical Society and Board of Regents of Belarmine College Preparatory in San Jose. He was a past president of Cornell Club Northern California and a member of the Menlo Circus Club, Menlo Park, Calif.

In addition to his wife Carol, Mac leaves son Jeffrey of Beijing, China, son Steve of Los Angeles, daughter-in-law CJ Chen and grandchildren Christina, Aubrey, Quinn and Liam.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Dawn Redwoods Trust, 1 Blackfield Drive, Suite 331, Tiburon, CA, 94920 or the MacCorkle Family Scholarship (Fund # 992612) at Cornell University, Cornell Office of Development, Attn: Advancement Services, 130 E. Seneca Street, Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850.



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The Almanac

'Mamma Mia!' coming to Woodside High

By Kate Daly

Special to The Almanac

With a live orchestra and a cast of 49 students acting, singing and dancing, Woodside High School is bringing "Mamma Mia!" to the big stage for two weekends in March.

Two former members of the Swedish pop band ABBA — Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson — wrote the music and lyrics. Catherine Johnson wrote the book, matching songs from the 1970s such as "Dancing Queen" and "Waterloo" with a story about Sophie Sheridan and the search for her birth father among her mother's former suitors.

The musical made a big splash on Broadway and internationally, and spawned two movies.

Barry Woodruff is directing the student cast, which includes Sam Borthwick as Sophie Sheridan, Skyler Mallow as Sky, Hazel Griffin as Donna Sheridan, Hali Newman as Tanya, Christi Skinner as Rosie, Brendan Smith as Harry Bright, Alek Amini-Holmes as Bill Austin, and Philip Moissis as Sam Carmichael.

Don Coluzzi is stage manager



Photo by Kathy Smith

Among the cast of "Mamma Mia" are: Back row, from left, Hali Newman, Skyler Mallow, Sam Borthwick, and Christi Skinner; front row, from left, Philip Moissis, Alek Amini-Holmes, Brendan Smith, and Hazel Griffin.

and tech director for the show. The production crew also includes music director Barry Woodruff; director/conductor William Tolles; producers Karen Arimoto-Peterson and Kathy Smith; choreographer Kim Harvath; vocal director Juliet Green; and pianist Murlene Watkins, who also is the assistant vocal director.

Showtimes are Friday, March

15, and Saturday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m.; and Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. Performances are at the Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave. in Woodside.

Tickets are available at whsdramaboosters.org, and cost \$10 for staff and students, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$20 for adults. ■

M-A stages 'The Man Who Came to Dinner'

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," a Broadway comedy about a radio personality who recuperates in a small town in Ohio after a fall, will be presented at Menlo-Atherton High School during the weekends of March 15-17 and March 22-24.

The show takes place at M-A's Performing Arts Center at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 16, 22 and 23, and 2 p.m. on March 17 and 24.

Tickets cost \$10 for students and seniors, and \$15 for adults. They may be purchased at bit.ly/man-tix, and will also be available at the box office 30 minutes before showtime.

For more information on M-A's drama program, go to madrama.org.

— By Angela Swartz



Louie Leon has the lead role of Sheridan Whiteside in M-A's show opening this weekend.

Photo by Lena Kalotihos

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to a concept pioneered by psychologist Carol Dweck, which emphasizes the importance of effort and dedication to achievement. They also get to witness firsthand what it's like to be an artist, which is an increasingly rare profession in Silicon Valley, she said.

At one East Palo Alto school, she painted children of different races holding hands.

"One student wrote to me and said he learned he could make friends very easily despite different cultural backgrounds," she said.

Companies like Facebook, Apple and Salesforce have sent

their employees to paint with de Bretagne as service projects. The mural projects are a "great way to build bridges among people" in the area who might not otherwise interact, she said.

The artist's Kickstarter can be found at tinyurl.com/selbylanemural. The campaign ends on March 17. ■

CALENDAR

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to see more calendar listings

Theater

Foothill Music Theatre Presents 'Bullets Over Broadway, the Musical' Foothill Music Theatre presents the Tony Award-nominated musical written by Woody Allen about a young playwright whose first Broadway play is financed by a gangster. Thursdays-Sundays through March 17, times vary. \$12-\$36. Lohm-an Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu

'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare Dragon Theatre presents "Macbeth," William Shakespeare's tragic tale of all-powerful ambition and consuming conscience. March 15-April 7, 8-10 p.m. \$37; discounts for students, seniors. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

'The Man Who Came To Dinner' The Menlo-Atherton High School drama program performs "The Man Who Came To Dinner," a comedy about a famous radio host who sets up camp in a starstruck family's home. March 15-17 and March 22-24, times vary. \$15; discounts for students, seniors. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. madrama.org

Opera Night: Peter Girardot and Lauren Nicole Haber Angelica's presents Opera Night, featuring tenor Peter Girardot and soprano Lauren Nicole Haber. March 13, 7 p.m. Angelica's, 863 Main St., Redwood City. tunestub.com

'Sojourn' Pear Theatre presents 'Sojourn,' a futuristic play written by Evan Kokkila Schumacher and directed by Caroline Clark. March 14-April 7, times vary. \$32; discounts for seniors, students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Marie and Rosetta' In its West Coast premiere, the musical play "Marie and Rosetta" shares the saga of musical legend Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who inspired Elvis, Ray Charles and others on her way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Through March 31, times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

'The Witches' Los Altos Youth Theatre performs Roald Dahl's classic story, "The Witches." March 15-17 and March 22-24, times vary. \$20; discounts for students, seniors. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

Concerts

Early Music Singers: Thomas Tallis and Friends The Early Music Singers performs works by Thomas Tallis, Parsons, Sheppard, White and Byrd. March 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

'Carmina Burana' Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley performs "Carmina Burana." March 16, 7:30 p.m.; March 17, 3:00 p.m. \$28; free for students 25 and under. First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. scholacantorum.org

Music

Lenten Evensong & Organ Recital The choir and clergy of St. Bede's present a candlelight service of Evensong, featuring music by Stephanie Martin and Richard Webster, followed by an organ recital of works by Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Walthers, Badings and Daveluy. March 17, 4-6 p.m. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. stbedesmenlopark.org

Talks & Lectures

Lisa Moore Ramee with Sabaa Tahir Author Lisa Ramee presents her debut middle-grade novel, "A Good Kind of Trouble," about friendship, family and standing up for what's right. March 16, 3-4:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Story Time with Christian Robinson Author-illustrator Christian Robinson presents

"Another," a wordless picture book that recounts the dream journey of a little girl and her cat. March 14, 6-7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

'Sundiata: An Epic of Old Mali' Kirk Waller will perform "Sundiata: An Epic of Old Mali," using traditional instruments and other storytelling elements to carry the tale along. March 20, 7-8 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Donna Zuckerberg Donna Zuckerberg presents "Not All Dead White Men: Classics and Misogyny in the Digital Age." March 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Tina Modotti and the Mexican Renaissance A discussion about the life and work of Tina Modotti, whose photographs of 1920s Mexico represent the post-revolutionary period sometimes called the Mexican Renaissance. March 13, 4:15-6:15 p.m. \$40; discount available. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Why Is Universal Basic Income So Controversial? Princeton economist Alan Krueger delivers two free talks. March 13, 5:30-7 p.m.; March 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

Family

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Little House Activity Center's St. Patrick's Day Celebration includes an Irish coffee and bake sale, a live Irish step-dancing performance and a traditional Irish lunch. March 15, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park.

Museums & Exhibits

Public Tour of Memorial Church Tours of Stanford Memorial Church, one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West, feature the church's stone carvings, mosaics and stained glass windows. Ongoing, Fridays at 1 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Do Ho Suh: 'The Spaces in Between' In this exhibit, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through May 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Flying Leprechaun Skydive Hiller Aviation Museum presents a special aerial celebration in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The event also includes free face-painting and a jump house. March 17, 10 a.m.-noon. Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos. hiller.org

'Incubator' Art Kiosk Installation The Redwood City Improvement Association presents "Incubator," a public art exhibit featuring a tower of books connected through hand-cut paper messages and supported by a foundation of books. Through April 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe' Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation of five hanging chandeliers is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS' Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, is presenting his work BLKNWS, a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

The Medium Is the Message: Art since 1950 Using works created since 1950, this exhibition explores the relationship between subject, content and the materials that

informed each object's production. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition considers how nature was depicted by American artists in landscapes, portraits and still lifes from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'Faces' — A Collection of Portraits in Oil and Pastel The Portola Art Gallery presents "Faces," a collection of portraits in oil and pastel by Linda Salter. This exhibit features portraits of friends and relatives, artists' models and subjects from her travels in foreign countries. Through March 30, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Film

Kerry Tribe: 'The Elusive Word' Los Angeles-based visual artist Kerry Tribe's film "Critical Mass" (2013) features a re-enactment of a couple's heavily edited argument taken from Hollis Frampton's experimental 1971 film by the same name. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Mysteries On Screen and Onstage The Mystery Readers Group hosts a monthly discussion about writers of TV crime shows, mystery movies and plays with a different topic or guest author at each meeting. March 20, 7-9 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

'The Other Story' In this film, two rebellious young women — one fleeing the chaos of secular hedonism for the disciplined comforts of faith, the other desperate to transcend her oppressive religious upbringing for sexual and spiritual freedom — cross paths unexpectedly in Jerusalem. March 17, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$13; discounts for seniors, students, JCC members. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. svjff.org/

Food & Drink

Conscious Culture: Beyond Ping Pong and Free Lunch The South Bay chapter of Conscious Capitalism Bay Area hosts an evening of networking and experiential learning using interactive exercises to help improve business practices. March 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Lessons & Classes

ESL Conversation Club Non-native and native English speakers talk together with the aim of developing English speaking and listening skills. No registration required. Free. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/projectread

Watercolor on Rice Paper This multi-day beginners course teaches watercolor painting techniques through exercises using different washes and application of paint on wet and dry paper. March 14 and 28, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$290; discounts available. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Outdoor Recreation

Wildflower Hike Filoli's Nature Preserve offers hiking tours among its native wildflowers to learn about their qualities and how they adapt and thrive. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through May 4. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Home & Garden

Spring Bulb Display Tours Tours cover Filoli's spring display, including where Filoli acquires its bulbs, how seed sowing and planting is scheduled and the design aspects that go into a new bulb and annual display each year. Tours are led Thursdays and Sundays through April 7, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

FLORES GARDENING & LANDSCAPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280275
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Flores Gardening & Landscaping, located at 1180 Hilton St. Apt. 2, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ISIDRO FLORES RODRIGUEZ
1180 Hilton St. Apt. 2
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/18/2019.
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(ALM Feb. 20, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 2019)

E-COMMERCHANT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280390
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
E-Commerchant, located at 311 Sycamore St., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ERIC ALEJANDRO TEJEDA
311 Sycamore St.
San Carlos, CA 94070
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
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EVA BLUES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280389
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Eva Blues, located at 214 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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214 Alameda De Las Pulgas
Redwood City, CA 94062
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AUTUMN AND MULBERRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280400
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Autumn and Mulberry, located at 3725 Jefferson Ct., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KATHRYN M. UTLEY
3725 Jefferson Ct.
Redwood City, CA 94062
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(ALM Feb. 27; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2019)

GABRIEL'S GARDEN SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280478
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Gabriel's Garden Service, located at 1 Newell Ct., Apart. 1112, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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1 Newell Ct. Apart. 1112
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/22/2019.
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(ALM Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019)

A & A BROTHERS LANDSCAPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280581
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
A & A Brothers Landscaping, located at 2921 Westside Ave., Apt. #1, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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2921 Westside Ave. Apt. 1
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3-4-19.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 4, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 2019)

COMPASS CONSULTANTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 280382
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Compass Consultants, located at 1195 Los Trancos Rd., Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JULIA PETERS
1195 Los Trancos Rd.
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 13, 2019.
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997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV00983
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: NIKKI VILLABROZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NIKKI YEE VILLABROZA to NIKKI YEE.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: April 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
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Date: February 27, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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