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elcome to the October 2017 edition of The Spectrum Magazine. We think we have a great issue for you with features, stories and information that will have you getting ready for the fall. Here we go.

We have a fantastic feature story this month on the Dehoff family, who own Key Market. Contributing writer Monica Ehlers will inform you about the family-owned business and their rich history in Redwood City. They are a business that has provided outstanding customer service to our community. We know you will enjoy this read.

In his San Francisco Peninsula Press Club award-winning column, "As I Was Saying..." Publisher Steve Penna writes about the retirement of Redwood City Police Chief JR Gamez and possible developments around the now-closed Redwood Roller Rink.

We also have our regular features on senior activities, community interests, cultural and entertainment events in our community, insurance tips from Hector Flamenco, information from the Redwood City School District and public library, A Minute With and the popular Press Club award-winning feature Walking Redwood City by Greg Wilson.

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Happy Halloween, Redwood City!



This month's cover shoot was arranged by Publisher Steve Penna and Chris Dehoff, general manager of Dehoff's Key Market. They agreed that Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. would be a perfect time to gather all the Dehoffs together at the Key Market location at 1063 Upton St. on the corner of Roosevelt Ave.

Our cover photographer this month, Ronnie Guinto, arrived early and at the same time as Penna. The two started walking around the property and inside the supermarket to choose the perfect backdrops for the photos. The two were greeted by Chris Dehoff. Penna has a long history with the Dehoff family. He and Jack Dehoff (who soon arrived with his wife, Nancy) had met several years ago when the Dehoffs had three markets in Redwood City and they shared lunches and business events together. Penna has also interacted with Chris over the years, and the two seemed to click very well as did everyone else.

On the day of the shoot the weather was amazing and in the high 80s, which made the lighting excellent by the indoor windows and outside. Once all the family members who were scheduled to be there had arrived, including Jack and Nancy's adorable grandson Kevin, they all went to work.

Several times during the shoot it seemed like an actual family reunion of a community. A community that the Dehoffs

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THE NATIONAL PTA SELECTS A REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL AS A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Recognition Honors Tradition of Parent Involvement and Support to RCSD

A Redwood City School District (RCSD) elementary school community started the 2017–18 school year with a national recognition to add to its list of accolades. The National PTA, the parent and teacher advocacy organization at the national level, chose RCSD’s Henry Ford Elementary School as a National School of Excellence for both the 2017–18 and the 2018–19 school years, which means that it recognizes Henry Ford’s partnership with its local PTA as both organizations work together to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child.

“What a treat! This is such a delight to begin the new school year with such an honor,” said Henry Ford Elementary School Principal Lynne Griffiths when she first learned the news. Griffiths added that the school is very fortunate to have a PTA that is made up of “fantastic parents who volunteer their time and resources for the benefit of our wonderful students, and now the nation knows what we’ve known all along. I am delighted that our parents are receiving the recognition that they deserve.”

Henry Ford is one of only 11 schools in all of California and one of two in the Bay Area that earned this honor. The PTA recognized only close to 150 schools with the vast majority in the United States and two international chapters.

The honor was the reason for a celebration at Henry Ford as it reaffirms the hard work of Henry Ford’s parents, teachers and its surrounding supportive community. This past school year, Henry Ford Elementary made great strides with strengthening communications and improving family engagement in education with two key initiatives, the school’s Parent Ambassador program and the rollout of Project Cornerstone.

Led by parent Tracy Ogishi, the school’s Parent Ambassador program is made up of parents and students who volunteer their time and knowledge to welcome and guide new Henry Ford families and neighbors.

The school also rolled out Project Cornerstone, which is a character development program run with parent volunteers and teacher support, focused on social emotional growth and the development of key assets that have been shown to be crucial for student success in school and in life. Parent Rhea Yauch was the driving force behind it.

“Without the dedication of the parents who lead these programs and the volunteers who help run them, none of this would have been possible,” shared Colleen Lewcock, a Henry Ford parent who this year serves as the PTA president.

“Henry Ford has a family feel to it,” she said. “We have dedicated and caring staff that are accomplishing amazing things with our truly diverse student body, and the parents are a key part of that family as well. By volunteering at the school, parents are showing the students and teachers that we are all in this together and helping to create a positive environment in which all students grow and succeed.”

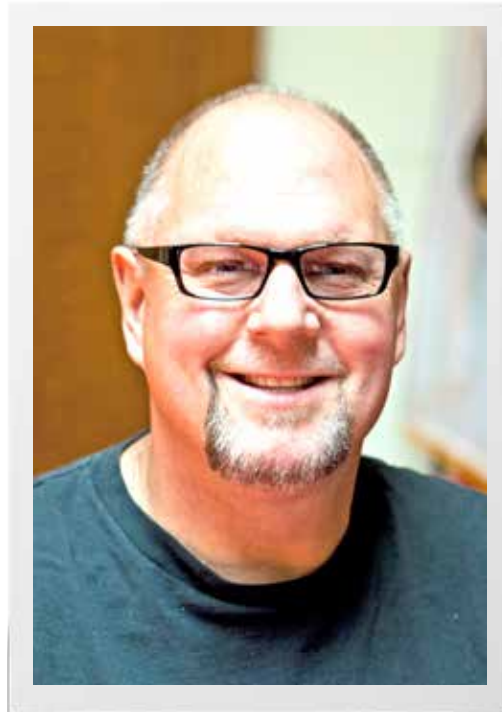
The recognition from the National PTA is a well-deserved honor that comes as no surprise, said RCSD Superintendent Dr. John Baker. “We are extremely fortunate to work in such a supportive parent community,” he said. Baker points to the work at each school site throughout the school district where parents are involved in and out of the classrooms providing teachers and staff support to help educate every child for success. “The parent support in our schools is one of the many reasons why RCSD schools are successful and I am deeply appreciative to the National PTA for recognizing the good work at Henry Ford.”

As a recipient of the National PTA School of Excellence award, Henry Ford Elementary school is honored by the National PTA as a school where families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success and the PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.



PUBLISHER | STEVE PENNA

I



had the opportunity to visit the Redwood Roller Rink before it closed. I must say it was more emotional than I thought it would be. To see the facility basically in the same shape (and I mean the exact same shape) as it was when I was a child brought back so many fond memories of times I spent there with family and friends.

Times spent attending free open skate nights or birthday parties, watching friends in skating competitions or just hanging out in a safe environment came to mind. Who can forget the “Hokey Pokey” and turning ourselves around? I mean, that’s what it’s all about.

As I looked around, I saw kids attending classes, others sitting down and doing homework between skating, and parents interacting, and I was reminded that the skating world is a community within our community and those who are a part of it are going to feel a great loss now that it is closed. It is sad that there are no viable alternatives for them to support.

My visit also provoked thoughts of the future for the property of one of the last family entertainment spots in town. With development still being the most important and discussed topic from our community, it is fair to assume that any potential developments there will cause great community discussion. The topic has already provoked negative comments on social media sites, before any plan has been mentioned by developers.

Currently I have not heard of any plans. But considering that the WL Butler construction company owns the site and the property sites south of it for a good three-square-block area (Beech Street to Chestnut Street), it seems inevitable that something is coming up.

Developments are supposed to improve and enhance a neighborhood and community. If there is any neighborhood in our community that needs enhancement and improvement, it is that neighborhood. It has been neglected for decades. I remember when I was growing up, that neighborhood had very nice Victorian houses with great porches. The Copper Shield restaurant was where BevMo is now, and La Azteca market, restaurant and laundry facility secured a square block. Towne Ford of course has been an asset to our community and that neighborhood for years. There was also a fitness center kitty-corner from the rink, and Perry Feed was in that area as well. It was a great mix of housing and business and worked well.

It is time for that neighborhood to shine again.

Separating myself from any opinion of pro versus anti development, when I look at the housing developments from Jefferson to Maple Street, the once mostly industrial area has seen some new light. Even with all the controversy surrounding the building of the large number of housing units it looks almost transformed. I can never get why a few property owners did not sell their properties when they could have, and now their buildings look terrible mixed in with all the new ones. But hey, I guess I can’t blame them. The real estate market continues to be hot. They might ask where they would go if they sold.

With the overbuild in our downtown area it is about time we take a look at the opportunities for the neighborhood from Maple Street to the Woodside overpass gateway where WL

Butler is now building their corporate offices across from Harry’s Hofbrau (rumors of that restaurant being sold are not factual to date). With a few exceptions, WL Butler owns or is acquiring plenty of the properties along Main Street to El Camino Real. So first, let’s hope that once completed their corporate office will look much better than it does during its construction.

If it does, that means that the gateway to our downtown there will look amazing with the dry cleaners on one side, Butler headquarters as a backdrop and Harry’s on the other side. Continuing down Main Street it would be nice to see the blighted buildings redone and brought up to standards we can be proud of. That includes the rink property and so on.

If you will remember, that was the intention and goal of redevelopment agencies before they collapsed, removing and improving blighted areas. Take for instance the vacant full-block lot surrounded by Main, Elm, Lathrop and Maple streets. Years ago the land was bought to be developed as a surgery rehabilitation center with underground parking. The developer ran out of money and did not get the financial aid he hoped for, so the project was put on hold. In the meantime it has stayed dormant, blighted and a complete eyesore to the community. Not to mention the little creatures that live there and travel into the neighboring buildings.

This entire square-block lot has no existing businesses that may or may not be relocated within Redwood City limits. Losing businesses that generate sales tax dollars and provide valuable services to the community is one of the aspects of new developments that really irks me when they are bought out and leave the area or close. Whatever is built there will hopefully add to the existing businesses in the area. Let’s just hope someone shares that vision.

So if you are not a resident who is absolutely against any more development, then you should be excited about the potential for that neighborhood. That is, if developers stick to the General Plan and do not exceed height and zoning limits. If so, I would encourage them to involve the community in their plans, engage us, ask us, and then we can build a neighborhood we can all be proud of, together. How nice would that be!



There has been a lot of criticism lately thrown toward Mayor **John Seybert**, both around our community and on social media. The issue at hand is the limiting of public speakers during the public comment period at City Council meetings. That part of the meeting is held toward the beginning and lets residents speak on issues that are not on the agenda but are of interest to someone. Council members are not allowed to comment on any new items brought up because it would violate the agenda and the ability to notify the public of issues that will be discussed during the meeting.

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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK

It sure is good to be back in Redwood City! For the last couple of weeks I've been in Portland (Oregon), first to see the eclipse and then to attend my son John's wedding. My wife and I hung around for almost a full week afterward to spend time with family and friends who, like us, had traveled to Portland. We ended up staying slightly longer than planned because a couple of our family members, who came for the wedding from Houston, suddenly found themselves without a way to get home. Thanks to Hurricane Harvey, their return flights were canceled for several days in a row. They actually never did fly back into Houston; instead they ended up taking a flight to Dallas, from which they caught a ride back home with a neighbor who was there to stock up on essentials such as food, gasoline and toilet paper, all of which were in short supply in Houston at the time. Fortunately their home weathered the storm with little trouble, so at least our relatives had a home to go back to.

On our drive up to Portland, and then even more so on our drive back home, we couldn't help but notice the smoke from the wildfires affecting both California and Oregon. We had one or two smoky days in Portland proper, but the air was fairly clear when we finally left. Not too far south, though, as we drove down I-5, we started to notice the smoke again. By the time we got to Grants Pass it got quite thick. It continued to thicken all the way to Mount Shasta, to the point where the mountain was completely invisible from the freeway overlook. Only when the freeway got really close to the mountain were we able to see Mount Shasta at all — and even then, it only appeared as a faint, ghostly image amid the heavy smoke.

Between the floods in Houston, the fires in Oregon and far northern California, and the heat — Portland has had some record-breaking heat over the last several weeks — I longed for Redwood City and its "Climate Best by Government Test." After we got home I realized that Redwood City's motto isn't enough to protect it from the heat, at least; Redwood City has certainly had its share of warm, even record-breaking, days. But as I write this, with Hurricane Irma having laid waste to various Caribbean islands and now making a beeline toward Miami (and with two more hurricanes behind it), and after hearing tales from my children of ashes raining from the sky in the Portland area, the thought of a couple of 100-plus-degree days pales into insignificance. Relatively speaking, our climate still is one of the best — and I'm glad to live here.

Weather, interesting as it is, isn't what I plan to focus on, however. After a couple of weeks away, I was eager to get back to pounding the sidewalks of Redwood City, to see for myself what's been going on lately. Thus, I walked what I tend to think of as my "big loop," which takes me north to the San Carlos border, heads down El Camino, winds through downtown Redwood City and heads up Woodside Road to Woodside Plaza. While there is a lot more to Redwood City than just these areas, they tend to be the ones with the most action these days (barring the Stanford in Redwood City project, which is of course chugging right along); by taking this walk I can quickly come up to speed on much of the goings-on in Redwood City.

First up, I thought I'd present you with a small puzzle. See if you can guess where, while on my walk, I saw what must be one of Redwood City's few remaining pay phones.



I'll supply the answer at the end of this post, in case you want to show your children how we used to live back in the old days...

Redwood City's latest project — the construction fences went up just after I got back — probably has many of you wondering just what is going on at the corner of El Camino Real and Broadway.

The short answer, which I obtained from a city staffer, is that this is just a soil remediation project. Contractors are apparently removing contaminants of some sort from the ground, and judging by the construction fencing those contaminants lie beneath the small parking lot on the corner. Many years ago this corner was home to a Union service station; I don't know if the contaminants are from that or are from some other source. Regardless, the fencing completely surrounds the parking lot but is carefully placed to allow access to the building's various businesses: Bangkok Bay, Ike's Lair, Zadna Mediterranean, Shiny Nails and Naranjo's Taqueria, all of which remain open. The parking lot is closed, however, as are a handful of street spaces on the Broadway side of the property. A separate set of construction fences surround those street spaces to form an enclosure for both construction-related equipment as well as the dumpsters used by the affected businesses (those



dumpsters are normally kept within a small enclosure in the parking lot — an enclosure that will be inaccessible during the remediation project). Fortunately the sidewalk, which passes between the enclosed parking lot and the fenced-off street spaces, remains open.

I'm a big booster of local merchants in general, but given how this project is likely to negatively impact this set of businesses, do make an extra effort to patronize them during the period of construction, which apparently will run through mid-November. Bangkok Bay took advantage of the situation by scheduling a minor remodel of their own — but that remodel was supposed to be done on Sept. 7, so by the time you read this they should be back to business as usual. I should also note that Erawan Thai, which lies just to the left of the construction fencing, has closed for good. Fortunately it is due to be replaced soon by Hom Korean Kitchen. My guess is that we're talking about an additional location of an existing restaurant with that name in San Jose. If the pictures (and the menu) on their website are any indication, this could be a nice addition to our flourishing restaurant scene.

Moving on down the street, I poked my head into what used to be Goetz Bros. Sporting Goods, to see how the transformation of the space into both retail (in front) and offices was proceeding. As you can see, it is coming along nicely.



These street-facing retail spaces will go a long way toward turning this first block of Broadway (between El Camino Real and the railroad tracks) back into one that, on its face at least, is completely lined with shops and restaurants. This should attract more pedestrians and improve discovery

for other businesses both on the block and in the immediate area, which will be great for Broadway and the city. Now if we could only do the same for Main Street!

Powerhouse Gym has finally completed its move from its old location at the corner of Broadway and Jefferson to its new spot on the Jefferson Avenue side of the Century Theatres building.

Powerhouse Gym was the last of the tenants to leave their old location; construction fences have gone up around the former gym and the three smaller retail storefronts.

I checked with the city and was somewhat relieved to hear that the project is likely just experiencing a delay due to a "utility conflict." Hopefully they can get that conflict resolved and quickly get the project back on track. This particular lot has been empty for many years now (once, a Texaco gas station stood here), and I'm hoping that it won't remain empty for much longer.

So: about that pay phone. I found it not too long before I took the picture at the start of this post. It is located on Edgewood Road, very close to El Camino Real, by the 76 gas station (across Edgewood from our Stacks restaurant). Although the wires connecting the phone to the pole appear to still be in place, when I picked up the receiver there was no dial tone; the phone doesn't seem to be functional. But for now it remains. If your children have no idea how phones used to work, you might want to take them by and show them what modern technology looked like before cell phones became popular. It'll blow their minds!



Demolition of this block of buildings will commence shortly, followed by excavation for the two-level underground garage that will sit beneath the four-story "Broadway Station" building that is to rise on this spot.

Although the building is primarily offices — offices that are at least partially already spoken for by the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative — the ground floor and part of the second floor are designated for retail. The new building's nearly 27,000 square feet of retail space, sitting on such a valuable corner, should prove attractive to one or more retailers. Hopefully it will not sit empty for long.

Incidentally, the Howie's Artisan Pizza building (which is partially visible against the right edge of the above photo) will remain, but the restaurant won't be reopening as Howie's Pizza. The two gentlemen who have assumed the lease haven't publicly announced the name or the type of their new restaurant, so I can't yet say what type of food will be served there. But I can say, based on the fact that they've applied for their liquor license, that they do plan to open a restaurant. The applicant is listed as "Pasha, Inc."; make of that what you will.

Lastly, near the beginning of my walk I checked in on the 12-unit townhouse project being built at the corner of El Camino Real and Avondale Avenue (next to the former Mountain Mike's Pizza building). Seeing a distinct lack of activity and noticing that the signs that once advertised the project have been removed from the construction fences, I surmised that the project might be dead. However, the contractor has already done a fair amount of site preparation and utility work, which argues against this theory.



Last I heard, we might see a wine shop in the retail portion of this particular space. Next door, the retail space that fronts the Avast offices is being built out as an ice cream shop. Naturally I had to take a peek and see how that project is going.



— By GREG WILSON, special to The Spectrum

Editor's note: Greg Wilson has been out and about on foot, exploring Redwood City's nooks and crannies. His blog is intended as a record of those wanderings, with particular emphasis on the details of the building boom that Redwood City is currently experiencing. Each month The Spectrum features a post from Wilson's site, www.walkingredwoodcity.com.

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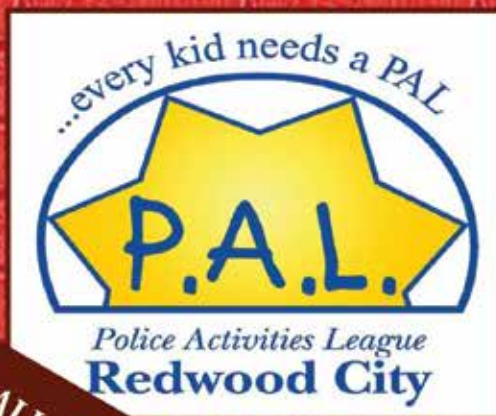
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After a grueling three-day audition and two-day callback process back in May, a Redwood City resident has come out on top. Brynn Ayoob, a spunky, charming and talented 12-year-old girl, has been offered the title role of Annie in Woodside Community Theatre's production of *Annie*.

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, *Annie* is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Broadway opening. A worldwide phenomenon and the winner of seven Tony Awards, including best musical, the beloved book and score by Tony winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin feature some of the greatest musical theater hits ever written, including "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard Knock Life." The original Broadway production opened in 1977 and ran for nearly six years, setting a record for the Alvin Theatre (now the Neil Simon Theatre). It spawned numerous productions in many countries, as well as national tours. The New York Times estimates that *Annie* is produced 700 to 900 times each year in the United States.

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

A well-known professional, regional director/choreographer/dancer/actor Gary Stanford Jr. will direct and co-choreograph this dazzling Broadway musical at the beautiful Woodside Performing Arts Center.

Stanford explains that, as a director, working on a show like *Annie* has inspired artistic creativity like few shows can. "The vast wealth of culture, diversity, social struggles/successes and vivid characters, combined with an incredibly talented and dedicated cast of all ages, makes this production a must-see Bay Area production and suitable for all ages. Our canine cast alone is worth the price of admission and provides instant therapeutic remedy. As we follow the life experiences of a preteen orphan girl (Annie) and her quest to find a family to call 'home,' we are given a healthy glimpse of life during Christmas season in 1933 New York City and reminded of a few important life lessons, such as [that] dreams can come true in this great land of opportunity. Annie's great message to us all is that fear is the worst enemy to our ability to succeed."

Stanford will be supported in bringing this vision to the stage with co-choreography by Kim Harvath and Gary Ferguson, vocal direction by Angela Harrington, musical direction by Kristin Pfeifer (also a Redwood City resident), scenic and lighting designs by Don Coluzzi and costumes by Issac Booth, Karen Patrick and Jessica Luchetta.

Woodside Community Theatre's production of *Annie* hosts many additional Redwood City residents participating both onstage and off this year: Samantha Ayoob, Gianna Beltramo, Sofia Larrañaga, Donna Losey, Raissa Marchetti-Kozlov, Liz Matchett, Chloe Montgomery, Katelyn Nightengale, Taylor Smith, John Tondino, Richard Vaughan and Keana Velasco. In addition, 12 cast members and four staff members hail from the neighboring town of Woodside.

Woodside Community Theatre is a nonprofit community theater organization with the goal of promoting the theatrical arts for the mid-Peninsula of the San Francisco Bay Area and the surrounding area. WCT has been entertaining audiences for over 50 years and currently offers one major Broadway musical each year.

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Redwood Roller Rink Celebrates Closing

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Redwood City council members (from left: Shelly Masur, Mayor John Seybert, Ian Bain and Jeff Gee) helped rink owner Suzie Pollard (center in photo) celebrate the last day of open skate at the Redwood Roller Rink. Hundreds of residents also enjoyed the event.



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EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Slocum Visits John Gill School

San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum took the opportunity to speak at an event marking the launch of Google's CS First program at John Gill Elementary in Redwood City. CS First will introduce computer science to grade school students for free. There will be 1 million more computer science jobs than students by 2020, but many of our schools do not offer computer science classes. The school thanks Google for providing these no-cost classes for students to spark their interest in computers, coding and technology. Slocum said, "The students and teachers are excited to get started!"



Sheriff Bolanos Leads Team to Fundraising Excellence

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos led the San Mateo County team in the NAMI Walks Silicon Valley fundraiser. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) spreads awareness and provides support for the mentally ill in our communities. The Sheriff's Office expressed sincere gratefulness for all the donations made. With the help of donors, the team exceeded all fundraising goals!



↓ Sheriff Bolanos Also Helps Celebrate the Opening of New Firing Range

Bolanos also participated in the grand opening celebration for a new state-of-the-art firing range. The Siebel San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Firearms Range gives the Sheriff's Office staff and allied agencies a safe and environmentally sound range with all the technological advances for proper training and use.



Customer Service Has Been ‘Key’ for Dehoff’s Key Market

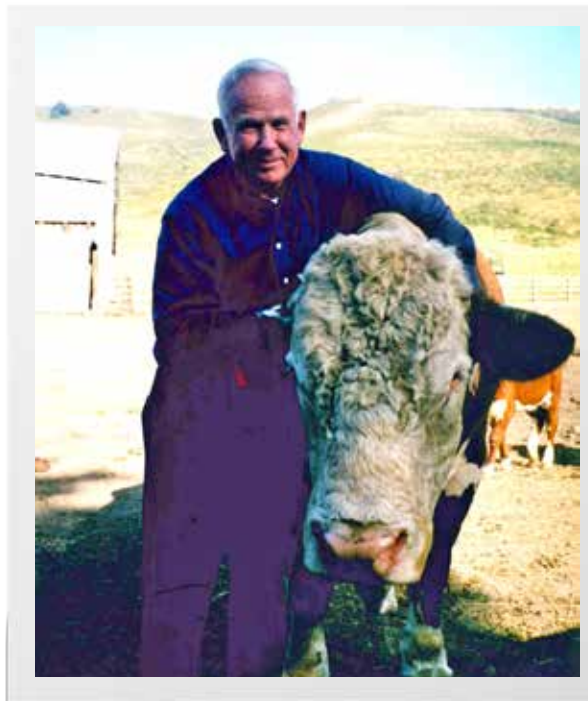
—By MONICA HO EHLERS, contributing writer



The Dehoff family, the grocer known about town, has been in Redwood City for a long time, having planted roots in 1930. “My grandfather, Emil, came from Germany and migrated across the country to settle here,” explained Chris Dehoff, general manager of Dehoff’s Key Market. Emil was a boat builder. He started a company called Redwood City Boatworks, where he built and repaired boats for years. He would continue the business until around the time of World War II. Later he would establish Dehoff Lumber, then located along the Old Bayshore Highway, south of the Port of Redwood City, involving himself in the two industries for which Redwood City is known. “Even back then our family was in a business where we took care of the local customer.”

Emil had two sons — one of whom is Dehoff’s father, Jack. “My dad was a big part of the community when he was growing up. He would ride his horse in the Fourth of July parade every year and he attended Sequoia High School,” explained Jack’s son. It was right about the time of graduation that Jack got into the grocery business, working for the Lee Brothers store in the old Five Point Shopping Center.

Throughout his career, Jack never left the industry, continuing to work for Lee Brothers in the 1960s. Eventually the chain added more stores and expanded to include Key Markets, of which Jack managed several. In 1972, an opportunity presented itself when the location on Upton and Roosevelt came up for sale. “He borrowed everything he could and bought the store from the Lee brothers and started improving it right away,” Dehoff said. “He started driving home the core principles of service, value and the quality



of perishables. The market offered good variety and service, which has steadily built up over the years.”

Dehoff, who has been general manager for 30 years, grew up in the business, sharing small responsibilities like sorting bottles, bagging groceries and trimming produce with siblings Mike, Pat, Jackie and Colleen. The family remains involved in covering departments like grocery, meat, produce, accounting, point of sale and anything else that needs attention.

A wink to the future and a nod to the past

Dehoff’s Key Market has stayed a successful family entity for over 40 years. Keeping up to date with current customer demand is one of the retailer’s many strengths. “About 10 years ago, we started offering more organic produce at a good price after receiving many requests at our store’s comment stand. We’ve also always emphasized local products since the early days and are doing more of that than ever before,” added Dehoff, who says they try to carry more from vendors that are like-minded (family-owned and local) as well as source items that aren’t always easy to find. “It results in a mix that you don’t see in the bigger stores.” For instance, they carry local coffees like Philz and Emerald Hills, and there is a tremendous selection of local craft beers. Some of their best-sellers are their local tortilla chips and ice cream (chocolate marble is their best-seller) — with the Dehoff’s Key Market label.

Key fosters many faithful customers who have been with them since the 1970s. Over the years they have seen changes such as a beautiful remodel in the produce section as well as many earth-friendly and “green” improvements like installing more energy-efficient lighting and replacing roofs with thermoplastic reflective material, which keeps the store cooler in the summer months, and an influx of products based on ongoing consumer requests.

Two constants remain, however: outstanding customer service — a stronghold established by Jack from day one — and excellent personnel. Throughout the years, Jack never used a computer, leaving instead an administrative person to do the payables and accounting. “It highlights that he was just a good, old-school guy who believed in the old-fashioned grocery business. He managed people



Opposite page: Jack Dehoff opening Key Market. Jack with his prized Hereford bull (the family has been raising cattle on the coast for 70 years). This page, left center: Jack and Chris Dehoff at Key Market anniversary sale in 2002. Left: Emil Dehoff (Jack's father), who came to the U.S. from Germany, settled in Redwood City just before WWII and started Redwood City Boatworks.

the old-fashioned way,” said Dehoff. He made sure that everybody used good, old-fashioned service by welcoming anyone who walked in the doors with respect and a smile. “I am lucky to have worked side by side with him. He was well-respected by the people he worked with and who worked for him.”

Jack, who is now semiretired and enjoys spending time at the family ranch in Half Moon Bay raising cattle, also served on many boards, such as the California Independent Grocers Association (CIGA).

Dehoff credits his dad for much of what he has learned in the field. “We try to continue to make it convenient for the customer by getting them in and out fast with a nice compact store that offers a good variety of purchases.” The store has a spacious parking lot and is located just two blocks off of Jefferson.

Redwood City local Pat Kelty agrees. Kelty, who has shopped there for 15 years, said, “You never have to worry about finding a parking space and they are right across the street from the Rite Aid and a shopping center. On top of that, the staff goes out of their way to help you. If you need a certain cut of meat, the butchers will do it for you while you shop. It’s just very handy. I don’t have to drive to another big store on Woodside Road when I have a neighborhood place like this one.”

Kelty, like many of Key Market’s regulars, is known to stop in on a daily basis to grab ingredients for dinner. Among his favorites are the premarinated meats for fajitas and tacos that are offered with a selection of fresh vegetables. On the weekends, he can be found ordering a tri-tip barbecue sandwich or a Polish sausage, both of which are cooked in the parking lot in front of the store.

“We marinate and tumble (using a vacuum tumbler that infuses the meat with the marinade) the tri-tips during the week and grill them up over real coal fire,” explained Dehoff.

A neighborhood store with so much more

Although Dehoff’s Key Market is considered a neighborhood store, not every patron is from the immediate vicinity. Renee Child, an Atherton resident, has been a loyal customer for more than 10 years. Child was initially introduced to the supermarket when she shopped at the Florence Street location as a volunteer for the “Senior Shoppers” — a program that delivers groceries to seniors within the community. Child lauded the family-run outfit as being a great partner to the program, which has been in operation for the last 30 years. “We shop on Tuesdays, when they offer a discount to seniors, and they designate a separate checkout line for us to make the process quicker and easier. The staff is always really helpful and nice. They actually know and greet you by name.”



“HE WAS WELL-RESPECTED BY THE PEOPLE HE WORKED WITH & WHO WORKED FOR HIM.”

Child does most of her weekly shopping at Key because they offer unique items that cannot be found anywhere else. For instance: Raymond’s sourdough bread. “I am originally from Marin and a big treat for us would be to go to Fisherman’s Wharf to get a loaf of sourdough bread and have it with fresh crab,” Child recalled. Raymond’s bread is reminiscent of that. “It’s old San Francisco sourdough, which is crunchy and chewy on the outside and soft on the inside. You just can’t get that any more without a trip to San Francisco.”

Child’s family loves the Key Market meatballs, which are made on the premises from meat that is ground fresh daily. She also appreciates being able to purchase items such as large quantities of seasonings at a good value — also hard to find if you’re not near a warehouse store.

It’s all about the people

“Our success over the years is also largely due to having great people,” said Dehoff, citing that they have staff who have celebrated retirement with them after 30 years.

“We’ve always really been focused on who we hire. We are always trying to get the right fit of employees that care about customers and love to be part of the team. We have been able to be around all these years because of the people that care.”

At one point, the grocer had various locations, including two additional stores in Redwood City as well as San Mateo and one in Sunnyvale. “We were expanding really until ’92,” explained Dehoff. “As leases came up and expired, sometimes there were not always options to renew. Luckily my dad had the foresight to purchase the property on Upton and Roosevelt a long time ago.

“Our downsizing is more of getting back to how we originally were, which has helped us to focus a little more. By having a single location, we can concentrate on just the one neighborhood. We always want to take care of the customer because we know they have more places to go than ever and they expect more.”

Consolidating three Redwood City stores would normally mean a lot of displaced workers. But this extraordinary family-run company chose to do otherwise. “Mr. Dehoff didn’t have any of the staff leave when the stores closed and they downsized,” said Jennifer Rice, who has been a cashier for three years. Thinking she was not going to get enough hours because they had to accommodate an impacted team, Rice began looking for another job and decided to pursue other career options.

After some time, when he started getting calls for references for Rice, Dehoff called her to personally ask if she would be interested in coming back. “That really meant a lot to me and reminded me how much everyone was like a family there,” said Rice. Although she is considered on the younger side of the crew at 31, Rice said she feels like she can relate to her co-workers because they all love what they do. “I could work at a bigger supermarket that is closer to home,” said the Belmont resident. “But I choose to work here because it is more than just a job. It is a second home to me. I talk with customers all day long and they have taught me so much about cooking and even about being healthier.

“We talk about anything and everything. It is such a special place. My family and friends always ask me, ‘How is work?’ and my answer is always the same. It’s always a great day at Key Market!”



PROJECT READ FUELS THE FIRE OF HOPE AT REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m., the 28th annual Trivia Bee benefitting Project READ will be held at Cañada College.

In addition to being a lot of fun, the Trivia Bee helps Project READ raise funds as well as increase awareness about what the organization does for the community and how people can get involved. Organizations or individuals have opportunities to sponsor the event; compete in teams of three; or simply attend, enjoy delicious food and drink, and match wits with the contestants from the comfort of a seat in the audience.

The Trivia Bee is organized by Redwood City Friends of Literacy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds for Project READ. Trivia Bee donations provide learning evaluations, eyeglasses,

learning materials and volunteer tutoring for the children and adults reached each year by the Project READ programs in Redwood City. For more information, visit www.triviabee.org.

In a study funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Redwood City's Project READ was identified as one of five exemplary library literacy programs in the nation. Established as part of the Redwood City Public Library in 1987, Project READ is a free, volunteer-based literacy program serving adults, children and families. Tutoring lessons are student-centered, focusing on reading, writing and critical-thinking skills, and are supported by the generous help of our volunteers. Our intergenerational programs are designed to break the cycle of illiteracy by surrounding adults, youth and families with literacy services that promote education and a lifelong love of learning.

One major component of the program is the Adult Literacy Program, which pairs volunteer tutors one-on-one with individual learners to help them reach their personal reading and writing goals, which may be as diverse as learning to read to a child, understanding prescription instructions or even voting for the first time. Despite the fact that over 600 learner-tutor pairs are currently active in the program, many potential learners are still on a waiting list, and tutors are always needed. The next series of tutor training workshops is scheduled to begin Oct. 17. Email rcfread@redwoodcity.org or call 650-780-7077 for more information.

Other Project READ programs include Families for Literacy, which is open to all English-speaking, low-literacy Redwood City School District parents with at least one 5-year-old or younger child; Families in Partnership, open to all first- through 12th-grade students in the RCSD who are identified as "at-risk"; Kids In Partnership, in which Sequoia Union High School District students provide tutoring to at-risk first- to third-graders from RCSD; and Family Learning Instructional Center, which provides drop-in tutoring and computer-assisted learning opportunities.

Project READ also provides programming in the San Mateo County Jail. Using the same volunteer tutor model as the Adult Literacy Program, low-literacy inmate learners are paired with other inmates who are able to provide tutoring assistance. Like many other aspects of Project READ services, this dual-intervention program is highly beneficial to both the learners and the tutors.

We hope to see you at the Trivia Bee or at an upcoming tutor training. We also welcome referrals — if you know someone who would benefit from the services offered by Project READ, please be sure to introduce them to us. For more information, visit www.projectreadredwoodcity.org.

ASI WAS SAYING...

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there are really more, and that portion of the meeting could go on for hours. I would imagine that is why the limit is there. At a recent meeting there were 30 speakers who wanted to address, among other things, the lack of affordable housing, skyrocketing rents and the possibility of rent control.

To make sure all voices could be heard Seybert limited each speaker to 30 seconds. He also gave the opportunity for people to yield their time to someone else and that person could speak for the combined times, thus giving the group a larger opportunity to be heard at length. Because the leader of the group, **Diana Reddy**, wanted "different perspectives" to be heard, that option was not taken.

After seven minutes of discussing how they would move forward, the public comment began. You can imagine, given the subject, there were some very powerful stories about residents being forced out of our community due to escalating rents. I found most of these speakers vulnerable and in crisis. Very touching, and their voices deserved to be heard. All of them were heard, even for only those 30 seconds.

As mayor one of Seybert's main responsibilities is to make sure the meetings are in order and follow order. That means making sure that the time limits are adhered to and meetings flow in a business-type manner with agenda items being vetted and completed. But because he fulfills his responsibility to keep speakers within

those limits that he did not create, he is, in my opinion, unfairly criticized.

Here are some of the comments directed toward Seybert: "Yes, Mr. Seybert showed his true colors (one is black)." "Seybert doesn't care about the RWC residents or our concerns and he doesn't know the council meeting rules!"

"Our mayor has proven yet again he doesn't care about the most vulnerable residents of RWC. They don't quite fit the narrative of his grand vision for Redwood City. What could have been so important that it necessitated a 9:15 p.m. departure from council chambers while denying the residents of RWC a chance to speak for a length of time that they deserved?"

Now whether or not you agree with the time limit at issue, and I don't, it must be noted that our city charter states that "when there are numerous speakers, the presiding officer (mayor) may extend the time for public comment for nonagenda and consent items." Also, any other council member can request the same. None of them did. So why no criticism toward them?

Recognizing that, one commenter wrote, "We need people who (1) will actually represent the majority of RWC residents and (2) 'do things' in a way that reflects that we live in a democracy and that actually welcomes (rather than thwarts) public input." Others are just salivating until our election next year.

But let's get back to the issue at hand. Is a 15-minute limit enough time for a city of 80,000? Cities with similar populations, like Palo Alto, allow 30 minutes; San Mateo allows 15 minutes but also allows additional public comment toward the end of the meeting; Menlo Park does not have time limits and allows each speaker

three minutes, the same as Burlingame.

It is obvious that we as a community need to have a discussion on this subject because it warrants change. Residents deserve to be heard for longer than 15 minutes and certainly for longer than 30 seconds. In the meantime, I do not think it is fair to attack and condemn Seybert for doing what he was appointed by the council to do. He runs an efficient meeting, and when I have seen him adjust timing or subjects, it has been for good reason.

The bottom line here is that any council member can address the issue, and they did not. To single out Seybert is convenient and serves the ones who do not want him re-elected next year. It is also unfair and very biased.

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In case you have not heard by now, our ever-so-popular Redwood City Police Chief **JR Gamez** has announced his retirement effective Dec. 11. He cited medical issues for the decision. In his six years as chief, Gamez has been a strong leader and has initiated changes and developed the department into one that is respected not only locally but nationally while creating a safe environment and reducing crime.

"It is with deep regret and sadness that I have accepted that it is time to listen to my doctors and retire," he said. "I plan on focusing on my health and spending time with family. It's just important for me to step away so I can just heal," he said, adding that even if his condition improves, "I don't have any aspirations of going back into this."

Now the big question will be how City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Diaz** will go CONTINUED ON PAGE 25

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~SAN MATEO~
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"Fall Color Reflection," 22 inches by 28 inches, framed

THE MAIN GALLERY

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The Main Gallery, an artists' cooperative with 23 members, showcases the work of some of the best local talent in the Bay Area. The gallery is located in the historic yellow Victorian cottage at the corner of Main and Middlefield. The Main Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main Gallery Artist 'Arup Biswas' Solo Show 'Reverberations'

Arup Biswas has always been fascinated by how the landscape brings out one's innermost feelings. For the last 20 years he has traveled throughout the United States photographing intimate portraits of nature. Biswas also has a fascination with Indian classical dance that started when his daughter began learning kathak, the famous North Indian classical dance form. While photographing dance recitals and landscapes, Biswas discovered both art forms engage viewers in different worlds. In this exhibition, Biswas explores shared experiences of these very different art forms.

Note: All the profits from the proceedings of Biswas' show will be donated to Prism, an NGO in India dedicated to the betterment of the underprivileged Indian population. Prism's varied projects include free drinking water purification and environmental rehabilitation.

The exhibit runs from Wednesday, Oct. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 19. Please join us for the Artists Reception on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

About the artist: Biswas was born in India. His love for nature was inspired by the splendor of the Himalayan beauty and was rekindled after he immigrated to the United States in 1992. That is when he acquired his first camera. In 2000 Biswas discovered the work of the great photographer and printmaker Charles Cramer. Cramer's work strongly resonated with him. Biswas first studied with Cramer in the fall of 2000 and continued his studies with him many more times. Biswas began exhibiting his photographs in 2009. His photographs express his ongoing interest in making luminous prints. Biswas' photographs have been selected for solo and group exhibitions at the venerable Sunset Cultural Center and the Center of Photographic Art, Carmel Valley; The Main Gallery, Redwood City; and Caldwell Memorial Art Gallery, Redwood City.



SAN MATEO COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

2200 Broadway St., Redwood City
650-299-0104

www.historysmc.org
Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, free for children 5 and under

The San Mateo County History Museum is located within the 107-year-old "Old Courthouse" in Redwood City. It features exhibits related to the use of natural resources, suburban development, ethnic experience and entrepreneurial achievement on the Peninsula from the times of the Ohlone Indian through today.

Free First Fridays Program on Oct. 6

Not only is admission free the entire day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), but two programs are planned for the public without any fees. At 11 a.m., preschool children will be invited to learn about "Nature's Bounty." They will make an acorn out of tissue paper to take home. Then museum staff will conduct a special program in the "Journey to Work" exhibit gallery. Here the youngsters will hear the story "A Is for Acorn!" At 2 p.m., museum docents will lead tours of the museum for adults.

Exhibit: Sketches From World War I

Recognizing America's entry into World War I in 1917, 100 years ago, the San Mateo County History Museum has opened an exhibit entitled "Sketches From World War I," which features Peninsula soldier Alvin Page Colby's art, created when he was training at Fort Lewis and then serving in France as a cook in the 91st "Wild West" Infantry Division. Colby was a Burlingame resident working at Wisnom's Hardware when he joined the Army. His letters home often included comic sketches about daily life, many of which are featured in the exhibit. After the war he returned to Burlingame and continued working at the Wisnom's store in San Mateo. These sketches have never been on display for public viewing before.

Model Ships Gallery Gets Update

The San Mateo County History Museum reopened its popular exhibit gallery "Charles Parsons' Ships of the World." The gallery got a \$58,000 upgrade that includes new interactive activities, video presentations, graphics and murals. This project was made possible by a grant from the Christensen Family Foundation.

The gallery features the 24 beautifully conceived model ships fashioned by expert model maker Charles Parsons (1917-2004), who lived in San Carlos. The ships are an eclectic collection representing Parsons' intense interest in maritime history, from a Greek warship of 500 B.C. to the World War II destroyer The Sullivans.

Ongoing Exhibits

"Honoring Steve Jobs." A new addition to the museum's permanent exhibits honors the late Steve Jobs with displays featuring an original 1988 NeXT computer, part of the company that Jobs founded in Redwood City when he left Apple in the 1980s for a time. A variety of other objects, including books, brochures and more, are also on display.

"Land of Opportunity: The Immigrant Experience in San Mateo County." This exhibition tells the stories of the diverse people who came to the area. It highlights the experiences of the early immigrant groups — Chinese, Japanese, Irish, Italian and Portuguese — in the late 1800s.

"San Mateo County History Makers: Entrepreneurs Who Changed the World." Visitors are invited to review biographies of such innovators as A.P. Giannini (who created the Bank of America and lived in San Mateo) and other entrepreneurs whose innovations have left a substantial impact.

Redwood City Art Show Oct. 14 & 15

The 54th annual Redwood City Art Show, organized by the Sequoia Art Group, will be held the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m. both days.

Last year this cultural event displayed 115 adult paintings and photographs plus 285 student art, crafts and photography. The show is open to all adults and middle and high school students who live within the Sequoia Union High School District. Entries will be accepted on Oct. 12 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Activities Building (CAB) 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, where the show is also being held. Adult entry forms can be obtained at the CAB office counter, the downtown Redwood City Library or the Sequoia Art Group website (www.sequoiaartgroup.com, under the "Show" menu button).

Students enter through their school art teachers — one entry per student — or they may contact our Student Division chairman, Dave McClure, at 650-369-1893 for entry information. Students enter free, while adults pay a nominal entry fee per painting/photograph.

This show is co-sponsored by the Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, with show expenses covered by a grant from the Redwood City Civic Cultural Commission. There are three judges for this show: for adult paintings, adult/student photography, and student arts/crafts. In addition to ribbon awards, there will be numerous cash and/or gift certificate awards. Also, the attending public is encouraged to cast their votes for their favorites in five categories during this two-day show. Those winners will also receive awards.

Redwood Symphony to Perform Mason Bates' 'Anthology of Fantastic Zoology'

Redwood Symphony is excited to open its 33rd season with the Bay Area premiere of Mason Bates' fourth and most recent symphony, *Anthology of Fantastic Zoology*. The symphony is drawn from the book by Argentinian author Jorge Luis Borges, which catalogs an incredible

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CAR INSURANCE COSTS AND MONEY-SAVING TIPS

— *By* HECTOR FLAMENCO, special to The Spectrum

You've probably figured out that the world of car insurance is — well, let's just say it's complex. When you apply for insurance, a company is going to look at many factors.

TYPE OF CAR

Generally, the more expensive the car, the more you pay for car insurance.

LOCATION

Because of the higher frequency of issues like theft, accidents and vandalism, urban drivers may pay more than those in rural areas.

HOW MUCH THE CAR IS DRIVEN

People who drive a lot for work or commute a long distance usually pay more than those who drive less.

AGE, SEX AND MARITAL STATUS

Accident rates are generally higher for drivers under 25, especially men, which often means higher insurance prices. Married drivers may pay less.

DRIVING RECORD

Drivers with poor driving records usually pay more for insurance than people who have been accident-free for several years.

COVERAGES

Insurance policies consist of a variety of coverages. Generally, the more coverage you buy, the higher the cost.

CREDIT HISTORY

Certain credit information has been shown to be a very effective predictor of future

insurance claims. In most states, credit information is one factor used to determine the cost of your car. Maintaining good credit may save you money on your car insurance.

DEDUCTIBLE

A deductible is the part of a loss that you've agreed to pay with your own money. Generally, the higher the deductible, the lower your premium.

How can I save money?

There are several things you can do to try to save money on car insurance:

- Buy a cheaper car. Generally, the more expensive the car, the more expensive it is to insure.
- Do your safety research. Insurers often increase premiums for cars that are a greater risk for damage or occupant injury.
- Ask about discounts. Typical discounts include those for good students, insuring multiple vehicles, accident-free driving and more.
- Drive less. Consider joining a carpool or take alternate transportation when possible. Mileage reduction may help lower your premiums.
- Drive carefully. Insurers love a clean driving record.
- Consider multiline. Many insurers will offer discounts if you use them for multiple policies.

Note

Car insurance premiums are determined based on state-approved rating factors.

Editor's note: Please note that this article is not a professional consultation and is for general information only. Always seek specific information from a licensed insurance professional. Hector Flamenco is an agent with State Farm Insurance. Visit his website at www.flamencoinsurance.com.



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The following activities are open to the public during the month of October.

Free Friday Movies for Everyone

Fridays, 1:15 p.m.

We show a free feature movie in our full-size theater! We always try to have popular recent releases. Please note: Movies may be changed at any time due to availability. Whenever possible, movies are captioned.

Oct. 6: *The Mummy* – action (PG-13)

Oct. 13: *The Hero* – mystery (PG-13)

Oct. 20: *Wonder Woman* – action (PG-13)

Oct. 27: *The Big Sick* – drama (R)

Nutrition Program

Our prepared on-site lunches are now being served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Meals and hot soup are still available for takeout on those days. You can still purchase frozen homemade soup to go Monday through Friday depending on availability.

Our prepared lunches are always cooked on-site and include homemade soup and/or salad, entree with side dishes (as appropriate), choice of beverage and dessert, and you'll get all this for only \$8! Call 650-780-7259 to make your reservation or to check on the availability of our frozen homemade soups.

Café at the Center

Fridays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come have a snack-type lunch and then enjoy the free Friday movie in our full-size theater! Food is cooked to order.

The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra Concert

Friday, Oct. 6, doors open 7 p.m., concert begins 7:30 p.m.

Theater

The largest mandolin orchestra of its kind will be presenting a program of beautiful music that will take you around the world. Reception follows concert. Please call 650-780-7259 to make your reservations.

Annual Spooky Halloween Luncheon

Tuesday, Oct. 31, noon

Redwood Room

\$10/person

Yay! Time for ghosts, goblins, costumes and treats galore! We're gonna get our Halloween on! Come costumed (or not) and have a great time at one of our most popular events of the year. There will be entertainment and opportunity drawings. Reservations can be made by calling 650-780-7259.

Get Ready for Holiday Shopping: Arbor Gift Shop

You won't leave empty-handed when shopping at the Arbor. There is a great collection of handcrafted items and quality merchandise, including beautiful baby blankets,

afghans and toys. Lovely cabinets are filled with crystal, jewelry, pretty gift items and much, much more and all at very good prices. Finally, don't forget there are wonderful greeting cards for all occasions. Perfect when looking for holiday presents.

If you are a "crafty" person, bring your new handmade items in for evaluation on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or call 650-780-7338 to make an appointment.

Club and Organization Spotlight: Fun After Fifty

Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Bingo follows lunch

Dance last Friday of the month (except for November & December), 7:30–10 p.m.

Theater

Other activities include monthly board meeting, entertainment and guest speakers with information of interest to seniors. We have pastries, weekly drawings for a free lunch and sometimes bags of groceries. Membership is \$15/year and open to anyone 50 years and older. We have bingo on Tuesdays after the lunch room is cleared. We have special luncheons during the year and a picnic in July.

Activities are not restricted to members only. Anyone can participate. However, you must be 18 years of age or older to play bingo. Contact our bandleader, Dennis Berglund, at 650-747-0264 for more info on our monthly dances.



Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, Nov. 9, 9–11 a.m.

Redwood Room

\$10/person

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Friday, Nov. 17, noon

Redwood Room

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Decoration Day

Monday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

Redwood Room

To learn more about the Veterans Memorial Senior Center, call 650-780-7270. Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for city buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Veterans Memorial Senior Center and the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational and cultural activities, as well as information, referral and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at www.redwoodcity.org/parks.

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about selecting a new chief. First off, she has two options: to promote from within the department or to do an at-large search, which would take the hiring of a consultant and cost an estimated \$15,000 in taxpayer money.

As part of his extraordinary leadership Gamez has been governing his department under a system called "succession building." The system is implemented to assure that the department identifies and develops new leaders who can replace old leaders when they leave, retire or die. In relation to his department, it entails developing internal people with the potential to fill key business leadership positions in the company. By all accounts, that building process has been extremely successful.

So successful in fact that we have three current police administrators — Chief Deputy **Gary Kirby** (who is serving as the interim chief), Capt. **John Spicer** and Capt. **Dan Mulholland** — who are all uniquely qualified to advance to the chief position if they choose to. They all possess the training and knowledge to continue the top-quality service we have come to be known for. For our community's safety that service must continue.

Gamez said he will leave the city with a police force that during his tenure significantly reduced violent and property crimes and "developed internationally recognized

community policing programs to benefit our residents." Among his accomplishments, the city installed a downtown services unit and programs such as Coffee with Cops, Adopt-a-School, English and Spanish citizens' academies and homeless outreach. Gamez was also named as one of *Computerworld* magazine's "Premier 100 IT Leaders in America" for implementing social media and innovative video chat technology to give his officers more flexibility and to boost interaction with the community.

The success of the department must continue and for that to happen, given the succession-building philosophy, many community members are encouraging a promotion from within the department. In doing that, our city manager would not only honor the work of Gamez and his many accomplishments but also give the department its best tool to continue the progress made under his leadership — a strong leader who knows the system and our community and will make a smooth transition as the leadership changes.

Someone who is already here will be able to face those challenges without an adjustment period. It would also save taxpayer dollars at a time when city departmental reductions are being discussed. It will be interesting to watch how the process unfolds.

Knowing you're a true entrepreneur is when you realize that imitation is the best form of flattery. But even more so it is when that imitation fails and you feel absolutely no satisfaction because someone's dream did not come true.

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As I was saying...

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COVER PHOTO SHOOT

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have created by treating their employees and customers like family. While photos were being taken inside the supermarket, employees and customers alike were coming up to Penna to introduce themselves and make comments about The Spectrum, his column and our community. They were all excited to see the Dehoffs and addressed them as well. Penna's best friend and a former Key Market

employee of 40 years, Gary Markwith, also dropped by to share greetings with everyone.

When the shoot moved outside, vehicles passing by honked and shouted greetings and approval, while a few teenagers called those posing for photos geeks. Needless to say, this was a magical shoot and several shots in different areas would have worked well on the cover. The entire shoot took about an hour.

The Spectrum Magazine salutes the Dehoff family and all they have given to our community. They are a perfect example of a local business that serves the community they have grown up in and even helped

develop decades ago.

As things change in our community, we are unfortunately seeing small businesses eliminated and replaced by large developments and larger types of businesses.

It is nice to know that businesses like Key Market, that are a large part of our identity, are still here and thriving. We as a community must support these businesses and make sure they are here for years to come. Thanks to the Dehoffs we are given the opportunity to maintain a locally owned and operated neighborhood supermarket for all our neighborhoods.

CULTURAL EVENTS

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coterie of mythical creatures. Bates brings these creatures to life in music, playing with sonic effects to embody flitting sprites and nymphs, as well as the Zaratán, a gigantic sea turtle-like creature that hosts an island on its back.

The concert will be held on Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Cañada College Main Theatre in Redwood City and will also feature pianist Natalya Lundtvedt in her Redwood Symphony debut. Lundtvedt will perform Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 5, popularly known as the "Egyptian." The program will conclude with Ravel's masterly orchestration of Mussorgsky's piano composition *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Redwood Symphony is an all-volunteer orchestra dedicated to the performance of an ambitious, contemporary

repertoire, as well as the great orchestral classics. The innovative programming and emphasis on education are two reasons why so many of the most talented musicians from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area volunteer their time to play, and why audiences and critics have been so enthusiastic about Redwood Symphony's artistry.

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Redwood City handles its homeless?

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Volunteerism in Redwood City is?

Rising.

Something one should know about Redwood City?

All roads lead through Redwood City.

What's something you hide about your personality?

I am really insecure.

What motivates you in life?

The Holy Spirit.

What one rule did you always disagree with growing up?

That there was no such thing as a God.

If you could change one thing about yourself, it would be?

More personal time.

What major life experience made you who you are today?

Going through a court system recovery program and accepting Jesus Christ as my savior.

If you were given a yacht, what would you name it?

Isaiah.

Hidden pleasure?

Watching other people on the street when they get it.

You still cannot believe?

A lot of things.

What did you want to be when you were a child?

A police officer.

You currently feel?

Blessed and happier than I could ever imagine.

You are inspired by?

The novelist C.S. Lewis.

DAVID JOHN SHEARIN

David John Shearin was born in Redwood City. He attended Clifford, John Gill and McKinley schools. He then attended Sequoia and graduated from Redwood High School in 1989.

After high school he worked for Local 85 teamsters, driving tractor-trailer trucks.

David experienced firsthand the struggles of addiction and the reality of life on the streets. Since his own recovery in July 2005, David has pursued a calling in his life to serve those in brokenness and need.

He became the executive director of Street Life Ministries in 2007. David has expanded the reach of the ministry to bringing a hot meal and the Word of God four nights a week to two different urban centers, as well as personally connecting hundreds of people to drug and alcohol treatment centers and shelters.

His wife, Shawn, works alongside him, leading the women's outreach. They are blessed with Isaiah, their son.

David recently continued his education at the College of San Mateo, where he studied nonprofit management.

He has been involved with Life Moves, City Team, Victory Outreach, Teen Challenge, the Downtown Business Group and the Salvation Army.

Street Life Ministries accepts donations by mail at 901 Madison Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061.

David's hobbies include spin classes, weightlifting, reading the Bible and being a great dad.



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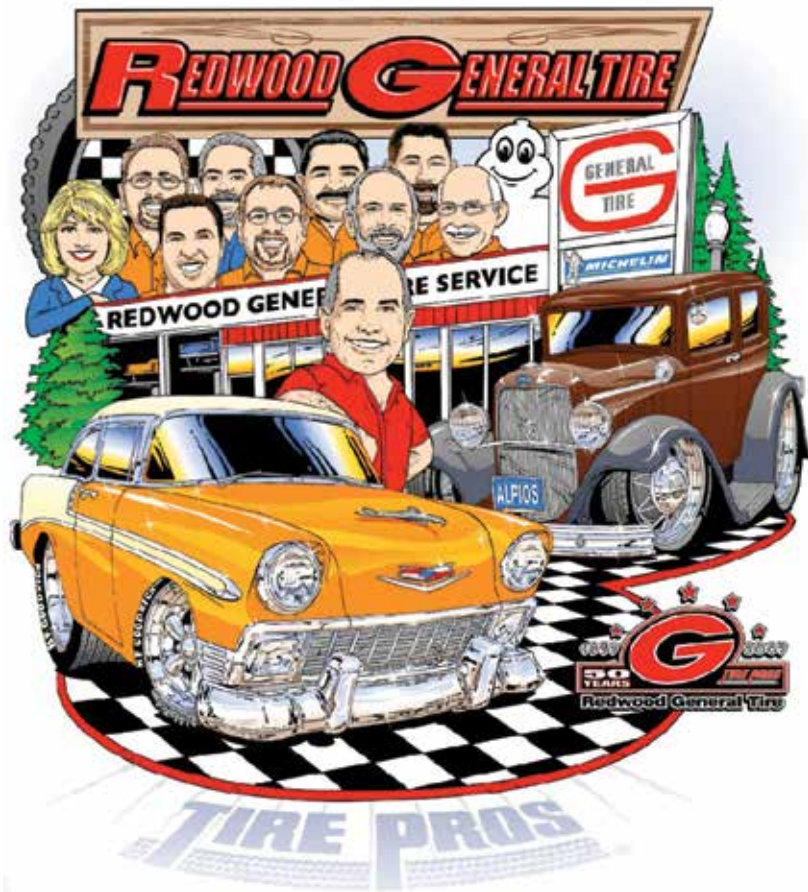
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