



Asian Art docent will discuss 1,700 years of Korean beauty

By Kathy Mountain

Ginny Meyer, a docent from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, will give an overview of the Art of Korea from the 3rd Century CE through the present day on Wednesday, March 16, at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

The Koreans claim that their art goes back 5,000 years; however, this presentation will focus on just 1,700 years.

Nearly all of the items featured in Ginny's presentation are from the Asian Art Museum's collection. Due to the various wars throughout history and subsequent devastation of the country, most of the art objects still intact are ceramic. Fortunately, in recent years the museum has been augmenting its collection by steadily acquiring paintings and works in fabric. Some folk art items will be covered as well as contemporary paintings.

Ginny will highlight the achievements of a vibrant artistic culture which has developed over centuries into a unique representation of beauty.



Years prior to becoming a docent and storyteller at the Asian Art Museum, Ginny was a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea in 1969-'70 where she developed a strong appreciation of Korean art and culture.

Her presentation will trace the development of the art of Korea from the earliest recorded information to the present day.

As a storyteller at the museum, Ginny has enjoyed working with AAUW member, Karlyn Schneider.

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The Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park in Redwood City was a popular draw for Mid-Pen groups. Carolyn Chambers, Judi Kerfoot and Barb Finnegan (above and below) visited the playground, built to accommodate all physical and cognitive abilities. Since Carolyn was a donor to the park, she served as docent. More information on Magical Bridge is available [here](#). Additional photos appear on Page 8.



From the co-president:

Redwood City Public Library offers community connections

By Susanne Burrill

My focus this month is on the extraordinary resource, our Redwood City Public Library. I feel that it has been developed wonderfully, possibly partly because of the pandemic.

In the Jan. 25 issue of the library's e-newsletter, a remarkable article was featured in which The People's Budget, a \$1 million participatory budgeting pilot launched by the City of Redwood City, was described in which we have the opportunity to determine how the city will support, grow or improve our Redwood City/North Fair Oaks community.

By the time this issue of the Triad is published, we will be past the final date, Feb. 19, when the public could have participated in Idea Submission. However, Project Voting is March 19-May 9. It will be followed by the announcement of winning projects during the June Budget Session, and implementation will start in the beginning of July. It will be very exciting to see the outcome of this process!

Another available library feature is the California State Library's American Rescue Plan Workforce Development and Support program." This program is called Get Set Up, and it will be available for free until September. It provides virtual classes for older adults taught by peers and is another means to help stay mentally, physically and socially active. More than 300 classes are available, including:

- Building Your First Website — Feb. 25
- Apple Mac: Learning About System Preferences — Feb. 22
- Online Health Information: What's Reliable?— Feb. 24

There are also language, exercise, cooking classes and so much more!
Ongoing is a Confronting History series,

presented by the Redwood City, San Bruno and South San Francisco Public Libraries. The first program was Stories of the Internment.

A second related program called Folding Cranes to Protest, Speak Out, and Heal, is scheduled for Feb. 20. The library states, "Throughout the event we invite you to join us in folding tsuru (paper cranes) expressing personal messages of support for immigrant communities, healing, and peace. No experience necessary; we will teach you!"

An upcoming Makerspace will be accessible to community library members. It will include three main components: Technology tools, including 3D printers, a laser cutter, digital design and modeling software, sewing machines, hand-crafting tools, and shared collaboration spaces.

There will be STEAM workshops for youth after school and evening drop-in and collaborative day times for adults.

Please look for the eBooks and Downloadables link for Ebooks, eAudiobooks, music, movies, magazines and museum passes.

Also, the Online Learning link, including Coursera, could start one on a new career path or avocation.

Early March activity possibilities for your calendar are:

- Tai Chi in Roselli Park at the downtown library — Thursday, March 3.
- Seed Library: Spring Seedling Swap at the Redwood Shores Library — Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to noon
- Live and Aloud, the Ed Johnson Trio — Tuesday, March 8 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

I hope to see some of you at least at the Seedling Swap, if not the library itself!



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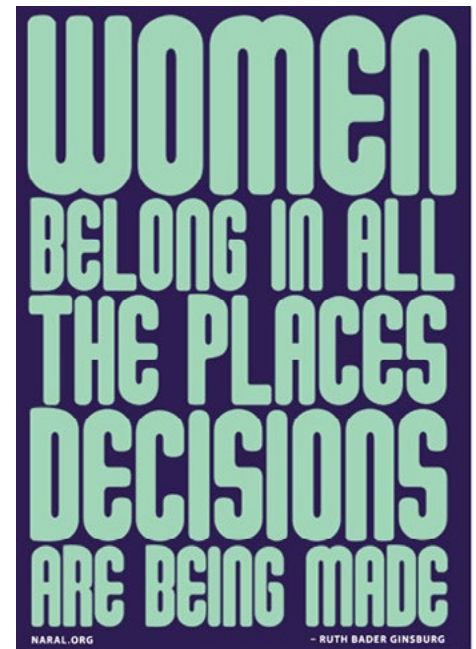
Know of a prospective member? Please contact Wilma Hoffmann (wilmahoffmann@icloud.com)

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

Triad Deadline for April will be March 15. Please send articles in Word format and photos (separately, not embedded in Word) as large-format JPEGs to Micki Carter (mickicatr@gmail.com).

Mid-Pen Personals

Mid-Peninsula branch sends its condolences and deepest sympathy to Teddy Heinrich. Her husband died on Feb. 9.



Let's get together for coffee and cookies!

By Wilma Hoffmann

It's time for an in-person social activity April 6 so we can all see each other and have a chance to communicate the old-fashioned way, though maybe outdoors at the park is the new normal!

Most of us have been able to see close friends and family, but somehow we still feel isolated and possibly lonely.

Young PhD candidate to talk at Mid-Pen's Fund event April 23

Maritza Sanchez will be our speaker for the Fund meeting on April 23, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

AAUW honored Maritza by awarding her the American Dissertation Fellowship. Her goal is to become a tenured faculty member in hopes of inspiring the next generation of engineers.

Please join us in welcoming Maritza. Our meeting will also include the election of our officers for 2022-23 and the announcement of the Named Gift Honoree(s).



Sanchez

Maritza is a PhD candidate at the University of California San Diego, studying materials science and engineering. Her research focuses on the development of nanocubes of high temperature ceramic materials for applications in extreme environments.

She is a first-generation college student and is very passionate about community outreach, diversity and inclusion.

She is an active member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers where she has led efforts to increase the number of underrepresented students going into graduate school programs, supporting Latinas in the STEM fields, and creating STEM outreach activities for students K-12.

The Zoom presentation will be recorded if anyone cannot attend the meeting. The Zoom link will be sent out several days before. You may share the link with friends. Ample time will be saved for questions and answers.

So, Burton Park it is for coffee (regular and decaf), tea (regular, decaf and herbal), water and home-baked cookies.

We will meet by the Burton Park bocce ball courts along Cedar Avenue in San Carlos at those picnic tables (depending on expected numbers) at 10:30 a.m.

Bring your own folding lawn chair for flexible — and more comfortable — seating. And bring a friend to enjoy our company and

maybe check us out.

We should have pretty spring weather by then, and if it rains, we will all rejoice and just cancel!

Send your suggestions to Wilma, and check the April Triad for changes in details.

Put it on your calendar NOW, and RSVP to Barb Finnegan (bafinnegan@comcast.net) by April 1. We would love some idea how much baking we need to do!

Welcome to Nancy Cantisano

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By Barb Finnegan

Welcome to our newest Mid-Peninsula branch member, who lives in Neighborhood 2. Nancy Cantisano is a ninth generation Californian on her father's side and is related to Joaquin Moraga (of the town of Moraga).

She was born in Chico and grew up in San Bruno. She is still in touch with classmates and is currently on the committee planning her 50th high school reunion.

Family is very important to Nancy. She has one sibling (Amigo Bob Cantisano) who was a pioneer in organic farming. Three nieces and nephews live in the California foothills and Tahoe.

Her love for Tahoe began in high school with trips to the family cabin for skiing, and she continues to visit family and friends all times of the year.

After graduation from San Francisco State University, Nancy worked at the San Francisco Emporium until 1991 and then began an almost 30-year career with Ross as an allocator in which she analyzed sales to distribute the proper type and amount of merchandise to each store.

Even though Nancy hasn't been able to do as much traveling as she hoped since retiring in May 2020, she has kept busy. She enjoys webinars on gardening and food preservation, and ferments, pickles, and has done some sour dough starters. She has apricot and plum trees and cans jams and



jellies each year for holiday fairs.

She volunteers for many organizations. She delivers food for the One life Counseling Center in San Carlos, and she crocheted scarves for distribution on fences in Redwood City for the Redwood City Parks and Recreation Chase the Chill event. She made Valentine Day cards and baked goodies for the San Mateo Neighbors Helping Neighbors organization. On a weekly basis she helps facilitate social interaction between young adults with special needs through an organization called Parents Helping Parents.

Nancy enjoys water aerobics and walking around the bayfront parks. She is a sports enthusiast and cheers all local professional teams.

Please welcome Nancy when you meet her. She is interested in these Sections: All About Food, Hiking, Film Viewing and Out for Lunch/Supper.

Climate Change Conclusion to February's desalination article

This is the conclusion of the article on desalination that ran in the February edition of The Triad.

By Marilyn Zack

Statistics

- In the U.S., approximately 76 billion gallons of water are pumped from the ground for various uses every day.
- In 2002, there were 12,500 desalination plants in 120 countries. In February 2020, there were 16,000 plants in the world. Currently there are 12 seawater desalination plants in operation in California.
- The U.S. uses 6.5% of the world's supply of desalinated water.
- Even where fresh water is plentiful, desal plants can provide water to drier areas or during droughts.
- The global water crisis impacts 785 million people or 1 in 10 on the planet.
- One in four lack access to a toilet. Every two months a child under 5 dies from a preventable waterborne

disease.

- In sub-Saharan Africa, women and girls spend an estimated 40 billion hours a year collecting water.
- A U.N. study in 2018 estimated the world produces about 25 billion gallons of desal daily — enough to fill the taps of 25 New York Cities.

The future

The California Coastal Commission is likely to vote on a controversial proposal which would ease water worries for Orange County. After decades of debate, Poseidon Water just needs the commission's approval to begin construction of a desalination facility in Huntington Beach that would produce 50 million gallons of drinking water every day.

Poseidon already runs a desal facility in Carlsbad which is the largest in the western hemisphere. Built in 2015, it provides 12% of the water used in San Diego County.

Researchers at MIT, collaborating with colleagues in China, have devised a new solar-powered desalination system which could provide plenty of drinking water with

no extra carbon. It could be deployed in arid, off-grid coastal areas to provide an efficient, low cost water source and could be excellent in sun-drenched countries in the Middle East where well over half the brine on the planet is produced.

Los Angeles recently unveiled a \$3.4 billion proposal to recycle and reuse its waste water instead of treating the waste and pumping it into the ocean as is currently done.

Dangerous chemicals and other pollutants can be removed from water by a new technology called nanotechnology. It is said to be more effective and less expensive than conventional methods of water purification.

A team at the University of South Australia has suggested that nanotechnology could solve the global problem of safe drinking water.

Active particles of silica show that they can remove pathogens, viruses and biological molecules effectively.

This innovative new technology for cleaning water could help avert diseases and provide safe drinking water for millions of people worldwide.

So what can we do about Climate Change?

Mid-Pen's Climate Change section has the following suggestions of what we as individuals can do to address the climate crisis we are living with.

Food Consumption

- Eat fewer animal products.
- Switch to plant-based beef but we need a suggestion for chicken made from plants. If others are interested in plant-based and lab-grown alternatives, the future of meat consumption is discussed in [this article](#).
- Check out the place of origin of produce to ensure that it has not been transported too far.
- Shop at Farmer's Markets,
- Place produce items loosely into the cart, except for items like mushrooms that

need a paper bag. Bring re-used plastic bags for produce and re-use them as long as possible. Keep the bags in car so you can't forget them. Bring canvas bags to the market.

In your home...

- When possible, choose electricity over gas at home.
- Install solar
- Install drought-resistant landscaping.
- Compost food waste.
- Cut back on use of plastic bottles and use metal instead.
- Set the thermostat in your house at 67 degrees in winter
- Replace old bulbs and lights with efficient new LED lights.
- Use solar clothes dryer (clothesline).
- Consider replacing gas cooktop with a

conduction stove.

- Borrow an induction hot plate from San Carlos Green. It comes with two stainless steel pans, a magnet for testing pans, and instructions. There are a number of small induction products besides stoves.

- Induction Cooktop Lending Program
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Drive less. Switch to electric or hybrid vehicles.

And finally, apply pressure that encourages politicians/governments to make tough choices in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by using our voices and our votes, making calls, writing letters and attending town halls. Be specific as to what actions we support.

Start study of DEI by taking stock of our own biases

By Barbara Finnegan

This is the second article in our series discussing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Last month we defined the terms and explained that the AAUW mission is to embody the goals and spirit of inclusion, diversity and intersectionality across all AAUW activities and participants.

Diversity is less about what makes us different and more about understanding, accepting and valuing those differences.

Let's explore some of our own thoughts of bias. It is not uncommon for us to have unknown or unconscious bias. We may have heard our parents or grandparents use phrases or specific characteristics when referring to others different from themselves.

One aspect of bias is towards women in positions of leadership. Read this [summary](#) describing how women continue to be under-represented in leadership positions.

AAUW has collaborated with Project Implicit and Harvard University researchers to create a test that looks at the mental associations we make between gender and a variety of concepts. Take this [implicit test](#)



The members of Neighborhood 5 met up at My Breakfast House in San Carlos on Valentine's Day to share the joy of being together once again.

to discover if you have any bias.

Biases can be displayed in behavior towards colleagues. This [short vignette](#) identifies how interactions can prevent individuals from feeling included in their work environment.

Can we use these examples to examine how we welcome current or new members into our branch so that they feel included? Would any changes be needed if we recruited a more diverse membership?

Maya Angelou said, "Do the best until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better."

Join our new DEI committee as we examine biases and how to expand diversity, inclusion and equity in our branch.

Please contact me at bafinnegan@comcast.net if you would like to join our Zoom meeting the third Thursday of the month from 2-3 p.m.



The Walk/Talk & Gawk hikers spent a day exploring the bayfront walkways of Redwood Shores recently.

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Interest Sections

Some interest groups will gather in person!

All About Food

All About Food will meet by zoom on Thursday, Feb. 24, to talk about methods of cooking. If you would like to try an induction hot plate, contact Suzanne Emerson of San Carlos Green at Suzanne@emersonenvironmental.com for the benefits and an application form. Information on the dangers of gas stoves is available [here](#). The March meeting has moved to Thursday, March 31. Contact Carole Farina for meeting links.

Book Bunch

We love new members. We meet at 10 a.m. on the third Friday of the month. Contact Wilma Hoffmann (wilmahoffmann@icloud.com) to be added to our group. We will discuss *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan at the home of Sue Schmid on March 18. Please RSVP to Sue (sueann21@comcast.net). Contact Wilma if you want to Zoom it instead of coming in-person.

A heads up! It will be April 22 (note postponement from April 15) for *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards at the home of Carolyn Miller.

French Conversation

Contact Laverne Rabinowitz (Lrainbow24@yahoo.com) for information on our plans for the meeting on Tuesday, March 8!

Public Policy

There will be no formal Public Policy meeting Feb. 22. Instead we will have an Action at Home meeting to:

- Research and read what's going on right now with voting rights, the ERA, Roe v Wade and abortion rights, equal pay
- Develop a plan to express views and concerns to legislators, elected officials
- During this Action at Home meeting phone fellow Public Policy members and brainstorm about how they are doing
- Find out if marches, demonstrations are in the works
- Check on local vital issues



Members of Walk/Talk & Gawk enjoyed a sunny day at Princeton By the Sea on the San Mateo County Coast last month.

Plan to share what you have learned and accomplished at the March meeting at 3 p.m. on March 22.

Climate Change

The Climate Change interest section will be meeting in person for the first time in over two years! We are headed to the Cliff House for the eco art exhibit on Thursday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m. There will not be a Zoom meeting on the preceding Monday. If you are interested in our section, just email boothsherry1@gmail.com to be put on the list.

Walk/Talk & Gawk

The group continues to meet on Thursday mornings. Members of the group suggest walks, hikes, routes and the time and place to meet, and then someone leads and does the emails for that week. Stephanie Katz is the contact (stk4@lehigh.edu).

Historic Preservation

At the San Mateo County Historic Museum, the current rotunda exhibit (through April 22) is Japanese American Internment at Tanforan: Photographs by Dorothea Lange. In 1942, Lange documented the forced evacuation and incarceration. Featured are her large-format photographs showing the arrival to camp and daily life

there. Also, see a rendering of the new memorial planned for Tanforan and maquette of the statue that will be displayed there.

The next Courthouse Docket program at the museum is Notable Women in San Mateo County on Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m.

Be sure to visit the Domini Hoskins Black History Museum through Feb. 27, in the old Cost Plus store in downtown Redwood City, corner of Jefferson and Middlefield. Hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed on Mondays. Donation is \$5, and masks are required. The vast display will truly wow you!

Gamesters

Gather to play various types of games. If you want to be part of this section, contact Nancy Oliver at 650-592-5822 or nancy1oliver@earthlink.net.

Women in Literature

(Formerly the Jane Austen Book Club), we read and discuss books written by and about women. If you want to rejuvenate this section, contact Nancy Oliver at 650-592-5822 or nancy1oliver@earthlink.net.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Gather together at various restaurants in the area. If you want to begin this section again, contact Nancy Oliver at 650-592-5822 or nancy1oliver@earthlink.net.

Public Policy

Equal Pay Day to be observed this year on March 15

By Ginny Hatfield
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AAUW CA Public Policy Panel

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that on the average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn.

Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Day was to raise awareness about the gender wage gap.

Each year this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The date normally moves earlier each year as the wage gap closes, as women's average wages rise faster than men's.

Equal Pay Day was traditionally a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved.

And this year the news is even better – all women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on March 15. Better, but we're still not there.

Last June, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which had passed the House of Representatives and would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 by providing more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination based on sex, was filibustered in the Senate on a 49-50 vote.

Now is the time to let your elected officials know how you feel about this failure to codify pay equity.

AAUW Branches throughout the country have marked this day with activities that highlight the wage gap.

Here are some suggestions for things your branch can do.

- Write your representatives in Congress to encourage them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Encourage your local city council or county board of supervisors to issue a proclamation in support of pay equity.
- Wear **red** to symbolize that women's



AAUW-CA Lobby Day becomes Lobby Week so register now

The state Public Policy team will be setting our legislative agenda for 2021-22 in March, and once again we are calling on our members to help us spread the word about our priority bills to your state representatives.

We are offering our members an opportunity to share their views directly with their representatives, either in person or via Zoom.

We had a tremendous turnout last year, as members were able to Zoom with their reps from their homes and didn't have to incur the costs of travel to Sacramento. We continue to believe, however, that in-person meetings are better, where possible.

So for this year, we are changing things up a bit. We are introducing Lobby Week instead of Lobby Day. We will be arranging meetings for members with their reps in their district offices, while they are home on Spring Break April 11-15. That means minimal cost, maximum opportunity for a meaningful impact.

The committee, in conjunction with our

professional advocate, will schedule meetings with those representatives willing to participate. Legislators may wish to meet in person in their district office, or they may prefer to meet via Zoom.

Where in-person meetings are indicated, we will match members residing in those districts who are also willing to meet in person. (Note: masks and/or proof of vaccination may be required.)

Where representatives indicate a preference for Zoom meetings only, we may ask out-of-district members to make a presentation if no in-district members are available.

If you are interested in participating in Lobby Week 2022, please complete a short [survey](#) no later than Feb. 28. Please note: you **MUST** complete the survey in order to participate.

On April 7, there will once again be a mandatory training webinar to explain how the meetings will be conducted and the details on the bills we are supporting. You **MUST** attend the webinar in order to participate. Please [register](#) for the webinar.

paychecks are "in the red" when compared to men.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper or offer to submit an op-ed.
- Share a timely post on social media to spread awareness.
- Hold an event on your local campus and offer cookies to women that are proportionately smaller than the ones you offer to men. Also invite participants to become student

affiliate members of AAUW.

- Invite community members to an "unhappy hour."

Whatever you decide to do, start planning now. We can't wait for equal pay!

You can get more information and samples of proclamations and letters from the National Committee on Pay Equity.

You can also find out more on AAUW National's website on Pay Equity [here](#).

Important Public Policy dates to circle on your calendar

Feb. 20 — World Day of Social Justice; The United Nations General Assembly declared an [annual day](#) with emphasis on issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment. This commitment of nations strives to achieve “a society for all” framework for action to promote social justice at national, regional and international levels.

Feb 25 — CNN Film Screening: LFG - Equal Play, Equal Pay by AAUW San Francisco Branch. A no-holds-barred, inside account of the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team’s ongoing fight for equal pay as told by Megan Rapinoe and others. To register, click [here](#).

March 8 — International Women’s Day Program, “Celebrate Women Shaping a More Equitable Future.” International Women’s Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. Yet progress has slowed in many places across the world, so global action is

needed to accelerate gender parity. Leaders across the world are pledging to take action as champions of gender parity – not only for International Women’s Day, but for every day.

March 15 — Equal Pay Day; AAUW supports passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, Pay Equity for All Act, Fair Pay Act to give women the tools they need to successfully challenge pay discrimination and to provide incentives to employers to comply with the law. Sign up to [take action](#) on Two Minute Activist.

March 19 — Title IX. Celebrate 50 years of Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act passed in June of 1972. The event will describe how each gender was given equal rights to educational programs, activities and financial assistance where federal aid is accepted. Learn how Title IX has evolved over the last 50 years, including LGBTQ students, and what is still a “work in progress.”

Registration on Eventbrite through AAUW CA website coming soon! Save the Date.

Bill Tracker

AAUW CA’s last five priority bills that were awaiting the governor’s signature have been acted on. Here are the results:

SB 62 (requires fair pay, instead of “by the piece” payment, for garment workers) SIGNED

AB 367 (free menstrual products must be provided in girls/women’s bathrooms in schools) SIGNED

AB 887 (allows domestic violence restraining orders to be filed electronically) SIGNED

AB 123 (increases paid family leave benefits to 65–75% of regular pay) VETOED

AB 1074 (requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen) VETOED



Asian Art Docent Ginny Meyer

Asian Art

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Before retirement, Ginny worked with technology companies and is ever so grateful to be focused now on art rather than how long people have to wait when calling customer service!



Neighborhood #2, including Wilma Hoffmann, Barb Finnegan, Nancy Cantisano, Carole Farina and Cathy Chowenhill gathered at Red Morton Community Center in Redwood City recently and walked through the park. They ended up exploring the playground as well. Additional photos and information about the Magical Bridge Playground appear on Page One.