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# Celebration at Almaden Lake Park: July 4

By William Bellou Publisher

Por the fifth consecutive year, Councilmember Johnny Khamis is presenting the Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show at Almaden Lake Park on July 4.

Bring a blanket, flashlight, your family and friends and celebrate America's birthday at Almaden Lake Park starting at 3 p.m., with the fireworks show starting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Festival-goers are encouraged to walk, bike, car pool, or use public transportation.

For more information about the festival, see the District 10 Report from Councilmember Johnny Khamis on page 14.



# Almaden Little League Majors and AAA win prestigious District 12 Tournament of Champions

**By Nick Blozan** Special to the Times

Por the first time in the history of the Almaden Little League, both the Majors and AAA teams won the prestigious District 12

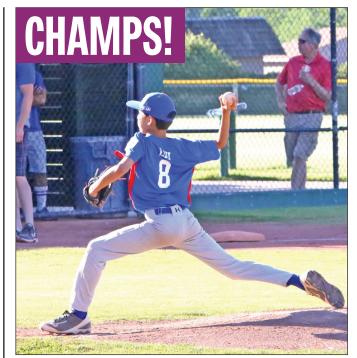
The Tournament of Champions (TOC) is a single elimination tournament held at the end of the season, lasting only five days. The event tests each team's pitching, focus and stamina.

Tournament of Champions.

District 12 Little League conducts tournaments featuring the Majors and AAA league champion teams from Almaden, Cambrian Park, Branham Hills, Union, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Quito, San Jose American, Willow Glen and Lincoln Glen.

In a storybook title game between the Yankees and Red Sox, the Almaden Little League Majors Yankees won the 2018 District 12 Majors TOC Championship on Thursday, June 14th, with a 2-0 victory over an outstanding Quito Little League Majors Red Sox team.

The Almaden AAA Cubs won the 2018 District 12 Minor TOC Championship in dramatic fashion on See CHAMPS, page 16



**Noah Liu** is up on the hill during the Tournament of Champions.



Come and get it with smiles from **Jane Thompson** and **RoseMary McDiarmid** serving guests at the Almaden Senior Association All American Barbecue. *Photo by Jeanne Carbone* 

# **Food and friendship**

### Almaden Senior Association hosts successful annual All American barbecue

**By Jeanne Carbone** Special to the Times

There's something about breaking bread that brings people together.

That idea was in full force when friendship and volunteerism joined together at the annual Almaden Senior Association All American Barbeque this past Saturday. The result was a joyful event enjoyed by all in attendance.

"We're a 1,250 member organization," said Almaden Senior Association President Bill Hubka who began attending the senior association after his wife died. "We are all about serving seniors with socialization activities, educational opportunities, and adventures like sailing, whale watching, or visiting museums. We have a dinner party once a month. There

are so many talented people who help and everyone volunteers. It's a wonderful experience for me."

One hundred twenty seniors dined on the all-American barbecue featuring either beef brisket or turkey with all the fixings. They were serenaded with live entertainment from the musical stylings of Sandi and Mike Bell in the Almaden Community Room adorned with decorations of American flags and twinkling lights. A magical atmosphere was created but the most important ingredient is the fellowship that is shared.

Almaden resident Venus Phillips, 93, agrees. And she should know. Phillips is an original member of the senior association since its inception in 1994 when it started with a few classes and trips for about 200 members.

The current community center was built a dozen years ago. Before that, it shuttled around to a few different buildings in South San Jose until their current home See BARBECUE, page 6

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# Valley Currents

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### Side-by-side or miles apart—we are Divas connected by the heart!

By Kimberlie Guerrieri

Special to the Times

16 years, 18 trips, 15 cruise ships, 20 countries and counting!

When 30 ladies boarded the Norwegian Sun cruise ship in May for its inaugural trip to Cuba, we got plenty of looks, and it wasn't just because of the mountain of luggage we had just deposited on the port.

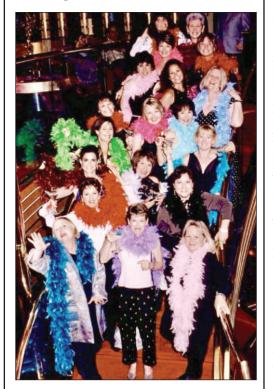
People wondered if we were attending a family reunion, sorority social or business trip, but they were all wrong. Some of us had just met for the first time, while other friendships spanned over 25 years. One nervous lady had never even been on a cruise.

Loud and laughing as we waited in line to board the ship, we were an attention magnet. "We're the Traveling Divas!" we announced to the brave souls who asked.

It all started sixteen years ago at an Almaden Valley Women's Club meeting. Travel agent Doreen Lipinski invited fellow members to join her on the inaugural sailing of Princess Cruise Line's Star Princess. It was a quick trip of three days and two nights, costing less than \$300.

As a young working mother, my travels involved trips to the office, Williams Elementary School, Safeway, sports practices and doctor's appointments. I had never taken a girl's trip: I didn't even have a passport.

"We'll be Divas!" Lipinski said. There would be no cooking, cleaning, husbands, kids or pets. Just the beautiful, blue sea,



The Divas in 2005: "Babes in Boas!"



Through time, the Diva travel group expanded beyond Almaden Valley Women's Club members to include girl-friends of girlfriends, sisters, cousins and co-workers.

being pampered in the spa and sleep, glorious sleep! Eight of us signed up for the first trip. It was everything Doreen promised and more. It not only changed my life, but my family's as well.

As mothers, we spent all of our time taking care of others. But as I discovered on that first cruise, it feels good when a crew takes care of you! It not only recharged my physical and emotional batteries, but I caught the travel bug.

Travel became not only a fun getaway, but an essential part of my life both with my Divas and my family. Two years after my first Diva trip, my husband and I took our children on a two-week cruise to the Mediterranean. My kids have been racking up their passport stamps ever since in England, the Caribbean, Cuba, Thailand, India, Mexico, Guatemala, Spain and all points in-between. 95120 was a great home, but travel introduced them to a global community.

When you travel with the Divas, you become one through and through, even taking on Diva as your new moniker like: "Diva Kimberlie," "Diva Janice," "Diva Karen," or "Queen Diva Doreen."

Through time, the Diva travel group expanded beyond Almaden Valley Women's Club members to include girlfriends of girlfriends, sisters, cousins and co-workers. Our daughters longed to be Divas, but we longed to escape them during those early years. So, we made one of our first Diva rules: Diva daughters can join when they reach drinking age. We've been together so long the second

generation of Divas have been welcomed aboard and are now sharing in our adventures.

After our third Diva trip, our husbands started their own travel group called "The Divos." It only lasted one poorly-planned golf weekend. When they returned, they asked if they could join our group, or if we could at least plan their trips. Negotiations began and a compromise was struck: each year, our Diva travel group would continue to take at least one "girls' only" trip, but we would also organize a Diva/Divo couples trip as well.

Last year, the Diva/Divo trip was a Rometo-Venice cruise aboard Winstar's Legend. Our stops included Amalfi, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Split, Rovinj and Venice. The ship was small and intimate with two crew members for every passenger. Everyone knew your name by the second day and if you preferred white wine over red. It was such a special experience to be with good friends from home while exploring ancient ruins or standing on deck at sunrise sailing through the fiords to Kotor.

Each year, "Queen Diva Doreen" organizes our trips as well as their themes: We had a "Royal Rendezvous" aboard the Queen Mary 2, "Babes in Boas" on the Holland America Oosterdam and "Princesses and Palaces" on Oceania's Marina where we sailed for 10 days between Barcelona, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal.

Our smallest group was when four of us spent a spa weekend at the Sonoma Mission See DIVAS, page 8

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### **Times Local News**



The Almaden Senior Association All American Barbeque was another smooth-running event under the capable hands of (I to r) Erin Barclay, Jeanne Sanders, Rich Sanders, Sally Sargent, Jack Campbell, President Bill Hubka and Art Randall. Photos by Jeanne Carbone

### **Barbecue**

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when the center and library were built, says Phillips. She's played bridge, joined walking groups, attended luncheons, and has taken trips with fellow members through the years. Phillips says she's at the community center most days of the week. Today, she is enjoying the barbecue and camaraderie with daughter, Genese Phillips, as well as visiting with old friends and making new ones.

The once-a-month luncheons are a must attend for many of the members though nonmembers are welcome as well. The fortunate attendees enjoy the talents of some of the best executive chefs in the Bay Area. The barbecue meal was under the capable hands of John and Erin Barclay who are former owners of Scott's Seafood Grill in downtown San Jose. Also, Jack Campbell who owned the New Almaden Food and Beverage Company, and then Café Del Rio in the same location that is now home to La Foret lent his talents to the meal.

"Once a month is easy," says Campbell who knows the disciplines of the restaurant business. Erin Barclay agrees with that sentiment saying, "plus we enjoy it."

The chefs also have the help of their kitchen crew. "I love my kitchen group," says RoseMary McDiarmid about the cheerful group that prepares a delicious, warm meal ready for their guests and friends. "We all clicked."

"The volunteers plan the food, decorations and entertainment," said Adriana Copada, the Recreation Program Specialist for the Almaden Community Center. "Our volunteers are a huge help."

Copada says that she sees many of the

members at the different classes, and exercise programs such as tai chi or morning stretch. Many seniors come to lunch which the center offers Monday through Friday for a nominal fee either before or after a class.

The Almaden – Blossom Valley Chapter of the National Charity League was on hand to serve as wait staff for the event. The Almaden Senior Association is one of their philanthropic service endeavors that they volunteer for.

"I love to volunteer," said Martie Degutis. "I could stay a home but this is a choice you make to help."

Jeanne Sanders sums up being a member. "When we're here we all have a good time."

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**Genese Phillips** and **Venus Phillips** enjoyed the cuisine and the fellowship at the Almaden Senior Association All American Barbecue.



**Sandi** and **Mike Bell** serenade guests at the Almaden Senior Association All American Barbeque with a rendition of "Are you Lonesome Tonight" on June 23.



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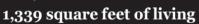
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### Times Features



Presidents' Island, named for the past Martin Fontana Park Association Presidents.

# Plant islands on display at Martin-Fontana Park Island hopping on a pleasant day...

You won't have to travel far to see five islands displaying various native plants at Martin-Fontana Park, at the corner of Meridian Avenue and Oakglen Way.

The native plants have been planted on each island courtesy of Almaden Nursery,

PG&E, DGDG and others.

Find an island plant you like, check the name on the plant ID signs, and head to your favorite nursery to check them out more thoroughly with a professional.

For more information, visit martinfontanaparksassociation.blog



Plant islands give you the opportunity to see how various plantings look together.

### **Divas**

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Inn and our largest group was on the "Diva Babes in Boas" cruise to Vancouver, Canada with 48 ladies.

While we have done a few all-inclusive resort destinations, most of our trips have been cruises because of their value and flexibility. Onboard a ship, there are lots of activities and choices to keep all the Diva's happy: Some relax in the spa, while others take adventurous excursions. You might find a Diva reading poolside or even playing bingo.

While Diva's roam freely during the day, we dine together nightly. No grocery shopping. No cooking. No cleanup. And of course, most of the Divas hit the dance floor after dinner and the shows.

Over sixteen years, we've navigated the globe, as well as the highs and lows of life together. We've watched our children graduate high school and college, get married and even have children of their own. We've supported each other through illnesses, moves and divorces. Like our own

virtual cruise crew, we take care of each other even when we are apart.

The traveling Divas have become a sisterhood and at the Diva core is Almaden Valley, where we first met and raised our children.

Our next stop? Africa or South America are top contenders. Either is fine with me, because I go for the friendships: The destinations and adventures are a bonus. You are welcome to join our traveling Diva's. Just drop "Queen Diva Doreen" a note at: Doreen@apttl.com, or start your own travel tribe. You should always have a trip to look forward to on your calendar! Below: The original Divas, in 2002.



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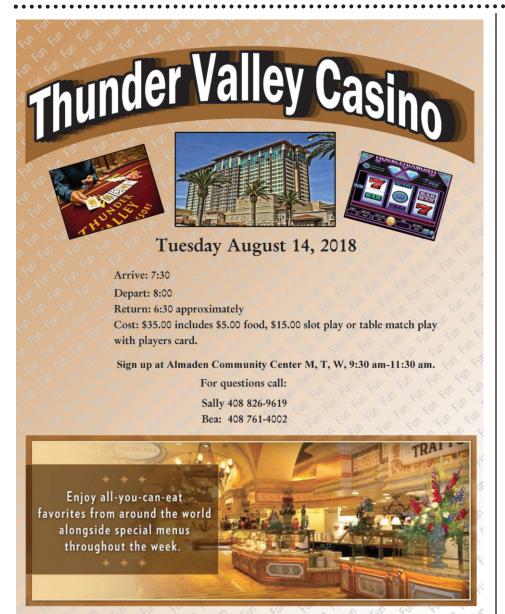
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### Times **Feature**

### **Summer Scene**

The kids are off for the summer, the temperature is rising, and vacations are being planned. Here's a few tips for a healthier, more enjoyable summer for your family. Make it a safe and fun summer to remember.

# Five tips for healthy summer hydration

(Family Features) Summer provides countless opportunities to get outside for hiking, biking and running around with friends and family. However, having fun in the sun also requires proper hydration.

While staying hydrated may seem easy, healthy hydration is not always a given. For example, the water coming out of your faucet can travel through miles of aging pipes before it reaches your home, potentially picking up unwanted contaminants such as lead, pesticides and industrial pollutants along the way.

These tips can assist in achieving healthy hydration throughout the summer months:

Drink plenty of water. It may seem simple, but consuming an appropriate amount of water can be especially important when temperatures reach sweltering levels. Since the human body is 60 percent water, it's a vital step for your health to make sure you're getting enough of it, which is why Healthline recommends 6-8 glasses (8 ounces each) of water per day.

Make sure it's pure. In addition to drinking the right amount of water, it's also important to drink the right kind of water. Consider installing an in-home filtered water solution like the PUR Advanced Faucet Filtration system. It's certified to reduce more than 70 contaminants, including 99 percent of lead – more than any other brand, according to NSF. Filtered water can be used to refill water bottles and ice cube trays, prepare infant formula, cook and make beverages like coffee, tea and even smoothies.

"Staying hydrated is especially important during the hot, summer months," said Deb Mudway, PUR marketing vice president. "Our lead-reducing faucet filtration systems make it easy to enjoy cleaner, better-tasting water at home or on-the-go."

Take it to-go. Keeping a bottle of water with you when you're out and about is a convenient way to stay hydrated. Rather than disposable plastic water bottles, consider using a refillable, BPA-free bottle, which is a more environmentally friendly choice and typically more affordable.

Add a little flavor. Quench your thirst and add some refreshing flavor and nutrients to your water by infusing it with strawberries, kiwi, orange, mint or melon slices.

Eat water-rich foods. An overlooked option for maintaining proper hydration is eating fruits and vegetables such as water-melon, cucumbers and celery that naturally contain water. For the freshest results, wash your fruits and vegetables with filtered water prior to eating them.

Find more ways to ensure cleaner water consumption for proper summer hydration at PUR.com.

# Summer learning activities for kids

(Family Features) Summer may be a break from formal education, but keeping kids excited about learning can be an easy way to keep them active and engaged instead of zoned out on screen time.

The National Summer Learning Association estimates that kids can lose up to two months of learning during the summer but involving kids in educational summer activities can prevent them from forgetting skills they learned during the school year.

Encourage your kids to keep learning outside of school with these fun and educational summer activities.

### Visit a science museum

Spend a rainy day enjoying a science museum, which offers hands-on experiences to make learning fun. Kids can build on what they've already learned and apply new discoveries when they return to school in the fall. Many museums offer special prices for families, which makes it an opportunity for the whole family to bond.



Once you get home, talk about favorite exhibits or lessons and ask kids to express those memories on paper in the form of a journal entry or colorful drawing.

### Head to the zoo or aquarium

At a conservation-oriented destination like an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited zoo or aquarium, kids can learn about the importance of environmentally friendly practices, animal care and welfare and more. Families can also explore the unique challenges facing endangered species and discover how members are Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE). After learning about animals that need help, kids can visit zebrapen.com/aza for fun games that reinforce what they learned. Kids can also draw their favorite animals, real or imaginary, and take a photo to enter Zebra Pen's AZA SAFE contest. Prizes include zoo or aquarium tickets and items from the Zensations product line.

### Go on a nature hike

Hikes provide abundant nature lessons, giving kids a chance to get some exercise while exploring and appreciating their surroundings. Visit a national or local park to get some fresh air and learn about preserving nature. Along with a picnic lunch, bring along information about local wildlife and plants, and have kids search for each item on the list as a scavenger hunt. Back at home, test their memories by having them create a collage of all the things they found.

### See a show at a children's theater

Experiencing live theater is a positive way to introduce kids to new cultural experiences. Because they're typically short in run time, most shows can hold the attention of kids of all ages while conveying important life lessons. Pick a show with lots of interaction that can allow kids to stay focused and maybe even participate in the show. Acting out their favorite scenes, illustrating favorite characters or writing a new scene or different ending are all ways to keep the learning going after the curtains close.

### Join a library program

Special summer programs at libraries can give kids a chance to enhance their reading skills. Many local libraries offer contests that challenge kids to read a certain number of books during the summer and include a series of incentives for reaching certain milestones. The reading component is often supplemented with crafts and activities to make reading fun. Extend the challenge even further by choosing a favorite book and asking kids to write or draw a sequel that takes those characters on another exciting adventure.

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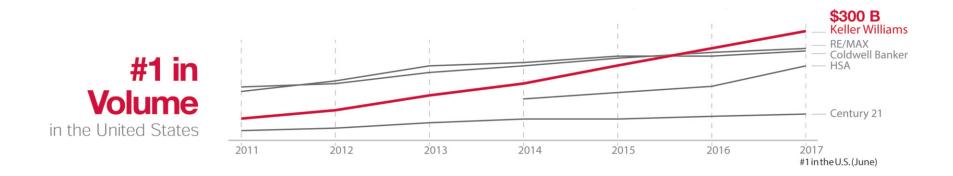


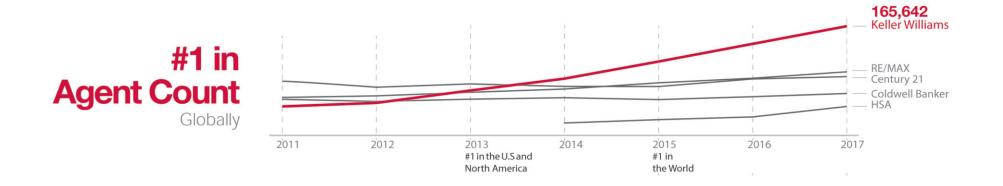
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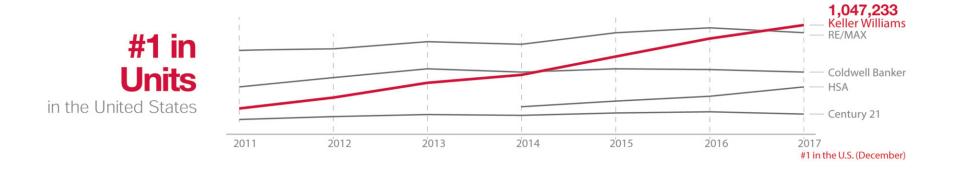
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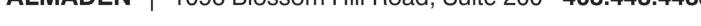
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Times Feature

# **July 4th festival, fireworks show at Almaden Lake Park**

**District 10** 

Report

District 10 presents the 5th Annual Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis Special to the Times

The District 10 team has enjoyed producing this day-long, family-friendly, annual event at beautiful Almaden Lake Park for the past five years.

Given the City's safety-related ban on the use of personal fireworks, this patriotic, exciting, and fun-filled celebration provides a safe place for families and people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate the birth of the United States of America!

There will be live entertainment, food trucks, community booths, face painting, a costume contest for most-patriotic family, teen, and child (12 & under), a Mini-Festival area featuring Westfield Oakridge Mall, Home Depot, M8trix, and Skip's Tires, and the popular letters-to-soldiers booth.

Also back again this year: the musical stylings of the Snarky Cats, headlined by George and Cindy Nowicki, and amazing fireworks from Devastating Pyro. Bring a blanket, flashlight, friends, and family and come on out and celebrate America's birthday with friends and neighbors.

We cannot host this event without lots of financial support from our amazing community partners. Thank you to our Skyrocket sponsors for providing major funding: Casino M8trix, Brandenburg Foundation and Skip's Tires.

Other great community partners who provide private funding for the event include: Westfield Oakridge Mall; Millcreek Residential; Naprotek; Hunter Properties; Republic Services: Schoennauer Company; Garden City Construction; Almaden Senior California Apartment Association: Association; Almaden Valley Women's Club; Ready Proofs; The San Jose Earthquakes and CORE Development.

Private donations are the main source of funding for this event – no City General Fund dollars are used. We received grants from the City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) which come from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), paid by visitors to hotels in San José to provide funds for cultural and convention events and facilities, and a grant from the County of Santa Clara. We are grateful for in-kind support from the City of San Jose Environmental Services Department and their super service provider, the San Jose Conservation Corps, and the San Jose Parks Department.

### Festival details

Transportation: We encourage you to walk, bike, use public transportation or use LYFT, UBER, or Yellow Checker Cab Company.

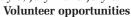
Special event park rules: The following

items will not be allowed at Almaden Lake Park at any time on July 4th. Absolutely— no alcohol, no weapons, no barbeques, no illegal fireworks: Offenders risk being fined a minimum of \$500 or more. In addition, no pets, no emotional support animals, and no drones.

Tents: Tents must be secured/staked into the ground or you risk having the tent removed. Tents must be taken down at or

before 6 p.m. Absolutely no exceptions.

If the rules are not followed, the offender will be denied admission and will run the risk of being cited and having item(s) in question removed from their person. Failure to comply with the rules can result in the possibility of arrest by the San Jose Police Department. Of course, to put on a big event like this we need many volunteers to help us out on July 3, July 4 and July 5.



July 3 - Set-up: 7:30 p.m. until complete. More hands

make this go quickly, so register your whole family or your whole sports team.

July 4 - Help with signage and other setup between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Letters to the Soldiers Table, keeping the grounds clean, and other tasks between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Help turn-on lights at end of fireworks. Help with tear-down of vendor tents, tables, chairs immediately following fireworks.

July 5 - Clean-up of Almaden Lake Park in the morning. We provide breakfast items, coffee, juice, and water. It's a great time to be outside while doing something good for community and a perfect activity for students to gain community service hours.

Thank you to Bob Vonderwerth and the Vonderwerth Family, Carina Beal and the Almaden Valley Women's Club, William Bellou and the *Almaden Times*, Ready Proof Design and Graphics, George and Cindy Nowicki with Snarky Cats Band, Cutright Family and Devastating Pyro, Dan Connolly and ACSATM Armed Courier Service and MRP Services Security.

Thank you to our community partners for their on-going unconditional support and guidance for this event: City of San Jose Parks and Recreation, City of San Jose Department of Transportation, San Jose Police Department, San Jose Fire Department, City of San Jose Public Works, City of San Jose Environmental Services, City of San Jose Special Outdoor Events Team, City of San Jose City Clerk's Office; Zero Waste, VTA, County of Santa Clara and County of Department of Health.

Please contact Denelle Fedor at (408) 535-4993 or denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov regarding volunteer opportunities. The deadline to sign up to volunteer is Friday, June 29. No drop-in volunteers can be accepted.



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# Councilmember

The 5th Annual Family Fun





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- Medicious Food: American BBQ: Middle Eastern Food: Mexican Food: Hot Dogs: Ice Cream and more!

No on-site parking. We strongly encourage taking UBER; LYFT and Yellow Checker Cab or use public transportation.

### RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED & RULES WILL BE ENFORCED

- The following items WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT Almaden Lake Park at anytime on Monday, July 4th
- NO Weapons - NO Alcohol - NO Emotional support animals - NO Barbeques
- **NO** Drones NO Riding bikes or moving vehicles in park

 NO Illegal Fireworks - Offenders risk being fined a minimum of \$500 or more Tents MUST be secured/staked into the ground or risk being removed. Tents must be taken down at or before 6:00 PM

### ABSOLUTELY-NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES

The offender runs the risk of being cited and having the items in question removed from their person and the possibility of being arrested by the San Jose Police Department.









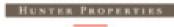












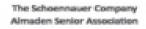






















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### **Times Cover Story**



All smiles: The winning Almaden Yankees Little League Team includes (I to r) Kole Laubach, Vaiden Quevedo, Manager Rob Poole, Dominic Poole, Harrison Model, Joe Fuqua, Ostin Carl, DiEviano Quevedo, Kevin Noller, Dillon Gregg, Jake Caltagirone, Coach Pete Fuqua, Tyler Eidem, Coach Ryan Laubach and Dylan Nolan.

### **Champs**

Continued from page 1

Wednesday, June 13th, with a last inning, come-from-behind, 8-7 walk-off victory over the previously undefeated Lincoln Glen Blue Thunder.

### **Almaden Majors Yankees**

The 2018 Almaden Majors Yankees completed the sweep by winning the Almaden South Little League Regular Season, Post Season Tournament and District 12 ToC.

The Yankees path to the title was not an easy one as they drew the most difficult position in the ToC bracket. The Yankees jumped into the tournament swinging, posting a 10-0 win over Willow Glen Little League. Timely hitting by Jake Caltagirone and Ostin Carl coupled with shutout performances on the mound by Kole Laubach and Joe Fuqua sealed the first game.

Next up for the Yankees was Los Gatos Little League. This was an exciting back and forth game. Los Gatos scored early to take the lead but the Yankees chipped away with a homerun from Dominic Poole. Key defensive plays by Dillon Greg and Kole Laubach kept the game close, and excellent base running by Harrison Model provided extra runs. The Yankees were down by 1 run heading into the bottom of the 6th inning. With their backs against the wall the Yankees loaded the bases and Joe Fuqua delivered the game winning hit in walk-off fashion to propel the Yankees to the next round with a 6-5 win.

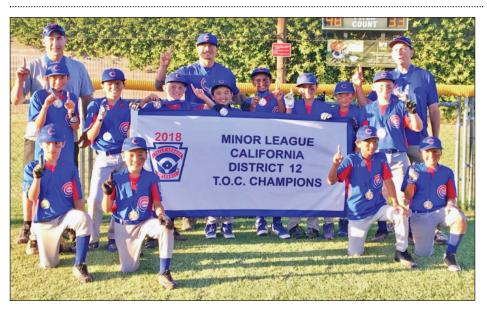
The Yankees brought out the bats again versus Lincoln Glen Little League. DiEviano Quevedo laced a double in the gap, Kevin Noller singled and Tyler Eidem crushed a homerun to provide a significant lead. Pitching was once again solid, Dominic Poole struck out 7 of the first 9 batters and Jake Caltagirone came in to close out the game with a 10-6 win and send the Yankees to the championship versus Quito Little League.

The story of the championship game was pitching. The Quito Little League pitcher took the game into the 5th inning without giving up a run. The Yankees were able to push 2 runs across in the 5th after a lead-off walk to Vaiden Quevedo and a double by Joe Fuqua. For the Yankees, Joe Fuqua put together a pitching performance for the ages; he recorded



Kyle Park scoring a run in the bottom of 6th in the ToC Championship Game.

### **Times Cover Story**



AAA Cub team includes (kneeling) Rocco Flocchini, Kyle Park, Khai Chen, David Yaro, (back row) Coach Michael Flocchini, Noah Liu, Jack Blozan, Kai Pistor, Coach Roger Liu, Jayden Jinguji, Rishi Shah, Veer Tomar, Rihito Yamaguchi, Drew Kotrba and Coach Nick Blozan.

5 1/3 innings of shutout baseball with 11 strikeouts. With the tying run on 2nd base, the Yankees turned to Dylan Nolan. Nolan got a quick strikeout and then coaxed a ground out to end the game with a 2-0 win and the title.

The Yankees championship season was a total team effort with key contributions from everyone on the roster. The Yankees theme all year was team baseball and as you can tell from the highlights, this team-first concept allowed these boys to create memories that will last the rest of their lives.

### Almaden AAA Cubs

The Almaden AAA Cubs capped off a storybook season going undefeated throughout the regular season, Almaden playoffs and the ToC and finishing with a record of 24-0. Almaden entered the Almaden North Division playoffs as the #1 seed and defeated the Indians 12-1, the A's 10-2 in the semifinal and the A's again 7-5 in the Almaden North Championship game to punch their ticket to the ToC.

As fate would have it, the Cubs had to face the Almaden South Champion White Sox in the first round of the ToC defeating them 9-1. The Cubs bats were on fire in the semifinals beating Quito 13-3 and led by a 2 RBI double by Jayden Jinguji and hits from Rocco Flocchini, David Yaro and Kai Pistor. Rishi Shah came in to pitch with the bases loaded and one out in the 3rd and gave up no runs in an outstanding relief appearance.

That set up a showdown with the highly rated and also undefeated Lincoln Glen Blue Thunder. The ToC championship game was a back and forth affair with the lead changing four times. Veer Tomar provided a clutch, 2 RBI triple to give the Cubs the lead in the second. Cubs were down 7-5 heading into the bottom of the last inning with the top of their batting order coming to the plate. Kyle Park led off with a sharp single, Jack Blozan doubled to the right field fence and Noah Liu followed with a sharp single to cut the lead to 7-6. Lincoln Glen struck out two of the next three batters with a walk to Drew Kotrba in between.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Khai Chen stepped up to the plate. With two strikes and two outs, hundreds of fans were screaming either "One more strike" or "Hit the ball". Chen delivered a walk-off, clutch double that scored Blozan and Liu and secured the victory for the Cubs. Rihito Yamaguchi held the Thunder bats at bay and recorded the victory for the Cubs in relief.

During the Almaden and ToC playoff run, the Cubs hitters were led by Liu who batted .647 with 10 runs and 10 RBIs, Blozan who batted .529 with 9 runs and 6 RBIs and Rishi Shah who batted .467 5 runs and 3 RBIs. The Cubs pitchers were led by Blozan who had 3 wins during the playoffs with 2.0 ERA and 13 strikeouts, Yamaguchi who had an ERA of 0.0 and 7 strikeouts and Liu who had 2 wins, an ERA of 2.1 and 22 strikeouts.



Jack Blozan legging out a double in the 6th inning during the ToC Championship Game.

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### Times News Briefs

### Correction

The quote in the Santa Clara County 3.0article in the June 15 issue of the *Almaden* Times should have stated: "From 2000 to 2015, for every young person under 18 that we added to the U.S. population, we added almost eight seniors." We regret the error.

### Save our Shores gets a lending hand

Alain Pinel Realtors and Save Our Shores are working together to clean-up shorelines and parks.

Alain Pinel volunteers will be at Hellyer Park on July 28, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., not only to help clean up the park, but also to celebrate a donation of \$10,000 to Save Our Shores.

For more information on how you can volunteer, visit http://aprcleanup.herokuapp.com.

### Mark your calendars: **Graystone Park Summer Concert Series**

Time to rock out with friends and family at the annual Graystone Park Summer Concert Series held every Thursday in

The Almaden Community Center, in partnership with the Almaden Community Center Advisory Council, Sereno Group and Almaden Senior Association, host the Almaden Valley Summer Concert Series at Graystone Park. Families and friends bring their picnic dinners and dance from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to live music performed by some of the Bay Area's most popular cover bands. This year's musicians include Rock the Heat (July 5), House Rockers (July 12), Old School Rock & Roll (July 19), and Long Train Runnin' (July 26).

### Play Like A Miner

The always eagerly anticipated Play Like a Miner will be held at the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum on July 21.

Besides lots of fun and games, the whole family will learn what it was like to be a miner. Hands on activities include trying your hand panning for gold and precious

The event is held at Casa Grande and the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The address is 21350 Almaden Road. For more information call (408) 918-7770.

### Sierra Club endorses **County's Climate Coalition**

The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club has endorsed the County's Climate Coalition and promised to help enlist other counties across the country to join the commitment.

The Sierra Club praised the initiative, which was launched last year by



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### Times News Briefs

Supervisor Dave Cortese in response to the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement.

"We wanted to let the world know that Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley have a long-term commitment to sustaining our environment and we have successfully enlisted other counties to join us," said Supervisor Cortese. "Having the support of the Sierra Club will help us step-up our efforts."

Santa Clara County was the *first* county in the nation to adopt a resolution to continue the efforts locally and to recruit other counties to sign on to the commitment. It was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors.

# Happy Hollow welcomes new jaguar

Zoo helps species survival for big cats
A new jaguar is entering the limelight at
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.

Happy Hollow welcomes Kianto, a 12-year-old male Goldman's Jaguar from Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, Ill. Kianto joins the iconic Sophia, who is 14-years-old, and has enthralled Happy Hollow visitors since 2005.

Kianto's arrival is part of an Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP) recommendation. SSP programs focus on animals that are in danger of extinction in the wild, and ensure the survival of selected species in zoos and aquariums.

"Our animal ambassadors represent

threatened and endangered species from all corners of the world," says Shannon Heimer, Happy Hollow Park Manager. "We're here to connect all people to nature and conservation through play."

Jaguars are the largest cat species in the Americas, and are sexually dimorphic, meaning they display noticeable differences in males and females. For example, Kianto's head is much larger than Sophia's. He also weighs in around 130 pounds, while Sophia is closer to 90. Both are elusive ambush predators with excellent climbing abilities. Often mistaken for leopards, jaguars are characterized by tiny black spots inside their eye-catching rosette markings.

Sophia and Kianto are not a genetic match for breeding, but providing the cats with safe and stimulating habitats is a key component of SPP programs.

"Our zookeepers and staff are excited to work with both a male and female jaguar, and to help the SSP," says Kevin Hertell, Zoo Manager at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. "While it's not a breeding recommendation, it does help the SSP as far as providing housing for additional animals."

As solitary animals, the two spotted felines will live in separate enclosures. For Kianto's health and safety, he will be given as much time and space as he needs to acclimate to his new habitat, so guests may or may not see him out on exhibit as he settles in.

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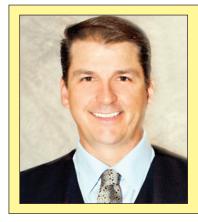
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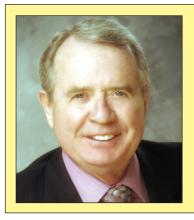
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