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HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, MENTAL HEALTH

State Senator Jim Beall speaks out

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer alifornia State Senator Jim Beall spoke candidly about housing, transportation and mental healthcare at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

Beall, who is serving his final term, represents a million people in the 15th Senate District, which encompasses the South Bay and Silicon

As Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, Beall authored Proposition 1, a \$4 billion affordable housing bond for veterans, working families, people with disabilities and the homeless, expected to generate 50,000 affordable housing units.

"There is a shortfall of

housing," says Beall. In fact, the housing department determined that the state has a housing deficit of 1.8 million units, of which 1.5 million are affordable housing. Beall says that California needs both affordable and market rate housing, as well as strategic density housing around new rail transit.

Beall has worked on housing since he was a student at San Jose State University studying planning. At age 19, he volunteered as a student housing counselor and at age 24, joined San Jose's planning commission. He was elected to serve on the city council at age 28 and remains the youngest to do so.

As he was involved in writing Senate Bill 1, which provides funding for transit projects across California, he was both relieved and vindicated when voters rejected Proposition 6, which would have repealed the gas tax. "Thankfully, it failed," he says. "Having worked on the issue for four years to put very complex legislation together, I think it's a wonderful thing that the voters rejected it. Two-thirds of the money will go to road repairs." California Proposition 69, a state constitutional amendment, ensures that revenue from SB1 Gas Taxes only be used for transportation-related purposes.

When asked whether Prophealth 1 or 6 funding was used for the bullet train, Beall was emphatic in his reply: "None of the money in Proposition 1 is used for the bullet train," he says. "Not See BEALL, page 16

State Senator Jim Beall represents a million people in the 15th Senate District, which encompasses Almaden Valley.



NEXT STOP: SWEDEN



Bret Harte Team Handball captured a league title and have been invited to compete in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Newly formed 'Bret Harte Team Handball' team brings home the 'gold' for Almaden

By Thomas Schumake

Special to the Times

The inaugural season for the Bret Harte Team Handball team was truly a storied endeavor.

After forming as an after school club last year, a group of 13 young men and a young lady began their quest with a focus to play to the highest level of their ability and represent Almaden and Bret Harte Middle School with honor, respect and responsibility.

The results exceeded even their highest expectations! The Broncos were relentless

from the gate, bucking their way to an undefeated season capturing a league title and a birth to the California Youth Cup sponsored by the renowned San Francisco Cal-Heat Team Handball Club.

The smoke from the unfortunate fires in Northern and Southern California forced the originally scheduled date to be cancelled and in danger of being postponed indefinitely.

In order to ensure all youngsters received a proper close to their season, the Bret Harte coaching staff offered to guest host the tournament bringing the best 14 and under team handball teams California has to offer together in one place; it turned out to be a humdinger!

Both of Almaden's prestigious middle schools, Bret Harte and Castillero, were present and held the number 1 and number 2 seeds respectively. The number 3 seed went to powerhouse defending champions Lycée Français de San Francisco; the number four seed to the distinguished Sterne School.

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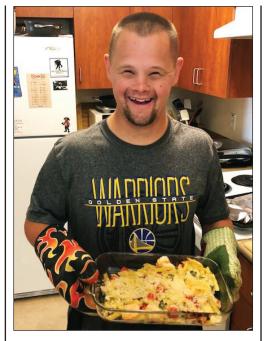
afeway Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to *Options For All* for service in the communities served by the Foundation, including Santa Clara County.

The grant was made possible through the People with Disabilities campaign.

Safeway collected donations at check stands in stores, generating at a total of about \$1 million to assist people with disabilities.

"The money collected helps non-profit organizations that are at the forefront of providing assistance to people with disabilities in the following areas; sending children to camp, increasing access to specialty services and employment training, and increasing access to care and treatment," said Wendy Gutshall, Safeway Foundation.

Founded in 1985, Options For All serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, helping empower them to become fully-participating members of their communities.



The organization serves as many as 1,300 individuals who face the challenges of autism, cerebral palsy, Down

syndrome, hearing and vision impairments, learning and intellectual disabilities, and severe behavioral disorders. *Options For All* offers a wide range of programs and services throughout the state of California, including San Diego, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Riverside counties.

"We're truly honored to receive this grant from the Safeway Foundation. *Options For All* seeks to create and support opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in making choices to live and enjoy life in their community with dignity and respect," said Nancy Batterman, CEO of *Options For All.*" She added, "We work as a team to achieve positive perceptions in the community and among employers about the value and abilities of these remarkable individuals."

Pictured: *Options for All* provides services and opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, helping empower them to join their communities and participate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Santa Run impacts 650,000

Editor.

It isn't everyday that our Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation can have a positive impact on the lives of 650,000 people - primarily individuals and families in some of our neediest neighborhoods.

Yet that is precisely what we accomplish through one of our most fun and unique community/charity events... our "Santa Run Silicon Valley," generously sponsored by Google, which supports "Christmas in the Park," "Downtown Ice" and the tutoring program known as "Reading Partners."

I want to encourage you to sign-up and join us on Sunday afternoon, December 16 for our 3:30pm "Santa Run." You have not laughed until you see over 4,000 people — all dressed up like Santa Claus — chasing "The Grinch" (our very own County Tax Collector Larry Stone) through the streets of Downtown San Jose. The 5K Run or Walk is a great way to spend an afternoon, ending at Christmas in the Park, complete with a "Finish Line" that includes finisher medals, a Snow Machine, and milk and cookies awaiting you at the end of your run/walk.

Registration is easy - just visit SantaRunSV.com.

Please consider investing your afternoon with us on December 16. It is a wonderful way to bless others as we start our holidays.

Carl Guardino

President/CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Handball

Continued from page 1 School 30-3, the Broncos faced defending California champions Lycée Français de San Francisco who upset Castillero in a shocker. After getting out to a 7-3 lead, the Broncos were challenged and forced to fight tooth and nail to the finish while standing on the shoulders of the simply outstanding goalkeeper play of Daniel "DJ" Scudero. They fought off a ferocious comeback attempt to solidify victory via a 15-8 score and bring home the gold and trophy to Bronco Country deep in Almaden.

The Broncos success will be put to the test as they have been invited to represent California (and the Western USA) in Gothenburg, Sweden in the 50th Partille World of Handball Cup hunting down defending champion RK Zagreb.

The Broncos thank the



Almaden community for its tremendous support. Any donations to the team to help relieve the expense for this once in a lifetime opportunity to participate at the highest levels of team handball on the world's stage and foster the unique growth and development of Almaden youth is greatly appreciated!

For more information or to make a donation, contact Thomas Schumake, coach of the Bret Harte Broncos Team Handball Club. Email him at tschumake@sjusd.org

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Times Community

Remembering Ruth Buecheler, Almaden Valley Realtor and founding member of the Almaden Valley Women's Club

A lmaden Valley lost one of its longest standing residents when Ruth Homeyer Buecheler, age 90, died on December 7.

Born Ruth Dorothy Homeyer in Syracuse, NY, she was Valedictorian in high school and graduated Cum Laude from Syracuse University in 1950. She was married to John Buecheler for 56 years. They had two sons, Eric and Kurt, and moved to Almaden Valley in 1968.

Ruth was a founding member of the Almaden Valley Women's Club. She sold over 550 homes during her 1970-2012 real estate career. Her clients and friends all became both.

Ruth volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank and at various retirement homes until the age of 85. She held herself to the highest standards of performance, results, ethics, kindness, and loyalty.

"Ruth was appreciated for her unconditional love, constant drive to do the right thing, and faithfulness to God at her core," said Eric Buecheler.

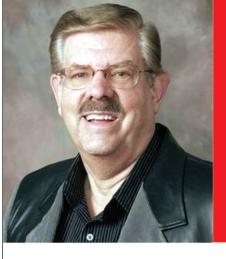
"She impacted many lives in positive ways and is a pretty hard act to follow for anyone," Kurt Buecheler



added. "Right up to the end, her eyes softened when speaking of friends and family. She loved many and was loved by many."

Ruth's life will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 21, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Almaden Valley. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County: http://fundraise.shfb.org/goto/RuthBuecheler





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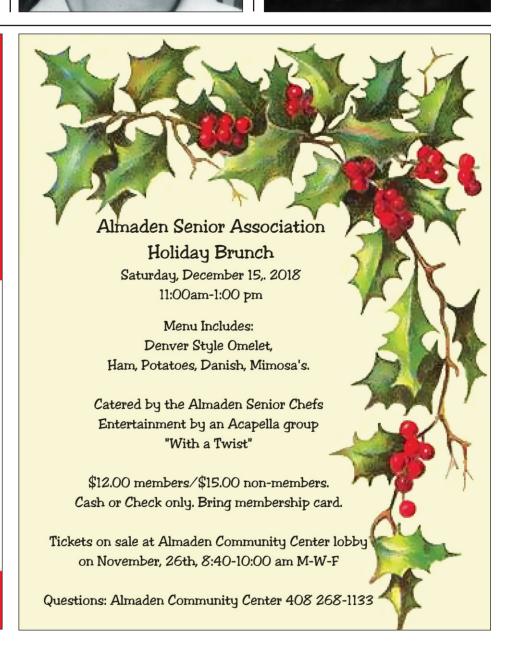
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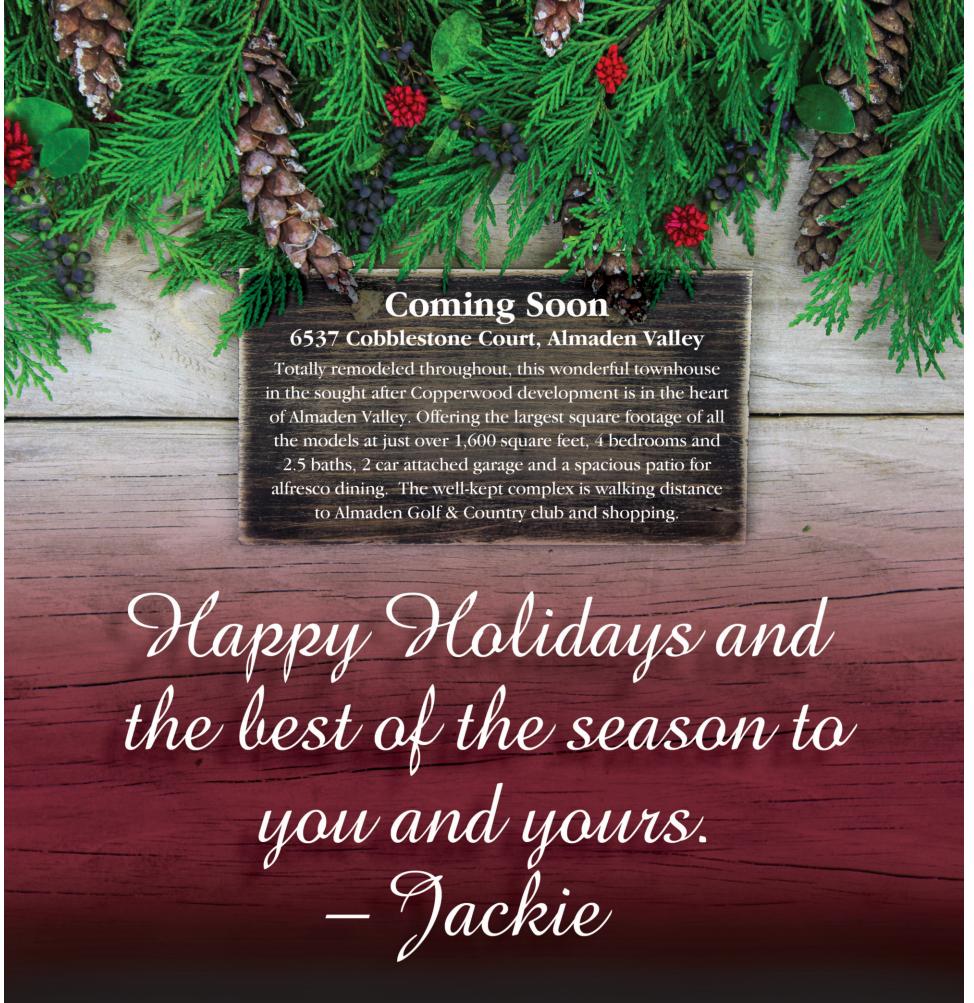
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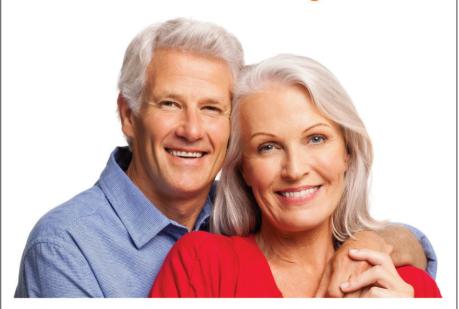
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Estate, gift tax laws are confusing

This Week's Question:

I am confused by current estate and gift tax laws. Can you provide an overview? What can be done to minimize estate taxes on my death so my children keep more of what I have worked hard for?"

John M., San Jose

Most all of us would rather give our assets to our children, grandchildren, etc. when we (along with our spouses) are gone, rather than having it go to good old Uncle Sam. With some planning, you can maximize what goes to your children, and minimize what Uncle Sam gets.

Let's have a look at the basics of fed-

eral estate and gift tax planning. California does not have any estate tax or filing requirements (it was repealed) with rare exceptions, so this article addresses federal estate and tax laws only.

To put it simply, when you die, your estate will have to pay estate taxes if the net value of the estate (assets minus debts) is more than the permissible exemption amount for the applicable year. For 2018, the individual federal estate tax exemption is \$11.18

million per person in 2018 (it generally increases each year with inflation), meaning every dollar over the exempt amount is taxed at forty percent!

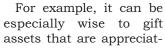
While you may be thinking hey, I am well under the exemption amount, so I have no worries, the laws could change and exemption amounts reduced, but more so, your assets are likely to grow substantially in value before your death. In Silicon Valley, this is all the more true, where small properties cost millions and appreciate consistently over measured time periods, and some fortunate start up employees come into millions in a matter of years. Or maybe this is your year to win the lottery!

As you and your spouse each get an 11.4 million exemption in 2019, a married couple jointly has 22.8 million in assets they can pass along without paying any federal estate tax. Amounts above the 22.8 million will be taxed heavily at 40%. If you are fortunate enough to be above this amount, you would be wise to consult counsel and get a proper estate plan, including a living trust, in place, for starters. Getting a revocable trust in place is also wise for those that fall under the exemption amounts and are not at risk of paying any estate taxes, because trusts have many other benefits such as avoiding probate court and bringing certainty to estate administration and distributions, to name a couple.

In addition to the individual estate

tax exemptions at death, you can currently make annual tax-free gifts of up to \$15,000 per recipient, and if you are married, you and your spouse together can give \$30,000 per recipient per year. Additionally, subject to specific rules, you can also give an unlimited amount for tuition and medical expenses if you make the gifts directly to the educational organization or health care provider. With respect to real property you want to pass along to your family, you can give your child a \$15,000 "interest" in the property each year, which can be discounted via appraisals under certain conditions, which can be a very effective way to transfer wealth at a discount.

If you want to give more than \$15,000 in a given year, you can do so, but must report it to the IRS and it will begin to reduce your lifetime gift and estate tax exemption. Like estate assets, gifts in excess of exempt amounts are also taxed at forty percent at the federal level. Some planning here is the key to effectively utilizing annual and lifetime exemptions.



ing in value, because any income and appreciation that occur after such gift is made are removed from your taxable estate. However, the recipient then may have to pay capital gains tax if the asset is later sold, with such tax calculated using your original basis ... meaning the recipient is taxed on the difference between your purchase price and the sale price. That could be a lot of tax. If the property passes through your estate after your death, the recipient may receive a step up in basis as of the date of your death (basis is the fair market value at your death), which would save a lot of capital gains tax on the subsequent sale of the asset.

No offense, Uncle Sammy, but I want my kids to keep as much of our family assets as possible! Consult counsel and get an appropriate estate plan in place. It makes good sense to take care of your family, whether you are under or over the estate tax exemption thresholds.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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Times Feature



The new Veteran's Clinic, shown here under construction at Silver Creek Valley Place, will replace the old clinic localted at 80 Great Oaks Blvd. in south San Jose.

New Veteran's Clinic will serve the South Bay Area

By Frank Shortt

Times Staff Writer

The old San Jose Veteran's Clinic at 80 Great Oaks Blvd, in South San Jose will soon give way to a brand new modern clinic located at 5855 Silver Creek Valley Place, San Jose.

The old clinic built in 1996 worked within a 65,000 square feet, single-story facility, whereas the new clinic will have 90,000 GSF of working space! The offices and medical clinics will be distributed over three floors and will include the following: Primary Care; Mental Health; Audiology and Speech Pathology; Podiatry; Optometry; and Dermatology.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new facility were in April 25, 2016 and construction began in the summer of 2016. The facility opened on November 26.

For 22 faithful years the Old Clinic in San Jose has served the South Bay communities. There are approximately 10,000 veterans currently enrolled there. Some of the testimonies of past veterans are: "Very fast efficient service. I was able to get the help and treatment needed in a short amount of time. I like to give special Thanks to the staff, nurses, and Doctors in this clinic. They are doing a wonderful job." Another veteran said, "I am in awe of what the (San Jose) VA provides for us. Before coming here I had no idea that I could have a primary care physician in the VA. I always thought they were only for service connected problems. They provide services here that put most private providers to shame and they do it with a good customer service and an overall friendly attitude. I would have thought seeing so many veterans on a daily basis would make a person immune to the hardships these service men and women are going through, but this place seems to care about each and every veteran who comes here." Most veterans have had a favorable attitude toward the San Jose Veterans Clinic.

The new CBOC will feature VA's new Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) design to support a Veterancentric model of care. PACT's teambased care design also promotes staff collaboration in a flexible and adaptable concept. The design also features state-of-the-art training and patient education spaces that promote group classes. All clinical areas will be wired to support expansive Telehealth programs.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House event was held on December 1.

Thanks to Michael Hill-Jackson for assistance in writing this article. Michael is the Information Officer at the Palo Alto Veteran's Clinic and Hospital.



An artistic monument at the new clinic will honor veterans through words and thoughts.

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Times Features

Disney princesses take over San Jose, with holiday style

By Julia Layne

Special to the Times

lick, click, click... is that the sound of reindeer paws up on the rooftop? No: it's the sound of extraordinarily sparkly princess heels having a holiday party up on a stage. On Thursday, Dec. 6, the "Broadway Princess Party" took over the San Jose Improv to kick off a decidedly festive version of their unique show.

Mixing the best songs of the season

with the best Disney princess songs from Broadway, the Broadway Princess Holiday Party presented talented women who had been the original voices of the songs in the theater to our town for a holly, jolly evening of seasonal fun.

The show brought the talents of Laura Osnes (Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* on Broadway), Courtney Reed (the original Jasmine on Broadway for Disney's *Aladdin*), and Susan Egan (the original Belle on

Broadway for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*) together for a nostalgic night of music with just the right amount of pixie dust — or was that glitter? Acting as host and musical director for the event was Benjamin Rauhala, who called himself the show's "Fairy Godfairy."

During the original show, every possible princess song (including some that are not from Disney productions) is sung in a non-stop performance that will make anyone in



From left: **Courtney Reed, Nick Pitera, Laura Osnes** and **Susan Egan** brought their Broadway Princess Party to San Jose.

the audience smile and sing along. In the holiday version of their show, favorite holiday tunes are seamlessly woven throughout the night like a pretty ribbon on top of a present.

A trademark of the show is that in each city they visit the group invites local talent to perform. These performers are chosen through the group's "Unleash Your Inner Princess" social media contest. On this evening, part-time YouTuber and full-time Pixar employee Nick Pitera played Prince Charming and swept the princesses off their feet. Also joining the princess posse as honorary members were 16-year-old Lili Ostojic-Gibson from Marin and 21-yearold Regine Ford from Sacramento. Both brought their own beautiful voices to the royal occasion, and performed songs from some of the more diverse Disney princesses, namely Tiana from Princess and the Frog and Pocahontas.

Standout moments included Laura Osnes singing a mash-up of every Cinderella related song lovingly titled the "Cinder-epic," Courtney Reed belting out her best rendition of Mariah Carey's modern holiday classic "All I Want for Christmas is You," and Susan Egan singing a sweet mash-up of "Something There" from Beauty and the Beast with "Jingle Bell Rock." In short, there was something there for the whole family in this show.

The Broadway Princess Holiday Party will be touring throughout the month with the last show scheduled for December 17 in New York City. Don't worry about turning into a pumpkin though. If you can't make it to one of the holiday parties, the original version of the Broadway Princess Party will resume touring in January and will not disappoint. Perhaps you're still looking for that perfect gift for the princess (or prince) in your life? Upcoming dates and tickets are listed on their website at www. BroadwayPrincessParty.com.



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By Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

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As a City department, any revenues that exceed costs will be used to keep rates low and invest in programs such as local clean energy generation projects and assistance with energy efficiency. SJCE is governed by the San José City Council, who voted unanimously to create it in May 2017.

San José Clean Energy electricity service will begin February 2019 for residents and businesses. Starting with their

February bill, residents and businesses will be enrolled in GreenSource, San José Clean Energy's default power offering.



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GreenSource has cleaner energy sources and rates one percent cheaper than PG&E service. The Council-approved power mix for GreenSource includes 45 percent renewable energy from solar and wind and 35 percent carbon-free hydropower, and is, overall, 80 percent carbon-free. The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from Green-Source service is like taking 35,000 cars off the road.

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Learn more about San José Clean Energy at SanJoseCleanEnergy.org or follow SJCE on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SJCleanEnergy.





Pictured above: Camille Baham prepares to represent Mary in the Posada procession; Right: Director Elena Robles gathers the participants as they prepare to perform. Photos by Jeff Baham

A festive Posada celebration in San Jose



nder the direction of founder Elena E. Robles, folklorico dance group *El Grito de la Cultura* celebrated the traditional Posada at St. Leo's near downtown San Jose on Saturday, December 8.

After starting the community dance company Folklórico Nacional Mexicano de Elena Robles in 1987, Robles established its academy of dance, El Grito de la Cultura, to insure that there was a community outlet for her years of research and training in Mexican regional dances. Children as young as four perform with the group, bringing their traditional dances to various locations throughout the South Bay all year long.

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one dime. I can be blunt now that the campaign's over...It's a good argument to get people to vote 'No,' but it's not true. I think we have to look at the high-speed rail project to make it more feasible," he says. "The question is, what can we do to make the transportation system better?"

"I worked very hard on Props 1 and 6," says Beall. "They'll have a big impact statewide and are both important."

Both as Chairman of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee, and as a father to a child with a mental health condition, Beall is sensitive to mental healthcare concerns and champions mental healthcare in schools. "It affects education," he says. "When you have a child with behavioral problems that are untreated with proper care, it affects others, but also that child." He also advocates preventive healthcare to prevent crisis such as complete breakdowns and suicides. Beall sees a correlation between stress and depression and substance abuse. "When children are depressed, they tend to deal with it by using drugs and alcohol," he says.

Beall helped pass the Mental Health Parity Enforcement Budget Act, which under federal and state laws, ensures that mental health and substance use disorders can no longer be treated any differently than other medical problems. These types of laws help to eliminate healthcare barriers such as "medical necessity criteria" and "Utilization Management Techniques," which can delay healthcare and result in getting less than the help that's needed. "When you have mental health

issues, such as an episode, or your child is thinking of killing himself, you need help right away," he says.

On a related note, Proposition 2 passed with 75 percent of the vote in Santa Clara County. Prop 2 amends the Mental Health Services Act to fund the No Place Like Home Program, which finances housing for homeless individuals with mental illness. The \$2 billion bonds not only provide homeless housing, but also support systems. "Studies show the best way to treat someone with a mental health concern is to provide housing and stabilize their environment," says Beall. "Then work on their mental health and sometimes substance abuse issues."

Salt Lake City created a successful housing program for their homeless population, reducing it by about 95 percent. A similar program worked well for San Antonio, Texas. "It's a model that's proven," says Beall. "We hope to establish this program in California. They're living on our freeways and are creating quite a mess. You can't just keep pushing them from one place to another. You have to solve the problem in a way that's successful. About 15 percent of the homeless are veterans and we should help them, as well as families, and those who lost their homes."

Beall strongly rebuffed a resident's concern that California's affordable housing would attract illegal immigrants.

"Will all of these affordable housing bonds and taxes solve the problem?" asks a resident.

"No," replies Beall.

"Will it just encourage more people to seek affordable housing? For example, Central American groups coming Continued, next page



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through Mexico who want assistance?" asks the resident.

"I don't think this has anything to do with that quite frankly," says Beall.

"They're going to need assistance," insists the resident. "They're going to need housing."

"I don't think it has anything to do with that and it's ridiculous to even say that," says Beall. "I'm just telling you my opinion. The people who need housing right now are living here right now."

"Will it solve the problems here, then?" asks the resident.

"The city and the county passed propositions that will help solve the problem and there's federal money," says Beall. "It has to be everybody working on the problem together to create affordable housing. But to say that the housing will be built for



San Jose Post Office hiring full time career carriers

For the first time since 2006, the San Jose Post Office is opening the rolls for full-time, career letter carrier positions. Effective now until December 16, people can go to the website www.usps.com/careers and search for Keywords: "CARRIER SAN JOSE."

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people crossing the border...is ridiculous. Everybody has different opinions but that's mine."

For those who lost their homes in the recent California fires, Beall says that federal and state funding is in place to create temporary housing. Beall is a fire safety advocate as at age 14, his family lost their home to an electrical fire. "There's a proposal of a quasi-public utility company to provide power," he says. "The idea is to do something to reduce electrical wires in the mountains." Beall is concerned about both the overgrowth of trees and vegetation in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the high winds of up to 120 m.p.h. atop Mount Umunhum. "We have towers in the hills that can blow down and that can start a fire," he says. "I've been talking about clearing those mountains. You

should be concerned about that, as well as upgrading utility power towers to withstand high winds. Some of those towers are pretty old." On a positive note, two new helicopters with higher water-carrying capacity have been approved for the district and fire management planning is underway.

Although this is his 38th out of 40 years of political service, Beall is still invested in the future. He hosts neighborhood coffees and enjoys speaking with people and hearing their concerns. "I love to answer questions and talk about ideas," he says. "It's a lot of fun and helps me do a better job."

To contact State Senator Jim Beall, please see: https://sd15.senate.ca.gov/contact-us.

To learn more about the Almaden Valley Community Association, please see avca-sj.org.

Holiday treats that are twice as nice

(Family Features) With just days until the holidays arrive, make the most of the season by enjoying the season's quintessential flavors like gingerbread - with double the festive treats to please every taste.

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Gingerbread Men Cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes / Cook time: 8 minutes Servings: 24

- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Ginger
- teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- l egg
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract

In large bowl, mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt. Set aside.

In separate large bowl, using electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into thick, flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 350 F. Roll out dough to 1/4-

inch thickness on lightly floured work surface. Cut into gingerbread men shapes with 5-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 8-10 minutes, or until edges of cookies are set and just begin to brown. Cool on baking sheets 1-2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate as desired.



Triple Chocolate Gingerbread

Prep time: 10 minutes / Cook time: 50 minutes Servings: 16

- package (2-layer size) chocolate cake mix
- 1 package (4-serving size) chocolate instant pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Allspice
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup molasso 1/2 cup water
- cup miniature chocolate chips nonstick baking spray with flour

Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, using electric mixer on low speed, beat cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, sour cream, vegetable oil, molasses and water until moistened, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips.

Pour into 10-cup Bundt pan prepared with nonstick spray.

Bake 50 minutes, or until cake pulls away from sides of pan and springs back when touched lightly. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Invert cake onto wire rack. Cool completely.

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Times **Feature**



Jon Kimura

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Brahms & Dvorák January 19 and 20

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Brahms & Dvořák on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at The California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

The program will present Johannes Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat major, Op. 83 and Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 8 in G major, 88, B. 163

Conductor: Daniel Meyer Soloist: Jon Kimura Parker, piano

About Jon Kimura

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker was born, raised, and educated in Vancouver. His extraordinary career has taken him from Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House to Baffin Island and Zimbabwe. A true Canadian ambassador of music, Mr. Parker has given two command performances for Queen Elizabeth II, special performances for the United States Supreme Court, and has performed for the Prime Ministers of Canada and Japan. Pianist Jon Kimura Parker is famed for his "infectious elan and gargantuan technique." His outsized technique will be on special demand for the first work on the program, a concerto built on a heroic symphonic scale that requires sheer stamina as well as supreme artistry. A masterpiece of musical contrasts, it is also filled with lyrical interludes, including an extended cello solo. Dvořák's symphony follows, inventive but gentler, almost idyllic, and irresistibly tuneful. While he was writing it, Dvořák himself marveled "melodies simply pour out of me.

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Times **Feature**

Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan receives the state's highest environmental honor

The Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan (Ag Plan), authored by Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority received the distinguished Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA) for Ecosystem and Land Use Stewardship at a ceremony in Sacramento, Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the Governor's office announced today.

GEELA is awarded to individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable, voluntary contributions to conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, building public-private partnerships and strengthening the state's economy.

The Ag Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 2018, provides a tool box of policies and strategies to curb the conversion of nearly 28,391 acres of viable farmland and rangeland to development. In the past 30 years alone, Santa Clara County has lost more than 21,171 acres of its working lands to development.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the work we are doing at a local level to preserve and grow the agriculture economy while protecting the environment for generations to come," said Supervisor Dave Cortese, who served as co-chair with Supervisor Mike Wasserman on the county's Agricultural Preservation Task Force.

The Task Force, which met over the last seven months, developed recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to implement the Ag Plan, which include the creation of an Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) Purchasing Program.

"Santa Clara County's Agricultural Plan serves as a model for what local governments around the state should be doing to engage in the preservation of California's precious farmland," said John Laird, Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency in California. "We encourage more local governments to follow a similar path. It is important to take time to plan to protect agricultural land most at risk, and then implement preservation consistent with that planning."

"This collaborative effort between the County of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority demonstrates what can be accomplished when everyone works together," Wasserman said.

"We're thrilled to receive the Governor's recognition for this innovative Ag Plan, which links the protection of farmland with climate resilience," said Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager for the Authority. "In this day and age, it's more important than ever to protect Santa Clara Valley's last remaining viable agriculture and the many benefits it provides for our communities."

The final report of the Ag Task Force will head to the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of the year. Among the recommendations are creation of an Agricultural Advisory Commission to oversee the ACE program.

For more information, please click here or contact the Office of Supervisor Dave Cortese at 408-299-5030



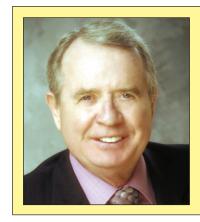


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