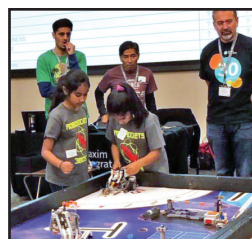


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The bears were introduced by Raley's as part of their Food for Families program in association with Second Harvest Food Bank.

A Very Beary Christmas: Teddy bears spread joy to those in need

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

For Dave Watkins, being a superhero is all in a day's work.

Whether portraying Batman while bringing holiday cheer to sick children in the hospital, providing goods and good wishes to the homeless or simply brightening customers' days at his Raley's/ Nob Hill checkout counter, he always saves the day.

Like the Caped Crusader, Watkins is poised for opportunities to jump into action to aid citizens, equipped with some wonderful toys: in this case, teddy bears.

"A teddy bear is like a friend," he says. "When life is hard—for example, you're lying in a hospital bed feeling

alone—a teddy bear is one of the most comforting things around."

Especially rewarding was when one little girl's face lit up after receiving a bear. "Look! My daughter's smiling," said her mother. "She hasn't smiled in weeks."

The bears were introduced by Raley's three years ago as part of their Food for Families program, in association with Second Harvest Food Bank. Customers can help those in need by buying a bag of groceries to donate or a bear for \$10. They have the option of keeping or donating the bears.

When Watkins asked a manager what the store planned to do with the

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Leland Girls Water Polo Team: three-peat for the CIF-CCS title

Team wins two inaugural Open Division Champs

By Eric Rise

Special to the Times

The Leland Girls Water Polo Team has created a dynasty as they just completed a three-peat for the CIF-CCS title and two inaugural Open Division Championships.

The Open Division comprised of the top eight teams in the section. The Leland girls have now extended their win streak against CCS opponents to 41 games stretching back to 2016. They won the 2016 CIF-CCS championship against St. Francis in double overtime 8-7. The following year, 2017, Leland ended Sacred Heart

Prep's decade long streak 8-6. This year, the girls won their third straight championship in dominate fashion over Soquel 11-2 in the Open Division of CIF-CCS. This team is arguably one of the top five high school teams in the entire country.

The story of these girls started more than six years ago when many of them started playing together on the local San Jose Almaden Water Polo Club. That first summer they did not win a single game, and many of those losses were by double digits, but they stuck together and never quit. They just continued to put in the work to become the best team they could be.

The 2018 Leland girls water polo team is the greatest to ever come out of Leland. The team is also considered as one of the best teams in CIF-CCS
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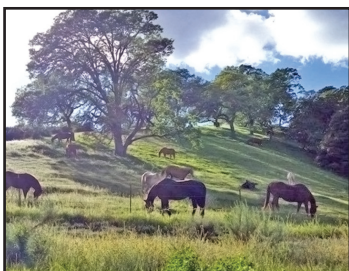
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Mayor Liccardo recovering from injuries from New Year's Day cycling accident

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo is recovering from injuries at home following a cycling accident with a motor vehicle on New Year's Day.

Liccardo was cycling on the 600 block of Salt Lake Drive when he was struck by a motor vehicle at approximately 12.30 p.m. on Jan. 1.

The driver of the vehicle pulled over and stayed at the scene, while Mayor Liccardo was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

Mayor Liccardo suffered multiple bruises, scrapes and fractures. No surgery will be needed, although the Mayor will likely wear a back brace to help his injuries heal. The doctors expect him to make a full recovery. Liccardo is working from home this week as he recovers from his New Year's Day accident. Vice Mayor Carrasco chaired this week's City Council meeting and the Rules Committee meeting in his stead.



Mayor **Sam Liccardo** suffered multiple bruises, scrapes and fractures. No surgery will be needed, although the Mayor will likely wear a back brace to help his injuries heal.

Liccardo joked: "Fortunately, the doctors state that all defects to the head were pre-existing conditions."

The mayor shared the following statement on social media:

"Thank you to the many thoughtful neighbors and friends who reached out with their well-wishes since my bike accident. I've got fractures to two of my vertebrae and my sternum, but felt blessed to be able to walk on the hospital floor today with the help of the great folks at Regional Medical Center. I'm told the prognosis is good—although I've got a couple months of physical therapy ahead, I expect to be working from home this week, and back at City Hall doing the job I love next week. Thanks to neighbors like Linda Dutra and Tom who magnanimously helped at the scene, the firefighters at Station 19 for their quick response, the AMR paramedic crew, SJPD, and the hardworking staff at Regional."

Episcopal Church in Almaden to host second conversation on homelessness

The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA) will host a second neighborhood conversation on our response to homelessness on Sunday, January 20 from 3-5 p.m. at 6581 Camden Ave..

Twenty-seven folks from Almaden Valley, nearby churches, and organizations concerned with homelessness gathered in November at ECA for a Living Room Conversation on this topic.

One of the take-aways from that meeting was that we all needed more information on what is currently being done, what the challenges are, and how we can become involved. This is the focus of this second neighborhood conversation.

A member of the city's Home-

lessness Response Team, or another knowledgeable individual, will make a presentation about the faces and statistics of homelessness in San Jose, and what the city is currently doing toward alleviating this problem. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer period and a discussion.

For more information, email: shelley@eca-sj.org

San Jose Unified School District Board announces vacancy

There is a current vacancy on the Governing Board of the San Jose Unified School District as Pamela Foley commences her term of office as a member of the San Jose City Council.

The San José Unified School District Board of Education shall make a provisional appointment within 60 days of

the date of the vacancy per its bylaws. The provisional appointee will serve until the term of office expires in November 2020.

The Board of Education provides leadership and citizen oversight of the district's schools while working with the Superintendent to set a direction for the district, establish policies, ensure accountability, and provide community leadership on behalf of the district and public education.

The calendar of regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings, along with more information about the school district, can be found at sjusd.org.

The process for making the provisional appointment will be as follows:

1. A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for prospective candidates to engage with current members of the Board of Education regarding the re-

sponsibilities of the position.

2. Complete submissions from candidates were due by 4:30 PM on Thursday, Jan. 10.

3. The interviewing of eligible candidates will begin at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, Jan. 15 during a special meeting of the Board of Education. This will be followed by the Board of Education voting on the provisional appointment.

4. The provisional appointee will take the oath and be seated at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, Jan. 17.

Please note that current members of the Board of Education will not meet nor communicate with prospective or confirmed candidates in any capacity outside of the above listed public meetings.

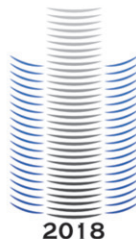
Candidates seeking additional information are to contact the San José Unified School District Public Information Office at pio@sjusd.org or 408 535-6444.

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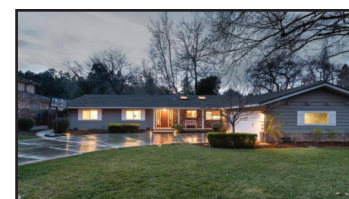
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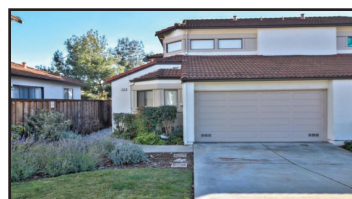
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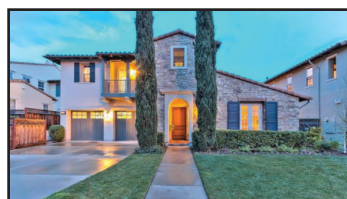
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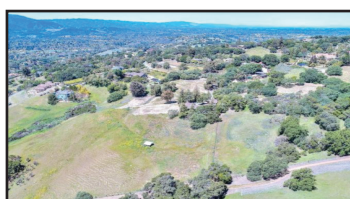
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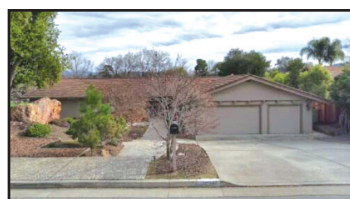
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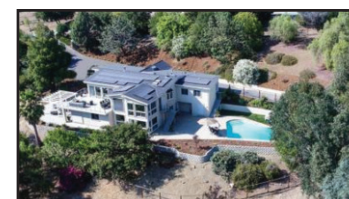
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FIRST Lego League Team Divabots and Roborockets both advance to regional level

FIRST Robotics is a K-12 grade robotics competition program where students are able to build and compete with their robots.

FIRST Lego League, or FLL, is a robotics competition for grades 3-8 using Lego EV3 kits to build robots.

This year's challenge is Into Orbit, a space-themed game in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing.

Teams across the bay have been working since the release of the game in August of 2018 for a chance to advance to regionals from the qualifying tournament.

Team Divabot and RobotRockets competed at the qualifying tournament and were able to advance to the regional level where they have a shot at going to the world championships.

DivaBots won 1st place in the overall robot competition. They are a group of four girls from Bret Harte Middle school. In the project portion of the competition, the girls had to identify a problem within space and create an innovative solution to the problem they choose. They visited NASA, El Camino, other project resources, and met experts in the field of space and medicine, and decided to create magnetic shoes that would support astronauts during workouts.

RoboRockets is a team from Williams Elementary School. Their project used a robotic arm to collect space trash that might get in the way of missions.



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Girl Scout Service Unit 642 of Almaden and Branham recently hosted their annual Awards Ceremony to recognize Girl Scouts who have displayed great acts of service to their community.

Girl Scout Award Ceremony honors great acts of service

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Girl Scouts delivers the best leadership experience for girls, setting them up for a lifetime of success. The program's mission is to bring together girls of courage, confidence, and character, and those who make the world a better place.

At the ceremony, Girl Scouts were presented their Bronze, Silver, Gold, or 10 years of service awards. These are the highest awards a Girl Scout can earn which puts into practice the leadership, confidence, and courage learned through scouting.

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients:

Since 1916, Girl Scout's highest and most prestigious award has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere. The Gold Award focuses on the interests of individual Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, 9th through 12th grade. The Gold Award requires the completion of approximately 80-hours or more of an individual leadership community service project that makes a sustainable and measurable impact and serves to educate and inspire others in the community.

Girl Empowerment and Musical Abilities at the Doris Dillon School

Mira Karthik - Troop 60903

Leader: Lydia Gmerek

Project Advisor: Jim DeLong

For her project, Mira created a Girl Empowerment and Ukulele Music Program for the Doris Dillon School. One hundred girls participated in the program which sought to teach the girls how to cope with stress, peer pressure and broaden their career potentials. She created a girl-led club at the school that would foster female leadership at the school. Mira donated ten ukuleles, tuners, and taught 14 students how to play the ukulele.

Improving Health and Nutrition at the Doris Dillon School in Cambodia

Sofie Gmerek - Troop 60903

Leader: Lydia Gmerek

Project Advisor: Jim DeLong

For her project, Sofie addressed a lack of nutrition and health knowledge of students at the Doris Dillon School in Cambodia. She created ten first aid lessons, taught 200 students CPR, health lessons, and gave each student a first aid kit. Sofie also financed an organic garden training for twenty-five Cambodian farmers and a demonstration garden at the school. Two hundred students were provided fresh vegetables, tools, and techniques to help keep themselves healthy and have greater access to better nutrition.

Senior Rites of Passage

Brianna Smith - Troop 60881

Leader: Marianne Bristol

Project Advisor: Suelyn Zimmerman

For her project, Brianna established a program to send underprivileged Willow Glen High students to the school's prom and receive a complimentary yearbook. She coordinated a group, prom dress event with the Princess Project, where each girl received a prom dress and one free accessory. She also persuaded a local tuxedo company to donate suit rentals. Community partners provided free hair styling and makeup for participants. Since starting this program, 45 deserving seniors have attended prom in style.

These Ambassador Girl Scouts were congratulated for their service and we hope for their continued service to the communities in their future as young leaders.

The Girl Scouts Silver Award

The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout, 6th through 8th grade can earn. It symbolizes the completion of a special interest project. Each girl may decide whether to lead a team or solo effort to better her community and the lives of others. It requires a minimum of 50 hours to complete.

Silver Award Recipients:

Improving the Lives of Seniors in Memory Care

Yong Ooi, Catherine Paulazzo, and Megan Sarringhaus; Troop #60749

Transition to Middle School Stress Free

Ashley Muraco, Courtney Yick, Kaylin Vasanji, and Kayla Gutierrez; Troop #60749

Helping Hands for the Homeless

Sofia Valdez, Alex Sullivan, NS Emily Nguyen; Troop #60749

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From left to right: **Sofie Gmerek, Mira Karthik and Brianna Smith.**

Girl Scouts

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Butterfly Garden Picnic Table

Brenna Gallagher; Troop #60781

Living History of Almaden Valley

Elizabeth Larabee; Troop #60781

Swim Team Trophy Case

Amanda Keith; Troop #60781

Band Room Percussion Cabinet

Katie Sanders; Troop #60781

Mural for Beautification of Simonds Elementary School

Sofia Akram, Anoushka Shah, and Sophia Zhang; Troop #60781

These Cadettes were congratulated for their service and we hope to see them continue towards earning their Gold Awards in the future.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout, 4th through 5th grade can earn. It shows that she has gained the leadership and planning skills required to follow through project with her fellow Junior Girl Scouts that has a positive impact in her community.

Quivers for All - Troop #60739

Addison Bui, Megan Dunbar, Jiyy Gaxiola, Allyson Nguyen, Gemma Weinha-

gen, Tiffany Tran, Mica Gutierrez-Bar.

Make the School a Better Learning Garden -Troop #62274

Amelie Bacio, Katelyn Chang, Drishti Koushik, Preksha Koushik, Mia Tarabichi, Anushka Shukla.

These Cadettes were congratulated for their service and we hope to see them continue towards earning their Silver Awards in the future.

Girl Scouts 10 Years of Service


The following Girl Scouts achieved their 10 years of service pin: Claire Navratil, Samantha Russell, Samantha Chock, Monica Trinh, Elizabeth Wang, Taylor Nittler, and Sonya Robinson.

The ceremony came to conclusion, with the recognition of the adult volunteers who support the Service Unit programs, as well as those volunteers who support the individual troops. Laurie Hively, Lydia Gmerek, Jocelyn Weinhausen, and Lesley Pesek were our outstanding volunteers that were honored for their hard work and dedication to supporting Girl Scouts.

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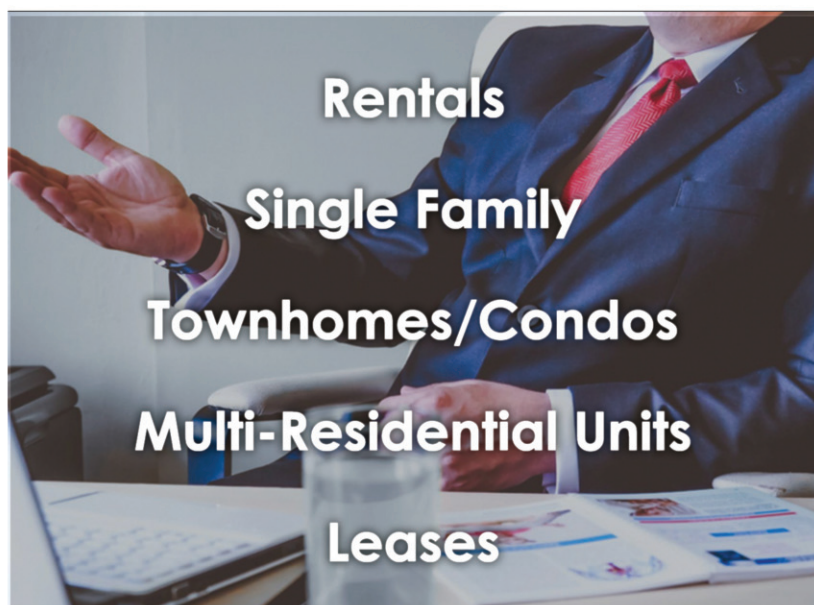
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Truth is high; but higher still is truthful living. ||5||

Guru Nanak (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Pg. 62)

Dear Almaden Community,

The Sikh community of the San Jose Gurdwara (the Sikh place of worship) wishes to send you and your family warm wishes for a wonderful new year.

We welcome everyone to feel comfortable in visiting the Gurdwara any day of the year and we want to thank you for all of your kind wishes of goodness to our culture. As you know in our religion we honor other religions and do not proselytize or ask others to join, but instead respect all as family.

Today we wish to let you know that in this year 2019 we will celebrate the joyous occasion of honoring our first Guru who traveled the world to bring goodness and wisdom to all. It will be the 550th birth anniversary of his honor. His name is Guru Nanak and we use the present tense use of referring to him for we believe he is still here with us and guides us in all we do with his words and those of the other gurus in our Holy Book we reverently refer to as the Sri Guru Granth Sahib.



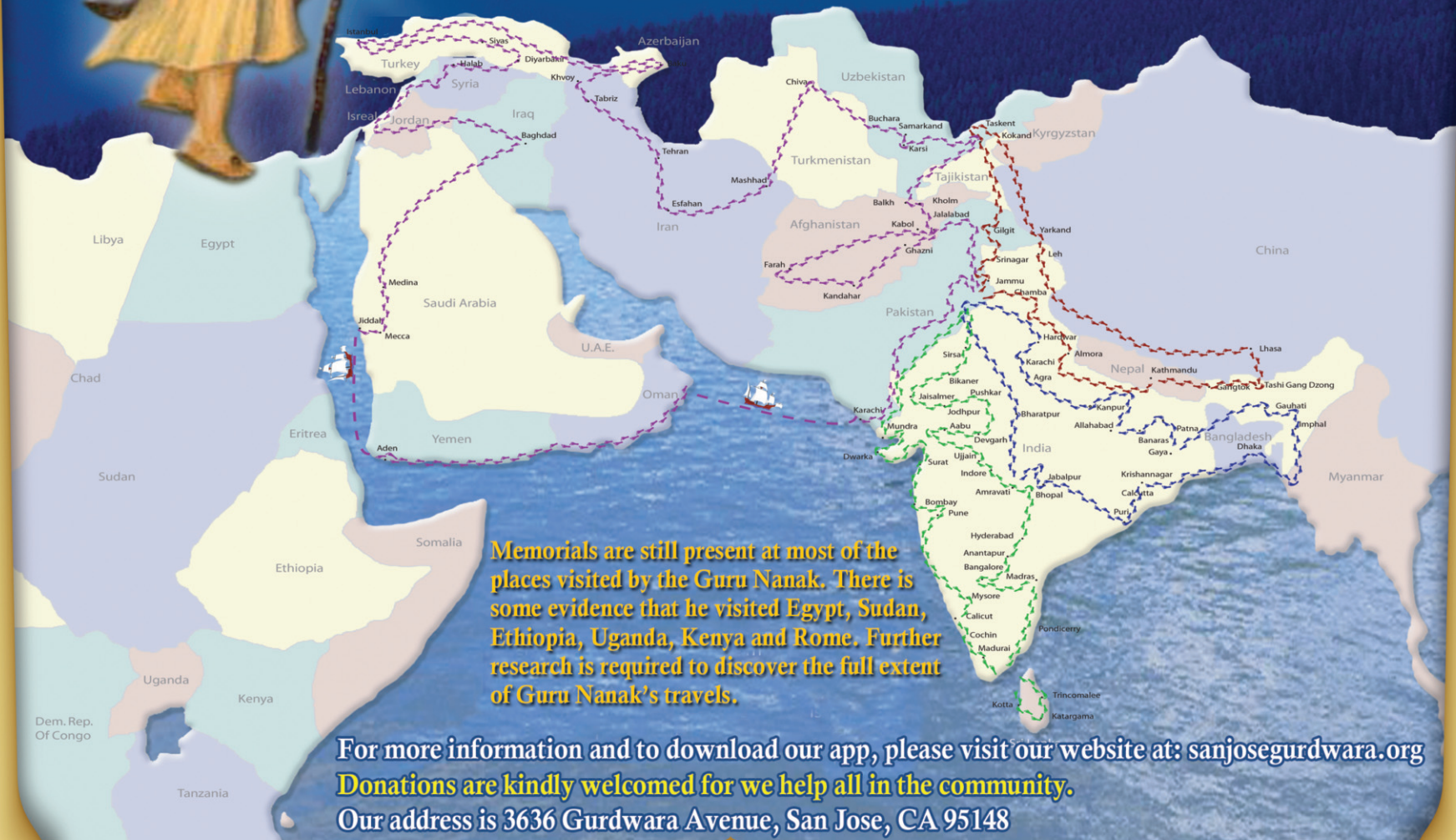
Please come and enjoy complimentary food available any day of the year at the Gurdwara and take a tour too.
We extend our welcome to everyone!

Thank you for being a good neighbor to make our community great!

Bob Dhillon
President of the San Jose Sikh Gurdwara

Guru Nanak saw the world suffering from hatred, fanaticism, falsehood and hypocrisy. Hence, he made a pledge to humanity and spent approximately a quarter of a century travelling around the world to inspire mankind to live a truthful life. Guru Nanak and his companion (Bhai Mardana) travelled on foot and revolutionized the world through singing praises of the divine. Throughout his four journeys, he visited and engaged in religious discourse with the leaders of various faiths including Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains, Sufis, Yogis and Sidhas.

The Guru urged every person of faith to delve deeper into their own faiths to find the common truth of **ੴ** (One God, who is creator of the whole universe) rather than converting from one religion to another. He encouraged all individuals to seek the truth that is common to all religions and forsake futile practices. When the fight was between "my way to my God" is better than "your way to your God," he declared that there was only one God of all, though there were many ways to reach Him. He encouraged everyone to seek within their own heart and realize that there is one God which exists everywhere and in every heart, regardless of religion, color or creed.



Memorials are still present at most of the places visited by the Guru Nanak. There is some evidence that he visited Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Rome. Further research is required to discover the full extent of Guru Nanak's travels.

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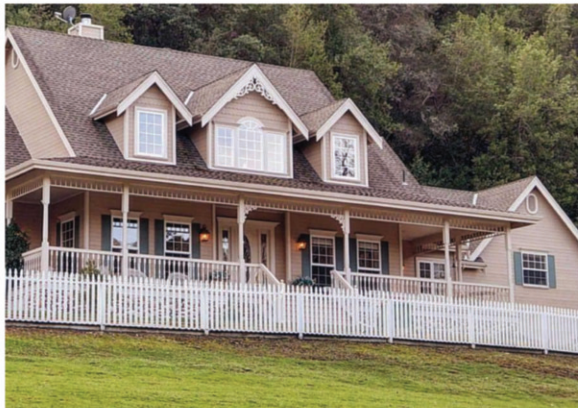
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Save Leland and Bret Harte



Greg Braley started a petition on www.change.com to SJUSD Board Vice President Kimberly Meek to save Leland High School and Bret Harte middle school in Almaden.

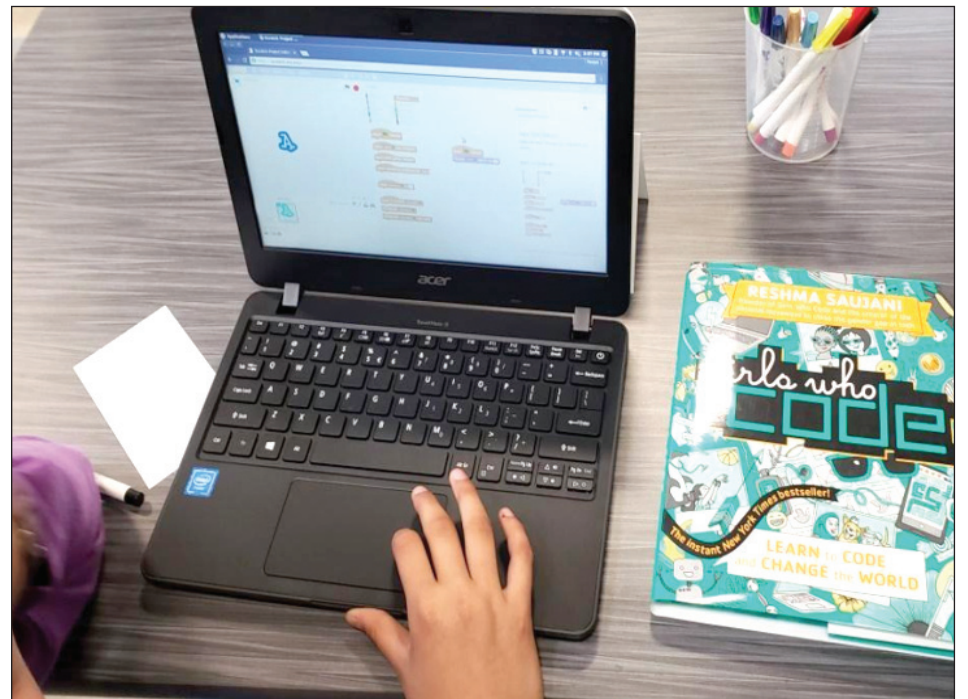
PETITION

As residents of the Almaden Valley neighborhood, we are strongly opposed to San Jose Unified School District's consideration of relocating Leland High School and Bret Harte Middle School in order to build low cost employee housing units. The Leland/Bret Harte site is a very bad option for the following reasons:

- Leland and Bret Harte are neighborhood schools, conveniently located central to Almaden Valley. The proposed new school locations would be at the very southern edge of Almaden and a much less convenient location.
- The proposed new school location would cause a safety issue for students attempting to walk to school.
- The only path into and out of the proposed location is Almaden Expressway, which is a one lane road leading into the proposed location. This will cause huge amounts of traffic congestion.
- Tearing down these existing top-notch schools just to rebuild them in another location is a huge unnecessary cost and a waste of taxpayer money.
- The number of houses that could be built consistent with this low-density neighborhood would be very small, and cost would be extremely high.

To sign the petition, visit:

www.change.org/p/san-jose-unified-school-district-board-trustees-save-leland-and-bret-harte-schools;
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Guadalupe Elementary launches 'Girls Who Code Club' for grades 3-5

By **Jadelynn Dao**
Special to the Times

Last fall, Guadalupe Elementary School launched a new computer programming club for grades 3-5, as part of the "Girls Who Code" international movement.

Girls Who Code is an organization striving to build up girls' confidence in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) fields. The club's goal is to teach basic coding principles engagingly and creatively to foster the girls' interest in STEAM at an early age.

In September, after influencing more than 90,000 middle and high school girls, Girls Who Code added club curriculum for 3rd-5th graders, making Guadalupe one of the founding elementary schools for this organization's new program.

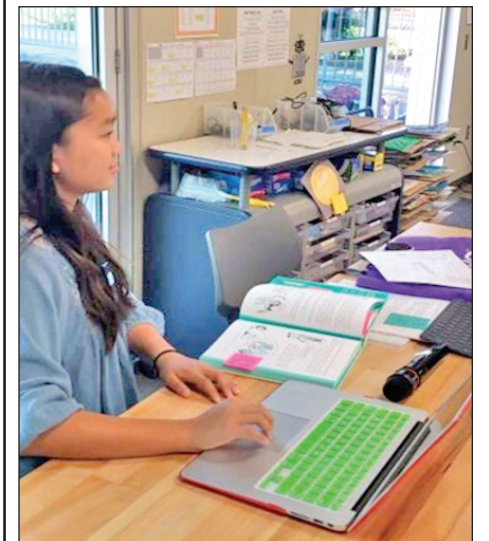
There was a strong interest from the start, as the club filled up on the first day of registrations.

The students have been meeting after school to learn about computer science using Scratch, a block programming interface, and analyzing passages from the book "Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World."

At the Guadalupe Girls Who Code, all of the participants are able to learn coding concepts, like functions, computational thinking, input/output, and game design. They are also taught how to use code to solve problems and make a difference in the world. Serving as an example of technology's impact, kids were able to learn about the coding and sensors behind Starship Technologies, a company that makes autonomous robots to deliver groceries.

The meetings are facilitated by Guadalupe alumna Jadelynn Dao, currently a sophomore in High

School, in partnership with Guadalupe STEAM Teacher, Dianna Talley. The Girls Who Code program has already had a big impact on girls across the globe. By bringing it to kids at Guadalupe Elementary, students are able to get early exposure to the growing field of computer science and engineering, while gaining confidence in STEAM and communication skills.



The club's goal is to teach basic coding principles engagingly and creatively to foster the girls' interest in STEAM at an early age.



Times Features

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility awards the second annual Dave Fadness Award to Jean Dresden

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (CFR) awarded the second annual Dave Fadness Award to Jean Dresden. Named in honor of the late Dave Fadness, the award is presented to San Jose residents who best exemplify Dave's dedication to volunteerism and fiscally sound government.

Rich Crowley, an Almaden resident, cofounded CFR with Fadness, opened the lunch-time award presentation by recounting the group's history, noting "we started as a couple of people on Dave's front porch, concerned about who would be the next representative from our city council district. We got involved and made a difference. Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility carries on the vision that Dave had. He truly believed that dedicated, informed community members are an essential element for creating an outstanding city."

In presenting the award, Pat Waite, President of CFR, observed that "Jean's incredible commitment to building a better San Jose through volunteer activism reflects the ideals commemorated by this award." He pointed out that she focuses on fiscal responsibility by making sure that bond money is spent in the ways promised to residents. "Especially notable is her commitment to ensuring that San Jose residents have open space to enjoy recreational activities and help create a better community," he concluded.

Jean founded and runs San Jose Parks Advocates (www.sjparksadvocates.org), an all-volunteer group of neighborhood association leaders, Adopt-A-Park volunteers, "Friends of" group members and community members from throughout the city. The organization is dedicated to ensuring that parks are included in all discussions of civic priorities and neighborhood services so that residents can enjoy quality parks and trails.

"When I was informed of my selection as a recipient of this award, I was both moved and humbled," Jean told CFR members and guests. "Dave was an amazing resource for our community. He seemed to be everywhere and his attention to detail was an inspiration. I am happy to see CFR continuing the community involvement that he championed."

CFR is a volunteer organization that focuses on ensuring that San Jose taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently and effectively. Find out more at www.cfr-sj.org.

Employment Training Panel awards more than \$13 million to train 14,000 workers

The State of California's Employment Training Panel announced it approved 55 contracts worth more than \$13 million to train 14,000 workers.

The panel awarded nearly \$122,000 to the California Tooling and Machining Apprenticeship Association (CTMAA) to train 41 Apprentices.

"The training funds approved today will help workers to gain experience through on-the-job training that can lead to long-term careers, and will help to provide employers with a qualified workforce," said Employment Training Panel Executive Director Stewart Knox.

For 10 years, the non-profit CTMAA has trained

machinists, mold makers, tool and die makers, and technicians through two and four year programs. With the increasing retirement of journeymen, the apprenticeship program provides training to ensure workers are available for open positions.

Successful trainees of CTMAA will complete the apprenticeship program and receive journeyman status as certified by the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards, as well as metalworking skill credentials and OSHA safety training certification.

The Employment Training Panel is the state's premier program supporting job creation and retention through training. The panel reimburses employers for the costs of training existing workers, funds training for unemployed workers to re-enter the workforce and helps to ensure California businesses have the skilled workers they need to remain competitive.

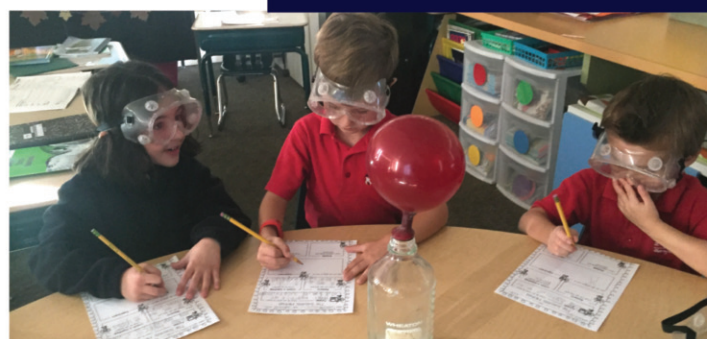
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Water Polo

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section history. Very few teams three-peat, especially in the dominate fashion that this team has. The Leland girls beat each of the other top 4 CCS teams by an average of nearly seven goals a game. In fact, the Leland team outscored their CIF-CCS section opponents 254 – 52 (average margin of victory of over 13 goals per game) and held two-thirds of those CCS opponents to under five goals. This team scored 10 goals in 28 of their 29 games, and in that other game they won with 9 goals. They were not only an offensive juggernaut, as they held teams to five or fewer goals 20 times, including the CIF-CCS championship game.

The girls won the championship of the Clovis West Invitational to start the season 12-1 against Clovis, the CIF Central Section champion. The girls then followed that up with a 14-5 win in the championship of the St. Francis Invitational against Sacred Heart. They placed 2nd at the NorCal Championships at Sacred Heart in a one goal battle with Acalanes. The Leland team also extended its BVAL win streak to 88 games dating back to the start of 2008 (11 straight BVAL championships).

The CIF-CCS section championship was a perfect execution of their game plan. The team put in the time in the film room and the pool. They played a level of defense I have never seen in my 16 years coaching the girls' program. They jumped out to a 6-0 lead midway through the second quarter before Soquel finally scored their first goal off a rebound. The girls then countered with another run to take a 10-1 lead before Soquel scored their last goal late in the third. Jenna Flynn & Alyssa Ross led the way with three goals, while Nina Flynn added two. Zoe King, Carson Rampelberg and Min Kim added one apiece. Goalie, Georgia Stebbins, finished with 12 saves.

This was a special group of girls. They were 80-9 over the last three seasons during their three-peat. The senior class of Olivia Burd, Nina Flynn, Mia Johnson Min Kim, Zoe King, Kelsey Palmaffy, Carson Rampelberg, and Georgia Stebbins leave as the most successful water polo team in Leland's history. They recorded 1,006 goals, 750 assists, and 942 steals. All those marks are the most ever in the entire history of the program by any senior class.

Nina Flynn leaves the team as the all-time leader in goals scored (553 goals), assists (244), and drawn ejections (242). Zoe King won 90 percent of her sprints through her career. She also leaves as 3rd all time in steals (301), 6th in scoring all time (253), and 4th in assists (191). Georgia Stebbins leaves with 515 saves (2nd all time), 71 assists (1st all time by a

goalie), and 75 steals (also most all time by a goalie). Carson Rampelberg, also a 3-year starter, leaves as 7th all time in assists (161), 8th all time in steals (190), and 2nd all time in field blocks with 24.

Our four underclassmen, Marin Faria, Jenna Flynn, Alyssa Ross, and Sydney Scott, also made their mark and will look to continue the success established by the current seniors. They added 173 goals, 167 steals, and 147 assists, including Jenna Flynn's team leading 109 goals, 70 assists, and 87 steals.

This team, though, was more than the statistics. In fact, they did not care who scored, as long as they won. Seven different players led us in scoring throughout the season, and every single field player had multiple games of two or more goals. This team had all six starting field players scoring at least 27 goals. They put in hours of training in the pool, film, and the weight room. Special thanks to our strength and conditioning coach, Stephen Ross, for helping the girls be in top shape.

The Leland team was also honored with many awards this year due to their great success in the pool. Nina Flynn was selected MVP for the BVAL league and the player of the year for the entire CIF-CCS section. This was Nina's 4th consecutive Player of the Year award for the CIF-CCS section. Freshman, Jenna Flynn, and seniors, Zoe King and Georgia Stebbins, were all selected 1st team All CIF-CCS joining Nina Flynn.

The Leland team had 4 of the 11 1st team All CIF-CCS selections. Senior, Carson Rampelberg, was selected to the 2nd team; Junior, Alyssa Ross, was selected to the 3rd team; and finally, senior, Min Kim, was an honorable mention selection to CIF-CCS. The girls also took home many BVAL All-League honors. Zoe King was also selected Senior of the Year, Jenna Flynn was selected Freshman of the Year, and Georgia Stebbins was voted Goalie of the Year. Joining Nina, Jenna, Zoe, & Georgia on the 1st team All-BVAL team was Carson Rampelberg and Alyssa Ross. Min Kim and Mia Johnson were selected 2nd team All BVAL.

Beyond the individual honors and team championships, this team was full of great people. Chemistry is important to the success of any team, and these girls have been friends for years, and will be for years to come. The team dinners, intense laser tag battles, trips to the beach after games, travel trips to Seattle and LA (including fun times in Disneyland), and movie night with Princess Bride were a few of the fun team bonding activities that helped make this team such a tight knit group. It has been a magical four years for these seniors. They have left their mark on history at Leland and CCS. They will forever be the first time Open Division champions,

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Times Cover Story

Bears

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remaining bears, she suggested gifting them to a hospital. Watkins volunteered to take them to Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center and to do it in style. He arrived wearing Batman's quintessential cape and cowl, with 43 bears and two superhero friends in tow: Steve Lam as Superman and Dan Nitschke as Captain America. "It was awesome," says Watkins and empowering not only to them, but also to the patients, families and hospital staff.

It was also poignant to Watkins as the hospital was where he had recently had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from one of his kidneys. "I prayed to God before the surgery," he says, "and vowed if I made it through, to become someone who inspires and motivates others."

"There are so many people who need a little bit of cheer and he seems to take care of that," says Nob Hill customer April Davison. "From the homeless to the hospitals, the Batman costume the kids love and everything he does, it's beautiful."

This year, rather than 43 bears, Watkins was responsible for gifting more than 1,000. "Raley's was so excited with what we were doing and asked what they could do to help," he says. "I told them we were out of bears and to send what they could." To his surprise, about 1,045 bears arrived at the store. What's even more amazing is that more than 600 bears have already been distributed.

"That's just Dave," says store manager David Ramirez. "He always asks what we can do to make a difference."

"He's such a giving person," says shopper Cathy Miller. "He takes time to engage with customers. We purposely choose his line and leave smiling every time. He brings so much joy to everyone around him. He's just that kind of person."

"He's really motivated," adds her

son, Jeremy. "He's super active and such a nice guy to everyone he meets." When Jeremy was going through a difficult time, Watkins reached out to him, offering to get together for lunch and to talk.

"Dave makes time for others," says Miller. "You don't see that every day. He motivates us to be better people."

In addition to the hospital, Watkins has assisted in delivering bears to low income families through Alum Rock Christian Church, Church on the Hill and Sacred Heart Community Service; homeless at HomeFirst; children with disabilities through Friends of Children; and senior citizens at Willow Glen Assisted Living.

Valerie Suarez, a dedicated volunteer with HomeFirst, joked with Watkins about the bear sitting by his register one evening. Before long, they shared their stories of community service, with Watkins enthusiastically showing her pictures of presenting teddy bears to children at Kaiser, and Suarez telling him about her 20 years of volunteering at the Sunnyvale shelter. Watkins immediately presented her with a few dozen bears to distribute there, and a few days later, provided additional bears for the Mountain View, San Jose, and Gilroy shelters as well.

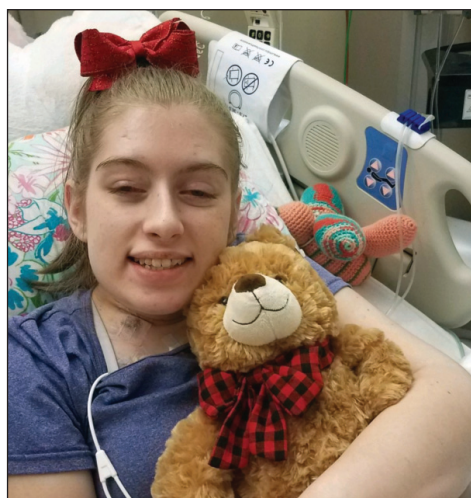
"All in all, 130 bears were in good hands of young ones and grown-ups alike," says Suarez. Not only the children, but also the adults crave the bears. "This is just what I needed," said a woman, hugging a bear tightly. Another woman had tears in her eyes when she received one. "They don't have much," says Suarez. "These bears are like a security blanket for them."

Suarez appreciates both Raley's and Watkins for the gift of the teddy bears. "I will be forever grateful to Nob Hill Foods and to David," she says, "who, with no hesitation, jumped on the opportunity to pass on these cuddly stuffed animals to those who need them the most."

"You do what you can," says Watkins. "It's worth it."



"There are so many people who need a little bit of cheer and Dave Watkins (below, left) seems to take care of that," says Nob Hill customer April Davison.



Water Polo

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as well as the first public school to three-peat!

Lastly and most importantly, all eight of the Leland seniors will be heading off to college. They were equally dedicated to their schoolwork, earning 4.0 or better GPAs. Many of the seniors are heading to college to play. Nina Flynn was recruited by UC Irvine; Zoe King will play for the Ivy League at Brown University; Carson Rampelberg will be playing at UC San Diego; and Min Kim is looking to play at Pomona Pitzer. Olivia Burd, Mia Johnson, Kelsey Palmaffy, and Georgia Stebbins are still deciding. This is a



group that not only dominated the pool but also the classroom.

There were many great memories made by this group led by the eight amazing seniors. This team was more of a family, and I was lucky to be along for the ride. I am so proud of this group and was constantly amazed by them. They are people that have made a positive impact on our team, the classroom, and their community. They are champions now, and will continue to be in the future. This senior class will be missed, but they leave behind the template for success. They modeled superior work-ethic, mental toughness, a team-first attitude, and perseverance through adversity. "Champions don't make excuses."

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Times Feature



PHOTO OP

CLEANING UP – The Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley has adopted Parma Park and have made a commitment to clean the park every month.



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Get involved and help preserve tranquility

By Mollie Tobias

Friends of Guadalupe Oak Grove Park

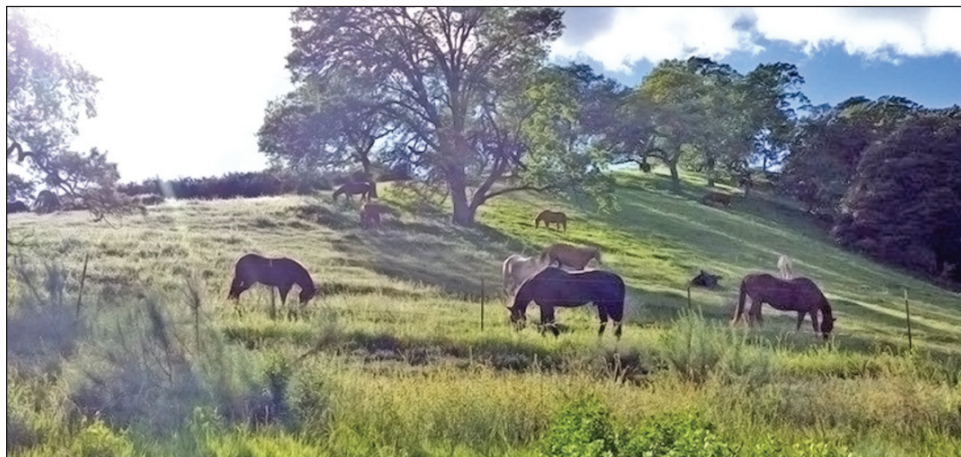
Do you like to be involved in your community? Do you enjoy the beauty, hiking trails and tranquility of Guadalupe Oak Grove park? Do you want to preserve this oak savanna for generations to come?

If yes, please join the very first meeting of a new “Friends of Guadalupe Oak Grove Park”, on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30-7:30 PM at the Almaden Community Center.

The Vegetation Management Plan, funded by Councilmember Johnny Khamis, is the current roadmap for a healthy and tree-filled park. H. T. Harvey & Associates, Ecological Consultants, are working with the City of San Jose to ensure the future success of the park. To continue these efforts, the development of park stewardship opportunities, by local residents, is another step to guarantee that Guadalupe Oak Grove park will be healthy and beautiful, far into the future.

If you enjoyed seeing the goats graze last fall, like to hike in the park, or are interested in having a peaceful oasis close to home, please join us and help establish a strong community group! It is a fabulous way to get involved in the Almaden community and meet other like-minded neighbors. The volunteer opportunities are limitless, as there will be a need for all types of skills-- from seed collection, to watering, weeding, planting, and mapping; photography, education and community engagement! We need you!

Questions? Or if you'd like to join our mailing list, please contact Mollie Tobias at (408) 595-3483 or email mollie.tobias@sanjoseca.gov. We look forward to working with you to set and achieve goals that will benefit the local community!

Times **Feature**

Nearly 4,500 sign petition to save Lakeview Stable

After 30 years as a horse stable, Lakeview Stable, located across from Calero reservoir on McKean Rd., is in danger of closing, evicting 70 horses.

Jan Kearny has started a petition which has garnered nearly 4,500 signatures on the website www.change.org. Those supporting the petition do not want Lakeview to close, stating that “It will be the end of an era of natural affordable horse boarding.”

The Parks Department does not run businesses so they want the horses to leave. Supporters of the petition point out that in Marin County, Golden Gate Parks and Mid-Peninsula Open Space, boarding facilities have successfully leased back under concessionaire or nonprofit status.

“I am in favor of the county providing boarding of horses on a subcontracted basis as a service to the local community and also to provide funding to pay for the acquisition of the property,” said San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

Each year a significant number of stables are closing, with fewer affordable places to go. Lakeview is the last of the large horse facilities in Santa Clara County with natural pastures and turnouts. Horses can graze together in herds like they did in the wild.

The petition calls for Santa Clara County Parks to allow Lakeview Stable to lease back as a nonprofit: immediately make necessary repairs to bring safety and code enforcement up to date; maintain liability insurance and insure any public programs have appropriate liability insurance; and add and manage recreational and public programs for children and adults in Santa Clara County. These programs will include (but not limited to) therapeutic riding programs for special needs kids, children’s summer camps, riding lessons, and horse education clinics.

Supporters of Lakeview Stable want to establish the facility as a nonprofit, which they state will allow Lakeview to be added to the parks program providing therapeutic and recreational activities to the community. They want to lease as a nonprofit, which “will absorb liability and financial responsibility.” They further state that the “activities proposed are compatible with park use and will give park users a chance to interact up close with the horse world. These types of programs attract more people from Santa Clara County than just park users alone.”

For more information, email: lakeviewstable@gmail.com; or call Lakeview Stable at (408) 482-8160 To sign the petition, visit: change.org/p/santa-clara-county-parks-save-lakeview-stable-the-county-wants-to-evict-the-horses, or search change.org lakeview stable.

St Anthony Parish made the holidays brighter

This Christmas, St. Anthony Parish in Almaden Valley made the holidays a little brighter for the clients of St. Joseph’s Family Center in Gilroy.

Thanks to an outpouring of generosity, the Almaden congregation donated 2166 lbs. of food and approximately 375 toys for the low-income and homeless families of South Santa Clara County.

Accompanying non-perishable food were 40 boxes wrapped in Christmas paper and filled with all the makings of a complete tamale dinner for a family of four. After all, Christmas time means “tamale time” to many families in our community as they continue to pass on their cultural tradition to the next generation.

According to Vicky Martin, the Director for Community Engagement at St. Joseph’s Center, “St. Anthony Parish appreciates this practice and the family values it represents. The Center chose families who indicated they had the facilities to accept and prepare the meals. Two little girls jumped up and down in excitement when they realized they would get to make tamales again with their mother. She said it was a great way of providing food for both the tummy and the soul.”

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Times Feature

DISTRICT 10

San Jose gun crimes turned over to federal prosecutors

By Councilmember
Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

The San Jose police have recently announced that they have begun turning suspects accused of gun crimes over to Federal prosecutors so that they might obtain harsher penalties in Federal court than they would in State courts.

These offenders have been getting off with light penalties in State courts due to reductions in mandatory minimum sentencing created by Proposition 57. I am thrilled with this new approach that San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia has implemented to help fix the unintended consequences of recent, voter-approved public safety reforms and keep us safe.

Proposition 57, approved by California voters in 2016, gives "nonviolent" offenders the ability to apply for early parole, as well as other opportunities at lessened punishment provided they complete rehabilitation programs. This poses an issue for the safety of the community because several inherently violent crimes are now classified as nonviolent.

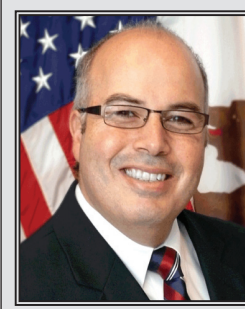
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San Jose detectives will now be working with the FBI on cases where a gun is used so that the FBI may consider the case for Federal prosecution. This would allow prosecutors to sentence violent criminals with significantly longer mandatory minimum sentences than if only state charges were applied.

This Federal prosecution tactic will be strictly focused on the following crimes: armed robberies, armed carjacking, felony arrests for possessing handguns, and drug trafficking. Crimes where a gun was fired, and not fired, but present during the crime, will be treated with the same

level of seriousness, because of the potential risk of harm to the community.

Proponents of Proposition 57 need not worry, since San José detectives are only focusing on these four crimes, since the SJPd's focus is on violent offenders. This will not eliminate Proposition 57 in any way, but rather offers a creative solution for the unintended consequences created by its passage.



District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

I am grateful to Chief Garcia for his passion for closing the revolving door of criminals re-entering the system after only brief prison or jail time. This new focus by the San Jose Police Department will strengthen their relationship with the community and help keep us safe from repeat, violent offenders. If you would like to read more about the impact Proposition 57 has had on crime in California,

and the details about realignment, check out my memorandum of support for the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020.

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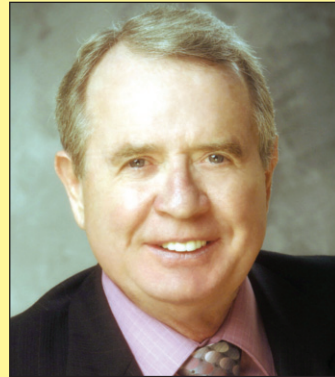
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