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## **CSEA protests SJUSD layoffs and consolidation**

**By Lorraine Gabbert** Senior Staff Writer ore than one hundred

voices rang out in protest as San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) classified employees marched in front of the district office holding picket signs aloft.

'SJUSD's unlawfully imposing a layoff and consolidation plan that will lead to reductions in staff, demotions, displacement and overwhelming workload," says the California School Employees Association (CSEA). "Students, parents and teachers will receive less support."

"We are hard-working and dedicated individuals who are invested in this community," says John Muir Middle School Secretary Dawn Heinzmann. "Each of us has a job to do to make our schools run efficiently and we do it well. To be treated like we are nothing and have no value is like a stab in the back. Eliminating and reclassifying so many CSEA



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positions will strongly impact all of the school secretaries. We already have more work than we can finish in an eight-hour day." "The District eliminated 37

classifications and decided to unilaterally place people in different jobs-some higher, some lower paying-they thought were similar. Their workloads have doubled and potentially their commutes," says Stacy Trujillo, Senior Labor Relations Representative for CSEA."

#### **Art and Wine Festival** sponsorship and vendor deadlines approaching

pplications for corporate sponsorships, food vendors and craft vendors are being accepted for the 43rd Almaden Art and Wine Festival scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15 at Almaden Lake Park.

Listed in Yelp as one of the top 10 art and wine festivals in the Bay Area, this annual community event attracts more than 25,000 people each year.

Opportunities for local businesses or artisans are available with corporate sponsorships, as food vendors, or as an artist exhibiting in the artists' area at the Festival.

**Corporate sponsorships available** Depending on the level of sponsorship, businesses can get exposure with signage at



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See PROTESTS, page 14 the main stage, inclusion in the program and a booth in the main thoroughfare of the Festival. "Sponsorships offer high visibility in all aspects of advertising," says Becky Trovato, Festival Corporate Sponsorship Chair. "This

is a terrific way to get maximum exposure for your company." Becky also points out that all proceeds from the festival are donated back to the community as grants to area nonprofit organizations plus scholarships to local high school seniors.

The deadline for corporate sponsors is July 14. This allows time for the businesses to be included in the program and other advertising materials for the Festival. For more information on available sponsorships, please email Becky Trovato at: sponsors@almadenwomen.org

#### Food and Artists spots still available

Festival goers enjoy a wide variety of food each year offered by local restaurants. The Festival Food Chair works hard to avoid duplications giving the Festival attendees a lot of choices for their food. The food slots are See ART AND WINE, page 19



A recent panel hosted by Housing Trust Silicon Valley and AARP looked at how ADUs can help alleviate Silicon Valley's housing crisis. Photo by Kyle Martin.

#### **Silicon Valley** leaders look to 'granny units' to solve housing crisis

By Kyle Martin Special to the Times

ith the shrinking supply of land in Silicon Valley driving up housing costs, some Bay Area leaders are banking on secondary units to save the region from its agonizing housing crisis.

The so-called "granny units" could be a game changer for beefing up the Bay Area's housing supply, officials say, offering elderly or low-income residents an affordable home while utilizing existing land.

The topic gained steam this week with the introduction of a new policy from Mayor Sam Liccardo and a distinguished panel on the topic as part of Affordable Housing Week.

The panel, hosted by Housing Trust Silicon Valley and AARP, featured Sen. Bob Wieckowscki (D-Fremont), Vianey Nava of Housing Trust Silicon Valley, Steve Vallejos of prefabADU, Shila Behzadiaria, an associate planner for the City of Sunnyvale, and Carrie Shores of Inspired Independence.

Wieckowski in December introduced Senate Bill 13 which would reduce fees, parking requirements and other compliance standards for building an "accessory dwelling unit" — or ADU — statewide. At the forum, the longtime lawmaker described the See GRANNY UNITS, page 16

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## Leland hosts first California High School Speech Association middle school state championship

**By Caroline Brew** Special to the Times

iddle school students from more than 50 schools and programs all across California gathered at Leland High School to compete in the first California High School Speech Association (CHSSA) sponsored middle school state tournament on May 17-19. Participating in the tournament were middle schools in the San Jose Unified School District; Bret Harte, Castillero, and Hoover.

The tournament had more than 700 entries across the 16 different speech and debate events offered; and more than 800 student competitors were introduced to a variety of speaking and argumentation styles.

While most middle school tournaments are modified to include fewer rounds, students competed in five preliminary rounds for debate events and three preliminary rounds for speech events, similar to the structure of a typical high school tournament.

The speech times in each event also followed those of high school rules instead of the shorter speech times designated for middle school. This emulation of a high school tournament served as preparation for incoming high schoolers looking to further pursue speech and debate.

In order to make the tournament as accessible as possible for all students who wanted to attend, the tournament provided the majority of the judges. Two-hundred members of Leland's Speech and Debate team not only lent their weekend to judging and providing feed-



Winner in humorous interpretation and story-telling is **Natalie Gao** from Almaden Country School.



Winners from Almaden Valley include: **Grace Govig**, Almaden Country School, (fourth from left) winner in Humorous interpretation and Storytelling; **Alexander Lee**, Bret Harte (sixth from left) winner in expository speaking; **Natalie Gao**, Bret Harte and **Jessica Liu**, Bret Harte, (seventh and eighth from left) winners in Duo interpretation; and **Michelle Qiao**, Bret Harte (ninth from left) winner in Program Oral Interp.

back for competitors, but also invited speech and debaters from other schools to judge at the tournament. Other members of the Leland team also tabulated results, worked in concessions and the school kitchen preparing food for coaches and contestants, checked in and assigned judges -- all under the direction of student director and Leland senior Hannah Lee. The tournament was a community effort,

as Leland parents volunteered in the kitchen to provide food for the competitors and judges.

Bret Harte students prepared for the tournament by attending a scrimmage, receiving coaching, and practicing in groups to provide each other with critiques. Bret Harte students Natalie Gao and Jessica Liu, Alexander Lee, and Michelle Qiao championed Duo Interpretation, *See SPEECH, page 6* 

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR Solar rights under fire from utilities**

#### Editor,

Recently, the utility that serves the Sacramento area (SMUD) unsuccessfully tried to slap solar users with a \$40-\$60/month fee. (PGE charges all customers a minimum use which is fair). The alleged reason was that the utility was drowning in generated solar power and yet this fee was also assessed on customers that provided their own storage and therefore used their solar behind the meter.

State legislation called the Solar Bill of Rights (SB 288 - Wiener) would have protected California ratepayers from these kinds of discriminatory and punitive fees on solar users.

The utilities lobbied to remove this provision from the legislation, and state lawmakers on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee obliged with no public input. I know the utilities are powerful, but I expected better from our representatives. Everyone has a right to make their own energy from the sun. After all didn't the same government set green energy goals? Are those goals just feel good PowerPoint?

This bill is intended to make it easier to install customer storage. Local storage is important because the utilities are not prepared to deal with the increasing amount of solar being installed. But before a reasonable person would install storage they need to be assured of some basic rights that were removed from the bill.

• The right to make your own energy on your own property without utility interference.

• The right to be free from fees that discriminate against you for choosing solar especially if you retain the power behind the meter.

Aren't solar users helping the state meet its energy goals?

**Robert Hawley** Almaden Valley

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Bret Harte and Leland students (left to right) Lincoln Douglas debaters **Sunay Patel, Eshan Velidandla** and **Krish Desai** check in with Leland Middle School Program Vice Presidents **Emily Sun** and **Tony Cao**.

## **Speech**

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Informative Speaking and Programmed Oral Interpretation, respectively. Grace Govig of Almaden Country School was a double winner as state champion in Storytelling and Humorous Interpretation.

"The state tournament was a beneficial experience for middle school students because they got a taste of the stiff competition they will face in high school, giving them a head start in their high school speech and debate careers," said Junior Tony Cao, Leland Middle School Program Vice President.

According to the middle schoolers in the Leland Middle School Program, the biggest difference between the state tournament and typical middle school tournaments was the length of the tournament. However, they noted that because they had more time between each of their rounds, they were able to practice at the tournament to improve their performance for the next round.

Since the state tournament took place at the end of the year, students felt as though the practice they had throughout the year and feedback they received from previous tournaments prepared them for the competition at state. Sixth Grader Ramana Sundaram explained that the different forms of speeches he observed will help him to come up with new ideas for speeches next year.

"The tournament definitely made me more excited to continue pursuing speech in high school," said Sixth Grader Allen Liu, Leland Middle School Program. "The competition overall made me feel a lot more confident and comfortable with my speaking abilities. I believe I will continue to feel this way in future competitions."

Editor's note: Caroline Brew is a junior at Leland High School.



Four of the Castillero speech and debate students competing at the tournament: (left to right) are **Rayhaan Kwon, Ishaan Ranjan, Amala Tirumalai**, and **Rishi Shaw**.



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# Molly Cuevas encounters horrific weather on day 52 of her 3000 mile run across America

By William Bellou

Publisher olly Cuevas, of Almaden Valley, has completed the 60th day of her 3,000 mile, three-month crosscountry trek from California to New York and is now in Missouri as the Almaden Times went to press.

Molly is running across the United States from Santa Monica to Montauk, N.Y. to raise funds and awareness for the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF), a nonprofit based in California that provides opportunities and support for athletes who face physical challenges.

On Molly's 52 day, she encountered horrific weather in Missouri, with heavy rain, thunderstorms and a tornado which touched down about 2 miles from where Molly was running. "Luckily we are ok...windows and roofs destroyed, cars and trucks on their sides, and people walking down the streets carrying garbage bags with their belongings." said Molly. "We are keeping everyone affected in our thoughts. This whole week has been crazy!"

Molly described her typical day in a recent blog

Before the tornado hit, Molly wrote a blog about her typical day running 30-40 miles per day.

"Most days, the whole RV is up anywhere between 4:30am and 6:30am - it really depends on the weather for that day. On days that are 80 degrees and above, I'll get started a bit earlier. Once I'm up, my priority is to get some food in my stomach and waking up my body by rolling out and stretching. I've been eating about 2 bowls of cereal, a bagel with cream cheese, an egg with sausage, and 1/2 a banana every morning. Yes, I'm aware...it's a lot of food. During this time, my mom gets ready and Whitney (Molly's best friend and photographer) is usually still sleeping which works out nicely because it keeps the RV from being too crowded to maneuver.

30 minutes prior to take off: Whitney gets up around this time and I'm usually getting changed into my running attire thinking about what snacks I want for the first part of the day. I eat a snack every 5 miles and will pack 2 at a time. Mom is preparing my waters and snacks.

Drop off: Wherever I left off the day before, I get dropped off. Whitney and I both drop a pin in our maps so there isn't any room for error. When I get dropped off, I'll tell my mom and Whitney what distance I plan on running before I need my first break.

Waiting period: Usually, the first leg of the day I'll be running for about 4 hours. Dur-



Taking a short break from running, **Molly Cuevas** (right) is pictured with her best friend **Whitney Kanavel** and her dog **Mayor**. *Photos by Whitney Kanavel* 

ing this period, Mom and Whitney clean up the RV, do the dishes, feed Mayer, make coffee and tea, check their emails, and begin to map out an estimated end destination for that day. In between leap frogging up the road with me, they'll prepare my lunch and document everything I've eaten that day so far.

Lunch time: Aside from eating, this is where I get my biggest chunk of rest time in. I only try to spend about 15-20 minutes in the RV or else I'll get too tired and not want to leave. My mom will roll out my quads, my hamstrings, and my calves if I need it that day. I'll typically put an iced down bandana around my neck before heading back out to help keep me cool and protect me from the sun. I'll throw on more zinc and then, I'm back on the road again.

Now that I'm on my own again for another 10-15 miles, Whitney and my mom are cleaning up from lunch, filling up my bottles and getting them nice and cold for the next meet up and (hopefully) eating something for themselves. This is also usually where they'll call around to different campsites and figure out where we're going to stay that night. At this point, they have a better estimate of what city we'll be in for the night so they try to pick the closest one with the best rating (or somewhere near a lake/river). During this time they continue to leap frog up the road with me in case I need anything at any time.

Now that the majority of the running has been completed, I stop back at the car to refuel and restock my snacks. As always, whenever I come back to the car my mom and Whitney are making sure I'm eating (even when I don't want to) and stretching or rolling out...and reapplying sunscreen and taking Advil if needed.

Last few miles. This part of the day I'm feeling my most tired. Therefore, mom stays really close to me in case I need to jump in for a quick bathroom break, a quick snack, or a refill on my water. Whitney will join me for the last 5-7 miles on most days and it's nice to have some company after being alone all day.

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The District 10 Leadership Coalition has received a 2018-2019 Beautify SJ Grant and is now accepting applications from neighborhood groups and individuals who would like financial help staging neighborhood events such as Block Parties, National Night Out (Tu. Aug 6th), Neighborhood Cleanups, etc. Amounts are expected to range from \$100 to \$350. For more information and to apply, send an email to: D10LeadershipCoalition@gmail.com



Ryan McCahan

#### Ryan McCahan named to New England Athletic Conference's Academic All-Conference Team

Ryan McCahan, of Almaden, a member of the Emerson College Baseball team, is among eighteen athletes from Emerson Spring Sports honored on the New England Women's And Men's Athletic Conference's Academic 2019 All-Conference Teams for their respective teams.

All honorees have been part of their varsity team for the entire season and reach at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. McCahan is a graduate of Leland High School.

Emerson College offers 14 NCAA Division III teams in various men's and women's sports, and more than 200 student-athletes represent the College in intercollegiate competition. The Emerson Lions routinely qualify for post-season tournament appearances. Located in Boston, Massachusetts, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

#### Almaden students selected for Disney international festival

Maya Enriquez, a student at Leland High

School, and William Shen, a student at Pioneer High School are among ten students from the animation program at Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) selected to premiere their videos in this year's Walt Disney Family Museum's Teen Animation Festival International (TAFI).

TAFI invites entries from around the world and offers both educational and collaborative opportunities as well as a chance to win great prizes. Previous awards have included family memberships to The Walt Disney Family Museum, portfolio reviews with industry professionals, and Bay Area professional animation studio tours.

TAFI will be held at the Walt Disney Family Museum located in the Presidio in San Francisco on June 1-2.

"Our SVCTE Animation Instructor Eric Whitman is such a great mentor and supporter of his students. It's not a surprise to any of our staff that he'd have so many students qualifying for this year's showing.

We're proud of the effort of all of our staff and instructors," shared MetroED Superintendent Alyssa Lynch. "It's really an amazing achievement for a single class. I'm so proud of my students! We devoted more time to working on the storyboards this year, and went through multiple rounds of critique and revision.

The results speak for themselves," said Animation instructor Eric Whitman.

In 2019, TAFI will highlight excellence in high school animation programs as well as outstanding achievement by individual students.

The five submission categories (School Show Reel, Individual Reel, 2D Short Film, 3D Short Film, and Stop-motion or Experimental Short Film), reflect the breadth and creative variety of student productions.

#### San Jose Unified recognizes employees of the Year

San Jose Unified School District recognized the outstanding achievements of its employees during the 2018-19 school year at the district's annual Employee Service Awards at Gunderson High School held on May 14.

The following individuals were named San Jose Unified Employees of the Year for 2018-19:

• Herb Espiritu, Principal, Pioneer High School (District Administrator of the Year)

• Lilia Valenzuela, Operations, Field Coordinator (District Classified Employee of the Year)

• Alison Stroot, Intervention Specialist, Almaden Elementary (District Certificated Employee of the Year)

"San Jose Unified has an incredible team of dedicated and compassionate staff members," said Superintendent Nancy Albarrán. "Our employees are motivated by the knowledge that through their sincere efforts, direction and tutelage, they can make a difference in a student's life." "From teachers to supporting staff, they are all working together to prepare today's students to be the thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow."

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## **Rainy Heart of The Park celebration still captivates despite weather**



he Martin Fontana Parks Association (MFPA) presented the Heart of the Park Celebration on a rainy Saturday, May 18 with many attendees wearing rain gear.

This year the Celebration featured a variety of handmade crafts, the traditional dog parade, a birding tour, barn owl display, master gardeners, face painting, games, and a raffle that offered valuable prizes.

The annual event brings together friends and neighbors to celebrate our two great Almaden Parks.

"We want to thank everyone who braved the rain and joined us at the park for the annual celebration," said Linda Wilson, MFPA president. "We also want to thank our sponsors: the District 10 City Council Office, the Santa Clara County Realtors Foundation, Almaden Valley Nursery, PG&E, and our local business raffle donors for their support."













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#### **Protests**

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The District is having classified employees (such as secretaries, library assistants, attendance clerks) work multiple jobs with little or no training, maintains CSEA, as well as robbing them of their legal right to vote on matters related to their wages, hours and working conditions.

SJUSD Board President Kimberly Meek says the two sides agreed to 3 percent raises for all CSEA union employees, as well as laying off classified employees for lack of work and/or a lack of funds. Meek says the collective bargaining agreement, outlining both the employee raises and layoffs, was signed by two CSEA members.

"The District is saying this is what CSEA and the District agreed to," says Trujillo. "We agreed to straight layoffs...They're trying to disguise it as a layoff and really it's a consolidation and a lot of forced movement of our classified employees. It's a disruption to the students, communities and school classified employees who work there. Rather than trying to work with the union, they take their ball and go home and implement whatever they want to do."

Sharon Calhoun, Chapter President, CSEA classified unit at SJUSD, addressed the SJUSD Board at their meeting on May 9. "Once again I'm making an attempt to communicate with the Board regarding the District's total disregard for the collective bargaining process with CSEA," she says. "You have approved Resolution 2019-3-28-3 without understanding the full implications of that decision: 144 jobs have been adversely affected, whether by layoff, consolidation, displacement or hourly reductions. We did not give management a blank check to implement a consolidation plan that over 75 percent of our members rejected in our negotiations. Our layoff language does not have anything in it regarding reclassification. Management's unlawful plan is going to weaken student services, tear staff services for the communities they've been serving for years and increase staff turnover. Employees are being put into positions they've never worked."

According to CSEA, at least eight people will lose their jobs, nine people will be demoted, 33 people will be transferred, management will reassign the work of 37 eliminated classifications to just 12 classifications in addition to those employee's existing workloads. In addition, many people will be expected to perform a higher level of work with little or no training.

Almaden resident Holly Case worked as a School Attendance Technician at Bret Harte Middle School and was recently laid off and replaced with an Attendance Improvement Clerk. "They will not know how to do my job," says Case, "and it's against our union contract that employees cannot be bumped into different classifications...and it's for good reason...this poor person is going to be clueless and drowning in work they don't understand."

Attendance Improvement Clerks are three pay steps below School Attendance Technicians and according to CSEA bylaws, says Case, a person cannot bump into a classification they never held nor into a higher pay classification.

"Our ASB Clerk 1 was offered an ASB Clerk 2 position at one of the high schools as Clerk 1s were eliminated. The current proposal has the school secretaries doing this work," says Case, "but they are already underwater with all their responsibilities."

"I'm disappointed that SJUSD doesn't see the value in its employees and I'm worried for those that will still be employed," says Case. "We already have to juggle so much, and the students are going to be the real losers since programs will have to go away with less employees."

Bret Harte is losing eight hours of clerical staff. "We have no clue what our site will do with no Associated Student Body (ASB) Clerk," says Case. An ASB Clerk is responsible for managing ASB funds, the student council, school dances, etc. The part-time Clerical Office Assistant is also being laid off. She was responsible for Cornerstone Awards, Everyday Heroes and Bronco Bucks, all positive reinforcement programs for students.

A similar scenario is impacting Leland High School. Leland will only have an Attendance person now and no Attendance Improvement Clerk, who handled truancy, Saturday School and home visits.

The District sites declining enrollment as the reason for the layoffs. "Because we asked for a 3 percent raise, we're being laid off," says Case, who at the top of her pay range makes a little over \$19 an hour, while some employees don't even make \$15 an hour. **District response** 

In a letter sent from J. Dominic Bejarano, Assistant Superintendent for SJUSD to Case, it stated: "San Jose Unified continues to invest

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heavily in the priority objectives identified by our community—high quality academics delivered and supported by high-quality staff, with 80 percent of San Jose Unified's general fund supporting employee compensation. Specific to employees represented by CSEA, here are the highlights of those investments:

• Fully repaid those that had taken furlough days in 2013

• 4.25% ongoing salary increase starting in 2015-2016

• 5.75% one-time payment in 2015

• 3% ongoing salary increase starting in 2016-2017

• 7% one-time payment in 2016

• 10% ongoing salary increase for campus supervisors and IAs in 2016-2017

• \$830 in parcel tax retention payments in 2018-2019

• One-time payment based on longevity in November 2018

• 3% ongoing salary increase in February 2019

• Maintained employee health benefit costs each year since 2014-2015

"At the same time, San Jose Unified understands the financial hardships of living in Silicon Valley. The same cost-of-living challenges employees are experiencing have dramatically impacted San Jose Unified's families. San Jose Unified's families. San Jose Unified staffed for 33,236 students in 2015-2016. For next school year, staffing is for 30,147 students. The 9 percent decline for students over just four years requires changes in San Jose Unified's staffing levels."

"Staffing levels are changing in all areas and with all bargaining units. CSEA and San Jose Unified agreed to use article 19000 of the collective bargaining agreement on layoff and reemployment to implement the 3 percent salary increase in February and the corresponding reduction in force by June 30, 2019."

Deputy Superintendent Stephen McMahon says the school district works hard to staff accurately based on student counts, and some of the eliminated positions had overlapping duties. He also says the Board was addressing employees need for a wage increase.

"I have every faith that the intention and the spirit of collective bargaining was in place," says Meek. "There just wasn't enough funding to give them a raise without the reduction in force." Meek says school officials will do everything they can to minimize impacts from the layoffs to student services.

CSEA has filed an unfair labor practice charge with the Public Employees Relations Board as well as a grievance.

"Management's consolidation plan is bad for staff, bad for students and bad for our community," says Calhoun. "We feel whole-heartedly that the board must intervene and ensure that education funding is spent on our students instead of on needless litigation costs and we are not alone: We have collected over 1,400 signatures."

"This is just the start of our campaign on behalf of the students and staff here at SJUSD," says CSEA. "We will continue to inform the public and the voters about the District's effort to undermine stability and quality education here at SJUSD."



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Mayor **Sam Liccardo** holds a press conference on May 15, with Councilmembers **Magdalena Carrasco** and **Sylvia Arenas** regarding a new proposal to provide forgivable loans and lower impact fees for homeowners hoping to build Accessory Dwelling Units. *Photo by Kyle Martin* 

#### Granny units

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bill as "the big enchilada" that will bring more ADUs into California neighborhoods.

"I've stayed away from design guidelines, that's a local control issue," Wieckowski told the audience Friday. "Think of the state law as the minimum threshold, and we'll let the cities work off (of that)."

Wieckowski's bill would eliminate local agencies' ability to require replacement parking for ADUs that take over a garage or carport — if that unit is within half a mile of public transit. The senator said residents have told him that the astronomical fees to build these ADUs are "killing them" and that has slowed down investment in the Bay Area.

Under Wieckowski's bill, certain fees would be waived for ADUs smaller than 750 square feet. Larger ADUs would be charged a quarter of the fees to build a new single-family home on the same lot.

"Investors don't buy when the price is high," Wieckowski said during the forum. "They buy when the price is down."

The panel discussed other ways to streamline secondary units onto properties throughout Silicon Valley, pointing out that major cities like Seattle, Portland and Vancouver are ahead of California on approving and producing these small backyard and garage homes.

The panelists agreed that ADUs can help families, adult kids who want to stay in the Bay Area, or seniors who don't want to live in a nursing home. The units can create more density in single-family neighborhoods, Nava said, which can help fill the need for middle and low-income homes.

Nava added that cities can speed up production of the units by streamlining building processes. Some ideas include providing a website and hotline for information about ADUs and condensing city planning reviews to one hour.

Nava told San José Spotlight in an interview that she's noticed ADUs are increasingly being built by wealthier homeowners.

"If the process is too difficult to navigate and there's no finances out there, then how can homeowners be part of the solution and build these ADUs in their backyard?" Nava said.

"We have to bridge the gap between understanding what the consumer's needs are, how to focus on the city, how to develop products, how to put financing into that picture so it's a cohesive solution for all of you," Vallejos said during the forum. "When I think about ADUs, I think there's a product and a solution for everybody."

Panelists discussed the idea of mandating a universal design for ADUs to ensure accessibility for those with disabilities, but said it makes more sense for cities to provide incentives for building ADUs with disability access. Shores said she has about 30 units in production and "they're all accessible."

In Sunnyvale, Behzadiaria said Friday that a drawback is that ADUs must match the design of their adjoining larger homes. Sunnyvale also simplified the process by shrinking its minimum lot size requirements.

"That was the biggest hurdle in the way of building more ADUs in Sunnyvale," Behzadiaria said, adding that her city also simplified the process by shrinking its minimum lot size requirements.

Last Wednesday, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmembers Pam Foley, Magdalena Carrasco and Sylvia Arenas unveiled a proposal to offer loans for those interested in building ADUs.

Liccardo acknowledged high impact fees hinder people from building ADUs, and proposed waiving those fees and offering forgivable loans to builders as long as ADUs are kept under rent restrictions for five years to ensure affordability.

The proposal calls for up to one \$20,000 loan per ADU to help with construction and permitting costs, if the renter complies with rent restrictions and agrees not to rent it out on Airbnb or similar sites.

Liccardo asked the city manager to evaluate using up to \$5 million from a city housing fund for the loan program.

"The ADUs could be a good solution for (extremely low-income) housing if we had larger subsidies that would restrict the rents sufficiently," Liccardo said in an interview.

Homeowners can rent their ADUs at market-rate pricing, Liccardo said, but "they won't get city money."

Clara Hill, a San Jose resident who attended the ADU forum Friday, said she's considering building one on her property in Willow Glen, but there are "still some things I want to know."

Hill said she's curious about how the city will handle encroachment disputes between neighbors and worries about parking shortages with the creation of more ADUs. "At least people are going to have housing," she added. "I believe it's going to help the housing crisis as long as we're staying in the guidelines."

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## AVCA welcomes you to attend our meeting June 10

The Monday, June 10 meeting of the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) will focus on civic engagement with three guest speakers:

• April Bracamonte, Election Specialist with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters will provide details of the changes to the way we will be able to vote in the March primary election.

• Two students from Leland High School will talk about founding politically focused youth organizations on campus: Prerna Agarwal of the Progressive Youth Collaborative, and Adrian Rafizadeh of the Youth Conservative Forum. They will share why they founded these organizations and provide insight into the political views of today's local students.

Meetings begin with a brief update from our District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis. We invite you to join us for a fun evening of getting to know your neighbors, engaging with speakers about local issues, and of course, eating a cookie or two!

#### Who We Are

Since 1961, Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) has been bringing City Hall to Almaden. Every month, this volunteer non-profit organization brings government leaders, both elected and employed, to Almaden to discuss issues that affect our community. Over the years, AVCA members have influenced many positive changes for Almaden as well as for San Jose.

#### Meetings

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#### **Molly Cuevas**

Continued from page 8 When I finish the day, I'm greeted with a delicious glass of chocolate milk and my BCAAs. I'll take off my sweaty clothes (taking off the sports bra is the best) and change into something dry. I'll also wipe down my face & body with baby wipes to get some of the dirt, sunscreen, and sweat off. Then, I'll stick my feet into a cooler full of ice and water for 20 minutes as my mom drives us to pick up some dinner and then to wherever we sleep for the night (hopefully it's not more than a 10-minute drive but it's gotten up to an hour drive at one point).

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**About Molly Cuevas** 

Molly attended Silver Oak Elementary School and Chaboya Middle School in Evergreen. She graduated from Leland High School in 2012 where she lettered in Tennis, Soccer, Track and Field Hockey. Molly received a scholarship from Adelphi University where she majored in Sports Management. and minored in Marketing graduating Magna Cum Laude. Cuevas was a three-time All-American, a four-time Academic All-American, captain and broke nearly every modern-era record the field hockev program had, while also setting some new ones of her own while attending Adelphi University. She also received a minor in Communications from Murdoch University while studying abroad in Perth Australia. As a student athlete Molly was Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year, three-time All-American, Academic All-American, holds virtually all AU offensive records, numerous conference records and is currently the all-time NCAA DII Assist per game leader. After holding internships with the Major League Soccer and the San Francisco 49ers, Molly went on to manage the social media platform for Rocktape. She currently serves as Rocktape's Marketing and Communication Coordinator.

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#### Art and Wine

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Due to this success and the efforts and talent of both Bret Harte and Castillero schools, a team of young men has been compiled to represent California under the San Francisco Calheat banner.

#### Almaden handball team to compete at Partille Cup, Sweden: July 2

San Jose's very own Bret Harte Middle School and Castillero Middle School had a phenomenal year representing Almaden in handball last year.

Bret Harte went undefeated in league play and the playoffs, culminating in capturing the championship and the highest honor by winning the California Cup.

Due to this success and the efforts and talent of both schools, a team of young men has been compiled to represent California under the San Francisco Calheat banner. The team will compete in what is considered by many as the World Championships, the Partille Cup, located in Gothenburg, Sweden, on July 2, 2019.

A gofundme page has been set up to help with the cost of sending the team to Sweden. To help out, visit: gofundme.com/u15-calheat-handball-team-travel-funds

The team has 14 young men to represent the State and region.

#### Suspect arrested for murder in Almaden

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, at about 5:55 a.m., San Jose police officers responded to a fire department aid call of a one month-old baby boy not breathing in the 6400 block of Berwickshire Way in Almaden.

Almaden. The baby victim, Owen Khovananth, was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced



deceased a short time later. Follow up investigation by homicide detectives and the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office revealed the baby suffered blunt force trauma. The extensive investigation continued until suspect **Kevin Khovananth** (inset above), the victim's father, was identified as the person responsible for the baby's death.

The suspect has been taken into custody in San Jose and booked into Santa Clara County Jail for murder, child abuse causing death, and child endangerment.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Brian Meeker or Detective Sergeant TJ Lewis of the San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

#### Symphony Silicon Valley presents Beethoven's Ninth

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Beethoven's Ninth on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre.

Beethoven's Ninth is the unquestioned champion of the concert hall, a work that sums up the Classical age, looks forward to what would follow, and has come to represent courage, hope, and triumph around the world.

Every December, innumerable Ninths are performed throughout Maestro Shimono's homeland to mark the turn of the year. SSV last played it to packed houses for the Symphony's 10th anniversary, This June it will be introduced by one of Dvořák's most joyful short works, festive and deeply felt.

#### Program

Antonín Dvořák: Te Deum, Op.103 Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125

Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono Soloists: Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale

For tickets, call the Box Office: 408.286.2600; or visit www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

The California Theatre is located at 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose, 95113. Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets. ALMADEN TIMES MAY 31 – JUNE 14, 2019 PAGE 21







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