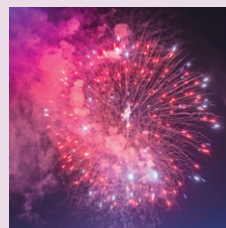


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## MIGHTY MOLLY!

Molly Cuevas finishing her triumphant run entering Montauk, New York with some of her teammates from Adelphi University along with CAF co-founder Bob Babbitt. Photos by Jess Rapfogel

## Molly completes her remarkable 3,000 mile cross-country fund raising run

*Running through 13 states coast to coast*

By William Bellou  
Publisher

**M**olly Cuevas of Almaden Valley said she was proud of her accomplishment of running coast to coast to raise awareness for Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF).

Surrounded by family, friends, CAF leadership, and supporters, everyone cheered as Molly Cuevas completed her 3,000 mile cross-country fund raising run on Saturday, June 29 at 10 a.m. in Montauk, New York.

"I was so excited to see my family, friends, supporters and local residents turn out for my final leg of my run in New York," Molly said. "I was so very proud and excited to see everyone there. It was overwhelming in a good way!"

Bob Babbitt, a co-founder for CAF ran with Molly on the final six-mile leg along with some of Molly's teammates from Adelphi University, from Goldberg's deli on the

Napeague stretch to downtown Montauk with a police escort. Babbitt said in 26 years CAF has raised \$112 million and had awarded 26,000 prosthetic grants for challenged athletes.

Reflecting on her incredible journey through 13 states, Molly took a walk on a nearby beach, putting her foot in the Atlantic Ocean 90 days after putting her foot in the Pacific Ocean prior to the start of her cross-country run from Santa Monica, CA on April 1.

Molly, who graduated from Leland High School in 2012, set a goal last year to run across America to raise awareness for CAF. "Challenged Athletes Foundation is definitely a good cause and the run was something I really wanted to do. I was fortunate to meet a lot of great people along the way who contribute to CAF or who are receiving funds from the organization," Molly said.

Molly ran through 13 states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Molly's coach, Bree Lambert Sanders, helped Molly build up her strength and stamina for a year



Upon completion and cool down of her run, Cuevas took a walk to the Atlantic Ocean to complete her journey, which she started April 1 at the Pacific Ocean.

before the start of her run.

"What Molly has done is truly remarkable," said Molly's dad, Manny Cuevas. "Just imagine running a 35-40 mile marathon every day for 90 days!"

"I'm proud of what I have accomplished, but the journey was not about me, but rather it was about raising funds and awareness for CAF," Molly said.

The first month was the hardest for Molly. Heat was an issue in Arizona and she was in severe pain from injuring her Achilles. She consulted a Chiropractor to determine if she should continue with the run, but Molly checked out ok and was able to control the pain with a daily regimen of soaking her feet in cold water after her daily run. There was also a weather related scare in Missouri where two tornados touched down just two miles from where Molly was running. "It was scary seeing vehicles overturned on the highway and residential roofs ripped to shreds," she said.

Molly's best friend Whitney Kanavel ran more than 400 miles with Molly on the first

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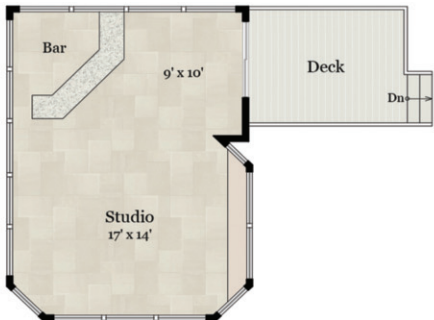
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## Councilmember Khamis questions whether measure led to rise in rapes

By Mauricio La Plante

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San Jose lawmakers during a recent meeting peppered police with questions about the sharp rise in rapes citywide, but Councilmember Johnny Khamis had a request — study how a pair of controversial state measures might have contributed to the increase.

Proposition 47, approved in 2014, redefined several nonviolent crimes as misdemeanors, and Proposition 57, approved in 2016, prioritized parole for nonviolent offenders who served their full sentences in California prisons and reduced sentences for good behavior.

Both propositions have come under fire by politicians and police officials who claim reducing certain felonies to misdemeanors and releasing prisoners early has led to an increase in crime.

The propositions are often tied into anecdotes about recidivism, cases in which former prisoners once again commit crimes when released from incarceration.

Some argue that Proposition 57 redefined sex offense crimes into nonviolent offenses, and has made it easier for sex offenders to be released from prison.

A lawsuit from The Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws in 2018 against the California Department of Corrections challenged excluding sex offenders from having early parole hearings.



"I think recidivism has a lot more to do with repeat crimes of rape than overcrowding," Councilmember Johnny Khamis said at a recent council meeting.

According to court documents, ASCOL argued that the plain text of the bill did not define a "nonviolent crime" and did not specifically exclude sex offenders from early parole.

At the Superior Court of California in Sacramento County, Judge Allen Sumner sided with ASCOL, and advised the state to revise the definition. The eased access to early parole for sex offenders has pushed Khamis and others to demand more research on the propositions'

effects.

Khamis' suggestion sparked a brief debate during a recent public safety committee meeting.

Some elected leaders said they'd rather spend staff time studying why victims don't report sexual assault and whether overcrowding in homes due to Silicon Valley's housing affordability crisis played a role in the increase.

"I felt that it was, at a minimum, as equally important to look at recidivism as looking at overcrowding," Khamis said. "In fact, I think recidivism has a lot more to do with repeat crimes of rape than overcrowding."

However, research on the effects on Proposition 47 doesn't appear to support a correlation between the measure and a rise in sexual assaults.

According to a study published by two researchers from UC Irvine, rapes went down because of Proposition 47.

Charis Kubrin, a professor of criminology, law and society, compared crime rates in California under Proposition 47 to those in similar states without such a measure.

"We're approximating California by comparing it to other states that look like California but did not pass Prop. 47," Kubrin said.

The researchers compared crime rates using stats from the FBI Unified Crime Report Part 1 Offense Frequencies, which include murders, rapes and aggravated assaults. "The rest of the states that looked like California experienced increases in their rape cases," Kubrin said. "(In

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Power outages demand solar response

Dear Editor,

Something is missing from the response to power outages, and efforts to prevent wildfires.

It would seem like the best way we can protect ourselves from outages is to simply make and store solar energy at home. More and more people are doing just this, and their lights don't ever go out.

In addition, the more people make their own energy at home, the less burden they put on the grid. That means we don't have to maintain as many power lines in fire-

prone areas.

But instead of encouraging more people to install solar, utilities are attacking it with red tape and fees. The politicians just look the other way. It makes no sense.

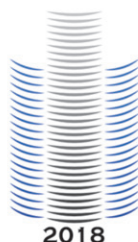
If our politicians are going to spend billions of public dollars preventing wildfires, they should also protect our right to make and store energy on our property without red tape and fees from the utility - a "Solar Bill of Rights". Let's free the people to be a part of the solution, instead of just propping up monopoly utilities with our hard-earned money.

As a very satisfied roof top solar power system owner and soon to be solar battery user the paragraph above is nothing more than common sense ... (which given what we know of the utilities political maneuvering and position), is not so common!

Mary Crowley  
Almaden Valley

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# Technology centered mega developments lead Silicon Valley's economic boom

## Assessment roll tops half a \$trillion; longest period of growth in decades

Following the Great Recession of 2008-2010, Silicon Valley continues to experience an unprecedented economic boom as reflected in the assessment roll data released by Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone.

Stone announced last week that the annual assessment roll hit \$516 billion, a 6.79 percent increase over the prior year. The assessment roll reflects the total net assessed value of all real and business property in Santa Clara County as of January 1, 2019.

During the past eight years, the assessment roll has grown 53 percent, more than any time since the hyperinflation period in the early 1980's. Assessment Roll Total Value and Growth for every City and School District in Santa Clara County will be posted online at [www.sccassessor.org](http://www.sccassessor.org).

The major beneficiaries of property tax revenue are public schools, community colleges, cities and the County. Fifty percent of local property tax revenue generated in Santa Clara County goes to fund public education.

The growth in the assessment roll is due to mega office and commercial property developments and major property acquisitions by iconic tech companies, including Apple, Google, LinkedIn, Adobe and Nvidia.

Two technology companies, Apple and Google, accounted for 3 percent of the total increase. The assessed value of all Apple properties increased by \$271 million. In addition, the total assessed value of all Google properties increased by \$759 million.

In addition to new construction and changes in ownership, the assessed values of business property, i.e. machinery, equipment, computers, and fixtures grew by virtually the same amount as the prior year 3.3 percent, another indication that our local economy is beginning to cool. The final component of assessment roll growth is the two percent increase in the assessed value of all properties mandated by Proposition 13.

The growth in assessed value is the direct result of several economic factors. For the first time in history, the Bay Area has four million jobs, fed by the technology sector. In San Jose, the median household income increased 21.8 percent in the last three years to \$122,000, the 10th highest in the U.S.

The unemployment rate in Santa Clara County is 2.1 percent, lower than the state at 4.3 percent and the nation at 3.6 percent. That is equivalent of "full" employment. "We are adding jobs, in spite of record home prices, traffic jams, fears of trade wars and labor force constraints. If the Bay Area was a country, it would be the 18th largest economy in the world", said Stone.

"Extremely low unemployment rates in Silicon Valley have driven the cost of tech talent to an all-time high, creating a serious high-tech labor shortage. Employers, particularly technology companies, are having

problems hiring skilled employees due to skyrocketing housing costs. The lack of affordable worker housing is making it impossible for employers to fill existing jobs", said Stone.

"The Silicon Valley office market closed on another record year, a much longer period of expansion than the "dot-com boom", 19 years ago. Office vacancy in Silicon Valley has declined from 25 percent in 2009, to 7.4 percent at the end of the first quarter. In Silicon Valley, 7.7 million square feet of office space was under construction in the first quarter of 2019, the most since 2000. Seventy-five percent of the 7.7 million square feet was pre-leased before completion of construction. Google has 20 million square feet of office space under lease in Silicon Valley, most of it in Santa Clara County. Vacancy countywide is 1.7 percent for warehouse, and 2.7 percent for industrial at the end of the first quarter, an 18-year low. Apartment rents have increased 52 percent since 2010, with vacancy below five percent", said Stone.

Assessor Stone cautioned that "there are early indicators that the economy may be in transition if for no other reason than we are due for a recession. Nationally, job growth in 2019 has slowed dramatically. We are seeing a marked increase in "for rent/lease" signs outside of major apartment complexes in addition to concessions such as free rent and reduced deposits to attract tenants, a clear signal that the peak of the apartment market has passed.

The same is true in the commercial sector. The unsustainable and frenzied leasing activity of 2015 and 2016 has slowed, in part, as a result of the significant increase in the supply of new office space." These changes will likely slow the assessment roll growth in future years. Consumer confidence recently dropped to the lowest level since September 2017.

The Santa Clara County assessment roll closed on time by the statutory deadline of July 1, 2019. For the 17th consecutive year, the Assessor operated below budget, returning \$1.3 million unspent back to the County's general fund.

## Assessor Annual Notification of Assessed Value

On June 28, the Assessor's Office mailed annual assessment notices to 492,423 property owners reporting each property's 2019-2020 assessed value. The notice serves as the basis for the property tax bill mailed in the fall. Santa Clara County is one of only nine other counties in California providing early notice to all property owners. "Most property owners in California learn of their assessed value for the first time when they receive their property tax bill in October," said Stone. The County Finance Agency has created a tool to help property owners learn exactly how much of their property tax dollars go to their neighborhood public schools, community colleges and government agencies, including the 15 cities and county government.

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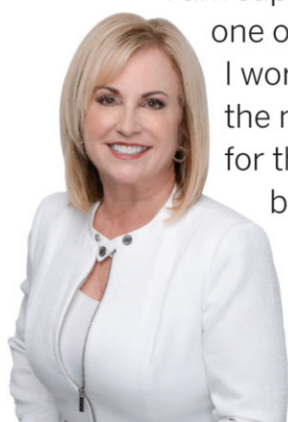
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## Let's get the word out about parcel tax exemptions for seniors, people with disabilities

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

*Special to the Times*

**T**housands of seniors and people with disabilities who own property may be paying taxes they don't have to pay, and they don't know it. Or if they do know it, they find the exemption application process challenging and over burdensome.

At the last Board meeting, I called for administrators to develop an outreach plan so that eligible homeowners know about the exemption and can get help in applying for it. I also asked for an analysis of how many homeowners in the County might be eligible and locations where we could provide information to them. The Board unanimously approved the proposal by me and Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and administrators will bring an outreach plan to the Board on September 10.

This parcel tax is paid by homeowners who live in school districts that have voter-approved measures that assess a portion of their property taxes to provide funding for schools, usually for a special initiative or to expand services. Homeowners are eligible to opt out of paying this tax if they are age 65 or older, receive Supplemental Security Income for disability at any age, or receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits at any age and meet the income requirements.

Supervisor Chavez and I heard from residents and representatives from school dis-

tricts at a special meeting on May 22 of the Children, Seniors and Families Committee. We called this meeting in response to a Civil Grand Jury Report that identified flaws in notifying residents about the exemption

and in the application process among some of the 24 school districts that collect a voter-approved parcel tax. Thank you to those of you who spoke to us at the meeting in May, and thanks to San Jose resident Don Eberhard who pushed us to see how the County can help.

Some suggestions we heard at that meeting included the County helping school districts receive information when property changes ownership, inserting a letter into property

tax bills, and enlisting the Registrar of Voters, the Department on Aging or the Social Services Agency to help with reaching underrepresented segments of the County's older residents and residents with disabilities.

Our Finance Agency has already created a webpage with helpful information. Visit [sccgov.org](http://sccgov.org) and type in Parcel Tax Exemption. Click on the first item in search results and it will take you to the Special Assessment - Parcel Tax page. Under Exemptions, you'll find a list of the tax measures, the school districts and links school district websites.

You can also call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org) about this topic or anything else.



#### County Report

By Dave Cortese  
Supervisor

### Speed cameras may be on table again for San Jose

The Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force is possibly discussing a proposal to test automated speed cameras in San Jose and San Francisco.

The proposal to use speed cameras is being considered due to an increase in pedestrian, bicycling and auto fatalities.

Speed cameras would snap a photo of offending vehicles whose owners would get a ticket in the mail.

The Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force will consider a variety of ways to slow drivers and that includes the testing of automated cameras on city streets in Santa Clara County may be back on the table.

Two years ago a proposal to conduct a five-year pilot automated camera project to catch speeders failed when needed legislation was not approved in Sacramento.

The Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fixed speed cameras reduce injury crashes by 20 to 25 percent, and mobile speed cameras reduced injury collisions by 21 percent to 51 percent.

More than 140 cities across the United States have automated speed enforcement programs, but it is not legal in California and a change to state law is required to use speed cameras.

### California DMV offices to shut down for a half a day: July 24

California's Department of Motor Vehicles has announced it will close all of its offices for half a day on July 24.

The shutdown allows DMV workers to be trained on the federally mandated Real ID program. Offices will open at 1 p.m. after the training session.

The training -- dubbed "Operation Excellence" -- is intended to reinforce training on "providing excellent customer service" while simultaneously giving employees the tools needed to handle the volume of REAL ID applications.

Government Operations Agency Secretary Marybel Batjer, said the closure was "extraordinary" but said it was necessary to ensure workers get consistent information so they accurately process requests.

"It is a complicated transaction and we want customers to be well prepared in order to receive their Real ID efficiently," Batjer said in a statement.

DMV field offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (except holidays).

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# Top takeaways from Santa Clara County's new \$8.1B budget

By Nadia Lopez

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

After a week of budget hearings, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the hefty \$8.1 billion budget, funding projects that prioritize strengthening existing programs and services as the county prepares for an economic downturn.

The budget from County Executive Jeff Smith, approved by the Board of Supervisors, focused on completing critical initiatives for the new fiscal year which began on July 1. The spending plan touches more than 1.9 million residents in Santa Clara County, which is considered the fifth largest county in California. The budget supports at least 70 governmental agencies and departments, and includes nearly 22,000 employees.

Apart from the county executive's recommendations, the spending plan includes proposals from supervisors — one-time payments aimed at improving the quality of life for the county's most vulnerable residents by supporting nonprofit and community organizations.

"This is an investment in creating a loving and supportive environment for critically ill children and their family members," Supervisor Cindy Chavez said about her proposal to include \$45,000 in funding for a "Pediatric Palliative Care Program" that supports children who are critically ill.

Other proposals included \$90,000 for a program intended to house homeless youth, a \$5 million investment in the preservation of agricultural land and \$75,000 for the YMCA to fund anti-bullying and anti-violence programs in more than 70 schools.

"I'm pleased to see a balanced budget focusing on completing crucial initiatives, strengthening existing services and funding nonprofit programs that benefit our community," Smith said. "Funding threats are expected from the state and federal governments. And the demand for services is expected to increase as the cost of services is expected to continue growing in the years ahead. Maintaining existing services and prudent spending are expected priorities for the future."

Here are the biggest takeaways from the newly-approved budget:

**Growing the county workforce:** Staffing increases have significantly grown county-wide with the addition of 205 new full time and exempt positions. These include positions added throughout the last year, adding



*The newly approved budget for Santa Clara County funds projects that prioritize strengthening existing programs and services as the county prepares for an economic downturn.*

up to a whopping 21,080 jobs. The county workforce alone will include more than 1,800 new positions.

**Health is a leading priority:** Investments in health care remains a top priority, following the county's decision to acquire O'Connor Hospital, Saint Louise Regional Hospital and the DePaul Health Center — a \$235 million acquisition. The county has set aside almost \$20 million to prepare for the costs and debts of that integration process. Additionally, the county has included funds to prepare for a cut in federal funding to vital healthcare programs such as Medicaid. The Valley Medical Center is also getting a \$2.1 million renovation, with an expanded emergency room and updated facilities.

**A win for the Vietnamese community:** The county has also invested \$37 million toward the construction of a Vietnamese American service center, intended to provide critical health and social services to a community often facing barriers to these services.

**A new jail on the horizon:** The construction of a new central jail is also on the list. The new jail, located at 885 North San Pedro Street, replaces an outdated facility and will include inmate programs in education, substance abuse, job placement and life skills to help inmates overcome personal challenges. The programs will be designed to "address

an increased need" for mental health, according to the county website.

The county is also allocating a total of \$13 million in funds toward jail reform, following two lawsuits in 2018 alleging that inmates were kept in inhumane conditions and the jails lacked medical and mental health services.

**Investment in a new voting system:** County supervisors voted to allocate a massive \$7 million in funding for election changes to the 2020 voting process — spurred by the Voter's Choice Act. The county is expected to move from its current voting system to one where precinct polling places are

replaced with 125 "vote centers" that would be open for up to 11 days before Election Day.

**A focus on mental health:** Plans for a new juvenile and adult psychiatric inpatient center are underway. The county is investing \$1 million to build the new center, helping to reduce the number of minors admitted to hospitals outside of the county, and will include a comprehensive continuum of care with emergency and urgent psychiatric services.

The county provides mental health services such as mobile crisis teams, crisis residential facilities, crisis stabilization units and the Mental Health Urgent Care Center, but has worked to expand its mental health services following Board President Joe Simitian's call for better health care during the State of the County address in February. The budget will include staffing increases to support the need for more psychiatrists, therapists and health care professionals within the county's system.

County supervisors also established a "General Fund Contingency Reserve" at more than \$1.6 million and approved the \$6.6 million Inventory of Budget Proposals — where supervisors submit grant requests to fund projects for nonprofits and community organizations.

"We're fortunate to be living in relatively prosperous times, but there are still so many folks who need our help," Simitian said. "Even in good times, there's always more we wish we could do; so our budget becomes more than just an accounting document, it's the place where we identify our priorities, make hard choices and express our values."

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## New Almaden Soccer recreational program

Almaden Soccer has released its new recreational soccer program for this fall.

This is the 53rd year Almaden Soccer has provided the area recreation soccer.

The new fall recreational program includes a number of new features:

- One day of professional coaching for every player
- Unlimited friend requests
- Fun end of season Jamboree

- Fixed game schedule and choice of practice day for U7 and U8

- Uniforms, photos and trophies

Games are played from August 19 to November 2. There are 10 games August 24th to November 2nd (No game 10/5, Doubleheader on Jamboree.)

All games and practices take place in the Almaden area.

Jamboree will be on November 2nd (Location & Schedule TBA).

For more information and to register visit: [www.amadensoccer.org/fallrec](http://www.amadensoccer.org/fallrec) or email: E-mail: [mbambrick@amadensoccer.org](mailto:mbambrick@amadensoccer.org); website: [www.almadensoccer.org](http://www.almadensoccer.org)

## Boom

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Property owners who disagree with the assessed value printed on their notice are encouraged to take advantage of the Assessor's "online tool," available 24/7, enabling property owners to review the sale of comparable properties the Assessor used to determine their assessment. An interactive service modeled after online banking, the Opt-In Tool, allows taxpayers to securely receive assessment notices, in addition to interacting with the Assessor's Office electronically rather than by mail, telephone, or in person. To access the data, a property owner must have a username and password created last year, or the PIN listed on the annual assess-

ment notice.

Property owners who can demonstrate that their assessed value is higher than the market value of their property are encouraged to request an informal review of their assessment. The Assessor's property appraisal staff will complete as many informal reviews as possible prior to August 1, the deadline for making changes that will be reflected on the property tax bill mailed in the fall. More information is available at [www.sccassessor.org](http://www.sccassessor.org).

### Assessment Appeals

The annual notice also describes the process for filing a formal assessment appeal by the September 16, 2019 deadline. Residential property owners who decide to file a formal assessment appeal, are encouraged to request their appeal be adjudicated by an independent residential Value

Hearing Officer (VHO), rather than the more formal three-member Assessment Appeals Board. VHO hearings are scheduled frequently, allowing for a more rapid resolution.

"Property owners who disagree with the assessed value should not wait for the tax bill before filing an appeal, as the tax bill is mailed by the Tax Collector after the assessment appeal filing deadline", said Stone. More information is available from the Clerk of the Board by calling (408) 299-5088, or going to their website (<http://www.sccgov.org/assessmentappeals>).

*Editor's note: Additional information, such as a detailed city-by-city breakdown of the assessment roll, is available in the Assessor's Annual Report published in August. Property owners who wish to receive the Annual Report can send an email to [annualreport@asr.sccgov.org](mailto:annualreport@asr.sccgov.org).*

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Back by popular demand. The Book of Mormon played for a sold-out crowd during a two-week engagement in San Jose, CA in 2015.

The Book of Mormon is a Tony winning musical comedy by Parker & Stone. They are best known for creating the animated comedy South Park.

The Book of Mormon follows two Mormon missionaries as they attempt to preach the Mormon religion to the inhabitants of a remote Ugandan Village.

Tickets will be sold for \$90.00 in the lobby of the  
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## Keeping the spirit of '45 alive!

Come celebrate the greatest generation on August 9 and 10 at the Spirit of '45 weekend, at History Park in San Jose.

Take a trip back in time as the 14 acre history park is transported to the 1940s with live big band music, swing dancing, fashion and car shows, a WWII tent city, homecoming parade, and activities for the whole family!

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-day the allied liberation of Europe. Help celebrate this profound anniversary with the few remaining survivors of the greatest generation.

Spirit of '45 weekend kicks off with a 1940s dance party on Friday night, August 9th, at the History Park San Jose.

The dance starts at 8 p.m. \$15 early bird tickets, \$20 at the door.

For more information, call 408.918.1042; History Park San Jose is located at 635 Phelan Road, San Jose, 95112.



Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** takes a spin on the new eBike.

## New Lyft ebikes are introduced in San Jose

The new electric assist bikes are part of the Ford GoBike — the Bay Area bike sharing system run by Motivate, which was acquired by Lyft last year was unveiled recently in downtown San Jose.

The company, Bay Wheels, released the new ebike model which riders can rent through the Lyft app, come with pedal assist for hills. The bikes are fitted with a lock that will let cyclists park outside of a docking station. The electric bikes have black wheels with a splash of Lyft's signature pink hue.

Before cruising around the block on one of the new bikes with San Jose Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Johnny Khamis said, "The new Lyft electric assist bikes are fun and fast. I also like that you don't need to download another app."

The Bay Wheels ebike cost is \$2 for 30 min-

utes of travel time. Monthly and annual memberships are available through the Lyft app.

Liccardo said the new ebikes would help making cycling more accessible for people who might struggle since the bikes are electric assist. "They are an environmentally friendly way for commuters to get around," said Liccardo.

## National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6

Hundreds of Almaden residents will join more than 38 million people across the country that will be participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6.

National Night Out strengthens partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

The annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts

Registration is now open and available online by visiting [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org), online registration with the San Jose Police Department will close on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

Register your neighborhood for this year's event today! You do not have to be a current Neighborhood Watch group to participate. National Night Out is for everyone. Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

Please visit [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org) for details about registration and other National Night Out event information.

For any further questions about National Night Out contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## Toy Story 4

By Joshua Kim

When news of Toy Story 4 was first announced, I was skeptical to say the least. Did we really need another Toy Story movie?

Story Toy 3, which still makes me tear up every time I see it, had seemed to close the franchise almost 10 years ago with such heart and finality that there seemed to be no more stories left to tell with our favorite gang of talking toys.

As I sat in the theatre, however, and the beautifully animated opening montage started to play with Randy Newman's iconic "You've Got a Friend in Me," I instantly knew that Pixar had taken the care to make a movie that would introduce Toy Story to a new generation of audiences in a way that respects the first three films. I can happily report that Toy Story 4 is a welcome, but also a necessary addition to the franchise, filled with heart, maturity, and quite a bit of humor. Also, yes, this movie will make you cry at multiple points during the movie.

Toy Story 4 picks up where Toy Story 3 left off, with Woody (Tom Hanks), and Buzz (Tim Allen) and the rest of the toy gang we have come to know and love such as Jessie, Rex, Hamm, and Slinky, passed off from Andy, who goes off to college, to the kindergarten-aged Bonnie. We are introduced to a new "toy" created by Bonnie named Forkie (Tony Hale), who is made during her kindergarten orientation with popsicle stick feet and pipe cleaners arms. We learn, however, that Forkie feels he is "trash" rather than a toy and constantly tries to run away. When Forkie runs away on Bonnie's family road trip and gets lost, the toy gang must do all they can to rescue Bonnie's new favorite toy.

The film also introduces new, welcome members to the Toy Story cast including Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele who play Ducky and Bunnie and Keanu Reeves who plays a Canadian Daredevil toy. These new additions add a consistently humorous side to the film that balances out the surprisingly mature themes and trademark Pixar heart pulling moments, of which there are many. Also reintroduced with a significant makeover in this movie is a character that adds a lot to the sense of nostalgia this film brings. (If you have seen any of the marketing you'll know which character I'm talking about).

The only criticism that I have of the film is its underuse of the other toys such as Jessie, Rex, Hamm, or Slinky. While this is done to focus on telling the story of the main protagonists Woody, Forkie, and Buzz, it was disappointing to see the other characters return after ten years and have so little screen time.

Never doubt Pixar in its ability to make a heartfelt and beautifully animated movie, with Toy Story 4 being no exception. Skeptics of this new addition to the beloved franchise should be skeptics no longer, as Pixar has succeeded in making a fourth movie that respects the original trilogy and takes the franchise in a fresh and interesting direction. If you are a fan of the Toy Story franchise, Toy Story 4 is a necessary watch.

Score: 8.5/10

## Almaden Valley residents named to RIT Dean's List

Connie Lucid and Lani Tran of Almaden Valley made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 spring semester.

Lucid is in the industrial design program, and Tran is in the biomedical sciences program.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

## Koh named to Dean's List at Wheaton College

Wheaton College student **Ashley Koh** of Almaden Valley was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester.

Koh serves as Vice-President for Koinonia Student Union and Fellowship at Wheaton College. She is studying for a BA in Psychology. Koh is a Leland High School graduate.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, at undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.



## Almaden residents named to Dean's list at Baylor University

Three Almaden Valley residents have been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the spring 2019 semester at Baylor University.

Receiving the award are Madeline Clare Ahmann, Diana Garland School of Social Work; Joyce Ahn, College of Arts and Sciences; and Jillian Claire Hatcher, Hankamer School of Business.

Students honored on the Dean's List are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

As a national Christian research university, Baylor's mis-

sion is to educate students for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment in a caring community. Baylor provides numerous academic and research opportunities across various disciplines through 128 baccalaureate programs, 77 master's programs, 45 doctoral programs, a juris doctor and education specialist programs and the Master of Laws program.

## D10 leadership coalition now accepting '19 grant applications

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 (August 6th), Neighborhood Cleanups, etc.

Grant amounts are expected to range from \$100 to \$350.

For more information and to apply, send an email to: D10LeadershipCoalition@gmail.com

## San Jose Planning Commissioner opening

There is an opening on the San Jose Planning Commission - one of the City's most powerful and important commissions.

"The appointment process will be competitive, so if you have an interest, apply now," said San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

To learn more, visit the City Clerk's website at [www.sanjoseca.gov/cityclerk](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/cityclerk) or email the Clerk's office at [commissions@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:commissions@sanjoseca.gov).

## Background checks for ammo purchases now in effect

A far-reaching new initiative to curb violence requiring background checks for every ammunition purchase went into effect July 1. California voters approved the checks three years ago which went into effect July 1.

Amanda Wilcox, a spokesperson for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence appeared at a recent news conference and said the checks are "the kind of thing that could have prevented the fatal shooting of rookie Sacramento police Officer Tara O'Sullivan." Background checks on ammunition sales would discover guns that aren't registered with the state.



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At a home coming party at San Pedro Square, **Molly Cuevas** (left) is joined by **Susan Butler** (center), CAF's development Director in Northern California, and **Ella Rodriguez**, a recipient of CAF services. *Photo by William Bellou*

## Molly

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and third month to provide emotional support along the way. Kanavel also documented the trip by taking more than a hundred photos.

There was one person supporting Molly the entire 3,000 miles, her mom Jillian Cuevas. She was driving an RV which had Miles by Molly and CAF logos on the back. "It has been a lot of fun spending time with Molly," said Jillian. "We've really bonded during the 3,000 mile trip. We stayed at RV parks each night, though sometimes we had to drive 30 minutes away to find one."

"My mom is amazing...whatever I needed she was always there for me; she never complained," Molly said. "Mom did everything possible to make sure my journey was a success, arranging meals, recovery and accommodations throughout the trip. Her encouragement helped make my journey possible!"

Also on the trip across America was Molly's dog, a goldendoodle named Mayor. "It was very comforting and therapeutic having my dog Mayor with me on the journey," Molly said. "He would watch me leave in the morning and was there to greet me following my run every day."

"I want to thank everyone who supported me and donated to CAF

during my run, and especially my sponsors," Molly said. "I'm very tired and will be resting now and reflecting on everything that has happened during these past three months. I will stay connected with the CAF foundation for the rest of my life."

### Welcome home party

A welcome home party was held on July 6 at San Pedro Square Market which was attended by nearly 100 people. Molly was joined by Susan Butler, CAF's development Director in Northern California, and Ella Rodriguez, a recipient of CAF services.

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The Cuevas family joined Molly at the beach to watch her more than 3,000 mile journey come full circle as she started at the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, Calif. and ended in Montauk, New York at the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday, June 29.



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Molly raised \$62,000 dollars in support of CAF, exceeding her \$50,000 goal. Additional money will continue to be raised as the word spreads on Molly's incredible cross-country feat.

extraordinary supporters like Molly," said Butler. "We are so very proud and grateful for Molly's efforts!"

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**About Molly Cuevas**

Molly 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 hockey 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. She 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. Rocktape is a kinesiology tape which helps treat sports and non-sports pain and injuries.



**Molly Cuevas** places a custom medal around her mom, **Jillian**, as she also completed the more than 3,000 mile journey, driving the RV cross country and arranging meals, recovery and accommodations throughout the trip. *Photos by Jess Rapfogel*



From left to right - Challenged Athletes Co-Founder **Bob Babbitt**, **Molly Cuevas**, a CAF grantee, and CAF Community Engagement Manager **Heidi Wiggins**.

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The stunning fireworks at Almaden Lake Park thrilled thousands of spectators on July 4. *Fireworks photography credit Amir Attia*

## 6TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

# 25,000 celebrate 4th of July activities at Almaden Lake Park

By William Bellou  
Publisher

More than 25,000 people celebrated the 4th of July at Almaden Lake Park to enjoy the 6th Annual Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show.

The annual patriotic event was first introduced six years ago at the 65-acre park by Councilmember Johnny Khamis. The event has become a tradition with a safe place to watch an amazing fireworks show and also to honor those who have served our Country.

The spectacular firework show is produced each year by local resident Craig Cutright owner of Devastating Pyro. Craig and Devastating Pyro never disappoint the large enthusiastic crowd with their amazing show.

It was a picture perfect day at the park with people visiting the many booths, participating in contests, enjoying the various food trucks, while others enjoyed the beautiful day sitting on blankets, chairs and under canopies.

This year's event started at 3 p.m. to the sounds of Snarky Cats, Almaden Valley residents George and Cindy Nowicki's live band.

New this year was Elvis (performed by Rick Torres) with his pink Cadillac. Pete G. Magic performed his annual magic show to the delight of the many families and children eagerly awaiting his act followed by a "Most Patriotic Contest" where the Best Patriotic Family; Best Patriotic Teen and Best Patriotic Child won a prize.

Food was available from food trucks Falafel Fresh & Gyros, Los Jarocho's Food Grill Zillas and Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley. Ice Cream provided by Sweet Rendezvous and Dippin Dots.

The festival area, provided by Major Skyrocket Sponsors—Skip's Tires, Brandenburg Foundation, Millcreek Residential, Naprotek and Kiddie Academy of Almaden Valley—was in full swing and included the following booths: Write a Letter to a Soldier, Cinnabar Hills Golf Course, Google, Kiddie Academy of



The Snarky Cats Band revved up the crowd.



Left: Most Patriotic Family Winner. Right: Westfield Oakridge sponsored a face painting booth.



Left: Letters to the Soldiers Volunteers & Writers. Right: July 4th Event Manager **Denelle Fedor** and Assistant **Adrian Rafizadeh**.



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Families and children thoroughly enjoyed the festival area—with face painting and photo booth provided by Marketing Manager, Cherrie Chen of Westfield Oakridge; huge bubble machine and balloon maker provide by Rick Kowalczyk and Jennifer Zhang, owners of Kiddie Academy of Almaden Valley and Cinnabar Hills Golf Course (Brandenburg Foundation) representative Jennifer Abrams who provided a putting green for kids and American Flags to festival attendees.

This year's event was made possible through donations provided by: Office of Cultural Affairs City of San Jose, and major private sponsors include Skip's Tires; Brandenburg Foundation/Cinnabar Hills Golf Course; Millcreek Residential; Naprotek; Kiddie Academy of Almaden Valley, Google; KT Urban Republic Services; Hunter Properties; Schoennauer Company; Pam Foley Councilmember, District 9; Lan Diep, Councilmember District 4; Almaden Senior Association; Westfield Oakridge Mall; CA; County of Santa Clara; Boulder Ridge Golf Club, Kaiser, Anthem; I-CERV, Almaden Valley Women's Club and the Almaden Times. San Jose general fund monies are not used to fund the Annual Fun Festival.

Community partners provided their ongoing unconditional support and guidance for the event: Office of Cultural Affairs, City of San Jose Parks and Recreation, City of San Jose Department of Transportation, San Jose Police Department, San Jose Fire Department, City of San Jose Public Works, City of San Jose Environmental Services, City of San Jose Special Outdoor Events Team, City of San

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Left: Kiddie Academy of Almaden. Right: Office of Cultural Affairs with Elvis.



Left: Major Sponsor Cinnabar Hills Golf Course. Right: Most Patriotic Teen Winners.



Jose Park Rangers, City of San Jose City Clerk's Office, City of San Jose Attorney's Office, VTA, County of Santa Clara, County of Department of Health, ACS ATM, Ready Proofs, Martinelli's, Alfreda Eghan, Carina Beal with the Almaden Valley Women's Club, Jim Zito, Adrian Rafizadeh, and Denelle Fedor, District 10 staff and Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show Event Manager for the past five years who has provided the foundation and organization for the event.

A special thank you goes out to the community for their continuous support of the Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show celebrating the birth of our country and honoring those who serve and have served our country.

Adrian Rafizadeh and Leland volunteers.



Cherrie Chen (Westfield) provides children's coloring.

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**Baby Time**

Sometimes on radio and in conversations it can be heard that the cost of living is bringing the birth rate down.

Those with fast track careers and lots of dough are often just not ready to settle. "Not yet," they say.

In the meantime, teachers are being laid-off because throughout our land two out of ten elementary schools are closing due to declining enrollments.

**The Big Baby Carriage New Deal**

Hear ye, hear ye; How about if women now have babies if they want to. Our politicians could create a new law entitled "The Big Baby Carriage New Deal." Just imagine a world where men and women of all ages are invited to be parents and encouraged even though they might not have the right house, resources or income.

**Children have special enchanting powers**

I'm not talking about Harry Potter. Ask any teacher if they've ever felt a bit down when they went to their school and par-

ticipated in an in-service in which there were only adults and the children were not present that day. They will tell you that when school is not in session and the rooms are empty, the mood changes in the school. Children are like little energizers and charge adult batteries with joy. They bring light to homes, apartments, neighborhoods and cities.

**Centers welcome births**

Religious centers, City Centers, County Centers, State Centers and all other groups who hold a mission statement of promoting child birth are there to help and they want to help too. They really do. More crying and cooing babies are their focus. They like to hear those sounds!

If one only believes just 1 percent in God, well, isn't that a good start for that little bundle of joy will surely help the world and influence everyone in positive ways.

No one will preach or judge if a single gal wishes to have a stork visit. This new revolution encourages all babies to be born. Any woman in a high paced tech job can put a baby crib in her office and the corporation can have roving nannies too. We need more breast feeding in the corporate board rooms anyway!

Women; we need to let them know that we honor them and hear them.

Beliefs follow attitudes. We need more babies to be born. All of us have to help. We need to encourage mothers and help everyone understand that all women are encouraged to go again and have babies. This is the new revolution.

**Our future depends on women**

Quoting now from the movie 'The Family,' in my personal opinion the iconic dialogue by the acclaimed actress, truly sums up the new call for men to wake up. She says in the movie, "Hey boys...if this is your approach to women you are not going to get very far...your future depends on women...don't you care about your future...so take care of them or else you're not going to have one."

**Kevin Larsen**

*Evergreen Valley*

**Khamis**

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California) it caused rape to go down."

But Kubrin was skeptical about the numbers despite the rigorous statistical comparison because rape is a "horribly" under-reported crime.

Kubrin suggests policymakers evaluate the data before making claims about a rise in crimes, but says anecdotal evidence tends to form opinions among policymakers and police. "It's irresponsible to make the claim with the absence of research," Kubrin said. "Often I'd get statements from police officers saying, 'I see it with my own eyes.'"

Kubrin agrees that the effects of both propositions demand a local study.

"We can't speak about San Jose in particular because we did a statewide analysis," Kubrin said, adding that he isn't aware of any academic studies on Proposition 57.

Whether research about Proposition 47 and 57 in the Capital of Silicon Valley will come to fruition is uncertain.

If local police investigated the effects of

the propositions, Chief Eddie Garcia would want to look at crimes beyond rape.

"It's not necessarily just sexual assaults," Garcia said during the meeting. "I would imagine that you're going to want to see if people are committing burglaries or committing robberies."

W. David Ball, an associate professor at Santa Clara University School of Law, said the type of crimes resulting from recidivism need to be outlined.

"Understand when people talk about recidivism, they're not necessarily talking about recidivising the same thing," Ball said. "A lot of recidivism is for different offenses — sexual offenders may be arrested for trespassing, crossing property lines."

Still, Khamis believes both propositions need reform and said he'll make it a central part of his campaign for state Senate.

"It's a big motivating factor for me," Khamis said. "I think the pendulum of justice has swung way too far to the side of the criminal."

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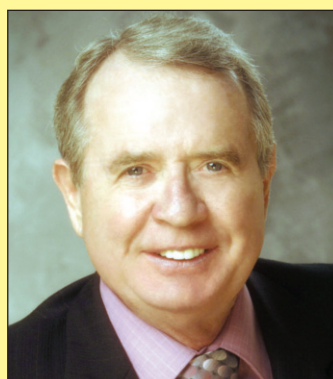


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- Screen washing
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## Singles

### Almaden Valley (Senior) Singles

The organization that brings single residents of Almaden Valley (95120) over 65 to enjoy a social life close to home and take part in community service.

Come and join us for our monthly breakfast which are held at 9 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at  
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## Employment

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Customary duties of Sr. Investment Officer including performing financial due diligence, monitoring financial investments, developing and implementing investment and hedging strategies for investment portfolio, and related professional duties. Reqs: Master's degree in Management or related + 3 years of experience which includes performing financial due diligence and managing financial assets. Send CV to Altamont Pharmaceutical Holdings LLC at [altamont@altamontpharma.com](mailto:altamont@altamontpharma.com).

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