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'You Can't Take It With You' presented by Pioneer Drama Department: Oct. 23-26

By Jane Johnson Special to the Times f you took time out of your schedule two years ago to enjoy a night of "Rumors," presented by actors from the Pioneer High School Drama Department. you know comedic talent abounds in your local theater.

If you realized that most of that same comedic talent has now matured into a band of thoroughly trained and even funnier high school seniors, you will know that this year's comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," presented October 23-26 will be just the right medicine for whatever ails you. If nothing ails you, it will at the very least transport you to a bellylaugh-out-loud place.

According to the Director, Mrs. Ashley Coleman, "this show along with all of this year's shows - have never graced the Pioneer stage." It will be fun to present works to the community they

either have not seen before, or have not seen local live theater produce - especially at the level where "this special group of students who do comedy extremely well" will set the bar.

"You Can't Take It With You" is a comedy of uncommon insight seen through the unraveling of a social dinner at the Sycamore family home, bringing cast and characters together in unexpected ways. Not only did it receive the Pulitzer Prize for the work on Broadway, it also received Academy Awards for both Best Picture

and Director. Mrs. Coleman characterized, "it's awarded in every capacity it's been produced - but yet it's not well known." It's a revered work for its hilarity and poignant, and timely, message. Though originally a 1938 work, it's successfully translated to modern times.

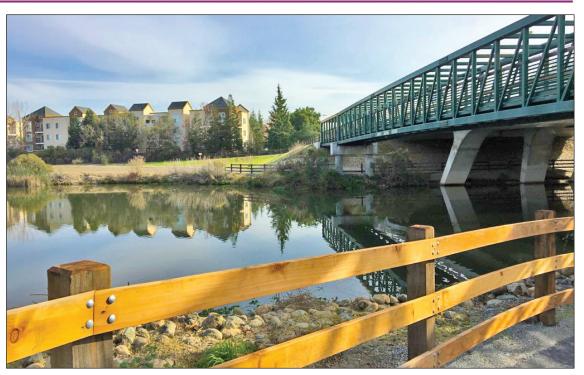
Josh Radzinski, who plays the



'You Can't Take It With You" is an insightful comedy seen through the unraveling of a social dinner at the Sycamore family home. Pictured (I to r) are: Emily Guerra, lan Do and Luiza Albuquerque. Photo by Emily Nguyen

head of the Sycamore Family, noted "this show is uncommon to this generation" and like most teens, he never looked at it because it was black and white ("which is old, and therefore probably not funny"). But when he heard it was this year's play he searched it out and was surprised how actually funny it was. Josh expects "people will be so surprised when they see how crazy this show is - how it's a wild ride and gets crazier and crazier" with the end result hilarity.

"I think this comedy is a lot See COMEDY, page 12



A 600-foot undercrossing at Coleman Road allows residents to walk all the way around Lake Almaden.

Everyday outings and epic adventures: Discovering Bay Area trails

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

limb the mountains and (() get their good tidings.

▲ Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like falling leaves." – John Muir

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council seeks to create and sustain a connected hiking, cycling and equestrian trail on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay, linking people, parks and open space.

"If you haven't experienced the views from the Ridge Trail, please do," said Mike Flaugher, Board Member, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, addressing residents at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting.

People can choose to take a short walk or a multi-day expedition exploring the Ridge Trail by foot, bike or horse. Once the Ridge Trail

is fully connected, hikers will have access to Mt. Umunhum, the Golden Gate Bridge and even Mount St. Helena, which is the tallest peak in the Bay Area.

Together, the San Francisco Bay Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail offer natural beauty and a getaway in

your own backyard. The former hugs the shoreline and the latter runs along the ridgelines above San crest have blurred, Francisco Bay. Together, they offer more than 700 miles pleasing tapestry to explore in San of grass and space Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Berkeley, Oakland, the Peninsula, San Jose and Fremont.

Thirty years ago, William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of the National Park Service, envisioned uniting the ridges encircling the Bay with a 550-mile Ridge Trail to the Sierra Nevada.

"Details of the

many walks I

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and sunlight."

– Colin Fletcher

"Check out Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve," says resident Kitty Monahan. "You can see the Sierras, where that trail should be. It's an absolutely fantastic view. We need to get a trail there. That's an idea of what should come about as we

buy open space." In 1987, the Greenbelt Alliance, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service, and citizen advocates created the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. The first Ridge Trail segment was dedicated in

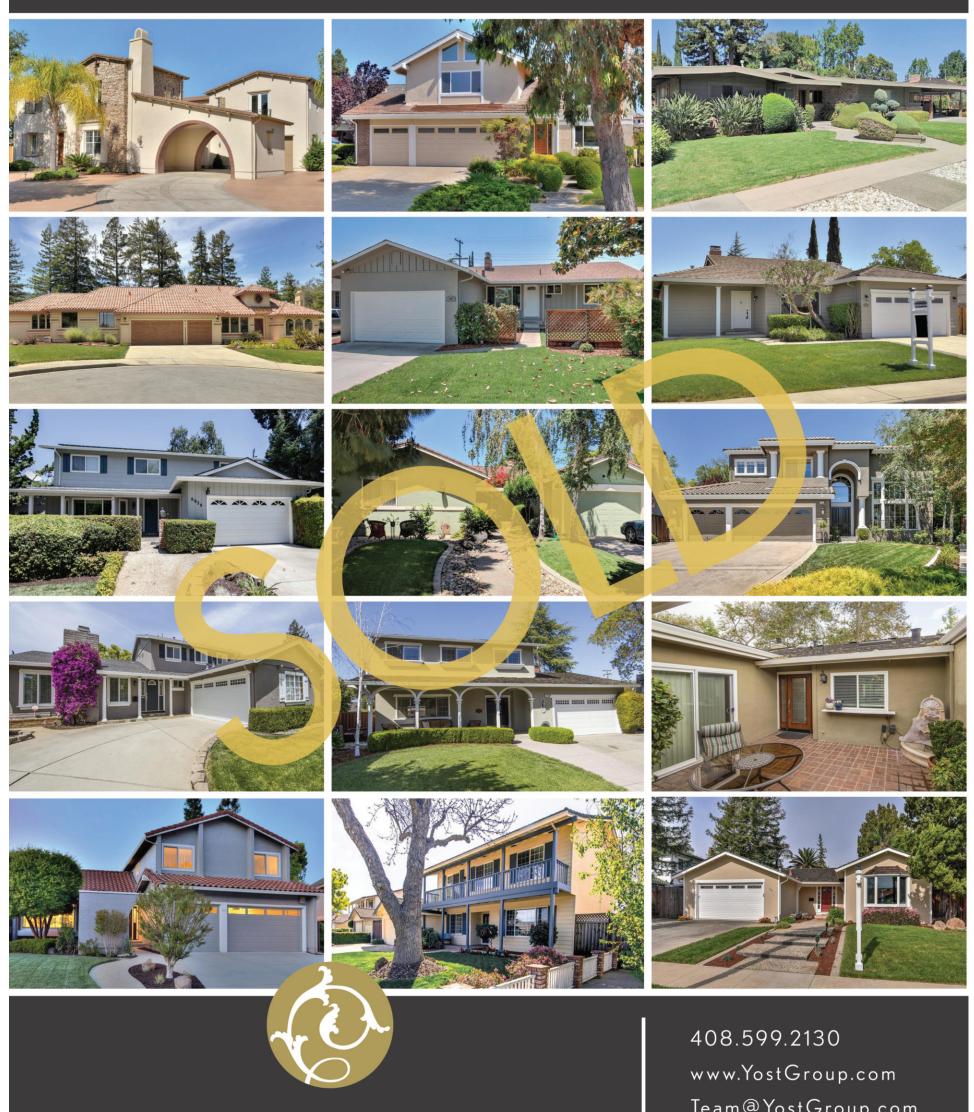
May 1989, followed by the dedication of 200 miles of existing trails on public lands by 1995.

Today, the Ridge Trail circles the See TRAILS, page 10

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-Margaret and David











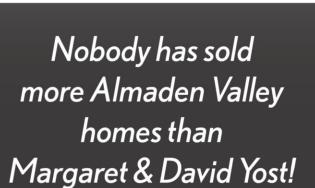




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12th Annual Harvest **Festival to be** held Oct. 19

he 12th Annual Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Almaden Community Center.

Join the community in celebrating local artists, tasty food and lots of fun! Pick a pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch, get spooked in the Haunted House, enjoy games, story time and much more!

Children are encouraged to come in costume.

General admission and parking are free!

If you are interested in donating goodies for the bake sale, you may bring them to the conference room at the Almaden Community Center on Friday, October 18 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Almaden Community Center is located at: 6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120.



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Utah tech CEO found dead near Almaden Community Center

he family and friends of missing Utah tech CEO Erin Valenti are devastated and emotionally distraught after Valenti's body was found in the back seat of her rental car on Saturday, Oct. 12 on Bose Lane near the Almaden Community Center and Library.

It was reported that it was a family friend who discovered Erin Valenti's rental car and body before police were called to the scene. According to police the last phone call from Valenti was made in Almaden. Valenti was in Silicon Valley for business, according to her family.

Valenti's mother and husband had been searching for Valenti, who is the CEO of Utah-based tech company Tinker Ventures, after she disappeared on Monday, Oct. 7. The family posted that they last spoke to Erin on Monday night and she sounded "confused and disjointed." Her family filed a missing person's report after she went missing. However, the San Jose Police Department did not issue a missing report until Thursday, and the police described her as "voluntarily missing."

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, Valenti did not show up for the Annual Women in Tech Awards in Salt Lake where she was a finalist and announced the winner.

The Women Tech Council praised Valenti on Facebook for her successful entrepreneurship.

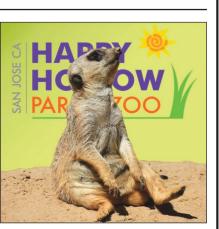
"Our hearts are broken. We have just



Erin Valenti's LinkedIn profile picture

learned that our friend, community member and fellow technology leader Erin Valenti's body has been found. We honored her this week for her entrepreneurial excellence, her incredible career and work. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, family and colleagues around the world," the site wrote.

The Santa Clara County Coroner's Office will determine the manner and cause of death. San Jose police said that there were no obvious signs of foul play and crime scene investigators are continuing their work. Valenti had no history of mental illness according to her husband.



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Jenny Higgins Bradanini

Higgins Bradanini officially announces her candidacy for San **Jose City Council**

enny Higgins Bradanini has officially announced her candidacy for San Jose City Council, District 10.

A long time Almaden/Blossom Valley resident, Higgins Bradanini is devoted to the neighborhood where she proudly raised her family.

"I have worked hard for a valley that has been my home over 20 years, and I will continue that same work ethic in city council"

As a young Mom and PTA board member, Higgins Bradanini was voted 2010 San Jose Unified Volunteer of the Year. She is endorsed by the San Jose Teachers Association (SJTA).

"The SJTA is proud to endorse Jenny for San Jose City Council because she knows our district and understands our community," said Patrick Bernhardt, President SJTA. "She will provide exceptional service with honesty and integrity making her the best choice for city council"

Higgins Bradanini raised two children in Almaden while employed as a VP in sales and marketing. She worked as a policy aide for Councilmember Don Rocha and was voted President of the San Jose Women's March. Highly motivated she raised nearly a million dollars for Leukemia and testified before congress on Endometriosis.

Higgins Bradanini is proud of her accomplishments in education, business, healthcare and women's leadership. She plans to use her experience in D10 to ensure safe and clean neighborhoods, housing crisis solutions, viable public transit, improved roads and investments for our youth.

Her many supporters include CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma, South Bay Labor Council and numerous supervisors, assemblymembers, councilmembers and school board trustees.



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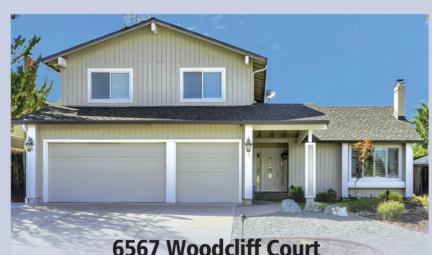
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Bottles and cans: What do we do now?

By Johnny Khamis Special to the Times

y office has received many calls from residents wondering how to get their California Redemption Value (CRV) money back, now that the local recycling centers have left store parking lots.

In case you missed the news reports, RePlanet, California's largest chain of recycling centers, shut down their business for financial reasons. In research-

ing this issue my office learned a lot about the CRV, the recycling process, and how the money flows:

• When a company that produces spring water, beer, juice, soda, and other beverages in CRV-eligible containers ships their product, they must pay an up-front recycling fee to the State of California.

The cost of these payments is passed on to you, the consumer, at the point of sale.
When you take your bot-

tles and cans to a Recycling Center, they give you the 5 or

10 cents you paid for each bottle or can, or they pay by weight, if possible. They then take all of the bottles and cans to a Processor.

• The Processor gives the Recycling Center the 5 or 10 cents per container, plus approximately 15-20 cents per pound, for the commodity value. That's how the Recycling Center makes their money.

• Then, the Processor sells the items to the aluminum, plastic, or glass mills for approximately 25-35 cents per pound for the commodity value. That's how the Processor makes their money.

The US has, historically, sold most of its recycled goods to China. Related to this, several challenges have developed in the process, of late:

• Problem 1: China dramatically reduced the amount of plastic it will accept from the US, causing the commodity value to drop, so the Recycling Centers are only getting about 5 cents per pound, instead of 15-20 cents per pound - a huge reduction in revenue.

• Problem 2: Not enough residents are turning in their bottles and cans and redeeming the CRV. When we throw our CRV items into the curbside recycling bin, it cuts the Recycling Centers out of the loop.

• Problem 3: Increased minimum wages, rents, and insurance costs compound the problem for companies operating on the RePlanet model.

So, what can we do now? The options are limited, and have their own problems, but there are still local ways to redeem CRV items:

• The State publishes a list of retail stores, www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/InSt oreRedemption, that are required to accept CRV items. According to one retailer we talked to, the closure of RePlanet has had a major impact on their business.

• Because retail stores sell a certain volume of drinks in bottles and cans, the state requires them to accept those bottles and cans back for recycling. • Since these are retail stores, they cannot pay by weight, only per piece. Some people are now bringing in hundreds of items each time, which must be counted by hand since they do not have equipment to weigh the items.

• The store must find an available employee who can count the items and pay the CRV.

• Employees are not too fond of having to put these bags of dirty, smelly items into their cars to take to the Recycling Center, and they are not available to do their in-store duties while they run an errand for the store. • Because CRV items are a significant source of income to our unhoused residents,

> the closure of the parking lot Recycling Centers has brought more homeless folk into the retail stores. This can create an additional set of challenges for the stores.

> • There are still several large Recycling Centers open in and around San Jose. These centers recycle much more than just CRV items, so they are less impacted by the challenges faced by the CRV-only centers that operate in parking lots.

> • Schnitzer – San Jose: schnitzersteel.com

> • San Jose Metals: sanjosemetalsrecycling.com/

• Other locations may be found on the CalRecycle website: www2.calrecycle.ca. gov/BevContainer/InStoreRedemption or by calling 1-800-RECYCLE.

For many residents of District 10, the first larger-scale recycling center that comes to mind is Ranch Town Recycling Center on Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen. However, several people have indicated that Ranch Town is no longer accepting CRV items. My office contacted them and found out that they are a family run business, and one of their family members is having some significant health problems which has limited their ability to provide all the services they would like to offer. At the same time, the closure of the RePlanet centers has caused them to be bombarded with customers, creating potentially dangerous backups onto Lincoln Avenue. For these reasons, they have temporarily stopped accepting CRV items, and hope to have these issues resolved by the end of the month.

One ray of hope they mentioned is a rumor floating around the industry that a Southern California company, operating on a model similar to RePlanet, is looking into filling the void left by RePlanet's closure. If we hear anything further on this, we will let you know.

For more recycling information, visit the City's new website - SanJoseRecycles.org. You can scroll down and click through to a searchable map of recycling centers in San Jose. There is also a lot of other great information on what belongs in the trash, what goes in the recycling bin, and how to recycle right.

There is also a countywide recycling hotline and website. It is funded by all of the cities in the county. Visit: Recyclestuff.org, or call 1-800-533-8414. The email is info@ recyclestuff.org. Questions are answered Mon-Fri from 9 a.m..- 5 p.m. on how to discard anything.



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Times **Community**



Saint Anthony Catholic Church celebrates its 25th anniversary. Pictured (I to r) are: Father Bob Hayes, Father George Mancha, Bishop Oscar Cantú and Father Larry Hendel.

Bishop Cantú joins Saint Anthony Catholic Church in celebrating its 25th anniversary

By Jerry Wells

Special to the Times aint Anthony Catholic Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of its church building on McKean Road in Almaden Valley on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 29.

The "Big Church," as its parishioners call it, joined the existing historic mining church building in New Almaden as part of Saint Anthony Parish upon its completion in 1994.

Bishop Oscar Cantú helped parishioners celebrate the event by presiding over Sunday Mass and he was joined by three of the four priests who have called Saint Anthony home since the beautiful rural church opened its doors. Included were the present pastor, Father Larry Hendel, and the second and third pastors, Father Bob Hayes and Father George Mancha. The church was full for the occasion, and all of the Saint Anthony choirs combined for the event, filling the church with song before, during and after the Mass.

Saint Anthony Parish has the distinction of being the only parish in the Diocese of San Jose with two church locations and the only one with regular outdoor services in the summer, held under a 200 year old oak tree.

This was Bishop Cantú's first visit to the parish, and the assembly continued the celebration after Mass with delectable pastries, punch and sparkling beverages, giving everyone the opportunity to meet the Bishop one-on-one and to welcome their old pastors back. Saint Anthony Church is known for its warmth and hospitality, which were on full display that Sunday.

Tom Campbell endorses Johnny Khamis for State Senate

main Campbell, who served two years in the California State Senate, and five terms in the US House of Representatives, has announced his endorsement of Johnny Khamis for California State Senate, District 15.

"I offer my enthusiastic endorsement of Councilmember Johnny Khamis to be the next California State Senator from the district I used to represent in the State Senate," said Campbell. "In his years in public service, Councilmember



Khamis has established a record of common sense fiscal responsibility. His careful questioning of unnecessary spending has resulted in government projects that are much more economical. Homelessness has been a topic of his special attention. Councilman Khamis has advocated innovative ways of helping those in need, especially those with mental health conditions, getting people off the streets and into care. On criminal law, he has worked vigorously to balance legal reforms with the rights of victims. Johnny Khamis is exactly the kind of fiscally responsible, socially moderate public servant we need in California. I particularly applaud his non-partisan approach to problemsolving. He does what he believes is right, and responsible, not what a political party tells him to do. He will be a great State Senator."

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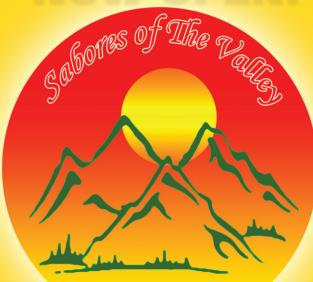
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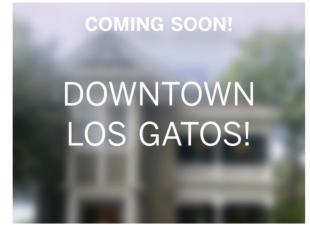
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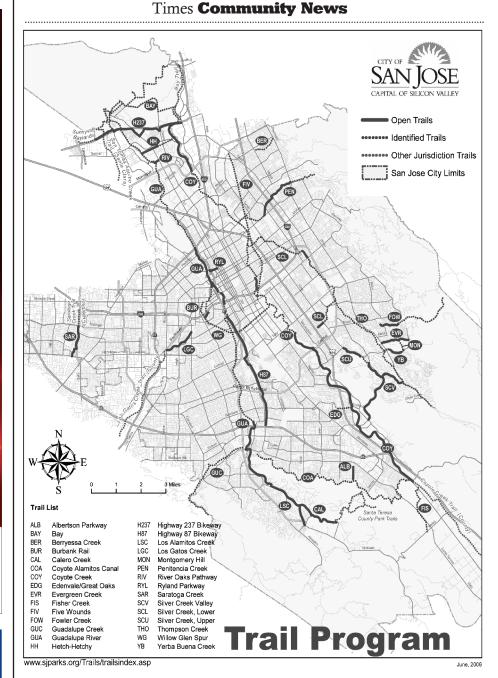
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Trails

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Bay, with 375 miles, 80 percent of which is open to bikes and horses. "It includes Coyote Ridge, with its grasslands and serpentine soils," says Flaugher, "and Bay checkerspot butterflies, heavy metal soils, valleys, canyons, creeks, oaks and savannahs."

On the Western Ridge is an 80-mile stretch from northern Marin to Highway 92. On the Eastern Ridge is a 43-mile connection from El Sobrante to Union City. There is also a large stretch through San Jose with a Southern Extension through Gilroy.

Current Bay Area Ridge projects in Santa Clara County include the Berryessa BART/Penitencia Creek Trail connection; Santa Teresa County Park to Coyote Creek Parkway; McKean Road; Hwy 17 Regional Trail and Wildlife Crossing; and Coyote Canyon (Coyote Bear Harvey Lake County Park).

Connecting from Almaden to Santa Teresa County Park and Coyote Creek Parkway will soon be possible with a trail from Mockingbird Lane, to Harry Rd and McKean Rd. "That's one of the critical connections to get across the valley from Almaden Quicksilver to Santa Teresa and eventually to Coyote Valley," says Flaugher.

Regarding Highway 17 Regional Trail and Wildlife Crossing, Caltrans is putting in an

over or underpass over or under Highway 17. "We're going to get a critical connection," says Flaugher. "They had nine plans, one with mountain lions and people in the same culvert. They even envisioned an entire park going over the freeway, but that's a little expensive." From Saratoga or Highway 35, people will be able to cross through Lexington to get to Almaden.

Extending trails in Coyote Canyon (Coyote Bear Harvey Lake County Park), the county bought Coyote Highlands, taking the ridge line further south.

One exciting development is the first BART/Bay Area Ridge Trail crossroads, which the council refers to as a "trail and transit network linking San Jose with local parks, creeks, wilderness and the Bay." Hikers are encouraged to explore nearby nature with a network of trails and transit where the Berryessa/North San Jose BART station meets the Penitencia Creek Trail.

"Reduce your carbon footprint, skip the traffic and explore this emerging network of trails without ever getting in your car," the council suggests.

From Penitencia Creek County Park, the Penitencia Creek Trail connects with other trails at Alum Rock Park, including the Sierra Vista Trail at the Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve. Points of interest along the way include the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley and Youth Science Institute. The only wooden covered bridge in the county is *See TRAILS, next page*

Trails

Continued from previous page along Penitencia Creek Trail near Alum Rock. There is even a Berryessa Stonehenge, designed as a children's educational center for astronomy, with 1000 to 1500-pound stones and two heal stones for the summer and winter solstice.

"Berryessa BART is going to change the Bay Area," says Flaugher. "You're opening up the Bay Area to eco-tourism. That's a game changer. Two years ago, on Ridge Trail Service Day, residents of Belgium, France and Sweden found it online and joined in. When people go somewhere now, they want to be involved in the environment building trails, opening parks, planting trees. We will be ready for them."

He sees an economic value in open space. "There's a direct correlation between open space and attracting new hires to make the economy go and grow," says Flaugher. "With 1.2 million acres of protected land around the Bay Area, the Bay Area Ridge Trail network supports a lifestyle that gets people to come here."

Flaugher imagines jumping on BART from 19th Ave. in San Francisco to go camping in Sierra Vista. "The whole Bay Area will be mobile," he says. "With intra-transportation networks, people can get out on the trails and invigorate our economy in the South Bay."

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council will be celebrating their 30th anniversary with the

Ridge Trail Challenge. They invite the public to "Discover 375 miles of your local wild" and join them in enjoying and improving the trail. Prizes are available for those who go on five of the 30 local adventures they offer.

Ridge Trail Service Day involves up to 500 volunteers at 15 sites pitching in to build and restore trails. Trail maps, events and camp site information is available on the Bay Area Ridge Trail website: ridgetrail.org. "You can download a map for a local hike or to look at the bigger picture," says Flaugher.

In addition, the Council hosts an organized camping trip in the redwoods of Mt. Madonna County Park Aug. 16 to 18 and a horseback riding/hiking trip in the East Bay Hills Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. For the latter, people can join and leave at any point and volunteers both move your equipment and do all the cooking. Their Curated Trail Adventures include family-friendly, dog-friendly and wildflower hikes. Outings include Napa County's tranquil forests and rugged terrain and the rocky ridges of Sanborn County Park and Castle Rock State Park.

Residents and visitors can also sign up on the website for volunteering, to receive their quarterly newsletter or become a member. "If you want to donate your time, be careful," warns Flaugher. "It draws you in. It's so compelling to be able to make a difference and see people using the trails."

Bill Rankin, President of Save Our Trails, a Santa Clara County Trail Advocacy Group, also spoke at the AVCA meeting about local trails, including: City Loop Trail, Los Gatos *See TRAILS, page 13*



Public Art: Lupe the Mammoth (Guadalupe Trail at Trimble). *Photo courtesy of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services*

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"You Can't Take It With You" - Group photo by Renee Boissier

Comedy

Continued from page 1 funnier than I first expected - and I think the audience will really enjoy it," agreed Sara Stamos, who plays granddaughter, Alice. She shared through involvement in Journalism she's had to again step out of her comfort zone when seeking out others to talk to at school. Sara doesn't see herself as shy, but does feel going to talk to others can be nerve-wracking, much like going up on stage. Both produce heightened nerves "because you never know how people will react." She's used her sister as inspiration for her

character, who often "wracks her nerves

over things she can't control." "The audience will be most surprised about the raciness of Penny (portrayed by Emily Guerra). Penny's very blunt and very racy," Renee Boissier, who plays Mrs. Miriam Kirby, noted. Renee's really enjoying the challenge of her role, and even fell into character automatically during most of the interview, surprising herself with her uncharacteristic pretense. Renee plans to major in theatre in college, something she'll pursue a year earlier than most her age due to her foresight and academic diligence allowing her to graduate a year early.

Newcomer Tommy Jordan spent years in extreme sports but found the fourth concussion a game changer. Searching for some new challenge, he turned to acting as his next summit. CMT gave him opportunities to learn and grow, and he's bringing his talents to the Pioneer stage as a freshman this year.

Throughout the craziness, there are a few characters who ring "normal." Tony, played by Travis Hill, is perhaps the most grounded in normalcy of the bunch. Down to earth, yet from a wealthy, successful and pretentious family, Tony tries to keep it all together. "Because he's the love interest he's the reason why the plot of the play happens in the first place." Travis shared the chemistry amongst the cast has been a long time in the making: "Many of us have been together and acting...since we were in Kindergarten and/or Middle School. We're able to share this together and play off each other" in the best possible way.

On the complete opposite of "normal" is Emily's character - Penny. "Who would give up the chance to play a crazy mother-inlaw?" laughed Emily. As interesting as Penny is, she also taught Emily an important lesson. "You don't have to be a serious hardworking woman all the time to be powerful and important....Playing Penny has taught me I don't have to look and be professional and not myself in playing a part to be taken seriously and loved by people around me." Emily also commented on the cohesiveness of the cast, "we've all grown up with each other over at least the last seven years - we're less like just friends and more like family" and that certainly shows on stage. Portraying Cookie two years ago in "Rumors" helped her create the kooky persona and she's incorporating those lessons as she brings Penny to life now.

Luiza Albuquerque shares the role of 'Alice" with Sara, alternating performance nights. Beyond academia, Luiza works, plays active roles in Leadership, represents students as the sole SJUSD's District Student Representative, heavily invests in the school's new Wellness Center, and spends quality time with her family and dog "Frodo." To that mix she's now added rehearsals, much to her excitement and gratefulness. She's loving the opportunity to be involved and is learning a lot, all while growing relationships with people in her cast. Her take away from this show is "what society believes to be success doesn't have to be your definition."

Capitalizing on the talents of Lorie Biviano, this play includes not only special effects, but literally the most props of any play or musical Pioneer has previously produced. Cassie Pinkney said "the amount of effects and props, and the chaos that ensues" will surprise and delight the audience. Jan Vincent will thankfully again lend her costume creativity to perfect the scenes, as always taking into account the smallest detail and best ensemble look, remaining true to the dictated period.

These performers take their craft seriously. Luiza spent the summer reading and re-reading the entire play, studying and preparing as much as she possibly could for the auditions. Cassie read and sought out online versions to watch. Renee noted they "bring (the play) together so fast yet all in all they each invest at least 90 hours in preparation" not including the extra time they invest together outside of formal rehearsals, nor their own time running lines and practicing. Groups of them get together to *See COMEDY, next page*



Trails

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Creek Trail, Guadalupe Trail, Coyote Creek Trail and Three Creeks Trail. Rankin says that the Three Creeks Trail ignited his interest in being involved with creating and maintaining trails. When he heard developers wanted to build housing along an abandoned rail line in Coyote Meadows near Happy Hollow and Kelley Park, Rankin thought it would be better suited as a trail. "A bunch of us worked hard to create this section," he says. "Now we're trying to get another section built." At Covote Meadows, three trails meet: Three Creeks, Coyote Creek and Five Wounds Trails. "It would be very exciting to have a trail that within three miles would connect Los Gatos Creek Trail, Guadalupe and Coyote Creek," he says. "That would connect hundreds of miles of trail."

Rankin notes that there aren't any good places to cross Highway 101. "That's something I think the city needs to work on," he says, "connecting the east and west side of San Jose to these trails." He would also like to see Coyote Meadows, which is cityowned open space become a park in order to have parkland connected together. Save our Trails is working on trying to get this loop trail completed. "The greatest impediment is the eastern side of Three Creeks Trail," he says. "Coyote Creek Trail has sections that are open, but much of it has yet to be built. A 25-mile loop around downtown would be a draw for tourists, especially with bikes for rent."

Save Our Trails is advocating for all of these trail connections. "San Jose has a world-class trail system but there are gaps," says Rankin. "A few more connections would make this a world class city for biking."

An Almaden resident expressed his frustration with the disrepair of Los Alamitos Creek Trail. "Why can't we get maintenance on this trail?" he says. "It seems ridiculous to spend money on new trails when we have existing trails that can be improved."

"One way to advocate is to get out there with a group of people," suggests Flaugher. Rankin says that trails fall under the category of park maintenance. "We need to come up with more money for that to happen," he says.

Resident Dave Poeschel wonders if part of Measure T's \$650 million infrastructure bond can fund restoring the infrastructure of the trails. "It might be worth talking to Councilmember Khamis to see," he says.

A resident who biked from Almaden Valley to northeast San Jose is encouraged by the City Loop trails. "Priorities should be filling in the gaps," he says. "I can live with bad pavement. The deal-breaker is not betting my life on the Curtner Ave. crossing. I encourage you to go full steam ahead. If I could get across downtown rather than looping around it, that would be great." Unfortunately, as most trails follow creeks, Rankin says that an east-west crossing of the city has to be done on sidewalks or in bike lanes on city streets.

With thousands of miles of interconnected trails, Flaugher says the Bay Area has the largest amount of parks, trails and open space near a major metropolitan area of anywhere in the world. "We are world class," he says. "As the Ridge Trail and Bay Trail finish, all this connects around the Bay Area. It matters as economic interest that pays back. People will come."



Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Board Member **Mike Flaugher** encourages residents to experience local trails. *Photo by Lorraine Gabbert*

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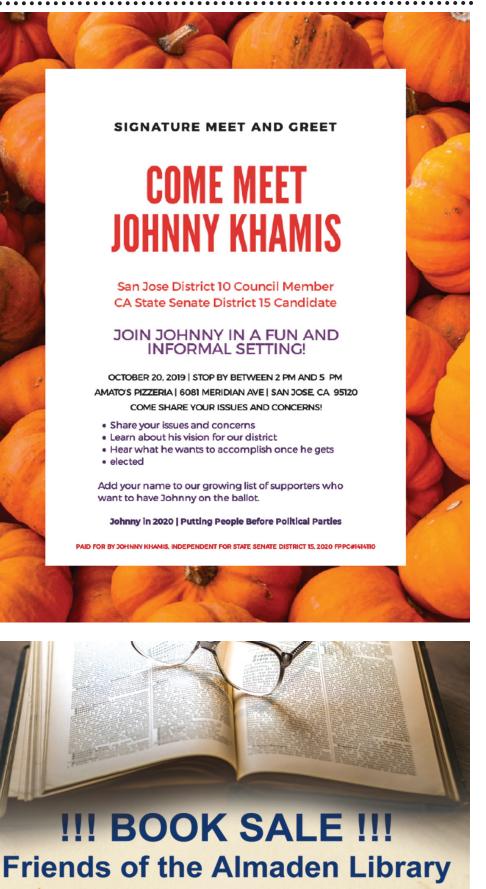
perfect characterizations while creating and developing back stories, playing off each other and constructively critiquing until characters are rich, and interplay and comedic timing meet their high level of excellence. Josh has spent countless hours at his 82 year old grandfather's house, not only visiting but observing "how he does life" so he can more accurately create his role as the family patriarch onstage. Travis spent a summer at YATC and learned from a Pixar actress "live your life and put yourself on stage, fully and present, with the experiences you've had in your own life lending themselves to the character." That comment itself gave Travis more confidence in his own acting abilities.

All the actors are excited to bring the very best comedy they can your way. Not-

ing this play is "very funny and very entertaining" Cassie hopes beyond that enjoyment that people see "it's ok to do the things you love even if you're not good at them if it brings you joy." Travis wants people to leave at least with a new "smile on their face." Tommy sees it as a very funny show, enjoying watching it during rehearsals himself when he's not on stage. But he also wants people to leave "maybe accepting each other's differences and weirdness". Mrs. Coleman hopes above all you "leave happier because you enjoyed yourself, you leave with a fresh perspective to take time with your families, and the most important thing is to make memories with those you love."

"You Can't Take It With You" debuts Wed-Sat, Oct. 23rd-26th in the Performing Arts Center at Pioneer High School. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors 62+ yrs. old. Purchase in advance at phsdrama.ludus.com or at the door starting 6:30 p.m. each night.

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Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Daniel Radcliffe star in Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince to be presented in film-concert series with Symphony Silicon Valley

udiences will experience the sixth chapter of the Harry Potter Film Concert A ter of the namy rotter num certain Series with Symphony Silicon Valley and SSV Chorale performing every note from Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince while the film plays on a high definition screen above the stage.

The performances are scheduled for Saturday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose.

Experience it all in high-definition on a giant screen, accompanied by Symphony Silicon Valley. The score composed by Nicholas Hooper was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Score Soundtrack Album for a Motion Picture. The album debuted at number twenty-nine on the Billboard 200 chart, making it the highest charting soundtrack among all of the six movie soundtracks released. The soundtrack also charted at three on the Top Soundtracks Chart.

Synopsis: As Death Eaters wreak havoc in both Muggle and Wizard worlds, Hogwarts is no longer a safe haven for students. Though Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) suspects there are new dangers lurking within the castle walls,

Dumbledore is more intent than ever on preparing the young wizard for the final battle with Voldemort, Meanwhile, teenage hormones run rampant through Hogwarts, presenting a different sort of danger. Love may be in the air, but tragedy looms, and Hogwarts may never be the same again.

Tickets: \$50 to \$100 On-line at: www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

By Phone: 408.286.2600 ext. 23; In Person: 325 So First Street, San Jose, CA 95113; Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About Symphony Silicon Valley

Founded in 2002, Symphony Silicon Valley has progressed from daring idea to exciting reality, rapidly becoming the greater South Bay's premiere orchestra and a notable community success story. The Symphony's artists. nationally recruited, locally resident, with an average performance tenure in San Jose of over 20 years, are recognized as among the best in the greater Bay Area. Led by an exciting roster of distinguished guest conductors on the European model, the Symphony is an anchor tenant of San Jose's magnificently restored downtown California Theatre one of Northern California's most outstanding music halls. There, audiences and critics alike greet its concerts with enthusiasm.





Times News Briefs

Colorful trees and bushes offered free when joining Arbor Day Foundation

he Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive your free trees, visit arborday.org/october or send a \$10 membership contribution by October 31 to: Arbor Day Foundation, 10 Colorful Trees and Bushes, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Award-winning Korean pianist Heejae Kim to perform Nov. 17

ward-winning Korean pianist Heejae Kim, who has been called "a pianist of passion and sensitivity," will make her North American debut when she performs for the third concert of Steinway Society – The Bay Area's 25th Anniversary Season.

The concert will be held November 17, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Independence High School in San Jose. A pre-concert talk starts at 1:45 p.m. The artist will be available to meet the audience following the concert.

Kim made her debut at the Prodigy Concert Series of South Korea's Kumho Asiana Cultural Foundation, and has since concertized in Europe (including Brussels, Leipzig, Paris, and Barcelona), the UK, South Africa, as well as her native South Korea. She has won awards in ten national or international piano competitions. In 2015, she won the Terence Judd—Halle Orchestra Prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition, where her performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 made her the audience favorite.

PROGRAM

Rachmaninoff, Selected Preludes from Op. 23 and Op. 32

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Schumann, Fantasie in C Major, Op. 17 TICKETS/INFO

Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available. Student Rush \$10, thirty minutes prior to performance. www.steinwaysociety.com or 408-300-5635



Award-winning Korean pianist **Heejae Kim**, known for her passion and sensitivity, will perform on Sunday afternoon, November 17th, at Independence High School in San Jose, as part of the Steinway Society – Bay Area's 25th Anniversary Season. *Photo by Changan Son*

Independence High School Theater is located at: 617 North Jackson Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133.

For more information on Season Subscriptions, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to www.SteinwaySociety.com

Americans saying stricter environmental regulations are worth the cost

Whith October being National Energy Awareness Month and nearly twothirds of Americans saying stricter environmental regulations are worth the cost, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2019's Greenest Cities in America.

To determine which cities promote a "green" lifestyle, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 28 key indicators of environmental friendliness and sustainability. The data set ranges from greenhouse-gas emissions per capita to green job opportunities per capita to number of smartenergy policies and initiatives.

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Lisa Vroman will be featured at this year's 'Carols in the California' concert.

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale presents 'Carols in the California' Saturday, Dec 14

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale presents "Carols in the California" on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the California Theatre. **A family holiday tradition**

The Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale under the baton of Elena Sharkova presents the 14th Annual "Carols in the California," an exciting and festive program of holiday cheer. And this year, Broadway and symphonic star **Lisa Vroman** (pictured) will guest.

Come for a traditional sing-along of your favorite carols with choir and brass ensemble and prepare to be dazzled by performances of classical works by members of Symphony Silicon Valley and the SSV Chorale all in the warm glow of the beautifully restored California Theatre.

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Study on best and worst cities for police officers released

Security.org has released a study on Best and Worst Cities for Police Officers using the most recent data from the FBI and U.S. Department of Labor.

The rankings were determined by analyzing income, police deaths, employment opportunity and cost of living in each of the 300 cities studied.

Santa Cruz, CA was the No. 3 worst city for police and Napa, CA was No. 6.

The percentage of people with a favorable view of the police has fallen seven percent since 2017 and stands near the levels seen just after the Rodney King verdict.

20 Best Cities for Police

- 1. Pittsburgh, PA
- 2. Birmingham, AL
- 3. New York, NY
- 4. Chicago, IL
- 5. Montgomery, AL
- 6. Toledo, OH
- 7. Louis, MO
- 8. Buffalo, NY
- 9. Cleveland OH
- 10. Memphis, TN
- 11. Columbus, OH
- 12. Youngstown, OH 13. Los Angeles, CA
- 14. Charleston, WV
- 15. Philadelphia, PA
- 16. Washington, DC
- 17. Dayton, OH
- 18. Worcester, MA
- 19. Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 20. Milwaukee, WI
- 20 Worst Cities for Police
- 1. Lewiston, ME
- 2. Ithaca, NY
- 3. Santa Cruz, CA
- 4. State College, PA 5. Owensboro, KY
- 6. Napa, CA
- 7. Dubuque, IA
- 8. Corvallis, OR
- 9. Sumter. SC
- 10. Warner Robins, GA
- 11. Gainesville, GA
- 12. Winchester, VA-WV
- 13. Midland, MI
- 14. California, MD
- 15. Manhattan, KS
- 16. Cape Girardeau, MO
- 17. Harrisonburg, VA 18. Columbus, IN
- 19. Staunton-Waynesboro, VA
- 20. Punta Gorda, FL

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Nearly 2,000 firstever 49ers Library Cards are issued in first month

he San Jose Public Library (SJPL) and the San Francisco 49ers released the

▲ first-ever 49ers library card to the public on August 27, 2019 and within the first month, a total of 1,833 cards were issued to fans.

This 49ers library card was designed to include the team's official logo and colors, and is available at all 25 SJPL locations. The public is invited to pick up a free library card by becoming a member of their San Jose Public Library, or replacing their current card with the new design.

To celebrate the partnership, SJPL hosted a social media contest giving fans the opportunity to win an autographed Fred Warner football along with other swag donated by the 49ers. In addition, more than 50 students from Grant Elementary were invited to a press conference at Joyce Ellington Branch Library where the new card was unveiled by the City Librarian Jill Bourne, former 49ers defensive lineman,



Sam. In the coming months, the 49ers will

also host a variety of programs at the library. Partnering with organizations such as SF 49ers allows the San José Public Library to

further boost awareness, connect and

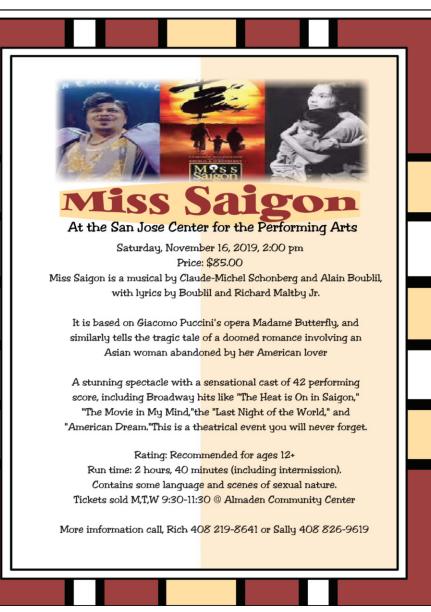
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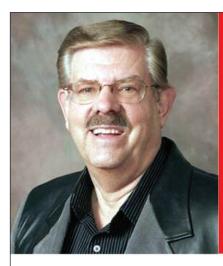
library programs, services and resources

City Librarian **Jill Bourne**, former 49ers defensive lineman, **Ian Williams**, and 49ers mascot **Sourdough Sam** introduce the new 49er Library Card.

There are more than 566,000 San Jose library members, but with the help from partnering organizations, such as the 49ers, the library hopes to continue growing their number of free memberships and one day, have every resident become and active user of their library.

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Volunteers needed for gifts for teens Holiday Teen Gift Bag Drive

By Jan Giroux Special to the Times ommunity volunteers are needed to assemble 1,200 holiday gift bags, full of fun and useful gifts, distributed to needy and homeless San Jose teenagers.

Bag assembly will take place from December 5 through Decem-

Newsom shifts gas tax money to mass transit

California Gov. Gavin Newsom is directing a portion of the money collected through gasoline taxes away from road repairs in favor of rail projects.

The revelation came in a 200page proposal from the state's transportation department.

Newsom signed an executive order in which Caltrans must "reduce congestion through innovative strategies designed to encourage people to shift from cars to other modes of transportation." ber 17 with 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. shifts available. Saturday and evening shifts are also available as needed. Jump-start your holiday spirit by being a part of this worthwhile program.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact: Kathy Heihn, Kathy@gifts4teens.org. Bag assembly location: 14928 Cambrian Park Plaza, San Jose. Easy access off Hwy 17 or Hwy 85.

Cash donations are welcome as well. This allows us to purchase much-needed items for gift bags at a special discount. For more information contact: Elaine Benoit, Elaine@gifts4teens.org, or www. gifts4teens.org.

The proposal calls for \$61.3 million to be "held in reserve for priority rail projects" and other priorities outlined in Newsom's executive order.

"Even though I support rail projects, tax payers will feel Duped," said Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "This is very unfortunate because people are depending on our Highways to be fixed with these tax dollars."

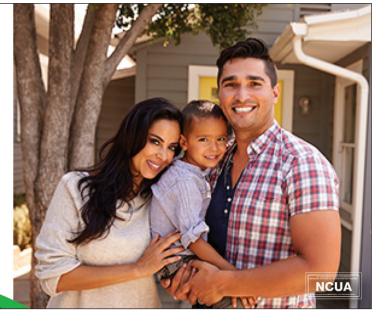
A disappointed local resident said: "Road money is for roads. Period. And by roads, I mean those asphalt things that people in their cars and SUVs drive on. And that doesn't mean that other previously authorized road money gets to be reallocated."

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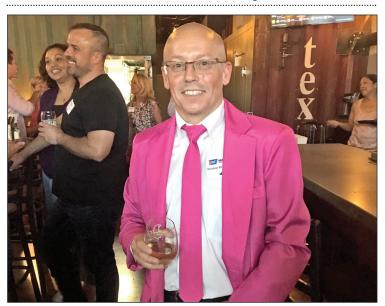
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Markus Breitbach rocks his blush best in honor of "Real Men Wear Pink."

American Cancer Society announces the third annual 'Real Men Wear Pink' campaign of Silicon Valley

Local leaders will raise awareness and funds in the fight to end breast cancer

n its third year in Silicon Valley, 25 men will unite this month to fight breast cancer with the American Cancer Society through participation in the Real Men Wear Pink campaign.

Throughout October, Real Men Wear Pink participants will encourage community members to take action in the fight against breast cancer.

Each Real Men Wear Pink participant accepts a fundraising challenge of \$2,500 and will compete to be the top fundraiser among his peers by the end of the campaign.

The 2019 Real Men Wear Pink candidates of Silicon Valley include CEO's, Doctors, Real Estate Professionals, Business Leaders and a DJ. They are asked to wear pink every day in the month of October and some of our men are seizing the challenge!

"We have men who have hot pink sport coats, bowties, bike shorts and shoes," said Tami Shepherd, Community Development Manager in charge of the Real Men Wear Pink campaign in Silicon Valley. "The men were nominated by family members, close friends or coworkers."

"No one should have to face a breast cancer diagnosis alone," said Keith Duffy, a Semiconductor Global Supply Chain Professional and currently the number one fundraiser for this year's campaign. "That's why I joined the American Cancer Society in support of their lifesaving work by participating in the Real Men Wear Pink campaign. This is a cause I believe in, and I'm committed to raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society's efforts".

"In addition to wearing pink and raising awareness about breast cancer, these men will be raising funds to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle and save more lives from breast cancer," said Ms. Shepherd. "Funds raised help us save lives from breast cancer through early detection and prevention, innovative breast cancer research. and patient support. Patient support includes one-on-one support from fellow breast cancer survivors, wig banks, and transportation and lodging during treatment. We are grateful to our Real Men Wear Pink participants for lending their voices to this cause and fighting for everyone affected by breast cancer. Our community can make a huge impact in the breast cancer cause!"

According to the American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures 2018, an estimated 266,120 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and an estimated 40,920 will die from the disease this year. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, and it is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer.

For more information about the Real Men Wear Pink campaign in Silicon Valley or to nominate a candidate, contact Tami Shepherd at tami.shepherd@cancer.org. To donate go to httsp://www.real menwearpinkacs.org/siliconvallevca. ALMADEN TIMES
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CAREER CORNER

Taking the first step

By Angela Copeland Special to the Times

fyou've interviewed lately, you know the first step of a job interview is a phone screen. After you apply for a job, a recruiter from the company will reach out to you. They'll ask to setup a time to meet.

In the phone screen, the recruiter will ask predictable questions. They say, "Tell me about yourself." Then, they'll ask follow up questions. "Why are you interested in the job? Why are you looking for a job?" They may also ask how you heard about the job, or how much expertise you have in a certain area. And, they'll ask how much money you want.

It's pretty standard. The one question I have seen lately that is shocking however is this. At the very end of the interview, the recruiter will say, "After this call, can you email me a copy of your resume?" Read that again. "After this call, can you email me a copy of your resume?"

This seems like an odd question, right? What I'm getting at is this. Some recruiters are interviewing job applicants without having a copy of their resume. They aren't downloading it ahead of time from the application. They are going into an interview cold, without knowing anything about the candidate. They're asking random questions. They are completely and totally unprepared. And that is how they're making important hiring decisions for the company.

As a candidate, I suppose you may want to start off an interview by checking to see that the recruiter has a copy of your resume. However, this question really seems like it may introduce an odd dynamic to the conversation.

HR leaders, if you are reading this, please take note. This is a genuine problem. I've observed many examples of this lately. If you're a company, I know you want to hire the best people. And, you certainly don't want to waste a candidate's time. After all, candidates study for interviews. They memorize your job description. They scour the internet to learn about your company. They practice their answers to common interview questions. They prepare their own questions. And, often, they ask friends and family for help. This is a huge effort to go through for a recruiter to show up unprepared.

If you're looking for a job, I don't have a ton of great ideas for this problem. Honestly, the lack of accountability baffles me. And, companies are using these folks as the gate keepers. Sure, many recruiters are helpful. But, even one absent minded recruiter can really cause problems with an entire hiring process.

Companies, it's past time that we hold ourselves to the same standards that we hold candidates to. It's time to show up on time and be prepared for our interviews. If we don't have something we need in order to participate in an interview, we should ask for that piece of information before the interview begins. It's step one.

Angela Copeland, a career expert and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

Caltran adjusting Gilroy service from San Jose

altrain, in collaboration with the communities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and San Jose, as well as representatives from VTA and Santa Clara County, have been working on plans to improve service on the Caltrain corridor between San Jose and Gilroy. In the near term, Caltrain is adjusting Gilroy Service this fall.

Effective Monday, October 7, Caltrain will adjust its southbound Gilroy service based on feedback provided by South Santa Clara County riders in a survey conducted last April that indicated their preference to have an earlier train between the first two trains. • Train 262 will provide service to all sta-

tions from Tamien Station to Gilroy Station. Train 262 will also stop at Lawrence Station.

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