Students show off their science and engineering projects at Leland Science Fair SEE PAGE 11



Art and Wine

Almaden Valley Women's Scholarship application and logo contest opens SEE PAGE 4

Opera San José cancels performances, launches musicians relief fund SEE PAGE 15



MARCH 20 – APRIL 2, 2020 **VOL. 33, NO. 7**

YOUR BEST SOURCE OF COMMUNITY **NEWS FOR**

Almaden Times SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY SINCE 1986 ALMADENTIMES.COM

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Almaden Expressway Volunteer Beautification Project rescheduled

he volunteer beautification project for Almaden at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Avenue, originally scheduled April 4th, is rescheduled sometime this coming May.

The Beautification Project, *Beautifulday*, will be run on two separate shifts. Community members can volunteer for the 8 am noon shift, or join the 1 pm – 5 pm shift, or both. Both shifts will meet up at 5823 Brasilia Way in Almaden.

The scope of the project is repainting the Southwest sound wall and installing weed mat barrier and landscape bark and rock along the sound wall and in the center medium in front of the "Welcome to Almaden" sign.

This is the second beautification project on Almaden Expressway, with the first project completed on March 23 and 24th, 2019. Like last year's project, the next project will be in collaboration with Beautiful Day 365, nonprofit that is part of Westgate church which has donated \$1,800.

"I was able to secure a 1,500 grant through the city of San Jose for beautification funds," said community leader Glenn Burkhardt. "Together with the partnership among the city, county, Beautiful Day 365 and volunteers from the community will help beautify the intersection."

Burkhardt said that City Councilmember Johnny Khamis' office will again be donating the paint, matched to the County Roads department sound wall color for the project.

The County Roads Department is providing lane closure and traffic mitigation the day of the project.

Volunteers wanting to sign up (over 14 years old) must complete the online waiver and pick the time they wish to volunteer. For more information, email Glen Burkhardt: glennburkhardt@yahoo.com

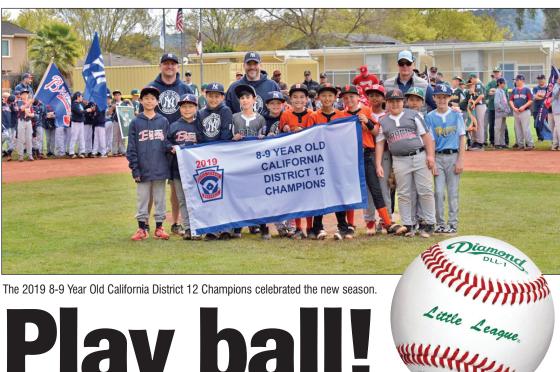


lmaden shoppers converged on one of the favorite stores: Trader Joe's. They were there to stock up on food items due to coronamania, but many left the store after seeing empty shelves. A few doors down at the Almaden Costco, racks used for paper products were empty as there was a continued run on toilet paper.

Food industry leaders say the food supply chain remains intact and has been ramping up to meet the unprecedented stockpiling brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. "The supply is there," said Dave Heylen, spokesman for the California Grocers Association.

Pictured: Trader Joe's was out of mostly everything except wine on Friday, March 13.





.

Almaden Little League celebrates opening day

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

nticipation ran through the crowd as baseball players wearing their teams' uniforms lined up, eager to parade onto the baseball diamond at Greystone Park on Sunday, March 8.

Threatening skies, technical difficulties, and the coronavirus couldn't dampen the mood of those gathered as announcer Don Le welcomed them to Almaden Little League's opening day celebration and the start of the new season.

"Look at the grass, luscious and green, finely manicured. The foul lines perfectly drawn with precision, the infield... smooth as a baby's skin," said Le. "Today's the day you've all been waiting for: a culmination of months of preparation, training, and hard work. We celebrate not only the return of baseball. We celebrate our entire community. Where there is baseball, there is joy and hope ... sportsmanship, character, and goodness."

With banners raised and flags flying, the teams marched around the bases with their heads held high. As invigorating music played, Le announced the teams and lineups from the Single A division of six- and seven-year-olds to the Juniors division of 13- to 15-year-olds. Almaden Little League Board President Pete Fuqua was filled See LITTLE LEAGUE, page 18

Coronavirus impact Schools shuttered in **Santa Clara County**

By William Bellou Publisher

ens of thousands of Bay Area students — from kindergarten to college — will stay away from their campuses for at least three weeks, possibly longer.

Santa Clara County enacted a mandate midday Friday last week for all public schools to close for three weeks which took effect Monday, March 16. However, Governor Newsom announced Tuesday, March 18 that California schools will remain closed probably for the rest of the school year. "I would plan and assume that it's unlikely that many of these schools - few, if any - will open before the summer break," Newsom said.

"Closing schools has a massive, cascading effect for our kids and their families — especially those least equipped financially to deal with them," Newsom said in a statement. "School districts that choose to close must use state educational dollars to quickly meet the needs of children and families."

Residents in Almaden and throughout the Bay Area See SCHOOLS SHUTTERED, page 8

Yost Group Seller Represented 6914 Bret Harte Dr 751 Swanswood Ct 1042 Kristen Court 7020 Elmsdale Dr 1039 Nightfall Court 7209 Silver Lode Lane 6659 Mount Pakron Drive 6293 Via De Adrianna 791 Spicewood Court 6464 Cranbrook Court 975 Hurlstone Lane 7075 Brooktre 7094 Brooktree 6648 Mount Hope Drive 1015 Nightfall Ct 7012 Elmsdale Drive 7100 Royal Ridge Dr 987 Hampswood Wa 7151 Martwood 996 Burlwood Dr 7012 Burnside Dr 6917 Lenwood Wa 1022 Nightfall Ct 1266 Hillcrest Dr 6758 Heathfield Dr

6581 Mount Royal Dr 766 Coffeewood Ct 6995 Shearwater Dr 6898 Shearwater Dr 1052 Timbercrest Dr 7051 Anjou Creek Ci 6778 Bret Harte Dr 6617 Mount Wellington Dr 1114 Virgil Pl 959 Woodthrush Ct 6641 Mount Hope Dr 5839 Ponce Ct 1134 Silver Canyon Dr 6687 Bret Harte Dr 6264 Lillian Way 1018 Blue Mist Place 941 Marble Court 6724 Bitterroot PI 6818 Taglio Ct 1128 Olive Branch Ln 6852 Eldridge Dr 6807 Burnside Dr 1018 Burlwood Dr 956 Meadowood Dr 7003 Silver Brook Ct 7094 Brooktree Wy

971 Shadow Brook Dr 939 Marble Ct 1234 Washoe Dr 7172 Bridge Ct 1150 Strada Almaden 7132 Anjou Creek Circle 1227 Quail Creek Ci 1497 Redmond Av 6823 Elwood Rd 6836 Trinidad Dr 1219 Polk Spring Ct 6570 Winterset Wy 7005 Silver Star Ct 763 Lemonwood Ct 6957 Queenswood Wy 1141 Barnes Ln 7088 Martwood Wy 6761 Heathfield Dr 7170 Wooded Lake Dr 1054 Minoru Dr 1068 Minoru Dr 1680 Via Fortuna 7032 Burnside Dr 7098 Bret Harte Dr 6758 Heathfield Dr 1128 Olive Branch Ln

6908 Bret Harte Dr 6792 Bret Harte Dr 1547 Oak Canyon Dr 6702 Elwood Rd 1016 Burlwood Dr 6987 Starling Valley Dr 6725 Bret Harte Dr 995 Hampswood Wy 6032 Thorntree Dr 6623 Bret Harte Dr 1113 Mallard Ridge Ci 1160 Mallard Ridge Loop 6830 Shearwater Dr 7175 Echo Ridge Dr 1334 Nancarrow Ct 6640 Mount Wellington Dr 7065 Rycroft Ct 6944 Burnside Dr 778 Coffeewood Ct 6536 Jeremie Dr 6956 Burnside Dr 1060 Via Valiente 6516 Camelia Dr 1089 Queensbridge Court 7010 Silver Star Ct 6731 Worthing Ct

1223 Linder Hill Ct 1007 Redmond Av 6786 Elwood Rd 1106 Calcaterra Ct 1010 Burlwood Dr 1125 Casaba Creek Ct 957 Yarmouth Wy 6711 Heathfield Dr 1242 Charise Ct 1051 Timbercrest Dr 1175 Copper Peak Ln 5846 Texas Ct 6861 Queenswood Wy 20401 Almaden Rd 7184 Wooded Lake Dr 6603 Mount Royal Dr 998 Burlwood Dr 7149 Echo Ridge Dr 7257 Sleepy Creek Dr 6612 Marymonte Ct 1026 Mount Carmel Dr 1019 Wallace Dr 1040 Mount Carmel Dr 6785 Mount Pakron Dr 6102 Royal Acorn Pl

735 Almondwood Wy

Nobody has sold more Almaden homes

6683 Mount Pakron Dr 7005 Burnside Dr 938 Summerleaf Pl 6656 Pebblewood Ct 6615 Mount Forest Dr 7125 Bret Harte Dr 1129 Casaba Creek Ct 6923 Burnside Dr 7054 Brooktree Wy 964 Hurlstone Lane 6754 Mount Pakron Dr 7066 Rycroft Ct 6684 Mount Pakron Dr 6628 Tam Oshanter Dr 7022 Waldheim Ct 6833 Castlerock Dr 848 Downswood Ct 6927 Queenswood Wy 1035 Nightfall Ct 785 Honeywood Ct 1118 Bartlett Creek Ct 943 Summerleaf Pl 6682 Mount Hope Dr 1119 Amur Creek Ct 920 Fieldwood Ct 7199 Anjou Creek Ci 6752 Tunbridge Wy 6671 Bret Harte Dr

6691 Bret Harte Dr 6617 Neptune Ct 6654 Bret Harte Dr 956 Hurlstone Ln 1045 Bright Oak Pl 7137 Bret Harte Dr 6918 Glenview Dr 7123 Anjou Creek Ci 6601 Mount Hope Dr 6834 Glenview Dr 7022 Waldheim Ct 7151 Echo Ridge Dr 6617 Bret Harte Dr 1024 Mount Carmel Dr 6839 Eldridge Drive 1087 Scaletta Ln 7081 Elmsdale Dr 6658 Mount Holly Dr 6806 Heathfield Ct 679 Briar Ranch Ln 772 Portswood Dr 666 Briar Ranch Ln 6589 Mt Royal Dr 6329 Cloverhill Dr 1070 Belder Dr 1089 Mountain Shadows Rd 1247 Olive Branch Ln 955 Summerleaf Dr

953 Foxswallow Ct 6075 Crimson Dr 782 Almondwood Wy 5994 Thorntree Dr 7048 Wooded Lake Dr 6971 Silver Bell Dr 7074 Elmsdale Dr 6836 Eldridge Dr 1035 Belder Dr 6822 Rockview Ct 1106 Calcaterra Ct 6472 Crystal Springs Dr 6851 Eldridge Dr 7052 Anjou Creek Ci 1208 Serene Valley Ct 866 Fieldwood Ct 7091 Martwood 1148 Ardsley Ct 6721 Freedom Ct 6684 Tannahill Dr 6480 Hirabayashi Dr 986 Hampswood Wy 6524 Whispering Pines Dr 6687 Charter Oak Pl 6867 Queenswood Wy 6828 Eldridge Dr 1522 Ivan Pl 7008 Shearwater Dr

7071 Martwood Wy 1279 Poker Flat Pl 6487 Trinidad Dr 1123 Valley Quail Ci 7132 Anjou Creek Ci 7171 Stoesser Ct 6992 Burnside Dr 7248 Sleepy Creek Dr 5978 Crossview Ct 6552 Northridge Dr 1186 Copper Peak Ln 1524 Monteval Ln 22700 Davis Ct 7139 Anjou Creek Ci 6607 Fall River Dr 1150 Zinfandel Wy 1473 Almaden Valley Drive 1110 Holly Oak Ci 6603 Bubblingwell Pl 7013 Elmsdale Dr 21130 Mckean Rd 21150 Rakstad Road 1219 Chateau Dr 1079 Lio Ct 6020 Crossview Ci 6606 Mount Royal Dr 969 Yarmouth Wy 6662 Mount Hope Dr

762 Coffeewood Ct 7074 Elmsdale Dr 1053 Wallace Dr 1166 Valley Quail Ci 6963 Starling Valley Dr 6858 Burnside Dr 5810 Antigua Dr 973 Wallace Dr 7095 Bret Harte Dr 6512 Bose Ln 6761 Heathfield Dr 996 Shadow Brook Dr 1030 Mount Carmel Dr 1172 Spring Hill Wy 6627 Bose Ln 1135 Silver Oak Ct 737 Dalewood Ct 1242 Peralta Dr 1002 Blue Mist Pl 6531 Gillis Dr 1242 Charise Ct 21110 Serene Wy 1256 Echo Valley Dr 6185 Silberman Dr 1060 Via Valiente 6859 Eldridge Dr 6884 Shearwater Dr 23735 Mckean Rd

THE YOST GROUP

408.599.2130 www.YostGroup.com Team@YostGroup.com 1096 Blossom Hill Rd. Ste 200, San Jose

1219 Valley Quail Ci

973 Ivory Creek Dr 1109 Mcintosh Creek Dr 6681 Charter Oak Pl 7267 Sleepy Creek Dr 1007 Shadow Brook Dr 6478 Mojave Dr 7022 Noonwood Ct 998 Hampswood Wy 6281 Cloverhill Dr 990 Kiser Dr 6183 Mcabee Rd 6842 Castlerock Dr 1155 Prentiss Dr 1287 Chilanian Ln 1052 Bret Hill Ct 1039 Woodview Pl 1242 Wooded Hills Dr 6702 Mount Pakron Dr 18694 Carriage Hill Dr 6954 Bret Harte Dr 1128 Allston Ct 6911 Serenity Wy 6847 Dalmeny Ct 7056 Wooded Lake Dr

6474 Mcabee Rd 6834 Trinidad Dr 6598 Broadacres Dr 6678 Charter Oak Pl 6591 Rocky Crest Dr 6538 Hampton Dr 7039 Brooktree Wy 6679 Bret Harte Dr 1423 Pierce Ranch Rd 6654 Mount Holly Dr 1144 Ardsley Ct 6635 Barnsdale Ct 6717 Elwood Rd 6641 Broadacres Dr 20420 Via Santa Teresa 922 Briana Ct 1058 Kristen Ct 1357 Echo Valley Dr 7014 Waldheim Ct 6604 Marymonte Ct 7195 Eagle Crest Ct 7215 Gold Creek Ct 6653 Broadacres Dr 6817 Elwood Rd

948 Meadowood Dr 946 Marble Ct 5923 Kyburz Pl 950 Hurlstone Ln 6336 Gondola Way 6228 Via De Adrianna 6601 Creekview Ct 6649 Camelia Dr 6722 Lookout Bnd 6732 Leyland Park Dr 968 Hurlstone Ln 1029 Burlwood Dr 6381 El Paseo Dr 6852 Eldridge Dr 6838 Leyland Park Dr 6960 McCall Drive 6592 Mount Royal Dr 1124 Mallard Ridge Lp 6148 Franciscan Ct 7012 Burnside Dr 6479 Crystal Springs Dr 941 Marble Court 18530 Annie Lane 18750 Annie Lane

Yost Group Buyer Represented

6670 Copperwood Ci 954 Yarmouth Wa 6987 Starling Valley Drive 1128 Sterling Gate Drive 6870 Tunbridge Wy 6725 Bret Harte Dr 6722 Lookout 1114 Virgil Pl 5924 Sterling Oaks Dr 1155 Pheasant Hill Dr 7051 Quail Cove Ct 1018 Blue Mist Place 1382 Hillcrest Ct 7123 Anjou Creek Ci 6971 Silver Bell Dr 1310 Copper Peak Ln 7081 Elmsdale Dr 6702 Mount Leneve Dr 955 Summerleaf Dr 971 Shadow Brook Dr 1144 Mallard Ridge Loop 1219 Polk Spring Ct 1120 Mallard Ridge Lp

than Margaret and David Yost

954 Yarmouth Wy 1110 Corvallis Dr 6470 Mcabee Rd 1219 Polk Spring Ct 1556 Capitancillos Dr 20244 Viewcrest Ct 6475 Little Falls Dr 1103 Kendal Ct 751 Lemonwood Ct 7074 Elwood Rd 6632 Mount Wellington Dr 7186 Silver Lode Ln 6210 Calle Bonita 6498 Mcabee Rd 795 Firewood Ct 6893 Campisi Ct 6982 Hollow Lake Wy 6653 Mount Pakron Dr 1238 Wooded Hills Dr 6621 Mount Forest Dr 1212 Shelby Creek Ln 1131 Lone Pine Ln 1091 Surian Ct 6113 Strelow Ct 6641 Mount Wellington Dr 6693 Charter Oak Pl 6051 Cecala Dr 6780 Hampton Dr 1120 Olive Branch Ln

> Coldwell Banker 🖻

18711 Graystone Ln 6385 El Paseo Dr 1208 Copper Peak Ln 6908 Bret Harte Dr 1010 Burlwood Dr 1161 Culligan Blvd 1304 Addiewell PI 1138 Mallard Ridge Cir 6560 Idlebrook Ct 1499 Montellano Dr 1249 Echo Valley Dr 1017 Shadow Brook Dr 6982 Silver Bell Dr 1260 Olive Branch Ln 5915 Thorntree Dr 6551 Timberview Dr 6280 Via De Adrianna 6534 Camden Ave 787 Almondwood Way 6469 Oakcrest Dr 1335 Shelby Creek Ln 6970 Hollow Lake Way 6579 Gardenoak Ct 995 Hampswood Way 881 Hampswood Way 7073 Rycroft Ct 904 Briana Ct 6528 Skyfarm Dr

6645 Mount Hope Dr

962 Hurlstone Lane 6103 Franciscan Way 6114 Calle Esperanza 1122 Barnes Lane 1347 Via De Los Reyes 1282 Pampas Drive 6611 Whitbourne Drive 1189 Spring Hill Way 1199 Mallard Ridge Loop 6611 Whitbourne Drive 1049 Timbercrest Drive 1107 Silver Oak Court 1189 Spring Hill Way 6747 Mount Pakron Drive 1268 Butterfly Drive 6562 Graystone Meadow Circle 1030 Nightfall Court 6028 Via Madero Drive 6609 Creekview Court 6463 Camelia Drive 975 Marlinton Court 6552 Northridge Drive 6960 Bret Harte Drive 6142 Oak Forest Way 1141 Barnes Lane 6698 Leyland Park Drive 6841 Hampton Drive 7176 Anjou Creek Circle 6342 Gondola Way

6671 Copperwood Ci 6552 Timber Ct 6682 Bret Harte Dr 6758 Heathfield Dr 972 Marlinton Ct 6517 Stonehill Dr 6616 Camden/Pfeiffer Pk Ave 6667 Bret Harte Dr 6210 Calle Bonita 1106 Calcaterra Ct 1208 Serene Valley Ct 1347 Via De Los Reyes 1138 Mallard Ridge Ci 1052 Bret Hill Ct 6702 Elwood Rd 7133 Echo Loop 1016 Burlwood Dr 1160 Mallard Ridge Loop 7175 Echo Ridge Dr 1033 Wallace Dr 7295 Via Brezzo 1060 Via Valiente 1089 Queensbridge Court 7010 Silver Star Ct 6841 Tunbridge Wy 7071 Martwood Wy

6552 Northridge Dr 1242 Wooded Hills Dr 1473 Almaden Valley Drive 21130 Mckean Rd 936 Summerleaf PI 6967 Claywood Wy 998 Burlwood Dr 1026 Mount Carmel Dr 1261 Charise Ct 1153 Rajkovich Wy 1166 Valley Quail Ci 6858 Burnside Dr 1109 Mcintosh Creek Dr 7239 Glenview Dr 1140 Silver Canyon Dr 1125 Pheasant Hill Wy 1171 Silver Canyon Dr 6702 Mount Pakron Dr 6954 Bret Harte Dr 1170 Olive Branch Ln 1128 Allston Ct 954 Yarmouth Wy 20244 Viewcrest Ct 7099 Royal Ridge Dr 6590 Leyland Park Dr 18530 Annie Ln 1131 Lone Pine Ln 6909 Grandwood Wy 6863 Eldridge Dr 6831 Eldridge Dr 6072 Cecala Dr 7215 Gold Creek Ct 1094 Nunzio Ct 7226 Gold Creek Way 18600 Graystone Ln 6272 Desert Flame Dr 1249 Echo Valley Dr 6696 Buggywhip Ct 6469 Oakcrest Dr 1090 Valentine Ct 969 Yarmouth Way 6392 Lillian Way 1152 Holly Ann Pl 1043 Kristen Ct 1188 Spring Hill Way 6668 Leyland Park Drive 7112 Echo Loop 957 Hurlstone Lane 6609 Creekview Court 975 Marlinton Court 1377 Via Del Los Grande 975 Marlinton Court 6736 Heathfield Drive 6158 Mancuso Street 1463 Kinsport Lane

Your neighborhood is our neighborhood too!



Margaret Yost Cal BRE #00947936



David Yost Cal BRE #01450671

Mayor Liccardo statement on shelter in place mandate

Santa Clara County's shelter in place mandate.

"As the Mayor of the Bay Area's largest city, I support the actions of health officials throughout the Bay Area to enact a "shelter in place" mandate. We must move aggressively. This is not the moment for half-measures. History will not forgive us for waiting an hour more.

The long days and difficult hours ahead will challenge us individually and collectively. This is our generation's great test, our moment to stand together as a community. Amid our collective fears, we will find our uncommon courage.

It will take some time to get all of the systems in place to execute on our work ahead— to address critical needs relating to childcare, food delivery, and the like. I appreciate the patience of our community as we work together to forge ahead."

Legislature allocates \$500 million to combat COVID-19

On Monday, March 16 the California State Assembly passed emergency funding providing \$500 million to combat COVID-19 and authority for total expenditures up to \$1 billion to the Governor.

This proposal ensures disaster relief funding for extra capacity for hospitals, purchase hotel rooms for at-risk homeless, cleaning of childcare centers, and intent language to help stimulate the economy affecting small businesses and individuals going through economic hardship at this time.

"Republicans stand in support of protecting our most vulnerable, atrisk populations," said Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron. "We are working to safeguard the health and safety of all Californians in this unprecedented crisis and are committed to working with the Governor to reduce the spread of COVID-19."



Times Media, Inc. / (408) 494-7000 PUBLISHER / CEO: WILLIAM BELLOU williamb@timesmediainc.com

SR. ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE: **BRIGITTE JONES** brigitte@timesmediainc.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS: LORRAINE GABBERT, FRANK SHORTT, GINA TSOURIS, NIRBAN SINGH, SEAN EASTWOOD,

ART DIRECTOR: JEFF BAHAM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: SANDY BELLOU

Copyright © 2020 Times Media, Inc. All rights reserved. The Almaden Times prefers letters to the editor and submissions of guest articles and columns for consideration and possible publication to be sent by email to **editorial@timesmediainc.com**. All submitted materials become the property of Times Media, Inc., and receipt of unsolicited materials cannot be acknowledged.

Valley Currents

cur | **rent** (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*



2019 Scholarship and Logo Winners with members of the Almaden Valley Women's Club. Photos by Kevin Cook

ALMADEN ART & WINE FESTIVAL Scholarship and logo contest deadlines extended

By Beth Swartz Special to the Times

ue to the closure of the local area high schools, the deadline has been extended for the Almaden Valley Women's Club Scholarship application and logo contest.

Eligible high school seniors are invited to apply for a scholarship which will be awarded by the Almaden Valley Women's Club. Each year the Almaden Women's Club produces the Art & Wine Festival held in September at Almaden Lake Park. Proceeds from that event are awarded via grants to area charities and money is set aside for scholarships for local high school seniors.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club has a motto: "Friendship through Service." Community service is very important to the membership and is one of the criteria for the scholarship. Students are asked to present an essay detailing projects or volunteer hours which helped improve their communities. High school seniors graduating in the current academic year and who reside in the 95118, 95120 or 95123 zip codes are welcome to submit an application. The new deadline to submit an application is May 20, 2020. The scholarship application can be found at www.almadenwomen.org/scholarships

The Almaden Valley Women's Club also sponsors a logo contest and would like to invite students between the ages of 11-18 enrolled in a public, private, or home school program in the 95118, 95120 and 95123 zip code areas to participate in the 2020 annual Logo Contest for the annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival. The Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 at Almaden Lake Park.

The club will select one winner and four finalist logos from the submissions. The winning logo will be displayed on the Festival's wine glasses as well as featured in the program and on other promotional materials.

The deadline for logo submissions is April 24, 2020. Entries can be mailed to: Almaden Valley Women's Club, attn: Logo Contest, PO Box 20084,

San Jose, CA 95120. The logo winner, finalists and teachers will be contacted in May 2020 and will receive an invitation to attend the Almaden Valley Women's Club awards presentation. More information can be found at www.almadenwomen.org/logo-contest



Above: 2019 Scholarship Winners (I to r): Tushar Lakshminarayanan, Sergio Camacho, Capriana Jiang, Bhargavi Garimella, Katlyn Barbaccia, and Megan Shieh. Below: 2019 Logo Winners (I to r): Rebecca Iofis, Kyle Lai, Spencer Dyson, Heeju Nam, and Megan Pham.



LET THE ALMADEN TIMES HEAR FROM YOU! Send your letters to editorial@timesmediainc.com or mail to: Almaden Times, Silicon Valley Business Center, 1900 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95124

THE

100

LEADING

THE TOP PERFORMERS

MARK MADELINE CHIAVETTA

Coldwell Banker International President's Premier, Top 1%, #10 Team in the United States



Let Our Family Help Yours.

During these trying times, if we can help any seniors with grocery or medication delivery, please don't hesitate to let us know. We'd be happy to help.

NEW LISTING



1215 Chateau Drive 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2,966 +/- sq. ft.

REDUCED \$100K



1394 Hillcrest Drive 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms, 4,400 +/- sq. ft.





WE PUT THE "FULL" IN FULL SERVICE! Mark's Mobile: 408.425.2848 Email: info@thechiavettas.com
Webpage: www.thechiavettas.com 410 N. Santa Cruz Avenue - Los Gatos, CA 95030 Madeline CaBRE# 01238932 Mark CaBRE# 013764000

Madeline's Mobile: 408.506.5393

Times **Op Ed**

Reader feels let down by Costco

Dear Editor,

As a loyal Costco shopper for many years, I would like to express my disappointment during the emergency triggered by the Corona Virus. Why can't Costco's management come up with a plan to curtail hoarders from unfairly emptying out shelves of paper products such as bathroom tissue? The simplest way for curtailing hoarding would have been to restrict shoppers to buy only a reasonable quantity over a period of time, such as monthly quota which can easily be programmed into their checkout computer system.

David Johnson Almaden Valley

Third grader seeks answers, ephemera

Dear editor and readers,

Hello! I am a third-grade student in Northern Virginia. Our class is learning about the United States, and I will be teaching our school all about the state of California. In the month of May, I will create a display for our State Fair that showcases the unique story of California and I need your help.

Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I think that I can receive the best information from the people who live there. This is why I am writing to you. I am hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn more about the best things in your state. I am most interested in the history, traditions, and culture that make your state unique. You might consider sending things

OP ED Victory over virus

Solving the microbe mess

It's afraid of the heat.

I'm concerned as many are in our area and across the entire world. It came to us as the "C" Virus and like other such viruses in years past; I just know we'll be victorious over it!

It's like the flu. We don't hear of flu in summer though, so it must be susceptible to warm weather. I'm reading it dies on surfaces but can hang around for 3-4 days, possibly more.

Acceptable social distance is the new buzz word. Maybe from now on we need to go to the casual fist bump done by cool cats on the street, or perhaps two hands together with a bow is simple to do or a wave of the hand for "Hi" instead of a shaking a moist slippery hand.

Cough... cough, stay home. Companies are extending sick leave with pay!

Conferences are now being cancelled by some companies. Who needs them anyway when the internet is here to use.

It's time to be diligent in doing simple things just like Grandma did long ago. It all

like postcards, photographs, souvenirs, this newspaper article, or other unique items that I can learn from.

You also might consider answering some of the following questions:

- Why do you live in California?
- What first brought your family there?

• What do you like most about California?

• What is your job?

• What does California, look, feel, and /or sound like?

• What traditional food and/or recipes does California have?

• What attractions are in California?

• What is the popular sport in California?

I will need to gather all of my information by the first week of May. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help!

Ethan McLean, Virginia

Ms. Lyons' Class

The Langley School 1411 Balls Hill Road McLean, Virginia 22101

Profit is our loss

Dear Editor,

I'm praying that readers of the Almaden Times purchase only what their family needs at local food stores during this medical crisis. And for those buying supplies and turning them around and selling them for profit, shame on you. That is totally wrong during a time when people are trying to stay well.

Ann Lee Almaden Valley

revolves around being clean and washing your hands often or using wipes and such. All the schools in Santa Clara County have been abruptly closed for three weeks and it could be longer, possibly school will not open until the fall. Everyone is taking a hard stance on it all and working on this unprecedented virus crisis. No one is being caught flat footed in their thinking. It's called teamwork. Even the Democrats and the Republicans have made peace to fight the foe.

Children need to kindly know that events can be cancelled and it's a part of life. It just means adults care about them. Less is more and new ways can be found to find joy in the simpler things in life, like taking a walk.

We can stay home and watch things on line. That old-time classic Monopoly or Jenga game can be played on the kitchen table. That's low tech fun without electronics. Maybe there's an old dusty game in the box in the back of the closet called Chutes and Ladders and the kids might have laughter in playing it!

If one gets sick why not buy Gatorade for it has electrolytes and that's what they give people who are recovering in hospitals. Electrolytes help in fighting colds because they fight dehydration with essential minerals. Or perhaps you can go to the baby food isle at a store and buy Pedialyte or the generic and mix it with fruit juice for it has an even higher concentration of electrolytes. Of course it's always best to consult your doctor.

Some websites state Vitamin C can be See VICTORY, page 8

WHERE THE LIFESTYLE YOU LOVE *meets the future you envision.*

All-inclusive amenities — like an art studio, fitness center, restaurant and riverside walking paths — have a purpose beyond aesthetic. They offer meaningful opportunities to explore new interests, connect with friends, strengthen your body and nurture your soul. And they're all part of modern senior living at Atria Almaden.

NOW PRE-LEASING ARRANGE A VISIT AT 669.235.7252.

Atria. Almaden

MODERN SENIOR LIVING & MEMORY CARE

4610 ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY | SAN JOSE | ATRIAALMADEN.COM



An application for Residential Care Facility for the Elderly will be filed with the California Department of Social Services. USGBC® and the related logo are trademarks owned by the U.S. Green Building Council® and are used with permission.

L 1 224072

Hope you're well and continue to be safe! – Jackie

Jackie Jones presents...

6023 Calle De Felice, San Jose



In the gorgeous Montanas De Los Gatos development awaits a beautiful tri-level townhouse with picturesque setting nestled on the border of Almaden/Los Gatos and Cambrian. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 2,235 square feet of living space, and a spacious backyard, you and your guests will have more than enough room to relax and unwind after a long day at the office. Combined with its natural setting, this is the Silicon Valley retreat you don't want to miss out on.









Main Level Features

- Open living room overlooking beautiful greenbelt
- ♦ Kitchen with eating area and glass slider to cozy backyard
- ♦ Powder room

Upper Floor Features

- ◆ Spacious master Suite #1 with private balcony overlooking green-belt, vaulted ceiling and walk-in closet. The en-suite features, walk-in shower with glass enclosure, custom double sink vanity, top of the line fixtures, and Sun Tunnel
- ♦ Suite #2 with foothill views and en-suite with extra deep soaking tub.

Offered at: \$1,155,000



Cell 408.315.6186 jjones@cbnorcal.com | jackiejonessells.com www.NorthernCaliforniaConnection.com DRE #00595786

Lower Level is the perfect in-law apartment

- ♦ Family/game room
- ♦ Spacious bedroom and full bath with walk-in shower
- ♦ Tons of storage and alcove library with built-in shelving
- ♦ Utility room with laundry chute

Additional Features

- ◆ Double pane windows
- ♦ Built-in library shelving
- Extra-large garage with storage and workbench
- ♦ Mature drought-tolerant landscaping
- ♦ Great views of the mountains and green belt
- ♦ Custom cabinetry and closet interiors
- ♦ Laundry chute
- ♦ Solid core doors
- ♦ Deep soaking tub
- ♦ Community grounds feature, club house, pool & tennis courts





se, CA. 95123

Times Community



Cancelled

the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7:30 pm

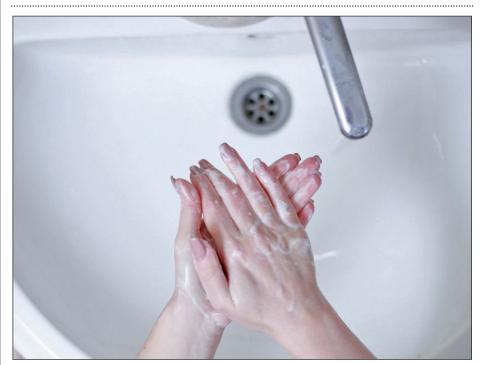
This is a mind-blowing spectacular showcase of the jaw dropping talents of the most incredible illusionists on earth. The Illusionist has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

Price: \$85.00

Get your tickets now, the show is only here for 2 days. Transportation on your own. Carpools can be arranged on request.

Questions: Call Rich @ 408 219-8641 or Sally 408 826-9619.





Victory

Continued from page 6 taken in increased levels at the start of any cold symptoms. All kinds of things can be done to fight viruses and we can easily web search it all to learn more.

Common sense is perhaps not that common now-a-days. Maybe we need to change some of our habits.

Some suggest taking off shoes and leaving them outside the house on the porch. Now that makes common sense, I like it!

Try to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Ever think about having a handkerchief or maybe a paper towel or pocket wipes in your purse or pocket? Sometimes I forget a shopping cart handle can have germs too so be sure to use the free wipes offered at many stores. Some social agencies lock up the toys that have been used in common public areas. This makes good common sense because it's proactive.

If you get some kind of bug or virus and you're not feeling well, why not stay home. You might give that cold or virus to a little tike and that child might pass it on to an elderly person who is more susceptible to harm from the "C" Virus causing havoc in a family and home.

Schools shuttered

Continued from page 1

flocked to stores to stock up on food supplies to make sure that family members home from school and work had enough food for the next few weeks. San Jose Unified School District is providing students, 18 years or younger, with free bagged breakfasts and lunches available from 9:00 - 11:00 am at Almaden Elementary School.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order ensuring that all public school districts receive funding to move to online learning, continue to provide school meals and, as practicable, arrange for the supervision of students during school hours.

"School districts that choose to close must use state educational dollars to quickly meet the needs of children and families," Newsom said. "The State of California is working around the clock to help those districts and provide best practices to ensure The great superhero of the day is soap; scientists help us understand this in so many interesting ways. Pall Thordarson, professor at the School of Chemistry at the University of New South Wales, Sydney explains that soap dissolves the fat membrane which holds the virus together which causes it to lose shape and simply fall apart. Also, it is strange but scientists are arguing now if viruses are living or nonliving lifeforms. Who knew? Perhaps Grandma knew for sure she was vigilant on insisting everyone always wash hands and especially before eating.

As teachers sometimes say to students, "When you sneeze, act like Dracula and pull your mouth to your arm." The big tech companies ask us all to do the same and refer to this as "showing proper social etiquette."

Some church buildings are closed and through the miracle of the internet now offer online services to elevate and connect all people. Prayer is used as the powerful tool.

I think it's all about information and using common sense so that we all work together and are kind to one another.

We'll be victorious with this tiny invisible lifeform which pushes stock markets around! I just know it!

Kevin Larsen San Jose

no kid is left behind."

Newsom's executive order mandates that school districts with closed schools provide the following:

• Continue delivering high-quality educational opportunities to students through other options, distance learning and independent study;

• Safely provide school meals through the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option, consistent with the requirements of the California Department of Education and U.S. Department of Agriculture;

• To the extent practicable, arrange for supervision for students during ordinary school hours

Continue to pay employees.

"The decision to close schools to student attendance is a serious matter," Santa Clara County schools Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan said. "I urge families and schools to work together."

Times **Community**



MOVIE REVIEW Onward

By Joshua Kim

Phoenix Stone, Manticore, Side Quest. Hearing these words might make you think you accidently walked into a game of Dungeons and Dragons, or into a showing of Pixar's latest adventure film, Onward.

Onward takes place in a Lord of Rings type universe that is inhabited by fantastical creatures such as elves, sprites, and centaurs. The kick, however, is that the conveniences of the modern world such as light bulbs, planes, and cars have transformed this once fantastical world into a suburbia quite recognizable and similar to our own. The once rowdy taverns have been turned into themed family restaurants and dragons are kept as household pets.

It is in this setting that we meet our protagonists: a fearful sixteen year old elf named Ian Lightfoot (Tom Holland) and his older brother, Barley (Chris Pratt), who is a passionate fan of a role playing game based on the time before modern inventions. On Ian's birthday, the two brothers are given the opportunity to bring back their deceased father for twenty-four hours through the use of a magical Phoenix Stone. The two botch the spell, however, and are only able to bring back his bottom half, consisting of only his pants and shoes. Recognizing from the Phoenix Stone from his role-playing games, Barley convinces Ian to join him and their father's bottom half on a quest to find a second stone and finish the spell before it expires.

Onward is a solid family film that can rightly take its place in the Pixar canon of movies. While not as tightly written as other "journey" styles made by the studio such as Toy Story or Finding Nemo, the film has the trademark visual flair and emotional moments that we have come to expect from a Pixar movie. I especially liked the world that Onward takes place in and creative ways in which the mystical and modern are brought together. I hope that Pixar doesn't retire the world they created and continues to tell more stories set in it. The film also utilizes the visual gag of the bottom half of the dad to great effect, creating genuinely comedic and funny moments throughout the film.

Overall, I would highly recommend Onward. While it is not quite on the level of some of Pixar's best films, it still has a lot to offer in terms of world building, beautiful animation, and great voice acting.

Score: 7.5/10

Please contact me with any questions or comments at: Jk5505@nyu.edu



Five Monterey Bay Center Corpsmembers cut up a tree and remove its branches and logs from the Coyote Canyon Park property.

California Conservation Corps clears way for new Santa Clara County Park

ere's an idea. There's this defunct 2,741-acre cattle ranch up in the hills with some amazing views east of Morgan Hill. It would make a great place for hiking, mountain biking or just chilling. A walk in the park. Right?

Just ask Julian Burgos, "It's not just a matter of 'we've got new land let's open the gates."" He's a Corpsmember with the California Conservation Corps and one of a dozen Corpsmembers tasked with getting the cattle ranch rebranded – so to speak – by spring of 2020. "You've got to make sure the ground is secure, you're not endangering the environment, and making everything safe for people to use," Burgos said.

Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department contracted with the CCC to do much of the heavy lifting as it prepares Coyote Canyon Park. The land was most recently a cattle ranch riddled with thousands of feet of barbed wire fencing strung across steep and uneven hillsides.

"This project has really been about removing remnant infrastructure, particularly fencing that's no longer needed," said Jared Bond, Santa Clara County Parks' natural resource program supervisor. "We've also been repairing boundary fence because cattle grazing is a tool that we use to manage the grassland and having a contiguous and sound perimeter fence is really important."

Corpsmembers from the CCC's Monterey Bay Center in Watsonville were brought in to do the work. On their checklist was replacing outdated barbed wire fencing, removing 2,085 feet of unnecessary fencing inside the park and adding 25 boundary markers.

"You want to make sure you keep out people who are trespassing, so that's why we put up the boundary signs," said Corpsmember Amanda Romo of Watsonville. "And then there's the fuel reduction work, which is a lot of cutting." And, in relentless sun.

Romo's crew helped clear 6.5 acres of pine trees, non-native plants, and brush in order to reduce fuel loads and fire risk in the area.

"Because we did the fuel reduction, we're helping reduce how quickly the fire can spread to the neighborhood," Romo said.

The plans for Coyote Canyon are

still being finalized, including the trails which will cut through the 2,741-acre property. The new park property provides regional connectivity to three existing county and state parks—Anderson Lake County Park, Henry Coe State Park and Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park.

Corpsmembers camped at Coyote Lake during the first phase of their project work. The location provided them with an opportunity to learn how existing parks are maintained and the process of opening a new park. Educating Corpsmembers about natural resource conservation and career opportunities are major goals of the CCC program.

"I've learned all about the jobs that are required to even just prepare a trail," Romo said. "I'm thinking of becoming a game warden or park ranger. Through the CCC I've found out a lot about being a park ranger and what kind of skills you need to have."

The CCC is scheduled to conduct additional project work in order to prepare Coyote Canyon for opening.



Above left: CCC Monterey Bay Corpsmembers **Amanda Romo** and **Julian Burgos** install a boundary marker along the perimeter fence of the new Coyote Canyon Park, after removing barbed wire and t-posts from a hillside in Coyote Canyon.

OP ED Nonprofits need extra help to survive this pandemic

By Kyra Kazantzis

Special to the Times ith now almost three dozen known coronavirus cases and the first death of a community member in Santa Clara County, our community is very much coming to terms with the new reality of the local effects of this global pandemic.

Over the last few days, nonprofit leaders have made hard but necessary decisions to restrict travel, cancel events, allow or even encourage staff to work remotely, and make and start to implement plans about how to serve our community in a very different immediate future.

For human services nonprofits, the path forward on how to best serve vulnerable community members isn't clear. How do volunteer-staffed organizations continue their critical work when fearful volunteers don't show up? How do we scale up food delivery to get food to quarantined workers? How will lowincome families pay the rent when household earners are sick or quarantined? How will we help those who rely on in-person contact, like home-bound seniors? How do nonprofit community clinics find masks for healthcare workers if hoarding is creating shortages? How can arts, cultural, education, and other convening organizations thrive or even survive if gatherings are prohibited? And of course, how do we ensure that our workplace policies and practices protect our colleagues and their families from getting sick?

At this point we have more questions than answers. One thing I'm clear on is that nonprofits should be able to attend to the critical work of fulfilling their organizational missions and serving the

community-at this point of crisis-without worrying about the loss of philanthropic, corporate, governmental, and individual support. With thin to no margins, it's rough to absorb the impacts of this public health crisis, so nonprofits need your support now more than ever.

That is why Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits calls on the donor community to continue—and increase—your support at this time. Corporate sponsors, we need you to maintain your sponsorship even if that gala

Instead of requesting a refund, consider making that ticket purchase a donation to the organization; it's 100% tax deductible since you didn't get a meal!

was cancelled. Perhaps you'll even consider

increasing your sponsorship to compensate

for evaporating revenue from lost ticket sales.

We applaud announcements by some foundations that they will be creating funds to

support response work and the needs of vul-

nerable community members. We also need

foundations to extend deadlines on grants

or allow emergency

response to count towards

grant deliverables. The

same goes for government

funders; government part-

ners should shift to reim-

bursement approaches

that minimize large finan-

And to our fellow com-

munity members who

often support nonprofits,

did you buy a ticket to a

luncheon, awards cere-

mony, or conference that

has been cancelled?

cial hits to nonprofits.

As for the unanswered questions, nonprofits are already sharing information, pulling together, making the hard decisions, and planning. Even in this uncertain time, we've already seen herculean efforts from nonprofit quarters. For example, thanks to rapid response advocacy from nonprofit and community leaders, the Mayor and City Council of San José are discussing an eviction moratorium during the crisis.

Here's what SVCN is currently doing in response to the virus:

• SVCN is actively coordinating with the Santa Clara County Office of the Executive to be a conduit to ensure that nonprofits get critical information from the County.

• On Friday March 13 —together with our San Mateo County partner Thrive Alliance—SVCN hosted a virtual two-county nonprofit response briefing about the nonprofit response to coronavirus.

• In the next few days, we will be launching, again with Thrive, a nonprofit email list for rapid resource and information sharing.

• We've been activated for emergency response with the CADRE network, and will be coordinating with that network; how that looks has yet to be determined but we have offered to assist with communications. • SVCN also postponed its own Activate

Your Impact policy summit to May 21.

• We've encouraged SVCN staff to telecommute as appropriate and adopted the County's guidance on workplace protocols, including hand-washing education and disinfecting our office.

• We're launching a webinar program so we can continue to bring important learning opportunities to the nonprofit community.

SVCN is actively soliciting feedback from our more than 200 member organizations about this response and how we should be supporting nonprofits and the communities we serve.

Kyra Kazantzis is the CEO of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits.





Times Community News



Nethra Srinivasan, volunteer **Anita Britto**, and other elementary students watch 4th grader **Pronoy Bhattacharya** drop an egg as part of an experiment at the library program held to encourage children to get involved in science experiments.

Students show off their science and engineering projects at Leland Science Fair

By William Bellou Publisher

fter a hiatus of many years, Leland Science Club hosted 'The Leland Science Fair' on March 5, where students from various schools in Almaden Valley showed off their science and engineering projects.

The successful Leland Science Fair, which was open to all grade levels, is a sign of Leland Science Club's continued commitment to hand's on STEM exploration.

"Running a science fair across Almaden Valley took careful planning and organization, but with the help of our advisor Dr. Lutze and other club members, we were able to make this fair a success," said Nethra Srinivasan, president of Leland Science Club.

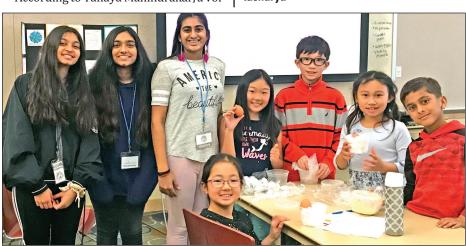
Srinivasan said the Leland Science Club has seen an increase in enthusiasm in STEM in the Almaden community. "Now students get an opportunity to create and learn from others instead of just reading about topics," Srinivasan said. "I hope that students will continue participating in the science fair to explore different areas of science that they would have never explored before and inspire other kids who are able to take a look at their work and learn from their experiences. We hope to have even more students participating next year."

There were interesting projects ranging from fluid mechanics to quantum physics. According to Tanaya Mahindrakar, a volunteer and member of Leland Science Club, "I think the fair was a really good idea especially since there were very cool projects that I got to see as I was volunteering. It was great to see elementary kids also experiencing it and being encouraged to enter at our library program because it is important to get early exposure."

Participants Nainika Srinivasan and Tobias Worledge expressed that the Leland Science Fair was a great platform for preparing for the Synopsys Science Fair, and 6th grader Nainika Srinivasan added that "At first I was nervous, but talking to the judges and other participants made me confident of my abilities to explain scientific concepts."



Leland Science Fair volunteers are at the registration table. From left to right, Front row: Mizue Uemura, Mizuki Shitomi, Julia Tomaszewska; Back row: Nethra Srinivasan, Prisha Bhattacharya



Volunteers and student attendees of Leland Science Club's library program are pictured. From left to right are Tanaya Mahindrakar, Anita Britto, Nethra Srinivasan, Audrey Shen, Selena Siang, Derek Ng, Kayla Yeung, and Pronoy Bhattacharya.



ALMADEN LAW GROUP Amy L. Horowitz Attorney at Law

Almaden Law Group provides estate planning and probate services.

Amy is committed to delivering high value services at a reasonable price. She establishes a comfortable, compassionate and trusting relationship with her clients.

Contact Almaden Law Group to schedule a free initial office consultation.

Almaden Law Group

6501 Crown Boulevard, Suite 200

Phone: 408-268-8530 Email: amy@almadenlawgroup.com www.almadenlawgroup.com Now accepting all major credit cards





Monterey Aquarium Thursday, March 26, 2020

Cancelled

There are flashy fishes, colorful crustaceans, and riveting reptiles. Meet them all at the new special exhibition, Viva Baja! Life on the Edge, featuring animals from Baja's deserts, mangrove forest and coral reef.

> Arrive: 8:15 am Depart: 8:30 am

Return: 4:30 approximately

Price:70.00

Optional: Special Access Tour, \$20.00 additional. A tour of the aquarium with a guide. You will be able to see some areas behind the scenes.

Transportation by bus.

Lunch on your own at Aquarium Cafe or a cannery row restaurant. Ticket sales in the lobby of the Almaden Community Center, M, T, W 9:30-11:30 am

Questions call: Sally @ 408 826-9619 or Rich 408 219-8641

Times In Memory

Andrew Hamilton Lorenz Jan. 1, 1965 - Jan. 15, 2020

Celebration of Life and Reception will be held March 24 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Almaden for Andrew "Andy" H. Lorenz who died fighting lung cancer on January 15.

Andy was surrounded by family and close friends on Jan. 15 at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose. Andy was a 1983

graduate of Leland High School and attended San Jose State

University. He began his career in 1995 when he was hired as a Correctional Officer with the Department of Corrections (DOC). He earned the nickname, "Rhino" to those who worked alongside him.

During his tenure with the DOC, he was assigned to Main Jail North and South, Elmwood Facility and Correctional Center for Women (CCW). He was a gun bearer, a member of the Main Jail Emergency Response Team (ERT) and received special training to work in the jail's Acute Psychiatric Unit (8A).

In September 2013, he was sworn in as a Sheriff's Correctional Deputy. Andrew competed in several Police Olympic Games and medaled in the Hammer Throw competition.

Andy also had a beautiful operatic voice, an outstanding tenor, which afforded him opportunities to perform the National Anthem at Department related events. His legacy is one of strength, humor, kindness and courage. In his own words: "Dad first. writer of love poems, singer and Deputy Sheriff."

In lieu of flowers, Andy's wishes were to encourage donations to The Gary Sinise Foundation, Honoring our Defenders, Veterans, and First Responders. (www.garysinisefoundation.org)

Andy Lorenz was known for his beautiful operatic voice, an outstanding tenor. Former Mayor Susan Hammer was known as a builder of community who put families first.

Former San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer dies at age 81

usan Hammer, the 62nd mayor of San Jose, died Saturday, March 7 due to health Jreasons. She was 81.

Hammer, who had been battling Alzheimer's disease, was surrounded by familv and friends.

"We are heartbroken at Mom's passing and

feel so grateful for her boundless love for her familv." Susan's son Matt Hammer said in a statement. "She was our model of living a life of compassion and devotion to community."

Hammer was appointed and then elected to the San Jose City Council from 1983 to 1990, representing the city's downtown core, before eventually becoming the city's second female mayor in 1990. She served two terms until 1998.

Some of Hammer's most notable achievements include creating Project Diversity, San Jose Conservation Corps, Mayor's Gang Task Force, Greenline Ini-

tiative, building the Mexican Heritage Plaza, the San Jose Repertory Theatre, the Martin Luther King Library in partnership with San Iose State and the San Jose Arena, along with bringing Cisco and Adobe to San Jose.

"I was blessed to share a few moments with her and her loving family in Susan's final hours. She made San José a place for compassionate action, for artistic celebration, and for youthful aspiration. I know I'm not alone in saying that I will miss her tremendously."

Liccardo continued: "Susan was an extraordinary role model for me and entire generations of aspiring leaders, said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "She was a study in contrasts-



Susan Hammer, 62nd Mayor of San Jose. Photo courtesy of the Hammer family.

she had a deep commitment to underserved communities, a steadfast civility in the face of heated disagreement, and a genuine humility despite her tremendous professional and personal accomplishment."

Blanca Alvarado, a former San Jose vice mayor and Hammer's close friend, said Hammer wanted to be remembered "as a builder of community, a mayor who put families first, championed the potential of people, fostered social action and changed the face of the city by nurturing its spirit."



TOP 1% REALTORS

At Bay One Realty

BAHAR & SHAWN

BAY ONE REALTY®

The Hatami Team Going Above & Beyond

THE HATAMI TEAM GOING ABOVE & BEYOND

OUR FULL SERVICE COMMITMENT

Strategic Pricing To Get The Highest Offer For Your Home Advanced Marketing For Full Exposure Of Your Home Expert Advice On Staging and Remodel 25 Years Experience and Negotiating Skills

Aggressively Follow Up With Potential Buyers

Call Your Local Almaden Agent Today!

408-313-5900

License #01169715-01994689 1601 S De Anza Blvd Suite 260 Cupertino Ca 95014 www.Thehatamiteam.com

Times Coronavirus Update

.

Cortese calls for millions from the county for coronavirus relief

Supervisor Cortese presents package to support nonprofits, community organizations, and vital services

Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese has announced plans for the allocation of at least three million dollars for local community-based organizations, nonprofits, and vital resources to prevent homelessness, provide food, and address other needs of individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

These initiatives were in partnership with Board President Cindy Chavez and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their March 24th Board Meeting.

Cortese is calling for these funds to be allocated to the Silicon Valley

BOOK

FRIENDS OF THE ALMADEN LIBRARY

Community Foundation to support the COVID-19 Coronavirus Regional Response Fund, the COVID-19 Coronavirus Nonprofit Support Fund, as well as to local community event planning organizations, many who have made the responsible decision to cancel or postpone their event in the interest of public safety.

"This rapidly evolving situation requires that we put community first to ensure the delivery of vital supplies such as food, the preservation of housing for those who have suddenly lost their sources of income, and psychosocial support to families and individuals as we face a period of unprecedented economic and emotional stress in our lives," said Supervisor Cortese.

Emergency interest rate cut to near zero

The Federal Reserve on Sunday announced an emergency interest rate cut of 1 percentage point, bringing the Fed's target rate nearly to zero. This is the first time the rate has been this low since its 2008-2015 stay at that level following the financial crisis.

Below, you can find some key statistics that help illustrate the significance of this rate cut and how it may impact consumers in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, followed by commentary from WalletHub CEO Odysseas Papadimitriou.

Here's how WalletHub projects yesterday's rate cut will affect consumer financial products:

• Credit Cards: APRs on new credit card offers will decrease by an average of 16 basis points.

• Auto Loans: APRs will decrease by an average of 16 basis points.

Mortgages: APRs will decrease by an average of 52 basis points.
Deposit Accounts: APRs will decrease by an average of 32 basis

Q&A with WalletHub CEO Odysseas Papadimitriou Is it a good idea for the Federal Reserve to cut its target rate?

"Consumer spending will go down as people stay home because of the coronavirus. That will hit a number of industries particularly hard, such as the service industry, travel providers, live entertainment venues, movie theaters, and more. That in turn could lead to a domino effect, with turmoil in one industry spilling over to another," said Papadimitriou. "For example, if a restaurant owner can no longer pay rent, the property owner might not be able to pay its loan, and the bank that made the loan might end up suffering as well."

Will the House bill for Coronavirus relief passed Friday be sufficient?

"It is a good first step, if it gets through the Senate without significant changes or delays. It is a must that the final legislation includes free coronavirus testing for everyone and covers hospitalization costs for those affected, regardless of insurance coverage," said Papadimitriou. "Regardless, it looks like we'll need more legislation after this to further support the economy and affected workers."

What should businesses be doing to prepare?

"This weekend's Fed rate cut should be a wakeup call for businesses to begin working remotely, if they haven't already," said Papadimitriou. "Companies have two major objectives in doing so: minimizing interruptions to business processes and safeguarding human capital."

What should consumers do to prepare?

"The first thing people should do is follow the advice from healthcare professionals and the CDC. Dr. Fauci knows what he's talking about. Other than that, now is the time to really start expanding your emergency fund," said Papadimitriou.

Red Cross urges healthy individuals to give blood amid coronavirus concerns

Low donor turnout could hurt U.S. blood supply

The American Red Cross issued a statement urging healthy eligible individuals who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of COVID-19 continue.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood for patients in need could decrease further.

"We're asking the American people to help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time. As communities across the country prepare for this public health emergency, it's critical that plans include a readily available blood supply for hospital patients," said Chris Hrouda, president, Red Cross Blood Services. "As fears of coronavirus rise, low donor participation could harm blood availability at hospitals, and the last thing a patient should worry about is whether lifesaving blood will be on the shelf when they need it most."

Appointments can be scheduled to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.



Outschool.com offering online classes for kids

\$200 free credit offered due to closing schools

Outschool.com announced that they are offering FREE classes for kids/families (limit \$200 per family) affected by school shutdowns at public schools, up to \$200K worth of classes in total, with the help of Zoom.

Outschool is actively working to secure additional grants to keep the credits going. "We are committed to giving additional free classes for those who need them for school closures," said a company spokesperson.

With all schools across the state closed parents are now having to act as homeschool teachers. How do we keep our kids busy? Most of us still have to work even from home. How can local teachers help during this time? How can we help local teachers? These are all questions on our minds!

Outschool is becoming a "go-to" resource for those wanting to keep their kids engaged and learning from home with more than 10,000 live, online classes to choose from conducted via video chat. Outschool classes can be used to fill in gaps where school districts are unable to provide full-time remote schooling. Outschool teachers are background checked and classes are vetted to ensure they are safe, age-appropriate, objective and secular.

Outschool is also hiring teachers to teach on Outschool to fill the incredible demand that has come up in recent weeks (up 500% last week and going up exponentially daily as schools close state-wide).

For more information, visit: outschool.com/2020-school-closures-offer

SALE **EXPLORE A GREAT SELECTION OF** Cancelled **APRIL 4, 2020** 9AM - 2:30PM ALMADEN COMMUNITY CENTER 6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA **BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!** Auditions SAN JOSE YOUTH **General Audition Dates for SYMPHONY** 2020-2021 Season:

Sat. (all day): March 28 & April 4, 2020 Wed. (6-9 pm): April 1, 2020 [Percussion Only] All levels of school-age musicians are welcome! Marching band musicians may join after marching band season Apply Online at www.sjys.org DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2020

Thurs. & Fri. (4-9 pm): March 26-27 & April 2-3, 2020

SJYS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has limited scholarships and financial aid offerings available based on a showing of need For Additional Information, contact: siys@sjys.org CAMPS & CONCERTS SECTIONALS & MASTERCLASSES SOLO COMPETITIONS INTERNATIONAL TOUR Times Coronavirus Update



Khori Dastoor, General Director Opera San Jose, announces the launch of the Opera San José Artist and Musicians Relief Fund.

Opera San José cancels performances, launches musicians relief fund

O pera San José has announced it will cancel all performances of Mozart's The Magic Flute, its 2019-20 season finale at the California Theatre.

The cancellation is due to rising concerns about limiting the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in accordance with Santa Clara County's ban on all events with more than 1,000 attendees.

To help OSJ musicians, artists, and artisans who will be most affected by the sudden loss of work, the company has launched the Opera San José Artist and Musicians Relief Fund

"I have spent the past few days in conversation with local artists and musicians whose livelihoods and security have been upended by this unimaginable crisis," said OSJ's General Director Khori Dastoor. "As an incubator for world-class operatic talent, Opera San Josè's mission is rooted in the support and development of the artists who make the Bay Area their home. We hope patrons will donate the cost of their cancelled tickets and/or make additional contributions to help create this emergency cash reserve that we will draw from in the months ahead to provide support to our musicians, singers, carpenters, stitchers, designers, and other hourly company members that make our productions possible and will be deeply affected by COVID-19." Information on the fund can be found at OperaSJ.org.'

The company was scheduled to present The Magic Flute April 18 through May 3 but has been monitoring closely the development of this outbreak, which today was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

"It is vital that we play our part in combating the spread of COVID-19 and encourage others to do the same. It was incredibly difficult to cancel our performances, but of course we will always act to protect the best interests and well-being of the patrons, artists, musicians, and company members that make Opera San José what it is," Dastoor said.

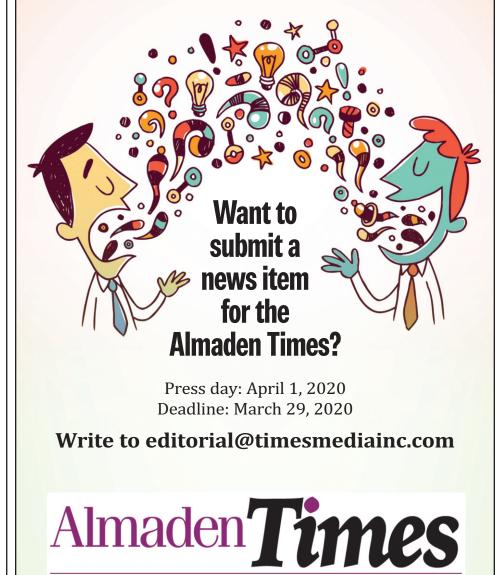
Dastoor remains optimistic about the future, noting, "I well remember being an OSJ resident artist in 2008 when, during performances for L'elisir d'amore, my colleagues and I watched from the stage of the California Theatre as our audiences dwindled from many hundreds to a few tens in the matter of days. In the years since, the company rebuilt itself and has come back stronger than ever. So, too, will the current crisis pass for Opera San José, and we will emerge more resilient, focused, and united. We are supporting one another as we always have, as a family."

Dastoor and Opera San José are already in the process of identifying programming opportunities for the coming summer, with plans to offer alternative opportunities to enjoy the music and voices audiences have come to expect from the 37-year-old company.

Patrons currently holding tickets to The Magic Flute will be contacted by the theatre and have the option of donating their value back to the non-profit organization for use in its OPERA SAN JOSÉ ARTIST AND MUSICIANS RELIEF FUND or may request a refund or exchange. The box office can also be contacted directly at (408) 437-4450 or email boxoffice@operasj.org.

Opera San José performs at the California Theatre, the 1927 former movie palace meticulously restored to opulent splendor and now one of the world's most intimate opera houses. ALMADEN TIMES MARCH 20 - APRIL 2, 2020 PAGE 15





Mayor Liccardo, Silicon Valley leaders launch regional movement in response to pandemic

San José creates digital resource hub to raise funds, mobilize volunteers, and develop food distribution plan

San José Mayor Sam Liccardo announced a new effort, led by San José and Silicon Valley community and business leaders, to offer monetary relief, mobilize volunteers, and connect residents to resources on Wednesday, March 19, 2020.

Liccardo said San José is also developing a countywide food distribution plan in partnership with Santa Clara County, non-profits and the private sector. The movement will be known as Silicon Valley Strong.

"We've been seeing, in action, the Mr. Rogers quote 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' And we are seeing that from Silicon Valley in the face of this pandemic," Liccardo said. "Today we mark the start of a new effort to help our neighbors that draws on the character of our community, which will pull all of us to safer ground."

Silicon Valley Strong calls on the region to band together in a difficult time to share resources and help

World Health

Organization

neighbors. The movement includes the following:

1. Digital Resource Hub - A new website has been created for Silicon Valley residents to stay informed and look out for each other. The new website:http://www.Siliconvalleystrong.org serves as a hub with critical updates and resources for vulnerable neighbors.

2. Volunteering and Food Distribution - This critical, regional effort to ensure food security for our most vulnerable residents among the 1.9M people in this county. We will assist non-profits in food programs that serve seniors and the medically vulnerable who are urged to self-isolate for their own safety.

3. Monetary Contribution - The COVID-19 pandemic is hurting Silicon Valley residents, businesses, and community-based organizations. Particularly hard hit are those families and individuals who can least afford a medical or financial crisis. Small businesses and nonprofits are seeing an increased need for services or have had to cancel arts, cultural, or fundraising events. The San José Strong Fund, a San Jose specific fun, will work to address these

Public Service

Announcement

economic impacts. Donations can also be made to a regional fund.

"We understand the next few weeks will bring challenges for the many small businesses that make our community one of the most special in the country," said Lisa Jackson, Apple's Vice President of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives. "The Bay Area is our home and we wanted to do our part and help them get through this historic set of circumstances."

Together, the City of San José joined by the County of Santa Clara, other cities in the county, community-based organizations and the private sector, is developing a plan of action to meet the needs of residents including the nutritional needs of communities in isolation in Silicon Valley.

These efforts include an online pre-registration system on siliconvalleystrong.org for those who are in need of food and other vital necessities and identifying distribution centers that will work best for community members in need. For now, residents who are food needy can sign up by calling 2-1-1.

"While we grapple with the reali-

Google

ty of the shelter-in-place order we cannot forget how many of our fellow residents need our help when it comes to food distribution," said Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez. "We must come together as a community and make sure all our children, seniors and other vulnerable residents continue to have access to healthy and nutritious meals."

VTA adjusts service in response to Coronavirusrelated school closures

In light of the announcement to close all public schools in the county for three weeks, the VTA has suspended school trip service and reduced the capacity on light rail vehicles, running oneand two-car trains instead of three-car trains where ridership is extremely low.

The VTA Downtown Customer Service Center will be temporarily closed. Anyone needing in-person customer service should come to the River Oaks

Sharks Ice complex wants to add two new rinks

harks Ice complex in San Jose may expand to nearly 400,000-square-feet under a proposal under review at San Jose City Hall.

The expansion project would add two ice rinks and more than double the size on the 21.2-acre facility at 1500 South10th Street.

To make room for the expansion, the project developers need demolish the firing range and a portion of the existing parking lot. At present, the ice center totals roughly 180,000 square feet.

The expansion project will include a community and practice ice rink, Rink 5; and a competition rink, Rink 6, for the San Jose Barracuda. The Barracuda is the AHL affiliate of the Sharks and an estimated 34 events a year would be staged at Rink 6. The expansion would not just include new rinks, but also

As the community continues to respond to the pandemic, the partners will be raising awareness of the resources available, the opportunities to support the fund and ways to fulfill the promise of the community by supporting organizations and small businesses.

More information about the Silicon Valley Movement can be found at www.siliconvalleystrong.org.

VTA office at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To receive real-time service alerts, you can subscribe to your routes in the Transit app.

A VTA spokesperson said they continue to analyze ridership data to identify trends and will be making decisions on whether a change in the level of service is warranted and to what degree. This will be a large area of focus for VTA going forward to ensure we are responding appropriately to match our resources with the most effective level of service.

VTA continues to monitor the situation closely and maintains regular contact with local authorities and other transit agencies.

For more on what VTA is doing in response to COVID-19, visit www.vta.org/covid-19.



20,000 square feet of medical offices would be built as part of the project. These could be used for the treatment or training of athletes.

"A reception and lobby area, restrooms, offices, exam rooms, and support services" would be part of the medical offices, according to city documents.

The San Jose City Council is slated to vote on the project next week. The proposed expansion in the most recent version of the proposal is significantly larger than a preliminary proposal that the San Jose Sharks company had floated nearly two years ago. At that time, an expansion of 178,000 square feet was envisioned, with no mention of a rink for the San Jose Barracuda.



- 3 FACE Don't touch it
- 4 FEET Stay more than 3ft (1m) apart
- 5 FEEL sick? Stay home

General public health information

Times Community News

Update on temporary moratorium on evictions

By Johnny Khamis Special to the Times

s we know, the unfortunate virus named the Coronavirus (SARS-CoV2) Lthat results in the COVID-19 illness is affecting our world. Many companies are requiring employees to work from home and stay out of public places. Individuals who have come into contact with an infected individual are required to quarantine in place for 14 days. Due to these dramatic effects, as well as the loss of work hours and pay that have affected many in the hospitality and other sectors, Mayor Liccardo drafted a memo asking the City Council to approve a temporary moratorium on evictions in San José.

Let me be clear - this is a temporary moratorium only. The moratorium will remain

in place for 30 days. The exact date the moratorium will begin will be made public within the next two weeks. Once the effective date is determined, the timeline of 30 days will begin. The goal of the moratorium is to ensure that tenants who rent and are affected by the economic downtown this virus has caused are not evicted for not being able to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Renters that have been affected - either by contracting the virus and/or who have lost work hours or income due

to the COVID-19 pandemic - qualify for temporary eviction protection. Renters must be able to provide documentation either from a supervisor, through pay stubs/timecards, proof of school closures, or a doctor's note. This information must be provided to the City of San José Housing Department that is overseeing the process.

Please note that this moratorium does not exempt tenants from paying their rent. This moratorium only provides respite from paying rent during this turbulent time. Therefore, owners that are affected by this moratorium retain the legal right to be compensated for payments delayed during this time.

There are no plans to extend the moratorium currently. The need for it to continue will be assessed by the City Council as the initial 30-day period expires. If you are affected by the COVID-19 situation, you may be eligible for temporary rental assistance that will prevent you from needing to use the anti-eviction provision, since if you pay your rent, your landlord will not attempt to evict you for non-payment of rent.

Please see the compiled list below of various groups where one may seek rental or other assistance during these challenging times. Calling 2-1-1 will also guide you to the help you may need. I will keep you updated with further changes if they are to occur. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding!

California Apartment Association Provides Rental Assistance Website: caanet.org 1530 The Alameda, San José, CA 95126 (1-408-271-9144 or 1-408-342-3500)

County of Santa Clara

Provides Health and Housing Assistance Website: sccgov.org 70 W. Hedding San Jose, CA 95110 (1-

408-299-5480) Crisis Counselor Needs - Text RENEW to 741741

The Housing Trust

Provides Rental Assistance, Counseling Website: housingtrustsv.org 75 East Santa Clara Street, Ste. 1350, San José, CA 95110 408-703-3837

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

0342)

9958)

Provides Food, Clothing, Rent, and Utility Assistance

Website: svdp.org

CA 95132 (1-408-389-7027)

José, CA 95126 (1-408-439-

5284 Monterey Street, San

José, CA 95111 (1-408-362-

Holy Family Parish

Provides: Food, Clothing,

Website: www.holyfam-

ilvsaniose.com

CA 95136

Rent, and Utility Assistance

4848 Pearl Avenue San José,

200 O'Connor Drive, San

3108 Sierra Road, San José,

District 10 Report Johnny Khamis, City Councilmemb

(408) 265-4040

Salvation Army

Provides Rent, Deposit, Utilities, Groceries, Bus Passes, and Clothing Website: salvationarmysiliconvalley.com 359 N. 4th Street, Room 202, San José, CA 95112 (1-408-282-1165)

Housing Industry Foundation

Deposit, Rental Assistance (up to \$2500) Website: hifinfo.org 1730 S. El Camino Real, Ste. 480, San Mateo, CA 94402 (1-650-437-2980)

MidTOWN Family Services

Provides Emergency Rental, Deposit Assistance, Senior Support, VTA Transportation Assistance for Homeless and Youth Intervention Website: midtownfs.org 3033 Moorpark Avenue, Ste. 22, San José, CA 95128 (1-408-642-5852)

Opening Doors 2020

Provides Emergency Financial Assistance Website: od2020.org 304 North 6th Street, San José, CA 95112 (1-408-401-1090)

Working Partnerships USA

Emergency assistance for rent, medical bills, urgent needs, for to Silicon Valley's Unionized workers and their families Website: wpusa.org 2102 Almaden Road, Ste. 112, San José, CA 95125 (1-408-809-2120)





Italian American Heritage Foundation Annual Crab Feed! Friday, April 3, 2020 Location: Italian American I ritage F 425 N. Fourth Str San Jose, CA 951

Cancelled – Watch for our rescheduled date! Wark Hottel

Event Chairs: Ken Borelli, Nanci Wilborn, and Lucia Clementi **Reserve Tables** Available

Fresh Crab by the Bucket Salad Penne al Ragu alla Bologne **Garlic Bread** Dessert

: Total

RSVP below or call 408.293.7122

Method of Payment: All IAHF events can be paid online at iahfsj.org

; () Member-Guests at \$60.00 ____

) Members at \$50.00

Name

Please seat me with

Social Hour

Crab Feed Italian American Heritage Foundation Credit card payments may be made over the phone at 408 293-7122 425 N. Fourth Street Or pay online at IAHFSJ.ORG (see Events) San Jose, CA 95112

Times Cover Story



Little League

Continued from page 1 with pride as he watched the procession culminating with all 37 teams arrayed across

the field. "It's a great day for all the kids and families," Fuqua said. "I really enjoy serving the community and volunteering my time for softball and baseball. It's all worth it."

"We love being involved," his wife, Lisa, said, "and enjoy being out here with all the families we've met through the years."

Le also considers baseball a family affair. Although his two sons graduated from playing in the league, and he no longer coaches, they have remained a part of Almaden Little League. Le and his son, Jacob, do all the announcements and his son, Austin, does technical support.

"This is how we give back to our community," Le said.

Following the parade, Fuqua thanked the coaches, parent volunteers, and individuals who went above and beyond, including his father-in-law, Bob Gray, who built and installed the equipment sheds, snack shacks, and pitching mounds. Fuqua also expressed his appreciation for coaches and board members Nick Blozan, Joel Christensen, and Pete Contini, among others.

"Every year, a ton of work takes place in order to have this day and this league operate," Fuqua said. "Coaches...we couldn't have a league without all of your hard work. Little League is run by volunteers, so I'd like to thank all of the parents who volunteer."

Le appreciates how playing baseball teaches children determination and other life skills. "My kids weren't All-Stars, but they persevered and kept playing," Le said. "They put

that into their lives."

"I think the love of baseball for me is you can teach so much about teamwork, collaboration, and achieving goals and growth through hard work," said Blozan. "I really enjoy working with a group of kids and helping them achieve their potential. I've gotten back a hundredfold what I've put into it. I'll never regret the time I've spent coaching."

"This is a great testament to the strength of our community and our values here," newly elected councilmember Matt Mahan said. "Let's give a round of applause to the coaches and umpires for the opportunities they're giving our kids."

During the ceremony, the 2019 Tournament of Champions District 12 Juniors and 9-year-old All-Star District 12 Champions were recognized. Longtime coach, manager, and board member Pete Contini threw out the first pitch to his son, Joey, amidst cheers and applause.

After wishing all the teams good luck, Fuqua invited them to consider the baseball fields of Almaden a place of enjoyment and solace.

"This is a place where you should be able to come and have fun, no matter what," Fuqua said. "If you're having a bad day, come here and watch teams play."

Although the league made the decision not to postpone opening day due to the coronavirus, it did cancel the petting zoo and bounce house. The players still had a ball on the playgrounds, parading, and celebrating the start of the baseball season together.

"We live in a time of division," Le said, "but here we come together. There's something magical about that."

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, Little League International suspended league activities from March 12 until at least April 6.







6th grade Almaden Boys NJB All-Star basketball team headed to National NJB Tournament

By Zachary Green

NJB Coach The 6th grade Almaden Boys NJB All-Star basketball team have been invited to the prestigious National NJB Tournament in Orange County after going undefeated and winning the NJB Silicon Valley Level 2 Championship.

San Jose City Council allocates \$6.8M to make city streets safer

By William Bellou Publisher

I n an effort to reduce traffic deaths, especially pedestrian, the San Jose City Council has unanimously approved \$7 million of funding for Vision Zero plan, which was launched five years ago to improve a variety of pedestrian and cyclist-friendly methods.

The funding will be used to create safer street layouts and bikeways on major city arteries, increase traffic enforcement staff, implement an awareness campaign in areas of the city where there has been major collisions. The money will also be used for radar speed signs that can be reviewed as real-time traffic data for review by city officials.

Last year, a total of 60 people were killed in a traffic collision in San Jose, an increase of 8 traffic deaths from 2018, matching the deaths reported in 2014. Seniors are among the highest reported victims. Pedestrians made up nearOur local hoops super-stars knocked off West San Jose in the championship 44-30 to capture the hardware. This is the first time in recent memory that a boys team from Almaden has advanced this far.

The 2020 Score National Tournament will take place the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. The talented group attends middle schools all over Almaden from Bret Harte, Castillero, Valley Christian and Challenger Almaden Campus.

Good luck to our own homegrown future Steph Curry's as they embark on their next mission.

ly half of all deaths, car passengers accounted for 32 percent and bicyclists made up 12 percent.

Nani Lavin, a widow now after her husband was struck and killed while riding his bicycle eight months ago, was one of more than a dozen residents who spoke before the City Council, With tears in her eyes she said, "I don't want you to see 42 or 60. I want you to see fathers and mothers. I know this will not bring Bob back or the other 60 people back, but please help us."

Police Chief Eddie Garcia said the city has increased enforcement with DUI checkpoints, a crackdown on street racing. "We issued more than 1,200 traffic citations in December 2019 alone. Contributing to the death toll are distracted, fatigued or intoxicated drivers and the increasing number of homeless pedestrians lining city streets."

The city's Vision Zero Task Force will be chaired by City Councilmember Raul Peralez, to oversee the program and create a team to build data-driven safety projects. The task force will meet quarterly starting in March to develop to develop a strategy to improve traffic enforcement.

Times Community News

Home prices on the rise again amid a lack of inventory, low interest rates

Bay Area home prices are showing an uptick again with buyers coming back into the market amid low inventory and low interest rates.

Zillow is reporting the median sale price in Santa Clara County in January for single-family homes rose 2.7% to \$1.21 million, year over year.

"Buyers have really come back to the table which is a different picture from last year," said Jeff Tucker, Zillow economist. "Inventory is so low, homes aren't languishing," Tucker said. It was reported by MLS Listings that new listings have dropped 16 percent in Santa Clara County.

Another factor that will bring more buyers to the table is lower interest rates due to the recent drop in the stock market.

YMCA joins Togetherhood Project to make prom a reality for disadvantaged kids

The YMCA is joining the Togetherhood Project in working with the Princess Project to make prom a reality for disadvantaged teens.

The Princess Project promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school teens who cannot otherwise afford them.

Every year The Princess Project seeks and receives hundreds of beautiful dresses from individual donors, corporations and fundraisers. After all the dresses and accessories are received, volunteers organize them for the dress giveaway event. During the dress giveaway, hundreds of teens all over the Bay Area come to find their perfect dress to make their prom dreams real.

The public is invited to help local teens find the perfect dress for prom. The effort is made possible through invaluable volunteer, donor and community support.

Volunteer tasks on that day include check-in, check-out, dressing room monitoring, accessory selection, and Fairy Godmother duty. South Valley Family YMCA is also a drop-off site for people to donate gently used prom dresses from 2009 to present.

If you'd like to help, contact Linda Haro, Chairperson for Togetherhood Leadership Committee, to schedule a time to meet face to face or get more details at: (408) 828-3667; lindaharo82@gmail.com

Almaden residents named to the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis

Several Almaden residents have been named to the dean's list at Washington University in St. Luis. The students, enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences, are: Joshua Chen, Angela Lee, Justin Neff, and Stephanie Sun.

Washington University in St. Louis is counted among the world's leaders in teaching, research, patient care and service to society. The university draws students to St. Louis from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The total student body is more than 15,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students.



International Day of Happiness was just celebrated

With the aim to find out whether money really does buy happiness, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's Happiest Cities in America as well as accompanying videos.

In order to determine where people in America are most content with their lives, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities across 30 key indicators of happiness. The data set ranges from depression rate to income-growth rate to average leisure time spent per day. **Happiness in San Jose**

(1=Happiest, 91=Avg.)

- 32nd Adequate-Sleep Rate
- 9th Suicide Rate
- 11th Sports-Participation Rate
- 1st Unemployment Rate
 18th Separation & Divorce Rate
- 61st Hours Worked per Week
- 9th Income Growth Rate
- For the full report, please visit: /wallethub.com/edu/happiestplaces-to-live/32619

ALMADEN TIMES MARCH 20 - APRIL 2, 2020 PAGE 19



Membership in the Almaden Senior Association offers discounts and opportunities to enjoy...

- exercise classes for all levels of ability;
- lunches and other social programs

organized and run by members of the Association;

• book clubs, cooking, computer and photography classes;

• trips to local and not so local places of interest such as the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Whale Watching in Monterey, casino trips and more.

independent .

engaged

As a member you're encouraged to help plan these activities and suggest new ones to enjoy. The Senior Association Philanthropy Program set up a process to donate funds to other non-profit organizations that reflect our mission.

Connected

We enjoy meeting new people, making new connections and getting involved. All volunteer opportunities are based on your time and energy commitment. Fees for classes, trips and social events are kept low because of senior volunteer participation and membership strength.

Stop by the main desk at the Almaden Community Center and ask for an application today. Yearly dues of \$10 are returned to you by discounts to most of the programs you participate in.

Join us today, meet new people and get involved with classes and programs that will enhance your life and open new doors.

For more information, go to www.almadenseniors.org Contact via email: alamadenseniors1@gmail.com

growth, reaching out to

people in need and

whereyou get to know

offer children's religious

peopleby name. We

education (CREATE);

Youth Ministry (BLAST

& X-STATIC); Scripture

Study (day & evening);

Senior's Group and

many other adult min-

istries as well. Saint

Anthony parish is locat-

God is One

ਰੱਬ ਇਕ ਹੈ

Rab lk Hai

SAN JOSE GURDWARA

San Jose, CA 95148 The

"disciple" or "student." A

faith founded in the 15th

century by Guru Nanak in

Punjab of old British India.

A Guru who is a "teacher"

or "enlightener" completes

ing and learning. Sikhism

stresses the equality of all

believe in three basic prin-

ciples; meditating on the

earning a living by honest

name of God (praying),

means and sharing the

fruits of one's labor with

others. Currently there are

close to one million Sikhs

living in the USA and

Canada and 25 million

Sikhs living around the

largest religion in the

world. Sikhism is the 5th

world. At the Gurdwara

(House of God) in San

Jose we welcome all. We

pray daily for peace and

prosperity for everybody

in the world. Come to

visit and enjoy Langer

which is open 365 days of

(food) in our kitchen

men and women. Sikhs

the relationship of teach-

is monotheistic and

word Sikh (see-kh) means

Sikh is a practitioner of the

3636 Gurdwara Ave





CAMPBELL UNITED **CHURCH OF CHRIST** 400 W. Campbell Ave. Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 378-4418 Pastor: Rev. Naomi

Schulz No Matter Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here! We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, and celebrate members of the LGBTQ+ Community. Joy-filled worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM, with communion open to all. Join Pastor Naomi for tea/coffee at Orchard Vallev cafe in Campbell during community drop-in office hours from 11 AM to 1 PM on most Tuesdays

Our ministries/activities include:

· Bible study on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at 6PM

• A Food Pantry serving anyone in need-open Tu/ Th/ Sa 10:00 AM to Noon.

 Lighted Window Productions featuring uplifting concerts, thoughtprovoking theater productions, informative lec-

sional karaoke night--all in a wholesome environ-

> ment Our activities flow from our core values: · Extravagant Joy Passionate Faith Loving Respect Deep Connectedness Intentional Growth · Shared Laughter Visit us at our web site at: church@campbellucc.org or better yet, visit us at our worship services on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Coffee, refreshments, and conversation always, right after service.

CONGREGATIONAL

408 265 5837 **CHURCH OF ALMADEN** www.bibleroad.org VALLEY, UCC We strive to be a group of Christians that love and 6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120. Pastor, honor God and Jesus Rev. Marty Williams, 408 Christ in our daily lives. 268 0243. We assemble each Sunwww.ccavucc.org. day to encourage each We are a welcoming other through singing, church with a progressive studying, praying and approach to faith, worship sharing in the Lord's supand giving to our local per. Simple-just like community. We are proud what one reads about in to be UCC, Open and the New Testament. Affirming (0&A) and wel-Bible class at 9:30 AM come members of the Worship at 10:30 AM LGBT community. We Located in south San support local LifeMoves Jose near Kooser Rd. and (formerly InnVision) Shel-Camden Ave. (behind the ter Feedings once a Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Christian friends!

CHURCH IN ALMADEN 6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Responding to End Pover-Rev. Shelley Booth Den-Worship Sunday, 9:00 AM nev. Rector Phone:408-268-0243

Church World Service.

followed by fellowship

and refreshments. 1st

Communion

Sunday.

Sunday in Worship: Holy

2nd Sunday in Worship:

Folks Choir and Potluck

Tuesdays, AA Meetings

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM,

Women's Study Group.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Ave., San

Jose 95118

8:15 - 9:15 PM.

and Communities

Web:www.eca-sj.org At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are iovful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed. loved. valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high stu dents are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church. the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:45AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation

EVERGREEN ISLAMIC CENTER (EIC) http://www.eicsaniose.org 2486 Ruby Ave, San Jose CA 95148 (408) 239-6668 "As-Salaamu-Alaikum". which means "Peace be upon you". Q) What is Islam, who are Muslims, and what is the Quran? A) Islam is a faith and way of life. It is the last in the line and a continuation of the Abrahamic faiths. People who follow Islam are called Muslims. The Quran is the Divine book that quides all mankind to come closer to their creator. Please visit our website to learn more.

FIRST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.com Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and longterm. life-saving solutions food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday

classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come. Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!



GRACE CHURCH OF EVERGREEN www.GraceChurchSJ.net See you on Facebook 2650 ABORN ROAD at Kettmann, across from Evergreen Public Library Serving Evergreen for over 50 Years. John S Goldstein. Pastor Christian Worship every

Together let us build lives toward excellence! Music Institute (408) 791-7772 After School lessons on Piano, Violin, Viola, Flute PreSchool, Age 2-6 years. Caring for your child with God's love and affection.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ed in Almaden Valley at Faith.Knowledge. Com-20101 McKean Road, munity - this is our San Jose, 95120. Our promise to our members. weekend Masses are at If you are looking for an 4 p.m. on Saturday at active Christian faith our historic church at community, we invite 21800 Bertram Road in you to experience Holy New Almaden, CA Spirit Parish Community. 95042 and on Sunday at All are welcome! We are 8:30 a.m.,10:30 a.m., located at 1200 Redand 5:30 p.m. at the mond Avenue, San Jose, McKean Road location CA 95120. Mass is cele-Our Parish Office is open brated at 8:30 a.m. Mon-Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. day - Friday. Our weekand Tuesday thru Thursend Mass schedule is day, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For more infor-8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 mation, stop by the a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Parish Office or call Reconciliation is every (408) 997-4800, or visit Saturday at 4 p.m. or by our website at www. appointment. Our Parish churchstanthony.com. Office is open Monday -Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor. Thursday 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak

with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.



thepoint.church

THE POINT CHURCH 3695 Rose Terrasse Cir San Jose, CA 95148 (408) 270-7646 English Service: Sundays at 9:30 & 11.00 AM Spanish Service: 11:00 AM Cambodian Service: 11:00 AM Cantonese Service: 11:00 AM Mandarin Service: 11:00AM Youth Extreme Point (7th-12th grade): Every Saturday at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM SAINT ANTHONY

CATHOLIC CHURCH the year and serves com-We invite you to become plementary vegetarian a part of our hospitable, meals. We also encourage you to enter our histointimate Catholic parish. We are a caring commurv room on site and walk

the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website: http://www. San-JoseGurdwara.org

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

5111 San Felipe Rd. San Jose, CA 95135 408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com or www.stfrancis ofassisipreschool.org We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel. Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM. 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass -Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange 2840 Aborn Road Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM For more information. please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

For Worship listing ads, call 408.483-5458



It's easy & FREE



SJenvironment.org/junkpickup

Help keep our neighborhood clean! Report illegal dumping: 408-535-3500



Times **Community News**

Zanotto Family Market sets exclusive hour for seniors: 8 – 9 a.m.

he owners of Zanotto's Family Mar- | they enter."

ket, 1970 Naglee Ave, San Jose, asked themselves, what could they do to help seniors, a segment of the population that is hit hardest by the coronavirus.

"The easy thing for us to do was to give them an hour at least in the morning," said Khadija Zanotto. "That way we can clean and sterilize everything before at night and have the store as stocked as possible before

The family-run market will allot the 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. hour only for customers ages 60 and up. Regular shopping hours now start at 9 a.m.

"A lot of people helped us through for more than 40 years and they are the ones targeted by the coronavirus so anything we can do to help, we're here," Zanotto said.



Tomatoes and other vegetables will be in good supply at the Spring Garden Market.

Spring Garden Market plant sale at Martial Cottle Park: April 18

he Spring Garden Market will be held at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in conjunction with the Spring Celebration at the park.

There will be a huge number of offerings with a variety of tomato, pepper, herb, and flower seedlings and succulents that are raised in the Santa Clara Valley. These varieties, not readily available elsewhere, are selected for outstanding taste, beauty, and performance in Santa Clara County's soil and climate.

Bring your plant, soil, pest, and tool questions to the Education Booths where you can get your gardening questions answered by UC Master Gardeners. You will also learn about water wise plants, animal pest control, and much more.

Hourly talks have been scheduled by UC Master Gardeners, children's activities, a Green Elephant sale, and an "Ask a Master Gardener" booth are available where you can ask questions and bring in plant samples for diagnosis.

Plant Daycare volunteers will watch your purchases while you attend gardening talks, browse our demonstration gardens, visit our vendors, eat lunch either from a food truck or your own picnic lunch, and enjoy the Spring Celebration taking place throughout Martial Cottle Park.

There will be an opportunity to pick up gently used tools, pots, books, trellises and more at bargain prices while benefiting the UC Master Gardener program.

Admission is free, \$6 parking at Martial Cottle Park. The location for the Garden Market is off Chynoweth Avenue. Plant sales benefit the UC Master Gardener program. Martial Cottle Park is located at: 5283 Snell Ave. San Jose, CA

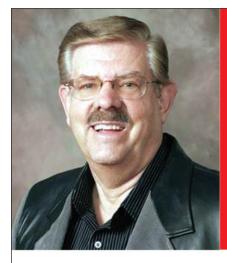
Editor's note: Please bring a box, cart or wagon for an easier shopping experience. Sturdy shoes are recommended for walking on some uneven surfaces. No dogs except service dogs in the sales area.





ALMADEN TIMES MARCH 20 - APRIL 2, 2020 PAGE 21

*The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2010 and recognized LeafFilter as the "#1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America." CSLB# 1035795 DOPL #10783658-5501 License# 7656 License# 50145 License# 41354 License# 9338 License# 128344 License# 201212986 License# 2102212986 License# 2102212986 License# 2010212946 License# 2705132153A License# LEAFFNW822JZ License# WV056912 License# WC-29998-H17 Nassau HIC License# H01067000 Registration# 176447 Registration# HIC.0649905 Registration# C127229 Registration# C12729 Registration# 212294 Registration# 212294 Registration# 212294 Registration# 212294 Registration# 212294 Registration# 212294 Registration# 12229 Registration# 212294 Registrat



Drive home the savings.

Al Olseen State Farm Agent 3267 S White Road, San Jose, CA 95148 Phone:(408) 274-4900 Hours: 9 am – 6 pm (Lunch 1-2 pm)

Car and home combo.

Combine your homeowners and car policies and save big-time. Like a good neighbor,

State Farm is there.[®] CALL ME TODAY.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company State Farm Indemnity Company, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company State Farm General Insurance Company Bioomington II





ALMADEN TIMES MARCH 20 - APRIL 2, 2020 PAGE 23



6555 Timberview Drive

\$1,550,000 | 4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2000 Sq Ft

Unpack, settle in and start making memories in this Almaden Valley home thoughtfully updated with classic finishes and amenities, and impeccably maintained in a like-new condition. Swimming pool and 3-car garage. Centrally located in the Almaden Valley Pierce Ranch neighborhood, just a few blocks away from Almaden Quicksilver County Park.





1358 Via De Los Reyes

\$1,475,000 | 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2116 Sq Ft | 8625 Sq Ft Lot

Single-level home on a spacious lot. Nicely landscaped, grass area with a palm tree. Walkway beckons you to the covered front porch with views of the hills. A large concrete driveway provides extra parking. Close to Almaden Quicksilver County Park, Almaden Meadows Park, Almaden Country Club, trails, shops, restaurants, schools plus much more. San Jose Unified School District.

7158 Cahen Drive

\$2,498,000 | 5 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3409 Sq Ft

Only 5 years old! Custom two-story home Light and bright with gleaming hardwood flooring, crown molding, high ceilings. Large kitchen and family room combination with quartz slab kitchen countertops, marble back splash, large center island. Downstairs bedroom and bath. Upstairs laundry room. Situated on a large 8,320+/-sf lot. Top schools: Graystone, Bret Harte, Leland.



Just Closed! 6933 Castlerock Drive, 6824 Hampton Drive, and 6532 Camelia Drive

In support of the Coronavirus "Shelter in Place," we will not have open houses until further notice. For information on alternative ways to view these homes, please call me. *And please stay safe!*



The Swan has been the #1 Agent in Almaden Valley each year for the last 11 years as measured by Dollars per Agent Per Year. And 2019 was no exception. She is the only Almaden Valley specialist to have been nationally ranked and recognized twice by The Wall Street Journal/RealTrends for being in the Top 250 Agents in the US. Additionally, Swan is consistently among the Top 100 Agents in the SF Bay Area.

If you are thinking of selling your home in 2020, now is the time to start planning. Call me as soon as possible.

Therese Swan 408.656.8240 tswan@tswan.com AlmadenValleyRealEstate.com DRE 01355719







Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Numbers 01079009 and 01272467. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.

