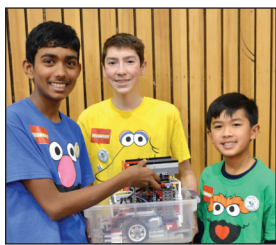


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Athenna Crosby receives Christine Storey Trailblazer Award

By William Bellou
Publisher

Miss Teen California, Athenna Crosby, was honored last week with the Christine Story Trailblazer Award at the closing night of the Cinequest Festival.

Crosby, a senior at Leland High School, accepted her award from Cinequest co-founders Kathleen Powell and Halfdan Hussey. Crosby is the first ever recipient of the Trailblazer award, which will be presented annually.

In her acceptance speech, Crosby acknowledged Cinequest



Athenna Crosby received a \$2,500 college scholarship from the CEO's of Cinequest along with the award.

for launching her career as an actress four years ago when her first short film, "Celebrity," debuted at the film festival. Crosby has been working with Cinequest for the past four years.

"Not only was I graced with this award, but am blessed to have received a college scholarship for \$2,500 from the CEO's of Cinequest," said Athenna.

The Christine Storey Trailblazer Award is presented annually to a female artist or subject of a film whose work is opening doors, breaking ceilings, and inspiring others.

County Supervisor Mike Wasserman addresses AVCA

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman focused on public safety at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

"Our county public safety system is tremendous in Santa Clara County," says Wasserman. "Our ambulance company for the last five years has had the fastest response times in Santa Clara County history and the second lowest rates in Northern California."

Wasserman shared some county statistics, including the number

of 9-1-1 calls made daily throughout the county: 1,393. "Their facility is one of the most stressful, unbelievably tense and intense areas I have ever been in," he says. Online maps show where the calls are coming in from, and while talking to the callers, personnel are dispatching ambulance, police and fire to those locations. After 15-30 minutes, the call-takers need to take a break from the stress, he says, and while the next shift takes their spots, they go into a padded, soundproof room with calming colors to restore their sanity

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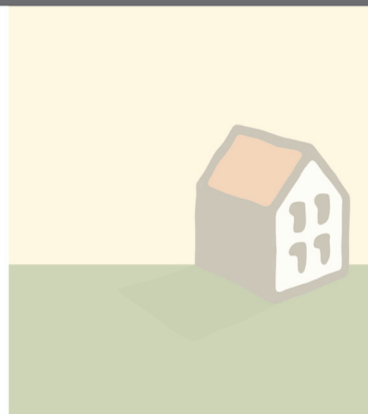
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It’s a ‘Sunny Day’ as TechMagic Robotics Team advances to World Festival

It is a “Sunny day” for TechMagic. The San Jose First Lego League (FLL) robotics team captured the First Place Champions Award among 48 teams vying for the title at the NorCal FLL Peninsula Championship.

This award is given to the highest performing team across the contest’s three categories.

TechMagic’s overall team collaboration, robot design, creativity, curiosity for engineering, and project research earned them an invitation to represent Northern California at the prestigious FIRST LEGO League World Festival Tournament in St. Louis, MO in April.

The TechMagic contestants, Dartmouth Middle School 7th graders Jadelynn Dao, Avichai Cooper and Advit Deepak and Guadalupe Elementary School 5th grader Jaythan Dao creatively applied a Sesame Street concept to present and communicate their work within the ‘Trash Trek’ theme of the challenge.

To succeed, teams were required to build and program autonomous robots to perform trash-themed missions, complete and present a research project to a panel of judges, and demonstrate FIRST LEGO League Core Values.

The students endeavored to solve the practical problem of properly separating trash from recycling and compost after observing a high degree of misdirected waste at their schools. Their solution was to create TrashAPP, an innovative mobile device App prototype to reduce the amount of trash that is sent to landfills.

“We had fun working together and were confident we would do our best ever – progressing to the World Festival was a bonus, and we are very excited,” said Deepak.

It was not the robot performance that won the day, but TechMagic’s ability to communicate their original and innovative ideas as well as how much they had progressed and embraced FLL core values into their experience.



Pictured: The TechMagic Robotics Team: Advit Deepak blue t-shirt (Super Grover); Jadelynn Dao (Red); Jaythan Dao (Green); and Avichai Cooper (Yellow).

Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Logo Design Contest announced

The Almaden Valley Women’s Club invites students residing in the 95120 zip code to participate in the 40th annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Logo Design Contest.

The winning logo design will appear on festival merchandise and promotional materials at the event on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at Almaden Lake Park.

To qualify as logo contest entrants, students must be enrolled in a public or private school or a home school program and reside within the 95120 zip code. For 2016, we are also offering the opportunity to participate in the contest to some private schools outside the Almaden area.

A maximum of two entries will be accepted

from each entrant.

All entries must be received by April 8, 2016. Entries will be picked up from participating schools (check with your art teacher). Alternatively, you can mail your entries to: Almaden Valley Women’s Club, Attn: Logo Contest, Logo Chair, P.O. Box 20084, San Jose, California 95160.

The logo winner, finalists, and teachers will be contacted by April 22nd, 2016 and will be

invited to attend the Almaden Valley Women’s Club awards presentation meeting on May 5th, 2016, at the Almaden Community Center.

For more information and for the Guidelines for Logo submissions, visit: almadenwomen.org under NEWS or contact the Logo Contest Chair at: logo@almadenwomen.org

For information about the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, visit: almadenwomen.org “Festival” page.

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Almaden seniors celebrate St Patrick's Day

The Almaden Senior Association held its traditional St Patrick's Day dinner celebration at the Almaden Community Center on March 17th.

In addition to the traditional Irish menu of corned beef and cabbage served with all the fixings, there was live music and dancing.

Ryan Ostiller and Laura Holford performed river dancing for the crowd. Both danced professionally overseas in river dance productions.

The crowd expressed their appreciation for the dancers. They mentioned how high Ryan could kick and Laura's grace and athletic moves including being able to tap while en pointe. Laura and Ryan expressed their appreciation for being invited to the event.

Rich Sanders, Vice President, Almaden Senior Association personally thanked the dancers. Good luck to you in your college efforts and your careers afterward. "We would love to have you perform for us again if that is an option in the future," said Sanders.



Laura Holford, Almaden, and Ryan Ostiller, Los Gatos, performed professional "riverdancing" at the St. Patrick's dinner celebration at the Almaden Community Center on March 17. Holford and Ostiller performed in River Dance productions overseas for more than two years.

'Just who are your heirs?' is a very interesting legal question

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

I have often wondered about the legal definition of "heirs". Just who are they and what makes one an heir? My husband and I have a living trust so it may be rather academic for us, but it would be nice to know.

Angela A.
Almaden Valley

Dear Angela:

Very interesting question, Angela. And it is just great that you and your husband have a living trust. So, all of your property will pass through the trust and avoid Probate Court down at 191 North First Street and save your estate thousands of dollars.

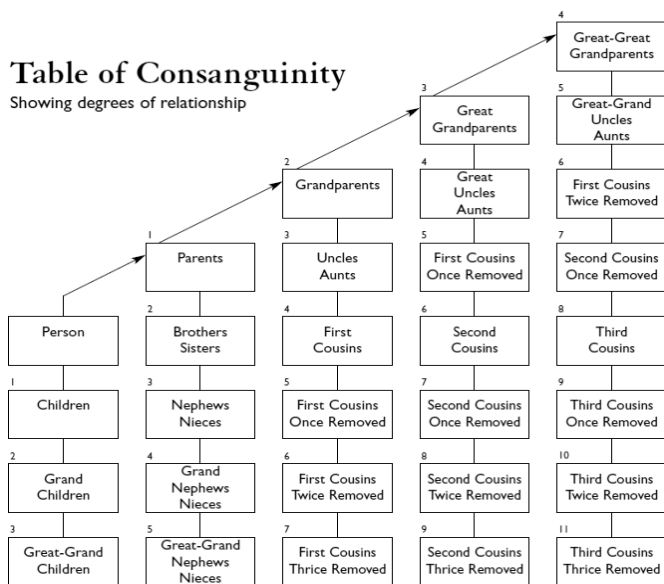
You are exactly right when you say the topic of "heirs" is rather academic for you and your husband. Some people do not have a will or a trust at all. If they have no will, we say that they died "intestate", i.e., without a will. In that case, the State of California takes over and decides where the person's property goes.

If that should arise, the Court will need to make findings as to who are the person's heirs. This sounds simple, and sometimes it is, but on occasion it can be quite complicated—especially when a lot of money is at stake and the "shirttail" relatives live all over the world.

Relationships are very, very, important. The lawyers, judge, and parties may consult a "Table of Consanguinity", a copy of which appears in the accompanying chart. "Consanguinity" is "blood relation" from the Latin and basically means being from the same kinship as another person.

Table of Consanguinity

Showing degrees of relationship



You will note from the accompanying chart that one can see the degree of relative consanguinity from the rows and numbers. Each level of lineal consanguinity, or generation, appears as a row, and individuals with a collaterally consanguineous relationship share the same row. The number in each box indicates the degree of relationship, a crucial principle.

Of course, many state laws are different from state to state and that is true when it comes time to define "heirs" in California.

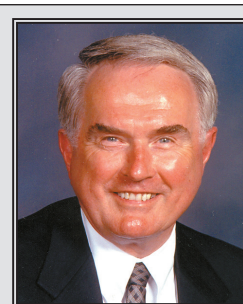
One needs to review the California Probate Code to follow the definition of "heirs" in our state, and how the law of "intestate succession" works in this state.

A good place to start with your search

engine is California Probate Code §6400, entitled "Intestate Succession". If the person died without a will, he or she is said to have died "intestate" as stated in §6400. "Any part of the estate of a decedent not effectively disposed of by will passes to the decedent's heirs as prescribed in this part".

Then as you read §6401 you soon see that it is important to know if the decedent left community property, separate property, or a combination of the two. You will also see that who the heirs are depends on how many people are in each class, such as surviving spouse under §6401, as well as issue, parents, brothers, sisters, and the like.

You can see that it can get rather tricky rather quickly. As you read Probate Code



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§6402 it is readily apparent that the definition of heirs in California depends on the situation. Each family setting is different and one simple definition just does not work.

For example, §6402 goes on to state that if there is no surviving spouse of the decedent, the issue taking in the same degree of kinship to the decedent, but if of unequal degree those of more remote degree take in the manner provided in Section 240". So, you can see that those little numbers are important in the accompanying Table of Consanguinity since the numbers show "degree of kinship" or "degree of relationship" with the decedent.

One would need to do a little homework to answer the question as to who your heirs are in your situation, Angela. A relatively short Almaden Times article is not going to be able to answer that question in a few hundred words. In fact, you and your husband may need to visit a lawyer for a legal opinion.

By the way, consanguinity is not only important when it comes to inheritance, but also marriage, the definition of incest, and other areas as well.

Once again, good question, Angela. I hope this information was helpful.

Donald J. DeVries

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The new library is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver level for energy efficiency.

San Jose's newest library opens April 16; project under budget

Sunay Sanghani
Times staff writer

The last library slated to be built in San Jose is scheduled to open on time and under budget on April 16 at 11 a.m.

Located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square, the impressive new library covers 16,000 square feet and is the newest addition to the 24 libraries in San Jose. It is also the only library that is situated in a shopping complex. It is also one of the city's six libraries with brand new books and DVDs.

Village Square Branch is the final facility funded by the Branch Library Bond Measure approved by voters in November 2000, which allotted \$212 million for construction of six new and 14 expanded branch libraries.

"I'm very excited for this library and to see people use the facility" said Lisa Valerio, the Village Square project branch manager. "The designers used a color scheme to blend in the surroundings, but added a rotunda to give it a civic look," she said.

For Valerio and her team it has been a very exciting two and a half years to plan and build the brand new library. "We wanted it to look different than other libraries and make it unique," said Valerio. "However the library had to fit in with the other buildings in the complex."

The library will have a sophisticated tech center with 29 computers, 30 laptops, iPads and Microsoft Surfaces for patrons to use. The technology used in this library is the latest among all the other libraries in San Jose. The tech center can also be used by instructors to teach classes. It also has a colorful kid-zone with a welcoming gateway.

"I'm thrilled that after 8 years of hard work and effort, our Village Square Library will open, welcoming the community to a 21st century learning center that will meet the needs of preschoolers, students, job seekers, and retirees alike," said San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera.

Planes honoring John Montgomery hover above from the ceiling of the "Kid's Area", where there are plenty of books for research and entertainment. Additionally, there are group rooms, one with video conferencing technology.

The most impressive part of this new library is a community room with a projector and a speaker system and auditorium like seating for 120 people, which extends into a beautiful patio for additional space. The patio also has unique artwork by Susan Dannenfels and Kirk Beck which represents the Mirassou vine-

yards, the previous owners of the land.

The library is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver level for energy efficiency. "We have used low-emission material, recyclable material, and used natural light in many places of this library to help the environment," Valerio says.

The main reason for building the second library in the district is to relieve the heavy use of the Evergreen Library located on Aborn Rd. and to better serve the students from the surrounding high schools.

"There will definitely be a lot of students and families visiting from the schools and homes nearby," said Valerio. "It is so gratifying for me to watch young kids read and learn new things," she said.

Even with all of these state-of-the-art features, the most commendable fact is that the organizers managed to keep the cost just under their targeted budget. However, the library is still open for more donations. It will help the library bring in new books and help maintain the facility.

At a glance

Grand Opening: Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. **Location:** 4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. **Size:** 16,000 square feet.

Notable Characteristics:

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"I'm very excited for this library and to see people use the facility" said **Lisa Valerio**, the Village Square project branch manager.

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Wasserman

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before returning to the job.

Santa Clara County has more residents than 14 states and 62 countries. On an average day, about 44 cars are stolen, the Sheriff's office makes 36 arrests and the county District Attorney's office prosecutes 123 cases, many of them defended by county public defenders. People go through the county system to county jails and Superior Court. The average jail stay is 210 days and around 8,500 adults are supervised by county probation officers each month.

As state prisons became overcrowded, the federal government threatened to cut funding if the prison populations weren't decreased. In response, the state sent inmates and people on probation to the county. "Overcrowding is one of the problems with our jails besides being old and not suited for mental health issues," says Wasserman. If someone commits a 'White Collar' crime, they're sent to jail. If they commit a violent crime, they're sent to state prison with high security.

The county jail is currently in flux. A new five-story county jail is being built to replace outdated Main Jail South. "If you ever want to scare somebody straight, take a tour of the jail," says Wasserman. "It's horrible and we're changing it." The new jail will also include psychiatric services in half the building "The people coming to our county facility have severe mental issues of concern to themselves and to others," he says, "and we have to be prepared for that."

Six months ago, there was a murder at the jail: three felons beat a man to death.

Wasserman says that although this was horrible, it wasn't the impetus for building the new jail. Two-and-a-half to three years ago, he says, the county realized the jail was 60 years old and didn't meet seismic standards or psychiatric needs. They hired a company to design a new jail, which came back with plans that the board approved.

"While we're building a new jail, we still have to house the people in jail," Wasserman says. "We can't say to the sheriff or police department, 'Don't arrest anybody for a year—we don't have any room at the inn,' and the state says, 'here are some more people—we're overcrowded again.'"

When people are released from prison, they go to probation. Previously, the ratio of state probation officers to parolees was 300 to 1. On the county level, it's 30 to 1. "You can do a much better job with a smaller number of people," he says. "As a result, we have better supervision over people who are coming back here anyway. If you're a San Jose gang member who committed a violent crime and went to jail, when you're released, you're going to go back to your home where your family and gang is."

The county is also responsible for inspecting gas pumps, as well as scales at supermarkets and restaurants. "When you go to the gas pump, there's a seal on it that says 'inspected by Santa Clara County,'" he says, "and market scales have stickers showing they were inspected by the county." Food facilities receive a green, yellow, or red placard from the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health. If it's green, it passes. If it's yellow, it conditionally passes and if it's red, it should be closed. Smartphone apps are available from the



Mike Wasserman addresses the AVCA. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

county health department detailing their restaurant inspections, county parks and voter registration.

The county's role is providing public health and safety. "Public health is about half of our budget," says Wasserman. "We lose money because we provide services to anybody and everybody, whether or not they have insurance or an ability to pay."

Valley Medical Center is unique. It's the only stand-alone pediatric intensive care unit in San Jose and runs the only burn trauma center in the Bay Area (one of only two in the state). Valley Medical Center has the only sexual assault response team in the county and top level trauma center in San Jose. It provides the only brain spinal cord injury rehabilitation service in the county and the only rehab trauma center in California. Valley Medical Center runs the only Regenerative Medicine Institute in Silicon Valley and offers the only emergency acute psychiatric service in the county. It's also the only county hospital in the state with a genetics department.

Wasserman says that when he came to office six years ago, Valley Medical Center was referred to as 'The Black Hole.' "Our collection rate was very low," he says, "and required \$200 million from the General Fund to subsidize it. When we compared our collection rate to other county hospitals, we were still lousy."

As the medical center receives two-thirds of its subsidies from the federal and state government based upon the services they provide, Epic software was introduced to better document these. "Now Valley Medical Center's collection rate is above that of other county hospitals and the bleeding has slowed," says Wasserman.

"In my third or fourth year, \$100-\$150 million was being subsidized," he says. These costs included the new software, onsite training at Epic's facility in the Midwest and hiring subcontractors to fill the positions of the employees being trained for three weeks. In addition, about 2,000 people were hired to replace those previously cut during the recession and they are building a new hospital.

Wasserman believes that things have turned around for Valley Medical Center. "There is a new CEO," he says. "We now

have state of the art software, the collection rate has doubled and the reimbursements are much higher. For the first time in six years, the hospital didn't spend their full budget and will be returning money to the General Fund."

Upcoming county events include the First Annual Veggie Fest at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, April 9 from 10am to 3pm with entertainment, vendor booths and more. The June 7 ballot will include a measure to extend the Park Charter Fund, which pays for the County Parks system by designating part of the General Fund (rather than a tax) for the acquisition, maintenance and operations for trails and open spaces. More than 50,000 acres in Santa Clara County are currently protected as parkland through this measure.

Almaden Valley Women's Club inviting new members

The Almaden Women's Club is inviting new women members who live or work in the 95118, 95120 & 95123 zip codes to join the organization. The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a major contributor for community support, networking, education, community involvement and friendship. This is a very special year to join the Club with the forthcoming 40th year celebration of the organization's hosting the Almaden Art and Wine Festival. For more information about our club and our event, visit our webpage at AlmadenWomen.org.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club was founded in 1965. The purpose of the non-profit organization is to stimulate, by the active participation of each member, interest in the social, civic, and cultural improvement of the community.

Personal safety to be discussed at Women's Club April meeting

Join the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) for a presentation from San Jose Police Officer and Almaden resident, Steve Guerra, on identifying and preventing dangerous situations and keeping yourself safe from harm.

This will be an informative, educational and fun evening with an opportunity to learn some self-defense strategies and tactics (any minimal physical participation is voluntary) while networking.

No host Cocktails and dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. Please plan on arriving early (6:15 p.m.) if you would like to order dinner and/or cocktails.

AVWC welcomes women from the 95120, 95118 and 95123 to join their organization. For more information, visit www.almaden-women.org

The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5 at Olive Garden Restaurant (across from Oakridge Mall), 940 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95123. Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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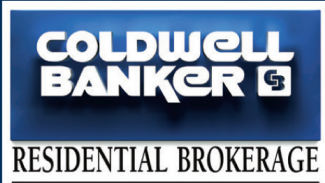
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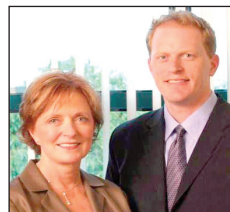
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Times Features

San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce selects Business Woman of the Year: Claudia Folzman

By Diane Blum
Times Staff Writer

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce held their annual membership dinner and distinguished business awards ceremony on Feb. 25.

Many of San Jose's top city dignitaries were in attendance in the packed ballroom, including San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, and former San Jose Mayor, Chuck Reed.

Six major awards were presented, including one to Claudia Folzman as *Business Woman of the Year*.

Times Media was recently able to sit down with Folzman, the Co-Founder and COO of Iron Construction, Inc., to congratulate her and to talk with her about both her successes, as well as her thoughts on today's Silicon Valley Commercial Real Estate (CRE) business environment.

Folzman, who majored in civil engineering at San Diego State University, hadn't even been sure what she wanted to do with an engineering degree at the time, so had started attending school career fairs to see what types of industries were hiring civil engineers. At one of those fairs, along came a construction company, Turner Construction, and suddenly, she had her first job in CRE before she had even graduated. It was an entry level job focused on the documentation management of a hospital construction project, but it exposed her to the many details that went into construction planning, which she found fascinating. So she stuck around and worked multiple jobs (including field engineer, superintendent and project engineer), working for Turner for some 9 years and then moving to DPR Construction later on. She eventually co-founded Iron Construction with her current partner, Dave Edgar.

Folzman recalled her younger days of working in mainly "male-dominated" fields (both engineering and construction). "It was a bit intimidating at times, working mainly



SJSV Chamber of Commerce CEO **Matt Mahood**; 2016 Chamber board president **Jim Lynch**, CFO of SJ Water Company; **Folzman**; 2015 Chamber board president **Sean Cottle**, shareholder of Hoge Fenton Attorneys. Photo Courtesy NINICO Communications.

with older men, especially when I didn't know a lot. I learned, though, that you just needed to be honest about what you didn't know, and willing to learn. Willing to learn in particular, that has served me well."

She sees the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) gender gap as worse now than when she was in college. While in school, SDSU's College of Engineering was 13% women; now, having recently recruited at Chico State, she found that school to be more like 8%.

Why the decrease? Folzman believes that there are two reasons. First, younger women aren't being exposed early on to enough STEM education, real-life/practical application, and opportunities. Learning needs to be more engaging with teachers showing younger women how STEM relates to real problem solving versus just teaching them how to solve calculus problems.

She also thinks that women need to get out of their comfort zone when it comes to STEM opportunities. "The opportunities are

endless," says Folzman, "But women need to put themselves out there, and grab every chance to learn more." As one example, she talked about the CREW Network.

She was a past president of CREW Silicon Valley (CREW Network), an organization that advocates for advancing women in careers in the CRE industry. CREW offers college scholarships to young women interested in pursuing careers in CRE; and of the 78 chapters of CREW, a third of them have an initiative of some form of outreach to college women. Called, "U-CREW", local chapters engage with nearby universities to design courses and programs to better educate women and girls in STEM opportunities, and to provide mentoring opportunities in CRE related career paths. CREW Silicon

Valley has a U-CREW committee that does outreach to schools like SJSU to promote the scholarship opportunities. Folzman says young women should jump on such opportunities and also focus heavily on STEM basics in school.

What are the current challenges to being a successful business woman in Silicon Valley?

Although Folzman hasn't experienced the issue, she does feel that career women with children still can have a difficult time balancing the heavy demands of long hours at work with family time. The pace is challenging, and she hasn't seen significant changes in the struggle that working moms can have. She said that even though both women and men in leadership roles try to help make the environment more family friendly, it still seems to be a burden for working moms.

For Folzman personally, one of the difficulties she experiences daily as a part of Silicon Valley business is just the volume of communications and incoming new information. "There is so much electronic communication and news to keep on top of; and with all of the technology, people's expectations for almost instantaneous response to their communication is challenging to manage. I find it very difficult and it seems to only get worse."

When asked what she likes about her career field you can hear the excitement in Folzman's voice. "Construction is like putting a giant puzzle together, there are so many elements to it; and I like building something tangible. The building that Dave Edgar and I built was such an incredible challenge, to make sure it was environmentally-friendly and energy efficient, as well as just a beautiful space for our employees and

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shots, and a good opponent! We fought through it all and won a tough game."

Pictured, left to right top row: Dwight Powery, Assistant Coach, Ethan Schweizer, William Whitman, Aiden Peck, Anthony Stoopenkoff, Alex Stoopenkoff, Assistant Coach, Chris Denker, Head Coach. Left to right front row: Keaton Cooper, Ethan Chang, Jack Olson, Rex Denker, Miles Robers.

Times Features

Continuing the conversation on homelessness

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times

District 10 has its share of homelessness issues, as do all Council Districts within the City of San Jose.

The 2015 Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey revealed that there are 6,556 homeless persons living within the County of Santa Clara - over 4,000 of whom are living within the borders of the City of San Jose. At least 39% of the homeless have serious addiction and/or mental health issues, and these and other challenges make this a problem that cannot be easily solved or solved using a one-size fits all approach.

Many of you have recently reported homeless encampments in your neighborhoods, under overpasses, and along creeks and waterways, and I, myself, have reported encampments that I have seen in my travels throughout the District. Reports of the encampments are appreciated, since we relay these reports to the City's Homeless Response Team so they can begin the process of getting help to the homeless and getting encampments remediated.

When a homeless encampment is reported, the Homeless Response Team sends out an assessment team to evaluate the needs of the people in the encampment and offers services that may be available to them. They also determine who controls the property where the encampment is located and work with the property owner to get a 72-hour Notice to Vacate issued. The City cannot abate an encampment without first giving homeless residents this notice. The notice includes a warning that the encampment inhabitants must separate the property they want to keep from the property they want discarded.

The City must store any property that will not stay with the homeless but that they wish to keep. The noticing and property requirements come from court decisions that sanctioned cities that didn't follow this protocol. The entire process can take time, and because of the court protections built in, the City cannot immediately remove any encampment.

Homelessness, along with other Health & Human Service responsibilities, are primary responsibilities of the County of Santa Clara, but because homelessness presents such big challenges to the City, we partner with the County in their efforts to end homelessness. The City Council allocated \$4 million dollars in the current year's budget for case workers and encampment abatements and have initiated many efforts, led by the Housing Department, to get people housed. Here are some specific steps the City Council has taken to combat homelessness and make affordable housing available, utilizing federal, state, or other restricted funding:

Acquisition and renovation of the Plaza Hotel for 49 units of supportive housing (which makes services available to the homeless for transitioning out of homelessness). <http://bit.ly/Homels6>

Declaration of a Shelter Crisis in anticipation of harsh El Nino weather, allowing for warming centers to be opened at Bascom Community Center, Tully Community Library, Washington United Youth Center, and Bibliotheca Branch Library. <http://bit.ly/Homels7>

Creation of a temporary Church Shelter Program by partnering with willing religious

institutions, expediting and simplifying permits that would normally be required, and utilizing their volunteers, to provide overnight housing and meals to small groups of homeless individuals for up to 15 people per location for up to 35 calendar days each year.

Authorization of Housing funds to be used to acquire the Santa Clara Inn and partner with Abode Services to provide 56 units of supportive housing for the homeless. <http://bit.ly/Homels8>

Establishment of a pilot transitional housing community to address the immediate housing needs of homeless individuals utilizing 16 modular housing units, each having six to eight private rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. <http://bit.ly/Homels9>

The City Council also directed the Housing Department to coordinate their efforts with the County. On February 23rd, the Director of Housing reported to the City Council on the work occurring between the City and the County. Further actions included the establishment of

temporary sanctioned encampments - something neither housing staff nor I supported - but that my colleagues decided to move forward with, as well as developing a second unit ordinance that enables homeowners to build small, secondary residential units on existing lots. I did not support sanctioned encampments because they will take a great deal of work to establish, work that will distract our Housing staff from their other efforts to develop other temporary, supportive, and affordable housing units. Other cities that developed "temporary" encampments have found themselves still running these encampments over 10 years later.

What can you do to help? If you notice an encampment forming in or near your neighborhood, please contact the Homeless Hotline at 408-510-7600 and report the location to City staff with as much detail as you are able to provide. If the encampment is located on Caltrans property, you should additionally report the encampment on their website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/mrsrsubmit/>. The Homeless Response Team coordinates their efforts with Santa Clara Valley Water District, Caltrans, commercial property owners, and others, depending on the location of the encampments.

What else can you do to help? You can volunteer with or donate to one of the many nonprofits that serve the homeless, help out at a local meal site, volunteer with a church or other house of worship that is providing temporary shelter. If you focus your efforts on services that provide food, shelter, and supportive resources to the homeless, in a structured environment, you can make a positive impact. For a very large list of groups that you can work with to assist the homeless in a constructive way, follow this link to the City's Homeless Resources page: <http://bit.ly/Homels10>.

Please bear in mind that the City remains short staffed in many of our services and I ask for your patience in dealing with a particular encampment. If your situation becomes frustrating, don't hesitate to contact Jose Salcido in my office via email at jose.salcido@sanjose-ca.gov or by phone at 408-535-4979. If you see something going on at an encampment that presents an immediate threat to public safety, please do not hesitate to call the SJPD at 9-1-1 (408-277-8911 from a mobile device).



District 10 Report
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RAM CALIF. 2016 BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	-\$1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*	-\$500

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Simonds Elementary School to host 50th Anniversary Celebration April 29th

The 1960's brought an explosion of growth to San Jose and the Almaden Valley. Once considered far removed and "out in the sticks" from the more populated areas of Santa Clara County, several new housing developments attracted hundreds of young families to the beautiful, rural valley of Almaden.

The influx of families necessitated the building of new schools and, among them, Simonds Elementary was born. Named after WWII hero, George William Simonds, the school opened its doors in 1965 with 770 students, grade K-6.

Over the years, Simonds Elementary staff, teachers and parent volunteers built a thriving, car-

ing community focused on both academic and character growth. Teachers participate in professional development, collaborative grade-level team meetings and resourcefully integrate both Common Core standards and technology into the classroom curriculum. Their dedication and commitment earned the only 2013 National Blue Ribbon School award in San Jose Unified! Parents, in turn, enrich the elementary experience with over 18,000 volunteer hours a year.

Volunteers constructed an outdoor "classroom", held Fashion Shows and Walk-a-Thons to raise money, joined the National PTA and formed the Simonds Music and Technology Foundation in

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary, the Simonds PTA is raising funds to purchase a state-of-the-art, LED marquee sign, for the front of the school.

2001. They currently teach monthly programs (Art Vistas, Project Cornerstone, and Junior Achievement) and host yearly events (Multicultural Fair, TK/Kinder Ice Cream Social, Science Fair, Math Olympics, Geography Bee, Book Fair, Three Weeks of Giving and Carnival). It's no wonder Simonds enrollment is highly regarded and continues to stay in the 700's. Simonds exemplifies a dynamic learning community where students are inspired and gain a strong foundation for lifelong success.

An anniversary party is planned on April 29, 2016 at The Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose to celebrate the school's fifty years of pro-

viding educational excellence and truly memorable experiences to children of Almaden. Current and past parents, staff and school alumni are enthusiastically invited to attend this special evening event.

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary, the Simonds PTA is raising funds to purchase a state-of-the-art, LED marquee sign, for the front of the school. Donations toward this campus enhancement can be made to the school and/or in honor of a special teacher who helped shape a student's life.

To purchase event tickets, commemorative cookbook, make a donation or learn more about this anniversary event, please visit: www.simonds50th.com.

Folzman

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clients. We're building our new space now, and the bar for that is very high given what we achieved and learned doing the first one. We also do a lot of work in the life sciences sector; we're building these enormous manufacturing and research facilities. So many details and complexities. We construction people love that, and that is why people stay in this field."

What's an interesting tidbit about her career? "I worked on the *Stealth* rollercoaster

ride at Great America, which was very challenging. I had to work with an International firm (the Netherlands) and the project was just incredibly complex; obviously lots of liability concerns. I still remember when we were doing sandbag testing since we couldn't use real human riders at first. The log ride went through the *Stealth's* path so we had to work through issues of the two rides – with riders – occupying the same space. I also worked on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* ride at Disneyland. We had to replace the complete mechanical system, so they closed down the ride and drained the water; we were working right

there along with the pirate characters. They were re-costuming the characters at the same time, so they were stripped down and you could see all of the robotics; Disney was so ahead of their time, just fascinating. I was tempted, but never took, a piece of the pirate treasure!"

After achieving so many successes in her career, where is she going from here? Folzman said she was definitely mulling over her next personal goal. "I want to continue to work, and also, am trying to think of more specific ways to get involved in the greater good." She is already involved with Rotary and other

organizations such as Friends of Los Gatos Creek; and Iron Construction does a lot of philanthropy in the community, but she is still looking for an organization where she can make further impact personally.

For now, she is designing Iron Construction's new home in San Jose, with the hopes of moving into their new building before summer. And she'll continue to help women in the industry. "In fact, we asked female contractors who wanted to work on our new building to join CREW so that they can further advocate for women in the CRE industry."

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Times Feature

Almaden's 'Big Spring Book Sale' coming to the library

By Ed Koetitz

Special to the Times

On Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Almaden Branch Library is having its hugely popular Spring Book Sale. At this event, there will be a large selection of gently used and sometimes new books covering a wide range of topics and interests. This event will be staged in the large community room next to the library's entrance. All proceeds benefit the Almaden Branch Library for special programs and services. For more information, please call (408) 808-3040.

10th Anniversary of the Almaden Community Center / Library will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 10:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Castillero Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Scott Krijnen, will perform at 10:45 a.m. and our invited guests will speak at 11:00 a.m. in the large Community Room. There will be a Farm Animal Petting Zoo from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and balloon treats for the children (11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

Events

•**Preschool Story Times** is held on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Children's area. There will be age appropriate stories, finger plays, songs and puppets, for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Following the story time, there will be a 30-minute "Stay and Play." Please note: the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. is Music and Movement in place of the Preschool Story Time.

•**Toddler Story Time** is held in the Children's area on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for

children ages 24 to 35 months. Following the story time, there will be a 30-minute "Stay and Play."

•**Reading Buddies** is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Thursdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Children's area. In this program, local teens read to children preschool through third grade and if the child can read, the child can read to the teen. This effective literacy program has been running non-stop since March, 2010 and has been made possible by our teens and their volunteer spirit.

•**Reading to Children** is held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Children's Area

•**ESL Conversation Club** is held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Join us and practice speaking English in a small group with other adult learners.

•**Reading to Furry Friends** is held on the 2nd Wednesday (April 13). Please check web site for time.

For news of other library activities, visit <http://www.sjpl.org/almaden>

Almaden Branch Library is located at 6445 Camden Ave.; phone: (408) 808-3040. Please note: the library will have reduced hours on Friday, April 15 – we will be open from 1-6 p.m. Our regular hours are: Monday 1 – 7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday 12 – 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (closed Sunday). For questions, please call (408) 808-3040 during open hours. Email may be sent at any time ab.sjpl@sjlibrary.org.



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Giordono appointed to San Jose Library Commission

By William Bellou
Publisher

Matthew Giordono (right), an Evergreen resident, has been appointed to the Library and Early Education Commission.



The commission, acting as a voice of the public, reviews and evaluates existing and proposed library operations and facilities. The commission then makes recommendations to the library staff and to the City Council.

Giordono said it is very exciting to have a new branch opening in Village Square to serve District 8. "The new branch will complement the Evergreen Branch on Aborn Road which is the busiest of the 23 San Jose Public Library Branches," he said.

"The current challenge for the commission

is to review the situation where we have 39 percent of library card holders owing \$6,800,000 in fines for overdue materials," said Giordono. "I hope to work effectively with residents and fellow Commissioners in coming up with a viable recommendation to present to the library staff and the City Council."

Giordono, a graduate of Syracuse University, served 21 years in the U.S. Army. Post military employment included Financial Representative at the Campbell Branch of Fidelity Investments.

Matthew and his wife Akiko moved to The Villages in Evergreen in 2004. He served on The Villages Club Board of Directors June 2012 to June 2015.

New ballet school announced

Many Almaden residents were saddened about the Silicon Valley Ballet's demise including the loss of its very popular ballet school. But shortly after the shutdown of the Ballet, Dalia Rawson (inset) and other faculty from the Ballet San Jose School have immediately launched a new school in the ballet's former studios to serve both its previous students and new ones.



Rawson said the temporary name is the New Ballet School Downtown San Jose. The school will provide training in the American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum.

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Times **Local News**

Message from Councilmember Johnny Khamis regarding medical marijuana regulations

By Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times

Recent developments in the way we regulate medical marijuana in the City of San Jose could bring Medical Marijuana dispensaries within 50 feet of your homes.

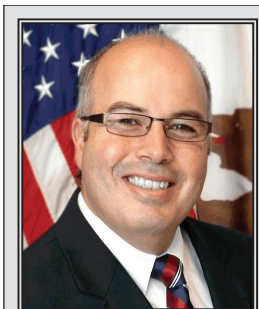
Therefore, I encourage you to attend an important presentation at 6:30 p.m. on April 6th at the Almaden Winery Community Center about the City's medical marijuana policy and a ballot initiative that would overturn many of the City's existing regulations. The City Manager's Office will make the presentation and the Almaden Winery Community Center is located at 5730 Chambertin Drive, San Jose.

Over the past few months you may have noticed petition signature-gatherers outside your local grocery store or going door-to-door to collect signatures in your neighborhood.

One of these petitions was put forward by a local interest group named Sensible San Jose. They are promoting a City-wide ballot initiative of the same name that, if approved by a simple majority of voters, will have a tremendous impact on the City's medical marijuana regulatory structure.

Sensible San Jose submitted enough valid signatures to the County registrar to meet the March 11th filing deadline. The initiative will go before voters at the November election and, if it passes, it could unravel years' worth of City-initiated studies, Council debates, and planning that went into the current medical marijuana ordinances. It also means that the Council-approved protections for residential neighborhoods, houses of worship, and neighborhood business districts would be swept aside.

In June of 2014, the City Council approved a medical marijuana regulatory program that specified where medical marijuana establishments could operate in the City, as well as who could operate such establishments, and in



District 10 Report
Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

which manner they could operate. In December of last year, the zoning ordinance was amended to include the definition of "transport" of medical marijuana and tied up some loose ends in the original ordinance to provide for better implementation of the rules and reaffirm San Jose's authority to locally regulate and tax medical marijuana businesses. The Sensible San Jose Initiative would undo these restrictions and recreate the pre-2014 environment, when San Jose had over 100 collec-

tives located near residential, religious, educational, and small business establishments. I encourage all residents to reflect on the following comparison between current City Policy and Sensible San Jose's policy.

VTA issues statement regarding heightened security following the attacks in Brussels

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is in close consultation with our federal intelligence partners shortly after the Brussels attacks this week. At this time there is no known threat in the US.

In an abundance of caution, law enforcement throughout Santa Clara County is on heightened alert. That includes the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Transit Patrol, which provides security for the VTA system.

VTA is well prepared for this type of threat and all front-line employees recently completed All Hazards training, a complement to our See Something, Say Something campaign.

We continue to monitor the situation and will adjust as necessary.

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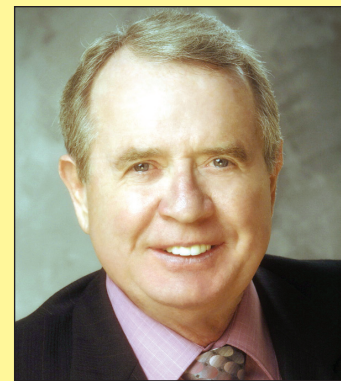
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Boldly go for a night of live-to-picture orchestra with 'Star Trek'

Audiences can beam aboard the Enterprise and travel with warp speed through five decades of "Star Trek" by way of a two-hour, live-to-picture orchestra adventure.

"Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage" comes to the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd., on March 30. The show is conducted and co-produced by Justin Freer, who also spent time on the conductor's podium for "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy in Concert" and "The Godfather Live."

The compilation of about 30 musical pieces from five series and several movies, including "Star Trek: The Original Series," "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation," is set to a montage of clips from the franchise played on a 40-foot wide screen.

With a vast collection of material to work with, picking and choosing what music and visuals to include in this voyage was an arduous process, Freer said.

"How do you tell the story of 50 years in two hours?" he asked with a laugh. "That was a daunting task. We looked at what were the iconic pieces. We had to focus on telling a great story—sort of its own movie in a way."

Wanting to avoid a presentation that seemed segmented, the live show's creators decided to focus on certain recurring franchise themes for the handpicked scenes—such as the Enterprise, exploration, war and camaraderie—that support the musical score.

"We peppered much of the episodic music with those scenes," he said.

Senior invited to 'Safari Walkabout' at Happy Hollow

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Coldwell Banker says luxury home sales rise in February

Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley rose sharply in February from the previous month, although sales were off on a year-over-year basis, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes

sold for more than \$2 million last month in Santa Clara County.

A total of 73 luxury properties changed hands last month, up 52 percent from January's total of 48 transactions. It's not unusual to see a seasonal increase in sales from January to February, but last month's rise was sharper than normal.

At the same time, the 73 luxury sales in February were down 11 percent from the 82 luxury sales last February. The upper end of the luxury market saw 22 sales over \$3 million, up from 12 the previous month but down from 28 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury property last month was \$2,550,000, up 6.5 percent from the previous month's median of \$2,395,000. However the median sale price was down 4.2 percent from a year ago when it stood at \$2,662,500.

"Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley picked up nicely in February from the previous month, but we're still being challenged by low inventory levels, which showed in lower year-over-year sales figures," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

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