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Almaden Valley Women's Club recognized by City of San Jose with Commendation

By William Bellou
Publisher

Councilmember Arjun Batra presented the Almaden Valley Women's Club with a Commendation at the club's October General Meeting.

Signed by all the San Jose City Councilmembers as well as Mayor Matt Mahan, the award recognizes the club for more than 50 years of dedication and commitment to the community.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a non-profit organization that began more than 50 years ago with a mission to "stimulate, by the active participation of each member, interest in the social, civic, and cultural improvement of our community."

In 1975 the club moved from smaller fundraising events to producing the annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival. That event ran successfully through 2019 and raised a significant amount of money for local area charities as well as the club's scholarship program.

Coming out of the pandemic, the club focused on smaller fundraising opportunities. This year, the club joined with District 10 in the City of San Jose to help with the 4th of July Fireworks Festival, helping to raise vital funds and contributed to the coordination of the event.

"Our club has never wavered from our commitment to giving back to the community of San Jose," says AVWC President Beth Swartz. "We are doing so by donating back funds raised this year to local area non-profit organizations through our grant program. In addition, we are stepping up our volunteer efforts by assisting with Gifts for Teens, Second Harvest Food Bank and working with JW House to create a meal coming up in November."

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is currently planning for activities for 2024.

For more information on the club, you can visit almadenwomen.org.



Councilmember **Arjun Batra** presents **Denise Myrick** with the Commendation from the City of San Jose.

County Horsemen's Association Fall Festival attracts hundreds to experience joy and wonder of horses

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association Fall Festival attracted hundreds of people to experience the joy and wonder of horses on Oct. 14 at the associations McKean Road property.

The event featured a mounted drill team performance, English jumping demonstration, horse crafts, grooming and photo booth stations, dozens of horse breeds, and fresh grilled lunch. It was truly a community celebration!

Adults and children attending the event had a chance, many for the first time, to meet horses and community members looking for a slower pace of life.

"There is nothing more exciting than being present in the moment when children's faces light up when they watch a horse nibble on a carrot from their outstretched hands or witnessing an adult's heart skipping a beat when they see horses running in the field, said event coordinator Rachael Parakh. "The open house made incredible lifelong memories for individuals, couples, and families from all nationalities, who gave us the grand honor of attending our event. We wanted each and everyone to feel welcome with us in the countryside and to fall in love with horses! In fact, that's the focus of our mission: "to promote good fellowship
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COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pictured on Memorial Day, 2004 at Oak Hill Memorial Park. L-R: **Paul Lavrischeff, Tad Campbell, Don Pray, Dave Schieefer, Dan Earl, Rick LaRosa and Rachele Campbell.**

160th Remembrance Day Anniversary Ceremony to be held Saturday, Nov. 18 at Oak Hill Memorial Park

The Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will conduct its annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic cemetery plot, located at Oak Hill Memorial Park (300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California), on Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m. The ceremony is planned to last approximately 30 minutes.

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln arrived at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. His agenda, on that day, was to dedicate seventeen acres of land to form a National Cemetery, to preserve and honor the dead, and to deliver a simple speech, whose impact is still felt and revered today.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are cre-

ated equal...

This is the basis on which Remembrance Day observances were established. This year's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be in recognition of the 160th anniversary of President Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address.

At Oak Hill Memorial Park over four hundred and twenty Civil War veterans lie at rest in just the Grand Army of the Republic Plot alone. Of special significance were those individuals who, after fighting on the field of Gettysburg itself, came west to dwell among us; to become members of our community; and to provide a tangible reminder to our reunited Nation. They carried on the hopes, the dreams, and the unrealized vitality of all those comrades who fell in battle on the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This is the connective link that brings our nation's history together.

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Choir of Foxworthy Baptist Church will celebrate 40 years of sharing *The Christmas Gift* musical production

This year's free performances will be shared 6 times over the weekend of December 8-10; Friday, December 8th @ 7pm; Saturday, December 9th @ 2pm & 7pm; Sunday, December 10th @ 11am; 2pm & 7pm

Starting December 8, the Choir of Foxworthy Baptist Church will celebrate 40 years of sharing *The Christmas Gift* San Jose musical production with the local community.

In 1984, Pastor Don Fugate, and his wife, Diann had a dream of sharing a musical Christmas gift with the community. That year, *The Christmas Gift*, the San Jose musical production, was presented multiple times at the Montgomery Theater in downtown San Jose. By the third year, the production had moved to the Civic Auditorium.

Since the church didn't charge admission, they could only reserve one night in 1987 and instead, made the decision to transform the church auditorium into a theater, complete with proscenium and curtain, where they presented the musical 8 times over two weekends. That plan has remained in place every year since then.

Major milestone

This 40th anniversary production marks a major milestone for the church and its singers. There are still five singers who have participated in all previous productions.

In the first half of the musical, the choir sings many favorite Christmas songs including *White Christmas*, *Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland* and *Snow*. There is always a "Children's Medley" that features favorite Christmas characters like Frosty, Rudolph and the Grinch.



There are also comedic videos included in the production; even falling snow!

During the intermission, the audience is treated to homemade cookies, coffee, tea and punch.

The second half of the musical centers on the manger and the birth of Jesus. Through songs and Scripture, the Christmas story is vividly portrayed. Pastor Don Fugate shares a brief Gospel presentation and sends the audience home with a smile on their faces and joy in their hearts.

Even during the COVID shutdown in 2020, *The Christmas Gift* to San Jose was still presented to the community. The choir videotaped their production and showed it daily in December on the church's website, on Facebook. YouTube and on CRE-ATV. There were over 8,000 views of the musical that year!

Over the past 39 years, more than 80,000 people have attended the musical production and it has been enjoyed by multiple generations. Children who attended those early productions are coming back with their children. Multiplied thousands have prayed the "Sinner's Prayer" with Pastor Don and have committed their lives to Jesus

Christ.

356 singers and cast members have been part of *The Christmas Gift* to San Jose through the years. In honor of the 40th anniversary, they will have a special Alumni Banquet at Orchard City Banquet Hall on Thursday, December 7th. The church is inviting all former cast members to join them for the banquet and to sing with them on opening night.

This year's free performances will be shared 6 times over the weekend of December 8-10; Friday, December 8th @ 7pm; Saturday, December 9th @ 2pm & 7pm; Sunday, December 10th @ 11am; 2pm & 7pm.

Along with sharing the musical at the church, *The Christmas Gift* Choir will be singing at Christmas in the Park, at Santana Row and will be featured in the Los Gatos Holiday Parade.

Pastor Don Fugate shares, "It has been an honor to share the joy of the season and the Good News of the Gospel with our community all of these years."

Editor's note: Foxworthy Baptist Church is located at 1774 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124.



O P E D

Flowers for synagogues

A cold wind moved a dark cloud over the entire world.

On October 7th, 2023 a calculated attack on defenseless Jewish people took place which contained the vile massacre of children, men, and women of all ages.

The unspeakable treacherous acts were so damaging that they can't be printed.

For some such as myself the situation has entered into my psyche and caused harm. I can't look at the world the same way. Rather than put this in past-tense, it remains in present tense in my life. I can't shake it off. Also, I am reminded of other such events in the past growing up as a child.

Why are so many misguided?

As I speak with others whom I know and love I am met with utter shock. Somehow, these friends believe that the Jews are bad and cause trouble in our world.

Many say it is justifiable to massacre them and they had it coming. So in addition to being anti-Semitic, they hug the belief that "The ends justify the means."

No one can measure what damage has been done

In my opinion, part of our society is truly lost in condoning what was done to the Jewish people. It is impossible to define the damage done.

I support and stand by all Jewish peoples

I understand that many wish to remain silent if they are not Jewish. Not me. I stand by the Jews. The only things I can do is to pray and to offer flowers to the synagogues with this simple letter of remorse.

Dear Jewish Peoples,

I truly grieve your loss of the massacred little innocent babies, girls, boys, moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers. I stand

with you in prayer and deeply condemn those who secretly plotted out inhuman actions against you.

Out of nowhere an open wound has cut into my heart and soul.

In some tiny way with a gesture I want to honor you.

This experience has called upon me to use prayer for to give respect and purity to those lost for there is one way out and it is prayer.

Beliefs follow attitudes

This eclipse of joy in the human spirit can be helped with new attitudes formed by others. Beliefs follow attitudes.

If any person of any religion condones what happened October 7th then may Angels find wings to touch that person to help them find the realization that these unspeakable actions can never be honored.

Though I have not in my life entered one, I will send flowers to a nearby synagogue. I will try to kindly enter their holy place someday.

All I know is I must never embrace acts of desecration to any peoples nor rationalize hatred.

This is another chapter in human history where evil has crawled up and must be cleaned.

I am but a little person and I know that if more spoke out it would be better for our world. I do not expect this so I act alone.

I say to those reading this, do not be afraid to voice your individual opinions, and If you can, join me in finding a synagogue nearby where you live and send flowers with the letter above or one of your own creation and design in memory of those who lost their lives on October 7, 2023.

I must fall down and pray!

Kevin Larsen

San Jose, California



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Horsemen

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between horsemen and a greater understanding of horses.”

The oldest Horse Association, Santa Clara County, was formed in 1939 and has played an important role in the Almaden Valley and helped to establish the California State Horsemen’s Association. Their clubhouse serves as a meeting hall for weddings, school dances, banquets, and community organizations. Their arena hosts many equestrian playdays and buckle shows for surrounding riders.

The organization is currently partnering with the Santa Clara County Parks Department to bring shared-use trail safety to park visitors and working with Almaden Quicksilver and Santa Clara Preservation Alliance to highlight the historic value of the area and ranching culture.

To learn more about their association or to see a list of local places to ride horses, head to their new website: horsemens.org.

Editor’s note: The next Bay Area horsemen’s event will be hosted by the San Martin Horsemen’s Association with Caroling on December 16th at Harvey Bear Ranch.



Symphony San Jose presents ‘Christmas at the California’ December 9 and 10

Symphony San Jose and the Symphony San Jose Chorale celebrate “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” with holiday classics including carols, audience sing-alongs, and the famous Silicon Valley version of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

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San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra Season Opener Concert Dec. 2

Orchestra performs Brahms, Wranitzky, Mendelssohn and Blacher; Ticket purchases now available online

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2023-24 Season Opener Concert to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, 7 pm, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, CA.

The orchestra will open with Brahms's light and engaging Academic Festival Overture, and close with Blacher's big, beautiful and exciting Orchestral Variations on a Theme of Paganini.

This concert will also feature three winners from the 2023 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation*. Outstanding young soloists, Isaac Chan & Dylan Nguyen, violists, will perform Wranitzky's Concerto for Two Violas and Orchestra; and An-Po Chen, violinist, will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

Isaac Chan is a high school senior at Milpitas High School and has been playing viola since he was 7 years old. He has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony since 2019 and is currently in his third year with the Philharmonic Orchestra.



Dylan Nguyen is also a student at Milpitas High School and started to learn piano at age 5 first and then viola at age 8, with private teacher, Hien Ngo. He has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra for the past two years.

An-Po Chen, violinist, is 16 years old and currently attending Archbishop Mitty High School. This is his second season with the San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra.



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The Gucci Store in WestField Valley Fair was robbed by an organized retail theft ring on Oct. 5. Photo by Jason Torres Iraheta

San Jose targets retail theft with new police unit

Thieves hoping to snatch items off the shelves of San Jose retailers may have a tougher time this holiday season.

City policymakers this week launched a new police team to stop retail theft after the city saw a 25% spike in the crime from 2021 to 2022.

The San Jose City Council unanimously approved creating the Organized Retail Theft Detail, an investigative team within the San Jose Police Department to gather intelligence and track crime statistics and patterns to identify hotspots, catch criminals and reduce the rate of retail crimes. The team will include

one full time and four part-time investigators.

Some shop owners say the timing is perfect with holiday shopping already underway. Jack Meir, manager of Yeti in Santana Row, said the store has lost almost \$1,000 worth of merchandise after being open only two months.

"All we have talked about in our holiday meeting so far was trying to hire more seasonal workers in order to have more personnel on the floor and have more look outs," Meir told San José Spotlight. "Safety is the most important thing that we value."

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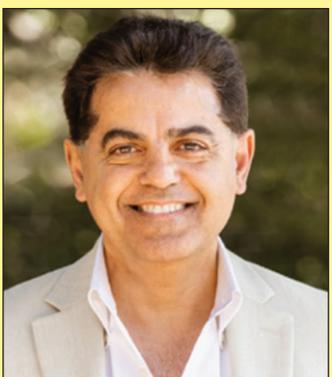
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Theft

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In San Jose, 5,756 retail theft crimes were reported last year. And it's a national trend.

Retail theft across the country has cost \$125.7 billion in economic losses and \$39.2 billion in lost wages, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In California, \$19 billion in economic losses were reported. The state created the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program in 2022 through Senate Bill 154 to prevent and respond to organized retail theft.

San Jose's police department received nearly \$8.5 million from the state to launch a three-year program. It was one of 38 law enforcement agencies in California to receive the funding. More than half the funds will pay for analyst salaries and overtime for sworn officers to proactively patrol shopping centers to deter crime.

Officers will partner with the district attorney to support prosecutions and work with retailers to arrest criminals.

"One of the big aspects is sharing knowledge and best practices," SJPD Lt. Brent McKim said during Tuesday's council meeting. "So if somebody hits Walmart, and we know that, then we can and we will alert the Target down the street that they might be hit as well."

Nearly \$3.5 million will fund technology including fingerprint scanners, forensic software and additional cars and radios. SJPD is also purchasing 300 license plate readers to help catch thieves at hotspots. San Jose uses 72 license plate readers currently that councilmembers approved in 2021 in response to the spike in retail crimes.

"It's a two prong approach: prevention and then investigation," McKim said. "I think the money in this grant will help us attack from both sides."

Councilmember Peter Ortiz urged police to focus on smaller, family-owned businesses in East San Jose – and not just major retailers like Westfield's Oakridge and Valley Fair malls. He said theft at mom-and-pop shops often goes unreported and forces business owners to lock their stores during the day or move to other parts of the city.

"They're starting to lock their doors to protect them from potential robberies or shoplifting, which gives the impression to the public that the business is not open," Ortiz said. "But it also creates an unwelcoming shopping experience."

McKim said the police depart-

ment will scope out hotspots at smaller businesses.

Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmember Bien Doan applauded efforts to work with prosecutors to ensure thieves are held accountable.

"We want to let people know that the city of San Jose is a safe place to visit, to shop, to live," Doan said. "And to let the criminals know we are going to prosecute."

**"We want to let people know that San Jose is a safe place to visit, to shop, to live."
-Councilmember Bien Doan**

IN MEMORY

Donald Fitzpatrick

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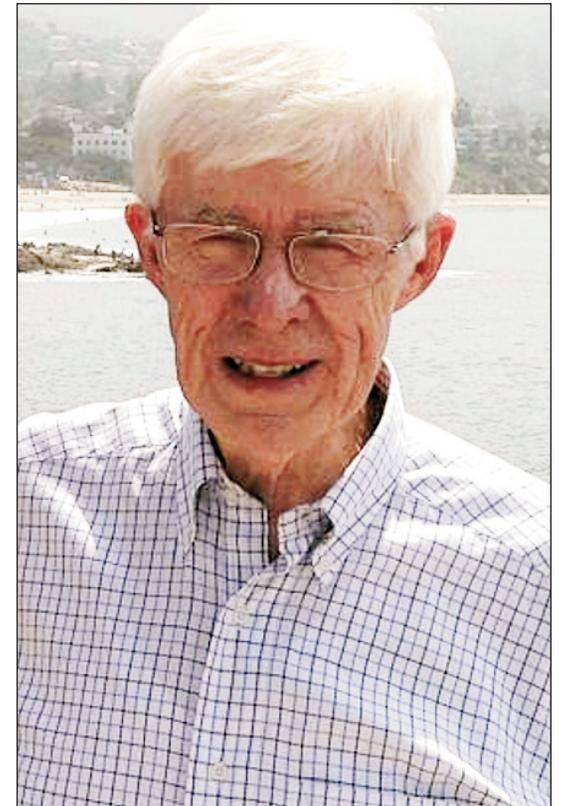
Pioneer High School teacher for 34 years

Don was born in San Francisco and attended school at St. Anthony Grammar School, St. Ignatius HS '52, USF with a B.S., teaching credential '60 and his Masters at Stanford.

His first teaching job was at Woodrow Jr. High School. He packed up our bags from SF and moved to the country (San Jose). He then transferred to Pioneer HS and there he retired after 34 years of teaching. One of his joys was body surfing in Laguna Beach where he spent his anniversary every year. Other activities he enjoyed were fishing, gardening and reading. He was an avid sports fan rooting for the 49ers and the Giants.

Don was a lovely husband and is survived by his wife Kathy (68yrs.), he was a caring father to his children Karen (David), Michael and Matthew (Michelle), six grandsons Dustin, Kyle, Christopher (II), Jason, Hayden and Ben, and great granddaughter, Avia. A celebration of life will be held.

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The Great Turkey Town Miracle” co-written by long-time San Jose residents **Steve Dini** (above) and **Joren Christiansen**. Photo by Robert Airolti

'The Great Turkey Town Miracle' - great entertainment for the whole family

The Great Turkey Town Miracle” is set for a November 10, 2023 release date

By Jane Johnson
Special to the Times

Coming soon to a selected theater near you, “The Great Turkey Town Miracle” co-written by long-time San Jose residents Steve Dini and Joren Christiansen.

Dreaming of making a movie, this dynamic duo embarked on their own separate journeys dabbling in screenplay creative generation. Steve even hired a screenplay coach, fine tuning skills along the way.

Learning the ropes of how and where to pitch an idea, and watching various projects show promise only to fizzle out, was all part of the process for them. And then the call came in that changed it all. A producer loved the idea and wanted to make their joint screenplay into a movie. Neither Joren nor Steve had previous experience on a working movie set. Texas, their new, adopted state, provided ample space and relevant backdrops for the story.

Friends Joren and Steve would trade whose house to meet at and craft the story. One would spin a part of the tale to the other, some ideas met with enthusiasm and others turned aside. Wendy and Sue, the respective wives extraordinaire, were both patient and supportive of their beaux' new hobby. In the end, these men felt they had something that was even better than their previous solo attempts. It was time to pitch it.

Pitching a screenplay sounds glamorous. It's sitting at home crafting a “log line” - a catchy blurb explaining the story in one phrase, and a “synopsis” which is a one-page description of the story. Then payment is made to various online submission sites to allow exposure and consideration. Far from the in-person verbal pitches of the '50s ala “The Producers”, you instead fill in a form, add the attachment, and hit “send” hoping for some

response, any response. Most responses are thanks but no thanks. But this one was different from the start. Angus Benfield saw the significance of the story, reaching out to Steve and Joren suggesting they meet and proceed. To this point, they had received so many of these “interest bids,” which ultimately petered out, that skepticism reigned. But they thought “why not see what the guy has to say” and opened themselves to potential disappointment.

When Angus offered to move forward, they were cautious and skeptical. But Angus was convincing. He's produced films before, and they'd had success internationally. Now he wanted to pursue this as a passion project, one which he believed in and wanted to make into a movie for a worldwide audience. When he suggested this to Steve and Joren they literally could not believe it. They immediately took to Google to research Angus to see his previous movies. Turns out he was true to his word. He was a successful producer with a genre closely aligned to their screenplay. They decided then and there to green light the project, at least to allow the experience to unfold. And what a ride it would end up being.

Set in Celina, Texas

Celina, Texas, and the wide-open spaces surrounding her, opens the story. As Steve shares, “It's about faith, family, hope and the power of prayer and features a Thanksgiving miracle that is based on a true story.” Enter the “washed up DJ who finds a job at a homeless shelter. With the assignment of getting 4000 turkeys to be given to homeless families on Thanksgiving morning, he has to succeed, not only for his family, but for himself.”

As Angus shared “My vision for The Great Turkey Town Miracle was influenced in part by films such as Field of Dreams, which explores the idea that if you step out in faith into the unknown and do something that you believe in, then there are always two outcome options, failure or success. Yes, there will always be a chance

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Times Feature

Miracle

Continued from page 9 that you will fail miserably, BUT you may also succeed, and you won't ever know the outcome until you step out... if the threat were not real, it would not be called faith, and the terrifying high-wire' acrobatics that come with venturing into the unknown, would not be nearly as rewarding."

Maybe one of the most surprising discoveries is this story is based on a true Thanksgiving miracle. Steve Dini had been laid off from his radio station DJ job and assigned a job at a homeless shelter to find 4,000 frozen turkeys to feed the hungry at the holiday. His own efforts fell short and only a few hundred turkeys appeared. "4,000 needy people showed up for their frozen turkeys on Thanksgiving and miraculously as they began to hand out the turkeys they never seemed to run out. To this day he still doesn't know how 4,000 people received turkeys with many left over," shared Angus. And Joren's life story lends a related bittersweet backstory to the plot. It's the joining of Steve and Joren's lives and friendship which bring this tale its life.

Most of us will never get a chance to write a screenplay, let alone be asked to act in the movie based on it. Both Joren and Steve now have both credits to their name. "It was an amazing experience - much different than theatre where, once you start, you can't stop. They do numerous takes from different angles and even yell 'action!' It was a lot of fun for Joren and I since we both had parts in the



wrote called "Orphan Mountain," will be filmed in the summer of 2024. "The Great Turkey Town Miracle" has opened doors to a new world for me and I am very thankful."

Joren Christensen has also watched his writing career blossom. "The Short Game," another film he co-wrote, wrapped filming this past summer and is now in post-production looking forward to a 2024 theatrical release.

If your favorite movie house is not yet showing this movie, contact their general manager and suggest they reach out to Lama Entertainment via <https://www.lamaentertainment.com/the-great-turkey-town-miracle> to request projection rights. This particular Thanksgiving we all could use an uplift.

film, so we can add screen actors to our resumes," said Steve.

Thanksgiving is often a time of reflecting and taking a pause to count the blessings in one's life, sharing with family and/or friends during special gatherings. "The Great Turkey Town Miracle" is set for a November 10, 2023 release date. Perfect timing to help remind us all "the power of family, faith and prayer," shared Steve. "We want our audiences to come away from this faith-based film with a feeling of hope and confidence that God always comes through, just keep believing, no matter how daunting the challenge."

For Steve, this is all the beginning of a new life's chapter. "I have three movies in the pipeline. One called 'Didymos' will begin filming in November (I will have a part,) "Stan the Man," another film I will have a part in, will film next spring, and then a script I



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