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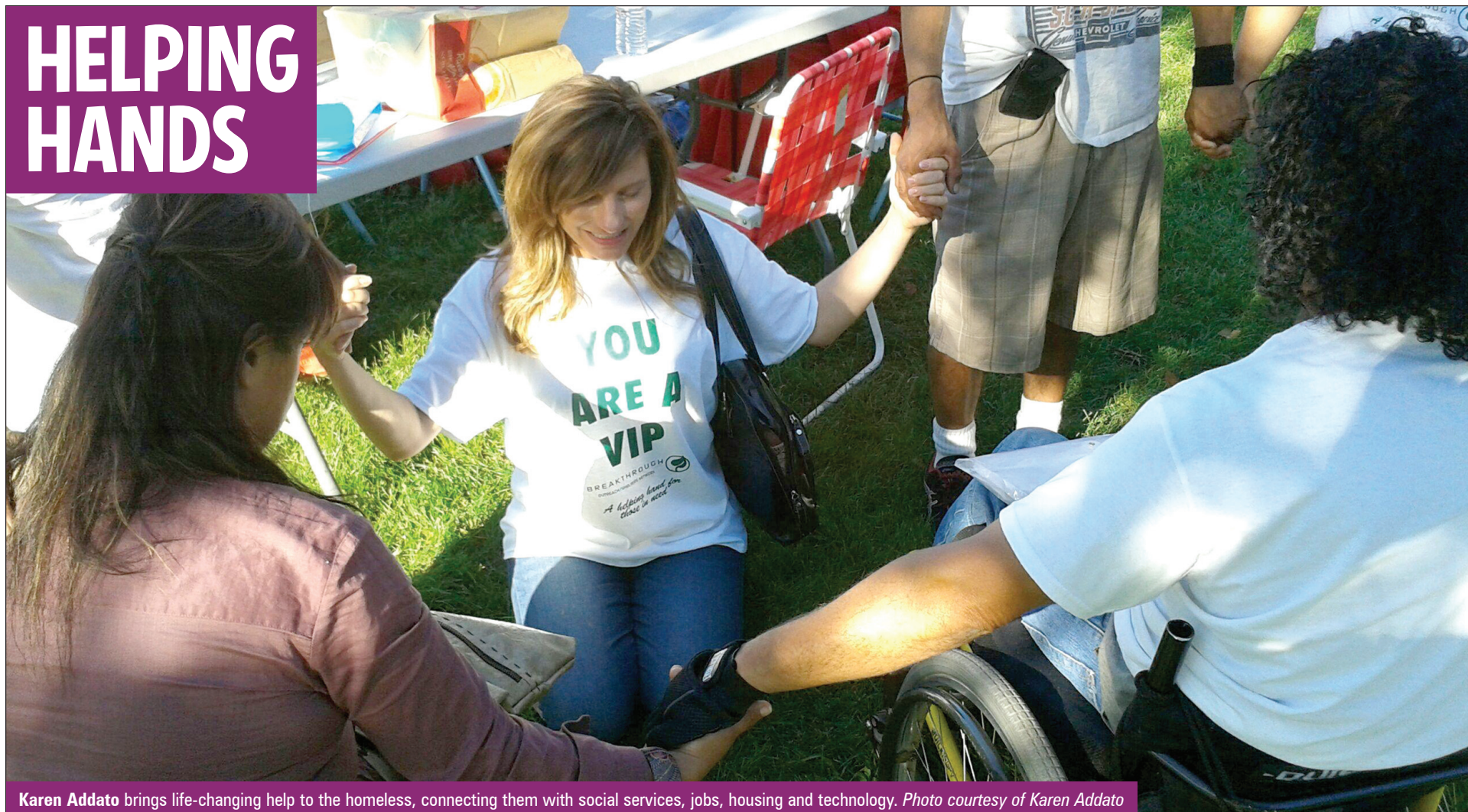
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Karen Addato brings life-changing help to the homeless, connecting them with social services, jobs, housing and technology. Photo courtesy of Karen Addato

RESIDENTS SAY MILPITAS LANDFILL PLAN SMELLS

Thousands of Almaden Valley residents sign petition opposing plan to dump garbage at Quicksilver Park

By William Bellou
Publisher

More than 5000 Almaden Valley residents have signed an online petition opposing a plan to dump more than 35 truckloads of garbage each week-day at the Guadalupe Landfill near Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

More than 50 Almaden homeowners turned out for a San Jose Rules & Open Government Committee meeting April 27 over the city of Milpitas' decision to



send its garbage to Almaden Valley instead of Newby Island Landfill.

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Almaden Home Tour to be held Sunday, May 15

The assistance League of San Jose (ALSJ) is hosting a spring home and garden tour on Sunday, May 15th from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Four interesting homes will be open for touring.

Four interesting homes will be open for touring. ALSJ members chose a variety of homes, from large custom homes to completely remodeled neighborhood residences to provide something for

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Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network: A helping hand for those in need

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Karen Addato brings life-changing help to the homeless, connecting them with social services, jobs, housing and technology through her Hi Tech Rover Mobile 1st Response Unit.

Equipped with computers and printer, shower, grooming station and Career Closet, Addato and her volunteer staff offer a range of services aboard the RV, including email and internet training, job and housing searches, relocation, detox and recovery referrals and family reconnections. Those who step aboard also receive encouragement, emotional support and

unflinching advice.

"I wanted to be part of the solution," says Addato, Executive Director of Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network. "By building on existing social services and bridging the gaps, we provide a deep level of care to help those facing homelessness restore their lives."

Addato and her staff bring a high-impact, triage approach to their work, providing four to five services in two hours. The entire time, they talk with their homeless clients, asking them if they want to get off the streets and whether they have any children. They collaborate with the Social Services

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Simonds School 'Art From the Heart' showcases students' love of art

By Bonnie Olmsted
Special to the Times

More than eight-hundred students, parents and siblings attended the Simonds Art Show, entitled "Art From the Heart," on Tuesday evening, April 26.

The annual show, always a favorite for students and their families, featured more than 1,500 pieces of student art created during the 2015-16 school years, in addition to craft activities, raffle prizes, and musical accompaniment by Simonds students.

This year's Art Show offered 12 fun activity stations for the children including face painting, edible art, origami, wallpaper collages, foam art, Lego creations and a graffiti wall. The students also completed art trivia quizzes for a chance to win big gift baskets full of art supplies.

Sponsored by the Simonds PTA, "Art from the Heart" is a culmination of the rich art education and hands-on projects students do all year through the Art Vistas program led by parent volunteers. Students begin learning about line, color and shape in TK and Kindergarten classes and the lessons and projects get more complex as they move through the grades.



Fourth Grader **Lucia Parakh** won a Trivia Contest Raffle basket full of art supplies.

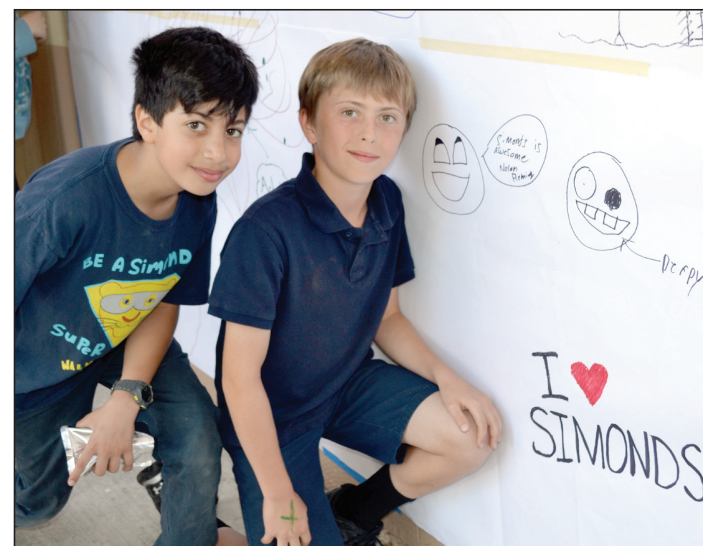


Every student at Simonds had 2 pieces of art displayed at the Art Show.

According to Art Vistas Chair, Bonnie Olmsted, "Students love the program so much, they literally cheer when they see their parent volunteer, or Art Docent, coming into the classroom each month."

Simonds has been implementing the Art Vistas program for 20 years, since it was launched by parents in the Union School District. More than 150 art presentations and projects are conducted in the Simonds classrooms throughout the year. The result is this annual Art Show displaying 3-D masterpieces like clay creations, plaster masks and foil action figures. In addition the walls are covered with tempura and watercolor paintings, charcoal sketches, African printing, photography and oil pastel drawings.

"This year's Art Show was a huge success



Simonds 4th Graders **Andrius Murad** and **Nolan Fleming** pose by the Graffiti Wall.

due to the dedication of the Art Docent Parent Volunteers and total support by the Simonds PTA," said Olmsted. "The teachers, parents and school staff know the value of this program and are proud of the 'Art from the Heart' Show. That's what has kept it going strong for 20 years."

Mailbox



Unity Care thanks local community

Dear Editor:

Unity Care's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers join me in thanking all who attended our 5th Annual YouthLive! on April 23rd at the Fairmont San Jose. Nearly 500 attendees enjoyed an evening of exceptional youth talent, fashion and art along with a special tribute to

our long-time friend and supporter, Bill Del Biaggio.

All were touched by the video story of the Montoya Family and the words of Elizabeth Cartagena, describing how Unity Care programs have been life changing for them. Guests took home marvelous auction items and unique artwork by youth as mementoes of an extraordinary evening.

YouthLive! raised approximately \$150,000 in

support of our youth programs that will enable Unity Care to provide housing, education, employment, well-being and unconditional care to over 6,000 at-risk and foster youth.

We thank you for your enthusiastic generosity and look forward to seeing you at our 6th Annual YouthLive! next spring.

André V. Chapman, MA
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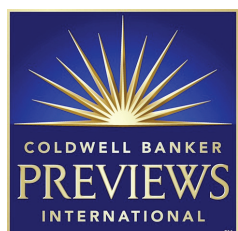
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Addato

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Agency of Santa Clara County, signing people up for food stamps and Medi-Cal health insurance, as well as ID cards and birth certificates. “We’re doing the best we can to give back to our communities,” she says.

Addato, with her 9-year-old son Dylan by her side, first started helping the homeless by bringing them bag lunches and clothing. One day, she met a woman who lived under a bridge. “She was my age, but looked much older,” she says. “She shared her story with me, but I had nowhere to bring her; there weren’t any shelters available. All I could do was give her some boots and sweaters.” The woman died a few months later on the steps of a building in downtown San Jose. “My heart was broken and I thought I had to do more,” says Addato. “I care about people and awareness is needed of what resources are not being met, such as sustainable solutions. We found that when there’s an oversupply of food or clothing, people with drug addiction sell the food and clothing for cash.”

In April 2014, she developed ‘Hi Tech Tuesday,’ providing the homeless with access to computers to find employment and/or search for housing, as well as resource connections. “We found the need for our hi-tech services to be so great that we secured a community center facility and added an additional day within months of starting the program,” she says.

Next, Addato had the idea of going mobile, driving her SUV to homeless encampments. She started ‘Hi Tech Thursday’ at the Jungle encampment at Story Road, creating a makeshift office space outdoors. “We set up in the parking lot with 20 chairs, Wi-Fi and computers,” she says. “It was mind-blowing seeing hundreds of people living in those kinds of conditions. I felt like I was in a Third World country.”

On Tuesday mornings, they currently serve the homeless at St. James Park, downtown. On Tuesday afternoons, they visit various homeless encampments throughout the city, including those under bridges. “We love what we do and would like to be able to help more people,” she says. Their next vehicle, Hi Tech Rover 2, which is 90 percent sponsored, will be larger and include a shower trailer.

When Addato came up with the idea for a Hi Tech Rover in July 2015, she raised 70 percent of its sponsorship through knocking on doors for in-kind donations. She’s hoping to have Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network’s operational budget funded so they expand their geographic reach and schedule of services. “We are not government funded,” she says. “We are looking to secure sponsorship and private funds to help keep our Rovers roving.”

In addition to the Rovers, by posting profiles of homeless individuals and families online, Addato seeks e-sponsorship on a case-by-case basis from her network of 350 organizations and churches. “We connect those who have, with those who don’t and are in desperate need,” she says. “If there’s a family living in a car and the shelters are full, they have nowhere to go. I fight for those little kids and try to get them help.”

In one situation, a mother living with her children in a broken down RV faced homelessness if they couldn’t pay for its registration. Following Addato’s request, a church contributed \$500 towards the \$750 needed. “It could be the difference between life or death for them,” she says.

Through her network, Addato was able to arrange funding for Paul, a homeless man in a chronic state, to stay in a hotel rather than on the street for the last few months of his life. She also helped Juan Nava (43), an Army veteran wounded in Afghanistan and suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder turn his life around. Nava was living in the trunk of a broken down Toyota until Addato arranged a stay in a shelter for him. “We got him off the street and now he’s working as a security guard,” she says. “He’s healed and he has a spring in his step.”

Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network works with service providers in and out of state to find homeless people beds at shelters, even if they’re across the country, and arranges for their transportation. Addato encourages those struggling financially to relocate to more affordable areas while reviewing their budgets with them. “If someone receives \$900 a month in disability, he’ll never be able to afford an apartment here,” she says, “but Stockton has studios for \$375.”

She also tries to reconnect families, providing a



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safety net. In one case, she raised \$800 to transport a family to Texas where their relatives were living. “There’s lots of one-on-one to find a solution to get them off the street,” says Addato. “It’s a gratifying thing to be able to help somebody, and sometimes in the same day they meet us, they’re on a Greyhound bus with someone waiting for them on the other end.”

Addato, who comes from a poverty-stricken background, says she gets her strength from her mother, who kept their family off the streets when they were young. “She was a divorced single mother with five kids,” says Addato. “It was a real rough start in our lives. We knew what it felt like to have no money and not know where the rent was going to come from. We had to beg the landlord to let us stay and the gas company to keep the heat on. It’s humiliating to be surviving on government rations and made fun of by other kids.”

To make matters worse, one-by-one she saw her brothers fall into addiction and two were homeless. “It was heartbreaking,” she says. “We didn’t know what was going on. I prayed to God to help me find my younger brother, Stevie. We were very close.”

One day, Addato received a phone call that someone thought they saw Stevie in Massachusetts, their home state. He started drifting when he was 19- or 20-years-old and it had been about 12 years since she last saw him. “I went on Google Earth and saw a homeless camp behind a liquor store and I just knew my brother was there,” she says. She put an ad on Craigslist, crying while she typed it, saying, “I’m 3500 miles away and I just know my brother’s there. I was wondering if anybody could be so kind as to go behind the liquor store and call out my brother’s name for me.” By the next day, a fireman and his friend went to the site and called out Stevie’s name. “You don’t know us, but your sister from California sent us here to find you,” they said. Stevie was there and they put Addato on the phone with him. “It was amazing to connect with him so far away,” she says. “We did the best we could to help him,” she says. Although they got him into a program, they lost Stevie just months after finding him as they were unable to get him a bed in a detox facility. He was 45. “It

was a bittersweet thing,” says Addato. “But if we hadn’t found him, he would’ve passed away and we would have never known. It was a miracle we were able to connect with him. I know that when he took his last breath, he felt the love we always had for him. If it wasn’t for this connection, that wouldn’t have been the case.”

A homeless friend of Stevie’s found him and called Addato, crying. He had the clothes on his back and \$4 in his pocket. Addato went there and asked his friend to show her where Stevie had spent his days. She wanted to know who had fed and helped him and thank them. They showed Addato where Stevie slept beneath an abandoned tractor-trailer in a pile of donated blankets. She crawled underneath it and found his reading glasses resting on a cinderblock. “I asked who brought him these glasses,” she says. “They took me to a shop on the plaza where he used to panhandle. I put on his glasses that were all cracked and scratched and walked in the door. I look just like my brother, and when the shop owner saw me, she just knew they were his glasses. I hugged her and thanked her for giving my brother the glasses and she sobbed on my shoulder. She told me stories about him and it was as if I’d been there with them.”

As Stevie was homeless, he wasn’t allowed to go in the grocery store because of how he smelled and how he looked, says Addato. One day, hearing this, the shop owner took him on her arm and the two of them walked into the market together. Addato was moved hearing how this woman and others had been there for her brother.

“It was a day that changed my destiny,” she says. “From a complete brokenness of losing my family, there was a clearing in my mind and heart and I knew what I had to do. I couldn’t bring my brother back, but I could reach out to those in my own backyard and try to make a difference in their lives. When I tell the story of my brothers, I say, ‘I may not be in your shoes, but I’ve been in your sister’s shoes and I understand. Let’s try to connect with your family so they know you’re okay.’”

Addato says that the subject of addiction and homelessness runs very deep in her and is at the core of everything she does. She also understands that some addicts may not be ready for recovery and rejoining society. “But that doesn’t mean we don’t try,” she says. “If a Rover had pulled up to my brother’s encampment and somebody like me and our volunteers came out with an extended hand, a hug and genuine care, maybe my brother would still be alive.”

She recalls a homeless man who had been a professor at San Jose State University before hitting a rough patch. He walked by the Rover on several occasions, and one day as they were packing up, he came aboard. “We got him into a recovery program that night,” says Addato, “and he’s been sober for more than 3 months now. He’s happy and he looks great. We connected him with his family and we are his family here. He said it saved his life. We don’t chase people, but we also don’t give up just because someone isn’t ready. We know that maybe they’re not ready today, and maybe not the next time, but maybe the time after that. I’ve heard heartbreaking stories about innocent children being abused and they grew up with addictions because they couldn’t face it. It has to start with unconditional love no matter what they look like or act like.”

Other projects in the works include Rover mobile villages made up of military style tents built to withstand high velocity winds. Each village would take a month to set up, cost \$150,000 and help 330 people. “I’m hoping the Rover mobile villages will bring to fruition our ability to help many people right away,” says Addato. Another idea is an innovative e-center, which would house 29 programs and up to 700 people on two acres.

Addato is meeting with hi-tech companies in the hopes of creating a Rover Outreach Vehicle App (ROVA) for homeless people as well as smart phones. “We want to help homeless people find out how to get food, clothing, toiletries, transportation and shelter,” she says. “If they need a ride, we’ll take them. Maybe if they go to the Salvation Army, for instance, they’ll get involved with their programs.”

“With our growing fleet of Hi Tech Rovers, combined with our ROVA mobile app, e-sponsorship programs, e-center affordable housing plans and Rover mobile village concept, we are on a mission to collaborate with community partners to eradicate homelessness, transform lives and reconnect families,” says Addato. “It’s a lot of work, but it’s worth it.”

For more information online, go to www.hi-techrover.org.



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Included on the Almaden Home Tour is this home inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright. The home owners along with a family architect and interior designer created this modern Prairie Craftsman home on 6 acres overlooking Almaden Valley. Photograph copyright Marco Zecchin/Image Center

Home Tour

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everyone. It is a self-guided tour but the hostesses will be pointing out features of interest.

All the homes are in 95120 and within an easy drive from one another. Each home will feature something different: refreshments, entertainment and a donation drawing with 9 vignette tables.

ALSJ members chose a variety of homes, from large custom homes to completely remodeled neighborhood residences to provide something for everyone. It is a self-guided tour but the hostesses will be pointing out features of interest.

ALSJ's first home tour, in 2014, was a very successful fundraiser and a wonderful day for those who attended. With 160 members ALSJ is the perfect host for this event. It takes a very large committee, there are 60 members on the planning committees alone, to create and orchestrate the tour.

The day of the home tour event, ALSJ will tap all available members to be hostesses in three shifts in each of the four homes to cre-

ate hospitality and make visitors feel welcome while experiencing the unique features of the homes. The plan is for this event to happen every other year, alternating with the already hugely successful ALSJ Floral Fantasy event, featuring Kren from Bloomsters instructing attendees on creating floral masterpieces.

The map is on the ticket, which can be purchased for \$40 through the mail via the form below or purchase tickets at local store locations including Amato's, Baskin-Robbins (Almaden Fashion Plaza), Bloomsters, Country Inn, Charlie's Cheesecake Works, Design Matters, Hair's Inn, and Williams Cutlery.

Specific questions can be emailed to: assistanceleagueofsanjose@yahoo.com. We apologize that there is no handicap access. Children over 12 years of age are welcome with a ticket.

For more information on ALSJ and the home tour please visit www.alsj.org. Proceeds from the Almaden Valley Home Tour will be used to improve the quality of life for those in need.



'Beautiful Day' perfects Parma Park

Parma Park is at its finest, thanks to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers who spent their weekend perfecting the park on April 23-24.

Working through the Saratoga Westgate Church's "Beautiful Day" program, 6 shifts of volunteers gave their time and energy to improve the park!

Each four hour shift of volunteers was busy. The entire wrought iron fence, along Camden Avenue, as well as Little Falls Drive, and the entire tot lot, was sanded and repainted.

Working in small areas, the volunteers patiently removed the rust, scraped away the blistering paint and readied each fence post. Other volunteers followed, painting with pre-

cision and care; now the fence looks new.

Other eager volunteers worked their muscles differently. With 110 yards of fresh wood chip, these volunteers shoveled the chip into wheelbarrows and moved it into the planter areas around the park. With the beautiful new chip, the once dirt and weedy areas look fresh and clean.

Even more volunteers trimmed, weeded, swept, raked and planted. By the end of the weekend, the park had a new look.

Local residents are encouraged to enjoy healthy activities at the park and check out all the wonderful work of the volunteers.

Visit Parma Park and have fun!

—Sean Eastwood



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Times **Local News**

Landfill

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Guadalupe landfill holds a solid Waste Permit, which has a maximum throughput of 1,300 tons per day with an estimated closing date of January 1, 2048.

Homeowners attending the meeting are not pleased with the proposal which they fear will damage the environment and create a multitude of smells, creative additional traffic congestion, and lower property values.

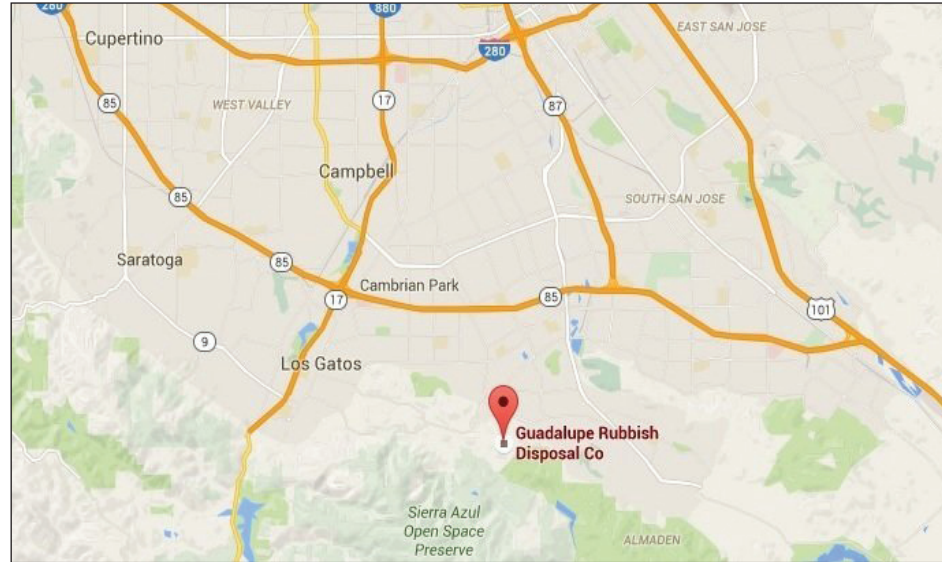
Residents question why San Jose is a dumping ground for other communities, especially since the City of San Jose has committed to a zero waste goal by 2022.

"They are trying to turn Almaden into another Milpitas, and this proposal really smells," said Allan Jenson. Homeowner Joanie Santos is also upset about the proposal, "Why aren't other communities setting a goal of zero waste instead of using our landfills to solve their waste problems?" said Joanie Santos of Almaden. "It's not right."

Last month, Waste Management Inc. won a 20-year contract to dispose Milpitas' rubbish at its Guadalupe Recycling and Disposal Facilities near Quicksilver County Park. Councilmember Johnny Khamis, District 10, said the plan calls for 22 to 37 truckloads of material each weekday.

Waste Management stood out from other bidders due to its good track record and competitive pricing. A video of the Milpitas City Council meeting where the disposal contract was chosen is available at this link: <http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T02061&video=269459>

Along with thousands of residents in District 10, San Jose Councilmember, Johnny Khamis,



said he too was shocked and surprised to learn of the decision by the City of Milpitas to truck their residential garbage to the Guadalupe Landfill in San Jose. Khamis lives near the landfill.

"I'm disappointed and dismayed that the City of Milpitas did not extend the courtesy of notifying the City of San Jose, my office, or the neighbors of Guadalupe Landfill that they had made this decision that could have a negative impact on the quality of life in the immediate neighborhood..." I'm going to be holding a meeting with staff to look at all of our options."

Community Forum May 16

Mayor Sam Liccardo said there's nothing San Jose can do right now. "All we can do now is to evaluate our options and discuss the matter.

Khamis said he scheduled a community forum to discuss the Guadalupe Landfill plan.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Almaden Community Center located at 6455 Camden Ave.

"Fortunately, we have some time before the Milpitas garbage disposal operation is scheduled to start in Sept., 2017," said Khamis. "That gives our community about eighteen months to learn more about how this happened, understand our options, explore alternatives, and look for other solutions to address the concerns of residents," he said. "I have already asked our senior staff in the City of San Jose to dig into this matter right away to collect the facts and evaluate potential courses of



action."

A number of residents living in Milpitas expressed their support of Almaden homeowners on the Milpitas REACH (Residents for Environment and Community Harmony) community Facebook page: facebook.com/Milpitas-REACH-744981798901816

"We stand with the residents of San Jose Almaden and oppose the expansion of any landfill near residential areas," said a Milpitas resident involved with the Milpitas REACH Facebook page.

Almaden residents can report odor to Bay Area Air Quality Management District's odor report hotline 1-800-334-ODOR or contact San Jose LEA which is the regulatory body for the Guadalupe Landfill.

Editor's note: The online petition in opposition to the Guadalupe Landfill proposal is available at change.org. Type: Almaden landfill in the search box.

Almaden resident earns national gold medal from the Royal Conservatory

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff Writer

Ten-year old Almaden resident Lindsey Campagna has earned a National Gold Medal from the Royal Conservatory Music Development Program.

Lyndsey won the gold medal for scoring the top mark in the country on the Level 1 Guitar. Lindsey studies music with Matt Wang at United Music Academy, a Founding School of the Music Development Program.

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Pioneer Mustang Golf Tournament set

The 23rd annual Mustang Stampede Golf Tournament will be held on May 16 at the Cinnabar Hills Golf Club.

The entry fee in the tourney, a fundraiser for the Pioneer High School Athletic Booster Club, is \$185 per player (\$165 for members of the Pioneer Booster Club and faculty.)

Annual Membership

The athletic Booster Clubs' annual membership options for individuals and families is available, which directly support the Pioneer High School athletic activities and allow members to receive discounts on Pioneer events tickets.

Visit the booster club website at: phsabc.com/2016-mustang-stampede.



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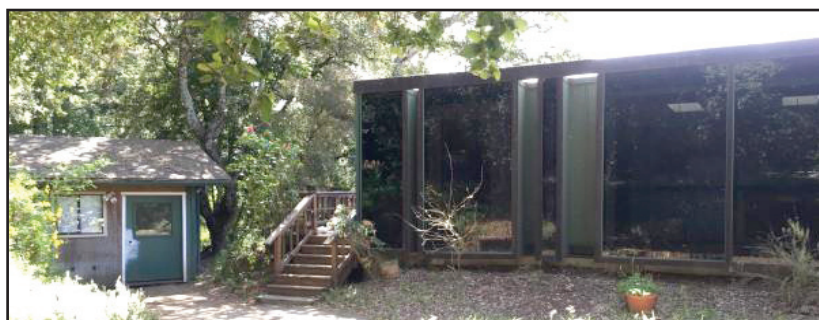
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Pros and Cons: Netflix

By Saisri Rayapati

Special to the Times

You know that red and white ad that says that you can watch how many every movies you want and pay the low price of \$8.99? Well it is probably the best thing anyone has ever thought of, but Netflix is getting its users addicted by making them binge-watch. Sadly, even binge-watching one season can lead to depression, loneliness, and anxiety.

So far, Netflix is a multi-billion dollar company that's rising against other companies like CBS and Hulu. The formula allowing users to watch as many episodes as you want without having to wait every week for one to come out, is the huge program grabbing everyone's attention.

Out of all of this, there is a big catch to "Netflixing" all day or all night long. Researchers have proven that binge-watching Netflix is leading to depression, loneliness, and also causes anxiety and stress. This is causing young users that are in middle and

high school to not get their homework done on time, and also causing adult users to be really tired when they arrive at work.

Interviews conducted by this reporter, confirms that teens who binge-watched Netflix think they have nothing better to do and feel lonely. A poll that was also conducted by this reporter shows that three out of ten teens binge-watched Netflix daily for 3-5 hours and that most kids felt happy when they watched Netflix. Also, that most kids knew that they shouldn't be binge-watching Netflix on weekdays, but couldn't help themselves.

As Netflix being the main reason binge-watching and it being called the new normal. Netflix is leading their users to binge watching by automatically playing the next episode after fifteen seconds. As it counts down you know you shouldn't watch another episode, but after a few hours you're already halfway through the season and never want to stop until you finish the whole season.

Even though it's counting down just press the x button; there is always tomorrow for that episode and the day after that for another one. Don't travel into the black hole of binge-watching and the galaxy of "Netflixing" because there is always a tomorrow.

Editor's note: Saisri Rayapati 8th grade student at Miller Middle School.

Places mosquitoes might be hiding in your yard

Spring has sprung, which means that mosquito season is here. These tiny insects could be living, flying and breeding right in your yard, and you might not even know it.

Mosquitoes aren't just a nuisance; they are also a health threat. Some species common in the United States can carry and spread Zika virus, Chikungunya virus, West Nile virus and canine heart worm. The first sign of mosquito activity is usually buzzing from female mosquitoes and their bites.

Where Mosquitoes Breed

Female mosquitoes can lay as many as 100 eggs at a time. They can lay eggs in just a few inches of standing water, making pinpointing breeding sites a challenge. To help homeowners, Orkin Entomologist Ron Harrison, Ph.D., reveals seven places mosquitoes like the most and offers advice on how to help keep them out of your yard.

Mosquitoes might not be your best friend, but they love you!

Gutters. If enough debris is left to collect over time, dirty gutters can clog up and create pockets of water perfect for mosquito breeding. Cleaning gutters regularly to make sure water is flowing smoothly can help keep mosquitoes from breeding so close to your home.

Toys. They are an often overlooked source of standing water, but toys can collect pockets of water and just a few inches is enough for a mosquito to raise a family.

Flower pots. Rainwater can collect in saucers under flower pots. If left to sit for days, the water becomes an excellent breeding spot for mosquitoes.

Bird baths. Even though birds eat a variety of insects, standing water in bird baths left unchecked for days at a time can become an oasis for female mosquitoes looking for a place to lay eggs. Inspect and change the water weekly to avoid an infestation.

Rain barrels. If water is used within a few days, it will likely not be enough time to create a mosquito problem, but if water is left standing for multiple days, be prepared to find a hotbed of hungry pests.

Plants. Some plants can hold water in their "mouths" and offer mosquitoes enough standing water to lay their eggs. Other shrubbery can serve as a hide-out for grown mosquitoes. In addition to blood, mosquitoes feed on nectar from flowers, so they often hide in shrubbery during the day. Thinning dense shrubbery to increase air flow can help reduce the number of adult mosquitoes in your yard.

Tree cavities. Each year, cavities in tree stumps and trunks are filled with water by rainfall or melting ice and snow, and mosquitoes may choose these holes for breeding. While it can be difficult to remove the standing water, a licensed professional can help identify and treat these areas.

Low points in the yard. Any areas lower than the rest of your yard may collect and hold standing water. Make note of these areas when patrolling and be sure to inspect and drain them if necessary.

Take Back Your Yard

It's important to do a weekly inspection of your entire yard to locate and eliminate any standing water. It's also a good idea to encourage your neighbors to do the same so that mosquitoes aren't traveling from their yard to yours.

If you've done everything you can to help prevent mosquitoes and are still having problems, you may need a licensed professional. For more details, visit Orkin.com.

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Each summer, artists from all over the world flock to picturesque California communities to experience a unique blend of music-making, camaraderie, and fun. One part artist's retreat, one part intensive study, and one part cultural tourism; festivals are a vital and vibrant way for artists and audiences alike to deeply engage in classical music, an art form that has lasted for centuries.

From June through August, California comes alive with festivals. No two are exactly alike, yet each shares one common thread: a love and respect for composers, musicians, and the communities in which they are rooted. In every corner of the Golden state, there are opportunities to experience world-class performances and connect with the artists who bring these great works of art to life. The 10 festivals below (listed in chronological order) showcase a rich and impressive spectrum of music-making in delightful destinations.

Mainly Mozart, San Diego (June 2-18) - The 2016 Mainly Mozart Festival celebrates 28 years at the historic Balboa Theatre. An all-star orchestra of concertmasters and principal players from the nation's premier orchestras, along with world-renowned soloists, perform under the baton of Music Director Michael Francis. The 2016 season launches a six-year exploration of Mozart's life and works with the first chapter dedicated to "Prodigy." A one-woman play dramatizing the life of Mozart's sister; an early Mozart opera; chamber music; lectures on the music-brain connection; Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra performances; and a free community play-along with the Festival Orchestra round out the Festival. www.mainlymozart.org; 619-239-0100

Ojai Music Festival, Ojai CA, (June 9-12) -

Appointed Music Director Peter Sellars' vision for the milestone 70th Festival honors its long-held spirit of challenging audiences musically and intellectually. Highlights include American premieres by Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho: La Passion de Simone (chamber version) and her dramatic creation Only the Sound Remains; a commissioned work by Pulitzer Prize-winning Caroline Shaw; and the world premiere of Josephine Baker: A Personal Portrait. Considered a highlight of the international music summer season, the four-day festival is a complete immersive experience in the idyllic setting of the Ojai Valley. www.OjaiFestival.org; 805 646 2053.

Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, (June 13-August 6) - The 69th Annual Summer School and Festival presents a rich mixture of masterclasses, recitals, and concerts featuring 140 talented fellows and 60+ outstanding faculty. Mosher Guest Artists include flutist Emmanuel Pahud, baritone Thomas Hampson, and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, who will perform Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in a Festival Orchestra community concert, followed by Dvorák's New World Symphony. The opera event of the summer will be a brand-new production of Smetana's comedic masterwork, The Bartered Bride, conducted by Matthew Aucoin. www.musicacademy.org; 805-969-4726

Music in the Mountains, Grass Valley (June 22-July 3) - The 35th anniversary season features classical favorites and nationally renowned artists Grammy Award-winning singer Judy Collins and folk rock singer-songwriter Don McLean. Five conductors lead the Festival Orchestra and Chorus: Ryan Murray, Artistic Director Pete Nowlen, Jeffrey Reed, Lucinda Carver, and David Lockington. Highlights include a Mozart marathon featuring the Mozart Piano Quartet in G Minor

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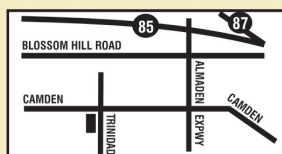
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Times Feature

Santa Clara County Dispute Resolution Program is helpful

This week's question:

I hate to admit this, but we have a huge problem with our teenager. My instinct is to file a huge lawsuit for a restraining order but there must be a better way. Do you have any practical, cheap ideas?

Mary Ann A.

Almaden Valley

Dear Mary Ann:

I have hunch you are not alone, Mary Ann, in dealing with your teenager. Although we at our house had two of the best teenagers in the world (smile), not everyone is so fortunate.

Your first instinct just might be as you said in your email to me-to file a huge law suit for a restraining order of some kind. A restraining order and/or injunction might just be very difficult to obtain, extremely difficult to enforce, and could well be money down the proverbial drain.

I have a different idea that just might work. No guarantees, of course, but you might look into the Dispute Resolution Program sponsored by the County of Santa Clara.

What kind of cases to they handle? It is my understanding that they help with many different types of cases, including neighborhood disputes, housing issues, small claims cases, harassment, and yes, even parent/teen problems.

Other situations also come up from time to time, such as when you have wanted to deal more effectively with difficult people or situations, been angry with someone but not sure how to handle it, and many other scenarios.

The heart of the county program is mediation. Just how does mediation work? A trained mediator will be assigned to your case when you contact the county office. Each party is contacted by the professional mediator to discuss settlement strategies that may include:

(1) Mediation--a process by which the conflicting parties come together with a trained professional neutral who works with them to reach mutually agreeable solutions.

(2) Conciliation - a mediation process conducted through shuttle diplomacy, often over the telephone, without direct contact between the mediating parties.

(3) Facilitations-a process offered in a variety of settings to assist in resolving multiparty problems by assisting in group planning sessions or developing group strategies for

long-range change.

Mediation is often fast, successful, and is always confidential. You and the other party maintain control over your concerns and the mediator helps you create your own solutions. It is not like a court room where the judge might impose a decision that both or all sides need to follow, like it or not.

If you are thinking about filing a lawsuit, you are undoubtedly looking as several thousand dollars in legal fees and other court costs, a 12-18 month process for civil discovery, case management conferences, trial setting conferences, and the like. And, at the "end", the "loser" might appeal.

The mediation process encourages a cooperative spirit and discourages hostility. Mediations create a win-win solution. No one is judged right or wrong.

The program also has services for schools and youth, such as peer conflict manager training and even training for the entire school. You might also be interested in parent/youth communication programs that strengthen positive communication techniques and to identify and prioritize issues between parents and youth.

The Santa Clara County Dispute Resolution Program is offered on a sliding scale fee basis and is generally much less costly than litigation and can often save thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees and court filing fees.

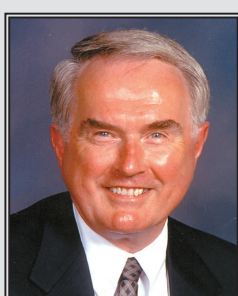
If you are interested, you can call 408-792-2300 and talk with the DRP intake person who can help you decide how to proceed. The Dispute Resolution Program is part of the Office of Human Relations of the County of Santa Clara and its address is: 2310 N. First Street, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95131.

I hope I have given you some ideas for a creative, positive solution, Mary Ann. In the meantime, hang in there and do not give up on your teenager, under any circumstances.

Donald J. DeVries

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Festivals

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with pianist Konstantin Soukhovetski, Dvorak's Serenade for Strings and Holst's St. Paul's Suite, and a program of Russian favorites including the 1812 Overture. www.musicinthe mountains.org; 530-265-6124

Ventura Music Festival (July 15-17 and July 22-24) - Now in its 22nd year, the VMF presents two weekends of top-ranked classical and contemporary performers. For 2016, the contemporary centerpiece is "Sergio Mendes: a celebration of 50 years of Brasil 66." In other concerts, international Cabaret star Ute Lemper presents her singular interpretations of Weill, Brecht and Piaf; piano duo sensations Anderson & Roe demonstrate why they have critics and audiences alike raving; and piano virtuoso Vadym Kholodenko shows why he captured the Gold in the last Cliburn International. All this plus Composers & the Movies, Tea & Trumpets and more great music in a beautiful coastal beach town. Nuvi Mehta, Artistic Director. www.VenturaMusicFestival.org; 805-648-3146

The Mendocino Music Festival, Mendocino (July 9- 23) - in its 30th season, is held in historical Mendocino Village overlooking the Pacific. The Festival presents jazz, world, opera, chamber music and more, but at its heart is the Festival Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Allan Pollack. Chamber music includes Calder Quartet and a lecture/concert Piano Series created by Associate Artistic Director Susan Waterfall. Her four-part Beethoven Tribute culminates with David McCarroll and the Festival Orchestra, performing the Beethoven Violin Concerto. Also on offer - Mozart's Abduction from the Seraglio; Beethoven Concerto No. 3, with Stephen Prutsman; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5; and the Bach B minor Mass. www.mendocinomusic.org; 707-937-2044

Festival Mozaic, San Luis Obispo, (July 13-24) - The 46th season presents orchestra, chamber music, crossover fringe events, notable encounters, lectures, master classes and culinary and wine events in a variety of picturesque venues in wine coast country, including historic missions, intimate concert halls and private homes. Led by Scott Yoo, Music Director (recently appointed Artistic Director of the Mexico City Philharmonic), highlights include Mahler's Symphony No. 4 featuring boy soprano Bobby Hill, Mozart Piano Concerto No. 24 with John Novacek, and a Fringe series featuring PROJECT Trio and Duo Baldo, Italian musical comedy. www.FestivalMozaic.com; 805-781-3009

Festival Napa Valley (July 15-24) blends classical, jazz, opera, theater and dance artists with culinary, wine and fitness pursuits, staged in Napa Valley's most iconic settings. The festival nurtures young talent through the Bouchaine Young Artist Series, presents free community concerts, and is the leading funder of arts education in Napa County. More than 200 wineries, hotels, resorts, theaters, restaurants and vintners take part in the event. Featured guest artists for the 11th season include Kristin Chenoweth, San Francisco Ballet, Chris Noth, Kathleen Battle, Sergio Mendes, Sarah Chang, Lester Lynch, Young People's Chorus of NYC, Isabel Leonard, Michael Fabiano, Carlo Ponti and more. www.festivalnapavalley.org 888-337-6272

Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival & Institute, Menlo Park, (July 15 - August 6) Under the artistic directorship of David Finckel & Wu Han, Music@Menlo is the San Francisco Bay Area's premier chamber music festival, with an adjoining institute for young musicians. The fourteenth season's theme is 'Russian Reflections,' constructed around seven main concert programs that connect Russian and Western European music. Performances and master classes are given by some of the world's most celebrated chamber musicians, and a series of immersive events such as Café Conversations complement the lively programming, providing opportunities for audiences to expand their interaction with festival artists. www.musicatmenlo.org; 650-331-0202

Carmel Bach Festival, Carmel-by-the Sea (July 16-30) - The Carmel Bach Festival presents its 79th season "Bach Inspires," celebrating the centennial of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The program, created by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Paul Goodwin, presents more than 40 events. Also programmed is Mozart's first grand opera, Idomeneo in a specially adapted. New for 2016 include performance venues, such as the Monterey Museum of Art, and Sunday performance times (4:00 pm) for Bach's monumental B Minor Mass. The Festival features world renowned musicians and vocal soloists, including Thomas Cooley, Peter Harvey, and Clara Rottsohlk among many others. New soloists include soprano Mhairi Lawson and mezzo soprano Meg Bragle. www.bachfestival.org; 831-624-

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A MAN OF VISION ... REALIZED

By **Brigitte Jones**

Special to the Times

I recently was treated to a personal tour of the newest hotel offering by Clement Chen, III – visionary owner of The Clement Hotel in Palo Alto.

His namesake property sits next to his other well established Westin and Sheraton Hotels on El Camino Real, overlooking Stanford University.

Mr. Chen is a jovial man with a keen business sense; he oversees a disparate collection of hospitality properties in the Bay Area that employs a staff well chosen and finely tuned toward a focus of service, Par Excellence.

His idea for this latest hotel creation came from an experience he and his wife had as guests at a unique resort on the island of Bali. Once at the property they were not treated as hotel guests – but as welcome house guests.

This left such an impression upon them both, that it became a goal to bring that experience to life – with this ultimate in luxury hotels.

“Everybody at the hotel – even the gardening staff – knew our names, and everyone there was so warm and personable. And since the staff knew who we were, we

never had to sign a check for anything. We didn't feel like we were customers at a hotel. We were able to relax and enjoy our stay, like being at home, only better.”

The Clement Hotel in Palo Alto has just 23 one-bedroom suites. Each of these can offer guests over 600 square feet of contemporary residential – style richly decked-out accommodations.

No detail has been overlooked, from the guest's must have snacks and hard to find sparkling water in the mini-fridge, to those plush Stearns & Foster pillow-top California King beds with ultimate Matouk linens.

The Clement Hotel in Palo Alto is all-inclusive and so all-exclusive for guests to experience a new standard of contemporary and classic ambiance by offering a personal level of comfort.

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Times **Local News**

Clean up at Almaden Lake Park

More than a hundred Almaden residents turned out for the Great American Litter Pick Up Event on April 23 at Almaden Lake Park, sponsored by District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

The national beautification project is a national event with a strong Silicon Valley participation. Everyone participating received a complimentary celebration lunch.



Public Hearing Notice Boardroom Technology Upgrade Project

Santa Clara Valley
Water District

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District
What: Public hearing on the Engineer's Report
When: May 24, 2016; Item is time certain at 6:00 P.M.
Place: Santa Clara Valley Water District; Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

The proposed work of improvement is described in the Boardroom Technology Upgrade Project Engineer's Report. The report is on file at the Clerk of the Board of Directors, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California and on water district's website: <http://www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx>

The objective of the project is to upgrade the existing 17 years old audiovisual system and bring it to the latest standards of video technology.

At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, the board of directors will receive comments on the Engineer's Report for the project. After considering the comments, the board will decide whether or not to proceed with the project.

For more information about this hearing or this project, contact **Sudhanshu Tikekar** at (408) 630-2424.

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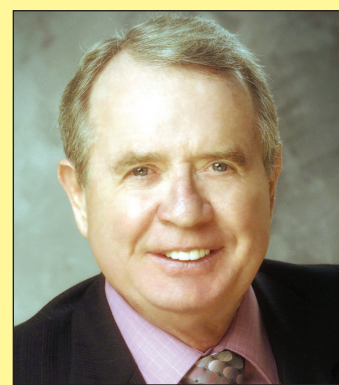
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